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# The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club  
Overland Park, KS  
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## Teresa Wolfe installed as President



**1st Vice District Governor Carleen Rajala** (left) conducted our annual installation of officers ceremony on July 12. Above, she reads the charge to new **president Teresa Wolfe** before declaring her duly installed in office.

*Photo by Lion Carole Collyard*

## Rachel Larsen, Shawnee Mission USD, Will Present Saturday's Program

Rachel Larsen, Volunteer Coordinator for the Shawnee Mission School District, will be guest speaker at this week's meeting. Lion Steve Weinrich continues his usual good job in providing interesting, informative programs for us.



She will tell us some ways Lions might make a difference in the lives of students by serving as school volunteers.

Volunteers can make a big difference in the lives of young people. The Shawnee Mission School District "My Volunteer Pal" (MVP), program lets participants choose from a wide range of in-school activities to assist students.

Rachel says her message will be "Get involved as an MVP and create a winning future for students today!" She will illustrate with video or slide pictures.

## "Just Ask" Information Meeting Yields Positive Results for OPHLC

The attendance was low but the quality was high at last Saturday's "Just Ask" Lions information meeting. We have two new-member applications in hand and are highly optimistic that another two—or even three—will be submitted this week.

Other community-minded citizens have made inquiries during the past week about becoming Lions. Follow-up contacts with them, including invitations to our attend this Saturday's meeting, have been made.

In addition to holding the information meeting, our club also sponsored a visit by the Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit (MSU). About 20 persons — including quite a few children — were screened.

Both events took place at the Tomahawk Ridge Community Center at 119th and Lowell.

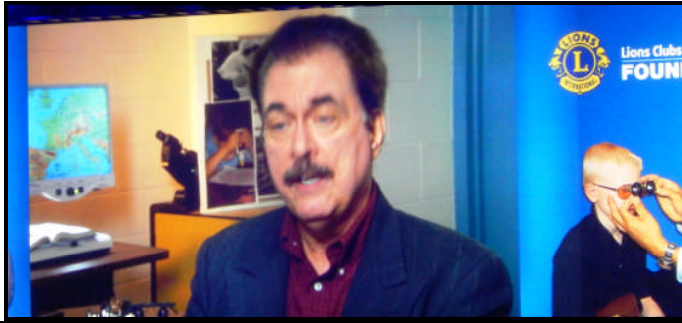
As happens at the MSU many times, some of the screenings Saturday showed need for follow-up consultations with medical professionals.

Attendance at the MSU was limited because there was not much publicity beforehand. Community Center officials asked that we not widely advertise due to limited parking space at the center.

## Program and Activity Schedule

- July 26** ..... **7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins**  
*Program: Rachel Larson*  
*Shawnee Mission School District Volunteer Coordinator*
- July 28** ... **6:00 PM, Visitation to Valley Falls Lions Club**  
*Car pool; leave Overland Park at 4:30 PM (from Perkins?)*
- August 2** ..... **7:30 AM, Board Meeting, Perkins**  
*(All club members invited to attend)*  
*(Come early to order breakfast so meeting can start at 7:30)*
- August 9** ..... **7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins**  
*Program: A speaker from 10,000 Villages*  
*Special guests: Scholarship winners and their parents.*
- August 16** ..... **10:00 AM, District Cabinet Meeting**  
*Kansas State School for the Deaf, Olathe*
- August 23** ..... **7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins**  
*Program to be announced in August Lions' Roar*
- August 26** ..... **6:30 PM, Zone Meeting**  
*Leawood City Hall, Town Center Drive near Roe*

## KanLovKids Low-Vision Project On Big Screen at Toronto LCI Convention



A Kansas Lions sight project was prominently featured at the Lions Clubs International Convention held in Toronto, Canada earlier this month.

Shown at the top of this column is a "big-screen" picture, one of several about the **KanLovKids Low-Vision project** being carried out right here in Kansas. Seated center and right are LCIF Chairman **Past President Wayne Madden** and his wife **Lion Linda**. The young people are students at the **Kansas State School for the Blind**. The Maddens visited KSSB last September while attending the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Overland Park.

In the lower picture is **Dr. Joe Maino**, one of the participating KanLovKids low-vision specialists. The audio part featured excerpts of an interview he had with LCI staff members at KSSB, also last September. The LCIF segment featuring Kansas was the highlight of the session.

Several other scenes showing various aspects of the KanLovKids project were also shown.

Low-vision examinations have been performed for several years in Kansas, but a \$71,000 grant from LCIF gave more structure to the program and helped pay for specialized equipment and doctors' training. Kansas received the first SightFirst II low-vision grant in the United States from LCIF.

The grant proposal was written by **Beverly Nichols**.

## Welcome to our newest members!



Give a hearty welcome to **Mike and Margy Sundstrom** who have transferred their memberships to our club from their previous club in Texas. They were looking for an active Kansas club and found it here, they said. Directory information will be in the August issue of the *Roar*.

## A Word from the President . . .

### Big Lion's Message for July

by Teresa Wolfe



A little over a year ago, the Overland Park Host Lions Club was honored to have as one of our guests, Lion Joe Preston, 1st Vice President of Lions Clubs International. As Honorary Chairperson of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Lion Joe framed the challenges that face our Lions clubs everywhere in meeting the many unmet needs of those in our communities, our state, our country and our world.

Now, as International President, Lion Joe is challenging us to "Strengthen the Pride" through service, creativity, and strengthening our club. President Preston, from Arizona, has demonstrated his singing and song-writing talents by putting the 2014-15 International Lions Club theme to music. His song can be downloaded from the Lions Clubs International website at the link

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/mp3/strengthen-the-pride-song.mp3>

For 57 years, the members of the Overland Park Host Lions Club have served our community in many ways. Those Lions who have gone before us laid a foundation on which to build. We can strengthen our support for those causes we have supported in the past. Through strengthening our club by growing, we can provide support in other areas of need in our community. We have fund-raising projects that provide resources for serving that have been developed through the years that are productive and fun to do as a team. These would be more productive and more fun if we had more hands to help us serve.

We have numerous opportunities at club meetings to hear from presenters who share interesting information and news about our community. They also make us more aware of the many needs that we may have opportunities to meet.

As incoming Big Lion, I believe my greatest challenge is not just to be a good club president and fill the big shoes (heels?) of Immediate Past "Big Lion" Carole, but to continue to build on the foundation of leadership that each of you Lions has demonstrated through the years and on which we can progress.



I hope each of you will "Just Ask" one this year to become a member. Our club will grow so we can continue to—

- serve children and youth;

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- provide assistance for those with vision and hearing health needs and are visually impaired;
- promote diabetes awareness;
- help relieve hunger;
- find opportunities to protect and improve our environment; and
- provide for developing reading programs in our community.

These are all areas of service in which our club—and Lions Clubs around the world—have distinguished themselves and to which those with such needs look to us to serve.

As we look ahead to 2017, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lions, let us build on our strengths and let us each seek to do our part as Lions to far exceed the goal of Lions Clubs International to serve 100 million people around the globe by December 2017 by serving those in our community first, as well as those throughout our state, our nation, our world.

Your President,  
*Teresa Wolfe*

*Monday evening—first trip of the year . . .*

**Visit to Valley Falls Lions Scheduled**

Members of our club will visit the **Valley Falls Lions Club** this coming Monday evening (July 28). The meeting begins at 6:00. Car poolers will meet at the Perkins parking lot and we will leave from there at 4:30.

Valley Falls has a great group of Lions and a visit with them is always fun-filled. Besides that, they serve delicious food at a reasonable price.

Sign up at our meeting on Saturday morning. Don't miss out on this great opportunity for food, fun, and fellowship—three staples of Lionism.

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Jokes in second column are from *Healing Through Humor*  
by Charles and Frances Hunter.  
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**SafeHome in Overland Park explained by speaker at July 12 club meeting**

Photo by *Carole Collyard*

**Cynthia Meyer**, pictured above with new **President Teresa Wolfe**, was guest speaker at our meeting on July 12. Cynthia is an outreach coordinator with **SafeHome** in Overland Park.

SafeHome's vision is to create a community free of domestic violence and partner abuse.



Their mission is to break the cycle of domestic violence and partner abuse for victims and their children by providing shelter, advocacy, counseling, and prevention education in our community.

Cynthia described a number of the services provided by SafeHome, including the fact that last year SafeHome provided nearly 18,000 nights of safety for women and children fleeing violent homes.

Other services include a 24-hour crisis hotline, counseling, healthcare advocacy and children's services, all provided free of charge.

Did you hear about the man who said he couldn't dial 911 because there was no 11 on the phone?

**Q:** Why did the yuppette just stare at the can of frozen orange juice?

**A:** Because it said *concentrate*.

**Q:** Why do yuppettes always smile during lightning storms?

**A:** They think their picture is being taken.

**Q (seriously):** What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?

**A:** They were all invented by women. Ahhh, no wonder women are such great Lions.

*We serve . . .*

### “Welcome Bags” for Head Start Kids Filled by OP Host Lions Volunteers



From left to right, **Teresa Wolfe, Lynn Wolfe, Beverly Nichols, and Dottie Bloome** exemplify the LCI Motto “We Serve” at Shawnee Mission Head Start building on Santa Fe in downtown Overland park.

One of LCI’s four global initiatives is to serve youth and children, with emphasis in July and August. Overland Park Host Lions worked at Head Start of Shawnee Mission on Wednesday of this past week. They filled bags that will be given to children during orientation sessions for the coming school year. The filled bags contained personal toiletry items, a book, a puzzle, crayons, and a stuffed animal.

### Hot election campaign at Toronto has voters waiting in long lines



The election for International Second Vice President at this year’s International Convention had two candidates, the first time since 2006 that this has happened.

**Bob Corlew** of Tennessee and **Mike Butler** of Texas waged vigorous campaigns complete with posters, buttons, brochures, hospitality rooms, and delegate demonstrations on the convention floor.

Lion Corlew was elected by a margin of about 300 votes. He will be International President in 2016-2017, the 100th-anniversary year for LCI. He was the visiting International Director at the District 17-O convention in Overland Park in 2013.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

*(July and August)*

### Birthdays

July 2 .....	Billie Warden
July 6 .....	Chris Pucci
July 19 .....	Ken Collyard
July 22 .....	Janette Reh
August 7 .....	Mae Claxton
August 12 .....	Louis Adams
August 21 .....	Dottie Bloome
August 25 .....	Heather Lanigan
August 29 .....	Jack McLain

### Anniversaries

July 23 .....	Terry and Karen Frederick
August 14 .....	Dale and Billie Warden
August 23 .....	Gregg and Sylvia Collins

### Treasurer’s Reports through July 4, 2014 General (Operating) Account

<b>Income</b>	
Member dues .....	\$ 135.00
Tail Twister .....	46.00
Meals .....	198.00
Miscellaneous income .....	<u>235.00</u>
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$614.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Room and meals, meetings .....	307.50
Social event expense .....	459.55
Miscellaneous expense .....	<u>62.00</u>
<b>Total expenses .....</b>	<b>\$ 829.05</b>
<b>Net income (reduction) for month .....</b>	<b>( 215.05)</b>
<b>Ending balance (General Account) .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,008.17</u></b>

### Service (Project or Charity) Account

<b>Income</b>	
Nut sales .....	\$ 63.00
Metcalf Avenue of Flags .....	2,070.00
Uncategorized income .....	<u>1,000.00</u>
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 3,133.00</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Flag expense .....	\$ 343.75
Mobile Screening Unit .....	300.00
CARES Service Dog School .....	600.00
KSDS Service Dog School .....	<u>600.00</u>
<b>Total disbursements .....</b>	<b>1,843.75</b>
<b>Net Income (or reduction) for month .....</b>	<b>1,289.25</b>
<b>Ending balance (Service Account) .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 6,439.74</u></b>

**Can our club adopt this as a common goal?**

**“100 by 100”**

**Grow to 100 Members**

by

**the 100th Anniversary**

**of Lions Clubs International in 2017**