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The Lions' Roar

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SATURDAY'S MEETING: OREGON TRAIL RECOLLECTIONS AND "PHONES FOR BONES" PROJECT

At the next regular meeting—Saturday, January 22—**Lion Steve Everley** will show pictures he took on the Oregon Trail trip last summer. Steve served as one of the adult leaders on the trek. This program gave students from the Kansas State School for the Blind (and elsewhere) the opportunity to experience adventures similar to those faced by mid-1800s pioneers.

Unfortunately, due to continuing difficulty in raising funds (including cutbacks in federal grant money) and her impending retirement, **Lion Eleanor Craig** has decided that the 2010 trip would be the last. She had directed such trips over nine different trails for the past 13 years. Eleanor is a member of the soon-to-be-chartered Downtown Kansas City Kansas Lions Club. Eleanor directs the Accessible Arts program which is housed at KSSB.

Steve Everley's program will feature some spectacular photography of the activities and scenery experienced by the students. *Be sure to attend and see it!*

SPECIAL NOTE: Lion Steve has started a program—"Phones for Bones"—to recycle used cell phones. If you have one or more unwanted old phones, bring them to the meeting Saturday. Proceeds from this effort will be donated to the Leader Dogs for the Blind School in Michigan and to KSDS here in Kansas. Lion Steve will ensure that all private information is wiped from the phones before they are sent on for recycling.

TWO SUCCESSFUL VISITATIONS IN JANUARY!

Thanks go to Lion Edson Parker for his work in scheduling two very successful club visitations in January. On Thursday, January 6 eight OPHLC members enjoyed lunch with the Overland Park Noon Club. Attending were **Edson, Carole Collyard, Jack McLain, Neal and Beverly Nichols, Chris Pucci, and Lynn and Teresa Wolfe.**

On Monday, January 17 Five OPH Lions traveled to Linwood for a hearty meal and a very interesting program on the life of Octave Chanute. Chanute designed the Hannibal Bridge in Kansas City, drew the first plat of the City of Lenexa, and worked with the Wright Brothers on design work for their first airplane. OPHLC members attending were **Edson, Jack McLain, the Nichols, and Chris Pucci.**



EYEGLASS SORTING AND PIZZA PARTY!

If you have collected any eyeglasses recently, please bring them to Saturday's meeting.

Lions Ken and Carol Collyard will host an eye-glasses sorting party at their home at noon on Saturday and will order in pizza for all who participate.

The Collyards live at 7015 Red Oak Court in Shawnee (west of Interstate 435 and north of Midland Drive). **Please let Ken or Carole know at the meeting Saturday morning if you will help sort and pack glasses at noon** so they'll know how much pizza to order.

The glasses will be taken to Mid-Winter Rally next weekend and given to the state eyeglasses chairman.

We will also **count** the number of pairs of glasses while packing. This year, the District Governor's contest includes points for each pair of glasses collected.

January 8 Program:

U. S. Probation Office Staff Members



Pictured above are Rod Freeman, Sandee Munson, and Ron Schweer. They work for the United States Probation Service in the Kansas City, Kansas office. Their primary role is to help find appropriate employment opportunities for recently released federal prisoners. Sandee began the presentation and included a series of PowerPoint pictures and charts. Then all three explained the duties they perform. Ron Schweer is a regional director for the Probation Service.

The "Garage Mahal" Recognized!



One of Santa's presents fell off the sleigh on the way to the "Breakfast With Santa" meeting in December. It arrived by the January 8 meeting, however, and Big Lion Neal Nichols presented the special door mat to **Lions Roger and Mae Claxton**. Although a sort of gag gift, it was a symbol of genuine appreciation for all the times that the Claxton's garage and dining room have been filled with items for garage sales, silent auctions, and the "Shoebboxes for Soldiers" project. Lion Mae's kitchen has also been the site of much food preparation, especially for the Pasta Supper and Silent Auction each of the last three years. Thank you, Mae and Roger!

Directors Appoint New Vice President; Nominating Committee Begins Work

Lion Lynn Wolfe is Second Vice President for the rest of this year. Lion Lynn fills the vacancy created when **Lion Chris Pucci** moved from Second to First VP after the resignation of **Paul Roerman** from the club.

The Nominating Committee will begin seeking candidates for 2011-12 offices. **Lion Mae Claxton** has been asked to be chair, assisted by **Lions Ken Collyard** and **Chris Pucci**. Nominees will be selected by March. Elections will be held in April. New officers take office at the first meeting in July.

LION CHUCK BINAU MOVES TO IOWA

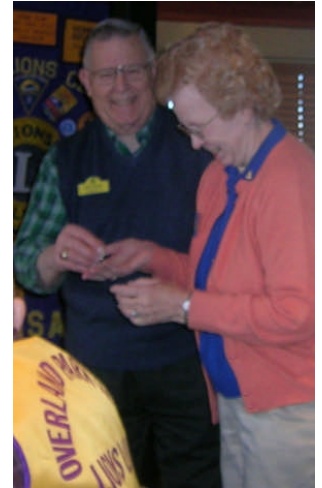
Lion Chuck Binau, a member of this club since 1982, has moved into a retirement living facility near Des Moines, IA.

Chuck is a past president of this club and was honored last year with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. He was active in every aspect of club activities, especially the Downtown Overland Park Fall Festivals and the Metcalf Avenue of Flags project.

He has asked to remain in this club as an At-Large member until he finds another Lions club to which he can transfer. He and his wife **Twyla** will be sorely missed here.



Above left: **Sande Munson** shows off the engraved Lion memento she received after the January 8 presentation.



Above right: Big Lion Neal presents **Lion Beverly** with her first **Membership Advancement Key**, awarded by Lions Clubs International. The key is awarded for recruiting two new Lions who remain in Lionism for at least one year and one day. Lion Beverly recruited Lions Michelle Taylor and Greg Trainor. Alas, unfortunately Greg has had to resign for family reasons, but Beverly gets to keep the key!

Membership Advancement Keys are one way LCI recognizes and honors members who help the Association grow.



First Forum Fund-Raising Pins Are Here!

"Dorothy," the first in a series of Wizard of Oz character trading pins to help raise funds for the 2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, has arrived. Be the first on your block to own one. They're only \$5 each and will be available at Saturday's meeting (and also on sale at Mid-Winter Rally to other Kansas Lions).

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