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We Serve

JULY 2009

The Roar of the Leawood Lions

Club Calendar 2009

**July 14 – Board of Directors Meeting @ 5:00; Lions Membership Meeting @ 6pm --
Leawood City Hall.**

July 17-19, -- Great Plains Leadership Institute, Storm Lake, IA

July 28 -- Lions Membership Meeting @6 pm - Leawood City Hall.

Sept. 7th -- Labor Day Run & Leawood Lions Pancakes.

October -- PANCAKE DAYS.

A Message from our President

It is an honor to serve as your President of the Leawood Lions Club for the 2009/2010 year. As most of you know I am relatively new to the Lions organization but I can say that I am sorry I didn't become involved earlier. I will make every effort to serve our club with energy and hopefully continue all the efforts of our past Presidents. In that regard I ask for all your help in continuing the great tradition of the Leawood Lions Club. We have a reputation as a Club that is deeply involved in the community and one that supports Lionism completely. I do serve on the Kansas Lions Foundation at the state level and when I say I am a member of the Leawood Lions Club they immediately recognize the club and tell me how much they hear good things about what we do. Naturally I want that to continue and with everyone's help I am sure we can make that happen.

My initial interest is to have interesting programs. I believe that programs are what draw our members to the meetings. Please, if you have a program that you would be interested in, please let me know. Even though we have someone in charge of arranging programs, they cannot always know what you would like to have presented. Just let me or Bruce Deering or Jim Bays know if there is something special you would like or better yet if there is a program that you can arrange for a particular meeting. I know they would like any assistance.

I give you my word that I will put all my energy into providing good leadership to our club. I am excited about getting started and most of all want to thank you for thinking that I would be able to fill the President's position. Here is to an exciting and successful year.

Lion Harry Malnicof, President

Club Announcements

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

2009/2010 dues -- Dues are \$95 for individual with second family member (spouse) half price. Please pay your dues if now if you have not already done so.

Club News

The Leawood Lions 3&2 Baseball team completed the regular season in good form and headed into the championship tournament as the number 1 seed. Job well done!

The Troop 10 Liaison Committee (Lions Gary Flick, Chris Wright and Chick Atwell) are developing a protocol (for Board approval) to deal with requests to assist individual boy scouts with their Eagle Project funding. The Board will take this up at its June 14th meeting.

Unfortunately Lion Steve Baughman has resigned, creating an opening for 3rd Vice President and on the Newsletter Committee. If you would be interested in either position, please contact Big Lion Harry Malnicof.

Leawood Lions Foundation Annual Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Leawood Lions Foundation was held in connection with the June 9th Leawood Lions Club meeting. All members of the Club are also members of the Foundation. The business of the meeting included a report by the President, Lion Leroy Kashka, on the status of the foundation and its activities. The Foundation's net income for 2008-2009 was \$3,243.00 and its fund balance as of May 31st

was \$20,202.30. The members determined that the officers and directors for the upcoming year would be the same as those of the Leawood Lions Club.

The June 23rd Leawood Lions Club Meeting featured the installation of the new officers, and the presentation of awards for the past year.



President Lion Leroy Kashka presenting the Lion of the Year Award to Lion Mike Klein.



Lion Ed Johnson presents Lion Dale Curtin with a Melvin Jones Fellow Award.

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/>

Member Information and Updates

MENDING AND REPAIRING 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)**
- Betty Johnson (Lion Ed Johnson's wife)**
- Lion Bill Murfey**
- Lion Jack Nagel**
- 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.



Lion Dale Curtin also received the President's Award from outgoing President Lion Leroy Kashka.

2009-2010 Leawood Lions Officers

- President Harry Malnicof**
- Past President Leroy Kashka**
- 1st Vice President Chris Wright**
- 2nd Vice President Bruce Deering**
- 3rd Vice President – vacant**
- 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

The Background

- National Organizations like The Salvation Army and Catholic Charities USA along with local pantries are reporting a substantial 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.
- Pantries are facing special difficulty from greatly increased demand for their help and/or depletion of resources.

Our Response

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

The Leawood Lions Benevolent Committee met with Harvesters and they listed 86 food pantries serving the needy. In December 2008, the **Leawood Lions Foundation** distributed gifts of \$400 each to thirteen pantries in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties. The Leawood Lions Club issued a challenge to other Lions Clubs and civic groups to provide donations to individual pantries.

The Second Phase of the Leawood Lions Hunger Initiative

The Leawood Lions Foundation has provided an additional \$2,600.00 to help those 13 food pantries during the spring 2009.

Individual Food Contributions

Each Leawood Lion is asked to bring to each meeting one food item for each member of their household.

For more information, contact: Lion Dale Curtin, chairperson, Leawood Lions benevolent committee, 11308 Fontana, Leawood, 66211; 913-663-4361; dmc4361@kc.rr.com

Visit our Website: www.leawoodlions.org

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
