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The Roars of the Lions from Leawood

DECEMBER 2008



2008-2009 Leawood Lions Officers

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Treasurer: Harry Malnicof

Directors: Mike Klein, Jack Nagel, Gene Tinberg, Bruce Deering, Brandon Hunter

Lion Tamer: Alan Callaway

Chaplain: Mike Klein

Tail Twister: Jim Bays

Membership Chairman: Jim Rochel

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CLUB CALENDAR

December 15, Scout Troop 10 Court of Honor – 7:00 pm, Prairie Star Middle School, 14201 Mission Road

December 16, Christmas Party – 6:00 pm -- Oak Room, Leawood City Hall

December 24, Last Day of Bell Ringing

December 25, Christmas Day

December 31, New Years Eve

January 1, New Year's Day

January 13, 2009, Board Meeting followed by Regular Meeting

January 16-18, 2009, Mid Winter Rally & State Council meeting, Salina, KS

May 28 - 30, 2009, State Council & State Convention, Wichita KS.

Mar 20-21, 2009, District Convention

UPCOMING EVENTS

BELL RINGING season is here again and a is traditional, our Bell Ringing started the day after Thanksgiving – November 28th and once again we will blaze the way for service clubs in helping the Salvation Army. Lion Don Schultz is our Chairman so please call Lion Don at 913-381-3502 to schedule your date and time.

SCOUT TROOP 10 COURT OF HONOR – December 15th. As part of the Troop wide ceremony, the Leawood Lions (Lion Gary Flick doing the honors) will present the 17 newest Eagle Scouts with their certificates of achievement from Lions International and from the government of Johnson County. The ceremony is at Prairie Star Middle School, 14201 Mission Road, Leawood, on Monday, December 15th, and starts at 7:00 pm. This is the Troop sponsored by the Leawood Lions and all Lions are encouraged to attend this special ceremony for our sponsored troop.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – December 16th. The only Club meeting this month will be our Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 16th. It will start at the usual time and be in the Oak Room. The meal charge is the usual \$11, but we will have a special holiday menu. The meal will cost the Club about \$15 per person, but the Club is underwriting the difference. If you want to return the good deed, you could add a little extra to your Salvation Army donation.

We will have very little business to conduct, but do anticipate entertainment, good cheer and considerable socializing. An important part of our Christmas Party festivities each year is the collection we take up for the Salvation Army. As we all know, the need is great this year and the Salvation Army has seen its resources stretched thin. Your generosity is encouraged.

LEAWOOD LIONS CLUB NEWS

LEAWOOD LIONS HUNGER INITIATIVE. In response to the economic crisis impacting families and children, The Leawood Lions Club Board of Directors has authorized the formation of the Hunger Initiative to provide substantial assistance to local area food pantries. The Benevolent Committee was asked to investigate the need and to make recommendations on which pantries to help and in what amounts. Lions Dale Curtin and Mike Klein meet with officials at Harvesters. There are at least 86 food pantries serving the needy in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties. With information provided by Harvesters, the Benevolent Committee has selected 13 pantries that are facing difficulty from greatly increased demand for their help and/or depletion of resources in addition to not having an affiliated group that they can rely on for the extra assistance.

The Leawood Lions Foundation will be mailing \$400 to each of these pantries, for a total of **\$5,200.00**. The checks are expected to go out before December 15th. With this initial one-time donation, the Leawood Lions Club hopes to leverage other donations to the individual pantries that will help increase the amount of food products available to the local neighborhoods they serve. Attached is a copy of the letter to accompany the checks going to the pantries.

Any additional contributions may be made directly to the food pantries and you are asked to send a note about your contribution and the name of the pantry to Lion Dale Curtin, Chairperson of the Benevolent committee at DMC4361`@kc.rr.com. The Pantries are:

Central Church of The Nazarene - 12600 W. 87st Parkway - LENEXA
College Church of the Nazarene - 2020 E. Sheridan - OLATHE
Olathe food Pantry - 621 W. Lee Street - OLATHE
Overland Park Christian Church- 7500 W. 75th Street - OVERLAND PARK
Overland Park Church of Christ - 13400 W. 119th - OVERLAND PARK
Stiwell Baptist Caring Ministry - 19950 Broadmoor Lane - STILWELL
Bridges of Hope (United Methodist) - 933 Argentine Boulevard - KANSAS CITY KANSAS
Grace Lutheran Church - 3333 wood Ave - KANSAS CITY KANSAS
HELP 317, Inc. Victory Hills Nazarene - 6200 Parallel Parkway - KANSAS CITY KANSAS
Shawnee Community Services - 1110 W. 67th Street - SHAWNEE
Mount Carmel Community Outreach Pantry - 1220 Troup - KANSAS CITY KANSAS
St. Paul's Episcopal Church - 1300 N. 18th - KANSAS CITY KANSAS
Young Memorial Church of God in Christ - 2401 N. 9th - KANSAS CITY KANSAS

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE APPROVED. The Board of Directors has approved a new member incentive program. For each new member you sign up, you as the sponsoring Lion will get 3 free meals within the next 3 months at our Leawood Lions Club meetings. The technical staff: (1) the Club will cover the cost of your meal at a meeting for 3 meetings during the 3 month period following the date the new member is approved for membership; (2) this incentive is for new members sponsored between November 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009; (3) the meals cannot be assigned to anyone else and you may only have one free meal per meeting.

Mending & On the Road to Good Health --Keep these Fellow Lions in your prayers!

Dale Greene (Lion Ed Greene's wife)
Lion John Pitnick
Lion Earl Marian
Lion Dick Rinehart

Lion Skip Skaptason
Marian Powell (Lion Bud Powell's wife)
Barbara Mathewson
John Graham

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

Lion Jim Bays has contributed 12 new heavy duty bells to the Club for our bell ringing activity and has contributed another 12 new bells to the Salvation Army. Thank you Lion Jim!

Our members were active in November. 18 Leawood Lions were involved in the Leawood Parade, November 8th. Lions Chick Atwell, Harry Malnicof and Doris Nelmes attended the District Cabinet meeting on November 8th. Lions Mike Klein, Leroy Kashka and Doris Nelmes attended the Zone meeting on November 19th. Lions Gary Flick and Leroy Kashka attended the Troop 10 Eagle Scouts Court of Honor on November 24th.



Recently honored Eagle Scouts from Troop 10 discussed their service projects at our November 25th meeting.



Bill Lambert and his students from the Fort Leavenworth General Command and Staff College attended our November 25th meeting. Mr. Lambert provided historic perspective concerning Pakistan and Afghanistan and spoke about some of the challenges we face in those countries.





LEAWOOD LIONS
Leawood, Kansas
We Serve

Dear Agencies,

December 1, 2008

The Leawood Lions Club Benevolent Committee is making a commitment to food pantries to help purchase food for families who have lost their jobs and/or are unable to make ends meet.

During this current economic crisis, many social service agencies and local pantries are reporting a 76 percent increase in the number of people in need of food. Many families are making this request for the first time.

Based on this growing community need, The Leawood Lions Club is making 'hunger relief' a major priority by providing assistance to food pantries.

Included is a check in the amount of \$400.

These funds are given as a one-time donation to be allocated in the following manner:

- A. Help pay the handling fee for food purchased through Harvesters
- B. Purchase special food to supplement food bank purchases
- C. Purchase of turkeys for holiday meals through Harvesters (.16 cents/lb)
- D. Transportation costs for food pick-up
- E. Please advise us of how this was helpful in providing food products

We are grateful for your important service to the community, the families, the children, and individuals who rely upon your assistance during these difficult times. If you have any questions, please email Lion Dale Curtin at dmc4361@kc.rr.com.

Blessings.

Sincerely,

Lion Leroy Kashka
President
Leawood Lions Club

Lion Dale Curtin
Chairperson
Benevolent Committee