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# The Lions' Roar

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WE SERVE

## The President's Message for June . . .

by Lion Bob Larson

Now that **Lion Neal** is back as "Ye Olde Editor," this column will be resumed. Actually, this becomes my second-to-last column because next month will be my "swan song" as Big Lion of this club.



My, the year has gone fast!

First of all, I laud the cooperation of everybody as we've gone through a number of obligations and social events (other than the postponed Candy Days event) rather smoothly.

I offer thanks to our members, particularly **Lions Art Meganck and Roger Claxton** for improving our flag numbers in the community with flags being displayed in downtown Overland Park and for coming up with a method to position them (brackets on light poles along the street. **Lions Beverly Nichols and Dottie Bloome** spent much time contacting business owners and getting them to participate in our program.

Also, to a host of others who have worked hard to continuously make flag days a tremendous success. Again this is our unique contribution to the community. "We fly the Flags" in addition to "We Serve."

We are still experimenting about when to put the flags up and take them down on special holidays such as Memorial Day and Labor Day. The question is: is it better to pick the flags up at 6 a.m. or 4 p.m.

I was a little disappointed at the turn out to take up the flags on June 1 as compared with the excellent showing of volunteers on Saturday, May 28 (for Memorial Day). Maybe, we just have to get used to such a schedule.

Also congratulations to **Chuck Binau** for being a Melvin Jones recipient

See you Saturday!

—*Big Lion Bob*

## A Special Message from Lion Dottie Bloome

I want to thank the Lions for all the love, care and support through your cards, the Flags at the Church and the Gold Coats at Ron's Memorial Service. It meant so much to my family and me.

## Lion Paul Roerman Needs Program Ideas!

Our First Vice President-Elect **Paul Roerman** is developing the schedule of programs for the 2010-11 year. If any members have ideas about informative, entertaining, and/or inspirational speakers, please share them with Lion Paul. He would appreciate the help!

## IMPORTANT: NEW FLAG PICK-UP TIMES

National Flag Day is Monday, June 14. Flags will go up at 6 a.m. as usual. But they will be picked up on Tuesday, June 15, also at 6 a.m.

**Lion Art Meganck**, after consulting several Lions, said their consensus was that the next-day, early-morning pick-up time was safer (less traffic along Metcalf) and cooler.

The plan now is for pick-ups for Flag Day and Veterans Day to be at 6 a.m. on the following morning. For Independence Day and Labor Day, Flags will go up on Saturday and come down at 6 AM on the following Tuesday.

Plenty of volunteers are still needed to do the work! Please show up!!

## A Note from Ye Olde Editor . . .

This is another abbreviated newsletter, but we did want to be sure some of the important announcements were made. I apologize that it is so late.

**Lion Beverly** and I want to express our sincere thanks to all who worked so hard to make the 2010 Kansas Lions State Convention such a "roaring" success. We were "co-chairs," but she's the one who really carried the heaviest load. She put together a team of sub-committees—from our club and others in District 17-O—that did the work.

We'll have a more-complete report and thank-you's in a later newsletter.

Speaking of newsletters . . . *Ye Olde Editor* will be your Big Lion next year. He'd sure appreciate having someone step up take over the *Lion's Roar*. Any volunteers?

## Calendar of Activities

- June 12** ..... Regular meeting, Red Robin Restaurant  
Program: Joe Padavic, Teardrop Video  
Topic: Preserving memories by changing photos/movies to CD/DVD.
- June 19** ..... Board of Directors meeting  
Mimi's Café, Oak Park Mall, 7:30 a.m.  
Note change of date due to State Convention on June 5
- June 26** ..... Regular meeting, Red Robin Restaurant  
Program: Lauren Davis.  
Topic: Health Partnership Clinic: Johnson County's Medical Home for the Low Income, Uninsured
- June 28 – July 2** ..... Lions Clubs International Convention  
Sydney Australia
- July 10** ..... Regular meeting, Red Robin Restaurant  
Installation of 2010-11 officers by District Governor Michele Hufferd
- July 17** ..... Board of Directors meeting  
Mimi's Café, Oak Park Mall, 7:30 a.m.  
Note change of date due to International Convention
- July 24** ..... Regular meeting, Red Robin Restaurant  
Program: Talks by scholarship recipients
- August 28** ..... District Governor's Official Visit for 2010-11