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The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club
Overland Park, KS
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Great program lineup for October . . .

District Governor Greenwood to make official visit on Saturday; Dr. James Hinson, School Superintendent, to speak on October 25



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.

International President Joe Preston of Arizona has made “**Strengthen the Pride**” his theme for this year. DG Bev is an enthusiastic supporter of this theme and has emphasized it in speeches and items in the monthly newsletter.

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

2014 Downtown Overland Park Fall Festival . . .

Better weather results in bigger profits

Balmy fall weather and a very large crowd kept us busy all day Saturday, September 27 at the annual Downtown Overland Park Fall Festival. We sold out of chips, water and Sprite soft drink and had only small quantities of brats, hot dogs, and buns left.

Club Treasurer **Lynn Wolfe** reported a profit of over \$4,850 for this year’s efforts.

Steve Weinrich was overall chairperson for the food booth activity assisted by co-chair **Gregg Collins**.

Last year’s profit was about \$600. This figure does not include a small amount from later sales of brats and hot dogs. (See picture on next page.)

Dr. James Hinson, Superintendent of Shawnee Mission Public Schools since July 1, 2013, will speak at our meeting on October 25.



Dr. Hinson has served as an educator for nearly 30 years, 17 years of which have been spent as superintendent. Prior to coming to Shawnee Mission, he led the Independence School District for 11 years.

He has been recognized for implementing educational initiatives and organizational changes to meet the needs of an increasingly diverse student population.

Dr. Hinson is dedicated to engaging the community and creating creative partnerships with business and civic organizations.

The Shawnee Mission Board of Education this week voted to submit a proposal for a \$223 million bond issue for upgrades to existing facilities and for new schools, among other projects. A mail-in vote also will ask SMSD voters to maintain an increase in the Local Option Budget from 31% to 33% for 2015-16. Both votes are scheduled for January, 2015.

These and other topics make Dr. Hinson’s visit to our club especially timely.

Photo and some text from Shawnee Mission USD web site

IN MEMORIAM

Lion Benton M. “Ben” Starks

1923 – 2014

Overland Park Host Lions Club member since 1959



Above is typical activity around our food booth at the Downtown Overland Park Fall Festival on September 27. Beautiful weather and enthusiastic crowds throughout the day helped "stoke" our Activity Fund by almost \$5,000.

Program and Activity Schedule

- October 11** 7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins
Program: District Governor Beverly Greenwood, Official Visit
See article on next page
- October 25** 7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins
Speaker: Dr. James Hinson, Shawnee Mission Supt. of Schools
- October 24-26** MD-17 State Council Meeting
Best Western Hotel, McPherson, KS
- November 1** 7:30 AM, Board Meeting, Perkins
- November 1** 9:00 AM, District 17-A Cabinet Meeting
Elks Lodge Building, Junction City, KS
- NOTE: special District Convention same date and place**
- November 8** 7:30 AM, Regular Meetings, Perkins
Program to be announced
- November 11 (Tues.)** 6:00 AM, Flags up (for Veterans Day)
 3:00 PM, Flags down (sunset will be before 5:30)
- November 20** 6:30 PM, Zone Meeting, Perkins
Our club will "host" the meeting; details to be announced
- November 22** 7:30 AM, Regular meeting, Perkins
Program to be announced
- December 6** 7:30 AM, Board Meeting, Perkins
- December 13** 7:30 AM, "Breakfast with Santa"
Details will be forthcoming
- December 27** NO MEETING

2014 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum provides great insights for local clubs

Coca-Cola is the #1 recognized brand in the world. Do you know where your **Lions Clubs International** logo ranks among all the other well-known brands out there?



No. 8 (See more ideas from the Forum on page 3)

President's Message for October

by Teresa Wolfe

One of the primary reasons I chose to join the Lions Club as a member, after working on Lions Club projects alongside my Lion husband, Lynn, for more than 30 years was the accomplishment by the Overland Park Lions Club of a very diverse program of community service and club activity by a membership with very diverse attributes.



This diversity was certainly apparent at our recent Overland Park Fall Festival Brat and Hotdog Booth project. Under the direction of project chair Lion Steve Weinrich and co-chair Lion Gregg Collins, the various skills and abilities of our club's membership were assembled to create a most enjoyable and productive fund-raising activity.

Of course, great weather and a supportive public contributed to the success of the event.

New members and long-time members, younger and older, women and men, most of whom were physically able but some less physically able, all contributed in making this year's project a very memorable activity.

As with most group activities, however, there are always aspects that can be improved upon or changed as the needs, conditions, and situations demand. Although the characteristics of our club membership will likely change as time goes on (someone, unnecessarily, told me a long time ago that the only thing about life that never changes is change, itself), I don't expect that the needs our Lions Club attempts to meet in our community will diminish.

With the common goal of working together to serve our community, our diverse membership creates a most interesting, enjoyable and exciting Lions Club experience.

Big Lion Teresa

Sir Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, said, "*Lionism is not the best idea of the present; it is the most brilliant idea of all times.*"

Harry Truman, former president of the United States stated, "*In my lifetime I have known many great ideas, but none as great as this of Lionism.*"

Quoted in *Lions Club: The Great Idea of Melvin Jones*, by PID Zander Campos da Silva, Dog Ear Publishing, 2014.

Nuts to be sold as fund raiser by OP Host Lions again this year

The Board of Directors voted last week to continue the pecan (and other nuts) sales that we undertook last year. The nuts will again be purchased through the Leavenworth Lions Club so we can take advantage of quantity discounts and get free shipping.

Nuts to be purchased will be pecans, chocolate-covered pecans, cashews, and deluxe mixed nuts. The only type that did not sell really well last year was the mixed nuts. The order for those will be reduced this year.

Selling price will probably be the same as last year--\$9 per 12-ounce bag. The final decision on pricing will be announced soon.

An order will be placed with Leavenworth Lions in a few days and the shipment is expected to arrive in early November.

Start contacting friends, neighbors, business associates and others now to get advance orders.

More opportunities for food, fun, fellowship, and service

What other area clubs are doing

[KU Eye Center Lions Club](#)

"In Sight Out" Vision Awareness Picnic.

11 AM to 1 PM, Saturday, October 11 (*that's THIS week, Lions*)

Franklin Park in Prairie Village (*Roe Avenue and Somerset Drive*)

FREE and open to the public

FREE family fun with education and interactive activities

FREE screenings: Vision, hearing, blood sugar and blood pressure (*the Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit will be on site*)

[Leawood Lions Club](#)

Pancake Days, October 17, 18, and 19

Leawood City Hall (4800 Town Center Drive, just west of Roe Avenue)

[Olathe Lions Club](#)

Annual "All You Can Eat" Chili & Soup Supper
4 to 7 PM, Tuesday, October 28, 2014

Center of Grace, 520 South Harrison, Olathe
Adults, \$6; Children 6-12, \$4; Children 5 yrs and under, free)

Contact Lion Nancy Ellis at 913.908.8130 for advance tickets



100th Anniversary Promotion Logo

Lions Clubs International will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2017. In preparing for the big event, Lions will try to touch the lives of 25 million people around the world in each of four areas (*for a total of 100 million people served*):

engaging our youth (emphasized in August of each year);

sharing the vision (emphasized in October of each year);

relieving hunger (emphasized in December and January of each year); and

protecting our environment (emphasized in April of each year).

More from the USA/Canada Forum

The "Power of the Pride" (characteristics of effective teamwork):

- The team (club) is committed to its goals;
- Everyone has a role
- Open communications among members and between leaders and members;
- Everyone is involved, although leader has responsibility for making the final decision;
- Efficient use of ideas.



One "Uh-Oh" can wipe out a thousand "attaboys." (*Maintaining a positive image of the club and its members in the community is vitally important.*)

And there was a little humor, too: The four stages of life: You believe in Santa Claus; you don't believe in Santa Claus; you *ARE* Santa Claus; you look like Santa Claus.

We Serve . . .

OPHLC Members Help at Harvesters

Seven Host Lions Club members worked at Harvesters Food Bank in Kansas City on Tuesday, September 30 helping to fill food bags for needy school students. The bags are given to students on Friday afternoons to help "tide them over" weekends. For many it is the only food they'll have until Monday; and several no doubt share what little they have with other members of their families.

Dottie Bloome, Neal and Beverly Nichols, Mike and Margy Sundstrom, and Lynn and Teresa Wolfe made up our work team.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

(October and early November)

Birthdays

October 10 Brian Nichols
 October 26 Linda Larson
 October 30 Bonnie Orzechowski
 November 5 Terry Frederick
 November 15 Jason Tyrer

Anniversaries

October 15 Neal and Beverly Nichols
 November 2 Steve and Grace Weinrich
 November 13 Chris and Deanna Pucci

Treasurer's Reports for September 2014

General (Operating) Account

Income		
Tail Twister	24.00	
Meals	<u>33.00</u>	
Total Income		\$ 57.00
Expenses		
Room and meals, meetings	179.00	
LCI new member fee	42.92	
OP Chamber of Commerce	400.00	
Kansas incorporation filing fee	40.00	
Club name badges	64.05	
General supplies	26.20	
Lion paperweights for speakers	204.00	
Freight expense	17.95	
Total expenses		974.12
Net income (reduction) for month		(-917.12)
Ending balance (General Account)		<u>\$ 3,439.44</u>

Service (Project or Charity) Account

Income		
Overland Park Fall Festival	7,551.50	
Nut sales	<u>85.00</u>	
Total Income		\$ 7,636.50
Disbursements		
OP Fall Festival	\$ 2,697.83	
Pasta Supper	600.00	
Eye exams and glasses	<u>100.00</u>	
Total disbursements		3,397.83
Net Income (or reduction) for month.....		4,238.67
Ending balance (Service Account)		<u>\$ 10,750.52</u>

OP Host Lions provides more books for pre-school children of inner city



A pre-schooler at El Centro Academy in Kansas City, Kansas is engrossed in the free book he received from OPHLC members in September.

Overland Park Host Lions Club members **Teresa Wolfe, Angelica Rodriguez-Gunion, Heather Lanigan, and Beverly Nichols** distributed books to pre-school children at El Centro Academy in Kansas City, Kansas on September 30.

For some of the children, these are the only books of their own they've ever had.

Over 150 books, purchased with funds from our club's Service Account, were given out. The books are provided almost for free from **First Book**—our obligation is to pay only the shipping cost.

First Book obtains publishers' overruns, returned stock, and the like and makes them available to non-profit organizations. The attractive pricing makes it possible for us to continue participating in the **Lions Clubs International Reading Action Program**.

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