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The Lions' Roar

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Jolly Old Saint Nicholas, Lend your ear . . . Annual "Breakfast with Santa" December 12; Breakfast Will Be at 8 AM Instead of 7:15

Yes, Virginia, it really *is* that time of year again! Santa Claus will visit Overland Park Host Lions and their families on December 12! The meeting will be held at the Wyndham Garden as usual. *The change in meeting place mentioned in column to the right does not take effect until January 9.*

Meal prices will be \$11 for adults or children 12 and older and \$5.50 for children ages 4 through 11. There is no charge for children 3 and younger.

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Santa visited us last year, as he has for the past few Yuletide seasons. Above, he greets the audience before he starts giving youngsters their special presents.

IN JANUARY— A NEW MEETING PLACE!

On January 9, Host Lions will begin meeting at **Red Robin Restaurant**, 7111 West 95th Street in Overland Park. (It's just across the drive from Jack Stack's Bar-B-Que and a bit east of First Watch.)

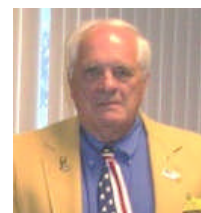
The Board of Directors approved the change in location at its meeting on December 5. A committee chaired by **Lion Grant Rogers** and comprised of **Lions Roger Claxton, Carole Collyard, and Neal and Beverly Nichols** recommended the change in location after a months-long review of several other potential sites in Overland Park, Leawood, and Lenexa.

Red Robin has a separate meeting room that will seat up to 55 persons comfortably. The restaurant is not open to the public in the early mornings, so there will be plenty of space in the general dining area if we should need extra space to accommodate any extra-large crowd, such as the annual Breakfast with Santa meeting.

The President's Message for December . . .

By Lion Bob Larson

The frost has moved past the pumpkin to now our hands and feet! Now with Christmas coming, I hope all of us can keep the "Christ" in Christmas.



For Lions with children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren Santa comes to the Lions' Den (Wyndham Garden Hotel at Metcalf and I-4-35) next Saturday, December 12. *Remember that we'll have breakfast at 8 o'clock instead of 7 a.m.* (It's for the youngsters' sake).

During the board meeting on December 5 we discussed several fund-raising projects. Until our membership increases, however, we can carry out only our present commitments. For example, on Saturday we needed more members to take part in our commitment to the annual Salvation Army bell-ringing activity.

For next year, each of us should make a resolution to bring at least one guest to one of our meetings. This would be a great way to introduce others to Lionism and perhaps even increase our membership!

See you Saturday morning!

—Big Lion Bob Larson

“Breakfast with Santa” *(continued from page 1)*

Breakfast will begin at 8 a.m, rather than 7:15. Everyone should still plan to arrive a little earlier, however, to allow plenty of time for going through the breakfast line.

Reservations will be required. If you have not already signed up with **Lion Mae Claxton**, please let her know right away if you plan to attend and how many family members will accompany you. If you aren't signed up, or haven't told Mae you won't be attending, expect to be contacted early in the week by the Calling Committee!

After breakfast and opening ceremonies, the crowd will join in singing some Christmas songs and carols. Soon all the good little boys and girls — and some not so little — will hear Santa's familiar “Ho, Ho, Ho! Merry Christmas, everyone!” as he makes his way from the sleigh on the rooftop down into the meeting room.

Parents—or grandparents, as the case may be—should bring gifts for their own children, with names clearly marked on the packages in letters large enough for Santa to read. A maximum value of \$20 for each gift is suggested.

A large crowd is expected for this merriest meeting of our year. Some guests who are prospective members may attend also.

As of Saturday morning, over 50 members and guests were listed as planning to attend.

How Do Overland Park Lions Serve? . . .

Special Bookcase Project Benefits Group Home; DVDs, Books, VHS Cassettes Can Be Donated

Our club provided service-account funds so that a special bookcase/storage unit could be built and donated to Faith Village, a home for special-needs persons at 14150 West 113th Street. Construction of the unit, shown below, was done by **Lion Roger Claxton**. The daughter of Lions Ken and Carole Collyard is a resident at the home.

Donations of DVDs, Books, VHS movie cassettes can be made to the home. Check with **Lion Carole** for suitability and bring yours to any club meeting. She will make sure they get delivered.



Treasurer Roger Claxton, AKA “Craftsman in Residence,” and Secretary Carole Collyard show off the bookcase crafted by Lion Roger.

Earl and Mary McIntosh Get the “Spotlight” in September Issue of Retirement Home Newsletter

The following article is a slightly edited version of an article in the Madison Word, a monthly newsletter published by Madison Estates (Independent Retirement Living), San Antonio, Texas. Earl McIntosh still keeps up his membership in our club, but has lived in San Antonio for the past three years.

Lovingly known as Mac, Earl can be seen swimming laps in the Madison's swimming pool almost year round. Mac understands the importance and value of exercise, particularly after the head injury which took him and Mary to San Antonio about 3-1/2 years ago so they could be near their son and live at Madison Estates.



Soon after Mac finished rehabilitation from the injury, he got involved in Madison Estates' mentor program. He has been a faithful mentor every Wednesday for three years and has worked with the same child each year. His mentee has now graduated from McDermott Elementary School and Mac was planning to start over this fall with another child.

Prior to coming to San Antonio, both Mac and Mary spent a lot of time volunteering. Mac volunteered with Boy Scouts (where he was a commissioner for Kansas) and with the Kansas State “Volunteers in Prison” program, and with the Overland Park Host Lions Club. He also served as a deacon in every church where they lived. Mary volunteered in hospitals wherever they lived, was a Cub Scout and Girl Scout leader and volunteered in their churches. You can see that they both feel that volunteering in the community is valuable.

Mary and Mac have been married for 60 years. They met when Mary was still in high school and they are still best friends today. Mac attended college at Washington University in St. Louis. He was an operations manager for AT&T for 37 years and lived in St. Louis, Kansas City, and Ennis, TX. Mac also served for 18 years in the Army National Guard with the 204th Signal Corps Battalion. He was called up for active duty twice.

Mary and Mac have two children. Their daughter is a Presbyterian minister on an Indian Reservation in Arizona and their son is an environmental consultant in San Antonio. Thanks, Mac and Mary, for sharing your time with the community.

Editor's Note: Cards and letters can be sent to Earl and Mary McIntosh at 8654 Fredericksburg Road, #459, San Antonio, TX 78240. Their telephone number is 210-561-7923.

**Treasurer's Reports for November
General (Operating) Account**

Income	
Lions Shirt Income	\$ 116.00
Meals	99.00
Membership Dues	75.00
Tail Twister	48.00
Total Income	\$ 338.00
Expenses	
Directory	\$ 71.86
Lions Clubs Int'l Supplies	568.33
Lions Shirt Expense	437.76
Web Site	35.00
Room and Meals, Meetings	419.71
Total Expense	\$ 1,532.66
Net Income for Month	(- \$ 1,194.66)
Service (Project or Charity) Account	
Income	
Campaign SightFirst II (cookbook) \$	10.00
Total Income	\$ 10.00
Expenses	
Sports Center for Disabled	\$ 140.00
Total Expense	\$ 140.00
Net Income for Month	(- \$ 130.00)

New Member Greg Trainor Inducted On November 14



Our newest Lion, **Greg Trainor**, was inducted into membership at the regular meeting of November 14. Lion Beverly Nichols is Greg's sponsor. She watches the ceremony proudly while at left, Cub Lion Jack looks as though he's not quite sure what's happening to his Daddy. The blindfold emphasizes the world of blindness that Lions work to conquer.

OP Host Lions' Candy Day Success Results In District-Wide Challenge by Past Int'l Director

At the District Cabinet meeting in Prairie Village on November 14, **Past International President Ernie Young** (*Lansing Lions Club*) praised OP Host Lions for the almost-\$828 they collected in a one-day Candy Day effort on October 24.

But his accolades come with a price!

PID Ernie has challenged all District 17-O clubs to a contest, beginning on December 1 and running through the Spring, to see which clubs will hold the most Candy Days in that period and which ones can collect the most money.

Oh well. At least we know that fellow Lions outside our club do read the *Lions Roar*!

Details of the contest were a little sketchy, but PID Ernie promised a system of calculating results so that both large clubs and small ones would have equal chances to win.

Generally, Candy Day proceeds are earmarked for the Ophthalmology Clinic at the KU Medical Center, although that is not a hard and fast rule.

The OP Host Board of Directors voted not expand the Club's Candy Day efforts this year for several reasons. A calendar of activities was set early in the year, including two Candy Days in the Fall and one in the Spring. Advance notice to allow better planning would have been appreciated. In recent years, getting enough members able to work has been difficult. Our club consistently supports the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation with \$1000 or more each year.

More State Convention Planning News . . .

Put Together a Foursome for June 3 Golf Tournament

Next June's Kansas Lions State Convention will kick off with an 18-hole benefit golf tournament on Thursday, June 3. The tournament will be played at Ironhorse Golf Club in Leawood. A scramble start will begin at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Proceeds from the tournament will be contributed to the three service-dog programs supported by Kansas Lions—Leader Dogs for the Blind School in Michigan and KSDS and CARES schools in north-central Kansas.

Entry fees for individual golfers will be \$125 and for teams of four, \$400 (or \$100 per member).

Hole sponsors are needed as well as individuals or businesses that would be willing to donate prizes. If you have ideas for these important fund-raising aspects of the tournament, please contact PDG Wes Moore of the Lenexa Lions Club.

A bar-b-que dinner and program will be held at Ironhorse in the evening for all golfers (Lions or not) and for all other Lions and guests who arrive for the Convention on Thursday.

For more details, copy this link and paste into your computer: <http://www.golfdigestplanner.com/13811LionsClubGolfClassic/index.html>.

NOTE: The "Registration" link on the web site page is not yet activated.

Teresa Reh is overall coordinator of the tournament, volunteering her time and effort on behalf of the dogs programs.

Plan now to be part of the fun and festivities!

Calendar of Activities

December

- December 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Mimi's Café, Oak Park Mall
- December 12 Breakfast With Santa
At the Wyndham Garden
- December 26 **NO MEETING**

January

- January 2 Board of Directors Meeting
Mimi's Café, Oak Park Mall
- January 9 Regular Meeting
Program: District Governor's Official Visit
New meeting place! Red Robin Restaurant, 7111 West 95th Street
- January 15-17, 2010 Mid-Winter Rally, Salina**
- January 23 Regular Meeting
Program: Bob Young (Biz2Biz Connections),
"Networking Your Club to Membership Growth"
New meeting place! Red Robin Restaurant, 7111 West 95th Street
And . . . looking down the road (or across the sea!)—
- June 3-5, 2010 Kansas Lions State Convention, Olathe**
Remember, Overland Park Host Lions Club is the convention host club!
Be ready to help out when called on to serve!
- June 28 – July 2, 2010 Lions Clubs International Convention**
Sydney Australia

From 1970s issues of the Lion Magazine

And Now For a Chuckle or Two . . .

A widely traveled sportsman, known for his long, boring, and sometimes incredulous stories, was in the midst of another of his travel tales.

"And while I was wandering through the deserted village out in the bush, I spotted a leopard."

"That does it," a listener cried. "I always knew he was a liar. Leopards come that way!"

Game warden: "Say, you're hunting with last year's license."

Ken Collyard: "That's all right, officer. I'm only shooting at the ones I missed last year!"



Lions Ken Collyard and Larry Lavelly spread Christmas cheer while ringing bells for the Salvation Army at the Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market, at 91st and Metcalf. As Lion Mae Claxton said, "At least we don't have sub-freezing weather with blowing snow this year!"

Summary of December Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting held on Saturday, December 5 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 November 7 meeting with changes; accepted Treasurer's report for November. Account Balances: General, \$3,727.52; Service, \$10,952.32.

Approved recommendation to change meeting location to Red Robin Restaurant, 7111 West 95th Street in Overland Park, effective January 6.

Tabled discussion of potential fund-raising activity until January meeting.

Discussed Candy Day "challenge" presented by PID Ernie Young at November 14 District Cabinet meeting. Voted not to expand Candy Day activities this year beyond what are already calendared.

Approved expenditure of \$156.30 to pay for Cub Scout Pack uniform identification-number patches (as part of our sponsorship of Pack at Apache Elementary School).

Approved an inter-club visitation to the Leawood Lions Club on Tuesday evening, December 8, at 6:45 at Leawood City Hall.

Approved naming one scholarship to be awarded to graduating high school senior as the "Frank Piepenbring Memorial Scholarship."

Approved procedure and timetable for notifying two members that they will be dropped from membership if dues remain unpaid through mid-December.

Authorized expenditures of up to \$200 for meeting-room supplies as necessary for appropriate décor (i.e., American Flag, stand for club banner, etc.).

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The Annual Mid-Winter Rally . . .

Make Plans Now to Go to Salina January 15-17 For Food, Fellowship and "Casino Royale" Fun!

The 2010 Kansas Lions Mid-Winter Rally will be held January 15-17 at the Ramada Inn, 1616 W. Crawford, Salina, KS (formerly the Holiday Inn).

Motel rooms can be reserved at a rate of \$79.00 per night. To book your rooms call 785-823-1739. The deadline for reservations at this special price is December 30th, 2009.

For Sunday's return trip home, perhaps we Overland Park "Host-ers" could plan a family-style fried-chicken-with-all-the-fixin's lunch at the Brookville Hotel in Abilene. (It's just off I-70 at Exit 275.) Reservations are nearly always a "must," so let's plan early!

Special Entertainment Event at Rally . . .

LIONS GOT TALENT

TALENT SHOW AND KARAOKE!!

Friday Evening, January 15

Do you play an instrument? *Do you juggle?* Do you dance? *Do you sing?* Is there some other talent you have to show off to Lions from all over the great State of Kansas?

Along with this showcase of Kansas Lions' talent, there will be Karaoke with solos and group-sing-alongs!

Friday night will be loaded with fun for Lions of ALL ages! The statewide planning committee says, "*We hope to see you there! It doesn't matter what your talent is, we'd like to see it!!*"

Please contact Michele Hufferd (1st Vice District Governor) at mhufferd@ymllc.com or 913-837-2807, with information about your act that can be included in the program booklet.

[Meal-price information and a registration form for the Mid-Winter Rally is on the next page.]

2009-2010 Club Membership Directories Ready

New membership directories are available from Lion Grant Rogers. One copy is provided to each member at no cost. Extras, while supplies last, can be purchased for \$1 each. Several members already have theirs, but if you've not attended the last couple of meetings, contact Grant for your copy.

Anniversaries, Birthdays in December, January

Anniversaries: Darrel & Phebe Stone (December 22); Louis and Malvina Adams (January 7).

Birthdays: Cynthia Witwer (December 3); Bryan Lanigan (December 5), Roger Claxton (December 6); Harriet Claztgon Gordon (December 6); Tami Turntime (December 19); Cindy Claxton (December 30); Cindy Fisher (January 12); Terry Meganck, (January 17); Lavern Mausolf (January 23); and Dale Warden (January 27).

Kansas Lions Multiple District 17
Mid-Winter Rally 2010
January 15-17, 2010
Ramada Inn, Salina

Casino
Royale!



MID-WINTER RALLY WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

Friday

- Evening meal, "Lions Got Talent" and Karaoke Singing!

Saturday

- Special programming for those attending the rally for the 1st time
- "Lions under 30" Interactive Session and Service Activity
- Unique, motivational speakers from beyond our state borders
- Youth recognition luncheon with special keynote speaker
- Live Auction to help support the Kansas Lions State and International Bands
- Leo Activities (off-site at Friendship Center in the morning; in the hotel's game room in the evening)
- Unique interactive centers with opportunities to meet one on one with various committee members from our primary focus areas to get assistance, to ask questions, or to gather more information on projects and services.
- Casino Royale Banquet! Celebrate in glitz and style with Kansas's own International Director Anne Smarsh and more great entertainment!
- Progressive hospitality rooms after the banquet hosted by individuals & clubs.

Sunday

- Devotional time
- MD 17 Council Meeting
- Leo activities are scheduled separately and will be held at The Friendship Center and convention center.

NOTE: Meals are available by reservation only. They cannot be purchased at the Rally. Meal reservations are due by January 8th, 2010.

REGISTRATION and MEAL RESERVATION FORM

List any special dietary needs: _____

Name(s): _____ *Check One* Lion Leo Guest

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Street Address or P. O. Box: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Lions or Leo Club: _____ District 17- (circle one): L I **O** N S

Mail meal reservations only to: Lion Toni Brauer, 1414 Dover Rd., McPherson, KS 67460

Telephone: 620-241-8241

E-mail: tonig3325@gmail.com

Registration: # _____ @ \$ 3.00 = \$ _____

Friday Dinner, 6:30 pm. (Yankee Pot Roast) # of tickets _____ @ \$16.00 = _____

Saturday Lunch, 11:45 am. (Italian Buffet) # of tickets _____ @ \$15.00 = _____

Saturday evening banquet, 6:30 pm.(Napa Valley Chicken) . # of tickets _____ @ \$16.00 = _____

(Tax and gratuity included for all meals)

OR Meal Package (includes all 3 meals and registration fee) # of tickets _____ @ \$50.00 = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

(Make checks payable to Mid Winter Rally)

Remember: Final date for meal reservations is JANUARY 8, 2010

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