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The Lions' Roar



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10000 Villages in Overland Park will be featured at this Saturday's meeting

Linda Zemke from 10000 Villages in Downtown Overland Park will be the program speaker at our meeting this Saturday.

The store is located at the corner of 80th Street and Santa Fe Drive.



Ten Thousand Villages is one of the oldest and largest fair-trade organizations in the world. The Overland Park store serves the entire Kansas City metropolitan area with items from developing countries throughout Africa, Central and South America

and Asia.

They sell handicrafts and beautiful home decor from skilled artisans, along with coffee, tea, and chocolate. Bean-soup mixes and dips and salsas from groups who help women in need can be found there, too. The store also has multi-cultural music and books that are appropriate for both classroom and home use.

The store features "fairly traded" items and this concept will be explained during the presentation.

Sounds like a program you won't want to miss. Thanks go to Lion **Steve Weinrich** for arranging it.

Scholarship recipients and parents to be guests at this week's breakfast

Three outstanding 2014 graduates from Overland Park area high schools will be present—along with their parents—at Saturday's meeting to receive \$500 scholarship money awarded by this club.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Each student will speak briefly about future plans.

The young people to be honored are **Dylan Crow** (Shawnee Mission West) and **Brianna Jackson** and **Khyati Somayaji** (both from Blue Valley West). Lions **Beverly Nichols** and **Rosa Detrixhe** comprised the Scholarship Committee and made the selections from a group of 19 applicants. Grade averages and teacher recommendations were considered, but special emphasis was placed on the students' service activities.

An opportunity to serve—and to have fun . . .

Volunteers needed for MSU at State Fair in Hutchinson

State Fair time is just around the corner and the Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit (MSU) needs your help.



The dates are September 5 (Friday) through September 14 (Sunday).

The MSU will be stationed on the fairgrounds (inside an air-conditioned building, if you're wondering). The picture below shows the MSU at Hutchinson, inside the building, last year.

Lions are needed to help with sign-ins and others tasks, including operating some of the screening equipment.

It's easy work (training on any of the equipment takes only a few minutes) and you'll be helping a few thousand Kansans stay healthy.

To volunteer, or to get more information about what's expected, contact **Lion Ron Bretz** at 316 283 1921 or E-mail at wildfires@cox.net.

Parking passes and gate admission are provided to Lions who volunteer to work at the MSU.

If you plan to stay overnight, you'll find that hotel space in Hutchinson is limited. Most hotels are completely booked. There are, however, some good hotels/motels in McPherson that may have space available. McPherson is a pleasant 30-minute drive to Hutchinson over very good road (KS Hwy 61).

A special event at the fair this year is "Bedazzle a Brassiere." Yes, you saw that right. And it's an occasion for both men and women to participate. Curious? Go look it up on the Kansas State Fair web site. (NOW we'll know who reads this newsletter.) *Photo below is from KS Lions Sight Foundation web site.*



Second "Just Ask" meeting set for November 15 at Matt Ross CC

Another "Just Ask" information meeting will be held on Saturday, November 15. This time the session will be at the Matt Ross Community Center in downtown Overland Park.



"Just Ask" is a program developed in Australia, where it has proved to be very effective in recruiting new Lions Clubs members. In fact, Australia is the only English-speaking country where Lionism is on the increase. Clubs are growing, new clubs are being formed and new districts are being added. (Wouldn't it be great if Kansas had to redistrict again soon—only next time to *ADD* districts, not reduce them?)

Our next effort will include a letter mailed in October to residents in selected ZIP codes. The letter invites them to the meeting to learn about Lionism. Follow-up telephone calls will be made to those who do not respond to the letter.

If you want to help with this project—either in preparing the mailing or in making phone calls—please contact **Beverly Nichols** (phone 913-642-7520 or e-mail taximath@aol.com.) Note: If you don't call her, she might be calling you.

Program and Activity Schedule

August 9	7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins <i>Program: Linda Zemke from 10000 Villages Store</i> <i>Special guests: Scholarship winners and their parents.</i>
August 8-10	Kansas Lions State Council Meeting <i>Best Western Hotel, McPherson, KS</i>
August 16	10:00 AM, District Cabinet Meeting <i>Kansas State School for the Deaf, Olathe</i> <i>Tour of Deaf Cultural Center in afternoon</i>
August 23	7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins <i>Program: Formal induction of new members</i>
August 26	6:30 PM, Zone Meeting <i>Leawood City Hall, Town Center Drive near Roe</i>
August 30 (Saturday)	Metcalf Avenue of Flags <i>Flags up at 6:00 AM (for Labor Day)</i>
September 2 (Tuesday)	Flags down at 6:00 AM
September 6	7:30 AM, Board Meeting, Perkins <i>.. Come earlier to order breakfast so meeting can start on time</i>
September 13	7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins <i>Program to be announced</i>

See new member directory information on last page of this issue.

A Word from the President . . .

Big Lion's Message for August

by Teresa Wolfe



To Share or Not To Share...

Have you ever wondered why, it seems, we enjoy doing things more when other folks are there to experience them with us. Whether it's with just one other person, like a friend, a spouse, or a child; or with a small group of friends or family members; or with a lot of friends and family (like at a reunion, a wedding or a party; things seem to go better when you're able to share the experience with others.

Even advertisers play on the experiences we've had. Can you remember, "Things Go Better with Coke"? Well, I think that's the real reason ("The Real Thing"?) we want to share events and occasions in our lives with others. Sure, there're times when we need to be alone and there are things we don't need or want to share with others. But, when it comes to doing what we do together as Lions in a Lions Club, our desire to share the experience with others should result in letting others know what we do and inviting them to join us and share those experiences with us.

Of course, not everything in life is fun and games. Likewise, not everything that needs to be done in a Lions Club project or in a club meeting is "enjoyable". But, sharing those experiences with fellow Lions, all of whom have the common goal of serving others, makes the "trip" more memorable, and maybe, even enjoyable. So, it's with great expectations that I always look forward to working and serving together with all you other Lions. And I'm looking forward to sharing the experience of serving together with our most recent new club members Margy, Mike, Steve, Theresa, and Zack.

And speaking of service, did you know that after the SafeHome presentation in July our club donated to SafeHome the brats (*frozen, of course*) that were left over from the Downtown Overland Park Fall Festival last September? In addition, several of our members save unused toiletries—soap, shampoo and conditioner, and lotion—and these, too, were given to SafeHome.

Book Labeling, Eyeglass Sorting



A team of OP Host Lions members spent a few hours on Wednesday, August 6 labeling books for children and sorting eyeglasses to go to Wichita for further processing.

Clockwise from left are Teresa Wolfe, Carole Collyard, Dottie Bloome, Lynn Wolfe, and Beverly Nichols are busy organizing almost 550 pairs of glasses for packing. Two boxes full will be taken to the State Council meeting in McPherson this weekend. From there they will go to the Kansas Lions state office for further sorting, then to one of the correctional institutions. Inmates who have received special training will read the lenses, mark the strength of each one, and re-pack glasses into special trays. After all this, the glasses will be ready to go to Central or South America, to Africa, or Third-World areas where needy, poverty-stricken people will be able to see again.



The "book labeling" involved putting stickers on the inside front cover of 1,700 books to be divided among the three Kansas Lions districts. The labels read, "This book is a gift for you from members of the Lions Club in your community." Books are age-appropriate and will be given, in many cases, to pre-schoolers when eye screening is done at nursery- and pre-schools around the state.

The books were purchased with funds raised through a "pound auction" at the State Convention in June where about \$2,100 was collected. Books are obtained from Scholastic Publishers in a partnership with Lions Clubs International (LCI).

This effort is just a small part of the world-wide initiative by LCI to fight illiteracy and to assist in early childhood education efforts.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

(August and early September)

Birthdays

August 7 Mae Claxton
 August 12 Louis Adams
 August 21 Dottie Bloome
 August 25 Heather Lanigan
 August 29 Jack McLain
 September 2 Beverly Nichols
 September 5 Malvina Adams

Anniversaries

August 14 Dale and Billie Warden
 August 23 Gregg and Sylvia Collins
 September 3 Wynn and Sherry Laird
 September 7 Lynn and Teresa Wolfe

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

Income	
Member dues	\$ 1,200.00
Tail Twister	35.50
Meals	487.00
New member fees	<u>150.00</u>
Total Income	\$1,872.50
Expenses	
Room and meals, meetings	320.10
LCI per-capita dues	881.50
District 17-O dues	<u>520.00</u>
Total expenses	\$ 1,721.60
Net income (reduction) for month	150.90
Ending balance (General Account)	<u>\$ 4,423.07</u>

Service (Project or Charity) Account

Income	
Nut sales	\$ 119.00
Metcalf Avenue of Flags	<u>1,944.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 2,063.00
Disbursements	
Eye exams and glasses	\$ 100.00
KC Blind All Stars Foundation	500.00
KSSB Technology Library	1,000.00
KU Audio Reader (general)	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total disbursements	2,600.00
Net Income (or reduction) for month.....	(- 537.00)
Ending balance (Service Account)	<u>\$ 7,033.54</u>

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Lynn Wolfe provided the Treasurer's Report

Welcome to our newest members!

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Zack Olinger

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Margaret (Margy) Sundstrom (Mike) 715 Myers Drive Tonganoxie, KS 66086

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Mike, January 14

Anniversary: May 7**Sponsor:** Transfer Member

Mike Sundstrom (Margy)

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Margy, December 26

Anniversary: May 7**Sponsor:** Transfer member

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The 2014-15 club directories with current information for all members will be available soon.