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Special Mid-April Issue

The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club

Overland Park, Kansas

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WE SERVE

In Memoriam
Lion G. Ronald Bloome
1928-2010
Past President, Overland Park Host Lions
Member since October 1971
Melvin Jones Fellow
Claude Devorss Fellow

Memorial Service for Lion Ron Bloome . . .

A service of remembrance honoring the life of Lion Ron Bloome will be held at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, April 24 at the Overland Park Christian Church, 75th and Conser.

Lions who have them should wear their gold coats.

Lion Dottie has asked that memorial contributions be made to the Overland Park Host Lions Club Endowment Fund, c/o Grant Rogers, Treasurer.

Shawnee Mission North Naval Jr. ROTC Leader to Speak at April 24 Meeting

Warrant Officer Dennis Grayless will speak at our April 24 meeting. He will enlighten us about the award-winning NJROTC program at Shawnee Mission North High School. Mr. Grayless said his program "will just be a little conversation about what we have tried to do with the cadets at SM North in getting them to understand their roles as contributing members of their community. I'll be on deck at 0715!"

The SM North NJROTC unit has won many awards at competitions in recent years. Please be in attendance to hear about this fine group of students and their accomplishments

Special Recognition Scheduled for April 24

Lion **Carleen Rajala**, a member of the Shawnee Lions Club, will be honored by our club at the regular meeting of April 24 for her contribution to Cub Scout 3254.

Lion Carleen played a leading role in getting our club involved in sponsoring the Cub Pack at Apache Elementary School. In addition, she purchased uniform shirts for all the boys in the Pack. Many Apache elementary students come from low-income families and could not afford to buy their own Cub Scout uniforms.

The Cubs have signed a large hand-made "Thank You" card and representatives of the Pack will present the card to Carleen at the meeting on April 24.

April 24 Candy Day Cancelled

The Candy Day scheduled for Saturday, April 24 has been cancelled. There was a shortage of volunteers to fill some of the shifts, but the more important reason now is to avoid a conflict with the memorial service for Ron Bloome.

Schedule for May . . .

Saturday, May 1: Board of Directors meeting, Mimi's Café, Oak Park Mall. 7:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 8: Regular meeting, Red Robin, 95th/Metcalf. Program: David Scott, The Farmers House. Subject: special services for developmentally handicapped persons.

Saturday, May 15: Armed Forces Day, Metcalf Avenue of Flags. Up at 6 a.m., down at 4 p.m.,

Saturday, May 22: Regular meeting, Red Robin. Program: Dr. Emmanuel Ngomsi (pronounced "Gumsy") speaking on "Understanding Diversity and World Cultures."

Saturday, May 29: Begin Memorial Day week-end. Metcalf Avenue of Flags. **Up on Saturday** at 6 a.m. **Down on Tuesday**, June 1 at 4 p.m.

And Finally . . .

There may or may not be a Lions' Roar in the first week of May as in past months. For those of you who have not heard, *Ye Olde Editor* will be undergoing back surgery on Friday, April 23 at Shawnee Mission Hospital. Recuperation is planned in three stages: four days or so in hospital; another four or five at a skilled nursing facility for rehab and therapy (location is to be determined); and perhaps 8 to 12 weeks very light activity at home. This Old Monarch intends to come roarrrring back as soon as he can!!