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Overland Park Host Lions Club
Overland Park, KS

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Work day scheduled for February 22

It's time once again to pack Shoeboxes for Soldiers

**Why would you want to miss any meeting?
Look at this great line-up of programs!**

Lion Steve Weinrich continues to do his fine job of scheduling interesting, informative, and entertaining programs for our club meetings.

March 8: Trenton and Catherine, students who will be going to Kansas Lions State Band Camp this year. Our club will be sponsoring them.

March 22: (Tentative) A speaker from the KidsTLC program.

April 12: Marcia Tammeus, speaking about Friends of JC Development Supports.

April 26: Bill Podrazik and perhaps others, **Kansas City Dixieland Band**. (According to Lion Steve, they might even play a little for us. Remember the bagpiper last year?)

May 10: Wayne Olsen of **Dispute Mediation Services**, speaking on arbitration issues.

May 24: a special **Memorial Day** program featuring remembrances of our deceased members.

2014 Metcalf Avenue of Flags Schedule Approved by Directors



The club's Board of Directors approved a proposed Metcalf Avenue of Flags schedule presented by **Lion Lynn Wolfe**, Flag Program Operations Chairperson, at its meeting on

February 15.

Saturday, May 17: **Armed Forces Day**
Flags up 6:00 AM; Flags down 5:00 PM same day

Monday, May 26 **Memorial Day**
Flags up 6:00 AM; **Saturday, May 24;**
Flags down 6:00 AM; **Tuesday, May 27**

Saturday, June 14 **Flag Day**
Flags up 6:00 AM; Flags down 5:00 PM same day

Friday, July 4 **Independence Day**
Flags up 6:00 AM; **Saturday, June 28;**
Flags down 6:00 AM; **Saturday, July 5**

Monday, September 1 **Labor Day**
Flags up 6:00 AM; **Saturday, August 30;**
Flags down 6:00 AM; **Tuesday, September 2**

Tuesday, November 11 **Veterans Day**
Flags up 6:00 AM; Flags down 3:00 PM same day
(Sunset will be at 5:07 PM)

Work project to be at VFW Hall on Grant (near Library) in Overland Park

This coming Saturday is our annual "Shoeboxes for Soldiers" work day.

The location will be at the VFW Hall, 8804 Grant in Overland Park. (Directions: Take 87th Street Parkway to Grant Street. Grant is 9500 West and a little over a block east of the Johnson County Central Resource Library building. Turn south, go about a block and a half and turn right. There is a sign marking the entrance to the VFW building.)

Set-up of tables and materials will take place at the VFW Hall on **Friday evening** beginning at 7:30 PM. Volunteers are needed to help with this. Please join in.

On **Thursday evening**, volunteers are needed to help sort materials and get them ready to take to VFW. This will be done at the **Claxton's** home, 10404 Nieman Road, beginning at 6:00 PM.

We will not have access to the VFW building before 7:30 AM on Saturday, so activities will begin at 8:00 AM. A continental breakfast will be available on Saturday.

Among items that are still needed are travel size toothpaste, travel size hand sanitizers, travel size deodorant (liquid roll-on, not stick), puzzle books, magazines, DVDs, and cookies such as oatmeal-raisin. Small cans of fruit are also needed, but be sure to get the kind with pull-tab tops, no plastic covers.

The Shoeboxes for Soldiers program has become one of our club's signature projects over the last few years. Your help is needed to make it a success again this year.

In Memoriam

Lion Alvin E. "Al" Witwer
"The Judge"

July 22, 1925 – February 12, 2014

OPHLC member since 1968
(Life Member, Lions Clubs International)

Officer elections to be held on April 12; Nominating Committee already at work

Election of 2014-2015 club officers will take place at the regular meeting of April 12.

The Nominating Committee—comprised of Lions **Beverly Nichols, Lynn Wolfe and Ken Collyard**—is compiling a slate of names to present to the club next month.

The club constitution specifies that a nomination meeting be held in March each year. Notice of the meeting shall be published at least fourteen calendar days prior to the date of the meeting. The Board of Directors will probably set a date at its March 1 meeting, in time for it to be published in the March *Lions' Roar* and meet the deadline.

At the nomination meeting, nominations for all offices to be filled may also be made from the floor.

The constitution also specifies that an election meeting shall be held in April. Traditionally in this club the election occurs at the first regular meeting in April so that the secretary has time to file the necessary reports of officers to Lions Clubs International (LCI).

LCI requires that all elections be by written (secret) ballot.

Coming Events and Activities

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 8:00 AM; continental breakfast will be available. **NOTE CHANGE OF TIME—8:00 AM, NOT 7:30.**

Wednesday, March 12 **5:30 to 8:00 PM, Swap Meet**

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9001 West 110th Street (Building 29, Corporate Woods)

Saturday, April 5 **Pasta Supper and Auction**

10615 Floyd, Overland Park

Friday and Saturday, April 4, 5

..... **District 17-O Convention, Topeka**

Saturday, April 12 .. 7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins

Program: Friends of JC Development Supports

Election of officers for 2014-2015 (by written ballot)

Saturday, April 12 . Constitutional Convention, Topeka

Creation of new district 17-A as result of redistricting

1:00 PM; Highland Park Methodist Church

June 5-7 **Kansas Lions State Convention**

Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Manhattan

July 4-8 **Lions Clubs International Convention**

Toronto, Canada

Registration details are in recent issues of LION Magazine

Sept. 11-13 **USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum**

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Go to www.USA/Canadalionsforum.org for details

Puns Intended . . .

A lot of money is tainted. It t'aint yours and it t'aint mine.

Directory Update: Change of Address

Lion Earl McIntosh's address has changed. Please correct your Membership Directory to read:

Earl McIntosh (Mary)

Apt. 214, Hamilton House

5331 Hamilton Road

San Antonio, TX 78229-4370

His telephone number is still 210-561-7923.

Late February and March . . .

Reasons to Celebrate!

Birthdays

February 24 Steve Weinrich

March 12 .. Candy Merrill (OP Hospitality Club Branch)

Anniversaries

February 19 Christine and Brian Nichols

March 14 Kenneth and Carole Collyard

March 15 Bryan and Heather Lanigan

Redistricting News . . .

“Merging” of Districts 17-I and 17-O

Requires Constitutional Convention

Leadership in Kansas Lions Multiple District 17 and the five existing sub-districts has been working hard all year to bring about a smooth transition to three sub-districts.

Our club is currently in District 17-O. We were not affected by the reduction of seven to five districts in 2008-09. This time around, however, because of severe losses in membership, the current Districts 17-I (to the west of us) and 17-O will be blended into one—a new District 17-A. (A few clubs in the present districts will go to the new Districts 17-K or 17-N but for all practical purposes, 17-I and 17-O will merge.

On April 12, a convention to approve a constitution for the new district and to elect a District Governor and two Vice District Governors will be held in Topeka. The convention will be at the Highland Park Methodist Church, 29th and Michigan in Topeka.

Our club (including the Overland Park Hospitality Club Branch) will be entitled to five delegates. The convention will not convene until 1 o'clock in the afternoon, so there will be no conflict with our regular meeting that day.

If you are interested in serving as a delegate and taking part in this historic event—launching a completely new district—contact **Big Lion Carole Collyard** to let her know. A date to formally elect delegates will be set very soon.

The short fortuneteller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

Once you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.

Good variety of nuts still on hand . . .

**You didn't help out by selling any nuts?
How about buying some for yourself?**

We have slightly over 40 packages of nuts remaining from last Fall's fund-raising effort. There are a few pecans (one package of chocolate-covered ones), some walnuts, cashews, and mixed nuts (quite a few of those). They are packed in 12-ounce bags and sell for \$9 per bag.

The nuts make delicious and healthful snacks. With Easter just over the horizon, they'd be great for holiday cooking and baking.

They are still fresh, from last October's harvest in Georgia. And they are less expensive than what you'd pay for the same size in most area grocery stores.

Call Neal or Beverly Nichols to let them know how many bags you want. They'll get the nuts to you.

**Treasurer's Reports for January 2014
General (Operating) Account**

Income	
Member dues	\$ 665.29
Tail Twister	36.00
Meals	713.71
Total Income	\$1,415.00
Expenses	
LCI Semi-Annual Dues	\$ 1021.25
District 17-O Dues	547.34
Room and Meals, Meetings	297.74
Convention Expense	100.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,966.33
Net Income (reduction) for Month	- (551.33)
Ending Balance (General Account)	<u>\$ 3,918.62</u>

Service (Project or Charity) Account

Income	
Nut sales	\$ 301.00
Shoebboxes for Soldiers	10.00
Total Income	\$ 311.00
Expenses	
Pasta Dinner	\$ 536.29
KS Lions Band Foundation	100.00
Eye Exams and Glasses	50.00
Total Expense	686.29
Net Income (or reduction) for Month.....	-\$ 375.29
Ending Balance (Service Account)	<u>\$ 7,673.95</u>

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A Word from the President . . .

Big Lion's Message for February
 by Carole Collyard, President



We have all had our struggles and frustrations with the winter blahs. I've found myself yearning for 95-degree temperatures. So let's put it behind us and NOW start all our Spring activities. And activities we dohave!

February 22 is upon us and we need volunteers for Shoebboxes for Soldiers. Get your items to **Mae Claxton**, 10404 Nieman Road in Overland Park by Thursday, the 20th. She is have an assembly party at 6 PM that evening. At 7:30 on Friday evening we need volunteers to help set up tables and lay out materials at the VFW Hall, 8804 Grant (near the Johnson County Central Resource Library). Finally, at 8 AM on Saturday, we'll do the packing.

Get your energy levels going because the **Pasta Dinner and Auction** is not far off—April 5. We need members to help with various aspects of this event. We'll have sign-up sheets ready at the next couple of meetings. If there is a specific area for which you would like to volunteer—such as getting donations, helping with entertainment, washing dishes (HA!)—let me, **Lion Mae Claxton** or **Lion Dottie Bloome** know. Everyone should be working on getting donations for the auctions. We hope that each member will get donations (merchandise or gift certificates from merchants) to bring to the auction. If you know of someone who might contribute but you don't want to make the contact, one of us will do so. We welcome any suggestions you might have to make this event another "roaring success." Special entertainment is being planned again for this year.

We were saddened by the loss of **Al Witwer**, a dedicated Lion for many, many years. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

Where are you in your own membership? Are you going to meetings and participating in activities? Do you know of someone who might be a candidate for membership? If so, submit the name and contact information to **Lion Beverly Nichols**.



Again, I'm hoping the worst of winter is over. And I wish you a happy Spring!

Your President,
Carole Collyard

Help our Hospitality Lions Club Branch! See the announcement on next page about their March 12 Swap Meet in Corporate Woods.

Overland Park Hospitality Lions

Swap Meet

March 12, 2014

5:30-8:30 PM

Corporate Woods, 9001 W 110th Street,

Building 29, Overland Park, KS 66219

Questions? Call Mindy Lallier 913-433-3690

A \$2 donation is recommended but not required.

Come shop Vendors such as Premier Designs Jewelry, Jamberry, Origami

Owl, Scentsy, Signature Home Styles, Jeans and much more.

Also shop home made, slightly used and new swappers items such as Prom Dresses, Shoes, Clothing, Small Appliances, Home Baked Goods,

New Baby items, New Crochet items and the list goes on!

