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The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club
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Club Directors Begin Merger Talks With Prairie Village Lions Club

The OPHLC Board of Directors met with representatives of the Prairie Village Lions Club on Saturday, September 1 and discussed the possibility of the two clubs merging in the near future. The request for merger discussions came from the Prairie Village club.

Prairie Village members in attendance were **President John Trinkl**, **Past International Director Bob Tonjes**, and **Past President Kim Morrow**.

Several issues were resolved at the meeting. The merged club would keep the OPHLC name and meetings would continue to be held on second and fourth Saturdays. OPHLC officers and directors would continue in their positions until the end of this Lions service year. Election of 2013-14 officers will be held next April and all members of the merged club will be eligible for election.

Not all Prairie Village Lions would become members of OPHLC. Some have expressed an interest in joining a club that does not meet on Saturday mornings. Others have indicated they may drop Lions membership altogether. **District Governor Beverly Nichols** has contacted these Lions by mail asking them to reconsider and retain their membership, whether in OPHLC or some other club.

Prairie Village Lions' property—including their trailer and American Flags—would transfer to OPHLC. Funds in their service account would be spent on projects of their choosing.

Lion Beverly is assisting in the merger process in her role as District Governor to ensure that all requirements of Lions Clubs International are met.

A proposed target date for a resolution to merge is December 1, 2012 with implementation to be completed by December 31.

Prairie Village Lions have already voted to approve a merger. Overland Park Host Lions will have to vote on it later.

One of the last steps in the merger process is approval by the District Cabinet.

President's Message for September

Just a Thought . . .

By Big Lion Lynn Wolfe



Ye Olde Editor said, "Be brief." So, here's one of my favorite "short" mottos—"Be Prepared." It's a good one to follow when backpacking for a weekend with the Boy Scouts to make sure you won't get hungry, thirsty or wet. It's also a good one to follow when you're volunteering. Whether you are filling up backpacks at Harvesters with food for children, ringing a bell for the Salvation Army, or putting up American flags on Metcalf Avenue, you'd better "Be Prepared" to receive a blessing. It may be in making new friends with other Lions or students and teachers from the Kansas State School for the Blind, working in fellowship with other volunteers and "old" friends and Lions, or just having that warm fuzzy feeling in knowing that someone's life is a little better because you took a little time out of your life to do something that could make a big difference in theirs.

So, "Be Prepared" to receive a blessing. It's going to happen. Don't miss it!

Supplies needed for Heart to Heart disaster kits—Bring hand towels

Our club will once again be collecting supplies for emergency kits to be distributed by Heart to Heart in disaster-hit areas. Items needed are hand towels, wash cloths, wide-tooth combs, 15-ounce bottles of shampoo, toothbrushes, 4- to 6-ounce tubes of toothpaste, bars of soap, adhesive bandages (such as Band-Aids®), and zipper-seal plastic bags.

Overland Park Host Lions directors voted on September 1 to help in this project. Members are asked to bring new hand towels to next meeting. Bundles of 5 are about a dollar each at stores such as Dollar Tree.

Speaking of Harvesters . . .



Big Lion Lynn mentions working at Harvesters as a way to get a blessing (see page 1). On August 28, Lions from several clubs, along with some students from the Kansas State School for the Blind, filled 500 Snack Packs that will provide week-end meals students in schools in low-income parts of the metropolitan area.

Above, **District Governor Beverly Nichols** of our club serves as quality-control inspector, making sure each sack has been filled with correct quantities. Hidden down at the far end of the work table are **Big Lion Lynn Wolfe**, **Lion Teresa Wolfe**, and **Lion Steve Weinrich**. **Neal Nichols** also helped—he sealed each bag, the final step in the packing process.

Harvesters, the Community Food Bank, distributed about 13,000 Snack Packs per week last year. We were not told what this year's need will be.



Her iceberg was in danger! At the August 18 District Cabinet meeting in Atchison, **Cub Zoe Lanigan** was a penguin character in a skit based on Dr. John Kotter's book, *Our Iceberg Is Melting*. The skit was written and performed by members of the **Robinson Lions Club**.

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.

The list of Governor's visits will be updated in this space each month. Every member should try to schedule in one or more visits. District Governor Points Contest points can be earned in this way.

Visits through **early October** include the following:

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
October 1, Noon	Topeka Noon
October 2, Noon	Lawrence
October 3, Noon	Merriam-Shawnee
October 4, 6:30 p.m.	Topeka Sunflower Steak Fry

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

Calendar of Activities

September 8	Regular Meeting 7:15 AM at Perkins, 87th and Nieman Program: Heartstrings Community Foundation
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
October 6	Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 AM at Perkins, 87th and Nieman Come early to order breakfast
October 13	Kansas Lions Talent Show (Wichita)



Dr. John Sutphin is August 25 program; Updates club on KU Eye Center progress



Dr. John Sutphin was guest speaker on August 25 and gave a progress report on programs at the KU Eye Center. He also was inducted into membership as part of the KU Club Branch. Above, he is shown receiving the traditional Lion paperweight token of appreciation from Big Lion Lynn Wolfe. On the screen behind them is a picture of Dr. Sutphin's personalized Kansas auto license plate. ("Big" Lion Lynn looks drawfed next to Dr. Sutphin!)

Next Flag Raising will be in November; Help Needed for September 15 Lowering

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.

Drop-off teams will go out at 5 AM on November 10. Other teams will follow at 6 o'clock to put the Flags up.

Flags were raised on Labor Day and will remain up until 6 a.m. Saturday morning, September 15. **IMPORTANT:** There is an urgent need for volunteers to help bring in the flags on that morning—work crews will be short-handed. Lions Lynn and Teresa Wolfe and Beverly Nichols will be attending the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Tampa Bay and will be unavailable to help. Is there a Lion with a pick-up truck that would be willing to drive a route a little after 6 a.m. that day to gather in some of the flags? Call Big Lion Lynn Wolfe to let him know you're available!



September and early October . . .

Reasons to Celebrate!

Birthdays

September 13 Gregg Collins
September 15 Dr. Thomas Whittaker
October 10 Brian Nichols

Anniversaries

September 7 Lynn and Teresa Wolfe
September 16 Earl and Mary McIntosh
October 15 Neal and Beverly Nichols

Treasurer's Reports for August 2012

General (Operating) Account

Income

Member dues	\$ 165.00
Tail Twister	71.02
New Members fees	275.00
Meals	440.00
Total Income	\$ 951.02

Expenses

Room and Meals, Meetings	548.98
Dues to LCI	-10.25
Miscellaneous Supplies	30.45
Total Expenses	\$ 569.18
Net Income (loss) for Month	\$ 381.84

Ending Balance (General Account) \$ 3,231.03

Service (Project or Charity) Account

Income

Metcalf Avenue of Flags .	\$ 250.00
Total Income	\$ 250.00

Expenses

Flag expense	\$ 412.09
Accessible Arts	250.00
Boy Scout Troop #425	500.00
Cub Scout Pack #3254	250.00
Eyeglasses and exams	100.00
KC Blind All-Stars Found. ...	750.00
KSSB Technology Library ..	1,000.00
Scholarships	1,500.00
KS Lions Found. (Leos) ...	100.00
Total Expense	4,862.09
Net Income (loss) for Month.....	(4,612.09)

Ending Balance (Service Acct.) \$ 6,158.13

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