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We Serve

NOVEMBER 2009

The Roar of the Leawood Lions

Club Calendar 2009

- November 10 - Board of Directors Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.; Lions Membership Meeting @ 6 PM - Leawood City Hall. See program information below.**
- November 14 - District 17-O Cabinet Meeting, Faith Lutheran Church, 4805 W 67th St, Prairie Village, KS**
- November 22 – Troop 10 Eagle Court of Honor. See story below.**
- November 24 – Lions Membership Meeting @ 6 p.m. – Leawood City Hall.**
- November 27 – Bell ringing begins for the Salvation Army. See story below.**
- December 8 – Christmas Party – Our only meeting in December.**
- January 12 - Board of Directors Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.; Lions Membership Meeting @ 6 PM - Leawood City Hall.**
- January 15 - 17, 2010 -- Mid-Winter Rally - Salina**
- January 15 - 17, 2010 -- State Council Meeting – Salina**
- January 26 - Lions Membership Meeting @ 6 p.m. – Leawood City Hall.**
- February 12 - 13, 2010 -- 17-I District Convention**
- June 3 - 5, 2010 -- State Convention – Olathe**

Meeting Program Information

11/10 Program – The program for November 10th will be a review by our own Big Lion Harry Malnicof of all the activities that our Club is and has been involved in over the past couple of years. It will include all the various donations that we have made and activities supported. This should be especially useful to those members who have just joined our club and a reminder to all the veteran members of how much they have contributed to the Club's success.

In addition, we will judge the Peace Posters submitted by contestants from area schools.

Club Announcements

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

Salvation Army Bell Ringing — Bell ringing for The Salvation Army begins November 27. Lion Don Schultz has the signup sheets. We will be ringing each Friday and Saturday until Christmas and also on December 22, 23, and 24th. If you know of someone outside our club who would like to participate, please let Don know.

Club News

Candy Days - The Club has contributed \$739.88 to the Kansas Sight II Foundation. Of this amount, \$311 was collected on September 25 at the HyVee store at 123rd and State Line and the balance was contributed by members.

Eye Glasses Chairman – Lion Gary Flick has volunteered to chair the Eye Glasses Committee on a temporary basis.

Candy Days Chairman – Lion Chris Wright

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Area Club Visitations – Lions Jackie and Jim Marsh will be coordinating visits to area Lions Clubs beginning in January.

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The October 13th meeting featured a presentation by Black & Veatch engineer, Dr. Larry Stoddard, who compared alternative energy sources for electric power generation with emphasis on renewable energy options.

Melvin Jones Award – Lion Ed Greene was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award at the October 13th meeting by Jim Bays, who sponsored the award through Lions Club International Foundation. This award is the highest award that is given by LCIF.

Pancake Days – Pancake Days, our biggest fund raiser of the year, were held on October 16-18. Over 640 persons were served all they could eat pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee. Thanks to all the Lions who worked hard to make this year's event a success. Also, thanks to the 14 scouts from Troop 10 who helped, as well as to team members from the Lions Baseball Team who assisted. Several pictures taken at Pancake Days are shown below. Additional pictures can be viewed on the Lions website, www.leawoodlions.org.



Lions Leroy Kashka, Tom Willy, Bruce Deering, and Tom Shearer serve pancakes and sausage.



Dale Curtin and Ken Britt collect pancake tickets.



Bob Toplikar and Gene Tinberg flip pancakes.

Trunk or Treat – Big Lion Harry Malnicof and Lion Chris Wright had a great time passing out candy and taking in all the music at the City of Leawood’s Freaky Friday/Trunk or Treat day at Leawood City Park on November 23. They handed out over 500 pieces of candy and the Big Lion in the back of the van was the hit of the show.



The serving line was quite busy much of Saturday.



Big Lion Harry Malnicof and Lion Chris Wright are poised to hand out candy to trick or treaters.



Part of the Saturday crowd enjoying pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee.



Big Lion Harry poses with several trick or treaters.

The October 27th meeting featured a presentation by Ann Van Zee, Community Outreach Manager for Harvesters, followed by a tour of the Harvesters warehouse facilities. As greater Kansas City's only food bank, Harvesters collects food and household products from community and industry sources and distributes them through a network of more than 550 nonprofit charitable organizations. Harvesters serves more than 200,000 different people each year, with fully half being children and the elderly.



Ann Van Zee, Harvesters Community Outreach Manager, addresses the Lions.



Ann Van Zee leads the Lions on a tour of the Harvesters warehouse.

Other Information

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.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor – The following Troop 10 scouts have recently earned the rank of Eagle and will be honored at an Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, November 22 at 2:00 PM at Blue Valley Northwest, 133rd & Switzer: Steven Cargin, Brendan O'Farrell, Grant Schorgl, Ryan Alonso, Austin Dye, Zachary Wilson, Seth Ball, Zachary Snodell, Hunter Seabaugh, Andrew Rohleder, Max Palmer, Robert Goheen, Aaron Snodell, Brian Leeper, and Benjamin Magee. Enter the school at the main entrance and you can view the Eagle Scouts' booths showing their path to Eagle prior to the ceremony. Cake will be served afterwards. All Lions are invited and encouraged to attend.

Possible New Leo Club - Three enthusiastic students are in the process of forming a LEO Club at Blue Valley Northwest High School. They have started preliminary meetings to select a couple of projects to work on and identify officers. They want to start small and engage in meaningful projects. The three are also musically gifted (violin, piano & vocal) and may perform at our Christmas Party; however, we do not have final confirmation at the time of this newsletter.

Lions Calendar – Lions Gary Flick and Chris Wright are preparing a Lions Calendar that will be given out to members. They will be looking for pictures of Club activities to include.

Trash Bag Update - Thanks to all of you who bought trash bags to help the Blue Valley North Music Department. They sold \$15,439 worth of trash bags, with a majority of the profit going to the student's accounts to offset the cost of their trip they take every 4 years.

The band and orchestra received almost \$1650 to offset miscellaneous expenses related to instruments and music. The Band and Orchestra thank you for your support.

LinkedIn Page - Lion Gary Flick has created a LinkedIn Groups page for the Leawood Lions Club at:

<http://www.linkedin.com/e/vgh/1828462/>

Lion Gary reports that if you join LinkedIn and the Lions International groups, you can start discussions with other Lions around the world.

MENDING AND REPAIRING LIST ---
Keep these fellow Lions in your prayers!

Lion Gene Alt

Kay Fisher (Lion Gil Fisher's wife)

Dale Greene (Lion Ed Greene's wife)

Lion Bill Murfey

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.

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

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

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
