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February 2012

The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club
Overland Park, Kansas

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WE SERVE

Packing Shoeboxes for Soldiers . . .

SATURDAY'S MEETING LOCATION CHANGED TO 10150 ANTIOCH!!

Our regular meeting this week (Saturday, February 11) will be held in the parlor room of **Legacy Christian Church, 10150 Antioch** in Overland Park. We will be packing Shoeboxes for Soldiers.

A light continental breakfast will be served at 7:30 AM and the work session will begin at 8.

The meeting place for this meeting only has been changed because our regular Perkins room is not large enough for all the packing activity.

The church is on the west side of Antioch between 101st and 103rd streets, just north of Essex Place apartments.

The parlor room is on the lower level of the church building. Lions familiar with the building will be stationed at various entrances to guide you to the parlor.

Lions are also needed on Friday night (February 10) at 7 p.m. to help set up tables and lay out the various shoebox items.

CAUTION: If you plan to exit onto Antioch from I-435, east or west, be sure to observe the "No Turn on Red" sign at the top of the off-ramp onto Antioch! The interchange is frequently monitored by Overland Park police. Fines and court costs for tickets there are substantial (that's what my friends tell me)!



State Peace Poster Contest . . .

WE SPONSORED A WINNER!



Ahna Valdez stands beside her first-place Peace Poster Contest entry at Mid-Winter Rally in Salina. She has entered the contest for three years. She placed second at the District level in 2010 and third at the district level in 2011. **Ahna** is the daughter of **Ciriaco and Christina Valdez**.

Ahna will be honored again at the District 17-O convention in March and at one of our club meetings in the near future. She'll be presented her prize money then.



Informative programs lined up for next few regular club meetings

There will be no program on February 11 because of the Shoeboxes for Soldiers work day at Legacy Christian Church, 10150 Antioch. But after that . . . !

On **February 25**, **Lion Vern Failor** (Topeka Sunflower Lions Club) will bring us up to date on the Lions Eye Health Program. In addition to **Lion Vern**, we can probably expect other visitors from the Sunflower Club.

On **March 10**, our speaker will be **Bob Jefferis**, who will speak on the general subject of railroad history and specifically the Strang Line Road and its impact on the development of Overland Park.

How do we serve? . . .

OP Host Lions provide ten pairs of glasses to needy individuals in month of January

Treasurer **Roger Claxton** reported to the Board of Directors on February 4 that in January our club paid out \$500 to provide eyeglasses to persons in need. This is in addition to 13 pairs of glasses (\$700) already paid for in previous months since July.

Such needs are a reflection of the economy—even here in Johnson County—and show the imperative urgency of raising money to meet our Service Budget goals and even go beyond.

Don't forget! The **USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum** comes to Overland Park in September 2013. Your help will be needed.



Overland Park Host Lions make presence felt at Kansas Mid-Winter Rally in Salina



Seven Overland Park Host Lions Club members attended the Mid-Winter Rally in Salina, January 13-15.

In the top picture **Lions Teresa and Lynn Wolfe** visit with **Lion Harry Malnicof** (Leawood Lions Club) during the Saturday night banquet.

In the lower picture, some of our "designing ladies" await the beginning of the program after the banquet. Left to right are **Janette Reh, Mae Claxton, and Dottie Bloome**. These ladies were some of the members who helped design and create a theme basket for the annual Band Foundation auction. Our basket was the only one from District 17-O, so by default it became the District entry at the auction.

Others attending were **Lions Neal and Beverly Nichols**. (See another picture from the Rally on Page 3 of this issue.)

OPHLC to award up to three scholarships To High school seniors again this year

Our club will once again award up to three \$500 scholarships to deserving graduates from high schools in Overland Park. Lion Beverly Nichols has sent information and application forms to all the counselors in those schools. Deadline for applications is April 15.

This will be the fourth year that we have undertaken this project.

February and March . . .

Reasons to Celebrate!

Birthdays

February 4	Neal Nichols
February 8	Bob Larson
February 11	Earl McIntosh
February 12	Lawrence Reh
February 19	Jack Watkins
February 24	Steve Weinrich
February 28	Jean Watkins

Anniversaries

March 14	Kenneth and Carole Collyard
March 15	Bryan and Heather Lanigan

Treasurer's Reports for January 2012

General (Operating) Account

Income	
Member dues	\$ 490.30
Tail Twister	47.00
Meals	<u>751.70</u>
Total Income	\$ 1,289.00
Expenses	
LCI Dues, Semi-annual	\$ 585.00
District 17-O Dues	278.22
Room and Meals, Meetings	342.43
Storage Expense	65.00
Mid-Winter Rally expense ..	54.51
General supplies and checks	105.00
Total Expense	<u>\$ 1,430.16</u>
Net Income (loss) for Month	<u>-\$ 141.16</u>

Service (Project or Charity) Account

Income	
Foodie Card sales	\$ 20.00
Cookbook income	5.00
Miscellaneous income	25.13
Shoeboxes for Soldiers	310.33
Total Income	\$ 360.46
Expenses	
2012 Fall Festival (MSU)	\$ 200.00
Eye Exams, glasses	500.00
Community projects	25.13
Shoeboxes for Soldiers	339.64
Total Expense	<u>1,064.77</u>
Net Income (loss) for Month	<u>-\$ 704.31</u>

Quotations you probably should have heard in person to believe they really said that . . .

"You guys line up alphabetically by height."

"I owe a lot to my parents, especially my mother and father."

"You guys pair up in groups of three and then line up in a circle."

"What will you do when you leave football, Jack? Will you stay in football?"

When asked how many pieces he wanted his pizza cut into, a player answered, "Better make it six. I can't eat eight."

"Sometimes they write what I say, not what I mean."

"We talked five times. I called him twice and he called me twice."



Our International President's theme and logo for 2011-12.

Overland Park Host Lions' Roar is second in 2011-12 merit evaluation program

Our "more-or-less monthly" newsletter, the **Overland Park Host Lions Roar**, was the second-place winner in the 2011-12 Kansas Lions Merit Evaluation Program.

A \$50 cash prize (payable to the club, *not to Ye Olde Editor*) comes with the award. **Ye Olde Editor** is shown below receiving a certificate (*non-negotiable at a bank!*) from **PDG Denny Smith** (Ulysses Lions Club), chairman of the State Public Relations Committee.

The award was presented at the Mid-Winter Rally in Salina on January 14.



Calendar of Activities

- February 11** **SPECIAL WORK MEETING**
7:30 a.m. at Legacy Christian Church, 10150 Antioch
We'll be packing Shoeboxes for Soldiers
Continental breakfast to be served
- February 15 (Wednesday)**
Visitation to Merriam-Shawnee Lions Club
12 noon at Pine and Bamboo Garden, 10915 West 63rd St., Shawnee
- February 25** **Regular meeting**
7:30 a.m. at Perkins, 87th & Nieman
Speaker: Lion Vern Failor (Topeka Sunflower Lions)
"Lions Eye Health Program"
- March 3** **Board of Directors Meeting**
7:30 a.m., Perkins, 87th and Nieman
- March 10** **Regular Meeting**
7:30 a.m., at Perkins, 87th and Nieman
Speaker: Bob Jefferis
"Railroad History: Strang Line and Overland Park"

Did you know ? (Probably not!)

When you cross cattle with buffalo, you get a "beefalo."
It is illegal in Alaska to give a moose an alcoholic drink.
The average caterpillar has 248 muscles in its head.
A snail can sleep for three years.
A female bedbug has survived 565 days without food.
Giraffes have no vocal cords.

Source: *The Ultimate Book of Useless Information*

Arbor Day tree-planting activity presented to Board of Directors for consideration

The "Fourth-Grade Foresters" project, sponsored by the Arbor Day Society, is a program to encourage fourth-grade students to plant trees on or around Kansas Arbor Day (April 27) this year.

The Board of Directors discussed this project at its February 4 meeting. **Lion Heather Lanigan** has taken the lead and contacted fourth-grade teachers at **Rosehill Elementary School**. (**Cub Zoe Lanigan** is a fourth-grader there.) The teachers have agreed to develop science lessons related to tree planting and nurturing and then present the project to their students at the appropriate time.

In the state of Kansas science curriculum there is an instructional objective in third- and fourth-grade life science that encourages students to care for a plant through its life cycle and observe and record its growth. A tree-planting project should fit right in with that.

Evergreen trees, about 12" to 18" in size, will be provided in sufficient quantity for each child to plant one—at home or elsewhere. The cost per tree is only \$1.59. The cost to the club for enough trees for each Rosehill fourth grader would be a little less than \$150.

A bag tag will be attached to each tree, featuring planting and care instructions. We can attach any information about our club that we want to include.

Media kits will be provided so that information can be sent to local media—radio, newspaper, and television.

The project fits in nicely with **International President Tam's** tree-planting goals for this year. He set an original goal of one million trees planted world-wide, but that goal has long since been exceeded by several times. **District Governor Clint Vawter** set a district goal of 1,000 trees planted this year. By participating in the Arbor Day project, we can give his effort a big boost, too.

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Lion Roger Claxton provided the Treasurer's Reports.

More stuff you probably didn't know . . .

Queen Anne's bow legs inspired a furniture style.
Henry Ford never had a driver's license.

