December 2013



The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club Overland Park, Kansas www.oplions.org



Special in this issue . .

The Fall 2013 issue of *Airwaves*, a publication of KU Audio-Reader, features the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation. The last four pages of this issue of the *Lions' Roar* are pages reprinted from *Airwaves*. The tributes to *our* KLSF are impressive and much appreciated. Whether you're a newer Lion, a long-time member, or a friend of our club, please take time to learn more about Audio-Reader and the KLSF.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA THIS SATURDAY!



It's that magical time of year again. We celebrate our annual Lions families get together with that jolly old man from the North Pole—Santa Claus himself!

Lions Club members, spouses—and especially children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren—are invited to share this special breakfast.

Please note: the meeting will start at 7:30 rather than the 8 o'clock hour of past years. Another group has reserved the meeting room at Perkins Restaurant after us, and the restaurant staff needs a little time to get set up for them.

Breakfast price will be \$11 for adults and \$5.50 for children ages 11 and under.

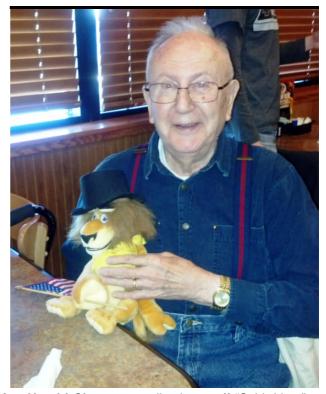
Parents or grandparents bringing gifts for their children should wrap the present but please, asks Santa, have the child's name in legible, fairly large on the package label.

If you have not already done so, please let **Mae Claxton** (913-492-8210) know if you'll be attending and the number of adults and children in your group. Reservations are not required, but it does help the restaurant staff plan for table arrangements if they know how many will be present.

Lions Respond Generously to Request for T-Shirts to Help Typhoon Victims

It was just a simple e-mailed request—if you have any unwanted gently used t-shirts around the house, bring them to the next meeting and they'll be sent to the Philippines to be given to victims of the recent typhoon who lost everything, including clothing.

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Lion Harold Claxton proudly shows off "Spirit Lion," presented to him at the November 9 meeting by Lion Teresa Wolfe. Teresa acknowledged all the times that Harold has worked with Lion Roger Claxton and other club members on the Metcalf Avenue of Flags and similar projects. At the November 23 meeting, Lion Harold passed "Spirit" on to Lion Dottie Bloome (although she wasn't present to receive it in person)........... Photo by Mike Orzechowski.

T-Shirts for Philippines (continued from prev. column)

The response was almost overwhelming. Several boxfuls were given to the **Kansas City World Outreach Lions Club** (many members of which are Filipinos or of Philippine descent).and have already been shipped. Even more t-shirts have been collected and efforts are underway to find an economical way to get the shirts on their way to the islands.

As always, when need is demonstrated, Lions will step up to meet it.

A Word from the President . . .

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



As we approach this wonderful holiday time of year, are you also asking yourself, "Where did this year go"? The older we get, the faster it seems to disappear.

As we look back over this year, our Club has many accomplishments for which to be proud:

- Giving glasses to someone who couldn't afford them:
- Giving scholarships to outstanding students;
- Sending "shoe boxes" to soldiers throughout the world;
- Flying "Old Glory" along Metcalf Avenue;
- Donating funds to many and varied organizations: and
- Much, much more!!

We end this year with a long list of accomplishments!

So as you, too, look over this year of your service to our Club, you have every reason to be proud! Funds we raised wouldn't have been available without your hard work! As the rain poured down on us at the Overland Park Days or as our bodies got weary from the Pasta Dinner or as we sell another bag of nuts, we have to keep in mind the reason we are doing our many projects. But, we also have a lot of fun no matter what we do.

Thanks to all of you for all that you do to make the Overland Park Host Club such a wonderful, fun Club to which to belong!!

Wishing you and your families a happy, joyful holiday season . . .

Your President,

Carole Collyard

Schedule of Events and Activities

December 14 7:30 AM, Regular Meeting at Perkins "Breakfast with Santa" gathering; bring the kids—young and old!

January 4 7:30 AM, Board Meeting at Perkins
(Arrive earlier to order breakfast)

January 11 .. 7:30 AM, Regular Meeting at Perkins

Program to be announced

January 17-19 Mid-Winter Rally, Salina Anyone for chicken dinner at Brookville Hotel on the way home?

January 25 . 7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, at Perkins

Program to be announced.



Cub Zoe Lanigan shows off her entry in this year's Peace Poster Contest. Proud mom and our club's secretary **Lion Heather Lanigan** helps display the poster. Zoe's drawing has been entered in the district-level contest.

Photo by Mike Orzechowski.

December and January . . . Reasons to Celebrate!

Birthdays

December 5	. Bryan Lanigan
December 6	Roger Claxton
December 11	Steve McVey
December 19	Tami Turntine
December 20	. Michele Taylor
December 30	Cindy Claxton
January 27	

Anniversaries

December 19 Ciriaco and Christina Valdez January 7 Louis and Malvina Adams

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Host Lions Club Supports Rosehill Sixth-Graders' Fund-Raising Effort



Overland Park Host Lions took flags down early on November 16 and then went out to Applebee's to help the sixth-graders at Rosehill Elementary School raise funds for an activity to be held later this year. Cub Zoe Lanigan is in that class and worked outdoors in the wind holding up promotional signs for passers-by on 95th Street. Seen above are Dottie Bloome (center foreground), Mae Claxton (right foreground), Beverly Nichols (left background), Bryan Lanigan (center background) and Neal Nichols (right background).

Photo by Mike Orzechowski.

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

General (<i>Operaling</i>) Account
Income
Member dues \$ 255.00
New member fee 50.00
Tail Twister 32.00
Meals <u>286.00</u>
Total Income \$ 623.00
Expenses
Room and Meals, Meetings \$ 351.74
Convention Expense300.00
Total Expenses\$ 651.74
Net Income (reduction) for Month (28.74)
Ending Balance (General Account) \$4,883.34
Service (<i>Project or Charity</i>) Account
Income
Nut sales \$ 1,886.00
Overland Park Fall Festival 74.00
Miscellaneous 10.00
Total Income \$ 1,970.00
Expenses
Nut purchases 1,985.80
Memorial \$ 50.00
Eye Exams and Glasses 100.00
Total Expense 2,135.80
Net Income (or reduction) for Month (-\$ 165.80)
Ending Balance (Service Account) <u>\$7,060.30</u>

PONDERISMS

- I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.
- If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?

Lions pack Care Kits for Heart to Heart



Back row (left to right): VDG Carleen Rajala (Shawnee Lions Club), Lions Janette Reh, Ciriaco Valdez, Dottie Bloome (all Overland Park Host), Mindy Lallier (Overland Park Hospitality Lions Club Branch), Mae Claxton and PDG Neal Nichols (both Overland Park Host). Front row (left to right): Lynn Wolfe (Overland Park Host), Nancy Pharr (Shawnee Lions Club), Sophia Valdez (daughter of Ciriaco), Teresa Wolfe, PDG Beverly Nichols (both Overland Park Host), and Ahna Valdez (daughter of Ciriaco).

Lions from area clubs worked Saturday, December 7 packing "care kits" for Heart to Heart International. These kits include several personal-hygiene items—including soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, Band-Aid® or similar bandages, comb, hand towel, wash cloth. These kits will go to the Philippine Islands hit hard by Typhoon Haiyan in early November.

About 120 kits were packed by the Lions. They will be taken to the Heart to Heart warehouse in Kansas City, Kansas later this week where they will await shipment to areas of greatest need.

The work session last Saturday was held in the conference room of the Capital Federal branch office at 5700 Nieman Road in Shawnee.

Brrr! Cold hands but warm hearts...

Lions Endure Sub-Freezing Weather While Ringing Bells for Salvation Army

Eight Overland Park Host Lions members braved a very cold Saturday afternoon (December 7) to do Salvation Army bell ringing. Bright sunshine helped make spirits bright at the Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market near 91st Street and Metcalf Avenue.

There was a steady stream of customers going into and out of the store all afternoon and many stopped to drop coins or bills into the kettle. Their friendly smiles and the occasional "Thank you for the work you're doing" made the cold weather bearable.

Lions who volunteered to ring bells were Lynn and Teresa Wolfe, Bob Tonjes, Janette Reh, Neal and Beverly Nichols, Roger Claxton and Grant Rogers.

There were three two-hour shifts from noon to 6 PM

JULY IN CHRISTMAS? Not really, but Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute will be here before you know it!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! There are decorations everywhere you look and people are preparing for the big day at every turn.

With the holidays and cold weather of the season all around us, it is hard to think about how quickly summer will be here again. Nevertheless, before we know it, we'll be planning Memorial Day and Fourth of July celebrations. And that means the **Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute** (*GPLLI*) will be just a few weeks after.

Now is the time to think about enrolling in the great learning opportunity that the GPLLI offers. The return in your investment of time and money is unsurpassed!

This year's event will take place at Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Missouri, July 25-27, 2014. **Beverly Nichols** and **VDG Carleen Rajala** from District 17-0 will be two of the instructors.

Details:

What? *GPLLI* is an intensive, professional and valuable leadership skills program for Lions who have not served as District Governor. Lions learn skills for club, job, community and church, as well as personal development.

When? July 25-27, 2014. Registration is from 9:00 AM to noon, Friday, July 25. Adjournment and checkout is by 3:00 PM, Sunday, July 27, 2014. Lunch on Friday, July 25 is at 12:00 noon.

Where? Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Missouri

Cost? \$150 per attendee if received by the Registrar on or before May 31, 2014. Cost increases to \$170 beginning June 1, 2014. Registration covers double-occupancy room, seven meals, and all course materials. Single occupancy rooms, if available, require an additional \$40. Any remaining costs will be covered by funding from Lions Clubs International and contributions from participating multiple districts.

Who? Any Lion or Lioness (or Leo at least 18 years old) who has not yet served as District Governor as of the dates of the institute is eligible. No previous attendee is eligible without prior approval of the Institute Coordinator.

GPLLI is sponsored by Multiple Districts 5 (Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri) and 38 (Nebraska).

Dynamic presenters from across the Great Plains will provide emerging Lion leaders with modules on communication skills, team building, delegation, management of change, conflict management, project management, diversity, motivation, public speaking and leading effective meetings.

For additional information please contact Secretary and Registrar PID Bruce Schwartz at nmbruce@bis.midco.net.

- Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?
- Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

The article below appeared in the December 1, 2013 issue of *Noozletta*, published by Lions District 202L (New Zealand). Perhaps you'll find this information helpful.

Learning to Forward Email Messages

Do you really know how to forward e-mails? 50% of us do: 50% do NOT.

Do you wonder why you get viruses or junk mail? Don't you hate it?

Every time you forward an e-mail there is information left over from the people who got the message before you—namely their e-mail addresses and names. As the messages get forwarded along, the list of addresses builds, and builds, and builds, and all it takes is for some poor sap to get a virus, and his or her computer can send that virus to every e-mail address that has come across his computer.

Or, someone can take all of those addresses and sell them or send junk mail to them in the hopes that you will go to the site and he will make five cents for each hit. That's right, all of that inconvenience over a nickel! How do you stop it? Well, there are two easy steps:

- 1) When you forward an e-mail, DELETE all of the other addresses that appear in the body of the message. That's right—DELETE them. Highlight them, backspace them, cut them—whatever it is you know how to do—then DELETE them. It takes only a second. You MUST, however, click the "Forward" button first. Then you will have full editing capabilities against the body and headers of the message. If you don't click on "Forward" first, you won't be able to edit the message at all.
- 2) Whenever you send an e-mail to more than one person, do NOT use the "TO:" or "CC:" columns for adding e-mail addresses.

Always use the BCC: (Blind Carbon Copy) column for listing the e-mail addresses. This way the people you send to will see only their own e-mail address.

(If you can't find "BCC," open a new email, click on the "options" tab then click on the "BCC" tab. it will now appear each time you open a new email.)

When you send to BCC: your message will automatically say "Undisclosed Recipients" in the "TO:" field of the people who receive it.

So please, in the future, let's stop the junk mail and the viruses!

Editor's Note: In addition to our own members, we maintain an extensive list of other Lions as well as friends of our club who receive the Overland Park Host *Lions Roar* by e-mail. Ye Olde Editor has always used the techniques described above when sending the Roar by e-mail. This helps prevent addresses from being captured by possible hackers.

- There are two kinds of pedestrians: the quick and the dead.
- Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.

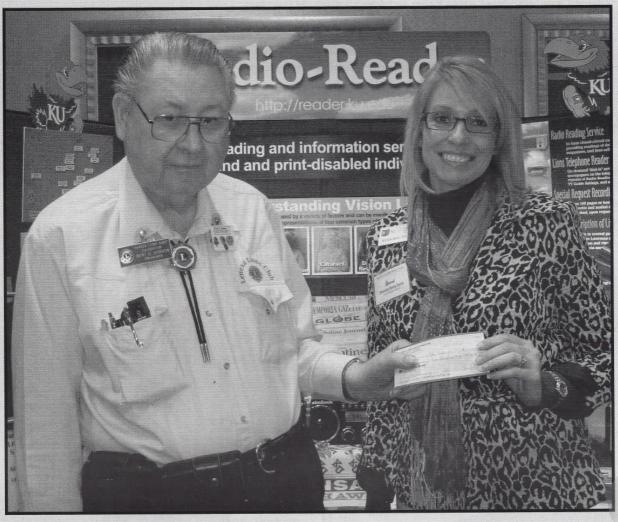
Editor's Note: *Airwaves* is a publication of KU Audio-Reader. The Fall 2013 issue, as you will see on this and the next three pages, features the **Kansas Lions Sight Foundation** *(KLSF)*. Items from *Airwaves* are used with the permission of Audio-Reader.

DID YOU KNOW? . . . Each year, the **Overland Park Host Lions Club** contributes at least \$1,000 to *KU Audio-Reader*. For 2013-2014, we budgeted \$3,500 for **KLSF** activities. Some of this will go to Audio-Reader.

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FOR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE KANSAS AUDIO-READER NETWORK

The Kansas Lions Sight Foundation: Supporting Audio-Reader for Over 20 Years



Former Kansas Lions Sight Foundation Treasurer Bert Gordon and Audio-Reader
Development Director Brenda Berg Dyck

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Hear Them Roarrrr...

Lions International: Knights of the Blind



Janet Campbell
Director

I'll bet that at least once you've seen a guy or gal in a gold vest standing outside a sporting event or a Walmart selling rolls of candy. Ever wonder who they were or what they did with the money? If you have, you have witnessed a member of one of the most dedicated, hard-working, philanthropic groups you will ever meet – the Lions Clubs, an international service organization.

In 1924, The American Foundation for the Blind hired Helen Keller and Annie Sullivan to raise two million dollars for the Helen Keller Endowment. The foundation planned to use the money to help prevent

blindness among children and other related purposes. Helen and Annie took to the road, eventually speaking to 250,000 people at 249 meetings in 123 cities from coast to coast.

One of those speaking engagements was on June 30, 1925, in Cedar Point, Ohio, where Lions members gathered for their 9th annual convention. Helen's voice was not pretty, but her words poured forth with power and precision, "Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?" The Lions heard every word. Before they left Cedar Point, they voted to adopt sight conservation and work for the blind as a major service activity.

In the years to come, Lions pioneered many blindness-related ventures such as the white cane, raised funds for Brailling and sponsored Leader Dog schools. Many have lent their support to radio reading services. The Kansas and Missouri Lions have been a tremendous support to Audio-Reader and many have made a contribution to Audio-Reader as part of their annual budget. The Kansas Lions Sight Foundation financially supports our monthly satellite time, assists with the duplication of our program guides, and has funded many pieces of equipment. It is safe to say that Audio-Reader, as we know it, would not exist without the support of the Lions.

Helen Keller made her last appearance in 1961 at a Lions Club meeting in Washington, but her influence is still alive today. I can't speak for all Lions clubs, but I can say that the Lion members I know accepted that challenge to be Knights of the Blind, and because of that, Audio-Reader flourishes.

We're delighted to feature the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation in this issue of "Airwaves" and we are humbled by their hard work and dedication.



Audio-Reader: Brought to You by The Kansas Lions Sight Foundation

By Feloniz Lovato-Winston, Development Assistant

The history and quality of Audio-Reader's radio signal can be divided into two eras: Before the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (KLSF) and After the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation. That's because before the KLSF began funding the satellite time for the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation Satellite Network, our radio reading coverage was spotty and unreliable. Fortunately for our listeners, our lion-hearted friends have provided funding for this crucial expense for the past 24 years, and we are so grateful for their support.

Audio-Reader's relationship with the KLSF began in 1990, after a satellite had been purchased to improve our radio signal. The new equipment came with a huge expense: satellite time, which costs approximately \$16,000 per year.

Ellen Unruh, the
Outreach Coordinator at the time,
approached the KLSF at the Kansas
Lions Mid-Winter Rally and they
agreed to fund the satellite time for
one year only. "They made it clear
that it was a one-time deal," said
Janet Campbell, Audio-Reader's
Executive Director.

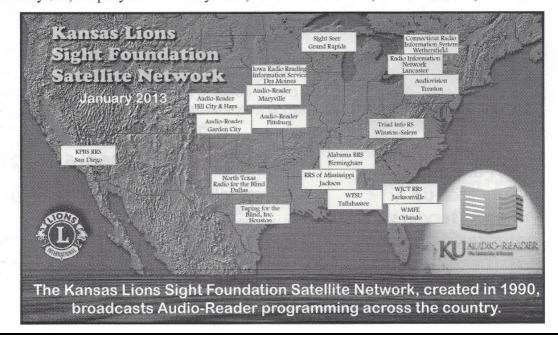
One year later, Janet decided that she had to approach the KLSF and ask them to fund the satellite time once again. "We had already made the commitment in the form of equipment," said Janet "we couldn't turn back now." Janet was pregnant with her third child and due in early February. She prayed that she would go into labor after the January Mid-Winter Rally meeting. No such luck — her son Max was born on January 13 and 6 days later, Janet drove to Salina,

KS to present to the KLSF. "It was that important to me, and to Audio-Reader," she said.

Her sacrifice paid off - the KLSF agreed to fund the satellite time for another year, and they have continued to do so until this day.

"We've never taken it for granted," said Janet "We know it's a lot of money, and they work hard to raise it, and we are so grateful. Especially when there are so many other worthy organizations asking for support."

Current KLSF President Gene Vogel says that the foundation "continues to fund the program since it reaches many sight-impaired individuals." In addition to providing coverage to our own listeners in Kansas and Missouri, the satellite allows



Audio-Reader to share programs with 18 other radio reading services across the US.

In recent years, the KLSF has increased funding to include support for the Large Print and Braille program guides - tools that provide vision-impaired listeners with access to our program schedule.

Total giving for the past 24 years totals nearly half a million dollars, making the KLSF one of Audio-Reader's most generous supporters.

Formed in 1965, the KLSF

has initiated a number of projects focusing on health and low-vision care. Their first project was the rehabilitation of the Department of Ophthalmology at Kansas University Medical Center. Funds for the foundation are provided by Lions Clubs across Kansas, who raise money by selling candy and holding fund-raisers.

Two decades after that first visit in 1990, attending the Lions Mid-Winter Rally in Salina has become an Audio-Reader tradition, and presenting to the foundation is like visiting with old friends who

have Audio-Reader's best interests at heart. The KLSF is one of many reasons why Audio-Reader loves the Lions, and they are *the* reason that Audio-Reader is one of the premier radio-reading services in the country. We are so grateful for their generosity and we hope they know the impact their efforts have on those we serve.

To learn more about the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation, visit www.lions4sight.com.



The Kansas Lions Sight Foundation Mobile Screening Unit, a traveling clinic that provides health care screenings across Kansas.



KLSF president Gene Vogel at the 2008 Kansas Lions Convention.

Kansas Lions Sight Foundation Projects

Provided by KLSF President Gene Vogel

MOBILE SCREENING UNIT

A traveling clinic featuring screening stations for hearing, visual acuity, peripheral vision, blood sugar and blood pressure. Funds for the most recent trailer were provided by the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation.

USED EYEGLASSES

Used eyeglasses are collected and provided for Kansas VOSH (an organization that provides vision care worldwide) on trips to Central and South America. The foundation collects approximately 150,000 pair per year.

KANLUVKIDS

A low-vision initiative that provides care to children in Kansas who do not live near or cannot afford specialized care. The project is made possible by the first Sight First low vision grant and has helped equip 10 regional clinics, a mobile outreach program, and a number of public education activities.

CHILD SCREENING

The foundation is involved in ensuring that pre-school children receive eye screening.

HEARTLAND EYE BANKS

Kansas Lions help organize donor registration drives for the Heartland Eye Banks, a collaboration between KS, MO and IL Lions. The program provides hundreds of cornea transplants to Kansans each year.