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The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club
Overland Park, Kansas

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Remember! No regular club meeting this Saturday (December 22)!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

Editor's note: This issue of the Overland Park Host Lions' Roar is being published early for a variety of reasons. One is to remind all members that **there will not be a regular meeting on December 22**. Second, Lions, don't forget the work day at the Claxtons at 10 AM on Saturday, December 29 to assemble Care Kits for Heart to Heart International. And third, Ye Olde Editor has a very busy three weeks ahead and might not be able to get a regular January issue done in a timely manner. Thanks for your understanding.

Big Crowd Enjoys Festive Breakfast with Santa on December 8



Forty-eight Lions and guests attended our annual "Breakfast with Santa" meeting on December 8, one of the largest crowds for this event in recent years. The focus was, as always, pretty much on the children but adults had a good time, too!

Santa was his usual jolly self and most—but not all—the children were eager to sit on his lap to whisper what they hoped he'll bring down their chimneys on Christmas Day. Each one got an advance gift at the meeting.

Pictured with **Santa** above, *left to right*, are **Jenna Heng** (granddaughter of **Lion Jack McLain**), our sweet and cheerful server **Sarah**, and **Harper DeKeyser** (daughter of **Lion Dr. Dirk** and **Marla Dekeyser**). Santa's elf (complete in costume) **Zoe Lanigan** looks on in the background

Christmastime and "Breakfast with Santa" is about kids—kids from "one to ninety-two," as the song goes. Below, *left to right*, **Big Lion Lynn** and **Teresa Wolfe** and **Lion Grant** and **Trish Rogers** ham it up with Santa. **Felicity Parker** (granddaughter of **Lion Edson** and **Dolores Parker**) seems pleased with her gift. Felicity came prepared; she even brought a list of her Christmas wishes. **Lion Harold Claxton** tells Santa what he wants this year. **Lions Roger** and **Mae** listen in.



Welcome to our new members! . . .

OPHLC/Prairie Village Merger Complete

All the details necessary for merging the Prairie Village Lions Club with Overland Park Host were completed this month. Nine members from Prairie Village, including Lion Kim Morrow who has been with us for a while, transferred to OPHLC.

A hearty welcome to these Lions is in order. Their many years of experience will be tremendously valuable to us.

The transferred members are:

Alan Blinzler (Kelly) 12326 Walmer Overland Park, Kansas 66209	Kim Morrow, Ph.D. 10416 King Overland Park, KS 66214
Terry Frederick (Karen) 14617 Grandview Street Overland Park, Kansas 66221	Steve Noll (Marianne) 4500 W. 71 Terrace Prairie Village, KS 66208
Pat Harmon (Sharon) 6331 W. 67th Terrace Overland Park, Kansas 66204	Bob Tonjes PID (Lorraine) 8304 Rosewood Prairie Village, KS 66207
Wynn Laird (Sherry) 6225 Mullen Road Shawnee, KS 66216	John Trinkl (Marjorie) 9917 Mastin Drive Overland Park, KS 66212
Steve McVey (Sandra) 303 S. Harrison Spring Hill, Kansas 66083	

Additional information (telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, occupations, birthdays and anniversaries) will be in the next edition of the OPHLC Directory.

The Big Lion's Message for January . . .

Keeping Christmas Year-Round

At our December 8 "Breakfast with Santa" meeting, **Big Lion Lynn Wolfe** closed the meeting by reading an essay titled "Keeping Christmas" by **Henry Van Dyke**.



It's an appropriate message for starting the New Year. Here it is in its entirety:

There is a better thing than the observance of Christmas day, and that is, keeping Christmas.

Are you willing . . .

- to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you?
- to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world?
- to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground?
- to see that men and women are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy?

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Late December, January . . .

Reasons to Celebrate! Birthdays

December 26 **Michele Taylor**
December 30 **Cindy Claxton**
January 23 **Lavern Mausolf**
January 27 **Dale Warden**

Anniversaries

January 7 **Louis and Malvina Adams**

"Keeping Christmas"

(continued from column at left)

- to own up to the fact that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life?
- to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness?

Are you willing to do these things even for a day?
Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing . . .

- to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children?
- to remember the weakness and loneliness of people growing old?
- to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough?
- to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear in their hearts?
- to try to understand what those who live in the same home with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you?
- to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you?
- to make a grave for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open?

Are you willing to do these things, even for a day?
Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing ...

- to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—
- stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—
- and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love?

Then you can keep Christmas.

And if you can keep it for a day, why not always?
But you can never keep it alone.

*Worth Repeating . . .***Club takes on Heart to Heart Care Kits as service project. Donations needed!**

Once again, OP Host Lions are cooperating with Heart to Heart International to prepare Care Kits to be shipped to East Coast areas hard hit by Superstorm Sandy in October.

An "assembly party" will be held on Saturday, December 29 at the home of **Lions Roger and Mae Claxton**, 10404 Nieman Road in Overland Park. Work will begin at 10 AM.

Several items are still needed to help us meet our **goal of 50 kits**.

New hand towels (30 needed).

New washcloths (50 needed). Towels and washcloths can be bought inexpensively in quantities at "dollar stores."

Shampoo (fifteen-ounce bottles) (Ten needed).

Bars of soap (50 needed).

New toothbrushes (50 needed).

Adhesive bandages (three-fourths or one-inch size, Band-Aids® or similar) **500** needed, 10 for each kit.

Wide-tooth combs (17 needed).

Check with **Lion Mae (913-492-8210)** to see what she still needs. Choose one or more of the items and then bring them to the work party on December 29 (or arrange for someone to take them for you if you cannot be present).

Heart to Heart and Lions Clubs share a passion to help people in need, especially in disaster-stricken areas. Heart to Heart distributes Care Kits to the "front lines." These kits bring comfort, health and peace of mind to those receiving them.



Christmas is for families.

At left, Santa holds **Harper DeKeyser** while older brother **Grayson** looks on. Mom and Dad, **Marla** and **Lion Dr. Dirk DeKeyser** share the moment.



Center picture. "Breakfast with Santa" wouldn't be complete without some Jolly St. Nicholas music. **Lion Heather** and **Zoe Lanigan** lead a song. **Jordan Nichols** (son of **Lion Christine** and **Brian Nichols**) looks on.

Christine and **Brian** (above) pose with the 3-D glasses that were intended to enhance the singing experience.

Mid-Winter Rally coming up in Salina, January 18-20; Make reservations now!

The annual Kansas Lions Mid-Winter Rally will be held at the Ramada Inn in Salina Friday through Sunday, January 18-20, 2013.

Entertainment, seminars and motivational speeches are in store for Lions attending. There will be a special seminar on the use of social media to promote Lionism in general and local clubs in particular.

Overland Park Host Lions have been strong supporters of the Mid-Winter Rally in the past. One very enjoyable activity is to stop Sunday on the way home at the Brookville Hotel in Abilene for home-style fried-chicken dinner with all the fixings.

Consider attending this year and meeting other Lions from around the state. Details are in the latest issue of *Kansas Lions News*. You should have received your copy in the mail by now. **One important date is January 4**—the deadline for guaranteeing room reservations at the Ramada at the Kansas Lions rate. Call (785) 823-1739 or e-mail your request to <http://www.roomstays.com/hotel/278941>. Request the special Lions room rate.

A registration form is attached as the last page of this newsletter for your convenience. You can send your registration without payment. **Please remember, though, that if you do so and then don't attend, our club (and/or YOU) will be billed for your missed meals** (the Mid-Winter Rally committee has to pay for meals ordered but not used).



More "Breakfast with Santa" . . . Lion Carole Collyard looks mighty pleased with herself posing on Santa's knee. Lion Ken, freshly returned from a mission trip to India, looks happy to be back in familiar surroundings.



Above The Capitol Christmas Tree in Washington, DC. It is a 75' Engelmann Spruce from Colorado. Some of the ornaments were created by Colorado second-graders. The theme was "Celebrating the Great Outdoors." Students were required to use 100% recycled and natural materials. They used rice, plant-based paint, sea salt, jute string, toothpicks, and handmade paper to create snowy Rocky Mountain scenes they called "purple mountain majesties". Please pardon **Ye Olde Editor** and **DG Beverly** for a bit of grandparental pride—one of the decorations selected was created by their granddaughter **Molly Nichols**, a student in Parker, Colorado.

Club Buys Braille Slates and Styli to Help Blind University Students in Ecuador

Our club recently purchased several special slates and styli for blind students at Universidad Salesiana Polytechnica in Quito, Ecuador. The Board of Directors authorized the expenditure at the suggestion of **Lion Kim Morrow**.

These devices are to blind students what paper and pencils are to sighted individuals. In countries such as Ecuador, where computers and other technology are not available, a student can use a stylus to punch Braille characters into the slate, allowing him or her to have the equivalent of a notebook for study.

Prairie Village Lions (prior to merging with us), the **Auburn (Kansas) Lions Club** and **Independence (Missouri) Lions** also contributed to the project.

Calendar of Activities

December 22 **No Meeting**

Christmas time with families

December 29 **Work Day at Claxtons' Home**

10404 Nieman Road, Overland Park
Heart to Heart Care Kit "Assembly Party"
10:00 AM start time

January 5 **Board meeting**

Perkins Restaurant, 87th Street and Nieman Road
7:15 AM to order breakfast; call to order at 7:30

January 12 **Regular Meeting**

Perkins Restaurant, 87th Street and Nieman Road
7:15 AM to order breakfast; call to order at 7:45

Speaker: Lion Cheryl Kerns (Louisburg Lions Club)

Subject: Kansas Leos Programs

January 18-20 **Mid-Winter Rally**

Ramada Inn, Salina

Registration information on Page 5 of this issue

More details in latest issue of Kansas Lions News

Special guest : International Director Douglas Alexander, New York

January 26 **Regular Meeting**

Perkins Restaurant, 87th Street and Nieman Road
7:15 AM to order breakfast; call to order at 7:45

Speaker: Cathy Lucas, Legal Shield services

February 2 **Board meeting**

Perkins Restaurant, 87th Street and Nieman Road
7:15 AM to order breakfast; call to order at 7:30

February 9 **Regular meeting**

Perkins Restaurant, 87th Street and Nieman Road
7:15 AM to order breakfast; call to order at 7:45

Speaker: Lion Vern Faylor (Sunflower Lions of Topeka)

Subject: Kansas Yellow Dot Program

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Kansas Lions Mid-Winter Rally 2013



**Salina Ramada Inn
1616 West Crawford Street
January 18-20, 2013**

REGISTRATION AND MEAL RESERVATION FORM

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Total Registration and Meal Package (\$52.00 per person*) <i>(All meals and registration) (NOTE: Tax and tip are included in all meals.)</i>	_____	\$ _____
OR select individual events below:		
Registration (\$6.00 each) <i>* Fee applies to all except Leos</i>	_____	\$ _____
Friday Dinner (\$15.00 each) Friday, 6:30 PM <i>Chicken Florentine</i>	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch (\$15.00 each) Saturday, 11:45 AM <i>Mexican Buffet</i>	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet (\$16.00 each) Saturday, 6:30 PM <i>Tender Beef Brisket</i>	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT	<i>Circle one:</i> Enclosed Will pay at door	\$ _____
Special dietary needs: Diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Allergy <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>		

Name(s) _____ _____ _____ _____	<i>Circle one:</i> Lion Leo Guest <i>Circle one:</i> Lion Leo Guest <i>Circle one:</i> Lion Leo Guest <i>Circle one:</i> Lion Leo Guest
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Mail Reservations to: **Lion Lela Gillispie** **(Or) E-mail to** kayg7@cox.net
 1414 Givens Road,
 Manhattan KS 66503
 (785) 532-8611

Final Date for Room Reservations is January 4, 2013
 You can reserve your room by calling (785) 823-1739
 Or by the Internet at: <http://www.roomstays.com/hotel/278941>

Final Date for Meal Reservations is January 11, 2013

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