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November 2009

The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club
Overland Park, Kansas
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WE SERVE

IN MEMORIAM

Frank Piepenbring, PDG

June 24, 1917 - October 14, 2009

Sixty-two years a Lion

(Overland Park Host Lions Club from 1962-2009)

District Governor (17-AE) 1971-72

Past President, Kansas Lions Sight Foundation

Initiator of the Metcalf Avenue of Flags in 1963

Overland Park's "Iconic Event"

Old "Sight Bus" has been replaced . . .

KLSF and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Partner to Provide New Mobile Screening Unit

PDG Frank Piepenbring would be proud! The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation has entered into a five-year agreement with the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation to provide a new Mobile Screening Unit (MSU) to serve communities throughout the state.

The MSU has entrance and exit doors as well as a wheelchair lift. It is equipped with instruments for visual and hearing screening, blood pressure testing, and other routine screening exams.

The exterior of the unit is decorated with brightly colored murals depicting various elements of life and work in Kansas. The artist was Doug Archer.

The MSU is a custom-built "fifth-wheel" vehicle and will be towed by a heavy-duty Ford truck.

Pictures of the MSU and truck are included below and on pages 2 and 3 of this *Roar*.

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation has pledged to provide \$500,000 over the life of the agreement for operating expenses.

The new equipment replaces the aging "Sight Bus" that KLSF operated for the past several years.

The MSU was on display to Lions for the first time at the State Council meeting in McPherson on October 30 and 31. An announcement to the general public and the unveiling of the MSU was made on October 7 by Blue Cross Blue Shield representatives.



Don't Miss Saturday's Meeting . . . !

Eleanor Craig and KSSB Student to be Speakers; Induction of Another New Member Is Scheduled!

Saturday morning promises to be an exciting day for our club.

Eleanor Craig of Accessible Arts will be the program speaker. She will be accompanied by **Christian Puett**, a student at the Kansas State School for the Blind. They will describe the trip that KSSB students took in June along one of the pioneer trails west.

They will start their presentation with a five-minute DVD that shows the group using the Trekker Breeze ("talking" GPS units) near the South Pass in Wyoming. Eleanor will describe how the Lions have helped in these projects. Christian will talk about how he uses a Trekker in everyday life.

We'll kick off the morning with the induction of our newest member, **Greg Trainor**. Greg is married, has two children and is employed at Lawing Financial in Overland Park and is being sponsored by **Lion Beverly Nichols**.

Several visitors are expected to attend and *most of them are prospective members!* Be sure to mingle with them at breakfast time and chat about the many projects our club undertakes as well as other general benefits of being a Lion.

It's Time to Start Planning for Mid-Winter Rally! Set Your Sights Toward Salina, January 15-17 For Fun, Food, and "Casino Royale" Entertainment

Kansas Lions Mid-Winter Rally will be held in Salina on January 15-17. Friday night entertainment will be centered around a "Casino Royale" theme. Rally planners say they can't promise, but maybe—*just maybe*—007 might show up!

Kansas' own International Director Anne Smarsh will be the principal speaker. Other activities will include recognition of district Peace Poster Contest winners and Leo Clubs.

In years past, Overland Park Host Lions were very active in promoting and attending Mid-Winter Rallies. A few carloads of members would caravan to Salina. Then Sunday, on the way home, a side trip over to the Brookville Hotel for fried chicken dinner served home-style topped off the weekend.

Perhaps it's time to renew the old tradition and make our presence felt at statewide Lions events once again.

Brookville Hotel has moved to a location just off I-70 Abilene, not at all out of the way on a return trip from Salina. And Sunday dinner there would make a great social event for our members who have never—or only rarely—attended a Mid-Winter Rally.

So . . . if you're interested, please let Lions Neal or Beverly Nichols know by about December 1. The Brookville Hotel fills up fast for Sunday dinner, so advance reservations are a **MUST!!**

The President's Message for November . . .

By Lion Bob Larson

During the meeting of the Board of Directors on November 7, I decided to sit at an end of the table to have more room for my various papers—agenda, correspondence, reports, e-mails, etc.



Several board members reminded me that that seat was where Frank Piepenbring usually sat. His presence was certainly felt during each of the board meetings he attended, even though he usually didn't have much to say.

In addition, during the regular meeting on October 24, several members there told those in attendance that it was through Frank's recruiting efforts that they are Lions today.

Our Metcalf Avenue of Flags fund-raising program was Frank's idea 46 years ago. It is too bad that we don't have a research department, because it would be "mind-boggling" to realize how much money has been raised through the years as a result of this program.

These are just some of the ways—a small portion, actually—that we can determine the impact that Frank made to this club.

Now that Frank Piepenbring has moved to his "new address," I'm hopeful we will all remember his impact on this club for many, many years to come.

See you Saturday morning!

—Big Lion Bob Larson

How do we earn our money?

October 24 Candy Day Brings in More Than \$800!

A one-day Candy Day effort at the Hy-Vee on 135th Street near Antioch resulted in collections of \$828.68.

Eleven Lions each worked two-hour shifts, running from 9:30 a.m. through 5:30 in the afternoon. They averaged \$37.67 per man-hour served.

The funds raised will help meet our budgeted commitment to the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation for support of the University of Kansas Medical Center Ophthalmology Clinic and for support of the Mobile Screening Unit (MSU).

Program Notes (Past and Future) . . .

October 10. Paul McDonald, member of Toastmasters International and award-winning speaker spoke on "Success and Stone Soup."

October 24. Kirk Reh, an AdvoCare distributor, gave tips on how proper nutrition can lead to healthy life styles.

November 14. Eleanor Craig, Accessible Arts. Topic: Use of Trekkers (talking GPS devices) by KSSB students on this summer's California trail adventure.

November 28. Shawn Benson, executive director of Hillcrest Transitional Housing of Kansas. Topic: Special housing and training program for homeless individuals in Wyandotte and Johnson Counties.

December 12. Our annual "Breakfast With Santa" meeting.

December 26. NO MEETING.



Coming to Overland Park in 2013

Golf Tournament At KS Lions State Convention To Benefit Leader Dogs School, KSDS, CARES

The Kansas Lions State Convention is coming to Olathe, June 3-5. We will be Overland Park *Host* Lions in more ways than in name only—we are the host club for the convention. **Lion Beverly Nichols** is overall chairperson for the event and has been busy lining up committees to carry out the many necessary functions.

A golf tournament to benefit three major dog programs will be held on Thursday afternoon, June 3 at Iron Horse Golf Club in Leawood. Profits from the event will go to Leader Dogs for the Blind School in Rochester, Michigan and to KSDS and CARES dogs schools here in Kansas.

Teresa Reh volunteered her services as tournament coordinator and is handling most of the "logistics" involved in getting the tournament set up. **PDG Wes Moore** of the Lenexa Lions Club is heading a committee to line up hole sponsors.

The entry fee will be \$100 per person. Teams of four players will be organized. A number of special prizes for various "accomplishments" on the course are being planned.

The tournament will be an 18-hole scramble beginning at 1 p.m. A bar-b-que meal will be served in the evening at Iron Horse for all Lions arriving for the convention on Thursday as well as for golfers—whether they are Lions or not.

A silent auction that evening is in the planning stages.



Summary of November Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting held on Saturday, November 7 at Mimi's Café, Oak Park Mall, Overland Park. Called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Big Lion Bob Larson.

Approved minutes of October 3 meeting with changes; accepted Treasurer's report for October. Account Balances: Service, \$11,031.37; General, \$5,212.18.

Tabled a request from the Kansas Lions Foundation for a contribution of \$100 for a "Pink Lion" fund-raising project or a contribution of \$500 for a Bill and Dorothy Wunder Fellowship.

Approved expenditure of \$140 to sponsor one child to an "adaptive skiing" program at Weston, MO.

Approved membership application of Greg Trainor, sponsored by Beverly Nichols.

Received Candy Day report from chairperson Janet Reh. \$828.68 was collected on October 24 at the Hy-Vee store at 135th and Antioch.

Approved an inter-club visitation to the Merriam-Shawnee Lions Club on Wednesday, November 18.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing is scheduled for December 5 at two locations (if available). This a first Saturday instead of third Saturday as in the recent past.

Discussed plans for recruiting high school students to attend the Kansas Lions State Band camp at Baldwin City.

Anniversaries, Birthdays in November, December

Anniversaries: Art and Terry Meganck (November 9); Grant and Trish Rogers (November 26); Jason and Joy Tyrer (November 27); Bob and Linda Larson (November 30); and Darrel & Phebe Stone (December 22).

Birthdays: Jason Tyrer (November 15); Trish Rogers (November 16th), Paul Roerman (November 18); Cynthia Witwer (December 3); Bryan Lanigan (December 5), Roger Claxton (December 6); Harriet Gordon (December 6); Tami Turntine (December 19); and Cindy Claxton (December 30).

**Treasurer's Reports For October
General (Operating) Account**

Income

Lions Shirt Income	\$ 251.50
Meals	330.00
Membership Dues	350.00
Tail Twister	43.15
Total Income	\$ 974.65

Expenses

Engraving	\$ 144.00
OP Chamber of Commerce	366.00
OPHLC Endowment Fund	300.00
Room and Meals, Meetings	470.89
Total Expense	\$ 1,280.89
Net Income for Month	(- \$ 306.24)

Service (Project or Charity) Account

Income

Candy Day Income	\$ 828.68
Overland Park Fall Festival	163.60
Total Income	\$ 992.28

Expenses

OP Fall Fest Expense	(-\$ 14.40)
OP Mardi Gras Days	95.00
Faith Village	156.91
OPHLC Endowment Fund	300.00
Total Expense	\$ 537.51
Net Income for Month	\$ 454.77



2009-10 International President's Theme

More State Convention Planning News . . .

Come Out for a Picnic on Sydney's Bondi Beach!

At next June's Kansas Lions State Convention, Friday night entertainment will be centered around a "Down Under" theme. This will be a tie-in to the Lions Clubs International Convention Sydney, Australia, June 28-July 2.

The evening meal, music and other activities will be focused on a "picnic on Bondi Beach"—a major entertainment venue in Sydney.

More information will be forthcoming in the *Roar* AND the *Kansas Lions News* as details get worked out over the next several weeks.

Plan now to be part of the fun and festivities!

From 1970s issues of The Lion Magazine

And Now For a Chuckle or Two . . .

A young businessman was running to catch the morning train from far-out suburbia to downtown. Trotting up to a farmer, he asked: "Say, do you mind if I take a short cut across your field? I'm trying to catch the 6:45 train."

"Sure, go right ahead, young feller," replied the farmer. "But if my bull sees you, you'll catch the 6:15."

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Sign on a church bulletin board: "To those of you who have been on Dial-a-Prayer, welcome back to live action."

Calendar of Activities

November

November 11	Veterans Day Flags <i>Up at 6 a.m., Down at 4 p.m. Meet at Newcomer's, 82nd and Metcalf</i>
November 14	Regular Meeting <i>At the Wyndham Garden Speaker: Eleanor Craig, Accessible Arts</i>
November 14 (9:00 a.m.)	District 17-O Cabinet Meeting <i>Faith Lutheran Church, 67th and Roe, Prairie Village</i>
November 28	Regular Meeting <i>At the Wyndham Garden Speaker: Shawn Benson, Hillcrest Transitional Housing Kansas</i>
December 12	Breakfast With Santa <i>At the Wyndham Garden</i>
December 26	NO MEETING

And . . . looking down the road (or across the sea!)—

January 15-17, 2010	Mid-Winter Rally, <i>Salina</i>
June 3-5, 2010	Kansas Lions State Convention, <i>Olathe</i> <i>Remember, Overland Park Host Lions Club is the convention host club!</i> <i>Be ready to help out when call on!</i>
June 28 - July 2, 2010	Lions Clubs International Convention <i>Sydney Australia</i>

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2011: Anchorage, Alaska

2012: Tampa Bay, Florida

2013: **OVERLAND PARK KANSAS!**

2014: San Juan, Puerto Rico