



February, 2007

# The Lions' Roar



We've Sponsored The  
Metcalf Avenue of Flags  
for 40 years!

Overland Park Host Lions Club  
Overland Park, Kansas

Lionism's 90th Year

2006-2007

Our 50th Year

WE SERVE

## Directors Decide To Put Deanna Rose Farmstead "Partnership" On Hold

### Don't Forget Heart to Heart Care-Kit Project!

For **February**: bring a travel-size bottle of shampoo.

If you need to catch up for the December or January meetings, bring 10 Band-Aids® or similar adhesive bandages (3/4" width) and a wide-tooth comb (preferably in original wrapper).

Tail Twister Lion Ron Bloome will gently remind you, should you forget.

We're gathering materials to make disaster-relief packages—"Care Kits"—to donate to Heart to Heart International (which is headquartered right here in Johnson County.) It isn't too late to make up for the earlier meetings. The year-long project includes the following items:

**July**: two one-gallon Zip-Loc bags.

**August**: a new wash cloth.

**September**: a new hand towel.

**October**: a travel-size bar of soap.

**November**: one plastic travel size soap dish.

**December**: ten Band-Aids (3/4" width).

**January**: one wide-tooth comb.

**February**: one small bottle of shampoo.

**March**: one new, individually wrapped toothbrush.

**April**: one travel-size tube of toothpaste

**May**: one crisp new one-dollar bill (to offset shipping costs).

A "work party" will be scheduled for June, at which time the bags will be assembled for sending to the Heart to Heart warehouse in Kansas City, Kansas.

If every Overland Park Host Lion provides material for one "Care Kit," we'd be able to send over 40 to Heart to Heart. When the next disaster strikes – anywhere – we would have helped more than forty individuals get emergency relief items immediately! Everyone, please do your part!

### Raffle Ticket Sales Help Anniversary Fund; Slight Change in Prices Brings Increase

Raffle ticket sales during visitations to other Lions clubs, at the Kansas Lions Mid-Winter Rally, and at the recent District K7 Cabinet meeting have increased the 50th-Anniversary Celebration fund by a significant amount.

Tickets sell for \$2 each or six for \$10. Thanks to a suggestion by Past International Director Ernie Young at the Mid-Winter Rally, a slight change in pricing resulted in an increase of sales there.

So . . . Host Lions Club members: if you still have tickets to sell, try the three-for-five-dollars approach along with the \$2 each and six-for-ten-dollars as originally publicized.

As a reminder, here are the prizes to be awarded at the Anniversary Banquet:

**Grand Prize**: Free night's lodging, 4 Water-Park passes, and a \$317 gift card to the Great Wolf Lodge, Kansas City, Kansas.

**First Prize**: Stainless steel, propane-fired outdoor bar-b-que grill (\$315 value), courtesy of Wal-Mart, 119th and Metcalf.

**Second Prize**: 20" Motorola color TV set with remote control.

**Third Prize**: A "priceless" lap quilt with Lion and sunflower theme, hand-sewn by Lion Mae Claxton.

**Fourth Prize**: Two pillows in Lion-theme material, hand-made by Lion Mae.

**Fifth and sixth prizes**: two nature-scene photographs, mounted on foam core board, ready for framing (donated by Bruce Nichols).

The Board of Directors of our club has decided not to participate at this time in a fund-raising opportunity proposed by the Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead. Board members were concerned about the number of days involved, the number of man-hours required, and possible conflicts with other club activities already scheduled through the next several months.

Details of the proposal were included in the January Roar and discussed thoroughly at both the January and February board meetings.

The proposal can be discussed at a later date if some of the Board's concerns can be resolved; one way to do this is to recruit new members who could fulfill some of the tasks involved.

### Big Lion's Message for February . . .

Fellow Lions,

This year's Kansas Lions Mid-Winter Rally was a challenge for our district's Lions because of the weather! Still, we had a good turn-out and I found the seminars very informative and entertaining.

Lion John Daum, Past International Director from Spearfish, South Dakota, was the guest speaker. He was outstanding in his "Leadership" seminar.

We learned that the Wellington Lions Club raised \$35,000 in just 30 hours over one week-end. Their activities had something—including a lot of fun—for everyone. There were 75-year-old ladies jumping out of airplanes, other participants riding the wind currents with parachutes and hot-air balloons, free carnival rides for young and old alike, magic shows, all kinds of games, parades, and even a group of Red Baron bi-planes filling the sky with aerial acrobatics and music from a variety of bands.

Lion Bryce Day, President of the Wellington Club (and self-appointed cheerleader of the Mid-Winter Rally!), told how that club at one point had only 16 members with an average age in the 70s. Today they have over 60 members and the average age is about 45.

I'm going to ask Lions Stoney and "Zero" to come up with a formula for a "find-a-new-member" pill for all of us Overland Park Host Lions to take.

I haven't asked the Board of Directors, but I'll bet I could get them to agree to allow a free month's dues for every continuing member (staying at least a year and a day), each of you brings in!

I'm sure I could get this across because they're half asleep at the Board meetings anyhow!

—Big Lion Ken

### Program For Saturday's Meeting . . .

#### So You Think You Know Kansas Place Names?

There has a bit of confusion in the last couple of days about Saturday's program but the latest word that *Ye Olde Interim Editor* has is that *there will not be* a retired FBI agent as speaker. We still hope that such a program will materialize, but if not . . .

Be prepared for a quiz on Kansas place names. You'll be given a list of about 60 definitions . . . you guess the town or place that best fits the definition.

## Stark(s) Reality

by Lion Ben Starks

Here we are, yet again! Although these thoughts will be published later, I'm writing them at the start of a brand New Year, all shiny, new and unused. This one is different, however. You ask, "How?" Well, I'll tell you.

This year will draw to a close a half century of community service by the Overland Park Host Lions Club! "A great time of celebration?" you say. *Absolutely!*

But this is also a time for evaluation. What have we done right? What could we have done better? Where do we go from here? Have we peaked out? Are we on a downhill slide to oblivion? How say you?

Our anniversary celebration is drawing near. Are we going to sit back, reflect on our past and congratulate ourselves on our many achievements? By all means, a resounding YES! But these reflections should serve only an inspiration and an impetus to the beginning of the next fifty years. What do we want to achieve? How do we reach out to our young people? What is to be our motivation? Our basic foundation is TO SERVE!

But how best to serve? These are but some of the questions we should take to heart as we anticipate our club's future.

*Mark Your Calendars Now . . . Save Room for Work Days, Too!*

### 2007 Metcalf Avenue of Flags Schedule Set

Lion Art Meganck has announced the Flag Day schedule for 2007. The usual eight holiday observance are included.

Work days in advance of the Flag raisings will be announced in the early Spring. These are days when we get together to ensure that curb markings are freshly painted, that badly-worn Flags and/or poles are replaced, that any damaged or missing "sleeves" are replaced, and that a good supply of corks are painted and greased.

The Flag program is a civic and patriotic gesture, but more than that it is the major fund-raising effort of our service year. Nearly \$12,000 annually has been donated by sponsoring merchants in each of the last three or four years.

Lion Jack Brown heads up the financial end of the program; Lions Dick Ferguson, Pat Gray and Art Meganck "honcho" the operations aspect of it.

Saturday, May 19 ..... Armed Forces Day  
 Monday, May 22 ..... Memorial Day  
 Thursday, June 14 ..... Flag Day  
 Wednesday, July 4 ..... Independence Day  
 Monday, September 3 ..... Labor Day  
 Tuesday, September 11 ..... Patriot Day  
 Monday, October 9 ..... Columbus Day  
 Sunday, November 11 ..... Veterans Day

Flags go up at 6:00 a.m., come down at 4:30 p.m.

Meet at Newcomer's Chapel garage (the "Body Shop"), 82nd and Metcalf.

*A special note to other club Presidents and Secretaries who read this newsletter:*

District Governor David Hentges' Awards Program for 2006-2007 includes credit for participating in another club's projects. *Here's your chance to earn that credit!* Pass the word on to your members. By helping Overland Park Host raise (and lower) the Flags, your members will honor our Country, beautify our city, and raise funds for sight-conservation projects—and have a lot of fun doing it with other Lions!!

## Program Assignments: January through June

Here is the schedule of program assignments for the rest of this service year. Please make every effort to fulfill your responsibilities. If you cannot get a program lined up, let me know and I will have some suggestions for you.

(SPECIAL NOTE: Big Lion Ken Collyard will select a Lion to offer the invocation prior to each meeting. But if you will not be present when you are responsible for the *Flag Salute* or *Lions Toast*, please notify him well in advance so he can ask someone else.)

**FEBRUARY 10** ..... SPECIAL ACTIVITY (See Page 1)  
 Flag Salute by Beverly Nichols ..... Lions Toast by Roger Claxton

**FEBRUARY 24** ..... TO BE ANNOUNCED  
 Flag Salute by Carole Collyard ..... Lions Toast by Don Ediger

**MARCH 10** ..... NEAL NICHOLS and BILL DAUGHERTY  
 Flag Salute by Dick Ferguson ..... Lions Toast by Larry Lavelly

**MARCH 24** ..... MAE CLAXTON and DON EDIGER  
 Flag Salute by Larry Martindale ..... Lions Toast by Art Meganck

**APRIL 14** ..... ART MEGANCK and RON BLOOME  
 Flag Salute by Neal Nichols ..... Lions Toast by Chuck Olsen

**APRIL 28** ..... EDSON PARKER and JACK MCLAIN  
 Flag Salute by Beverly Nichols ..... Lions Toast by Kraig Hickey

**MAY 12** ..... LARRY MARTINDALE and BEVERLY NICHOLS  
 Flag Salute by Paul Roerman ..... Lions Toast by Janette Reh

**MAY 28** ..... BEN STARKS (Memorial Bell observance ?)  
 Flag Salute by Ed Schulteis ..... Lions Toast by Darrel Stone

**JUNE 9** ..... MERLYN ALBAUGH and JANETTE SANDERS-REH  
 Flag Salute by Jennifer Tridle ..... Lions Toast by Jason Tyrer

**JUNE 23** ... INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS (speaker TBA)  
 Flag Salute by Dale Warden ..... Lions Toast by Al Witwer

Program Team Members should keep each other informed about progress; one Lion should be responsible for "hosting" and introducing the program.

Programs should be 20-25 minutes in length. Time for a short question-and-answer time should be allowed. NOTE: Speakers appear at their own expense, without remuneration of any kind, including travel. They are, however, the club's guests for breakfast. They should not solicit contributions, donations, or political affiliation or support, nor should they offer products for sale as part of any program.

Plan programs as far in advance as possible (a minimum of six weeks is ideal). Until a permanent newsletter editor takes over, give details about your program—including speaker's name, position, and program topic—to Lion Neal Nichols (913-642-7520) or e-mail to taximath@aol.com.

## USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, September 6-8



The 2007 Forum will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan in September. Plan now to attend. Early registration means a better chance to get assigned to the hotel of your choice. The Forum is a tremendous opportunity to enhance your skills as a Lions leader—present or future! Kansas' own Past International Director Ed McCormick is general chairman for 2007.

Tremendous motivational speakers and outstanding Lions leaders are scheduled for seminars and special sessions.

Early registration means a better chance to get the hotel of your choice and to sign up for the seminars you are most interested in attending.

For registration forms or more information, see Lion Neal Nichols.

## The Overland Park Host Almanac . . .

(More than you ever wanted to know about anything!)

### 2006-2007 Officers and Board of Directors Overland Park Host Lions Club

Ken Collyard .....	President
Mae Claxton .....	Immediate Past President
Merlyn Albaugh .....	1st Vice President
Beverly Nichols .....	2nd Vice President
(vacant) .....	3rd Vice President
Carole Collyard .....	Secretary
Roger Claxton .....	Treasurer
Pat Gray .....	Lion Tamer
Ron Bloome .....	Tail Twister
Dick Ferguson .....	Director, 2004-2007
Grant Rogers .....	Director, 2004-2007
Jack McLain .....	Director, 2005-2008
Art Meganck .....	Director, 2005-2008
Paul Roerman .....	Director, 2006-2009
Chuck Olsen .....	Director, 2006-2009
Darrel Stone .....	Membership Committee Chair
Dottie Bloome .....	Membership Committee Vice-Chair
Bob Larson .....	Membership Committee Member

### District K-7 Officers

David Hentges (Turner) .....	District Governor
Neal Nichols (Overland Park Host) .....	Vice District Governor
Richard Barnes (Shawnee) .....	Secretary
Rick Dodson (Lansing) .....	Treasurer
Bernard Lee (Scranton) .....	Immediate Past District Governor

### Condensed Treasurer's Reports (January, 2007)

#### General Operating Account

##### Income:

50th Anniversary Account (all sources) .....	\$ 38.00
Meals .....	462.00
Membership dues .....	250.00
<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>

##### Expenses:

Meeting room/meals .....	285.83
<b>Total expenses .....</b>	<b>\$ 285.83</b>

**Net Income .....** \$ 464.17

#### Service Account

##### Income:

Flag sponsors .....	\$ 570.06
Hy-Vee Coupon Books .....	10.00
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 580.06</b>

##### Expenses:

**Total Expenses .....** \$ 0

**Net income .....** \$ 580.06

### Nominating Committee Picked by Big Lion

Big Lion Ken Collyard has asked Lions Grant Rogers, Mae Claxton and Neal Nichols (all Past Presidents) to be the Nominating Committee for 2007-2008 officers of our club. The committee will meet soon and will announce nominees at the Club's March meetings. Election of officers will take place at the April 14 meeting.

If you are asked to take an office, please answer the call to help your Lions Club!!

For March and later, submit all information for publication in *The Roar* no later than Tuesday after the first Saturday of each month. Submit by e-mail to [taximath@aol.com](mailto:taximath@aol.com) and put "OPHLC Newsletter info" on the subject line. If you don't have Internet access, send by US Mail and then call (913) 642-7520 and leave word that you've sent material.

### For your calendar . . .

Sat., Feb. 10 ..... Regular meeting, Wyndham Garden, 7:00 a.m.  
 Sat., Feb. 24 ..... Regular meeting, Wyndham Garden, 7:00 a.m.  
 Fri. & Sat., March 2-3 K7 District Convention, Kansas City, KS  
 Sat., Mar. 3 ..... Directors meeting, Mimi's Café, 7:00 a.m.  
 Sat., Mar. 10 ..... Regular meeting, Wyndham Garden, 7:00 a.m.  
 Sat., Mar. 24 ..... Regular meeting, Wyndham Garden, 7:00 a.m.

### And later on . . .

May 4 ..... Fiftieth Anniversary Banquet  
*Overland Park Convention Center*  
 June 1-3 ..... Kansas Lions State Convention, Hutchinson  
 International President Jimmy Ross will speak—in person!  
 July 2-6 ..... Lions International Convention, Chicago  
*Lions 90th Anniversary Celebration in the Windy City!*  
 September 6-8 .... USA/Canada Forum, Grand Rapids, MI.

### Tentative Visitations to Other Clubs . . .

Visitations are tentatively planned on the following dates:

Thursday, February 15	Overland Park Noon	NOON
Thursday, February 15	Easton	7:00 p.m.
Monday, February 19	Turner	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 20	Lawrence Noon	NOON
Tuesday, February 20	Lenexa	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 21	Merriam-Shawnee	NOON
Wednesday, February 21	Shawnee	7:00 p.m.
Monday, February 26	Valley Falls	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 27	Oskaloosa	6:30 pm.
Wednesday, February 28	Olathe Noon	NOON
Thursday, February 22	Leavenworth	NOON

These dates have not been confirmed with the clubs to be visited, but contacts will be made in the next few days to ensure that it is OK to visit.

Visitations are a great way to fellowship with other Lions and to learn of their projects and activities. Visitations in the next few months are very important to us, because they offer a chance for us to sell raffle tickets to help raise funds for our 50th Anniversary celebration.

You will have the opportunity to sign up soon to help your club. Please be willing to do your part.



**Wear Your Pin With Pride!**

**We Serve**

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*Serving Overland Park and the World Since 1957*

**Reservation Form  
Overland Park Host Lions Club  
50th-Anniversary Banquet  
Friday, May 4, 2007  
Overland Park Convention Center  
110th Street and Lamar**



*We sponsor the  
"Metcalfe Avenue of Flags"*

*Social Hour (with cash bar) at 6 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.*

*Guest Speaker: Past International Director Dennis Tichenor of Oregon*  
**\$25 per person** (50th-Anniversary Commemorative Pin included with each paid meal)



Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (with area code) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets wanted \_\_\_\_\_ at \$25 each. Total Price: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée(s) (please indicate how many of each):

Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian plate \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mark one option below:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed. Mail tickets to me (reservation must be received by April 25 to ensure timely delivery).

\_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed. Hold tickets for me; I will pick them up at the door.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please bill me; I will pay at the door and pick up my tickets there. (NOTE: any reservations made and not paid will be billed to your Lions Club.)

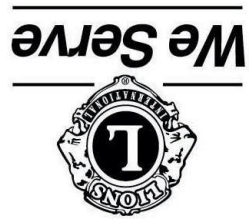
How do you want your name(s) to appear on your name tag(s)?

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*Please complete and return this form to:*

Lion Roger Claxton, Treasurer  
Overland Park Host Lions Club  
10404 Nieman Road  
Overland Park, KS 66214-3021

*Please note: The deadline for meal reservations is Friday, April 27, 2007.*



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