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# The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club  
Overland Park, KS  
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## Ratification meeting on March 14 New constitution for OPHLC ready for club-member vote

The Board of Directors approved a final draft of a new Constitution and By-Laws (C&BL) for our club at its February 7 meeting. The new document is based on the Lions Clubs International *Standard Form Club Constitution and By-Laws*, with some changes made to reflect this club's situation and practices.



Copies of the new document will be distributed at Saturday's club meeting; members not present will receive copies through the US Postal Service.

A vote on ratifying the C&BL will be held at the regular meeting on March 14. A two-thirds affirmative vote by those present and voting is required for adoption.

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends that club members vote to adopt the new constitution. It will consolidate the existing patchwork of by-laws and strengthen the overall structure of the club.

If ratified, the new C&BL document will become effective on July 1, 2015.

## Shoeboxes for Soldiers—March 28

This year's **Shoeboxes for Soldiers** work day will be on Saturday, March 28 and will replace the regular meeting. We will meet in the basement of Legacy Christian Church, 10150 Antioch Road in Overland Park, at 8 AM instead of at Perkins at 7:30. A continental breakfast will be available. **Note the date change—March 28, not March 14 as previously announced—and also the time change, 8:00 AM instead of the usual 7:15 (set-up will begin about 7 or so.**

If you have items to donate, please try to get them to **Lion Mae Claxton** by March 21.

## February program schedule will Feature Heart to Heart International and Johnson County Library

Our speaker this Saturday will be **Sheryl Foreman** from Heart to Heart International (HHI). She will describe the activities and programs of this humanitarian-service organization. Our club has been a Heart to Heart partner in the past, helping prepare small disaster-relief packages for shipment to areas of severe need. HHI's office is located at 13250 West 98th Street, Lenexa, KS 66215. HHI is a charity accredited by the Better Business Bureau and has a very high Charity Navigator rating.



On February 28, we will hear about the Johnson County Public Library system. Our guest will be **Christopher Leitch**. The Central Library building has recently undergone major renovations. We will probably hear about those as well as the many other programs and services the library system offers.

The library system has been in existence since 1911, and has shown consistent and serve ever since.



The library's mission is to provide you with courteous, knowledgeable, and efficient service and access to a broad diversity of information through resources and programs.

Again, Ye Olde Editor asks, with programs such as these at nearly every regular meeting, why would you want to miss?

*Fund-raising activity coming up . . .*

## Pasta supper and auctions to be held Saturday, April 11

Our annual Pasta Supper and Auction (Silent and possibly a live one, too) is scheduled for Saturday evening, April 11, at the **AMP Event Center, 10615 Floyd, Overland Park** (behind Hooter's on Metcalf).

Tickets will be available at Saturday's meeting and all members should take some to sell. Another way to help is to solicit items for the auction(s).

Lion Carole Collyard is chair of this year's event.

## President's Message for November

by Teresa Wolfe

### Serving Each Other to Serve Others

I consider it an honor to have been asked by our club's Nominating Committee and elected by you, the members, to serve as "Big Lion" of the Overland Park Host Lions Club. Since I don't feel particularly comfortable in presiding at meetings, I'm not so sure I consider it a privilege for me. I do, however, consider it privilege to participate with all you wonderful Lions and to work toward the purposes of this Club, as defined by our club's Constitution and By-Laws. You soon will have the opportunity review these as we present the proposed revisions of the C&BL to the club.



In the next few weeks, our Nominating Committee—comprised of Lions Lynn Wolfe, Carole Collyard and Dottie Bloom—will submit names of candidates for Club offices to the Club at the nomination meeting in March. An Election Meeting will be held in April for officers who will begin serving on July 1st. Nominations may be made from the floor at the Nomination Meeting. However, no nominations may be made from the floor at the Election Meeting. Nine offices of the fourteen-member Board of Directors (plus one Membership Committee member) will be fill at election time. The nine are President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Lion Tamer, Tail Twister, 2 Directors (for 2015-17), and Membership Committee Member (2015-18). If you have a particular interest in serving the club in any of these offices, please let me or a member of the Nominating Committee know. If, however, you don't openly express a particular interest, I hope that you will realize the importance of good leaders in our club and respect the judgment of our Nominating Committee if you are called upon to serve in one of these leadership positions. Although you might not feel that you will be able to adequately perform the duties and responsibilities of a particular office, I am sure that you will feel, as I have, more comfortable in knowing that fellow Lions will support you any way they can.

In preparation for 2015-16, our incoming president—Lion Steve Weinrich—will be establishing the committees and naming their members and chairpersons. If you are interested in serving as a member or chairperson of one or more committees, please let me or incoming "Big Lion" Steve know. Club members are quite generous in volunteering to do whatever needs to be done. Direction of activities is generally quite informal, but it is always helpful to have a committee of Lions who can focus our club's

efforts and answer questions about our club's operations and services. Serving as a committee member helps prepare you for future leadership roles as a committee chairperson or officer of the club.

You will find a list of the committees with their current chairpersons and members noted elsewhere in this newsletter. I hope that you will take a moment to look over the list and find two or three particular areas of service where you would like to direct your talents.

Finally, remember APRIL 11th—our annual Pasta Dinner/Silent Auction!!! Help is needed from now until then in preparing and acquiring auction items. Contact Mae Claxton or Carole Collyard if you have any questions about how you can help.

*Big Lion Teresa*



Our speaker on January 25 was **Debra Ryder**, director of education at the Kansas City Zoo. She told about a new orangutan exhibit that will be opening in late May. Part of her presentation focused on the possible extinction of orangutans in Sumatra and Borneo due to the destruction of their native forest habitats. Residents of the two islands are cutting away traditional forests and replacing them with trees that produce palm oil, a major money crop. Mrs. Ryder is a former teacher at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, among other careers

Above, she describes the layout of the new exhibit, including a waterless moat. The moat is designed in a way to allow zoo guests to see a realistic setting for the orangutans. At the same time, the moat's very slick surfaces will keep the "escape artists," as Mrs. Ryder called them, from getting out of their assigned area. *(Photo by Lion Mike Orzechowski)*

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

*(late February and early March)*

### Birthdays

February 24 ..... Steve Weinrich  
 March 5 ..... Candy Merrill (*OP Hospitality Club Branch*)

### Anniversaries

March 14 ..... Ken and Carole Collyard  
 March 15 ..... Bryan and Heather Lanigan

From "The World's Easiest Quiz":

**Which country makes Panama hats?  
Where are Chinese gooseberries from?**

**OPH Lions Club Members and Hospitality Club Branch Members:** E-mail answers to *Ye Olde Editor* on or before February 21 and your name will be entered into a drawing for a free breakfast at a February or March meeting. Winner announced on February 28.

**Treasurer's Reports for January 2014  
General (Operating) Account**

<b>Income</b>	
Member dues .....	\$ 285.00
Tail Twister .....	38.00
Meals .....	<u>616.00</u>
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 939.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
LCI Semi-annual dues .....	\$ 1,032.00
LCI New-member fee .....	53.67
Room and meals, meetings .....	380.00
"Just Ask" expenses .....	417.40
Gift to newly chartered club .....	50.00
<b>Total expenses .....</b>	<b>1,933.07</b>
<b>Net income (reduction) for month .....</b>	<b>( - 994.07)</b>
<b>Ending balance, Feb. 7 (General Account) ....</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,966.50</u></b>

**Service (Charity or Project) Account**

<b>Income</b>	
Nut sales .....	<u>594.00</u>
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 594.00</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Pasta Supper Expenses .....	79.13
Vitamins for Guatemalan Children .....	100.00
<b>Total expenses .....</b>	<b><u>179.13</u></b>
<b>Net Income (or reduction) for month .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 414.87</u></b>
<b>Ending balance, Feb. 7 (Service Account) ....</b>	<b><u>\$ 10,004.00</u></b>

**Program and Activity Schedule**

- February 14 ..... 7:15 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins  
*Program: Heart to Heart Int'l, Sheryl Foreman, speaker*
  - February 20, 21 ..... District 17-A Convention  
*Four Points by Sheraton hotel, Manhattan, KS*
  - Tuesday, February 24 ..... 6:45 PM, Zone Meeting,  
*Timber Creek Bar and Grill, 12 E. Amity St., Louisburg, KS*
  - February 28 ..... 7:15 AM, Regular meeting, Perkins  
*Program: JoCo Library, Christopher Leitch, speaker*
  - March 7..... 7:30 AM, Board Meeting, Perkins  
*Come earlier to have breakfast before business session*
  - Sunday, March 8 ..... Audio-Reader Reception  
*1120 West 11th St., Lawrence, KS (KU Campus)  
12:30 to 2:30 PM*
  - March 14 ..... 7:15 AM, Regular Meeting  
*Program to be announced*
  - March 28 ..... 8:00 AM (Note time change)  
*Pack Shoeboxes for Soldiers  
Legacy Christian Church, 10150 Antioch Road*
- Also in March: **Nominations for 2015-16 club officers  
Plan Ahead**
- Saturday, April 11 ..... Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction  
Details to be forthcoming. We all need to sell tickets
- Also in April ..... **Election of 2015-16 club officers**



*Dr. Kinsey Honeyman was speaker at the regular meeting of January 11. She related her experiences while on mission trips to South and Central America with VOSH (Volunteer Optometrists in Service to Humanity) and Student-VOSH members. Dr. Honeyman is a corneal and contact management optometrist with an office in Shawnee. She is also **LION Dr. Honeyman**, a member of the Shawnee Lions Club. Her presentation featured PowerPoint slides, one of which remained on the screen when she received her souvenir paperweight Lion from **Big Lion Teresa Wolfe**. (Photo by Ye Olde Editor)*

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Lion Dale "Pidge" Warden**

**1923 – 2015**

*Overland Park Host Lions Club member since 1990  
(Transferred in)*

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## Overland Park Host Lions Club Committees (2014-15)

*Note: All committees are appointed by the President except the Membership Committee, which is elected by the club membership. All club members share the responsibility to recruit new members.*

- Administrative Committees** ..... (Under direction of the President, Teresa Wolfe)
- Calling & Cares ..... *Dottie Bloome (Chair) Teresa Wolfe, and Edson Parker*
- Constitution & By-Laws ..... *Neal Nichols (Chair) and Steve Weinrich*
- Historian ..... *Dottie Bloom (Chair), Mae Claxton, Lynn Wolfe, and Teresa Wolfe*
- LCIF ..... *Carole Collyard (Chair)*
- Newsletter ..... *Neal Nichols (Editor) and Mike Orzechowski*
- Nominations & Elections ..... *Lynn Wolfe (Chair), Carole Collyard, and Dottie Bloome*
- Programs ..... *Steve Weinrich (Chair), Kim Morrow, and Carole Collyard*
- Public Relations & Social Media:  
*Steve Weinrich (Chair), Heather Lanigan, Kim Morrow, and Neal Nichols*
- Visitations ..... *Neal Nichols (Chair) and Beverly Nichols*
- Website Maintenance ..... *Grant Rogers (Chair) and Heather Lanigan*
- Directory ..... *Grant Rogers (Chair), Lynn Wolfe, and Teresa Wolfe*
- Finance and Fund-Raising Committees** ..... Under direction of the 1st Vice President, Steve Weinrich)
- Budget & Finance:  
*Lynn Wolfe (Chair), Carole Collyard, Steve Weinrich, Mike Orzechowski, and Teresa Wolfe*
- Avenues of Flags ..... *Lynn Wolfe (Chair), Mike Orzechowski, Ciriaco Valdez, and John Trinkl*
- Overland Park Fall Festival:  
*Steve Weinrich and Gregg Collins (Co-Chairs), Lynn Wolfe, Ken Collyard, Ciriaco Valdez, Grant Rogers, Bob Larson, and Tyler Nigus*
- Pasta Dinner & Silent Auction:  
*Mae Claxton and Carole Collyard (Co-Chairs), Dottie Bloome, Teresa Wolfe, Beverly Nichols, Grace Weinrich, and Christina Valdez*
- Salvation Army ..... *Neal Nichols (Chair)*
- Service Committees** ..... (Under direction of the 2nd Vice President, Mike Orzechowski)
- Eye Exams & Eyeglasses ..... *Janette Reh (Chair), Beverly Nichols, and Lynn Wolfe*
- Kansas State & Int'l Bands ..... *Edson Parker (Chair), Grace Weinrich, and Mike Orzechowski*
- Peace Poster Contest ..... *Carole Collyard (Chair) and Ciriaco Valdez*
- Reading Action Program ..... *Beverly Nichols (Chair) and Christina Valdez*
- Scholarships ..... *Beverly Nichols (Chair) and Rosa Detrixhe*
- Shoebboxes for Soldiers *Mae Claxton (Chair), Beverly Nichols, Carole Collyard and Dottie Bloome*
- Membership Committee** ..... *Beverly Nichols (Chair), Heather Lanigan (Vice Chair), and Tyler Nigus*



"Everyone here? Good. Meeting topic: Setting world record for shortest meeting. All in favor say aye. Ayes have it. Meeting over."

(Cartoon is "borrowed" from the Internet)