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We Serve

APRIL 2009

The Roar of the Leawood Lions

Club Calendar 2009

April 1st – KSDS “Art of Imagination” fundraiser at the Folly Theater.

April 14 - Board Meeting @ 5:00 pm Membership Meeting @ 6:00 – Oak Room, Leawood City Hall, Our speaker will be from **Head Start. Election of officers and directors** (see nominating committee report below).

April 26 - Troop 10 Eagle Court of Honor @ 2:00 pm at Blue Valley Northwest high School (see story below).

April 28 – Member meeting @ 6:00 –Oak Room, Leawood City Hall
Our speaker will be **Lion Peggy Dunn, Mayor of Leawood**, on the State of the City.

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

July 17-19, - Great Plains Leadership Institute

September 7th– Labor Day Run & Leawood Lions Pancakes

Club News

See update on our Hunger Initiative below in the newsletter. The Board authorized additional donations and a new challenge!

It's Election Time at the April 14th meeting. See the story below.

The Woody Edgington Award for 2009 goes to a deserving Lion (see story below).

Member Information and Updates

MENDING AND RECOVERING LIST --

- Keep these fellow Lions in your prayers!

Lion Gil & Kay Fisher
Barbara Curtin (Lion Dale Curtin's wife)
Dale Greene (Lion Ed Greene's wife)
Lion John Pitnick
Marian Powell (Lion Bud Powell's wife)
Lion Skip Skaptason

Please remember our Lions who are ill by calling them or visiting.

Welcome to our New Members:

Chris Wright (Nancy), 7026 W. 157th Terr., Overland Park, KS 66223, W 913-488-0575,
cbwright4@gmail.com TRANSFER

Mark H. Naster (Lorraine), 4300 W 125th Terr., Leawood, KS 66209 H 913-661-9413, W 913-302-7892, Sponsor - Jim Rochel.
mark@heartlandhabitat.org

TROOP 10 NEWS

Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sunday, April 26th, 2009, starting at 2:00 pm at Blue Valley Northwest High School, 137th & Switzer (behind the Blue Valley Athletic District fields). There are 14 Eagle Scouts in this Court of Honor (Troop total will

exceed 300 with this class). All Leawood Lions are welcome to attend and show support for ours sponsored troop. Usually we have one Lion give the key note address (usually less than 3 minutes), please contact Lion Gary Flick if you have an interest in speaking at this event. Each Eagle Scout will have a booth set up showing their scouting career and details to their Eagle project, and it usually is quite fascinating.

Other Information

LinkedIn Page - Lion Gary Flick has created a LinkedIn Groups page for the Leawood Lions Club at:
<http://www.linkedin.com/e/vgh/1828462/>

Leawood Lions Shirts – Lion Tom Willy is collecting shirt orders. If you want one of our shirts, see Lion Tom to place your order.

Remember to bring food items for the food pantries to our meetings. See the Hunger Initiative Story below.

Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (AHAP): Big Lion Leroy Kashka has located three local companies to assist with AHAP.

Remember our Membership Incentive. 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 details: (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.

Update on the Woody Edgington Award. Each year \$500 is donated from the Woody Edgington Memorial Fund to the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation in the name of a Lion(s) in our District who has done an outstanding job promoting membership. This year's award was presented to our own **Lion Jim Rochel** at the District Convention.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

These are the officers and directors nominated for the year 2009 – 2010:

President: Harry Malnicof
Past President; Leroy Kashka
1st Vice President Chris Wright
2nd Vice President Bruce Deering
3rd Vice President Steve Baughman
Secretary Doris Nelmes
Treasurer Chuck Schutty
Tail Twister Jim Bays
Lion Tamer Alan Callaway
2nd Year Board: Dayton Koch, Ray Canent, Gene Tinberg
1st Year Board: Gary Flick, Troy Rettig, Jim Rochel
Membership Chair Jim Rochel

THE LEAWOOD LIONS' **HUNGER INITIATIVE**

I. The Background-----

In response to the economic crisis affecting families and children, the Leawood Lions Club has launched its Hunger Initiative to provide substantial assistance to local area food pantries.

The Leawood Lions Benevolent Committee met with Harvesters and they listed 86 food pantries serving the needy in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties. The Leawood Lions Foundation approved a gift of \$400 to thirteen pantries in December 2008. With this initial one time donation, the Leawood Lions Club issued a challenge to other Lions Clubs and civic groups to provide donations to the individual pantries increasing the amount of food products available to the local neighborhoods they serve.

II. Facts on Hunger Needs -----

- National Organizations like The Salvation Army and Catholic Charities USA along with local pantries are reporting a 77 percent increase in requests for food assistance.
- Food banks are opening their doors to increasing numbers of "the next layer of people" - "child-care workers, nurse's aides, real estate agents and secretaries" struggling with the financial crisis.
- Experts note that working-class people are lost when faced with this kind of need in their lives, unsure of where to get help or embarrassed to ask, while the chronically poor have learned to adapt to rough financial times by asking friends for help and seeking social services.

- Pantries are facing special difficulty from greatly increased demand for their help and/or depletion of resources.
- SNAP/Food Stamps amount to about \$1.00/meal, per day.

III. Local Assistance -----

- Harvesters through their network of food pantries feed approximately 60,000 people each week. They charge from \$.03 to .16 per pound as a storage and transportation fee.
- Supplemental Funds from the Leawood Lions Club to 13 Pantries (\$400 each) were distributed in December to be used:
 - a. Help pay the handling fee for food acquired through Harvesters
 - b. Purchase food from retail outlets to supplement food from Harvesters
 - c. Transportation costs for food pick-up

IV. Leawood Lions Club Individual Food Contributions.

The Board of Directors calls on all Leawood Lions to add to our Initiative by bringing food items to each member meeting. We ask each Leawood Lion to bring one food item for each member of their household. The collected items will be taken to one of the selected food pantries.

V. The Second Phase of the Leawood Lions Hunger Initiative –

The Leawood Lions Foundation will provide an additional \$2,600.00 to help pantries during the spring 2009. We invite other Lions Clubs to participate in this community

outreach to make this a

LIONS' HUNGER INITIATIVE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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Leawood Lions Benevolent Committee
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March 10th member meeting

Our speaker was **District Governor Lion Peggy Jacobson** who presented an outstanding talk about Lionism and her goals for the year.

March 20/21 District Convention

Big Lion Leroy Kashka, Lions Mike Klein, Harry Malnicof, and Jim Rochel attended the convention. Lion Harry Malnicof's wife Lois made the large theme basket with contributions from Lion Jim Bays and the Malnicofs. Lion Harry said the baskets raised \$850 for the Leader Dog Program.



The Big one is the Leawood Lions Basket.

Lion Mike Klein wanted to alert the members that there is a new activity being brought about for Lions to help with catastrophes. President, Lion Leroy Kashka announced that Lion Susan McDonald is the next District Governor, Lion Michelle Hopper is 1st Vice District Governor and that Lion Mike Klein provided the luncheon and dinner invocations.



Our entry into the Peace Poster contest by Hannah Snyder took 2nd in the District and she was awarded a \$75 check. Hannah is shown with her parents, Diane & John Snyder

March 24th member meeting

President Lion Leroy Kashka introduced Donna & Jim Wilson and their Scout son Zack. Zack outlined his project for the club and needs more funds if anyone would like to donate to it.

Our speaker was Dr. Craig Schwartz, D.O., FACOS, FICS. Dr. Craig Schwartz spoke about treating varicose veins and the difference between spider veins and Dr. Schwartz reviewed treatment options.



Hannah Snyder and her parents, Diane & John Snyder joined us as well.

Brenda Cherpitel, Water District No. 1 Board Member, spoke about the water supply and the operations of the water district.

Art of Imagination

“Art of Imagination” is a fundraiser for KSDS, at 7:00 pm on April 1, 2009, at the Folly Theater in Kansas City, Missouri, featuring Las Vegas Magician Gary Carsen. Tickets are only \$10 and all proceeds go to KSDS!

KSDS, Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization promoting independence and inclusion of individuals who are visually impaired or physically disabled by providing highly-trained canine assistance and support.

2008-09 CLUB GOALS

Below are our goals for the year.

Big Lion Leroy has called for volunteers to help with goal #3, revitalizing our visitation effort. Please talk with Lion Doris Nelmes to participate in a visitation.

Also Big Lion Leroy reports that we need 4 new members to achieve goal #1.

Goals:

1. Increase membership by 3 members.
(have three more members registered in International roster on June 30, 2009 than club had registered on July 1, 2008)
2. Strengthen member participation in meetings and “minor” service activities.
3. Revitalize Club’s visitation program and get more members involved in the program.

2008-2009 Leawood Lions Officers

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2nd Vice President: Steve Baughman
Secretary: Doris Nelmes
Treasurer: Harry Malnicof
Tail Twister: Jim Bays
Lion Tamer: Alan Callaway
Chaplain: Mike Klein
Membership Chairman: Jim Rochel
2nd Year Board: Mike Klein, Jack Nagel, Gene Tinberg.
1st Year Board: Bruce Deering, Brandon Hunter.

Meeting Place: Oak Room, Leawood City Hall, 117th & Roe
Meeting Dates: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the Month
Meeting Times: 6:00 PM Social Hour, 6:45 PM Dinner Meeting

Visit our Website:
www.leawoodlions.org