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September 2009

The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club

Overland Park, Kansas

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Where does our money go?

Kansas State School for the Blind Acquires Trekker Breeze "Talking GPS" Units With OPHLC Contributions



Three Overland Park Host Lions sat in on a Trekker Breeze training session for staff members at the Kansas State School for the Blind on August 24. Trekker devices are GPS units that visually impaired persons can use to know exactly where they are when walking on city streets, for example. Our club donated \$1000 to the Accessible Arts Discovery Trail program. Those funds were matched by Camps for Kids, resulting in enough money to purchase two Trekker units. Lion Eleanor Craig (left), a member of the Kansas City Kansas Club Branch and director of the Accessible Arts program, will be guest speaker at our November 14 meeting. She will tell us more about Trekkers then. Others pictured above are OP Host Lions Neal and Beverly Nichols (Beverly's holding a unit) and Paul Roerman. Dave Wilkinson (far right) of Humanware conducted the training session.

Program Notes (Past and Future) . . .

August 22: Speaker: **Logan Heley**, student at Shawnee Mission East, reported on his experiences at a Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, and New York City in July. OPHLC contributed \$200 toward his expenses for the trip. **Tommy Strauser**, of DeSoto High School, one of the students we supported at the Kansas Lions State Band in Wichita in May, told a little about band camp and played a solo on his flute. Tommy is a talented musician, playing four different instruments, all of them well.

September 12. Our speaker will be **Teresa Stohs**, executive director of the Arts & Recreation Foundation of Overland Park.

September 26. A working meeting: the Overland Park Downtown Fall Arts and Crafts Festival at Overland Park Commons, 81st and Santa Fe. We will not meet at the Wyndham Garden.

October 10 **Paul McDonald**, member of Toastmasters International and award-winning speaker. Topic: "Success and Stone Soup."

October 24 **Kirk and Teresa Reh**, AdvoCare. Topic: Nutrition for healthy life styles.

The President's Message for September . . .

By Lion Bob Larson

Mil gracias (a thousand thanks) to those who worked hard during our Labor Day "Metcalf Avenue of Flags" project.

This weekend effort was an experiment. We put up the Flags at 6 o'clock Saturday morning and were scheduled to take them down Tuesday afternoon at 4. Because a rainstorm was forecast, several Lions arrived early to get a head start on getting the Flags down and stored. Now we can rest up for the next Flag-raising date, Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11.

For the Saturday Flag work day I was in Laramie, Wyoming attending a special reunion and plaque dedication of the former "Ape Dorm" that housed male athletes at from 1940 to 1963. The two-day festivities had excellent attendance and I enjoyed seeing numerous friends and former teammates.

We were told at the ceremony that we were the pioneers who shaped the successful tradition that University of Wyoming Cowboy athletes have enjoyed throughout the years.

I don't know if you realize that your old prez (*Big Lion*) was a "pioneer"!

In addition, I want to thank Lion Neal Nichols who conducted the Board of Directors meeting in my absence.

Don't forget our regular meeting Saturday September 12, when Teresa Stohs, executive director of the Overland Park Arts and Recreation Foundation will be our guest speaker.

Another reminder is that on September 26 we will be working at the Overland Park Fall Arts and Crafts Festival.

See ya Saturday!

—*Big Lion Bob Larson*

Audio-Reader's Fund-Raising Auction Set For September 18, 19 at Douglas County Fairgrounds

Music for all conceivable tastes, from the bizarre and obscure to classical and popular favorites, can be found for bargain prices at this year's "For Your Ears Only," a fundraiser for Audio-Reader at the University of Kansas.

The sale will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, in building 21 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, 120 Harper St. There is a \$10 entry fee Friday evening, which features live music by the Lonesome Hobos, free food, prizes and first pick of the extensive inventory. Advance \$7 tickets for Friday are available at Audio-Reader, 1120 W. 11th St. Admission is free Saturday with prices slashed after noon.

This year's sale features LPs from the musicians who rocked Woodstock in 1969 and a collection of recordings from artists who died before their time, including Michael Jackson, George Harrison, Jim Croce, Jerry Garcia and Elvis Presley. As in the past, unusual, collectible and high-end audio equipment will be for sale.

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Anniversaries, Birthdays for September, Early October.

Anniversaries: Earl and Mary McIntosh (*September 16*); Merlyn and Mary Lou Albaugh (*September 20*); Jack and Jo Ann McLain (*October 4*).

Birthdays: John Watson (*September 11*); Art Meganck (*September 15*); Darrel Stone (*September 22*).

Did You Know . . . ?

The next Candy Day will be on Saturday, October 24, this one to be held at the Hy-Vee store in the 135th and Antioch area. (This is a change in the previous announcement of a Candy Day week-end on October 23 and 24.)

Summary of Board of Directors Meeting, September 5, 2009

Meeting held at Winstead's in downtown Overland Park after Flag raising instead of Mimi's at Oak Park Mall.

Approved minutes of August 1 meeting; accepted Treasurer's report for August. Account Balances: Service, \$9659; General, \$1728.

Candy Day, August 15: Lion Heather Ralph reported that 14 members two-hour shifts Collection total \$638, an average of about \$22 per hour per Lion.

Candy Day, October 24: The Board voted to schedule a Candy Day only on Saturday, October 24 rather than on both Friday and Saturday, October 23-24.

The third annual Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction will be held on April 17 at the Overland Park Christian Church, 75th and Lowell.

Adopted Service (Charity) Budget with estimates of \$23,200 revenue and \$22,200 expenditures. Revenue includes approximately \$6000 carry-over from 2008-09. Estimated ending balance for 2009-10: \$1,000.

Adopted Operating Budget with estimates of \$14,125 revenue and \$14,312 expenditures. Revenue includes approximately \$4000 carry-over from 2008-09. Estimated ending balance for 2009-10: \$190 deficit.

Appointed committee to investigate sites for possible relocation of club meetings in 2010.

Approved funding for service project that will assist Shawnee Mission school nurses in obtaining digital thermometers for needy families.

Tabled discussion of the extent of participation in Hillcrest Transitional Housing program in Wyandotte and Johnson Counties.

Calendar of Activities**September**

September 11 Dedication of KSSB track in honor of Nelson Lear
Kansas State School for the Blind, Kansas City, KS

September 12 Regular Club meeting
At the Wyndham Garden
Speaker: Teresa Stohs

September 12 Track meet, Kansas State School for the Blind

September 26 Overland Park Fall Arts and Crafts Festival
At the Commons
No regular meeting at the Wyndham

October

October 1 Board of Directors Meeting
At Mimi's Café, Oak Park Mall

October 8 Regular Club Meeting
Speaker: Paul McDonald, "Success and Stone Soup"

October 22 Regular Club Meeting
At the Wyndham Garden
Speaker: Kirk and Teresa Reh



Logan Heley (*left*) was guest speaker at the meeting of August 22. Tommy Strauser entertained with a flute solo at the same meeting.



The International President's Logo and Theme for 2009-2010

(Eberhard Wirfs of Germany)

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2009 Schedule

Saturday	May 16	Armed Forces Day	<i>Successfully completed! Thanks!</i>
Monday	May 25	Memorial Day	<i>Successfully completed! Thanks!</i>
Sunday	June 14	Flag Day	<i>Successfully completed. Thanks!</i>
Saturday	July 4	Independence Day	<i>Successfully completed. Thanks!</i>
Sat.-Tues.	Sept. 5-8	Labor Day Weekend	<i>Successfully completed! Thanks!</i>

Wednesday

November 11

Veterans Day