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The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club
Overland Park, Kansas

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Profits at This Year's Overland Park Fall Festival Booth Top \$3600!

Club Social at Kauffman Center Ballet Set for Saturday Night, October 15

Laura Wolf, daughter of 1st Vice President Lynn and Lion Teresa Wolf, stars as Becky Thatcher in the world premier showing of *Tom Sawyer, a Ballet in 3 Acts* at the new Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Kansas City.

Lions Lynn and Teresa invite all Overland Park Host Lions and their families and friends to join them on **Saturday, October 15th at 7:30 PM** to see Laura perform.

Tickets for seats in the Balcony Section are \$31 (\$25 plus the \$6 Kauffman Center fee). The regular price for such seats is \$41. Laura, however has arranged this special pricing for friends and family guests."

Note: These specially priced tickets, once purchased, are not refundable. Orders must be certain and personally guaranteed before purchase is made.

Lynn said, "We would like to sit together for the performance, if possible. However, the show is selling out as performance dates near. Please call us at home: (913) 602-8908 or on my cell phone at: (334) 324-8281 right away to order your tickets. We will place the order for these seats and any other orders we receive within the next couple of days to ensure that we can get the best balcony seats possible at this time."

There will be a late-night, post-performance get-together following the performance at a venue to be selected by those attending (last year we got together at the Steak and Shake on Shawnee Mission Parkway).

How better to top off an evening of celebration than with a couple of malteds with the gang?

Overland Park Mayor's Top Aide to Be Speaker at This Week's Club Meeting

Sean Reilly, public relations officer for the City of Overland Park and a top assistant to **Mayor Carl Gerlach**, will be speaker at our meeting on Saturday, October 8. Sean will provide up-to-date information about the city decisions and activities that have an impact on all of us.

"Everything you wanted to know about what's going on in your city, but didn't know where to ask" might be one way to describe our speaker's presentation. There will be plenty of time for questions after Sean's talk.

Come prepared to find out more about this great city most of us call home!

Your Help is Needed!
Candy Day At Wal-Mart,
Wal-Mart 117th and Metcalf,
Saturday, October 15

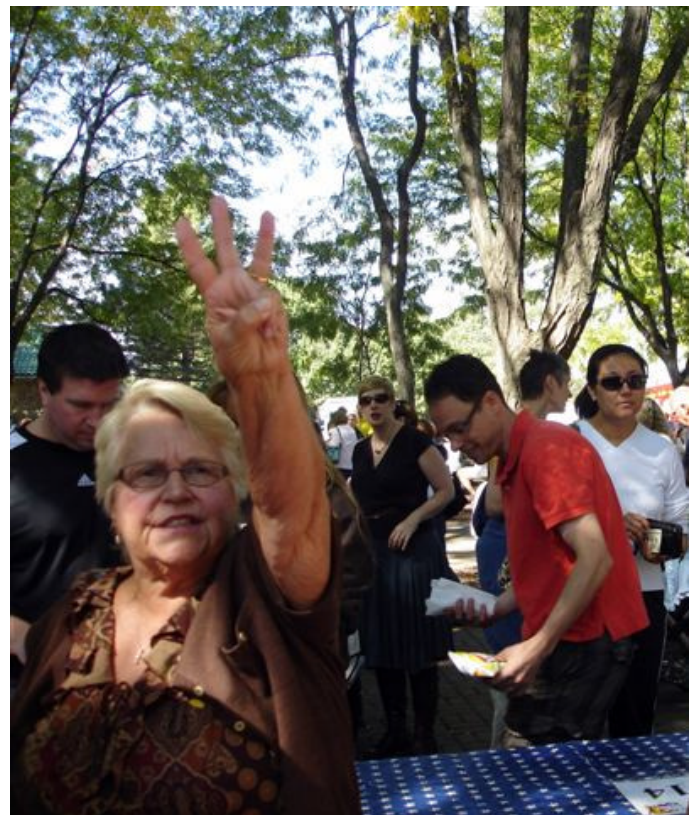
(See details on Page 2)

Great Weather, Efficient Operation and Enthusiastic Participation Combine To Make Annual Event a Major Success

Under the superb leadership of **Big Lion Chris Pucci**, **Treasurer Roger Claxton** and **Lion Steve Weinrich** and the hard work of many Lions, our food booth at the annual Downtown Overland Park Fall Festival netted a profit of \$3,617 on Saturday, September 24. This is the highest amount earned in the last several years.

A gorgeous Kansas fall day resulted in a large crowd at the Festival. The hard and efficient work of all Lions involved—those who cooked, those who wrapped, those who made change—kept lines at the serving tables moving rapidly. A new arrangement this year, picnic tables in the food-service area by the Festival organizers, also contributed to the day's success.

As he has done for several years, **Lion Jason Tyrer** made arrangements for our booth to have an electrically powered freezer unit filled with a supply of ice.



Terry Meganck, wife of Lion Art Meganck, signals to the "wrappers" for three more hot dogs. Customers line up in the background, a scene repeated almost constantly through the day.

It's CANDY DAY Time Again



A **Candy Day** is scheduled for Saturday, October 15 at the Wal-Mart store at about 117th and Metcalf. Two-hour shifts are schedule from 8 AM to 6 PM.

Lynn Wolfe is Candy Day chairman. He said, "Although the Candy Day event will be from 8 AM to 6 PM don't let that schedule prevent you from enjoying the *Tom Sawyer* ballet social in the evening. Just let me know if you have any problems with scheduling either event."

A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the regular club meeting this Saturday (October 8). Please try to do your part in making this fund-raising event a success.

If the great Fall weather we've had holds for one more week, we should have a very good day of collections. Adding one more shift in the morning and one more to the afternoon schedule should generate more income regardless of weather.

Money raised by our Candy Days generally goes to the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation. Our club traditionally has been one of the most generous donors to the KLSF of all in this district, if not the state.



And speaking of KLSF . . .

Mobile Screening Unit (MSU) Draws Another Good Crowd at Overland Park Fall Festival

The Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit was a popular attraction again this year at the Fall Festival. Between 50 and 60 persons stopped for various health screenings.

The MSU is equipped for two kinds of visual screening, hearing screening, blood-sugar testing, and blood-pressure testing.

The picture below was taken fairly early on Saturday morning before the unit was open to visitors. The MSU was completely designed, manufactured, and decorated in Kansas. It is in its third year of operation and the number of scheduled dates continues to grow each year. Most week-ends are booked far in advance and some Lions Clubs in smaller towns report that even on weekdays they see a steady stream of residents wanting to take advantage of the MSU services.



Lion Nancy Pharr (Shawnee Lions Club) and **Cub Zoe Lanigan** work the registration table for the KS Lions Mobile Screening Unit during the Overland Park Fall Festival, September 24.

October and November

Birthdays and Anniversaries . . .

Birthdays

October 10: Brian Nichols
October 26: Linda Larson

Anniversaries

October 15 Neal and Beverly Nichols
November 2 Steve and Grace Weinrich
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



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

Program Schedule For October, November

October 8: Sean Reilly, public relations officer for the City of Overland Park. See more on Page 1.

October 22: Our speaker will be Pam Keenan of the Community Blood Bank. She will bring us up to date on the needs being met by the Blood Bank and explain ways that we Lions might be of help.

November 12: District Governor Clint Vawter will make his official visit to our club.

November 26: This will be a vision-related program. The presenter has not been confirmed at this time.

December 10: Annual **Breakfast with Santa** meeting. Details to be announced in November.

December 24: Christmas Eve day. **NO CLUB MEETING.**

A note from "Ye Olde Editor" . . .

We'll try from now on to have a *Lions' Roar* out to you by the middle of the week after the board meeting each month. As many of you know, health, travel and schedule issues prevented us from getting out issues in August and September.

Please send me information about scheduled events or other Lions-related activities to me by the first Saturday.

It is also very important that you let me or Lion Beverly know what activities you've participated in so we can include that information on the monthly District Governor's Point Contest report. We're in the process now of reconstructing the activity record from July 1 and when we believe it is accurate, we'll forward the first report for this year on to the Governor. Please help us out!

Ye Olde Editor, Neal Nichols

September 19-21 in Overland Park . . .

It's Time to Start Thinking Seriously About the 2013 USA/Canada Forum



The 37th annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held in Overland Park, September 19-21, 2013 (although members of various leadership committees will begin arriving on about Sunday, September 15).

The 2013 Forum will be on a third weekend and will not conflict with the Downtown Overland Park Festival.

The **Forum 13 Host Committee** is getting organized and in the next few weeks and will be sending out calls for help in a number of areas.

One way Overland Park Host Lions (and all Kansas Lions) can help is to register for the **2012 Forum** in Tampa Bay, Florida. During that Forum, Kansans will have a promotion booth and will be pre-registering attendees for 2013. This activity requires a lot of staffing—nine to twelve Lions in the booth at all times, Thursday through Saturday, from about 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. With enough Kansas Lions at Tampa Bay, shifts can be short and no one should have to work more than one or two during the three days there. (The Tampa Bay Forum is also on a third weekend and won't conflict with the Fall Festival!)

As soon as registration information for 2012 is received from the Forum Office (probably around the first of the year) we'll make it available so individual Lions can get registered.

At the 35th Forum in Anchorage, Alaska last month, Ye *Olde Editor* Neal Nichols was appointed by the Executive Committee to be 2013 Host Committee Chair. **Past Council Chair Bill Phillipi** (Marysville, KS Lions) and Lion **Harry Malnicof** (Leawood Lions Club) will assist him as Associate Chairs. Current District 17-O First Vice District Governor **Beverly Nichols** will serve as Host Committee Secretary and **Lion Andy Hoedl** (Lenexa Lions Club) will be Host Committee Treasurer. Lion Max Gordon (Overland Park Host Lions Club) will serve as Host Committee legal advisor. Other Host Committee positions will be filled over the next few months.

Forums are planned, organized and carried out by a Planning Committee under the direction of a general chairperson.

Past International Director Douglas Lozier of Indiana will be Planning Committee Chair for the Overland Park Forum.

Most Planning Committee sub-committees have a counterpart in the Host Committee structure and these serve under the direction of Planning Committee chairs. They carry out necessary tasks at the local level, in effect being the "go-fers" for the Planning Committee.

Fellow Lions, *hundreds* of volunteers are needed to make a Forum successful. If we all do our parts—large or small—we can put Overland Park in the Forum record books as having had the biggest and best Forum yet! Please say "YES" when you're asked to serve.

Treasurer's Reports for September 2011

General (Operating) Account

Income	
Member dues	\$ 60.00
Meals	22.00
Tail Twister	25.25
Total Income	\$ 107.25
Expenses	
Room and Meals, Meetings ..	175.95
Miscellaneous	47.64
Total Expense	\$ 223.59
Net Income (loss) for Month	- \$ 116.34

Service (Project or Charity) Account

Income	
Metcalf Avenue of Flags	\$ 349.00
"Foodie" card pack sales	140.00
Overland Park Fall Festival ...	5,898.00
Total Income	\$ 6387.00
Expenses	
Overland Park Fall Festival	2,280.83
Service Fund Disbursements	
Community service	200.00
Cub Scout Pack #3254	150.00
Eye exams and glasses ..	100.00
Total Service Fund Disbursements	450.00
Total Expense	2,730.83
Net Income (loss) for Month	\$ 3,656.17

Calendar of Activities

October 8	Regular Meeting, Perkins, 87th and Nieman <i>Program: Sean Reilly, City of Overland Park</i>
October 15	Candy Day, Wal-Mart, 117th and Metcalf
October 15	Club Social <i>Tom Sawyer ballet at Kauffman Center for Performing Arts</i>
October 22	Regular Meeting, Perkins, 87th and Nieman <i>Program: Pam Keenan, Community Blood Bank</i>
October 29	FIFTH SATURDAY, NO MEETING!
October 28 – 30	KS Lions State Council, McPherson
November 5	Board of Directors, Perkins, 87th and Nieman
November 11	Flags up at 6 a.m. (Veterans Day)
November 12	Regular meeting, Perkins, 87th and Nieman <i>Program: Official Visit of District Governor Clint Vawter</i>
November 12	Flags down at 4 p.m.
November 26	Regular Meeting, Perkins, 87th and Nieman <i>Program: (Vision related; speaker not yet confirmed)</i>
December 3	Board of Directors, Perkins, 87th and Nieman
December 10	Annual "Breakfast with Santa" Meeting
December 17	Bell Ringing for Salvation Army <i>Sam's Club store, 95th and Quivira</i>
December 24	NO MEETING (Christmas Eve Day)

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