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The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club
Overland Park, KS
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This year's three scholarship winners spoke to our members at the August 9 meeting. Above, *left to right*, are **Khyati Somayaji** and **Brianna Jackson**, both of Blue Valley West High School, and **Dylan Crow**, Shawnee Mission West High School. The trio told a little about their high school careers and their plans for further education. Each received a check for \$500 to help with first-semester college expenses.

Khyati was a member of the Blue Valley West Leo Club. A major criterion for selection is service to school and community.

Lions **Beverly Nichols** and **Rosa Detrixhe** were on the selection committee.

Photos by Lion Mike Orzechowski



Katherine Orzechowski was at our August 23 meeting and told us about her week at the Kansas Lions State Band camp in June. The band camp is always held in conjunction with the Kansas Lions State Convention. This year it was on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan. As part of her presentation, Katherine showed a DVD rendition of the band's Saturday-morning concert.

Three other band students our club sponsored did not attend the meeting because of schedule conflicts.

Photo by proud Dad, Mike O



Who WAS that masked man? On a cold and windy day, last year's **Downtown Overland Park Fall Festival** was also rain-soaked. But the wet weather didn't dampen our spirits and we slogged through the day trying to sell hot dogs, brats, and soda pop. Profits were way down, but maybe this year . . . well, if **EVERYONE** will get out and help perhaps we can make up last season's losses.

Lion Steve Weinrich is general chairman again and will be recruiting volunteers to work at **this year's Festival, Saturday, September 27**. He'll no doubt have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

Photo by Carole Collyard



Three new members were inducted on August 23. In the front row above, *left to right*, are **Zack Olinger**, **Steve Pelz**, and **Angelique Rodriguez-Gunion**. **Beverly Nichols** was their sponsor and during the ceremony **Steve Weinrich**, **Lynn Wolfe**, and **Carole Collyard** joined her in presenting the trio with their Lions Emblem pins and membership certificates. **Neal Nichols** conducted the ceremony. A fourth new member, **Theresa Geving**, was not present and will be formally inducted at a later meeting. *Photo by Mike Orzechowski*

Program and Activity Schedule

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>Speaker: Cindy Brown of Hillcrest Transitional Housing</i>
September 27	All Day: Overland Park Fall Festival <i>Sign up at next meeting to help out</i>
October 4	7:30 AM, Board Meeting, Perkins <i>Come early to order breakfast so meeting can start on time</i>
October 11	7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins <i>Program: District Governor Beverly Greenwood, Official Visit</i> <i>See article on next page</i>
October 25	7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins <i>Speaker: Dr. James Hinson, Shawnee Mission Supt. of Schools</i>
October 24-26	MD-17 State Council Meeting <i>Best Western Hotel, McPherson, KS</i>
November 1	7:30 AM, Board Meeting, Perkins
November 1	District 17-A Cabinet Meeting NOTE: special District Convention same date and place <i>Location and time to be announced</i>
November 6	6:30 PM, Zone Meeting, Perkins <i>Our club will "host" the meeting; details to be announced</i>
November 8	7:30 AM, Regular Meetings, Perkins <i>Program to be announced</i>
November 11 (Tues.)	6:00 AM, Flags up (for Veterans Day) 3:00 PM, Flags down (sunset will be before 5:30)
November 22	7:30 AM, Regular meeting, Perkins <i>Program to be announced</i>
December 6	7:30 AM, Board Meeting, Perkins
December 13	7:30 AM, "Breakfast with Santa" <i>Details will be forthcoming</i>
December 27	NO MEETING

President's Message for September

by Teresa Wolfe

"What Do You Do?"

It seems that one of the most common phrases that I hear during a conversation between two people (particularly, between two men) meeting for the first time is, "*What do you do?*" On occasion, I am faced with answering this same question when people learn that I am a member of the Lions Club.



People unfamiliar with Lions will usually ask "What do Lions do?" With respect to my experience as a member of the Overland Park Host Lions Club, my first reaction is to respond by saying, "Well, we put flags up on Metcalf Avenue, we have a silent auction and a pasta dinner, we sell brats and hot dogs at the Overland Park Fall Festival, and we sell nuts to raise money."

Sure, we do these things. But what I *really* do is

- perform eye exams;
- perform eye surgeries;
- manufacture eyeglasses;
- train the visually impaired for the work force;
- educate children who are blind or visually impaired;
- train guide and service dogs;
- perform screening tests for diabetes;
- give a little piece of home to a soldier on a battlefield somewhere;
- teach a child to read;
- rebuild a community struck by disaster;
- prepare a meal for a family who has lost everything;
- teach young men and women a trade or profession that will allow them to serve their community;
- teach them how to work with others in a group to perform at a higher level;
- teach children and young adults life skills that will be of value to them and others they might serve for a lifetime, build and plant, teach and serve.

Am I doing these things myself? Of course not. What I *am* doing is providing the resources for those doctors, teachers, opticians, dog trainers, emergency relief professionals, and others to apply the skills for which they've trained. So, when I roll up a flag, or serve a brat, or sell a bag of nuts, or make a contribution to the silent auction, I'm not just raising money. I'm seeing the smiling face of another person whose needs have been met as a result of something I could do—and did!

Big Lion Teresa

Cindy Brown, Community Liaison Director at Hillcrest Transitional Housing of Kansas, will be the speaker at our September 13 meeting.

Hillcrest Transitional Housing offers homeless families, singles and youth a disciplined educational program within a caring, supportive environment. Hillcrest's primary objective is to move clients from homelessness to self-sufficiency within 90 days by addressing the total life situation of the homeless families they serve. Hillcrest also provides a transitional housing program for homeless teens and young adults, ages 16-20, who have educational goals. This unique program offers housing and supportive services for up to 24 months.

Plan to attend and learn more about this important and valuable community service/asset.

Photo from Cindy's Facebook Page



District Governor Beverly Greenwood will make her official visit to our club on October 11. DG Bev and her husband "**Mo**" are members of the Milford Lions Club.

Please make every effort to be present for this meeting to hear about this year's activities at both the District and International levels.

Protocol for a District Governor's visit is established by Lions Clubs International. No other program is scheduled for that date. Only the usual club business—singing, Tail Twisting, etc.—is conducted so that the Governor is the focus of the meeting. Most important, when the Governor is introduced as speaker she should receive a standing ovation, and then another one at the conclusion of her talk.

Photo from Beverly's Facebook Page

Preserving club history in the "cloud" . . .

"Where's Waldo?"

by Steve Weinrich, 1st Vice President

Have you ever been discussing something at one of our meetings and said, "I think Joe worked on that last. Let's see if he has any files." Of course, Joe is currently on vacation in China! Or maybe this sounds familiar, "Hey, Lynn, do you remember that song written by what's-her-name? It was something about horses and lions." Lynn replies, "Yup. It is in one of the plastic bins in my garage. I hope the mice didn't get to it, though."

It is no surprise that as a club, we have over 50 years data—our history. It is everywhere. In peoples' heads, on computers, in boxes, bins and suitcases, on cell phones and who knows where else? I would guess that we have likely lost more than we have saved.

Fortunately, we now have "the cloud." "What cloud?" you say. "It's a sunny day!" This is the name for all the computer space that is available for folk to put their stuff on. There are a number of these services with various plans and pricing. The short of it is that instead of storing data on paper, one stores them in computer form and uploads it to "the cloud."

Why is this good?

- 1) The data are recorded. That is, instead of having to ask one of our members if they remember something, we can go to our portion of the cloud and look it up.
- 2) The data are safe. Mice, memory loss and broken phones will not affect our data. Further, they are backed up so we should never lose anything.
- 3) Data can be viewed and/or modified by multiple people. All one needs is a web browser.
- 4) We can control who can view and/or modify our data.
- 5) We can search the data.

We have chosen Google Drive to be our "cloud." The primary reason is that when data are stored in a Google form, the storage is free. And the service costs nothing. We like free.

How do you get access? You need a Google account. These are also free. They are easy to spot as they always have "gmail" in the name. For example, mine is **weinrich.steve@gmail.com**. If you have a gmail account, great. If not, create one. Note that just because you have one does not mean you have to use it for your e-mail. That is strictly optional. You can still use you existing e-mail account(s). You just need a Google account so you can access our cloud.

Once you have a Google account, e-mail me and tell me what your Google account is. I will give you view access to everything we have. If you need to be able to modify something, e-mail me and I will make it so. (Note that our secretary Heather Lanigan also has this ability.)

As I mentioned earlier, the one thing that makes this free is that we have to use Google format for our data. So, instead of using Microsoft Word[®], we use Document[®]. Instead of Excel[®], we use Spreadsheet[®], etc. For the most part, these are similar enough to their Windows Office[®] counterparts that using the Google format should not be a problem. Also, everyone can use these instead of only those folk that have Windows Office[®].

So, let us all rise to the cloud. I look forward to receiving your requests.

Lion Steve



Passing the gavel: Beverly Nichols, MD-17 Past Council Chair, receives a souvenir leadership gavel from 2014-15 Council Chairperson **Jess Larison** (*Baxter Springs Lions Club*). She earlier had presented CC Jess with a gavel to use in presiding this year. The exchange took place at the first State Council meeting in McPherson on August 10.

Are you in the mood for a great steak with all the fixin's—and for a good time with lots of fun as well? Then



make your plans now to attend the **Topeka Sunflower Lions'** annual steak fry and auction at 6:30 PM on Thursday, October 2. It will be held at Reynolds Lodge, Tinman Circle, at Lake Shawnee in Topeka.

The menu features a Kansas City Strip Steak, baked potato, vegetables, salad, and dessert. **And it's only \$12 per person.**

Chef **Bobby Duvall** cooks your steak to order, and after dinner he usually acts as auctioneer. He does a great job in keeping things moving and entertaining the crowd. This is an event well worth attending.

Money raised from the auction goes into the Sunflower Lions' administrative fund. This is permissible because the event is for Lions and their guests and is not advertised to the general public.

Reservations are due by September 26. Call Lion Bobby at **785-608-1311** or e-mail him at **terrybobd@aol.com**.

Photo above from <http://www.minnetonkaps.org/>

Birthdays and Anniversaries

(September and early October)

Birthdays

September 2 Beverly Nichols
 September 5 Malvina Adams
 September 13 Gregg Collins
 September 25 Ciriaco Valdez
 October 10 Brian Nichols

Anniversaries

September 3 Wynn and Sherry Laird
 September 7 Lynn and Teresa Wolfe
 September 16 Earl and Mary McIntosh
 September 26 Mike and Bonnie Orzechowski

Treasurer's Reports for August 2014 General (Operating) Account

Income	
Member dues	\$ 285.00
Tail Twister	55.00
Meals	220.00
New member fee	<u>50.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 610.00
Expenses	
Room and meals, meetings	<u>479.01</u>
Total expenses	\$ 479.01
Net income (reduction) for month	130.99
Ending balance (General Account)	<u>\$ 4356.56</u>

Service (Project or Charity) Account

Income	
Metcalf Avenue of Flags	<u>1,400.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 1,400.00
Disbursements	
Flag expense	\$ 234.00
Eye exams and glasses	150.00
Scholarships	1,500.00
Books for children	<u>308.70</u>
Total disbursements	2,192.70
Net Income (or reduction) for month.....	(- 792.70)
Ending balance (Service Account)	<u>\$ 6,511.85</u>

Parallel lines have so much in common. It's too bad they'll never meet. Submitted by Heather Lanigan
 "Borrowed" from the Internet

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