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Working to celebrate 100 years of Lionism . . .

Introducing New "100 by 100" Membership Growth Effort

Armed Forces Day coming up . . .

First Flag Raisings Set for May 17, 24

Mark your calendars now! Our first "Flag Day" this year is coming up soon. **Armed Forces Day** is on **Saturday, May 17**. We will raise flags at 6 AM and lower them at 5 PM on the same day.

Memorial Day is the next holiday to be observed. **Flags will go up at 6 AM on Saturday, May 24** and **come down at 6 AM on Tuesday, May 27**.

Your help, as always, is needed on each date to ensure a quick and successful fulfillment of this traditional activity

May 24 is also a regular-meeting day, making it all the more important to have a good-sized crew setting up flags. We need be at Perkins on time for breakfast and program. We will have a remembrance of deceased members of our club that day.

Lion Lynn Wolfe is chairman of the Flag Operations committee again this year.

Coming Up: We'll honor **Flag Day** with flags up at 6 AM on Saturday, June 14 and down at 5 PM, same day). For **Independence Day** flags will go up on Saturday June 28 and come down on Saturday July 5.



Big Lion Carole Collyard presents Bill Podrazik his speaker's Lion at the end of the meeting on April 26. Bill is Manager of the KC Dixieland Band and gave a very interesting talk about that band and the New Horizons Band, part of the "Over 50s" program of Johnson County Parks and Recreation Department.

TARGET: 100 Active Members by 2017, 100th Anniversary of Lions Club Int'l.

A challenge for you: Visualize how much more service our club could provide to the Overland Park area if we had 100 really active members. Currently we have 47 members, of whom about 25 are regularly involved in activities.

The goal: 100 by 100 = 100 members by the 100th anniversary of Lions Clubs International.

Increasing our club's membership to that level by June 30, 2017 is a challenge presented to the Board of Directors at its May 3 meeting.

An initial step will be a mailing to a fairly large number of Overland Park residents inviting them to an informational meeting, probably on the third Saturday morning in July (*at a location other than Perkins Restaurant*). Follow-up telephone calls will reinforce the mailing and repeat the invitation.

The effort is based on the highly successful "**Just Ask**" program created a few years ago by two Lions in Australia. The program has worked so well there that Australia is the only English-speaking country in the world where membership is increasing. So many new clubs have been formed that Australia has increased its number of districts, rather than the decreases that are so common elsewhere—including here in Kansas.

"100 x 100" will not be an exclusive effort on our club's part, although the idea originated here. **Council Chairperson Beverly Nichols** presented it to next year's District Governors, who wholeheartedly adopted it for each district. One governor-elect said, "This will show that we're all in this together!"

OPHLC to Sponsor Four Students to Kansas Lions Band Camp This Year

Four members of the Kansas Lions State Band at State Convention in Manhattan next month will be students sponsored by our club.

Katherine Orzechowski (daughter of **Lion Mike Orzechowski**), **Ana Adams**, **Luis Eric Matos** and **Trenton Biggerstaff** will be sponsored by our club.

(See "Band Students" on next page)

Band Students . . . (continued from Page 1)



Their applications and fees have been sent to the Kansas Lions State Band Committee, said **Treasurer Lynn Wolfe** this past weekend.

Katherine attends Blue Valley West High School, Ana and Luis Eric attend Maranatha Christian Academy, and Trenton attends Lexington Trails Middle School in DeSoto.

The student band, dressed in distinctive uniforms, will perform in a full concert on Saturday morning. A variety of marches and orchestral music is always featured. On Friday evening, various ensembles will play in a more-informal setting. An ice cream social and a chance to meet the students will follow.

Overheard outside Perkins after the last meeting: "We have such good programs now. It's sure too bad that more members aren't here to enjoy them!"

Don't Miss Out . . . Here's the Line-up of Programs and Other Activities

Saturday, May 10 7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins

*Program: Dispute Mediation Services
Wayne Olsen, speaking on arbitration issues.*

Saturday, May 17 Armed Forces Day

Metcalf Avenue of Flags up at 6 AM; Flags down at 5 PM

Saturday, May 24 ... 7:30 AM, Regular meeting, Perkins

*6 AM, Flags up for Memorial Day (see article on page 1)
Memorial program remembering our deceased members
Afterward, a team of ukulele players will entertain*

Saturday, May 31 . 7:30 AM, Directors Meeting, Perkins

(Come earlier to order and eat breakfast)

Saturday, May 31 (tentative) Late afternoon

*57th Anniversary Celebration (a picnic!)
(location to be announced)*

June 5-7 Kansas Lions State Convention

Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Manhattan

June 14 7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins

*6 AM, Flags up for Flag Day (see article on page 1)
Speaker: **Cara Madden**, City Union Mission*

June 28 7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins

*6 AM, Flags up for Independence Day (see page 1)
Speaker: **Russell Simmons**, Friends of Arts*

July 4-8 Lions Clubs International Convention

Toronto, Canada

Registration details are in recent issues of LION Magazine

July 12 7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins

*Program: **Marie Ancocer**, Safehome*

July 26 7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins

*Program: **Rachel Larson***

Shawnee Mission School District Volunteer Coordinator

August 9 7:30 AM, Regular Meeting, Perkins

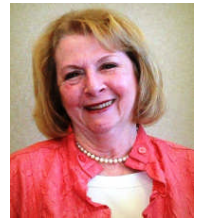
Program: A speaker from 10,000 Villages

A Word from the President . . .

Big Lion's Message for May

by **Carole Collyard**, President

Happy May Day (somewhat belated but still a very sincere greeting)! We are probably going from winter directly to summer. Maybe someday it will be spring. But it is great to see green grass and that flowers are starting to bloom again and trees are turning green.



I was tired of not seeing a "bloomin' thing," but cold weather, as I am sure you are all aware, has had its control over all of us. Hopefully we can start planting our tomato plants and seeds. But are we Lions waiting for warmer weather in our hearts or in our time schedules to start planting our seeds of information?

One day just last week I was asked, "What are Lions?" Come on now! As a local Lions Club—part of Lions Clubs International, the largest service organization in the world—what are we doing to promote recognition? That was the second time in one week that I heard, "What is a Lion?"

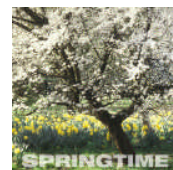
What is our club doing to promote the image of all Lions? Let's come up with a suggestion that we can pass on to all clubs in our area. (See page one of this newsletter for one idea—the 100 x 100 plan and the "Just Ask" program). Maybe, jointly, we could have some kind of community awareness party or meeting. What do you all think?

Whether our club gets new members or whether another club gets new members because of seeds we've planted, we need to spread the message of Lionism. We are all in this together!

Of course, I have invited the person who asked, "What are Lions?," as well as others, to visit one of our meetings.

Let's come up with some suggestions so that during Teresa Wolfe's term next year we can promote and expose our Lionism, together with other Lions Clubs in the area, to the public.

For all the good work that so many of the Lions Clubs in the area do, it saddens me to hear, "What are Lions?"



Spring is here. Let's plan our seeds of Lionism!

And finally, congratulations to our new slate of officers. I know you will have a great year!

Your President,
Carole Collyard

When written in Chinese, the word "crisis" is composed to two characters: one represents "danger," the other "opportunity." Think of the ways this could apply to Lionism.



"Lions meet here!" say our new feather flags at Perkins. The flags were obtained from the Arkansas City (Kansas) Early Bird Lions Club and were posted for the first time before the OPHLC meeting on April 12. Plans are to have the flags displayed for each meeting from about 6:30 AM through adjournment. The best appearance seems to be to have one on the 87th Street side, the other on Nieman Road as shown above.



Tyler Nigus, our newest member, was formally inducted into membership by **Council Chair Beverly Nichols** (right) on April 12. **Big Lion Carole Collyard** presented Lion Tyler with his Certificate of Membership and Welcome Kit. **PDG Neal Nichols** is Tyler's sponsor. Congratulations to Lion Tyler, who is already hard at work on club projects and was recently elected as 2014-15 Lion Tamer.

June Board Meeting Set for May 31 to Avoid Conflict with State Convention

The Board of Directors meeting scheduled for June 7 has been changed to Saturday, May 31. The change will eliminate a conflict with the Kansas Lions State Convention to be held in Manhattan, June 5 through 7.

All club members are encouraged to attend the Board meeting.

Our own **Lion Beverly Nichols** has served as State Council Chairperson for 2013-14. The traditional Saturday night banquet will be the closing ceremony for her year. A heart-warming gesture to her would be for a large contingency of members from our club to go to Manhattan as a show of support and appreciation for all the hard work she's put in leading these state this year.

A registration form and additional information about the State Convention is on the last page of this newsletter.

A Kansas farmer had a large hay field. His son didn't want to stay on the farm, so he moved to town, but the only job he could find was shining shoes. And now the farmer makes hay while the son shines!

NOTICE: A few 12-ounce bags of nuts are still available—mostly mixed nuts but one bag of cashews. Each bag is priced at \$9. You can help close out this fund-raising effort by buying some for yourself or taking a few to sell to friends, family or neighbors. Call **Neal Nichols** if you want to have some. Do your club a favor! Go Nuts!

Treasurer's Reports for April 2014 General (Operating) Account

Income	
Member dues	\$ 489.71
Tail Twister	33.00
Meals	<u>573.29</u>
Total Income	\$1,096.00
Expenses	
Room and Meals, Meetings	331.50
Advertising	62.50
Total Expenses	\$ 394.00
Net Income (reduction) for Month	702.00
Ending Balance (General Account)	<u>\$ 4,604.22</u>

Service (Project or Charity) Account

Income	
Nut sales	\$ 135.00
Hospitality Branch Swap Meet	10.00
Pasta Supper	<u>3,490.70</u>
Total Income	\$ 3,635.70
Expenses	
Pasta Dinner	\$ 275.73
Miscellaneous	100.00
KS Lions Band Camp	250.00
KS Lions Sight Foundation	1,000.00
KS Lions Foundation	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Expense	2,675.73
Net Income (or reduction) for Month	- <u>1,009.97</u>
Ending Balance (Service Account)	<u>\$ 6,867.64</u>

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Newsletter Committee, 2013-14

Carole Collyard, Heather Lanigan
Mike Orzechowski and Steve Weinrich
Lynn Wolfe provided the Treasurer's Reports

The taxpayer—That's someone who works for the federal government but doesn't have to take a civil service examination.

—Ronald Reagan.

Nobody wants to be called common people, especially common people.

—Will Rogers



A "Tag Team" presentation was a feature of the regular-meeting program on April 12. **Lurena Mead** (left) and **Marcia Tammeus** spoke about the work of Johnson County Developmental Supports. After their talks, **Big Lion Carole Collyard** presented them with the traditional Lion statuette given in appreciation.

Just for the Record . . .

2014-15 Officers Officially Elected on April 12

To absolutely no one's surprise, all officers listed on the ballot at our April 12 meeting were unanimously elected. Here are our leaders for the coming year:

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

Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations

Birthdays

May 4	Christine Nichols
May 7	Lynn Wolfe
May 7	Christina Valdez
May 10	Dolores Parker
May 11	Grant Rogers
May 12	Kim Morrow
May 27	Bud Turntine
May 29	Wynn Laird
May 29	Julie Nilsen

Anniversaries

May 17	Mae and Roger Claxton
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An on-going Lions district project . . . **Are You Saving Pop-Can Tabs to Help Ronald McDonald House?**

Did you know . . . ? The tabs for opening aluminum beverage containers (soft drinks, beer, etc.) are used to benefit **Ronald McDonald Houses**.

From the Ronald McDonald House web site:



A Ronald McDonald House is that "home-away-from-home" for families so they can stay close by their hospitalized child at little or no cost.

Our Houses are built on the simple idea that nothing else should matter when a family is focused on the health of their child—not where they can afford to stay, where they will get their next meal or where they will lay their head at night to rest. We believe that when a child is

hospitalized the love and support of family is as powerful as the strongest medicine prescribed.

Look at it this way: snowflakes don't amount to much by themselves, but when they stick together it takes a bulldozer to move them. In the same way, each aluminum tab is very small and light, but when they're collected by Lions and Lions' friends, the total weight raises a lot of money for Ronald McDonald houses.

So . . . when you recycle that aluminum can, snap off the tab from the top first. Bring your saved tabs with you to club meetings. We'll make certain that they get delivered to **PDG Bob Slapar**, our district Environmental Committee chairperson. He delivers them to Kansas City Ronald McDonald Houses.

These aluminum tabs are sent to Detroit or other automobile-manufacturing centers, when they are melted down for using in making engine blocks. The metal in the tabs is heavier and of better quality than the aluminum in the rest of the can.

And a final note: tabs from tin cans (such as for vegetables, fruit, juice, etc.) are *not* usable, so please don't include them with the aluminum tabs from beverage cans.

Leos Awareness and Leadership Summit

April was Leo Club Awareness Month. Lions Clubs need young people, and Leos are a great way to introduce them to Lions. Our **club** might find future Lions if we sponsored a Leo Club.

Lions Clubs International invites all Lions to attend a Leo Lion Summit at the International Convention in Toronto in July. The summit brings together Leos and Lions from around the world to share experiences, and learn about exciting new resources. If you plan to attend the International Convention, register for the summit when you submit your convention registration form. Be sure to join in the fun on July 4 in Toronto!

Special Memorial Ceremony on May 24 to Honor "Those Who've Gone Before"

The program on May 24 will include special memorial recognition of our deceased Lions.

Since January 1977, thirty-seven active members have passed away. Many more are gone, too, but were not Lions when they died.

These were the giants who built this club into one of the premier clubs, not only of our district, but of Multiple District 17 as well.

A short "Missing Lion" ceremony will be conducted. Names of some of the deceased Lions will be read. As each name is called, our bell will toll. In the interest of time, not all 37 names will be called out.

May 24 will be a very busy day for us. To ensure adequate time for a dignified and solemn ceremony, **Big Lion Carole Collyard** has suggested that we forego both the usual singing and Tail Twister moments.

Remember, we raise flags at 6 AM on May 24. Please try to get the flags on your route posted as quickly as possible so you can arrive at the meeting on time.

Musical Program to Follow Memorial Ceremony

The May 24 meeting won't be all formality and solemnity, however. **Lion Steve Weinrich**, program chairman, has teamed up with **Lion Kim Morrow** to arrange for a group of local musicians to entertain us with ukulele tunes.

This will be a meeting you won't want to miss.

Lions Read to Head Start Pre-Schoolers

Six Overland Park Host Lions served as volunteer readers at Shawnee Mission Head Start on April 10. Below, **Chris Pucci** pauses to show pictures to the youngsters. Other readers during the day were **Carole Collyard**, **Neal and Beverly Nichols**, and **Lynn and Teresa Wolfe**.

Children received books to keep as their own as part of a grant from Lions Clubs International to District 17-O.





Memorial Day 2014

"Lest We Forget"



These Lions, with two exceptions, were members of the Overland Park Host Lions Club at the time of their deaths. As we pause to honor their memory, let us remember that the club we know today is their legacy to us. How will we be remembered when the time comes for our names to be added to this distinguished roll?

Robert F. Boyer
January 1977

Robert Haake
July 1979

Robert F. Horning
May 1982

Eugene Zimmerman
November 1982

Robert S. Collins
May 1982

Ralph W. Dicker
August 1984

Clyde M. Moore
June 1985

Charles H. Roy
December 1988

George J. Schoen
June 1990

Victor A. Gardner
September 1992

Frank B. Malott
February 1993

Clair M. Sloan
June 1995

Donald D. Smithhisler
November 1996

Kent Morgan
December 1996

Herbert E. Hill
July 1997

Carl Bogle
January, 1998

John Thiessen
November 1998

Paul Kelly
March 1999

John B. Wakeland
May 1999

John D. Hartnett
August 1999

Joseph L. Erlandson
May 2000

William D. White
October 2001

G. John Chiarello
February 2002

Robert W. Teague
May 2002

Edgar R. Ashburn
September 2004

Dewey R. Brewer, Jr.
October 2004

Karen Ann Mausolf
December 2004

Kent L. Sherman
January 2005

Hugh J. "Jim" Goudelock
April 2006

Donald Maxon
July 2007

Charles "Chuck" Olson
December 2007

Nelson Lear
2008

George Taylor
March 2009

Frank Piepenbring
December 2009

G. Ronald Bloome
April 2010

**Lavern E. "Mickey"
Mausolf**
September 2013

Alvin "Al" Witwer
February 2014

Numerous other OPHLC members have passed away, but had dropped their memberships before death. Though not mentioned here, those *former* Lions deserve the honor and respect for the lasting contribution they made while in service.



FOLLOW YOUR DREAM MEET IN MANHATTAN! STATE CONVENTION 2014



Manhattan is one of the top ten MOST EXCITING SMALL CITIES in America! Ranked at #6 on a list of 10! Come for State Convention **June 5-7, 2014**. Special guests will be International President Barry Palmer and wife Anne from Australia. Great fun, fellowship, seminars, Kansas Lions Band Jazz Concert and the Kansas Lions Band Concert. Come and try #6 with Lions of Kansas!!

SPECIAL SATURDAY BANQUET PRICE FOR FIRST 200!!!

Name: _____

Club: _____ (Please circle one) District 17 L I O N S

Spouse/Guest Name: _____

Club: _____ (Please circle one) District 17 L I O N S

Street Address: _____ City, State, & ZIP

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Events (Check the events you want to attend, enter the amount for each, and total your choices):

- Registration (required of all attendees—no fee for Leos) \$8.00 per person #_____ \$
- Thursday Night Dinner and entertainment. \$17.00 per person #_____ \$
- Friday Lunch, hosted by MD-17 PDG Club. Everyone is invited. \$15.00 per person #_____ \$
- Friday Dinner, followed by Kansas Lions Jazz Concert. \$15.00 per person #_____ \$
Whole-Hog BBQ with KSU Ice Cream Social with Band Students to follow concert
- Saturday Lunch, with special speaker. \$15.00 per person #_____ \$
- Saturday Dinner, \$17.00 per person **OR SPECIAL PRICE FIRST 200 REGISTERED** #_____ \$

Keynote Speaker: International President Barry Palmer

SPECIAL PRICE FOR FIRST 200: \$10.00 PER PERSON FOR SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER

Total \$

Please note any special dietary requirements

Please make checks payable to **Kansas Lions State Convention**. Mail registration forms and remittance to: State Secretary Linda McCormick, Kansas Lions State Office, 231 South Tyler, Wichita, KS 67209.

Phone: 316-773-2100. E-mail: KansasLions@aol.com

Final Date for Meal Reservations is May 28, 2014

Final Date for Room Reservations is May 15, 2014—Ask for the Lions Group Rate.

NOTE: Make hotel reservations directly with the Four Points by Sheraton, 785-539-5311, 530 Richards Drive, Manhattan. Make reservations by May 15, 2014 for the special Lions Convention group rate.

IMPORTANT: Individual room cancellations must be received 24 hours prior to arrival date. Cancellations made less than 24 hours before arrival date will be billed for one night's room and tax.