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The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club
Overland Park, KS
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July Board of Directors meeting will be July 11 to avoid holiday

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Saturday, July 11 after the club's regular meeting. The change from the regular first-Saturday day was made to avoid any conflict with any family celebrations of the Independence Day holiday.

And don't forget . . .

Flags will go up on Friday, July 3 at 6 AM and come down on Tuesday, July 7, also at 6 o'clock in the morning. Your help, as always, is needed.



Freedom isn't free!

Program and Activity Schedule

- June 4-6 State Convention, Lawrence
at Holiday Inn
- June 13 6 AM, Flags up
- June 13 5 PM, Picnic
(at Quivira Park, see article)
- June 14 5 PM, Flags down
- June 26-30 Lions Clubs International Convention
Honolulu, Hawaii
- June 27 7:15 AM, Regular Meeting at Perkins
Program: Heather Lanigan, "All About Lions"
- July 3 6 AM, Flags up
- July 7 6 AM, Flags down
- July 11 7:15 AM, regular Meeting at Perkins
Program: Installations of 2015-16 Officers
District Governor Carleen Rajala, presiding

If you missed the May issue of the *Roar*, *Ye Olde Editor* is flattered to know that you care. But in reality, he was busy with several tasks and was out of town some, so he just didn't get around to publishing anything last month. We'll try to get back to a regular schedule in July.



Newsletter

Picnic at Quivira Park to replace regular meeting Saturday, June 13

The regular club meeting on June 13 (second Saturday) has been cancelled. A picnic will be held at Quivira Park in Overland Park beginning at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The picnic will also serve as the annual celebration of our club's charter anniversary.

Cost to attend will be \$5 per person, with children ages 6 and under free. The club will furnish hamburgers and hot dogs and members should bring a covered dish—salads and desserts.

Quivira Park is located south of 119th Street on the east side of Quivira Road. (Don't confuse it with Stoll Park which is on the north side of 119th and just west of Quivira.)

U. S. Flag Day coming up June 14 . . . Flags up on Saturday, June 13; Down at 5 PM, Sunday, June 14

The third posting of "Metcalf Avenue of Flags" will take place on Saturday morning, June 13 in honor of our nation's annual Flag Day. Flags will be taken down at 5 PM on Sunday afternoon.

Lots of help is need to make this project a success. Please join in when Lynn Wolfe, chairman of the project calls on you to participate. Getting enough of our own members to help, especially in getting the flags down, has been a real challenge.

Please do your part.

President's Message for June

by Teresa Wolfe, President

The Fruits of Our Labors

Following up on my comments in March's *ROAR* about our club's fund raising projects, it's timely to summarize what the proceeds from these projects (and their volunteer hours and contributions) do in serving various needs in our community.



Approximately \$7000, or about 50%, of the proceeds pay for—

- eyeglasses and eye exams for those in need;
- programs at the Kansas School for the Blind, including various learning programs, arts programs and physical education programs;
- support of the Lions Mobile Screening Unit;
- the KU Audio-Reader program;
- training programs for service dogs for the blind;
- and an annual contribution to the KU Eye Clinic.

Approximately \$5000, or about 40%, is directed to—

- activities and programs for children and youth in our community, including: scholarships for high school graduates seeking service-oriented careers;
- scholarships for youth to attend programs to develop their leadership skills and equip them for community service;
- reading initiative programs for families and children;
- support for youth programs, such as Scouting, that promote character-building and service to others.
- scholarships for students to the Kansas Lions State Band (this year OPHLC sponsored six students at \$250 each!)

Approximately \$1000 was spent to prepare and send packages of personal-care items and snack items to our soldiers serving in the combat areas in the Middle East.

Another \$1000 was contributed to the Lions Club International Foundation to assist in meeting needs of people following disasters throughout the world, including the U.S. This contribution also provides the opportunity for our club to honor an outstanding member with a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Our commitment to serve our community includes many hours of volunteer service to specific Lions Club service activities as well as programs such as Harvesters Food Bank, eye screening for pre-school and

kindergarten children, Head Start reading programs, the Salvation Army bell-ringing program, and other community volunteer programs.

Sometimes, too, it's difficult to look beyond the labor and the fund-raising efforts of the "Metcalf Avenue of Flags" project, the Overland Park Fall Festival food booth, the Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction project, and the Pecan Sales project. We can measure the money our projects produce. But, the contribution our projects and individual Lions efforts make to building "community" in the Overland Park, and surrounding cities, is immeasurable.

Big Lion Teresa

Treasurer's Reports for May 2015

General (Operating) Account

Income	
Member dues	\$ 60.00
Tail Twister	65.00
Meals	<u>165.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 290.00
Expenses	
Room and meal expense	\$ 270.50
Gift to newly chartered club	50.00
Total expenses	320.50
Net income (reduction) for month	(- 30.50)
Ending balance, May 30 (General Account) ...	<u>\$ 3,223.70</u>

Service (Charity or Project) Account

Income	
Metcalf Avenue of Flags	50.00
Nut sales	<u>266.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 316.00
Disbursements	
Kansas Lions Band Camp	500.00
Kansas Lions Band Foundation	62.61
Lions Clubs International Foundation	1,000.00
Total expenses	<u>1,562.61</u>
Net Income (or reduction) for month (- \$	<u>1,246.61</u>
Ending balance, May 30 (Service Account)	<u>\$ 6,630.29</u>

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