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Annual Pasta Supper has new feature: live auction in addition to silent!



Our club's annual Pasta Supper and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, May 18. Tickets for this fund-raising event are available from **Lion Mae Claxton**. A lot of items are needed for the auction part of the event. These can be new or gently-used things from around your house or they can be donations from businesses. Typical contributions include gift cards from restaurants, beauty salons/spas, auto-service establishments and the like. Some companies will donate products instead of services. If you patronize a local firm regularly, just ask if the manager will provide an item for you to put up for auction.

This year a live auction will be held in addition to the usual silent one. **Lion Phil Detrixhe**, a member of the Overland Park Hospitality Lions Club Branch and a professional auctioneer, will donate his service and be the caller.

A "Pound Auction" is another new feature under serious consideration for this year's program. This is an idea copied from the District 17-I convention held in Salina in February. Club members donate "white elephant" items, but put them in lunch-sack-sized brown paper bags and then staple the bags shut. Attendees bid "sight unseen" on the bags. Some gifts are fairly valuable while others might be humorous or simply bag fillers. A Pound Auction can be more than just a lot of fun for bidders and observers—it can also raise quite a bit of money.

Full details on the Pasta Supper and Auction(s) will be in the May newsletter and will be announced at club meetings in April and early May.

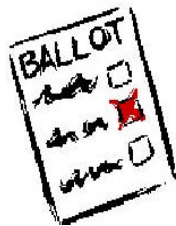
It's election time again . . .

Nominating Committee Picks Candidates

Club officers for 2013-14 will be elected at the regular meeting on Saturday, April 13.

The Nominating Committee led by **Lion Ken Collyard**, presents these candidates (*all are Lions!*):

- President **Carole Collyard**
- 1st Vice President **Teresa Wolfe**
- 2nd Vice President **Steve Weinrich**
- Secretary **Heather Lanigan**
- Treasurer **Roger Claxton**
- Lion Tamer **Ken Collyard**
- Tail Twister **Neal Nichols**
- Director (*continuing through 2014*) **Janette Reh**
- Director (*unexpired term through 2014*) **Grant Rogers**
- Director (2013-2015) **John Trinkle**
- Director (2013-2015) **Dottie Bloome**
- Membership Chairperson **Beverly Nichols**
- Immediate Past President **Lynn Wolfe**



Grant Rogers is being nominated to finish the unexpired Director term of **Steve Weinrich** who is being nominated to be 2nd Vice President.

A written ballot will be prepared for Saturday's meeting. Election rules of Lions Clubs International require that secret ballots be used even if each candidate is unopposed for election.

The publication of candidates' names in the *Roar* fulfills the requirement that at least two notices be given to members in advance of an election.

56 Shoeboxes for Soldiers Shipped, "Thank-You" Notes are Received

Overland Park Host Lions, assisted by members of the Shawnee Lions Club and Overland Park Hospitality Club Branch packed and shipped 56 "Shoeboxes for Soldiers" on March 9.



This year, the boxes went to troops in Afghanistan, primarily a Military Police detachment based out of Ft. Riley, KS.

Lions from other clubs who helped were **Carleen Rajala** and **Alpha Wickersham** (Shawnee) and **Phil Detrixhe** and **Mindy Lallier** (OP Hospitality Club Branch). **Brian Nichols**, husband of **Lion Christine**, and their five-year-old son **Jordan** also pitched in.

Thank-you notes came from two soldiers. One was addressed to our **Cub Zoe Lanigan** from **CSI Scott Webb** who wrote:

"Zoe, I just wanted to say Thank You for all the great stuff you and your group sent us. I really enjoyed everything in the package. I was surprised when I opened the box and saw the Kansas postcard. I am from Holcomb, KS. I am still a HUGE KC Chiefs fan. We are all very thankful for the support you and God and the Lions club have given.

"Thank you and wish you all the best."
"CSI Webb"

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The Big Lion's Message for April . . .

Ode to Spring, or "You're No Spring Chicken!"

by Lynn Wolfe, President



Finally, it's Spring! A time of new growth, flowering trees and shrubs, mowing, trimming, digging, seeding, allergies, runny noses, itchy eyes.

Spring is a time of looking back but also a time of looking forward with anticipation.

For some, it's a time of religious renewal and hope for the future. As Lions, it can also be a time of looking back where we've been and how we've served others as a club for the past 56 years. But, perhaps, more important, it should be a time to look forward to the next year and beyond. It should be a time of focus and renewed enthusiasm for working together as a Lions Club in helping others. Let's bloom where we're planted and spring forward with a little spring in our step.

I once heard someone say, "I'm no Spring chicken, but I'm still on the dance floor." Well, Lions, we're still on the "dance floor."

It's Spring! Let's get "dancin'." Hope springs eternal! Actually, I think it's a good thing not to be a Spring chicken—for obvious reasons!

Overland Park Host Lions Club Still Leads in Governor's Point Contest

Our club reported a total of 184,155 points in the District Governor's contest through the end of March. This puts us well ahead of the other clubs in our division—clubs with 21 through 40 members.



More than 11,000 points have already been earned in April with two-thirds of the month to go!

Points are earned in a variety of ways: visitations to other club; attendance at district and state meetings; participation in service activities such as work at Harvesters, and many others. When an activity is announced, sign up and go to work! You'll help us win another trophy!

Some Trivia You've Probably Wondered About . . .

Do you read in bed? You're a *librocubicularist*.

Have trouble remembering the word you want to say? You have a case of *lethologica*.

Hungry? Hoping the other guy will offer you some of his? You're *groaking*.

There was no punctuation until the fifteenth century. (Note from *Ye Olde Editor*: Evidently some people still haven't discovered it!)

Source: *The Book of Useless Information*

No longer a "Club Branch" . . .

University of Kansas Eye Center Lions Chartered by Lions Club International!

District Governor Beverly Nichols announced last week that the **University of Kansas Eye Center Lions Club Branch** has enrolled enough members to be chartered as a full-fledged Lions Club and will no longer be a branch of our club. A Charter was granted by Lions Clubs International on April 4, 2013.



A Charter Night celebration will be held on Wednesday, June 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at the Eye Center Offices, 7400 State Line Road in Prairie Village. More details on

this event will be announced as they are developed.

Existing clubs traditionally honor a new club with gifts such as a bell and gavel, banner, and American Flag. Some clubs give gifts of cash to help get the new administrative account started.

Overland Park Host Lions will present an American Flag and stand to the KU Eye Center Lions Club. This is a long-standing tradition and shows the connection between our Metcalf Avenue of Flags project and the ceremonial Flag the new club will use.

Our club is the official sponsor of the new club. A hefty result of sponsorship is that we have earned 3,000 points in the District Governor's Point Contest.

The "short name" of the new club will be "KU Eye Center Lions." Officially, however, the club will be chartered and known as the University of Kansas Eye Center Lions Club. There are two reasons for this: (1) Lions Clubs International does not accept initials (for example, KU) in a club's official name; and (2) KU as an institution requires that any organization using the name must use "University of Kansas," not "KU" or "Kansas University."

Past International Director Ernie Young of the Lansing Lions Club will be the Guiding Lion for the Eye Center club and will serve in that capacity for two years. The Guiding Lion program helps assure that a new club starts "on the right foot" and gets proper guidance from an experienced Lion in the early stages of development.

Dr. John Sutphin will serve as **Charter President** of the Eye Center Club. **Dr. Dirk DeKeyser** will be **vice-president**. **Emily Sutphin** and **Abby Strickland** will serve as **secretary** and **treasurer**, respectively. **Emily Coolbaugh** will be **Membership Chairperson**.

Some Trivia About Trivia . . .

"Trivia" comes from the Latin *trivium*, (or "three roads"). Where three roads met became a meeting place of sorts. Common folk would pass by and have "common" (*hence trivial*) conversations. "Gossip" may have derived from this practice.

Calendar of Events

- Saturday, April 13** Regular meeting
 7:15 AM, Breakfast at Perkins; 7:45 AM Call to Order
 Election of 2013-14 Officers
 Speaker: Robin Fish, Overland Park Downtown Partnership
- Thurs., April 25** **OP Mayor's Prayer Breakfast**
 6:45 AM, Overland Park Marriott Hotel
- Saturday, April 27** Regular meeting
 7:15 AM, Breakfast at Perkins; 7:45 AM Call to Order
 Speaker: Nancy McConnell, Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead
- Saturday, April 27** **KU Eye Center Lions Club**
 9 to 11 AM, Free Eye Clinic (Service Project)
- Tuesday, April 30** **Lions at the Harvesters**
 District 17-O Service Project
 5:30 to 8 PM, 3801 Topping, Kansas City, MO
- Thursday-Saturday, May 2-4** **Garage Sale**
 Fund raiser for Administrative Account
 Roger and Mae Claxton's, 10404 Nieman, Overland Park
- Saturday, May 4** **Board of Directors meeting**
 7:15 AM, Breakfast at Perkins, 7:30 AM Call to Order
- Monday, May 6** **Endowment Fund Board Meeting**
 7:30 PM Johnson County Central Library, 87th and Farley
- Saturday, May 11** **Regular Meeting**
 7:15 AM, Breakfast at Perkins; 7:45 AM Call to Order
 Speaker: Jerry Smith, World Outreach Foundation

Treasurer's Reports for March 2013 General (Operating) Account

Income	
Member dues	\$ 240.00
Tail Twister	28.50
Meals	157.00
New member fees	225.00
Total Income	\$ 650.50
Expenses	
Room and Meals, Meetings	\$ 263.87
New member fees	252.48
Total Expenses	\$ 516.35
Net Income (reduction) for Month	\$ 135.15
Ending Balance (General Account)	\$ 4,391.47

Service (Project or Charity) Account

Income	
Metcalfe Avenue of Flags	\$ 1,001.84*
Shoebboxes for Soldiers	154.06
Total Income	\$ 1,155.90
Expenses	
Pasta dinner	\$ 52.03
Metcalfe Avenue of Flags	225.00
Meal expense	41.36
Shoebboxes for Soldiers	1,077.24
Eye exams and glasses	150.00
Miscellaneous	35.00
Total Expense	1,580.63
Net Income (reduction) for Month	(\$ 424.73)
Ending Balance (Service Account)	\$ 7,747.40

* Flag Fund gets boost from Prairie Village

Prairie Village Lions donated the \$1000+ shown above as "Metcalfe Avenue of Flags" income when they closed the club's bank accounts and disbursed Service Account funds upon merging with the OPHLC. Thank you, Prairie Village Lions!

Mid-April through early May. . .

Reasons to Celebrate!

Birthdays

- April 14 Joy Tyrer
 April 17 Ben Starks
 May 4 Christine Nichols
 May 7 Lynn Wolfe
 May 10 Dolores Parker
 May 11 Grant Rogers
 May 12 Kim Morrow
 May 19 Audrey Lavelly
 May 27 Bud Turntine
 May 29 Wynn Laird

Anniversaries

- April 12 Janette and Lawrence Reh
 May 17 Roger and Mae Claxton

Editor's Note: We apologize for omitting any birthdays or anniversaries for OP Hospitality Club Branch and transferred Prairie Village members. We are still working with incomplete records and will get up to date as soon as possible.

Shoebboxes for Soldiers (Continued from Page 1)

A note was also sent to "Aunt Mae" Claxton from her nephew V/R CNCN Anders. He said,

"Thank you all for these awesome packages!! These really made me and my guys' day great!! You guys really know all the good stuff to put in. It's great to know that people back home support & care about us. Also please tell my Aunt Mae Claxton a very special thank you!! And also I love you Aunt Mae. I'll be home in Ohio July 1st-8th.

Corporal Rob Nichols, grandson of Lions Neal and Beverly and serving in Afghanistan, received a Shoebox, too. A young man of few words, he simply texted his father (who lives in Colorado) with

"Tell Grandmother and Granddaddy thanks for the package."

More Trivia You've Probably Wanted to Know About

Ever wonder where the phrase "the naked truth" came from? Of course you have! So here's the naked truth: According to a fable dating to the 1500s, Truth and Falsehood went swimming. When Falsehood came out of the water, she put on Truth's clothes. Truth, not wanting to take someone else's garments, went naked. So there you have it!

(Sources: *The Book of Useless Information* and *The American Heritage® Dictionary of Idioms* by Christine Ammer, quoted on the Dictionary.com website.)

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