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November 2010

# The Lions' Roar

**Overland Park Host Lions Club  
Overland Park, Kansas**

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**WE SERVE**

## NOVEMBER SERVICE PROJECT: SHOEBOXES FOR SOLDIERS

Our club's fourth annual "Shoeboxes for Soldiers" work day will take place at the next regular meeting, Saturday, November 13. Rather than listening to a speaker, we will have a change of pace as we put together care packages for soldiers in Afghanistan.



At the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce networking event on October 21, our Shoeboxes project was nicely promoted by one of the Chamber Ambassadors who urged those present to support our efforts. Supplies have been accumulating for the past several days and sufficient quantities should be on hand to fill boxes for all the names we have. Thanks go to **Lions Mae Claxton and Beverly Nichols** for organizing this project.

## October Fund-Raising Activities

Last month was a very busy 31 days for Host Lions! A **garage sale** at the Claxton's home on October 15 and 16 resulted in a profit of slightly over \$680 for the General Account.

At **Candy Day**, held at Hy-Vee on October 23, we received approximately \$600 for the Service Account. Candy Day receipts help us meet our commitment to the KU Medical Center Ophthalmology Clinic (through the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation).

And on Sunday afternoon, Halloween Day, the City of Overland Park sponsored the third annual **"Trick or Treat Trail"** at the Matt Ross Community Center. We gave out about 700 bags of popcorn to costumed characters—large and small—of all sorts (and their parents, too). About \$130 in donations were received, and this money will go into the Service Account. The Board of Directors approved participating and voted that all donations, after expenses, would go to the Service Fund.

Proof that Overland Park Host Lions are making an impact on the community comes in the fact that the city invited us to participate in the event. Kristina Stanley, Recreation Supervisor in the city's Recreation Services Department, made contact with Roger Claxton several weeks ago about providing popcorn during the afternoon.

Lions who helped out were **Dottie Bloome, Roger and Mae Claxton, Carole Collyard, Cindy Fisher, Neal and Beverly Nichols, and Lynn and Teresa Wolfe**. See page 2 for photos of this event.



## Flag Day

Veterans Day, which is Thursday, November 11, will be our last Flag day for this year. Flags will then come down on Friday morning, November 12. YOU are needed to make this event a success! Please be at Newcomer's at 82nd and Metcalf a little before 6:00 a.m. on both mornings.

At our last meeting we had three visitors (and two children) who said they probably will be able to help us out. We need experienced Lions to accompany them and show where the Flags are placed.

If you have not already signed up to participate, please call **Lion Art Meganck (913-648-0765)** or **Lion Dottie Bloome (913-642-8287)** to let them know that you will be there.

As usual, we'll probably gather at Winstead's for breakfast after flags go up on Thursday. Friday breakfast is a little "iffy."



**October 2010:**

**Shine a Light on Blindness**

**November-December 2010:**

**Shine a Light on Hunger**

## Halloween Day: Trick or Treat Trail at Matt Ross Community Center

To the right: In front, **Lion Dottie Bloome** is ready with popcorn and Lion candy to hand to the next trick-or-treater. In background, (left to right): **Lion Lynn Wolfe** enjoys cotton candy from the booth next door, **Lion Teresa Wolfe** organizes popcorn while **Lions Mae Claxton** and **Carole Collyard** make popcorn and fill bags.



Left and right: Trick-or-treaters take a break to enjoy their treats.



Above: **Lion Mae Claxton** picked up a balloon pumpkin from the Pumpkin Patch. Right: **Lion Cindy Fisher** keeps the table organized.



# Calendar of Activities

November 11 ... Flags up 6:00 a.m.  
 November 12... Flags down 6:00 a.m.  
 November 13 ..... Regular Meeting, Red Robin  
 ..... *Shoeboxes for Soldiers work day\**  
 November 20... Board Meeting, Perkins, 87<sup>th</sup> and Nieman  
 ..... 7:30a.m.  
 November 23 .. Zone Meeting, Leawood City Hall  
 .. *Jack Stack's BBQ, about \$8.00*  
 November 24 .... Money to DGHufferd for 12/26 Chiefs game  
 November 27... Regular Meeting, Red Robin  
 ..... *Eleanor Craig, Oregon Trail Trip for the visually impaired*  
 December 4 ..... Board Meeting, Perkins, 87<sup>th</sup> and Nieman  
 ..... 7:30a.m.  
 December 4 ..... Salvation Army Bell Ringing  
 December 11... Breakfast with Santa  
 December 25... Christmas Day, no meeting  
 January 8..... Regular Meeting  
 ..... *Sandee Munson, Employment Specialist, U.S. Probation Office*  
 January 15..... Board Meeting, Perkins, 87<sup>th</sup> and Nieman  
 ..... 7:30a.m.

## Board Meetings

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on Saturday, November 20 at **Perkin's, 87th and Nieman Road (near I-35)**. Breakfast can be ordered from the menu beginning at about 7 a.m. and the meeting will be called to order at 7:30.

Board meeting dates for the rest of the year are November 20, December 4, January 15, February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 18, and July 2.

The change from the usual first-Saturday meeting in November is because of the Kansas State Council meeting in McPherson on November 5-7. Both club **President Neal Nichols** and **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Beverly** have state responsibilities and had to be present at McPherson.

Club members are welcome to attend board meetings. Nearly all club business is transacted by the Board of Directors, leaving regular club meetings free for food, fun, fellowship and programs.

## District Governor Hufferd's Contest Update

DG Governor Michele Hufferd's most recent newsletter shows us in 2nd place in our category with 18,775 points (behind Sunflower Lions of Topeka, with 20, 675 points). Our running total submitted at the end of October, however, is 31,935, so we may be in first place next month.

It's a close contest!

## Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays:

**November 15:** Jason Tyrer  
**November 16:** Trish Rogers  
**December 5:** Bryan Lanigan  
**December 6:** Roger Claxton  
**December 6:** Harriet Claxton



### Anniversaries:

**November 9:** Art and Terry Meganck  
**November 13:** Chris and Deanna Pucci  
**November 26:** Grant and Trish Rogers  
**November 27:** Jason and Joy Tyrer  
**November 30:** Bob and Linda Larson

### Condolences to Roger Claxton

The club extends deepest sympathy to **Lion Roger Claxton** upon the death of his mother in Ohio on October 23. She had been in failing health for quite some time and Roger had made a number of trips to her home to be at her bedside.

## Zone Meeting on November 23 at Leawood City Hall

The next zone meeting will be on Tuesday evening, November 23 and will be hosted by the Leawood Lions Club. The meal will be catered by Jack Stack's Bar-B-Q; the price will be about \$8.

**Carole Collyard** of our club is Zone Chair this year. If you plan to attend the meeting, please call Carole at 913-238-0209 to let her know. She needs to know how many meal reservations to make.

Zone meetings are open to all Lions. They are a good way to find out about the activities and fundraisers of other clubs in the area. There is always an opportunity for visiting with and meeting Lions from outside our own club.

## 2010-11 Officers

President ..... Neal Nichols  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President ..... Chris Pucci  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President .....  
 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



## President's Message for November

By Big Lion Neal Nichols



Please attend Saturday's meeting at the Red Robin to help with the "Shoeboxes for Soldiers" project. Several boxes will go to a unit in Afghanistan and a few will go to troops stationed elsewhere, mainly in Iran. Your help will make this job easier for all.

October had such a full schedule that we didn't do much in the way of visiting other clubs. We did make two visits, the first to Lawrence Noon on October 5, and then to Bonner Springs Lions on October 28. Our visitation chair, Edson Parker made the arrangements. Going on those visits were Edson, Chris Pucci, Jack McLain, and Beverly and I. Lions from Leavenworth and Lansing were at Bonner, too. Inter-club visits give us an opportunity to see what other clubs are doing in the way of projects and activities. When future visits are announced, I hope you'll consider signing up for one or more of them.

Next September seems far away, but looming over the horizon is the annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Anchorage, Alaska September 22-24. Kansas Lions should be out in full force to begin advertising the 2013 Forum in Overland Park. Kansas will have a booth at the exhibit hall in Anchorage and we need members to staff it. I realize that the dates might conflict with our own Downtown OP Fall Festival activities

Lion Beverly and I attended the second Kansas Lions State Council meeting for this year in McPherson this past weekend. The State Council is somewhat like our club's Board of Directors—it's where most business at the state level is conducted. There are four such meetings each year. I serve on the state Budget and Finance Committee and Beverly was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation Board of Directors. She will serve the rest of this year in the place of a KLSF Director who resigned recently.

This year's **Mid-Winter Rally** (and third State Council meeting) will be held on January 28-30, 2011 in Junction City. I urge all of you to try to attend. The Rally this year is on a weekend when we do not have a regular club meeting or a Board meeting. This is a great time to renew acquaintances with Lions from around the state and to make new friends.

The **District 17-O convention** will be held at the Holiday Inn in Lawrence during the last weekend in February.

The **State Convention** and fourth State Council meeting will also be held at the Holiday Inn in Lawrence on June 2-4, 2011. Lions International President Sid Scruggs and his wife Judy will be featured guests. Let's have a great turnout that weekend.

Years ago our club had a huge presence at Mid-Winter Rallies and Conventions. We were one of the premier clubs in all of Kansas and I hope we can regain that status.

As if this schedule isn't enough to leave you breathless, there's the **International Convention** in Seattle from July 4-8. After the convention there will be a Kansas Lions Alaskan cruise (and optional land tour) beginning July 9. Sailing will be from Vancouver, British Columbia Canada. Our own Lion Beverly has been hard at work in setting up the cruise. Think about coming along! Beverly will give you the details.

—Big Lion Neal

## Treasurer's Report:

### October 2010

#### General (Operating) Account

Income	
Meals .....	\$ 88.00
Membership Dues .....	..25.00
Tail Twister .....	49.00
Garage Sale.....	<u>846.61</u>

**Total Income..... \$1008.61**

Expenses	
Room and Meal .....	\$ 466.00
Miscellaneous.....	176.00
Garage Sale.....	<u>165.00</u>

**Total Expenses.....\$ 807.00**

**Net Income.....\$201.61**

#### Service (Project or Charity) Account

Income	
OP Trick or Treat Trail.....	\$ 134.64
Overland Park Fall Festival.....	218.00
Cookbook Income.....	15.00
Shoeboxes for Soldiers.....	<u>20.00</u>

**Total Income .....\$ 388.28**

Expenses	
OP Trick or Treat Trail.....	\$ 15.74
Community Projects.....	92.75
Peace Poster Contest.....	<u>45.80</u>

**Total Expenses .....\$ 154.29**

**Net Income .....\$ 233.99**

## Bell Ringing for Salvation Army Is December 4; Location TBA

Mark Saturday, December 4 on your calendars as our day to ring bells for the Salvation Army.



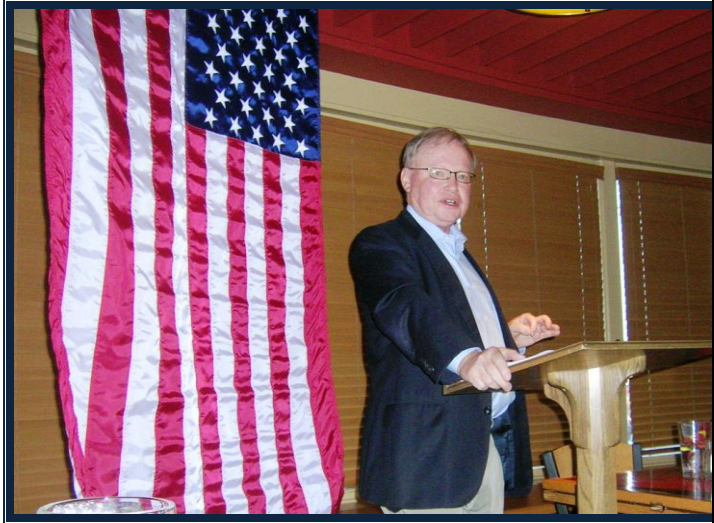
The exaction locations for this activity haven't been announced yet. **Lion Mae Claxton** is coordinating the program.

The next *Lions' Roar* probably will not be published until after December 4, so when the details are final, an e-mail communication will be sent announcing where the bell ringing will take place.

Lion Mae will have sign-up sheets at the next two meetings. Please volunteer to help out on this worthy cause.

## October Speaker

On October 23, our speaker was **Bob Moore**, Historian/Archivist for the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club. Moore highlighted the history of the American Football League, founded by Lamar Hunt, including the rivalry between the National and the American Football Leagues. He also explained how the Chiefs came to Kansas City from Dallas.



*Bob Moore, Historian/Archivist for the Kansas City Chiefs, speaks at the October 23 meeting.*

One particularly interesting point was that the Chiefs are actually named after the late H. Roe Bartle, who served many years as mayor of Kansas City, Missouri. Bartle was active in the Tribe of Mic-o-Say, a Boy Scout honors camping program. His nickname was "Chief," and as Bartle was instrumental in bringing the football team to KC, Lamar Hunt chose to name our team in honor of him.

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## Serving the Hungry Service Project

In keeping with International President Sid Scruggs' objective of serving the hungry (bringing a Beacon of Hope), District 17-0 Lions sorted food at Harvesters on November 4. **Lions Dottie Bloome, Roger Claxton, Beverly Nichols, and Big Lion Neal Nichols** represented our club. Additional volunteers included four from Shawnee Lions, two from Lenexa Lions, and two from Merriam-Shawnee Lions. Zone Chair Carleen Rajala of the Shawnee Lions Club organized the event.

Our task at Harvesters was to take food items from barrels and boxes that had been brought in from grocery stores and elsewhere and then sort them by category. Other groups (non-Lions) were also present and some of them then took the sorted food and packed it in boxes for distribution to food pantries and other recipients.



*Pictured above (left to right): Lion Roger Claxton, Lion Beverly Nichols, Big Lion Neal Nichols, and Lion Dottie Bloome.*

## Chiefs Ticket Discount Offered a Second Time

The October Chiefs game fundraiser for the district was a huge success. **DG Hufferd** reports that the Chiefs have offered a discount for a second game on December 26 against the Tennessee Titans. It is a noon game. Prices for this game are \$35.00 each and money is due to DG Hufferd by November 30. Please call her by November 24 with the number of tickets that you want to purchase.