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The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club
Overland Park, Kansas

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It's the Fourth of July! Make it happy, Keep it safe!
But don't forget what it's all about.

Our club led off the celebration of Independence Day by raising Flags on Metcalf Avenue, Saturday, June 29. The display will continue until Saturday morning, July 6 when they will be taken down.



In the meantime, enjoy the holiday time with family and friends. Be sane and safe with your celebrations, however!

Plenty of help will be needed to get them down and stored again, so please respond with a Lion's roaring "YES" when you're asked to sign up!

Three New Melvin Jones Fellowships Presented to OPHLC Members

Three deserving OPHLC members were presented with Melvin Jones Fellowships in the past month.

Lions Steve Weinrich, Teresa Wolfe and Heather Lanigan are the newest recipients of this honor—the highest given by the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Steve and Teresa received their plaques and special lapel pins at the club picnic on June 15. Heather was recognized at the District Cabinet meeting on June 15 and received her plaque at the regular club meeting of June 29.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship program was established in 1973. A donation of \$1,000 to the LCIF allows a Lions Club or individual to name a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Over the years the OPHLC has presented total of 42 Melvin Jones Fellowships. At least three members (one is deceased) have been designated as "Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows" (PMJF) through additional increments of \$1,000 donated by them or on their behalf.

Over \$55,000 has been given by our club or its members to the LCIF for MJFs and other fund-raising campaigns since the MJF program began in 1973.

A picture of two of this year's recipients are on page 4. (Lion Heather's picture was not available at press time.)



John Trumbull's painting: "The Signing of the Declaration of Independence" (1817).

Four Generations Help Raise Flags for Independence Day



Lion Chris Claxton got a lot of help from his two children **James and Jessica** in putting up Flags along Santa Fe Drive in old Downtown Overland Park on June 29. Not pictured are Grandfather and Grandmother **Lions Roger and Mae Claxton** and Great-grandfather **Lion Harold Claxton**. (Photo by Lion Roger Claxton.)

Conversation between two new Lions overheard at a recent district convention in another state:

Lion 1: What does PID mean?

Lion 2: I don't really know, but I'd say it stands for "Pretty Important Dude."

KU Eye Center Lions Club celebrates festive Charter Night on June 12



*Charter members of the new **University of Kansas Eye Center Lions Club** listen intently as **District Governor Beverly Nichols** proceeds through the new-member induction ceremony. Front row (left to right): **Johnny Tang, Kirk DeKeyser, Alina Dumitrescu, Donna McConville, Audrey Morrison, Mallory Kuchem, and Emily Coolbaugh**. Back row (left to right): **Thomas Whittaker, DG Beverly, Mary Champion, Sarah Noftzger, John Hunkeler, Emily Sutphin, Abby Strickland, and Deb Kephart**. Charter President **John Sutphin** stands in front of the club's banner.*

The newest Lions Club in District 17-O—and only one of two new clubs in Kansas this year—celebrated its Charter Night on June 12. The **University of Kansas Eye Center Lions Club** was organized as a Club Branch of the OPHLC last October. It grew to 20 members by April and was officially chartered by Lions Club International on April 4. The club no doubt will be commonly referred to as “**KU Eye Center Lions Club**,” but the full name above is required by LCI.

The **Overland Park Host Lions Club** is the official sponsor of the KU Eye Center club and was recognized by Lions Clubs International with a special “New Club Sponsor” banner patch.

Membership is composed of doctors, technicians, and other staff members at KU Eye, 7400 State Line Road, Prairie Village. Four members have joined since Charter Night, raising the total to 24.

Past International Director Ernie Young was the keynote speaker. **District Governor Beverly Nichols** inducted the new Lions into membership; **PDG Neal Nichols** installed the charter officers and directors.

Several gifts were presented to the club and were accepted by **Lion John Sutphin**, Charter President.

The **Overland Park Host Lions Club** gave an American Flag complete with pole and base.

The club banner was given by **PID Ernie Young**.

The **Leawood Lions Club** presented the gong for use at meetings.

Lion Janette Reh presented a ceremonial gavel that had been given to **Dr. Albert Lemoine, Jr.**, former head of the KU Ophthalmology Department, several years ago by the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation.

Lawrence Lions gave the Tail Twister's fine bank.

A number of clubs made cash donations to help the KU Lions establish a sound administrative account. These were **Auburn, Eudora, Kansas City Downtown, Lansing, Leavenworth, Lenexa, Linwood, Louisburg, Olathe Noon, Seneca, Shawnee, Silver Lake, and Sunflower of Topeka**.

More KU Eye Center Charter Night Celebration Scenes



PID Ernie Young, keynote speaker for the evening, presents **Charter President John Sutphin** with the "friendship banner" that commemorates Lion Ernie's two-year term as an International Director (2004-2006). (The American Flag and stand donated by the Overland Park Host Club stands at rear left.)



Lion Harry Malnicof, on behalf of the **Leawood Lions Club**, presents President Sutphin with a shiny new gong. **Lion Emily Sutphin**, KU Eye Center Club secretary, looks on.

July . . .

Reasons to Celebrate!

Birthdays

July 2	Billie Warden
July 4	Phil Detrixhe
July 6	Chris Pucci
July 7	Mike Orzechowski
July 19	Ken Collyard
July 22	Janette Reh
July 22	Al Witwer
July 30	Lloyd Larry Lavelly

Anniversaries

July 23 Terry and Karen Frederick

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Lion Janette Reh presents the ceremonial gavel that had been given by the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation several years ago to Dr. Albert Lemoine when he was head of the KU Ophthalmology Department. (The new club's banner, donated by PID Young, stands at the right-side background).

Lions at the T-Bones game, Tuesday, July 16: If you want to go, contact Mindy Lallier at 913-433-3690 right NOW! Ticket ordering deadline is Wednesday, July 3.



New Melvin Jones Fellows display their plaques after a presentation ceremony during the club's picnic on June 9. **Lion Steve Weinrich** (second from left) and **Lion Teresa Wolfe** (second from right) are flanked by their spouses, **Lion Grace** and **Big Lion Lynn**.

A Word from the President . . .

Big Lion's Message for July by Carole Collyard, President



I can't believe we are going into a new Lions' year already! Where does the time go?

First of all, I want to thank our Immediate Past Big Lion Lynn Wolfe for the fantastic, efficient and organized job he did as our Lion leader this past year.

I have "Big Lion" shoes to fill! Thanks so much, Lion Lynn, from all of us.

I hope we can maintain our reputation as one of the leading clubs in Kansas and that we will interact more with other clubs, especially those in our Zone.

Part of my plan is to have meetings that are enjoyable and informative in hopes that visitors will want to join in our fun. I hope to have more social events for our Lions family. Any ideas from the "troops" will be most welcome!

One of our early activities will be orientation for all members who have not had the opportunity to learn about the organization and history of Lions Clubs International and of our state and district.

As always, I would love to see our membership continue to increase. Again, I welcome any suggestions for making that happen.

My main goal, of course, is to arrive at meetings before Lion Grant Rogers does!

We have a lot ahead of us this year. A big task will be to help host the 2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. I look forward to working with you all as we **ROAR** into the new year. Please share any ideas you have about improving or enhancing our Club and its activities. I look forward to serving you.

—*Big Lion Carole*

Events in July and Early August

July 6 **6 AM, Take down Flags**
7:30 (or after Flags are down) **Board Meeting**
at Perkins Restaurant

July 13 **7:30 AM, Regular Meeting**
Program: Marty Postalwaite, Shadow Buddies Foundation

July 16 **T-Bones baseball**
Sponsored by the Overland Park Hospitality Club Branch

July 27 **7:15 AM, Regular Meeting**
Program: DG Jerry Loney, "Clowning Around"

August 3 **7:30 AM, Board Meeting**
at Perkins Restaurant

August 10 **7:15 AM, Regular Meeting**
at Perkins Restaurant

Program: M. K. Mueller, "8 to Great"

August 24 **7:15 AM, Regular Meeting**
at Perkins Restaurant

Program (tentative): "Wild Birds Unlimited"

A school supplies collection day will be scheduled in early to mid-August.

Program Notes

July 13: The **Shadow Buddies Foundation**, founded by **Marty Postalwaite**, provides stuffed animal toys—"shadow buddies"—each with a disability. Sometimes an entire class of children will get a doll with the disability one of their classmates has. The disability seems more mainstream and the child with the disability doesn't feel so different. As always, this should be a most interesting program.

July 27: **District Governor Jerry Loney** has been a professional clown for about 30 years. His "act" features shaping animals from balloons and "Clowning Around." His official visit as Governor is scheduled for later this fall.

Chiefs help District 17-O again this year

The Kansas City Chiefs are offering District 17-O Lions the opportunity to enjoy football with special pricing. The Chiefs will return \$10 to the District for each ticket, making this a fairly easy fund-raising project.

Five games are available this year:

August 16: San Francisco 49ers (*pre-season*)

August 29: Green Bay Packers (*pre-season*)

October 20: Houston Texans (*regular season*)

October 27: Cleveland Browns (*regular season*)

November 24: San Diego Chargers (*regular season*)

Tickets are \$35 each with no limit on the number that can be purchased.

Family members, friends, neighbors, prospective Lions members are all invited to attend these games.

To order make your check, in the amount of \$35 per ticket, payable to **Michele Hufferd**. Mail check (with a self-addressed stamped envelope for her to return your tickets) to 107 South Julie Street, Louisburg, KS 66053. BE SURE to tell her what game(s) you want to attend.

Provide a phone number for contacting you in case any problems arise.

Tickets must be ordered at least three weeks in advance of the game you want to attend.