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August 2012

The Lions' Roar

**Overland Park Host Lions Club
Overland Park, Kansas**

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WE SERVE

Programs for our next three meetings. . .

August 11 is Youth Appreciation Day; KU's Dr. Sutphin to speak on August 25

Youth Appreciation is the focus of this week's (August 11) meeting. A highlight will be the presentation of two \$500 scholarships to deserving graduates of high schools in Overland Park (the third winner will be unable to be present and arrangements will be made to get his check to him later). A "thank-you" check will be given to Boy Scout Troop 425 for the help they give us during the year on the Metcalf Avenue of Flags project. A check will also be presented to Cub Scout Pack 3254. Our club sponsors this Pack and this check represents one of the obligations of our sponsorship. Finally, we will hear from two Maranatha Academy students that we sponsored to last spring's Kansas Lions Band camp and concert.

Dr. John Sutphin, head of the Department of Ophthalmology at KU Eye Center, will be program speaker on August 25. A highlight feature of that meeting will be the induction of several new Lions—including Dr. Sutphin—into membership. These are members of the new **KU Eye Center Club Branch**. They join Lion **Dr. Dirk DeKeyser**, who became a member several weeks ago. They will remain members of our club until they have 20 or more in the Branch and can charter as an independent club. See their names on Page 2.

See the "Calendar of Activities" on page 2 of this issue for a complete line-up of other programs and activities all the way through September

SPECIAL NOTICE

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE THIS WEEK

Overland Park Host Lions will sponsor a school supplies drive this Saturday, August 11, at the Price Chopper at 87th and Antioch. The time will be from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

This notice is somewhat late, but permission to set up at Price Chopper wasn't obtained until just a day or two ago.

If you can help during this time, preferably for a two-to-three-hour shift, call **Lion Heather Lanigan** at 913-832-8643 or send an e-mail to her at thelanigans@gmail.com.

Our efforts will be part of a larger District-wide project to provide supplies to schools in low-income areas. Our collected supplies will go to Apache and Rosehill Elementary Schools of the Shawnee Mission School District.

Help is needed at the store on Saturday, but if you can't serve, you might bring some of the supplies suggested below to this week's club meeting. Lion Heather will add those to what is donated by the public at the Price Chopper location. Please focus on these items: **paper, pencils, glue (in bottles or glue sticks), and rulers that show both inches and centimeters.** (School-supplies lists at most stores are long and the options are many; this suggestion should help you narrow your choices!)

We're Going a-Tailgating . . .

\$35 Tickets available for October 28 Chiefs-Raiders game; Order this week

For the third consecutive year, reduced price tickets to Kansas City Chiefs home games are available to District 17-O Lions. This season, tickets are still available for three games at \$35 each. For each ticket sold, \$10 comes back to the District to fund various projects.

Overland Park Host Lions are planning to attend as a group on **Sunday, October 28** to see the Chiefs play the Oakland Raiders. **Lion Edson Parker** is coordinating the effort and will collect money to be forwarded to **Past Council Chair Michele Hufferd**, who will get the tickets.

Big Lion Lynn Wolfe has sent e-mails to all club members with details. *Ye Olde Editor* would like to point out, however, that the ticket sales will benefit District 17-O, not District 34-O, as noted in the e-mail. The Big Lion's former district was Alabama 34!!

Host Lions who cannot attend the Raiders game but want to take advantage of the \$35 tickets can order for the **September 30 San Diego** and/or the **October 7 Baltimore** games. Order directly from **PCC Michele Hufferd, 107 South Julie Street, Louisburg, KS 66053**. Place orders, with money, no later than August 30.

President's Message for August Just a Thought . . .

By Big Lion Lynn Wolfe



As I watch the Olympics, I am reminded of how many short phrases are used to try to sum up experiences, life goals, hopes, dreams, etc. We see catch phrases used by advertisers to try to get us to buy their products. Even our Lions District Governors, including our own Lion Beverly Nichols, coin phrases that are intended to inspire us to serve with "Energy, Enthusiasm and Excellence – E³."

I have repeated many mottos through my years and considered most of them to be influential in the development of my own personal credo that I may reveal in a future "Just A Thought . . ." But, perhaps, among the most influential in my own life has been one that I repeated early in my life, the Cub Scout motto, "Do Your Best."

As most of the athletes competing in the Olympics are now discovering, they are not the best in the world, they are not setting the bar for excellence, only one person, or team gets the honor of "Gold." However, most would agree that they have performed the best they could. Considering circumstances like injuries, age, and myriad other situations that can affect an athlete's performance, each athlete, likely, would say they did the best they could.

And so, it seems with our own lives, there are times when "we can" and times when "we can't". We must all establish our priorities in our own lives--family work, faith, play, etc.—and stage our lives accordingly. As Lions, we have expressed an interest in working together with other Lions to serve others in need. We are a busy club, in a busy District, in a busy state. There are many needs begging to be met. We can't be everywhere and do everything. But so often, someone being at the right place at the right time has made a big difference in somebody's life.

So, my wish for each of you as "We Serve" is just "Do Your Best!"



District Governor Beverly Speaks to Club in Official Visit on July 28



District Governor Beverly Nichols answers questions from members while **Big Lion Lynn Wolfe** waits to present her the traditional Lion paperweight token of appreciation our club gives to guest speakers. DG Beverly is not exactly a guest, but made her official visit to Overland Park Host Lions on July 28. Her theme this year is **E³**, or E-cubed—Energy, Enthusiasm, and Excellence—and she focused on that during her talk. Here perhaps she's pondering **Lion Bob Larson's** question: *If some of the millions of trees planted by Lions last year were dug up, would they have square roots?*

Welcome to new Club Branch members!

Join in a hearty greeting to these new members from the KU Eye Center. They, along with **Lion Dr. Dirk DeKeyser**, are the nucleus of our new Club Branch.

Dr. Mary Champion
Dr. Thomas Whittaker
Dr. John Sutphin
Emily Sutphin
Dr. Terry Curran
Dr. Miranda Bishara

Other members of the KU Eye Center staff will be members soon. Those who can be present will be inducted at the August 25 meeting of our club following Dr. Sutphin's presentation.



Next Flag Days will be in September

The 2012 Metcalf Avenue of Flags program continues with expanded showings for Labor Day (*observed on September 3*) and Patriots Day (*observed on September 11*).

NOTE: Flags will be raised on Saturday, September 1 and lowered on Saturday, September 15. Drop-off teams will go out at 5 AM on September 1. Other teams will follow at 6 o'clock to put the Flags up.

This will again be one of the lengthiest displays in the 49-year history of this program. Flags went up on May 19 in honor of Armed Forces Day and stayed up through the entire week after Memorial Day—15 days. Flags will also be displayed for 15 days in September.

The last Flag raising for this year will be on Saturday, November 10 to honor Veterans Day. Flags will remain up until 6 a.m., Saturday, November 17.

Sign-up sheets will be circulated at the next few club meetings. When you're asked to sign up to help, please add your name to the list.

August and September . . .

Reasons to Celebrate! Birthdays

August 7	Mae Claxton
August 12	Louis Adams
August 21	Dottie Bloome
August 25	Heather Lanigan
August 29	Jack McLain
September 2	Beverly Nichols
September 5	Malvina Adams
September 13	Gregg Collins
September 15	Art Meganck
September 15	Dr. Thomas Whittaker

Anniversaries

August 14	Dale and Billie Warden
August 22	Lloyd Larry and Audrey Lavelly
August 23	Gregg and Sylvia Collins
September 7	Lynn and Teresa Wolfe
September 16	Earl and Mary McIntosh

Last month's gaffe . . .

For the Wordsmiths among us . . .

- One thing we learned last month is that neither *Ye Olde Editor* nor the **Book of Useless Information** is infallible. First, the sentence reading "Did you know that only four words in the English language end in ". . . ous" should have read "ending in -dous." Second, as several readers pointed out, there are many, many more than just four words that end in -dous. Duh!
- So, as promised, all those who responded with one or more words ending in -dous, are hereby presented with their free one-year's subscription to the Overland Park Host *Lions Roar*.

Source of last month's item: *The Book of Useless Information*, by Noel Botham, 2006

Support our District Governor by . . .

Turning "Official Visits" into Club Visits

Lion Edson Parker is encouraging members to join **District Governor Beverly** on her official visits to other clubs throughout District 17-O. Not only would the presence of fellow members be a boost for the Governor, but think of the points we can pile up in this year's District Governor's Contest!

Two or three members could make a visitation without overwhelming some of the smaller clubs being visited. And visits don't have to be made every time by the same Lions. Teams can vary in make-up so that as many visitations as possible are made through the year without burdening individual members too much.

Visits through September include the following:

August 14, 6 p.m.	Leawood Lions
August 16, 12 noon	Leavenworth Lions
	(be there at 11:30 to eat)
August 20, 12 noon	Williamsburg Lions
August 24, 7 p.m.	Sabetha Lions
August 27, 7 p.m.	Baldwin City
September 6, 7:30 p.m.	Robinson Lions
September 7, noon	Osawatomie Lions
September 20, 7 p.m.	Everest Lions
September 24, 6:30 p.m.	Atchison Lions
September 25, 6:30 p.m.	Oskaloosa

Lion Edson will have a sign-up sheet at meeting. He will also provide directions to the meeting places for the various clubs.

Calendar of Activities

August 11 Regular Meeting

7:15 AM at Perkins, 87th and Nieman
Program: Youth Recognition Day
..... (Presentation of scholarships; appreciation gift to Boy Scouts;
and remarks from Kansas Lions State Band students.)

August 18 District 17-O Cabinet meeting

Atchison High School, Atchison, KS

August 25 Regular Meeting

7:15 AM at Perkins, 87th and Nieman
Speaker: Dr. John Sutphin, Head of Ophthalmology Dept., KU

September 1 Flag Raising (Labor Day/Patriots Day)

September 1 Board of Directors Meeting

Time and place to be announced

September 8 Regular Meeting

7:15 AM at Perkins, 87th and Nieman
Program: To be announced

September 13-15 USA/Canada Forum

Tampa Bay, Florida

September 15 Flags Down (Labor Day/Patriots Day)

September 22 Regular Meeting

7:15 AM at Perkins, 87th and Nieman
Program: To be announced

September 29 Overland Park Fall Festival

..... The Commons, near 80th Street and Santa Fe Drive

Treasurer's Reports for July 2012

General (Operating) Account

Income

Member dues	\$ 1,020.00
Tail Twister	39.00
Meals	<u>682.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 1,741.00

Expenses

Room and Meals, Meetings	352.37
Dues to LCI	656.00
Dues to District 17-O, State	408.03
Bank Service Charges	- 60.00
Miscellaneous Supplies	<u>57.25</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 1,413.65

Net Income (loss) for Month \$ 327.35

Ending Balance (General Account) \$ 2,908.12

Service (Project or Charity) Account

Income

Metcalf Avenue of Flags .	\$ 227.00
Total Income	\$ 227.00

Expenses

Overland Park Fall Festival	\$ 165.00
Eyeglasses and exams	150.00
Total Expense	<u>315.00</u>

Net Income (loss) for Month (88.00)

Ending Balance (Service Acct.) \$ 10,770.22

A waitress comes to the table where **Lion Gregg Collins** is sitting.

"Good morning, sir," she says with a smile. "Can I get you something to drink?"

"Why, yes," responds Lion Gregg. "I'd like a cup of coffee with sugar but no cream."

"Oh, I'm so sorry, sir, but we are all out of cream. How about a coffee with no milk?"

The human cannonball decided to retire. The circus owner cried out, "But you CAN'T!! Where am I going to find a man of your caliber?"

The definition of perfect pitch: When you throw the banjo into the dumpster and it lands right on the accordion.

Poor Willie Nelson. He got hit by a car. He was playing on the road again.

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Lion Roger Claxton provided the Treasurer's Reports.

OP Host Lions continue participation
At Chamber of Commerce Functions

For the past three years Host Lions Club members have taken advantage of many Overland Park Chamber of commerce events. Above, **Lion Steve Weinrich** enjoys a light moment with two other Chamber members. He was at a "Wednesday Wake-Up" held at Building 84 in Corporate Woods on August 8. Lion Steve helps promote Lions, but he was there as a representative of his own company.

Other Lions present at the August 8 gathering were **Bob Larson** and **Neal and Beverly Nichols**.

Membership in the Chamber has afforded us the opportunity to promote the club and invite members of the business community to attend meetings or help with projects. Lion Steve, along with his wife **Lion Grace Weinrich**, became members as a result of Chamber contacts.

If you are interested in being on the contact list for the Chamber, please let Lion Beverly know. Because there is a limited number of contacts permitted for each member organization it is possible that not all requests can be honored. A rotating system of contact persons might be created for the club.

With regard to the jokes in the left-hand column, *Ye Olde Editor* saw this inscription on the inside cover of the *Pretty Good Joke Book*:

"Dad, I thought about you and all those Lions Clubs visits and meetings & thought you could always use this. Enjoy it! Love, Jeannine."

Jeannine is the editor's older daughter (and **Lion Heather Lanigan's** mother) and gave the book as a gift some years ago.

