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March 2012

The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club
Overland Park, Kansas
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WE SERVE

Saturday's meeting . . .

The Strang Line and Overland Park to be featured in this week's program

Don't miss this week's meeting! **Mr. Bob Jefferis** (at right), a local railroad buff, will be our speaker and will present a program about the Strang Line Railroad and its importance to the development of the City of Overland Park.

A slide presentation will illustrate his talk. His wife will accompany him. Mr. Jefferis and the group of railroad enthusiasts he belongs to were featured in a recent issue of *Best Times*.

The picture below is a 1992 Philip Gross painting of Ogeritaat Traditions and will be a part of Saturday's presentation.

Beverly Nichols arranged Saturday's program.



Topeka is site for District Convention; Lion Beverly becomes Governor-Elect

The 2012 District 17-O convention will be held at the Holidome in Topeka next week-end, March 16-17. Convention chairman **Bobby Duvall** (Topeka Sunflower Lions), convention chairman, says, however, that we're not really having a convention but rather a *PARTY!* In keeping with St. Patrick's Day, the menu includes corned beef and cabbage for Saturday's lunch and Irish stew for the evening banquet.

Our own **Lion Beverly Nichols** will become District Governor-Elect after delegates vote Saturday afternoon. She currently serves as 1st Vice District Governor.

On Friday night, the District 17-O Past District Governors Club will sponsor a steak fry as a fund-raising project. Money earned will help provide scholarships for Lions to attend the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute at Doane College in Crete, Nebraska next summer. After the steak fry, the Sunflower Lions of Topeka will sponsor the Judy Coder musical show.

OP Host Lions "Bowl for Families"



Pictured above are members of our club who participated in a "Bowling for Families" event in cooperation with Charity Connection on February 25. Front row—**Teresa Wolfe, Carole Collyard, Cub Zoe Lanigan**. Middle row—**Lynn Wolfe, Ken Collyard, Heather Lanigan**. Back row—**Big Lion Chris Pucci, Edson Parker, and Bryan Lanigan**. Looks like **Teresa** won the big money! *More on Page 3.*

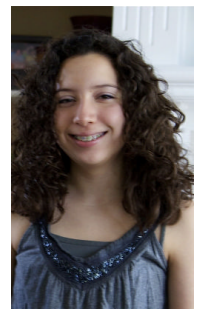
AHNA VALDEZ, STATE PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNER, EARNS INTERNATIONAL MERIT AWARD FOR HER ENTRY!



For **Ahna Valdez** (*right*) the third time was the charm. Her Peace Poster Contest entry (*shown above*) this year not only received first-place honors at the District and State levels, but now has earned the coveted distinction as an **International Merit Award finalist—one of only 23 throughout the world!** Ahna submitted entries in 2010 and 2011, earning second and third place prizes at the District 17-O level.

Overland Park Host Lions Club was Ahna's sponsor all three years. To the best of our knowledge, Ahna is the second Kansan to win a Merit Award. Several years ago a student from Spring Hill won a Merit Award. Ahna will receive \$500 from LCIF in addition to other cash awards at local, District and State levels.

The annual Peace Poster contest is sponsored by the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). About 350,000 children, ages 11-13, participate in contests sponsored by local Lions Clubs. Winning entries from clubs progress to District Contests, then to the Multiple District (state) level. Approximately 125 multiple district winning posters are then sent to LCIF for final judging. One grand prize winner is selected and only 23 additional Merit Awards are presented.



Fourth-grade foresters project still on track

Trees for the Fourth-Grade Foresters planting project that was announced last month have been ordered and should arrive soon. **Lion Heather Lanigan** will deliver them to Rosehill Elementary School and fourth-grade students will take them home for planting. Our Board of Directors approved the expenditure for this project at a recent meeting.

Officer nominations to be revealed soon

The Nominating Committee is in the final stages of preparing a slate of candidates for the election to be held in April. When the list of candidates is finalized, it will be announced at the club meeting of March 24. The second publication, as required by our By-laws, will be in the April *Lions' Roar*.

Members of the Nominating Committee are Neal Nichols, Mae Claxton, and Chris Pucci.

March and April . . .**Reasons to Celebrate!****Birthdays**

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

Anniversaries

March 14 Kenneth and Carole Collyard
 March 15 Bryan and Heather Lanigan
 April 5 Edson and Dolores Parker
 April 12 Janette and Lawrence Reh

Treasurer's Reports for February 2012**General (Operating) Account****Income**

Member dues \$ 131.47
 Tail Twister 16.00
 Miscellaneous 50.00
 Meals 246.53
 Total Income \$ 444.00

Expenses

Room and Meals, Meetings .. 185.73
 Storage Expense 25.00
 District Convention Booklet 125.00
 Total Expense \$ 335.73
 Net Income (loss) for Month \$ 83.27

Service (Project or Charity) Account**Income**

Shoeboxes for Soldiers 458.06
 Total Income \$ 458.06

Expenses

Pasta Dinner Expense..... \$ 65.63
 Eye Exams, glasses 150.00
 Community projects 150.00
 Shoeboxes for Soldiers 917.97
 Total Expense 1,283.60
 Net Income (loss) for Month -\$ 825.54

Calendar of Activities

March 10 **Regular Meeting**
 7:15 a.m., at Perkins, 87th and Nieman
 Speaker: Bob Jefferis
 "Railroad History: Strang Line and Overland Park"
 March 16-17 **District Convention, Topeka**
 March 24 **Regular Meeting**
 7:15 a.m., at Perkins, 87th and Nieman
 Program: Kimberly Wolff of the Make-a-Wish Foundation
 Nominating Committee report due
 April 7 **Board of Directors Meeting**
 7:30 a.m., Perkins, 87th and Nieman
 April 14 **Regular Meeting**
 Perkins, 87th and Nieman
 Program: Bob Archer, speaking on home fire safety
 Election of next year's officers

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Lion Roger Claxton provided the Treasurer's Reports.
 Ciriaco Valdez and Lynn Wolfe provided photographs

"A Charities Connection" Connection . . .**OP Host Lions Partner with charity group
To benefit needy families in this area**

Eight members of our club and Cub Zoe Lanigan participated in a bowling event on Saturday, February 25. The activity was in partnership with Charity Connections, a group dedicated to providing assistance to needy families throughout the area.

Eighteen lanes of bowlers took part. **Big Lion Chris Pucci** had brought the idea to our Board of Directors, promoting it not only as a means of helping others in a visible way but also as a club social event.

A donation of \$150 to the Overland Park Host Endowment Fund was made by Charity Connections in appreciation for the help our club gave to making the event so successful.



Above, **Club secretary Carole Collyard** is celebrating something! Perhaps on that try she didn't roll a gutter ball? Below, **Edson Parker** grins like he's just won a major tournament! Does that empty alley back behind him mean a strike?



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