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Lions International 2nd Vice President Addresses Club



On October 27, OP Host Lions had a rare and special treat: **Joe Preston, Lions International 2nd Vice President**, was our speaker.

In addition to **VP Preston**, the entire 22-person Planning Committee, along with three other Lion guests, joined us for breakfast on the 27th.

In his remarks, VP Preston reviewed the history of our club and focused on many of our accomplishments. He was very complimentary of the club's website (www.oplions.org) that was developed and is maintained by **Lion Grant Rogers**.

In a comment that drew a big round of applause from the many guests present, VP Preston mentioned that our club had 39 Melvin Jones Fellows, representing contributions of over \$39,000 to the Lions Club International Foundation.

In the picture at left, **Big Lion Lynn Wolfe** presents VP Preston with the customary Host Club Lion paperweight memento after his speech. *Photo courtesy of Lion Steve Everley, Overland Park Noon Lions Club.*

VP Preston was visiting Overland Park, taking part in the 2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Planning Committee meetings October 24-28. He is the Honorary Chairman of the 2013 and 2014 Forums.

With about 50 Lions present, the staff at Perkins Restaurant did an outstanding job of taking orders and preparing the meals. Our servers brought in the food quickly, efficiently and quietly and did not interfere with meeting activities in any way.

VP Preston will become President of Lions Clubs International following the 2014 convention in Toronto, Canada. **International 1st Vice President Barry Palmer** of Australia will be LCI's next top leader.

USA/Canada Forum Honorary Chairmen are International Presidents unless they are not from the United States or Canada. In those cases, the highest-ranking Vice President from the US or Canada is the Honorary Chair.

It is fairly unusual for a local club to have a speaker from Lions International as high ranking as VP Preston. Generally these officers limit their visits to Multiple District (state) Conventions or to District Conventions.

Flags to go up on Saturday, November 10 for Veterans Day

The last flag raising for 2012 will be Saturday morning, November 10 in honor of Veterans Day. The flags will remain up for a week. They will be taken down on November 17. On both days, the starting time is 6:00 AM.

After flags go up on the 10th, we will go to Perkins for our regular meeting. **Major Mark Martsoff** of the Salvation Army will be our speaker.

Construction in some areas along Metcalf Avenue will present challenges for posting the flags, but Big Lion Lynn Wolfe has contingency plans for those spots.

KU Eye Clinic Club Branch holds organizational meeting October 15

The new KU Eye Clinic Club Branch is up and running!

An organizational meeting, led by OPHLC **Big Lion Lynn Wolfe**, was held at the Eye Clinic, 74th and State Line Road, on Monday, October 15. Attending and assisting in the meeting were **Lion Mae Claxton** and **PDG Neal Nichols**.

New officers include **Dr. John Sutphin**, president, **Lion Emily Sutphin**, secretary, and **Lion Abby Strickland**, treasurer.

There are now 14 members of this Club Branch. When they reach 20 or more, they will charter as an independent Lions Club, with the Overland Park Host Lions Club as their sponsoring club.

Club Members donate popcorn at Overland Park Trick or Treat Trail

Several Overland Park Host members worked at Matt Ross Community Center again this year at the annual Trick or Treat Trail sponsored by the City of Overland Park on Sunday afternoon, October 28.

Little ghosts and goblins and myriad other costumed characters paraded through the building in search of goodies and games.

Pop corn, as in past years, was the main treat. Several parents of participating children made donations totaling almost \$122 to help cover our costs.

Support your District Governor . . .

District Convention scheduled for March 1, 2; Dr. Naismith to describe basketball origins!

The annual District Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn on Reeder Road in Overland Park on March 1 and 2, 2013.

Lion Heather Lanigan is convention chairperson and has been busy helping **District Governor Beverly Nichols** put together an exciting and entertaining weekend.

The convention theme will be "March Madness" and will feature a special guest appearance by Dr. James Naismith, who will present a lecture on how he invented the game of basketball.

Overland Park Host Lions should reserve this weekend and plan to attend convention activities in support of our own District Governor Beverly.

"Monthly Tidbits" about the convention have been published in each issue of the District Governor's Newsletter since July.

Ryan's Steakhouse in Olathe to be site of Zone Meeting on Monday, November 19

The next Zone Meeting will be held on Monday, November 19 at Ryan's Steakhouse, near Kansas Highway 7 and I-35 in Olathe. The meeting begins at 7 PM, but you can arrive earlier and go through the buffet line if you want to have your evening meal there.

Lion Chris Wright, Leawood Lions Club, is Zone Chair and will conduct the meeting. Reservations are not required to attend but Lion Chris would appreciate knowing who plans to be present. Contact him at cbwright4@gmail.com.



International 2nd VP Joe Preston shares a Lions story with the crowd at the regular meeting on October 27. See other pictures on next page.

"Reach Out and Read Kansas City" effort featured at November 3 Cabinet Meeting

Overland Park Host members attending the second Cabinet Meeting of 2012-13 included **District Governor Beverly Nichols**, **Big Lion Lynn Wolfe**, **Secretary Heather Lanigan**, **Lion Teresa Wolfe**, **Lion Janette Reh**, and **PDG Neal Nichols**. **Lion Cub Zoe Lanigan** also was present. The meeting was held in Auburn, Kansas.

A highlight of the day was a presentation by **Megan Sturges**, executive director of Reach Out and Read Kansas City, which is affiliated with the national Reach Out and Read program. Reach Out and Read is a program that involves pediatricians and other medical professionals who work with children from birth to age 5 and helps teach parents about the importance of reading to their children daily.

The program also donates new and gently used books to low-income families who otherwise would not have any reading materials in their homes.

The goal of Reach Out and Read is to have all children, regardless of economic status, equipped with the learning skills they will need to enter kindergarten and succeed academically as they progress through school grades.



Taylor Heersche Memorials Go to Leo Clubs

Leo Taylor Heersche, age 15, passed away on October 30 at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City after a five-year-long courageous battle against leukemia.

Taylor was the daughter of **Past Council Chairperson Deanne** and **Dan Heersche** of Mulvane and was a very active member of the Mulvane Leo Club. Her father Dan drive the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation Mobile Screening Unit.

Taylor had many friends, not only in Mulvane and District 17-N but throughout the entire Multiple District 17 (State of Kansas). A celebration of life was held at Central Community Church in Wichita on Sunday afternoon, November 4.

District Governor Beverly Nichols suggests that memorial contributions be made in support of district Leo Clubs. They can be sent to **Lion Harry Malnicof**, District 17-O Treasurer, 9011 Newton Drive, Overland Park, KS 66212. Indicate in the memo line of your check or in a note to Lion Harry that your donation is in memory of Taylor Heersche and is to go to the Leo Clubs fund.



We had a full house on October 27! **Lion Dottie Bloome** led the Pledge of Allegiance and this picture gives an idea of the size of the crowd. Photos on page 2 and on this page courtesy of **Lion Steve Everley**, Overland Park Noon Lions Club.

Treasurer's Reports for October 2012

General (Operating) Account

Income

Member dues	\$ 923.82
Tail Twister	59.00
Miscellaneous	(50.00)
Meals	907.18
Membership fees	305.00
Total Income	\$ 2,145.00

Expenses

Room and Meals, Meetings	667.15
Dues to LCI	6.83
OP Chamber of Commerce	390.00
Miscellaneous	142.95
Total Expenses	\$ 1,206.93
Net Income (loss) for Month	\$ 938.07

Ending Balance (General Account) **\$4,713.41**

Service (Project or Charity) Account

Income

Overland Park Fall Fest	161.00
Candy Day	229.60
OP Trick or Treat Trail	121.65
Miscellaneous (Cookbook)	50.00
Total Income	\$ 562.25

Expenses

Leo Club sponsorship	\$ 200.00
Diabetes Camp sponsorship ...	380.00
Eyeglasses and exams	150.00
Total Expense	730.00
Net Income (loss) for Month	(\$ 167.75)

Ending Balance (Service Acct.) **\$9,652.01**

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Lion Roger Claxton provided the Treasurer's Reports



Tail Twister Gregg Collins (standing, center), looks like he's about ready to assess a fine on **Past International Director Doug Lozier**, but it's more likely he was collecting a Happy Buck. Several of our visitors contributed. PID Lozier is General Chairperson of the 2013 USA/Canada Forum.

November and December . . .

Reasons to Celebrate! Birthdays

November 12	Teresa Wolfe
November 15	Jason Tyrer
November 16	Trish Rogers
November 26	Sylvia Collins
December 5	Bryan Lanigan
December 8	Roger Claxton
December 14	Dr. John Sutphin
December 19	Tami Turntine
December 26	Michele Taylor
December 30	Cindy Claxton

Anniversaries

November 2	Steve and Grace Weinrich
November 13	Chris and Deanna Pucci
November 26	Grant and Trish Rogers
November 27	Jason and Joy Tyrer
November 30	Bob and Linda Larson

Calendar of Activities

November 10	Flags up 6:00 AM, meet at Newcomer's garage, 82nd and Metcalf ... then go to Perkins for ...
November 10	Regular Meeting 7:15 AM at Perkins, 87th and Nieman Speaker: Major Mark Martsoff, The Salvation Army
November 17	Flags down 6:00 AM, meet at Newcomer's garage to organize teams
November 24	Regular Meeting 7:15 AM at Perkins, 87th and Nieman Program: Diabetes Awareness Speaker: Lion Heather Lanigan
December 1	Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 AM at Perkins, 87th and Nieman Arrive earlier to order breakfast before the meeting starts
December 8	Regular Meeting Program: Annual "Breakfast with Santa"
December 22	Regular Meeting Program: To be announced

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