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**We Serve**

# **AUGUST 2009**

## **The Roar of the Leawood Lions**

### **Club Calendar 2009**

**August 8 – District Cabinet Meeting – Auburn, KS**

**August 11 – Board of Directors Meeting @ 5:00; Leawood Lions Membership Meeting @ 6pm -- Leawood City Hall.**

**August 25 -- Lions Membership Meeting @6 pm - Leawood City Hall.**

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

**September 8 – Board of Directors Meeting @ 5:00; Lions Membership Meeting @ 6pm -- Leawood City Hall. See Program Information below.**

**October 16 – 18 -- PANCAKE DAYS – See story below.**

**January 15 - 17, 2010 --Mid-Winter Rally - Salina**

**January 15 - 17, 2010 --State Council Meeting - Salina**

**February 12 - 13, 2010 --17-I District Convention**

**June 3 - 5, 2010 --State Convention - Olathe**

## Meeting Program Information

8/11 Program will feature a presentation by Dick Fagerberg, an Ambassador from the Kaufman Center for the Performing Arts. The Ambassadors are a volunteer group that helps promote the Center. He will provide us with an update on this exciting project in Kansas City.

8/25 Program is still in the works.

9/8 Program will feature the induction of our new members and we will enjoy the company of ten (10) special visitors from Ukraine. These visitors are professionals from non-profits and government agencies who will be here for a United States Agency for International Development (USAID) program called Community coming to Kansas City through the efforts of the International Visitors Council of Greater Kansas City.

9/22 Program will feature a tour of the new Leawood Library.

10/13 Program will feature a discussion of alternative energy sources for power generation.

10/27 Program will feature a tour of Harvesters.

## 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 now if you have not already done so.

**PANCAKE DAYS** -- Pancake Days (3 days this year) are on October 16, 17, and 18. Times are as follows:

Friday, Oct 16: 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Saturday, Oct 17: 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Sunday, Oct 18: 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM

## Club News

**Eagle Scouts Projects** - The Board of Directors approved a protocol developed by Troop 10 Liaison Committee (Lions Gary Flick, Chris Wright and Chick Atwell) to deal with requests to assist individual boy scouts with their Eagle Project funding. The Board determined that the Leawood Lions would set aside \$1,000 annually to sponsor Eagle Scout projects for Troop 10 Boy Scouts. Individual Scouts and their individual projects could receive up to a maximum of \$200 per project, after satisfying the guidelines agreed upon by the Leawood Lions Board. The Benevolent Committee will decide/determine if applicant has satisfied the guidelines, criteria and amount to be recommended to the Board.

**Earl Marian Scholarships** - The Board of Directors approved extending the Club's scholarship program by adding an additional scholarship in the name of Lion Earl Marian. We have received over \$1,700 in contributions in Lion Earl's memory and those funds will be used fund the scholarship for at least three years. This program was developed in consultation with Lion Earl Marian's family.

**New Members** - The Board approved the applications of two new members: Jim Marsh and Rick Waldenmeyer. Their contact information is below.

**Open Positions** - We have two important committee chair positions open. **We need a chair for Candy Days and we need an Eyeglass Contact chair.** Please let Big Lion Harry Malnicof know of your interest in one of these opportunities.

**New 3<sup>rd</sup> VP** - Lion Ken Habiger agreed to step up to the vacant 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President position and to help out with the newsletter. He was elected 3<sup>rd</sup> VP by acclamation (with himself notably abstaining – see picture below) at the July 28<sup>th</sup>

meeting. He is equally welcome to the newsletter committee.

**The July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting featured a talk on health care and presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellow award.**



Dr. Charles Van Way, Director of Shock and Trauma Research Center at UMKC, presented an interesting program on the problems and challenges facing our current health care delivery system.



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**At the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, the following items were announced and approved:**

Lion Dick Graham will continue mowing the grass at the Linwood Pioneer Cemetery for the rest of 2009. Thereafter the new cemetery committee headed by Lion Chris Wright will take over the Cemetery. Lion Chris has called for volunteers to join the committee and help decide the future for the Cemetery.

Lion Tom Willy is presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award by his sponsor, Lion Gene Alt. This award is the highest award that is given by the Lions International Foundation for humanitarian commitment.

It was agreed that Pancake Days would be expanded to 3 days this year, with Sunday being added.

The Audit Committee reported that it had completed its audits and found the books in good order. The Committee Report praised outgoing Treasurer Harry Malnicof for the excellent job he had done.



Lion Ed Johnson, Jr. gave a report on the success of the Leawood Lions 3&2 Baseball Team. Lion Ed presented the team's second place trophy and the Club's sponsorship plaque. Both are available for viewing in the display case in the lower lobby.

**Other Information**

**Give a Friend a Lift** – Some of our members want to attend our meetings but cannot drive or cannot drive at night. Please let Lion Gary Flick know if you need a ride or want to give a ride. [glick@hotmail.com](mailto:glick@hotmail.com); 913 338-0753.

**Shirts** -- Lion Tom Willy is taking orders for Leawood Lions shirts. They come in short sleeve polo and long sleeve oxford styles. The long sleeve shirts are available in light and dark blue. Sizes are S to XXL. Prices are \$10 for short sleeve and \$25 for long sleeve.

**Trash Bags** – Lion Gary Flick's daughter and son, Ally Flick and Grant Flick, are helping with fundraising for the Blue Valley North band. They are selling trash bags. Even if your yard waste must go in paper bags, there are still many uses for plastic bags.

The types of bags and pricing:

55 Gallon Industrial Blue Roll 16 bags/roll  
\$11/roll  
39 Gallon Lawn Yellow Roll 25 bags/roll  
\$11/roll  
15 Gallon Kitchen White Roll 65 bags/roll  
\$11/roll  
16" x 12" x 35" Yard Waste 5 bags/pack  
\$4/pack.

Amy and Grant plan to be at our August meetings to take orders. Orders can also be emailed to: [glick4@yahoo.com](mailto:glick4@yahoo.com)

**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****NEW MEMBERS**

**Jim Marsh** (Jackie)  
11305 King St  
Overland Park, KS 66210  
913-469-0135 (H)  
[jmstarwalker@gmail.com](mailto:jmstarwalker@gmail.com)

**Rick Waldenmeyer** (MaryAnn)  
2105 W 144<sup>th</sup> St  
Leawood, KS 66224  
913-499-7714 (H)  
[maw4u@kc.rr.com](mailto:maw4u@kc.rr.com)

**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.

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**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 Ken Habiger**  
**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**

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

**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.

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Visit our Website: [www.leawoodlions.org](http://www.leawoodlions.org)

**Meeting Place: Oak Room, Leawood City Hall, 117<sup>th</sup> & Roe.**

**Meeting Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the Month  
Meeting Times: 6:00 PM Social Hour, 6:45 PM Dinner Meeting**

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**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.**