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# The Lions' Roar

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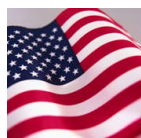


Flag Day coming up . . .

## Flag Raisings Set for June 14 and 28

Pssst! Hey, you! Yes, **YOU!**

Your help is needed on Saturday morning (before our regular meeting) to decorate Metcalf Avenue and Old Downtown Overland Park for **Flag Day**.



Flags will go up at 6 AM and come down at 5 PM, same day.

We'll honor **Independence Day** with flags going up at 6 AM on Saturday June 28 and coming down at 6AM, Saturday July 5.

Your help, as always, is needed to ensure quick and successful fulfillment of this traditional service and fund-raising activity

**Lion Lynn Wolfe** is chairman of the Flag Operations committee this year. Please respond positively if he calls you for assistance.

## Cara Madden from City Union Mission Will Present Saturday's Program

City Union Mission and its work with homeless and other needy persons will be spotlighted at this week's regular meeting. **Cara Madden**, a public relations and outreach specialist for CUM, will be our speaker.



It was founded in 1924. Cara will describe programs provided by the Mission and tell what some of the current needs are.

City Union Mission is celebrating its 90th year of service in Kansas City.

A similar presentation was made to our club several years ago and generated a lot of interest among members. This week's program should be equally as interesting.

There is a City Union Mission Thrift Store in Overland Park at 11186 Antioch (just south of College Boulevard). Donations of gently used clothing and household goods can be made there.

Saturday's meeting will begin at 7:45 after we've finished putting up flags along Metcalf Avenue.

## "Just Ask" Membership Recruiting Kicks Off With Mid-June Mailing

by CC Beverly Nichols

2014-17 Kansas Lions Global Membership Team Coordinator

Mark your calendar: **July 19 at 9 a.m.** Mark the place: **Tomahawk Ridge Community Center near 119th and Lowell** in Overland Park.

What is the occasion, you ask? It's an informational meeting about Lionism and specifically our club. The goal is to enlist new members.



Over 500 invitation letters will be mailed to Overland Park residents in mid-June. These will be followed up by phone calls reminding the recipients of the July 19 meeting.

The success of this event depends upon the support of all our club members.

Help will be needed is to stuff envelopes for mailing. A "stuffing party" is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 18 at the **Nichols' home (6116 West 85th Terrace)**. Please contact **Beverly** (913-642-7520) if you can be there to help.

A second activity will be calling the individuals who have received letters. Plans are being made for OPHLC members to meet at a location where a bank of phones will be available. Tentative dates are the afternoon of July 12 and the evening of July 14. More details will be forthcoming when the location is finalized. Lions who cannot come to that location but who are willing to make phone calls will be provided with a list of names to contact. A specific script is provided for callers to follow.

The **Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit (MSU)** will be at Tomahawk Ridge from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. The MSU will be a visual demonstration of the kind of things that Lions do.

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## "Just Ask" Program Kick-Off . . .

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On July 19 Lions will be needed in two areas—to host the meeting inside the Tomahawk Ridge Community Center and to staff the Mobile Screening Unit. The meeting is scheduled to last for approximately one hour and light refreshments will be served. Information related to our club and to Lions International will be on display. Volunteers for both areas are needed.

Does this approach work? The answer is a resounding YES! The process (known as the *Just Ask* campaign) started in Australia, the only English-speaking country where Lions membership is growing. That growth is attributed to "Just Ask." The Hutchinson (Kansas) Breakfast Club has already utilized the "Just Ask" program and has 12 new members as a result. (*Editor's note: There are other "just ask" projects, even in the United States, but to the best of our knowledge, none is as structured as the Australia model.*)

Does our club need more members? Of course it does! More members mean more hands for our projects. Just one example of where more help is needed is the Metcalf Avenue of Flags. With more hands and more ideas we could undertake additional projects to serve the needs of our community.

Overland Park Lions, we need the support of all of you to make this campaign a success. Please plan now to participate in one or more of the activities needed to make this a successful event.

*Illustration on Page 1 "borrowed" from online posting by Ranier Lions Club in Ranier, Washington, USA.*

### Program and Activity Schedule

- June 14** ..... 7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins  
 \*\* 6 AM, Flags up for Flag Day (see article on page 1)  
 Speaker: **Cara Madden**, City Union Mission
- June 28** ..... 7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins  
 \*\* 6 AM, Flags up for Independence Day (see page 1)  
 Speaker: **Russell Simmons**, Friends of Arts
- July 4-8** ..... Lions Clubs International Convention  
 Toronto, Canada  
 Registration details are in recent issues of LION Magazine
- July 5 (Saturday)** ..... 6 AM, Flags down
- July 12** ..... 7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins  
 Program: **Marie Ancocer**, Safehome
- July 26** ..... 7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins  
 Program: **Rachel Larson**  
 Shawnee Mission School District Volunteer Coordinator
- August 9** ..... 7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins  
 Program: A speaker from 10,000 Villages

Also in August: We expect to have brief comments from our scholarship winners and the students who were in the Kansas Lions State Band.

## A Word from the President . . .

### Big Lion's Message for June

by Carole Collyard

As my presidency comes to an end, I want to thank everyone for the support you have given me throughout the year. We have had a lot of fun, some frustration (like torrential rains on Overland Park Days) and have made many contributions to worthwhile projects and organizations.



However, we have been missing some of you at our meetings and hope that you will soon come back and join the fun. You have missed some great programs and fantastic camaraderie. We are going to be having a membership drive in mid-July, and will be needing everyone's help with it. So expect a call from the Membership Committee in the near future.

I am leaving the club in great hands with **Teresa Wolfe** at the helm. She will be organizing her committees and asking for your help with various projects and/or committees.

For those of you who missed it, we had a great time at the picnic to celebrate our 57th anniversary. Our own State Council Chair **Beverly Nichols** was presented a well-deserved Claude DeVorss Fellowship. We enjoyed the burgers, brats and hot dogs. Believe it or not, we STILL have brats left from Overland Park Days. Super side dishes and desserts were brought by those who attended. Eat your heart out if you missed it. We who were there had a great time.

Thank you again for your support, fellowship and fun over the last year. GO TERESA!!

Your President,  
**Carole Collyard**

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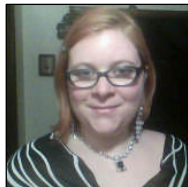
Newsletter Committee, 2013-14  
 Carole Collyard, Heather Lanigan  
 Mike Orzechowski and Steve Weinrich  
 Lynn Wolfe provided the Treasurer's Reports



**State Council Chair Beverly Nichols** is congratulated by **International President Barry Palmer** after receiving the LCI Presidential Medal. The award is the second-highest honor given by Lions Clubs International. The presentation was made at the 2014 Kansas Lions State Convention in Manhattan on June 8.

### Lion Heather Lanigan and Yo-Yo Artist Wow State Convention Lunch Crowd

Overland Park Host **Lion Heather Lanigan** and her friend **Robbie Graham** were darlings of the Friday noon luncheon at the 2014 Kansas Lions State Convention in Manhattan June 6.



Robbie demonstrated various yo-yo techniques as Heather narrated a history of yo-yo development. A variety of yo-yos and toys was on display.



Robbie recently won first-place in state competition in yo-yo free-style performance. Heather took third place in Kansas state Yo-Yo Spin Top competition. **Lion Bryan Lanigan**, Heather's husband, won first place in Spin Top competition.

Most people recall June 6 as the anniversary of World War II's D-Day in Europe. But what is not so well known is that the day is also "National Yo-Yo Day." June 6 is the birthday of Donald F. Duncan, entrepreneur and promoter of the modern yo-yo.

### Music Brightens a Rainy Meeting Day



A trio of "Ukers" strumming their ukuleles and entertaining with sing-along music added a light touch to the program at the May 24 meeting. From left to right above are **Nancy Howell**, **David Firman**, and **Danny Foucer**.

The musicians brightened a day made solemn by the remembrance of deceased members and dampened by the rain that interfered with flag raising along Metcalf Avenue in honor of Memorial Day.

The ukulele program was arranged by **Lions Kim Morrow** and **Steve Weinrich**.

*Photo by Lion Mike Orzechowski*

### OP Host Lions' Roar Wins Third-Place in 2013-14 State Newsletter Contest

The Overland Park Host *Lions' Roar* took third place in this year's Kansas Lions club newsletter Merit Award contest. A certificate and \$35 cash prize accompanied the award. The money will be deposited in the club's General Account and used to help cover expenses of printing and distribution.



Other winners were the *Pride of Ulysses* (first place), the *Hays Lions Club News* (second place), and the *Leawood Lions Newsletter* (fourth place). Several newsletters received an "Honorable Mention" rating.

A professional journalist from western Kansas judged the entries. **PDG Denny Smith** (*Ulysses Lions Club*) organized the contest and handled details of getting the judge and arranging for presentation of the awards.

## "Missing Lion" Ceremony Pays Tribute to Those Who've Gone On Before Us



On May 24, the Saturday before Memorial Day, our club honored the memory of 37 Overland Park Host Lions and 19 Lions of the former Prairie Village club in a special "Missing Lion" observance.

Selected names were read, with brief comments made about the service they rendered as Lions. With the reading of each name, the club's bell tolled one time.

The ceremony was adapted from one that **PDG Ted Hutchcraft** (*Highland Lions Club*) used for the annual necrology service at several district conventions in the past.

*In the picture above, the table is set for one, to represent the "Missing Lion." The tablecloth is white, a symbol of the purity of Lions' motives. The chair is empty, another reminder of their absence from us. The candle is lit, signifying the light that shined through their lives while they were among us. The glass is empty; never again will they raise it to drink the "Lions Toast." The bread represents the harvest from their labors and the seeds of service they planted. The salt is from the tears of loved ones they left behind.*

*Photo by Lion Mike Orzechowski*

**100 x 100**

**A membership of 100**

**in this club by**

**the 100th Anniversary of Lionism in 2017**

## Claude DeVorss Fellowship Presented to Beverly Nichols at Anniversary Picnic



*Photograph by Lion Carole Collyard*

Overland Park Host member and 2013-14 Kansas Lions State Council Chair **Beverly Nichols** was presented this year's Claude DeVorss Fellowship in recognition of her leadership at the local and state levels and also to honor her work with the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation. She also was instrumental in organizing the KU Eye Center Lions Club in 2012 and guiding it to charter status.

The Claude DeVorss Fellowship was established by the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (KLSF) to honor **Claude DeVorss** of Wichita, who served as Lions Clubs International President in 1964-65. Fellowships are obtained with \$1,000 contributions to the KLSF.

Our club budgets \$500 per year to contribute to KLSF specifically for Claude DeVorss Fellowships (one presented every other year). This \$500 is in addition to other KLSF-related contributions we make every year.

In the photograph above, husband **PDG Neal** attaches a Fellowship lapel pin to Beverly's collar.

## Hospitality Club Branch Meets June 19 With Cinetopia Tour at PrairieFire

Come take a tour of PrairieFire's CINETOPIA, located near the southwest corner of 135th Street and Nall Avenue on Thursday, June 19. Meet in the lobby at 11 AM, tour the theater, relax in one of the "Living Room" suites, order lunch (*pay for your own*), and watch a movie (*if you can stay*).

This event is another activity of the Hospitality Club Branch in an on-going effort to increase membership. Let's support our fellow Lions in it!



**Lion Diana Bryant** (left), Executive Director of Accessible ARTS at the Kansas State School for the Blind, visited on May 10 and spoke briefly about her work. **First Vice President Teresa Wolfe** presented Diana with a check for \$250 as a contribution from our club. Diana is a newly inducted member of the Kansas City Kansas Downtown Lions Club.

### 2014 Scholarship Winners Selected

Three \$500 scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors at one of our August meetings. There were 19 applications this year. The following outstanding young people were picked as winners: **Dylan Crow** (Shawnee Mission West) and **Brianna Jackson** and **Khyati Somayaii** (both from Blue Valley West).

**Lions Beverly Nichols** and **Rosa Detrixhe** were members of the Scholarship Committee and made the selections.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### Birthdays

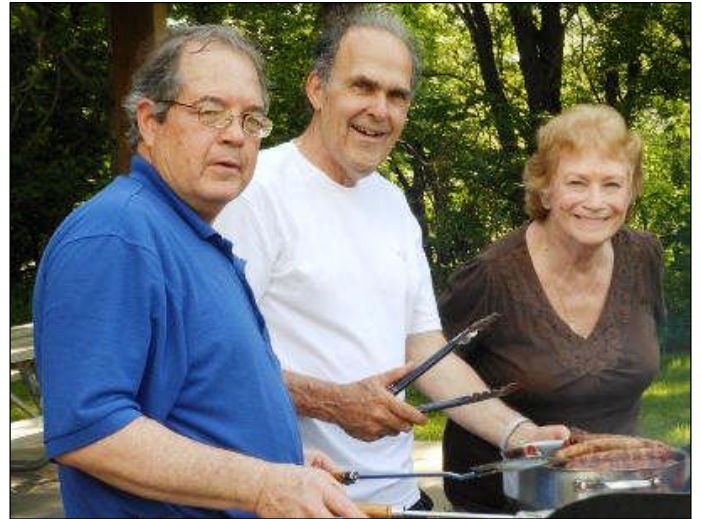
- June 4 ..... Phil Detrixhe
- June 7 ..... Mike Orzechowski
- June 7 ..... Deanna Pucci
- June 16 ..... Grace Weinrich
- June 19 ..... Mary McIntosh
- June 22 ..... Miranda Nigus
- June 29 ..... Carole Collyard

#### Anniversaries

- June 27 ..... Bud and Tami Turntine
- June 29 ... Tyler and Miranda Nigus



### 57th Anniversary Observed with Picnic



Sixteen club members and guests gathered on the evening of May 24 for a picnic at Quivira Park (near 119th Street on Quivira Road) that celebrated our club's 57th Charter anniversary. This is the second year that a picnic was held instead of the more-formal banquets held for anniversary observances.

Above, **Lions Lynn Wolfe** and **Ken Collyard** grill up brats and hot dogs while **Lion Dottie Bloome** looks on to see that the job is being done right.

*Photograph by Carole Collyard*

### Treasurer's Reports through May 30, 2014

#### General (Operating) Account

<b>Income</b>	
Member dues .....	\$ 60.00
Tail Twister .....	35.00
Meals .....	<u>198.00</u>
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$293.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Room and Meals, Meetings .....	306.00
Social event expense .....	168.00
Purchase of feather flags .....	<u>280.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$ 754.00</b>
<b>Net Income (reduction) for Month .....</b>	<b>( 461.00)</b>
<b>Ending Balance (General Account) .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,123.22</u></b>

#### Service (Project or Charity) Account

<b>Income</b>	
Band Camp .....	\$ 50.00
Pasta Supper .....	<u>5.00</u>
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 55.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Overland Park Fall Festival....	\$ 165.00
KS Lions Int'l Band (refund) ..	( 500.00)
Flag Expense .....	510.15
KS Lions Band Camp .....	200.00
Accessible Arts (KSSB) .....	250.00
KS Lions Sight Foundation ..	1,000.00
LCIF (Melvin Jones Fellowship)	<u>1,000.00</u>
<b>Total Expense .....</b>	<b>2,625.15</b>
<b>Net Income (or reduction) for Month .....</b>	<b>(2,570.15)</b>
<b>Ending Balance (Service Account) .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 5,150.49</u></b>