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The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club
Overland Park, Kansas
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President's Message for September

By Big Lion Neal Nichols



September has started off with a real Lions' roar! "Old Glory" graced Metcalf Avenue from last Saturday morning through Tuesday morning (September 4-7). The breezy weekend days added emphasis to our efforts as about 475 Star-Spangled Banners waved proudly in the wind.

Now we must turn our attention to the annual Downtown Overland Park Arts & Crafts Festival. Our hot dog and brats concession stand is one of the largest fund-raising activities of the year and I encourage all of you to come out for at least part of the day to help. (With a bit of embarrassment I admit that Lion Beverly and I won't be there. We'll be in Milwaukee participating in the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.)

An exciting feature of this year's Festival will be the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation's Mobile Screening Unit (MSU, or "Sight Bus"). We owe our thanks to Lion Roger Claxton who not only arranged for the MSU to be here, but also worked with city officials so that the unit will be parked on Overland Park Drive very close to our concession stand.

The Board of Directors will meet on Saturday, September 18 at Mimi's Café at Oak Park Mall. The Board will discuss the critical issue of our Club's General Account. For each of the past several years, we have spent more than we have brought in. If income and expenses continue at the same level as in the past, this account will be "in the red" by June. Some combination of additional fund-raising, dues increase, and elimination of discounts for meals and dues will be necessary to balance this budget. Any dues increase will require amendments to our Constitution and By-Laws. I am hopeful that such amendments can be presented to the members by early October, with a vote at one of the November meetings.

Lion Beverly Nichols has been working hard arranging for an Alaskan cruise (with optional land tour added) to follow the Lions Clubs International Convention in Seattle next summer. The Convention will be held July 4 through 8, 2011 and the cruise will begin on July 9. Bus transportation will be available from Seattle to Vancouver, British Columbia where Lions and friends will board the Princess Cruise Lines ship *Diamond Princess*.

Lion Beverly has complete details regarding itinerary and prices. If you're interested in cruising, you should contact her soon in order to reserve cabin space and to get deposits made). Fares vary depending on type of cabin desired.

Because the cruise departs from Vancouver in Canada, **passports are required**. If you don't have one, or if yours will expire soon, take steps to correct that situation NOW! Applications are available at many U. S. Post Offices. Renewals cost about \$110 and new passports are about \$160.

All Kansas Lions—not just Overland Park Host members—have been informed of this opportunity. Don't be left out! Make your reservations now!

Big Lion Neal

OVERLAND PARK FALL FESTIVAL

TO BE HELD
SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 25

One of our major fundraisers will be this month at the annual Overland Park Fall Festival. It will take place, rain or shine, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010, in [Downtown Overland Park](#), two blocks west of Metcalf Avenue on Santa Fe Drive between 79th and 81st streets.

The festival features:

- Arts and Crafts Fair with 200-plus vendors;
- **Lions' Mobile Screening Unit** (sight bus) from 8-5;
- Free concerts and kid-friendly activities;
- **Food booths, including our own**, which offers hot dogs, soda, water, popcorn, and free balloons;
- Free motorcycle show, featuring new and antique bikes, at the Matt Ross Community Center.

The Santa Fe Trail Days parade begins at 10 a.m., one block west of Metcalf at 79th and Floyd, travelling west and then south on Santa Fe, ending near Overland Park Elementary School.

To sign up to volunteer, please see **Lions Lynn or Teresa Wolfe**. Thanks to **Lions Roger and Mae Claxton** for providing the organization for this major fundraiser. Hope to see you there!

Information for this article was taken from:
<http://www.opkansas.org/Things-to-See-And-Do/Overland-Park-Fall-Festival>

Welcome New Members!

Lynn and Teresa Wolfe joined our Club in August. Lynn is a long-time Lion in Montgomery, Alabama. Teresa is a Lion for the first-time. Lion Ken Collyard is Lion Lynn's sponsor and Lynn in turn is sponsor of Teresa!

Calendar of Activities

September 11	Regular Meeting, Red Robin <i>Jim Mathis, Photographer</i>
September 18	Board Meeting, Mimi's 7:15 a.m.
September 20	Reservations to Neal are due <i>Re: OP Chamber of Commerce Breakfast</i>
September 25:	Overland Park Fall Festival Overland Park Commons Set up Friday 2:00 p.m. Saturday: 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
October 1	OP Chamber of Commerce Annual Breakfast 7:30 – 9:00 a.m., \$25, Marriott, 10800 Metcalf
October 2	**Board Meeting, Mimi's 7:15 a.m.
October 2	Chiefs ticket money due to DG Hufferd
October 5	Visitation, Lawrence Club noon
October 9	Regular Meeting, Red Robin <i>Program To Be Announced</i>
October 23.....	Regular Meeting, Red Robin <i>Program To Be Announced</i>
October 24.....	K.C. Chiefs Lions Club Day Kickoff time 12:00 p.m.
October 28	Visitation, Bonner Springs Club 6:30 p.m.
November 11	Flags up 6:00 a.m.
November 12	Flags down 6:00 a.m.
November 13	Regular Meeting, Red Robin <i>Shoeboxes for Soldiers work day*</i>
November 20	**Board Meeting, Mimi's 7:15 a.m.

*Please note that the date and location for the Shoeboxes for Soldiers project has changed. In the District Governor's contest, this will be work 300 points as a service activity.

The board meets at **Mimi's Café at Oak Park Mall (near 95th and Quivira) on the first Saturday of every month at 7:15 a.m.; however, **meetings in September, November, January and June** will be held on the **third Saturday** to avoid conflicts with holidays or other scheduled activities. Any member is welcome to attend.

Good Morning, Overland Park! Chamber of Commerce Breakfast

Greg Musil is the Master of Ceremonies for the Annual Breakfast of the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce (Topic: Desirability of Living in Overland Park). It takes place from 7:30-9:00 a.m. on October 1 at the Overland Park Marriott, 10800 Metcalf. A table of 10 can be reserved for \$28 per person. Open seating is \$25 per person for chamber members. If you are interested, **see Neal by September 20** so that he can make reservations for our group at the member price.

Special District Fundraising Event: KANSAS CITY CHIEFS LIONS CLUB DAY



Sunday, October 24, 2010

12:00 p.m. kickoff

Chiefs vs. Jacksonville Jaguars

Tickets: \$25.00 (\$83.00 value)

DG Michele Hufferd has been busy! She has made arrangements with the Chiefs which allow us a great discount on tickets, while raising money for the district. The Chiefs will donate \$10 to the Lions for each \$25 ticket purchased. Below, **DG Hufferd** fills in some of the details:

- **Where are the seats?** I was told they were \$83 tickets, so if I'm reading the chart right, they are the purple upper level section. If you go to the web site below and look for the purple boxes, you can click on the purple box and see how the field will look from those seats.
<http://www.kcchiefs.com/tickets/seating.html>.
- **Can non-Lions get tickets at this price and attend?** ABSOLUTELY!! If they are purchased with our group, anyone can attend. The more the merrier!
- **What is the date to get payment and ticket numbers to you?** I would like to have the ticket numbers and payment by **October 2nd**. That will give me time to get the check to the Chiefs, get the tickets back and get them to you.
- **Can our group sit together?** Yes. If you send me your ticket requests as a club, then when I get the tickets back, I will make sure your tickets are together. I'm anticipating that getting them purchased the beginning of October will get our whole district together as one group.
- **Where does the \$10 back go?** It will go to the district as a fundraiser for the District's project and administrative accounts.

GO CHIEFS! ---- GO LIONS!

Treasurer's Report: August 2010

(abbreviated)

General (Operating) Account

Income	
Meal	\$ 236.00
Membership Dues	275.00
Tail Twister	53.10

Expenses	
Chamber of Commerce Dues	\$ 761.95
Incorporation Filing Fees	40.00
Meal Expense	400.00

Service (Project or Charity) Account

Income	
Metcalf Avenue of Flags	\$ 573.00
Candy Days	575.00
Miscellaneous Income	7.11
Expenses	
Overland Park Fall Festival	\$ 10.00
Eye exams and glasses	100.00
Scholarships to Seniors	500.00

2010-11 Officers

President	Neal Nichols
1st Vice President	
2nd Vice President	Chris Pucci
Immediate Past President	Bob Larson
Secretary	Carole Collyard
Treasurer	Roger Claxton
Tail Twister:	Ken Collyard
Lion Tamer:	Bryan Lanigan
Membership Committee:	Beverly Nichols (Chair)
Membership Committee:	Grant Rogers (Vice-Chair)
Membership Committee:	Cindy Fisher (Member)
Director (2010-2012):	Mae Claxton
Director (2010-2012):	Heather Lanigan
Director (2009-2011):	Edson Parker
Director (2008-2011):	Dottie Bloome



Peggy Sampson, receiving a \$1,000 check from **Past President Bob Larson** on August 13, is Outreach Coordinator for the KU Audio-Reader Program.

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Lion Chris Pucci (left) and **Lion Roger Claxton** (right) collect school supplies for the August service project at Price Chopper (87th and Antioch in Overland Park).

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Art Meganck: September 15

Darrel Stone: September 22

Anniversaries:

Lynn and Teresa Wolfe: September 7

Earl and Mary McIntosh: September 16

Merlyn and Mary Lou Albaugh September 20



District Governor Michele Hufferd's Point Contest: How Are We Doing?

In the District Governor's Point Contest, we earned 10,850 points in August for a year-to-date total of 13,425.

We are in **first place** in our size category, but far behind Leawood. They got a BUNCH of points for eyeglasses turned in last month!

In Memoriam:**Cynthia Witwer (1925-2010)**

Cynthia Witwer, beloved wife of **Lion Al Witwer**, died Saturday, August 28, 2010, at the age of 84. Our condolences go out to Lion Al and family.



DG Michele Hufferd speaks at our July meeting. She proposed that we be open to even small changes in how we do things. She introduced a new Pennies for Change program.



At the August meeting, **Lion Beverly Nichols** introduces the fourth scholarship recipient, **Kyle Neely**. Kyle is a graduate of Shawnee Mission West High School. He is now attending Kansas State University.

**Club Visitations Going Strong**

We have had excellent participation at our club visitations, with an average of five people per visit. So far we have been to Leavenworth, Valley Falls and Osawatomie. Visitations are a chance to see what works for other clubs and have some fun in meeting other LIONS. In riding together to the visitation, we also get to personally enjoy LIONS in our club and swap stories. We also earn points for **District Governor Michele Hufferd's** contest!

Due to our high level of project activity in the month of September, we will not have a visitation. We are planning two trips in October to Lawrence (October 5, noon meeting) and to Bonner Springs (October 28, 6:30 p.m. meeting). Everyone is welcome.

~~**Lion Edson Parker**

Metcalfe Avenue of Flags

Once again, flags flew Labor Day weekend on Metcalfe. This year, the route has been extended to include downtown Overland Park. This effort was successful due to the combined efforts of several members, including the initiative of **Lion Art Meganck**, the ingenuity of **Lion Roger Claxton** in figuring out how to mount the flags to existing poles, and the marketing by **Lion Beverly Nichols** and **Lion Dottie Bloome**. Above are some of the flags that fly on 79th Street west of Marty Avenue.

Raffle for Service Dog Program

Lion Janette Reh is selling \$5.00 raffle tickets for a side of beef, which she and husband Larry are donating. Proceeds will support three service dog programs. The drawing will take place at the State Convention in June 2011. If you would like to purchase or sell tickets, please contact **Janette** at 785-937-2413, 816-223-5558 (cell) or jreh1@embarqmail.com.