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# The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club  
Overland Park, KS  
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## Important reminders of March and April events

### Club members to vote on new Constitution, By-Laws on March 14

Copies of the new club Constitution and By-Laws have been distributed at the last two meetings or by mail to absentee members.

A vote on ratifying the new 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 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.

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.

### Plenty of pecans left to be sold; Have you done your share?

Two full cases of pecans (64 bags) plus lesser amounts of other varieties are still available for club members to sell. They are priced at \$9 per bag.

Two big selling points are that they are less-expensive than those sold in stores and they are from this year's Georgia crop, not a year old as in stores.

If you think you can help sell some of these, contact **Lion Neal Nichols** at 642-7520 or by e-mail at [pdgneal0708@aol.com](mailto:pdgneal0708@aol.com) to let him know how many bags you'll take.

This project was intended to be a major fund raiser, replacing the former Candy Days. Profits will help us fulfill our budget commitment to the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation and KU Eye Clinic.

### 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.

*Fund-raising activity coming up . . .*

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

Our annual **Pasta Supper and Auction** (both live and silent) 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. **Lion Phil Detrixhe** will once again be our "live" auctioneer.

This notice was included in last month's *Roar*:

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.

**The results?** We ran out of time at the last meeting before we could announce the winner. The drawing was easy—there was only *ONE* entry. Congratulations to **Lion Winn Laird**, who not only submitted answers but got them both correct. Panama hats are made in Ecuador and Chinese gooseberries now come from New Zealand.

## President's Message for March

by Teresa Wolfe

### "It's Time To Plant"

The snow is melting and things are heating up for the Overland Park Host Lions. It's time to plant. In less than three weeks (March 28), we will be packaging and shipping items for our Shoeboxes for Soldiers project. This project requires about 5% of the money and about 10% of the volunteer hours members of our club expend during the year.



Just 2 weeks later (April 11), we will be presenting one of our four major fund-raising projects, the Pasta Supper and Silent Auction. Our members began preparing for this project weeks ago. But there is still much to be done. Auction items are needed, tickets for the Pasta Dinner must be sold/purchased, and friends, family and acquaintances need to be invited to attend the supper. Most important is the silent auction. We will raise about 15% of our monies and expend about the same level of our club's volunteer efforts presenting the Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction.

And then in another five weeks (May 16), we will begin posting nearly 500 American flags along Metcalf Avenue and in downtown Overland Park on six separate national holidays (Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day weekend, Flag Day, Independence Day weekend, Labor Day weekend, and Veterans Day). Preparations for this begin well before May 16. Again, about 5% of the monies we raise will be spent presenting the flags, but (thanks to our flag sponsors) the project raises about 45% of our club's service budget. Volunteer hours for this project amount to about 50% of all our activity.

As the summer wanes, preparation will begin for the Fall Festival Brats and Hot Dogs booth on September 26. About 30% of our total funds raised result from this project and require about 20% of our volunteer hours. Also, there are plenty of bags of pecans, walnuts, and cashews remaining to be sold/bought. We need to complete our nut sales that began in November. This project will raise about 10% of our total annual funds, but requires only about 5% of our total volunteer work effort.

As always, it's going to be a busy "next few months". Make sure you include these events in your planning! (Next month we'll take a look at the "fruits of this labor").

*Big Lion Teresa*

**What's the difference between a jeweler and a jailor?**

**Send your answer to Ye Olde Editor and get a chance of a free breakfast.**



**Christopher Leitch**, who is the Community Relations Coordinator for the Johnson County Library system, was guest speaker at the meeting of February 28. His talk focused on the long-range plans of the library, with special emphasis on the upgrading and renovations being made at the Central Resource Library at 87th and Farley in Overland Park.

*Photos above and below by Mike Orzechowski*



On February 14, we heard from **Sheryl Foreman**, Volunteer Speaker's Bureau coordinator for Heart to Heart International (HTH). She explained some of the history of HTH. It was started by a doctor in Olathe and for many years was headquartered there with a warehouse in Kansas City, Kansas. Its operations are now consolidated into a single location on West 95th Street in Lenexa.

Ms. Foreman's presentation included an extensive review of how HTH volunteers worked in Africa to bring relief to areas hit by the recent Ebola epidemic.

### Next Week's Program (March 14)

**Lion Kim Morrow** announces that our speaker will be May Christensen, representing the Master Gardeners organization in the Kansas City area.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

(March and April)

### Birthdays

March 5 ..... Candy Merrill (OP Hospitality Club Branch)  
 April 2 ..... Edson Parker  
 April 14 ..... Joy Tyrer

### Anniversaries

March 14 ..... Ken and Carole Collyard  
 March 15 ..... Bryan and Heather Lanigan  
 April 6 ..... Edson and Dolores Parker  
 April 12 ..... Janette and Lawrence Reh

### Treasurer's Reports for February 2014 General (Operating) Account

<b>Income</b>	
Member dues .....	\$ 105.00
Tail Twister .....	33.00
Meals .....	<u>99.00</u>
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 237.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
MD-17 Semi-annual dues .....	\$ 450.50
Dist. 17-Semi-annual dues .....	100.00
Room and meals, meetings ....	349.00
Breakfast with Santa expense .	63.00
<b>Total expenses .....</b>	<b>962.50</b>
<b>Net income (reduction) for month .....</b>	<b>( - 725.50)</b>
<b>Ending balance, March 1 (General Account) .</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,241.00</u></b>

### Service (Charity or Project) Account

<b>Income</b>	
Nut sales .....	129.00
Shoebboxes for Soldiers donation .....	80.00
Refund, Vitamins for Children .....	14.16
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 223.16</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Pasta Supper Expenses .....	\$ 87.89
Student-VOSH mission .....	50.00
Books for Children project .....	10.00
Boy Scout Troop #425 .....	500.00
Eye exams and glasses .....	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total expenses .....</b>	<b>757.89</b>
<b>Net Income (or reduction) for month ..</b>	<b>\$ (- 534.73)</b>
<b>Ending balance, Feb. 7 (Service Account) .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 9,469.27</u></b>

### Program and Activity Schedule

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 at Perkins  
*Speaker: May Christensen, Master Gardener*

March 28 ..... 8:00 AM (Note time and place change)  
*Pack Shoebboxes for Soldiers*  
 Legacy Christian Church, 10150 Antioch Road

Also this month: **Nominations for 2015-16 club officers**

Plan Ahead

April 11 ..... 7:15 AM, Regular Meeting at Perkins  
*Election of 2015-16 club officers*

Saturday, April 11 ..... Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction

### Our "Designing Ladies," (with one man), do it again—another winning entry



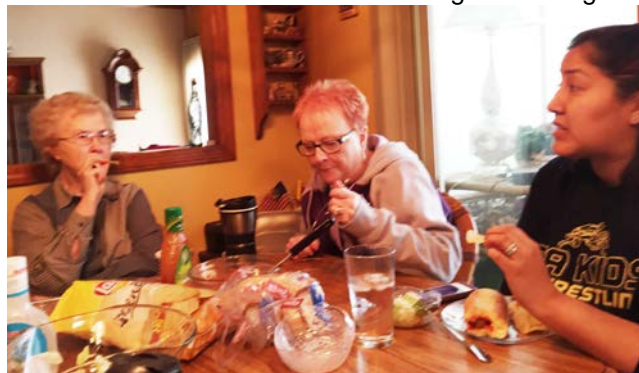
It seems like award-winning theme baskets are becoming a tradition in for our Lions Club. Last month at the District Convention, our "Designing Ladies," with a little help from **Lion Mike Sundstrom**, created two theme baskets—one was in the "Groundhog Day" category; the other was in the Valentine's Day contest.

The "designing ladies" were **Lions Dottie Bloome, Mae Claxton, Carole Collyard, and Margy Sundstrom**.

Delegates to the convention voted for best entries in three different categories. Our creative group came home with a box of candy to share at last week's meeting. The Groundhog Day basket is shown above.

*Photos by Carole Collyard*

A Lions ladies work team has prepared and frozen meatballs to be served at next month's Pasta Supper. **Lions Beverly, Margy, and Angelique** are shown partaking of some of the "meat" of their labors. They gathered at Lion Mae Claxton's home for the cooking and eating.



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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*



(Cartoon is "borrowed" from the Internet)