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"By the Dawn's Early Light . . ."



Lion John Trinkl puts one of our hundreds of American Flags in place along Metcalf Avenue in the early morning of Saturday, August 31. Hidden in the background is Lion Bob Tonjes, who is preparing another Flag for posting. Lion Steve Weinrich (right) seems left "holding the bag." In reality, he's probably collecting rubber bands and corks. Flags will remain up through September in honor of Labor Day (September 2), Patriot's Day (September 11), and the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum (September 19-21).
(Photo by Mike Orzechowski)

September 28 will be busy, busy!

It's that time of year again—the 53rd annual Downtown Overland Park Days Fall Festival will be held at the Commons on Saturday, September 28. That's a fourth Saturday, so we will not hold a regular meeting at Perkins.

The day will start at about 6 AM as we go out to take down the Metcalf Avenue of Flags. Then we'll meet at the park to begin setting up to sell brats, hot dogs, soda pop, water, and pop corn.

Second only to the Flag program, this is a major fund raising project each year.

The Mobile Screening Unit sponsored by the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation will also be on site.

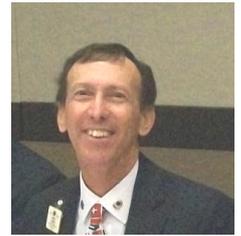
Your sign-up opportunity will be presented at the meeting this Saturday, September 14. Take advantage of it! Your help is really needed!

Magic with a Message . . .

District Governor's Official Visit Challenges, Entertains Members

by Lion Mike Orzechowski

We had a very talented entertainer as our guest speaker on August 24. District Governor Jerry Loney promoted a high-energy theme, "Are We Having Fun Yet?" He gave a powerful yet entertaining speech that outlined his goals for this year. After hearing Jerry's speech, most if not all of us left the meeting highly energized and feeling great about being Lions Club members..



DG Jerry Loney

Jerry's message challenged us to keep doing the things that OPHLC members do so well. International President Barry Palmer's theme this year is "Follow your Dream." The dream we share in Lions is to make our community and our world better places. DG Jerry's message was eloquently put as he translated DREAM into an acronym: Depend on Real Exciting Actions from Members.

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As they say on television . . .

"BREAKING NEWS!" NEW DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER 20 CHIEFS GAME

If you're thinking about going to the October 20 game between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Houston Texans, but haven't quite made up your mind, you'll need to decide in a hurry.

The Chiefs informed PCC Michele Hufferd just this week that the **deadline for ordering tickets has been moved up to Friday, September 13** (that's this week).

The Chiefs have added the December 22 game against the Indianapolis Colts to the list of \$35-per-ticket games.

For more details about how to order and pay for tickets, see the article on Page 3 of this issue.

*A Word from the President . . .***Big Lion's Message for September**

by Carole Collyard, President



In any organization there are three types of people: those who *make* things happen, those who *watch* things happen, and those who wonder *what* happened.

Where are you in this scenario?

We have many things going on in the next few months and I look forward to the support of ALL of you. Be among those who make things happen in our club.

Some of you might be newer members and haven't been approached or informed about what will transpire at the events and projects coming up. There are committee chairpersons (and assignments) that have been published before. I will hand out this list at the next meeting to refresh your memories. ASK if there is any other project you would like to see us undertake.

I want to plan a social even such as a barbeque, potluck or chili supper, or an evening out to an event (before we get into the holiday mode). A family event where we can relax and interact socially would help us all to become better acquainted with one another. Anyone with suggestions? One such outing to consider is the October 20 Chiefs-Texans football game at Arrowhead Stadium, complete with a tailgating party!

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is upon us. Check with **Neal or Beverly Nichols** to see what you might be able to do to assist them in the HUGE undertaking of making the Forum in Overland Park a real success.

Forum projects will include collecting school supplies for and collecting children's books to donate to underprivileged students in the metropolitan area. **Lions Clubs International President Barry Palmer** has asked ALL Forum attendees—not just our club of those nearby—to join in these efforts. *But I do challenge every Overland Park Host Lion to bring at least one item—either a gently used book or some school supply item—to our September 14 meeting!* If you are not planning to attend the Forum, please contact **Ken Collyard or me, Heather Lanigan, Neal or Beverly Nichols**, or Lynn or Teresa Wolfe, all of whom will be attending and will be glad to take your contributions to the drop-off points.

Our many thanks to the Nichols for all of their hard work on the Forum, most of which had been done behind the scenes. But all of it is appreciated. Where they get their energy is beyond me! Their dedications to Lions Clubs work is phenomenal.

Again, my thanks to all of you for your support this year.

—*Big Lion Carole*

District Governor's visit . . .*(continued from Page 1)*

He also urged us to dream **BIG—Believe In Greatness**. He reminded us that as Lions, We Serve.

In the speech DG Jerry asked an interesting rhetorical question: "... imagine for a moment if this community didn't have a Lions club.

Imagine what that would be like. Think of all the projects that you do for you community, the large ones and even the small ones Lions, you are making a difference in people's lives...." It was a hypothetical scenario that caused reflection on the impact that OPHLC has on our community and our world. The silence in the room spoke volumes to the humble pride we have as Lions. He wants us to share that pride with others in our community so together we can make an even bigger impact. Invite someone to join our "pride" of Lions.

DG Jerry is a professional entertainer, so it was no surprise to see him bring his theme to life with a magic trick. An apparently empty bag represented our club. As he kept pulling large and small things from the bag, we visually realized the impact of his message.

Be proud you're a Lion and have fun following your dreams.

Track meet scheduled for Saturday at Kansas State School for the Blind

A track meet will be held Saturday, September 14 at the **State School for the Blind** in Kansas City, Kansas. The action will take place from 8 AM to about 12:30 PM. Two or three schools from other states are expected to participate.

As always, Lions are invited to help conduct the various events. Because of our club's regular meeting, the suggestion has been made that any of us wanting to help plan to arrive at the school between 9:30 and 10 AM.

Contact **Lion Mae Claxton** for more information.

Our club and its leaders as far back as the 1970s were instrumental in raising money to help the school have a track team and in getting the state legislature to provide funds to build the track.

Revenge of the woman scorned . . .
Now they are joking about Blonde MALES!

- A blonde man spies a letter lying on his doormat.

On the envelope he sees, "DO NOT BEND."

He spends the next 2 hours trying to figure out how to pick it up.



M. K. Mueller (right) was speaker at our August 10 meeting. She is the author of 8 to Great: The Powerful Process for Positive Change. Ms. Mueller was a featured speaker at the 2011 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Anchorage, Alaska. With her, mugging for the camera after the meeting, were Lion Treasurer Roger Claxton and Big Lion Carole Collyard.

Football is in the air . . .

Tailgate party planned for October 20 Chiefs game against Houston Texans

Lion Edson Parker is making arrangements for OPHLC members, families, and friends to enjoy an afternoon of football and tailgating on Sunday, October 20. Details will be announced as plans develop.

The Kansas City Chiefs have once again offered District 17-O Lions the opportunity to buy tickets for \$35 each. \$10 per ticket will come back to the District—it's an easy and entertaining fund raiser.

There is no limit on the number of tickets a Lion can purchase at this special rate.

The remaining games available this Fall are:

- October 20: Houston Texans
- October 27: Cleveland Browns
- November 24: San Diego Chargers
- December 22: Indianapolis Colts

Tickets must be ordered at least three weeks in advance of the game you want to attend.

Family members, friends, neighbors, and prospective Lions members are all invited to attend these games.

To order make your check, in the amount of \$35 per ticket, payable to **Michele Hufferd**. Mail the check (with a self-addressed stamped envelope for her to return your tickets) to 107 South Julie Street, Louisburg, KS 66053. BE SURE to tell her what game(s) you want to attend.

Provide a phone number for contacting you in case any problems arise.

See special notice about October 20 on Page 1

Schedule of Events and Activities

September and Early October

- September 14** **7:30 AM, Regular Meeting**
Program: **Colleen Winter** from Wild Birds Unlimited
At Perkins Restaurant, come early to order breakfast
- September 19-21** **USA/Canada Leadership Forum**
Overland Park Convention Center
Register to attend! Now!
- September 28** **NO REGULAR MEETING**
Metcalf Avenue of Flags lowering, 6 AM
Downtown Overland Park Festival food booth, 7:30 AM to 5 PM
Kansas Lions Sight Foundation Mobile Screening Unit, 8 AM to 5
- October 5** **7:30 AM, Board Meeting**
At Perkins Restaurant, come earlier to order breakfast
- October 12** **7:30 AM, Regular Meeting**
Program: to be announced
- October 20** .. **Chiefs Football vs. Houston Texans**
- October 26** **7:30 AM, Regular Meeting**
Program: to be announced

Treasurer's Reports for August 2013

General (Operating) Account

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Income | |
| Member dues | \$ 206.82 |
| Tail Twister | 37.25 |
| Meals | 334.18 |
| Memorials | 108.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 32.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 718.25 |
| Expenses | |
| Room and Meals, Meetings | \$ 426.21 |
| OP Chamber of Commerce Dues | 390.00 |
| Membership Directory Printing.... | 120.60 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 936.81 |
| Net Income (reduction) for Month | (-218.56) |
| Ending Balance (General Account) | \$ 4,402.57 |

Service (Project or Charity) Account

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|---|---------------------|
| Income | |
| Metcalf Avenue of Flags | \$ 1,387.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 92.00 |
| Expenses | |
| Metcalf Avenue of Flags | 589.50 |
| Eye Exams and Glasses | \$ 100.00 |
| KU Audio-Reader | 1,000.00 |
| Total Expense | 1,689.50 |
| Net Income (or reduction) for Month | \$ (-302.50) |
| Ending Balance (Service Account) | \$ 7,939.43 |

September and early October . . .

Reasons to Celebrate!

Birthdays

- September 2** **Beverly Nichols**
- September 5** **Malvina Adams**
- September 13** **Gregg Collins**
- September 25** **Ciriaco Valdez**
- October 10** **Brian Nichols**

Anniversaries

- September 3** **Wynn and Sherry Laird**
- September 7** **Lynn and Teresa Wolfe**
- September 10** **Earl and Mary McIntosh**
- September 26** **Mike and Bonnie Orzechowski**
- October 15** **Neal and Beverly Nichols**

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Program Notes

September 14: The speaker this week will be **Colleen Winter** from the **Wild Birds Unlimited** store in Shawnee. Wild Birds Unlimited has over 270 stores throughout the United States and Canada, including several in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area. They specialize in supporting backyard feeding of birds, squirrels, butterflies, etc. They also focus on conservation and education about our feathered and furry friends.

In addition to the program, **Zone Chairperson Lion Chris Wright** will visit our club this Saturday. Lion Chris is a member of the Leawood Lions Club and will take a few minutes to discuss some of the District activities currently underway.

September 28 NO REGULAR MEETING. See article elsewhere in this newsletter about the schedule for that day.

Coming on November 9! "All About Lions," a special orientation program for newer members, but valuable information for long-time Lions as well.

Some more jokes about blonde males

- Two blonde men find three grenades, and they decide to take them to a police station.

One asked: "What if one explodes before we get there?"

The other says: "We'll lie and say we only found two."

- A blonde man's dog goes missing and he is frantic.

His wife says "Why don't you put an ad in the paper?"

He does, but two weeks later the dog is still missing.

"What did you put in the paper?" his wife asks.

"Here boy!" he replies.

Don't shoot the editor! These were furnished by Lion Christine Nichols

It is finally here — the 37th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



Five years ago at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Saskatoon, Alberta Canada, the announcement was made: "The 2013 Forum will be held Overland Park, Kansas." After two previous unsuccessful bids (for 2011 and 2012), the Forum was finally coming to Kansas.

Now it's upon us—beginning early next week Lions members and leaders will descend on Overland Park to engage in three days of some of the finest leadership training available anywhere.

For a week, Overland Park will be the Emerald City. This year's Forum is built around a Wizard of Oz theme and expands on International President Barry Palmer's theme: Follow Your Dream. The Forum theme is "*Follow the Leadership Road to Your Dreams.*"



And it's not just leadership for Lions Club activity. **First International Vice President Joe Preston** of Arizona says, "Over the years the Forum has changed and improved my life. It has not only made me a better Lion, but a better husband, father, business person and neighbor."

It's not all seminars and speakers, either. One of the most-appreciated features of a Forum is the opportunity to renew acquaintances with Lions friends from all over Canada and the United States and to make many *new* friends.

The Forum Store gives Lions the opportunity to purchase apparel, club supplies, and personal items. Exhibitors with all kinds of products and ideas for projects and fund-raisers are an important part of any Forum.

It's not too late to register and get in on all this!

Go to www.usacanadalionsforum.org and sign up this week! Or, for the procrastinators among us, you can register on Thursday morning and get in on all the fun. Check in at the Forum Office in Hawthorne Room 1 on the lower level of the Sheraton Hotel.

Don't let this opportunity pass you by! The last Forum this close was in 1987 in Kansas City. That means the odds on another one here anytime soon are Slim and none (and Slim ain't home!).