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The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club
Overland Park, KS
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Lots of nuts still on hand; PLEASE! Take some and sell



A good supply of pecans and cashews still remains to be sold. The 12-ounce packages go for \$9 (or more, if you can get it).

A few walnuts, mixed nuts and chocolate-covered pecans are left; these, too, are in 12-ounce packages and sell for \$9.

This project was intended to be a major fund raiser to help cover our commitment to the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation. It has replaced the Candy Day effort of past years.

If this effort is to be successful, all our members need to pitch in and sell at least a few bags.

A note to all the local friends of our club who read this newsletter and our Club Branch members: if you'd like to buy a bag or more of these delicious fresh nut variety, please call Ye Olde Editor at 913-642-7520 and we'll get some to you.

Two more informative programs on this month's meetings schedule

If you've been staying away from club meetings because you think they're long and boring, this month's line-up of programs should dispel that thought. **Lion Steve Weinrich** continues the great job he's done in scheduling interesting, knowledgeable speakers.

This week our speaker will be **Debra Ryder**, director of education at the Kansas City Zoo. She will discuss various programs available at the zoo for all age groups.

On Saturday, January 24, **Lion Dr. Kinsey Honeyman**, a corneal and contact management optometrist will speak. (She is a member of the Shawnee Lions Club). She practices at Highpoint Family Vision in Overland Park. Dr. Honeyman graduated from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tennessee. Her interests include pediatric and family eye care, contact lenses, and treatment of ocular disease. She is licensed to treat a number of eye diseases and problems including glaucoma, cataracts, macular degeneration, and eye allergies, among others.

Service Opportunity . . .

Honor Melvin Jones' Birthday— Work at Harvesters January 13

Lions around the globe will be celebrating Melvin Jones' 136th birthday with a world-wide day of service next Tuesday.

Kansas Lions in the metropolitan will gather at Harvesters, 3801 Topping Avenue, at

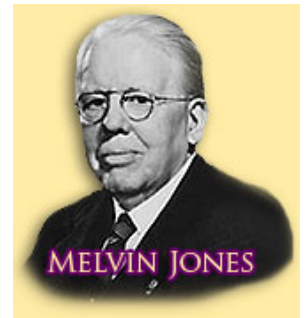
5:30 PM, to honor Jones' memory through service. We never know what our assignment will be, but whatever it is, we'll be participating in work that will help feed the hungry.

Your help is needed. Sign up at the club meeting on Saturday.

Feeding the hungry is one of four on-going service initiatives of Lions Clubs International. The other three are serving children and youth, conserving sight, and protecting the environment. A couple of other initiatives are underway: fighting illiteracy (a 10-year program) and working to eliminate measles. For more complete information go to www.lionsclubs.org and click on the "Our Foundation" button.

Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International was born at Fort Thomas, Arizona on January 13, 1879, the son on a United States Army captain. He settled in Chicago and entered the insurance business.

One of his most memorable quotes was, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else." He died June 1, 1961 at 82 years of age.



Shoebboxes for Soldiers—March 14

This year's **Shoebboxes for Soldiers** work day will be on Saturday, March 14 and will replace the regular meeting. We will meet in the Legacy Christian Church basement at 8 AM instead of at Perkins at 7:30.

A bunch of kids celebrate another fun-filled "Breakfast With Santa"



About a "baker's dozen" children ranging from infancy to teen-age gathered around Santa Claus at the club meeting on December 13. Each youngster received a gift from the jolly old man.

Angie Gunion, one of our newer members, and her husband, **Kyle**, helped fill the room by bringing their seven children.

Not only young, but young-at-heart get in on the fun with Santa Claus



Big Lion Teresa Wolfe and **Lions Margy Sundstrom** and **Tyler Nigus** enjoy time on Santa's lap as does **Andrea**, our dependable and efficient server.

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Major club business on the horizon . . .

Board of Directors considers new constitution for OPHLC; club members to vote on it

The Board of Directors will consider a final draft of a proposed new Constitution and By-Laws for our club at its February meeting. The new document will be based on the Lions Clubs International *Standard Form Club Constitution and By-Laws*. Some changes have been made to reflect this club's situation and practices.

From time to time during the past several months, the Board has reviewed preliminary drafts and done quite a bit of "tweaking." When the final draft is approved, the Board will submit the completed document to all club members.

The Board will set a date for club members to vote on accepting it. The vote will probably be at a regular club meeting, but a final decision will be made when the document is ready for adoption.

The proposed effective date is July 1, 2015 or 30 days after ratification by members, whichever comes later.

The new Constitution and By-Laws will add a more-formal structure to the club by consolidating the existing patchwork of by-laws which have been in existence for several years.

Special convention to be held on January 17 at Mid-Winter Rally to consider endorsing ID candidate

A special convention of Kansas Lions Clubs delegates has been called for Saturday, January 17 (during the Mid-Winter Rally) for the purpose of considering the endorsement of a Kansas candidate for International Director (ID).

Past Council Chairperson Bill Phillipi of Marysville was endorsed by District 17-A delegates at a special District Convention in Junction City in October. His nomination now moves to the state (multiple district) level. If he is endorsed next week, Bill will stand for election at the International Convention in Hawaii next summer.

Our club is entitled to five delegates in addition to two Past District Governors (**Neal and Beverly Nichols**) and a Past International Director (**Bob Tonjes**). If you are interested in being a delegate, contact **Big Lion Teresa Wolfe** to let her know.

Happy New Year
2015

Birthdays and Anniversaries

(January and early February)

Birthdays

January 14	Mike Sundstrom
January 27	Dale Warden
February 4	Neal Nichols
February 8	Bob Larson
February 11	Earl McIntosh
February 12	Lawrence Reh
February 12	Tyler Nigus
February 24	Steve Weinrich

Anniversaries

February 19	Christine and Brian Nichols
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Program and Activity Schedule

January 10	7:30 AM, Regular Meetings, Perkins <i>Program: Kansas City Zoo, Debra Ryder, speaker</i>
January 13	5:30 PM, Harvesters Work Day <i>3801 Topping, Kansas City, MO</i>
January 16-18	KS Lions Mid-Winter Rally <i>Salina Ambassador Inn (formerly The Ramada), Salina, KS Special Convention, Saturday, January 17, same place</i>
January 24	7:30 AM, Regular meeting, Perkins <i>Program: Dr. Kinsey Honeyman, O. D., speaker</i>
Plan Ahead . . .	
Saturday, April 11	Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction <i>Details to be forthcoming. We all need to sell tickets</i>

More Breakfast With Santa Photos



Alina Gunion, daughter of **Lion Angie Gunion**, was all smiles after she received her gift from Santa

For the record, there was no December 2014 issue of the *Lions' Roar*. But no one even mentioned it to *Ye Olde Editor*, which makes him wonder: Does anyone even read this paper?

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

Income	
Member dues	\$ 150.00
New member fees	50.00
Tail Twister	49.00
Meals	<u>170.50</u>
Total Income	\$ 419.50
Expenses	
Room and meals, meetings	\$ 343.90
Santa Claus honorarium	50.00
Paper, envelopes, printing	49.00
Total expenses	442.90
Net income (reduction) for month	(- 23.40)
Ending balance, Jan. 3 (General Account)	<u>\$ 4,960.57</u>

Service (Charity or Project) Account

Income	
Nut sales	<u>108.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 108.00
Disbursements	
None	
Net Income (or reduction) for month	108.00
Ending balance, Jan. 3 (Service Account)	<u>\$ 9589.13</u>



Milo Olinger, son of new member **Zack Olinger**, must have sung "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas, lend your ear this way." Santa is really paying attention to the "want list" Milo recited to him.

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