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**March 2014**

# The Lions' Roar

**Overland Park Host Lions Club  
Overland Park, KS**

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*Shipped to Fort Leavenworth, then to Afghanistan . . .*

## Shoeboxes for Soldiers packed at VFW Hall February 22

Lions, Leos, and friends converged on the VFW Hall in Overland Park in the early morning of February 22 for our club's annual Shoeboxes for Soldiers packing day.

Set-up of tables and materials was done the night before so that packing could start right away. This venue provided plenty of room for all the activity that was going on.

A serendipitous moment later in the day helped finish the project. At a chili cook-off fund-raiser later in the day, Lions Mae Claxton and Carole Collyard met the state commander of the VFW. They told him that we did not yet have names of soldiers overseas to whom the boxes could be sent. He provided a contact at Fort Leavenworth who would forward the packages on to a unit deployed in Afghanistan.

Fifty Shoeboxes were packed in a busy work session, and another fairly good-sized box of "extras" was filled to be sent for the unit's day room.

The Shoeboxes for Soldiers program has become one of our club's signature projects over the last few years.

*Just over the horizon . . .*

## Pasta Supper and Auctions, April 5

The annual Pasta Supper and auctions (*both silent and live*) will be held on Saturday night, April 5.

Note the change in location to 10615 Floyd, Overland Park. This is the former Sanford and Son Comedy Theater building. It is directly behind the Hooter's at 106th and Metcalf Avenue.

Every club member should try to obtain donations for the auctions such as gift certificates or merchandise from local businesses.

In addition, everyone needs to help publicize the event and sell LOTS of tickets.

A featured attraction of the Pasta Supper is the savory "secret recipe" sauce that enhances the meatballs. Salad, bread, drinks and dessert will round out the meal.

### Reasons to Celebrate!

#### Birthdays

**March 12 .. Candy Merrill (OP Hospitality Club Branch)**

#### Anniversaries

**March 14 ..... Kenneth and Carole Collyard**

**March 15 ..... Bryan and Heather Lanigan**



**Lions Janette Reh and Dottie Bloome** (left foreground) grab items to go into Shoeboxes. At left background and right foreground, four unidentified members of the **Blue Valley West High School Leo Club** earn community-service hours while helping our club complete this project. In right background, **Lion John Trinkl** selects items for the Shoebox he'll fill. Photo by **Lion Mike Orzechowski**

## Hospitality Lions Club Branch Activity!

See the announcement on the last page about their March 12 Swap Meet in Corporate Woods. This is the first major fund raiser for our Club Branch and will help get them started on a sound financial basis.

Our club will help out with a table at the Swap Meet. We will sell nuts that are still on hand—pecans, walnuts, cashews, and mixed.

If you have unsold packages, please bring them to the Chamber of Commerce office (9001 West 110th Street, Building 29, Corporate Woods) so they can be placed for sale with the others.

Volunteers are needed to help staff our table. A sign-up sheet will be available at Saturday's meeting. This is only a three-hour event. *Your help from 6:00 to closing time is appreciated!*



**Cub Zoe Lanigan** and her friend **Lily** did their part to make the day a success. Both are sixth-graders at Rosehill Elementary School. Photo by **Lion Mike Orzechowski**

## Coming Events and Activities

**March 8** ..... Regular meeting, Perkins

Program: Students going to Kansas Lions State Band

**Wednesday, March 12** ..... 5:30 to 8:00 PM, Swap Meet

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9001 West 110th Street (Building 29, Corporate Woods)

**Saturday, April 5** ..... Pasta Supper and Auction

10615 Floyd, Overland Park

**Friday and Saturday, April 4, 5**

..... District 17-O Convention, Topeka

**Saturday, April 12** .. 7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins

Program: Friends of JC Development Supports  
*Election of officers for 2014-2015 (by written ballot)*

**Saturday, April 12** . Constitutional Convention, Topeka

Creation of new district 17-A as result of redistricting  
1:00 PM; Highland Park Methodist Church

**June 5-7** ..... Kansas Lions State Convention

Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Manhattan

**July 4-8** ..... Lions Clubs International Convention

Toronto, Canada

Registration details are in recent issues of LION Magazine

**Sept. 11-13** ..... USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Go to [www.USA/Canadalionsforum.org](http://www.USA/Canadalionsforum.org) for details



Final steps in the process include double-checking packed boxes to ensure that a letter to the soldier and a return post card are included. Full boxes are sealed and addressed mailing labels, if available, are attached. Above (left to right) are **Lions Mae Claxton, Heather Lanigan, Carole Collyard, and Teresa Wolfe**. Photo by **Lion Mike Orzechowski**

## Officer elections to be held on April 12; Slate of nominees is announced

Election of 2014-2015 club officers will take place at the regular meeting of April 12.

The Nominating Committee—comprised of Lions **Beverly Nichols, Lynn Wolfe** and **Ken Collyard**—has compiled a slate of names to present at Saturday's meeting.

**President** ..... **Teresa Wolfe**

**1st Vice President** ..... **Steve Weinrich**

**2nd Vice President** ..... **Mike Orzechowski**

**Secretary** ..... **Heather Lanigan**

**Treasurer** ..... **Lynn Wolfe**

**Tail Twister** ..... **Gregg Collins**

**Lion Tamer** ..... **Tyler Nigus**

**Director (2nd year)** ..... **Dottie Bloome**

**Director (2nd year)** ..... **John Trinkl**

**Director (1st year)** ..... **Mae Claxton**

**Director (1st year)** ..... **Kimberly Morrow**

**Membership** ..... **Beverly Nichols**

**Club Branch Liaison** ..... **Neal Nichols**

**Past President** ..... **Carole Collyard**

Nominations for all offices to be filled may also be made from the floor.

The election take place at the April 12 club meeting so that the secretary has time to file the necessary reports of officers to Lions Clubs International (LCI).

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Overland Park Hospitality Lions

# Swap Meet

## March 12, 2014

5:30-8:30 PM

Corporate Woods, 9001 W 110th Street,  
Building 29, Overland Park, KS 66219

Questions? Call Mindy Lallier 913-433-3690

*A \$2 donation is recommended but not required.*

**Come shop** Vendors such as Premier Designs Jewelry, Jamberry, Origami Owl, Scentsy, Signature Home Styles, Jeans and much more.

Also shop home made, slightly used and new swappers items such as Prom Dresses, Shoes, Clothing, Small Appliances, Home Baked Goods, New Baby items, New Crochet items and the list goes on!

