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The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club
Overland Park, Kansas
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The Big Lion's Message for July

Greetings, Fellow Lions!

First, I extend my congratulations to Immediate Past President Lion Mae Claxton who led Overland Park Host Lions through a very successful 2007-2008. In her second "tour of duty," major accomplishments included:

- "Shoebboxes for Soldiers" sent to her nephew's unit in Iraq
- The campaign to improve the shop facilities at the Kansas State School for the Blind (with significant contributions from several other clubs)
- Four members named as new Melvin Jones Fellows, part of our pledge to Campaign SightFirst II.

Regular projects were also successful—Metcalf Avenue of Flags, Candy Days, Overland Park Fall Festival.

At the end of the year, Kansas Lions redistricted. Seven *numbered* districts are replaced by five *lettered* districts. Our district, formerly 17-K7, is now 17-O. It was the only district in the state not to have boundary changes. Other districts are 17-L, 17-I, 17-N, and 17-S.

Our new year begins this **Saturday, July 12** with installation of officers. District Governor Peggy Jacobson will do the honors as the installing officer and the ceremony promises to be a special one.

I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream For ICE CREAM

Mark your calendars for **7 o'clock, Saturday evening, August 9**, and get ready for an **Ice Cream Social!** Meet at the clubhouse at Pat Gray's condominium complex. The address is 11330 Pflumm (across from Aquinas High School). More details will come later, including requests for freezers of homemade ice cream. The purposes of this event, besides socializing, will be to have an orientation session for our relatively new Lions and to inform prospective members what our club is all about! Activities throughout the evening will be designed to keep everyone involved in the fun. It won't be just a "set and get" meeting. *Start thinking now of friends who might be prospective members—then invite them!*

Quick Notes from the Lions Clubs International Convention in Bangkok

PDG Neal and I heard some very exciting news at the International Convention last month:

- The goals for Campaign SightFirst II were not only reached, but surpassed! A total of over **\$200,329,000** was raised in the last three years. The initial goal—**\$150,000,000**—was exceeded sometime this past Spring. An additional "Challenge Goal"—**\$50,000,000**—was met when new pledges came in at the Convention. More good news is that a very high percentage of pledges are already paid in cash, meaning money can be invested sooner to raise additional funds!
- Former United States President Jimmy Carter, a Lion and Past District Governor, has nominated Lions Clubs International for the Nobel Peace Prize. Whether LCI wins the Prize or not, just being nominated is a high honor.

Lions can take great pride in both accomplishments—CSF II and the nomination.

I hope to see all of you at the Wyndham on Saturday as we welcome our new District Governor, install our new officers, and start a new year of service and progress!

Lion Beverly Nichols

Program Notes

Many of you have received a communication from 1st Vice President Bob Larson about this year's program schedule. Please get back to him in a timely manner regarding your ability to fulfill the program date he has suggested for you. One of the strengths of our club, in addition to our service activities, is the strong programs we have at our meetings. It is you Lions who make this happen year after year. Thanks!

Editor's Note

This is an abbreviated newsletter, but we wanted to get it out before Saturday's meeting. In August, we hope to be back to a more-complete issue, including "Stark(s) Reality," a full calendar of coming events, the list of officers, and news and pictures of our various events. Please bear with us through this transition period.

IN MEMORIAM

Alice Mills Starks

February 22, 1922—June 30, 2008

Beloved wife of Lion Ben Starks

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2008 "Metcalf Avenue of Flags": Remaining Schedule

September 1: Labor Day
September 11: Patriot Day
October 13: Columbus Day
November 11: Veterans Day

"Take Pride. We Do."



***USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
September 18-20, 2008
Saskatoon Saskatchewan, Canada***

Plan a mid-fall vacation to beautiful *Saskatchewan* and take in the excitement of the USA/Canada Forum at the same time. For program details or registration information, contact Lions Neal or Beverly Nichols.