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January 2011

The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club
Overland Park, Kansas
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DECEMBER SOCIAL

Thanks go to **Lions Lynn and Teresa Wolfe** for making arrangements to attend the Nutcracker performance December 18. Their daughter, Laura, performed and was able to get reduced tickets. About 16 Lions were in attendance.

If you have any ideas for future socials, please let one of the board members know.

Newsletter Reporter Position Open

Have you had visions of being a journalist? Have you ever run across some information that would be interesting for Lions to hear? Do you have an opinion that you'd like to express?

If you are interested in writing an article or two for this newsletter, either once or monthly, your ideas and your voice would add some interest and variety to the newsletter.

One idea would be to write a short article about an upcoming meeting or activity, including what, when, where, etc., that is ready to be copied and pasted into the newsletter. You could, for example, be in charge of announcing upcoming meeting topics or reporting on past speakers.

You might have an idea for a different topic. Let your imagination inspire you!

How To Get Started

If you might be interested in writing about upcoming events, or if you have another idea, please contact either Neal at pdgneal0807@aol.com or Cindy at cindy0112@everestkc.net. We will give you an assignment and/or approve your idea. We hope to hear from you!

Fourth Annual Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction

Saturday April 9, 2011 5PM
Tickets available by the end of January –
Adults \$7.50 Children 3-11 \$5.00

All members are encouraged to solicit donations from your favorite area retailers, hairstylists, restaurants or service contractors for the silent auction and forward them to Mae Claxton.

Letters for the donations will also be available by the end of January.

Bell Ringing



It was a cold and windy day in December! And our thanks go out to the 21 Lions, family members and friends who participated in our annual Bell Ringing effort on behalf of the Salvation Army. See more photos on page 3.



Lions Ken Collyard and Lloyd Larry Lovely ring bells at Oak Park Mall.

Calendar of Activities

January 6...	Visitation to Overland Park Noon
January 8...	Regular Meeting Sande Munson, Employment Specialist, U.S. Probation Office
January 14...	Reservations due for Mid-Winter Rally
January 15	Board Meeting, Perkins, 87 th and Nieman 7:30a.m.
January 20...	Visitation to Linwood Lions Club
January 22	Regular Meeting, Red Robin 7:15 a.m.
January 28-30...	Mid-Winter Rally Junction City
February 5.....	Board Meeting, Perkins, 87 th and Nieman 7:30 a.m.
February 12.....	Regular Meeting, Red Robin 7:15 a.m.
February 25-26.....	District 17-O Convention Lawrence

Board Meetings

Please note that the Board meets at **Perkins' at 87th and Nieman Road (near I-35)**. Breakfast orders from the menu can be placed beginning at about 7 a.m. and the meetings will be called to order at 7:30.

Upcoming board meeting dates are January 15, February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 18, and July 2.

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.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries



Birthdays:

January
Cindy Fisher 12th
Terry Meganck: 17th
Lavern Mausolf 23rd
Dale Warden: 27th

February
Neal Nichols: 4th
Phebe Stone 6th
Bob Larson: 8th
Earl McIntosh: 11th
Lawrence Reh: 12th

Anniversaries:

January: Louis & Malvina Adams: 7th

President's Message for January

By Big Lion Neal Nichols



The calendar tells us that a new year has dawned, but for Overland Park Host Lions, we're just now half-way through this service year. We've had a good six months, but there is still much to be done.

We'll need volunteers to help canvass businesses along Metcalf Avenue and through old Downtown Overland Park to increase the number who help our Avenue of Flags. Lions Art Meganck and Roger Claxton do yeoman's service with Flag Operations and also take on the responsibility of calling on merchants to collect donations and to sell new Flag spots. A couple more Lions to take on this part of the program would be a tremendous help. Is this something YOU can do?

Consider attending the Mid-Winter Rally in Junction City on January 28-30. This is always a great time for meeting new Lions and renewing acquaintances from around the state. Registration material was in the District Governor's Newsletter for December. If you need replacement forms, please give me a call or send an e-mail and I'll make sure you get yours right away.

The Mid-Winter Rally will be held at the Marriott Courtyard Inn and rooms are available from \$75 to \$79. Reservations at this price should be made by January 14. Meal reservations must be made by January 20. No meals will be sold "at the door."

Thanks to all our members who volunteered for Salvation Army bell-ringing at Oak Park Mall on December 4. And special thanks go to those who stepped up to help out the Leawood Lions with their bell ringing later in the month.

Thanks to Lions Lynn and Teresa Wolfe and their daughter Laura for arranging a most-enjoyable afternoon at the Nutcracker on December 18. The performance at the Music Hall downtown and the fellowship at Steak 'n Shake afterward made for a pleasant club outing. More events of this kind are being discussed by your Board of Directors.

We'll have a full calendar again this winter and spring. The District 17-O Convention will be held in Lawrence on February 25 and 26. Our annual Pasta Supper and Silent Auction is scheduled for April and plans are underway for the Anniversary Dinner in May.

It will be a little after the fact by the time you read this, but I do want to wish each of you a Happy New Year.

—Big Lion Neal



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Director (2010-2012):	Heather Lanigan
Director (2009-2011):	Edson Parker
Director (2008-2011):	Dottie Bloome

Treasurer's Report: December 2010

Service Account

Income	
Metcalf Avenue of Flags Income ..	340.00
Expenses	
Meal Expense	160.00
Overland Park Fall Festival Expense	200.00
Service Fund Disbursements	
Cub Scout Pack 3254	15.00
Eye Exams & Glasses	250.00
Salvation Army Candy Canes	34.76
Total Service Fund Disbursements	299.76
Pins	2,415.00
Miscellaneous Expense -	500.00
Total Expense	3,574.76
Net Income -	- 3,234.76

General Account

Income	
Member Dues	125.00
Income for Meals	451.00
Total Income	576.00
Expense	
Meal Expense	365.00
Santa Claus Honorarium	50.00
Total Expense	415.00
Net Income	161.00

Candid Camera Pictures of Lions Bell Ringers At Oak Park Mall on a Chilly December 4



(Above) Lion Art Me-ganck, Terri, and their grandchildren.

(Right) Lions Heath-er and Bryan Lanigan, and Lion Cub Zoe Ralph.



(Below) Lions Dottie Bloome and Carole Collyard

(Above) Robert De-nooy, Cubmaster of Pack 3254. His wife Lauri and their children helped also. (Our club sponsors Pack 3254.)

(Below) Greg Rogers, Lion Grant Rogers, and Lion Ben Starks. (Ben's daughter also helped.)



(Below) Jack McLain and Edson Parker



Annual Breakfast With Santa, . . .



. . . Always Fun for Young and Old



Breakfast With Santa, 2010 edition, was well attended with lots of presents for good little boys and girls (and we suspect even some who might not have been so good).

In the views above we see (*left to right*) Edson and Dolores Parker's grandson, Greg Rogers (son of Grant and Trish Rogers) and Jack McLain's granddaughter.

As usual, Roger and Mae Claxton were able to make a direct connection with Santa and he arrived in plenty of time to visit with the children in attendance before breakfast.

Attend the 2011 Lions Convention, Then Experience Summertime Alaska



Kansas Lions are going to Alaska in July, following the Lions Clubs International Convention in Seattle. It's not too late to be part of the group!

The LCI Convention is July 4-8. On Saturday morning, July 9 Lions will go by bus from Seattle to Vancouver, British Columbia to board the *SS Diamond Princess* for a week-long cruise ending in Anchorage. If your time is limited you can end the adventure at that point.

Got more time? Take another seven days to explore the breathtaking sights of the Alaskan countryside, including two days at Denali.

Arrangements for this special event are being handled by Marj Beane at AAA in Overland Park.

So far Lynn and Theresa Wolfe and Neal and Beverly Nichols are the Lions from our club who are going.

Contact Lion Beverly ASAP for more information including fares and itinerary details.

Register NOW for Mid-Winter Rally, January 28-30 in Junction City

By now you should have received the December issue of the *Kansas Lions News*. You're invited to come to a "Lions' Revival"—the theme of this year's Mid-Winter Rally—at Junction City on January 28-30. The dates work well for Overland Park Host Lions to attend because they fall over a fifth weekend and won't interfere with a scheduled club meeting.

Pages 1 and 5 of the KLN have details, so only a couple are repeated here for emphasis.

First, note that Friday, January 14 is the deadline to reserve rooms at the Courtyard Inn (785-210-1500). Ask for room rates for "Kansas Lions Mid-Winter Rally" when you call.

Second, two International guests will attend the Rally. **International Director J. Carl Young** (and his wife Elizabeth) of Canada will be featured guests. He will speak at the Saturday night banquet.

PID Barry Palmer and his wife Anne from Australia will also attend. PID Palmer is an endorsed candidate for 2nd International Vice President in the election to be held at the LCI Convention in Seattle next July.

If he is elected **PID Palmer** will be LCI President when the **2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum** is held in Overland Park. OPHLC members can take advantage of the opportunity to meet him and get acquainted during the Mid-Winter Rally.