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The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club
Overland Park, Kansas

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Perkins Restaurant at 87th & Nieman Is New Meeting Location!

Chris Pucci Elected Big Lion for '11-12; Installation of Officers to be June 25



Overland Park Host Lions will be led next year by **Lion Chris Pucci** who was elected our Big Lion at the April 9 meeting.

Other members of the Board of Directors will be:

1st Vice President	Lynn Wolfe
2nd Vice President	Lloyd Larry Lavelly
Secretary	Carole Collyard
Treasurer	Roger Claxton
Director, 2011-13	Dottie Bloome
Director, 2011-13	Teresa Wolfe
Director, 2010-12 (<i>continuing</i>)	Mae Claxton
Director, 2010-12 (<i>continuing</i>)	Heather Lanigan
Lion Tamer	Bryan Lanigan
Tail Twister	Gregg Collins
Membership Committee Chair	Grant Rogers
Immediate Past President	Neal Nichols
Membership Committee Vice Chair	Mae Claxton
Substitute Tail Twister (Honorary)	Cub Zoe Lanigan

Mae Claxton was elected as vice chairperson of the Membership Committee and **Heather Lanigan** was elected as the third member of the Committee. (These are not board positions. Lion Mae will advance to Membership Committee chair next year.

These leaders will be installed in office at the regular meeting of June 25. **District Governor-Elect Clint Vawter** (Scranton Lions Club) will be the installing officer. They will officially assume the reins of club leadership at the regular club meeting of July 9.

"World-Wide Induction Day" April 9 . . .

OPHLC Inducts Three New Members

They've been on our active roster for quite a while, but their formal induction ceremony was timed to coincide with the annual World-Wide Induction Day, which was April 9 this year.

Christine Nichols was sponsored by **VDG Beverly Nichols**.

Lynn Wolfe was sponsored by **Lion Ken Collyard**.

Teresa Wolfe was sponsored by **Lion Lynn Wolfe**.

All three new members are already very active. Lynn Wolfe was elected as 1st Vice President and will be Flag Operations Chair. He and Teresa are co-chairs of the Candy Day Committee.

First Meeting at New Site Will be April 23; Candy Day on May 14—NO Regular Meeting

Perkins Restaurant on the northeast corner of 87th Street and Nieman Road will be our club's new meeting location beginning with the next meeting, April 23, 2011.

Perkins is just west of the 69 Highway exit off 87th Street and just east of I-35. A traffic signal at 87th and Nieman makes for easy access from either direction.

The restaurant has a private meeting room and we have reserved it for all 2nd and 4th Saturdays through December 10 with **two exceptions**:

There will not be a meeting on May 14 because the room was already booked by another group. A **Candy Day** is being scheduled for that date and the 54th Anniversary Dinner is already planned for Sunday night, May 15. It will be a busy weekend.

September 24 is the date for the Downtown Overland Park Fall Arts and Crafts Festival. We will be operating a food booth and running the Mobile Screening Unit ("sight bus"), so the regular meeting will be cancelled.

Details, Details

Meal prices will remain the same as they have been in the past—\$11 if you pay at each meeting; \$55 (plus dues) if you pay quarterly; and \$200 (plus dues) if you pay annually. Dues are \$30 per quarter, \$120 per year. **Treasurer Roger Claxton** will receive one bill and pay for the entire group as he has done in the past.

Tables will be "4-tops" (stand-alone tables with four chairs) situated throughout the room. The head table will be two or three tables, depending on need, pushed together. (In other words, the room arrangement will *not* be the "U-Shape" arrangement we've used for board meetings.)

Meals will be brought to your tables by restaurant servers (not buffet style). Perkins General Manager Terry Oler will prepare a special menu for us. You can choose one of four entrees with appropriate sides and one of four juices (small). Coffee and/or hot tea will be included.

Meetings will be called to order at 7:45 as previously. Plan to arrive between 7:15 and 7:30 so meals can be ordered and served without unduly disrupting meeting activity.

The meeting room is equipped with a screen for PowerPoint or video presentations. The restaurant has storage space for most of the Lion Tamer's paraphernalia—flag, banner, gong and gavel, Tail Twister's horn and pot, etc.

A **"Lions Meet Here" sign** will be placed on the wall near the cash register and bakery display cabinet so other patrons will know of us.

There is plenty of parking, both in front and to the rear of the building.

April and Early May . . . Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

April 2: Edson Parker
April 14: Joy Tyrer
April 17: Ben Starks

May 4: Christine Nichols
May 7: Lynn Wolfe
May 10: Dolores Parker
May 11: Grant Rogers



Anniversaries:

April 5: Edson and Dolores Parker
April 12: Janette and Lawrence Reh

Congratulations and best wishes for many more special days to each of you!

Time Draws Near for 2011 LCI Convention in Seattle, Washington July 4 – 8, 2011

The next International Convention will be in Seattle, Washington from July 4-8, 2011. The convention brings together Lions from all over the world.

Highlights of the convention include a parade in the streets of the host city, the display of flags of all the nations where Lions Clubs exist, an international show, numerous exhibits and displays, and the election of a Second Vice President and several new members to the International Board of Directors.



For registration information and forms, go to www.lionsclubs.org, click on the "News and Events" button, then click on the "International Convention" button on left-hand side, then click on the "For Attendees" button. More details and instructions on downloading forms will be found there.



September 22-24, 2011: Anchorage, Alaska

To register for the Anchorage Forum, go to <https://usacanadalionsforum.org/registration.pdf> and then print the form and send it by US mail.

OR

Register on line at

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/registration.html>

2012: Tampa Bay, Florida

2013: OVERLAND PARK KANSAS!

2014: San Juan, Puerto Rico

District Governor's Point Contest Update

Reported for March	5,525
Total Year to Date	72,335



Welcome, guests!



We've been honored at the last two meetings (and at the Pasta Supper and Silent Auction) by the presence of **Steve and Grace Weinrich**. They were invited to meetings by **Lion Carole Collyard** who met them at a recent function of the Overland

Park Chamber of Commerce.

Steve and Grace also participated in a district service activity, sorting food at Harvesters—the Community Food Bank in Kansas City, MO on Tuesday night, April 12.



*This banner advertised our 5th Annual Pasta Supper and Silent Auction held on April 9. It was placed on the lawn of the Overland Park Christian Church. **Carole Collyard** arranged to have the banner made by Sign-A-Rama in Shawnee.*

Final figures aren't in, but profit is expected to be about \$1,300.

Kansas Lions State Convention Will Return to District 17-O (Lawrence) in June, 2011

Lawrence, Kansas will be the site of the Kansas Lions State Convention June 2-4, 2011. The convention hotel will be the Holiday Inn.

The annual State Band concert will again be held at Baker University in Baldwin City.

PDG Peggy Jacobson (Overland Park Noon Lions Club) is overall chairperson of the convention.

International President Sid L. Scruggs III (right) and his wife Judy will be the featured guests.



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Lion Roger Claxton provided the Treasurer's Reports.

This Year's Flag Schedule

(Clip and save this for reference)

May 21 (Saturday) Armed Forces Day

Up at 6 AM, Down at 4 PM same day

We'll plan to go to Merriam-Shawnee Lions Club's Pancake Breakfast at Antioch Park after Flags go up.

May 30 Memorial Day

Up at 6 AM **Saturday May 28**; Down at **6 AM Tuesday May 31**

June 14 (Tuesday) Flag Day

Up at 6 a.m., Down at 4 p.m. same day

July 4 (Monday) Independence Day

Up at 6 AM **Saturday July 2**; Down at **6 AM Tuesday July 5**

September 5 (Monday) Labor Day

September 11 (Sunday) Patriots Day

Special Note: Flags will go up at 6 AM on Saturday, September 3 (for Labor Day) and will stay up until 6 AM on Monday, September 12 (after Patriots Day).

November 11 (Friday) Veterans Day

Up at 6 AM **Friday Nov. 11**; Down at **4 PM Saturday Nov. 12**

Lion Lynn Wolfe is Flag Operations Chair for this year and will be assisted by Lions Art Meganck and Roger Claxton.

These leaders will be scheduling a "pre-season" work day to do any need repairs/replacements on Flags and poles and to do curb and cork painting, sleeve replacements, etc.

Please try to donate at least a little time to this effort. Lion Roger will also probably try to organize a team of members of call on businesses who do not presently support the program to get them to sign up.

Treasurer's Reports for March 2011

General (Operating) Account

Income

Meals	\$ 22.00
Membership Dues	30.00
Miscellaneous Income	54.00
Tail Twister	47.00
Total Income	\$ 153.00

Expenses

Room and Meals, Meetings	405.00
Directory	75.30
Miscellaneous	164.90
Total Expense	\$ 645.20
Net Income (loss) for Month	(\$ 492.20)

Service (Project or Charity) Account

Income

Metcalf Avenue of Flags \$	2,941.00
Refund, KS Lions Int'l Band ..	1,235.00
USA/Canada Forum pins	493.50
KU Cancer Research	5.88
Total Income	\$ 4675.38

Expenses

Flag expense	\$ 44.00
Office supplies	41.34
Pasta Dinner Expense	190.60
Service Fund Disbursements	
KS Lions Band Foundation	1,460.00
KU Audio-Reader	1,000.00
Total Service Fund Disbursements	2,460.00
District Convention Expense	125.85
Total Expense	2,861.79
Net Income for Month	\$ 1,813.59

Program notes . . .



Mark White, founder of Playgrounds of Peace and father of two adopted children from Poland, was our speaker at the February 12 and March 12 meetings. He showed slides of visits to Poland and Nepal and described the work involved in setting up playgrounds for children in orphanages and other child-care centers overseas.

Calendar of Activities

April 23 Regular meeting, Perkins Restaurant
Program: Brian Hellebusch, Tower Therapy

May 7 Board Meeting
7:30 a.m., Perkins Restaurant

May 14 NO Regular Meeting
Candy Day. Details to be announced

May 15 (Sunday) 54th Anniversary Dinner
Hereford House, near I-435 and Midland Drive, Shawnee

May 21 6 a.m. Flags up
4 p.m. Flags Down
Armed Forces Day

May 21 District-wide officers training, Topeka
9:00 – 2:30, Topeka. Location to be announced.

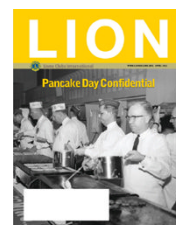
May 28 Regular meeting, Perkins Restaurant
Program to be announced

Recommended Reading in *The LION* Magazine

There are three great features in the April issue of the *LION*. The cover item, "Pancake Day Confidential," (pages 14-22) is a detailed history of Lions Clubs pancake feeds. A pancake day might not be appropriate for our club, but the article contains a lot of tips on how to make **any** fund-raising event more successful.

The second is titled "Need Direction When Marketing?" on page 45. This one-page item is adapted from a presentation made at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum last September in Milwaukee. The article is sub-titled, "The Right Timing Can Make or Break Your PR Strategy," and it is one suggested step-by-step sequence of actions to promote a club's activities and make them more successful.

Then, flip back to page 3 and read International President Scruggs' "Serving Together" message: "Turn Off the Autopilot to Reach New Heights." He suggests we ask ourselves if perhaps our club has been on autopilot for too long and have lost the "feel" for adapting to new situations.



The President's Message for April . . .

by Lion Neal Nichols

I'm excited about the Board's decision to move our meeting place to Perkins Restaurant. Last week—our last meeting at the Red Robin—was bittersweet for many of us. The management and staff had done an outstanding job of service and accommodation; the meeting room itself, however, was not really conducive to effective meetings. The Board of Directors decided that a move to a more-suitable location was needed.



You've read details of the move on page 1 of this issue, so I won't re-hash them here. But I do urge those of you who haven't attended a regular meeting for a while to join us on Saturday, April 23 and give Perkins a try. You will find the facilities, service, and food to be great.

Your Board of Directors has spent a lot of time this year discussing how we might increase membership (and "stop the drops").

- We've begun to be more aggressive in getting publicity.. Information about our last two meetings was included in the "Community Calendar" section of the Overland Park Sun.
- In the next few weeks, we'll begin a marketing program. The first step will be a six-week advertising campaign in all the Johnson County Sun newspapers.
- We'll look into the possibility of public service announcements (PSAs) on radio and TV. There are many PSAs available from Lions Clubs International and using these can be a low-cost (or free) way to let the community know who Lions are and what we do.
- As one of our board members said, though, these are passive measures. We need to be pro-active in our recruiting efforts.
- The best way to get new members, of course, is just to ask. We all have friends and associates who would make good Lions.
- You'll invite prospects. And they may be reluctant to attend Saturday morning meetings, yes. Emphasize to them, however, that today's Lions Clubs stress *service every bit as much as attendance*. Good Lions will work on *projects*—Flag days, Downtown Overland Park Fall Festival, Candy Days, working at Harvesters—even if they cannot make every meeting!
- Several of us—including **Carole Collyard, Bob Larson, Grant Rogers, Beverly Nichols** and me—attend networking events sponsored by the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce. We're making contacts—and gaining members!—as a result.
- It won't be easy to return to our glory days of 60 and 70 active members, but by working together, we *CAN* do it!

Just keep trying!

Let's keep our attendance up, too! Make it a point to be at the next meeting!

—*Big Lion Neal*



More program notes . . .



Lori Kessinger, programming manager for KU Audio-Reader and also a Lion, was guest speaker at the meeting of March 26. She described services provided by Audio Reader and benefits that subscribers receive. Our club donated \$1,000 to Audio-Reader and Lori accepted it on behalf of the program.

Lions Club Unite in Work Session to Help Harvesters—The Community Food Network

Ten Overland Park Host Lions and friends spent a very productive two-and-a-half hours at the Harvesters food bank in Kansas City Thursday evening, April 12.

Lions **Dottie Bloome, Mae Claxton, Christine Nichols, Beverly and Neal Nichols**, and **Lynn and Teresa Wolfe**, along with prospective members **Steve and Grace Weinrich** and Steve's mother **Lil**, worked at filling and packing "BackSnacks." The BackSnack program provides backpacks of food to low-income children, usually at the end of the school day on Fridays to combat weekend hunger.

Other volunteers were from the Lenexa, Merriam-Shawnee, Overland Park Noon, and Shawnee Lions Clubs.

Lion Carleen Rajala of the Shawnee Lions and a Zone Chair this year, organized the work day. She really "cracked the whip" to keep the teams working, but by the end of the shift, over 1,500 BackSnack bags had been filled. Each one represents a low-income child who will have something to eat at home this weekend.

It's easy to think of the inner-city children on the "other side" of State Line as recipients of this food, but right here in our own Johnson County there are numerous children who also benefit.

A Primer on Lions Clubs Acronyms . . .

Lions lingo is filled with many acronyms. They are tossed around casually as though everyone else knows what's being talked about. Here are few commons ones. From time to time, as space permits in the *Roar*, we'll add others.

DG: District Governor

VDG: Vice District Governor

DG-E: District Governor. (VDG-E=Vice District Governor Elect)

ID: International Director

PID: Past International Director

PDG: Past District Governor

CC: Council Chair (chair of the Council of District Governors)

PCC: Past Council Chair

MD: Multiple District. (Kansas is MD-17, with five sub-districts)

GMT: Global Membership Team (*new this year*)

GLT: Global Leadership Team (*new this year*)

MERL: Membership, Extension, Retention and Leadership Team (*being phased out and replaced by GMT and GLT*)