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The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club
Overland Park, Kansas
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Children young and old celebrate festive Breakfast with Santa

Nut-sale fund-raising effort doing well; Alas: 57 bags still remain to be sold

Pecans (some milk-chocolate-covered), walnuts, mixed nuts and cashews—a wide assortment of nuts is being sold by our members in a new fund-raising project.

The nut project was approved by the Board of Directors last Fall and was intended to replace the traditional Candy Days of years past.

So far, over \$2,800 has been raised. Some Lions still have additional money to turn in. And there is still a fair-sized inventory yet to be sold. Only six bags of pecans remain and 15 to 20 bags each of walnuts, cashews, and mixed nuts are on hand.

A profit of almost \$2,000 can be made if all bags of nuts get sold. (Our cost was \$1,985 for 13 cases.) In addition to replacing Candy Day funds, this profit will also help make up for revenue that was lost from food sales at the Overland Park Fall Festival in September because of the cold, rainy weather.

- These nuts are *fresh*, from this year's crop, not a year old or more;
- Our selling price is less than that at most grocery stores.
- Profits will help support the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation, the KU Eye Clinic, and KU Audio-Reader.

If you want to buy some nuts for yourself—or to take some to sell—contact **Neal** or **Beverly Nichols** at 913-642-7520 and we will get them to you right away.

The nuts are packed in 12-ounce bags and sell for \$9 per bag.

If every member who hasn't yet joined in this effort would sell only two or three bags, we'd be almost completely sold out and have money in the bank!

As they say in the news business, "This just in!" One of this year's customers e-mailed a request for us to keep her in mind when next year's nuts go on sale.



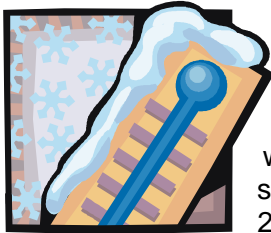
Christmas is for kids of all ages. **Lion Mae Claxton** was surprised with a special gift at the December 14 Breakfast with Santa. And **Santa Claus** insisted that she sit on his lap—just like the children had to—to receive it.

Coming Events and Activities

- January 11 7:30 AM, Regular Meeting at Perkins**
Speaker: Mark Naster, Habitat for Humanity
- January 17-19 Mid-Winter Rally, Salina**
NOTE: Our club will contribute \$50 for the Hospitality Room and will provide two theme baskets for the auction to benefit Kansas Lions State Band.
Anyone for chicken dinner at Brookville Hotel in Abilene on the way home after State Council meeting on Sunday?
- January 25 7:30 AM, Regular Meeting at Perkins**
Marcia Tammeus, Friends of JC Development Supports
- January 28 5:30 PM, Work night at Harvesters**
3801 Topping, Kansas City Missouri
- February 1 7:30 AM, Board of Directors Meeting**
at Perkins (come early to order breakfast)
- February 1 District Cabinet Meeting**
PowerPlay Family Center, 13110 West 62nd Terrace, Shawnee
Registration begins at 9 AM, Meeting starts at 10
- February 8 7:30 AM, Regular Meeting at Perkins**
Speaker: Terri Travis, Head Start of Shawnee Mission
- February 22 Regular meeting change!**
Shoebboxes for Soldiers work day
Location: VFW Hall, 8804 Grant, Overland Park
(Near Johnson County Central Resource Library)
Meeting will begin at 7:30 AM as usual; continental breakfast will be served.
- March 8 7:30 AM, Regular Meeting at Perkins**
Program: Special entertainment

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

by Carole Collyard, President



Where is "Global Warming" when you could really use it? BRRRRRRRRRRRRR.

I won't complain again when it's 100 degrees next summer. What a way to start 2014—with near-record low

temperatures.

Speaking of starting a new year, some of us are starting diet and exercise plans. Some are restructuring financial plans. Others are planning their summer vacation.

As Lions, we, too, should be looking at setting records and restructuring some of our goals. Some might want to become more involved in our Lion activities or help create some new ideas for fundraisers. Even when you can't or don't come to meetings, there are many opportunities to help our Club. Look around and see if there is someone whom we might contact for membership. Got an idea for a fun event? Let one of us know!



We are entering into a busy time of our Lion's year. Our Shoeboxes for Soldiers meeting will be on February 22 at the VFW Hall, 8804 Grant in Overland Park. At the next few meetings we will provide a list of items to bring and will post it on line also. Cash donations are welcome as the committee can then purchase any needed items and pay for postage.

On April 5 we will hold our annual Pasta Dinner and auctions. We are changing the location to 10615 Floyd, an event center on the west side of the Hooters building at approximately 107th & Metcalf. (Easy accessibility to highways for all; it's just north of the I-435/Metcalf interchange.) It provides ample parking and lots of space, plus a stage, and NO STAIRS! So let's start getting our gift certificates, donations of items, and ideas for entertainment ready for April 5. Contact Mae Claxton, Dottie Bloom, Teresa Wolf or myself if you need any help in solicitation or pickup of items. More information will follow in the weeks ahead.

And before long it will be garage sale time—so don't throw your stuff away. Save it for our garage sale.

So Happy New Year to all of you. Please be careful on the snowy and icy streets and sidewalks!

Your President,

Carole Collyard



Lion Heather Lanigan (right), joined by Cub Zoe Lanigan and Jordan Nichols, led in the singing of Christmas carols at Breakfast with Santa.



Robin Rogers, daughter of Lion Grant and Trish Rogers, now a graduate of Benedictine College, attended her very first Breakfast with Santa when she was three weeks old!

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A Membership Moment

by Beverly Nichols
Membership Committee Chairperson

“Just ask!” Have you ever “just asked” someone to be a Lion?

Often when I talk to someone who knows about Lions, I ask why that person is not a Lion. The usual response? *No one ever asked me.*

So I challenge each of you to think of a person you can invite to a club meeting, with the eventual goal of asking that person to become a Lion. People who visit our club comment on the fun we have, the obvious camaraderie among our members. Inviting someone to become a Lion allows them to join in that camaraderie, but it also provides a new Lion with the opportunity to serve.

If you know someone you think would make a good member but you are reluctant to contact the person, just give me the name with contact information and I'll invite that person to one of our meetings.

What is the main reason for recruiting new members? So we will have more hands to do what we do best: **We Serve.**

January and February . . .

Reasons to Celebrate!

Birthdays

January 27 Dale Warden
February 4 Neal Nichols
February 8 Bob Larson
February 11 Earl McIntosh
February 12 Tyler Nigus
February 12 Lawrence Reh
February 24 Steve Weinrich

Anniversaries

January 7 Louis and Malvina Adams
February 19 Christine and Brian Nichols

One Last Holiday Story as We Begin a New Year

A man went into a restaurant for a Christmas breakfast while in his hometown for the holidays. After looking over the menu he said, “I'll just have the eggs Benedict.” His order comes back a little while later, and it was served on a big, shiny hubcap. He asked the server, “What’s with the hubcap?”

The server began singing, “Oh, there’s no plate like chrome for the hollandaise!”

—from *Pretty Good Joke Book*, 4th edition, 2005



Big Lion Carole Collyard (right) gets a cuddly hug from **Santa Claus** after the Breakfast with Santa celebration on December 14. A good-sized crowd of 30 or more adults and children enjoyed a festive morning, complete with gifts for the youngsters.

Treasurer’s Reports for December 2013 General (Operating) Account

Income	
Member dues	\$ 120.00
Meals	<u>170.50</u>
Total Income	\$ 290.00
Expenses	
LCI New Member Fee	\$ 32.17
Room and Meals, Meetings	312.49
Santa Claus Honorarium	50.00
Newsletter Expense	96.18
Postage	<u>11.25</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 502.09
Net Income (reduction) for Month	-(211.55)
Ending Balance (General Account)	<u>\$ 4,671.75</u>

Service (Project or Charity) Account

Income	
Nut sales	\$ 783.50
Overland Park Fall Festival ..	<u>99.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 882.50
Expenses	
Bank charges	\$ 146.80
Salvation Army Candy Canes \$	13.05
Eye Exams and Glasses	<u>50.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>209.85</u>
Net Income (or reduction) for Month	\$672.65
Ending Balance (Service Account)	<u>\$ 7,723.95</u>