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Pecan sales are potential money maker for OPHLC

Most of our members are aware that Candy Days—the annual effort to raise funds for the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (KLSF)—have fallen into disfavor. There are several reasons for this. The public doesn't donate as much as in previous years. Retailers have become more restrictive in allowing groups to solicit at their locations. And fewer of our members are willing to stand with collection buckets and ask for money.

Yet the need remains. The KLSF needs money to continue serving the people of Kansas, especially those with sight impairment. And we should continue our strong support of KLSF.

A solution ?



Pecans! Fresh from the Camilla Pecan Company in Camilla, Georgia, and just in time for holiday-season cooking and baking.

This new project will be discussed in detail at the meeting this Saturday, October 12. Other kinds of nuts besides pecans are available, also. Price lists will be available at Saturday's meeting.

Pecan sales have been real money makers for several clubs in our district. Your Board of Directors voted last week to see if they would be successful for us as well.

The nuts we would offer for sale will be FRESH—delivered less than a month after they're picked. (Most retailers are selling from last year's crop.) The nuts will also be less expensive than those sold in stores (compared with recent prices seen on store shelves).

The nuts will be ordered through the Leavenworth Lions Club to take advantage of free shipping and a full 8% discount off regular purchase price.

Our responsibility—besides selling, of course—will be to go to Leavenworth to get the nuts and to pay for the order when we pick them up, or at least within three weeks after delivery

Everything dampened but Lions' spirits . . . Rain, Cold Wind Put "Chill" On Profits at Fall Festival Food Booth



Keeping dry under the tent and warm by the grill are Lions **Dottie Bloome, Teresa Wolfe** (in front) and **Lynn Wolfe** and **Carole Collyard**. Photo by **Lion Mike Orzechowski**

A steady rain fell; chilling wind blew; smaller-than-usual crowds visited the Commons Park; the annual parade was cancelled. But . . .

. . . the hard work and determination of Overland Park Host Lions did yield a modest profit at the Downtown Overland Park Fall Festival on September 28. An indomitable spirit was evident all day long.

(Overheard at the Board of Directors meeting last Saturday: "Whew! At least we didn't LOSE money!")

Two tents erected as covers for the booth area kept food, soft drinks and other supplies — and Lions at their work stations — dry. **Lion Chris Wright** (*Leawood Lions Club and Zone Chairperson*) helped at the Mobile Screening Unit but stopped by the food booth occasionally. At one point he commented, "This all looks very professional."

Thanks go to Lions **Steve Weinrich, Lynn Wolfe**, and **Roger Claxton**, among others, for their leadership in making things run so smoothly in spite of adverse conditions.

The weather also reduced the number of visitors to the Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit, which was parked at curbside down the street from our food booth. **Lion Mae Claxton** coordinated the activities there.

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

by Carole Collyard, President



Rain, rain, go away! Come again some other day!

That was our cry at our Fall Festival event on September 28.

But we were certainly thankful for the tents that provided shelter for our volunteer workers and all our food and "gear"! Being almost drenched didn't stop us from having a great time and grand camaraderie.

You've seen on page 1 that we didn't make our usual profit, but we did manage to do somewhat better than "break even." Afternoon weather finally cleared up and the crowds started coming. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this year's event a success. Many Lions put in MANY hours both before and after the event. Their hard work is deeply appreciated.

The Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit had a lot of activity at curbside near our food booth. (Remember when we called it the "Sight Bus"?) Another big "thank you" to **Mae Claxton** for coordinating the schedule and to those who worked on it. Lion volunteers from the **Kansas City Kansas Downtown Lions Club** and the **Leawood Lions Club** gave us valuable assistance and we thank them, too, for serving.

Because most of you couldn't attend the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, we'll be bringing parts of it to you. At some of our regular meetings in coming weeks we will hear reports from some of our members who did attend. At the Forum, members went to a variety of seminars to learn more about Lionism, ways to improve our club, ideas about increasing membership, and a lot more. The talks at our meetings will be brief but informative.

Remember what our membership goal is. Here is the challenge for the rest of this year: BRING A GUEST TO A MEETING! Or, give **Lion Beverly Nichols** the name of a person you'd like her to contact. We have a great club and we need to share it with others.

And finally, to those of you who haven't been able to attend recently, I hope to see you at one of our meetings—soon!

—*Big Lion Carole***"Spirit Lion" decked out in new vest**

The "Spirit Lion" is a traveling trophy given each meeting to a Lion who adds a special spark to the day. On September 14, **Big Lion Carole** handed the award to **Lion Beverly Nichols**. "Spirit" proudly wears the new hat and yellow vest put on him by **Lion Mike Orzechowski**, the August 24 recipient. When "Spirit" comes to Saturday's meeting, he'll have on a Lions membership pin! (Photo by Ken Collyard)

Program Notes

October 12: The program this week will be presented by **Rick Smith**, a teacher in the Shawnee Mission School District. The program was arranged by **Lion Kim Morrow** who says Rick will dress in full kilt array, and will discuss the history of the instrument and play some traditional tunes.



October 26: This program also was arranged by Lion Kim and will feature a representative from **KC Aerosports** who will bring pictures of the hot air balloons they hire out privately to fly. Included in the presentation will be information about all that is involved in giving hot air balloon rides (a more-complicated process than one might think, says Lion Kim), and what it takes to become certified to fly a hot air balloon. The program will be filled with incredible visuals and should be very educational.



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

Looking ahead:

December 14: The Annual "**Breakfast with Santa**" meeting.

December 28: NO MEETING. Enjoy the holidays with loved ones and friends.

Schedule of Events and Activities
September and Early October

- October 12 7:30 AM, Regular Mtg. at Perkins**
Program: Rick Smith, bagpiper
- October 20 ... Chiefs Football vs. Houston Texans**
- October 26 7:30 AM, Regular Mtg. at Perkins**
Program: KC Aerosports and Hot Air Balloons
- October 25-27 State Council Meeting**
McPherson, Kansas
- November 2 7:30 AM, Directors meeting**
Perkins Restaurant (come early to order breakfast)
- November 9 7:30 AM, Regular Mtg. at Perkins**
Program: "Everything You've Ever Wanted to Know About Lions"
(Well, almost!) An orientation for newer members and guests
and a refresher for long-time members.
- November 9 District 17-O Cabinet Meeting**
Sabetha, Kansas
- November 23 7:30 AM, Regular Mtg. at Perkins**
Program: To be announced

Treasurer's Reports for September 2013
General (Operating) Account

Income	
Member dues	\$ 270.00
Tail Twister	36.00
Meals	209.00
Memorials	50.00
Miscellaneous	<u>240.62</u>
Total Income	\$ 805.62
Expenses	
Room and Meals, Meetings	\$ 259.72
Kansas Incorporation Filing Fee	40.00
USA/Canada Forum Registration	300.00
Memorials	200.00
Supplies and Freight	121.45
Convention Expenses	297.50
Miscellaneous	<u>478.22</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 1,696.89
Net Income (reduction) for Month	<u>(-891.27)</u>
Ending Balance (General Account)	<u>\$ 3,511.30</u>

Service (Project or Charity) Account

Income	
Contributions	\$ 5.00
Metcalf Avenue of Flags	<u>155.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 160.00
Expenses	
Metcalf Avenue of Flags	\$ 510.75
2013 Fall Festival Expense	2,474.89
Eye Exams and Glasses	100.00
Books for Children	<u>321.30</u>
Total Expense	<u>3,406.94</u>
Net Income (or reduction) for Month	\$ (-3,246.94)
Ending Balance (Service Account)	<u>\$ 4,692.49</u>

NOTE: Income from Fall Festival food sales was not deposited until after October 1 and is not included in the figures above. That amount will be included on the October financial statements. There was a net profit from Festival sales.



A new banner in front of our club's food booth at the Fall Festival showed appreciation for two long-time supporters. The **Hy-Vee store** at 95th and Antioch offers special pricing for meat, buns, soft drinks and chips. **Arctic Glacier** equips us with a large freezer and plenty of ice. Lion Jason Tyrer for many years has arranged for the ice and cooler to be delivered to the park site. The **Coca Cola Bottling Company** provides soft drinks (and special pricing) along with a cooler but written permission to use their logo on the banner was not received in time for display at the Festival.

The banner was designed by **Lion Steve Weinrich**. The Lions Clubs International Legal Division said that including the LCI Emblem as illustrated was permissible under the policy governing use of the Emblem.

October and November . . .

Reasons to Celebrate!

Birthdays

- October 10 Brian Nichols
- October 25 Grant Blanchard
- October 26 Linda Larson
- October 30 Bonnie Orzechowski
- November 5 Terry Frederick
- November 12 Teresa Wolfe
- November 15 Jason Tyrer
- November 16 Trish Rogers
- November 26 Sylvia Collins

Anniversaries

- October 15 Neal and Beverly Nichols
- November 2 Steve and Grace Weinrich
- November 13 Chris and Deanna Pucci
- November 26 Grant and Trish Rogers
- November 27 Jason and Joy Tyrer
- November 30 Bob and Linda Larson

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High praise for Forum committee's efforts . . .

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Is "Monster success!" "Phenomenal!"

"A monster success," said **Past International Director Doug Lozier**, Planning Committee chairperson, reflecting on the 2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum held in Overland Park, September 19-21.

"A phenomenal job," said **PID Gary Anderson**, a former Host Committee chairperson from Michigan, heaping praise on the work done by the Forum '13 Host Committee.

These are only two of the many very positive comments and compliments heard around the Overland Park Convention Center and nearby hotels during and after the Forum.

Every subcommittee of the Forum '13 Host Committee did an outstanding job of making the event run smoothly.

Over two hundred volunteers—many from out of state—helped as airport greeters, drivers for VIPs, hallway monitors, Forum Store workers, and seminar "runners." Other tasks included entering seminar-evaluation data into computerized records, stuffing hospitality bags and distributing registration materials—really, too many jobs to list them all.

Overland Park Host Lions Club members were among the volunteers. **Lynn Wolfe** drove VIPs from and to the KCI Airport. **Teresa Wolfe, Heather Lanigan** and **Ken** and **Carole Collyard** sold pins and tickets for the dolls drawing. **Carole** also coordinated the collection of school supplies and books. **Janette Reh** and **Dottie Bloome** helped in the KLSF Mobile Screening Unit. **Steve Weinrich** helped in data entry of seminar evaluation results. **Neal** and **Beverly Nichols** served on the Forum '13 Host Committee.

Some highlights of the Forum included "testimonials" from Kansans who benefited from Lions' assistance: a tornado victim whose home was restored by Kansas Lions with help from LCIF funds; a girl who told about attending a Lions-sponsored diabetes camp; a student at the Kansas State School for the Blind who told how Lions helped her and her family go to California, where she won the national Braille Challenge championship in her age level; and a high school girl, suffering severe sight impairment caused by brain cancer, who got a new outlook on life from doctors serving in KanLovKids, a low-vision program funded by an LCIF grant.

*A highlight of any Forum is making new friends and renewing acquaintances from prior years.. Below, **Steve Weinrich** (right) visits with two Lions after a Forum meal. **Steve** was a first-time Forum attendee.*



*Nine **Overland Park Host** Lions registered for the 2013 Forum. Below, left to right, are **Neal Nichols, Beverly Nichols, Edson Parker, Teresa Wolfe, Lynn Wolfe, Carole Collyard, Steve Weinrich, and Ken Collyard**. Not pictured is **Heather Lanigan**. **Dottie Bloome** and **Janette Reh** helped at the Mobile Screening Unit but were not registered Forum attendees.*



The 2014 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Early-bird registration is now open on line: www.usacanadalionsforum.org.