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We Serve

JULY 2010

The Roar of the Leawood Lions

Club Calendar 2010

July 13 - Board of Directors Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.; Membership Meeting @ 6 p.m. - Leawood City Hall. See program information below.

July 27 – Membership Meeting @ 6 p.m. - Leawood City Hall. See program information below.

August 10 - Board of Directors Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.; Membership Meeting @ 6 p.m. - Leawood City Hall.

August 24 – Membership Meeting @ 6 p.m. - Leawood City Hall.

September 6 – Pancakes at the City of Leawood Labor Day Run.

September 18 – Candy Days.

October 15, 16, 17 – Pancake Days.

December 4 – Breakfast with Santa – 8 a.m. -12 p.m. at Ironwood Lodge.

Meeting Program Information

07/13 Program – Todd Adams, VP of the Kansas City Wizards will present a program on the Wizards soccer team. This will be very timely as Manchester United plays here July 25th.

07/27 Program – District Governor Lion Michelle Hufferd will join us for an official visit.

08/10 Program – The program has not yet been finalized. One possibility under consideration is to view the Folsom Prison video, which features a project of the Sacramento Lions Club.

08/24 Program – The program has not yet been finalized. One possibility is to have some of our new (and perhaps old) members introduce themselves to the Club so that we get better acquainted with our membership.

Club Announcements

Message from Outgoing President, Harry Malnicof:

Before citing many of the accomplishments that have been realized by the Leawood Lions Club over this past year, I want to extend my thanks to all the members for their cooperation and support this past year. Nothing could have been accomplished without the support of the membership. Thank you very much and give that same support to Lion Chris Wright as your new President.

We have had a great year and I would just like to remind the membership of just a few of the things we accomplished this past year.

- Donated \$400 to each of 13 different Food Pantries in Johnson & Wyandotte County.
- Donated \$200 to the Discovery Trails Program.
- Began the Yellow Dot Program for

those with medical handicaps.

- Donated \$150 to Children's Center for Visually Impaired.
- Donated \$250 for special goggles used in CAP Drunk Driving Course.
- Donated \$1,000 to the Johnson County Library Foundation for visually enhancement machines.
- Began hanging signs in local business to promote Lionism.
- Began new service project of collecting food items in conjunction with the Salvation Army.
- Continued our very successful program of ringing bells for the Salvation Army at Christmas by raising a record \$ 34,465.
- Continued our program of serving breakfast to the participants in the Leawood City Labor Day Run.
- Established, with the family of Earl Marian, the scholarship criteria for awarding the Earl Marian Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500.
- Negotiated a new service project with the City of Leawood to serve pancakes and other items at their annual Breakfast with Santa which is held every December.
- Donated in excess of \$1,500 to the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation as a result of Candy Days.
- Our club participated in various ways by staffing and assisting with the State Convention held in Olathe.
- Participated in the Trunk or Treat night offered by the City of Leawood at Halloween.
- Conducted a very successful annual Pancake Days for which Leawood Lions are famous. For the first time we served on Sunday which proved to be a success.

These are only a few of the things that the Leawood Lions Club accomplished during the 2009/2010 year. We all have a lot to be proud of and hopefully we all will continue with our support.

Thank all of you for your loyal support of Lionism.

Harry Malnicof
Outgoing President

2010/2011 CLUB DUES are past due!! If you have not paid already, please do so ASAP.

ANNUAL DUES: (Individual): \$95

ANNUAL DUES: (Family)*: \$142.50

* Family dues based on full individual rate plus one-half of full rate for spouse.

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO
LEAWOOD LIONS CLUB & SEND TO:

Doris Nelmes, Secretary
7575 W. 106th St., #463,
Overland park, KS 66212

OR

Charles Schutty, Treasurer
5520 W. 63rd Terrace
Mission, KS 66202

Meeting Attendance – Attendance at recent meetings has fallen off even though we have had some excellent programs and speakers. The Board at its most recent meeting discussed various actions that could be taken to boost attendance. Board member Gary Flick volunteered to develop a meeting attendance survey to address the falloff. The survey is attached at the end of this newsletter. **Please complete the survey and return your responses to Gary Flick at gfflick@hotmail.com or 12600 Aberdeen Rd., Leawood, KS 66209.**

Linwood Pioneer Cemetery Care – If you can help with cemetery maintenance, please notify Big Lion Chris Wright or Lion Bruce Deering. Many thanks to **Lion Jim Bays** for donating a new U.S. flag for the cemetery.

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

Club News

Pancake Days Committee News - The Pancake Committee is working on many new ideas to increase awareness of and attendance at Pancake Days. We are exploring the possibility of having Leawood athletes volunteer an hour of their time at Pancake Days to do a meet and greet and to increase our numbers and awareness of our event. Do you know of a current or former pro athlete that you could contact to obtain their interest level? Lion Gary Flick is working on a soccer theme and looking for a KC Wizards contact. Also, if you would be interested in helping organize this, please let Lion Gary Flick know.

The June 8th meeting featured Adam Crowe from the Johnson County Emergency Management Office. His topic, “Preparedness for Severe Weather”, was appropriate for that night as storms and heavy rains were in the area. He recommended each household have an emergency alert radio. (Attached at the end of this newsletter is a page from a brochure about such a radio that is being carried by Price Chopper as part of a community project with area emergency services organizations.)



Adam Crowe makes his presentation on Preparedness for Severe Weather.

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Leawood Lions Foundation was also held at

the June 8th meeting. The business of the meeting included a report by 1st Vice President, Lion Chris Wright, on the status of the Foundation and its activities. The Foundation members (same as the Club membership) voted that Foundation officers and directors for the upcoming year are to be the same as those of the Leawood Lions Club (which is the default outcome according to the bylaws).

The June 22nd meeting featured the presentation of awards for the 2009 – 2010 year and the installation of officers for 2010 – 2011. Outgoing president, Harry Malnicof, presented President’s Appreciation Awards to the following individuals for outstanding service to the club during the past year.

- **Dayton Koch** – Meeting Reservations.
- **Don Schultz** – Salvation Army Bell Ringing.
- **Bruce Deering** – Programs.
- **Ken Habiger** – Pancake Days.
- **Doris Nelmes** – Secretary Duties.

Big Lion Malnicof presented the **Lion of the Year** award to incoming president, **Lion Chris Wright**, for his outstanding contributions to the Club, including the organization of 2 neighborhood food drives for the Salvation Army, chairing Candy Days, and heading up efforts to maintain the Linwood Pioneer Cemetery.



Big Lion Harry Malnicof presents the 2009 - 2010 Lion of the Year award to Lion Chris Wright.

Representing members of the Club who have received the award, Lion Leroy Kashka presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to Big Lion **Harry Malnicof**. The award is the highest award that is given by the Lions International Foundation for humanitarian commitment.



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Addressing the award in his outgoing message to the club, Lion Harry said “I am totally humbled, surprised and honored by the award of the Melvin Jones Fellowship that was presented to me. This award, the highest given to individual Lions, is so much appreciated and hopefully I can live up to responsibilities that the award is meant to express.”

New officers for 2010 – 2011 were also installed at the June 22nd meeting. Past International Director Lion Bob Tonjes was present to do the honors. The following officers were installed.

- President – Chris Wright**
- Past President – Harry Malnicof**
- 1st Vice President – Ken Habiger**
- 2nd Vice President – Bruce Deering**
- 3rd Vice President – David Sails**
- Secretary – Doris Nelmes**
- Treasurer – Chuck Schutty**
- Chaplain – Don Stewart**
- Tail Twister – Dayton Koch**

**Lion Tamer – Alan Callaway
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Gene Tinberg, Gary Flick
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Past International Director Bob Tonjes addresses the Club.



Past International Director Bob Tonjes installs Lion Chris Wright as incoming President while other incoming officers look on.

Following the installation ceremony, incoming President Chris Wright presented a President's Award plaque to outgoing President Harry Malnicof for outstanding leadership during the 2009 – 2010 year.



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Candy Days –For those who missed the Candy Days service opportunity (or who want to help out more), the Club is accepting contributions to underwrite the cost of candy for Candy Days. The cost of a case is \$75 and ½ case \$35. Checks in those amounts or any amount should be made payable to the Leawood Lions Foundation and sent or given to Treasurer Chuck Schutty.

Other Information --

Member Information and Updates

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

- Marie Britt (Lion Ken Britt's wife)**
- Kay Fisher (Lion Gil Fisher's wife)**
- Dale Greene (Lion Ed Greene's wife)**
- Mary Kay Jensen (Lion Win Jensen's wife)**
- Lion Bill Murfey**
- Lion John Pitnick**
- Marian Powell (Lion Bud Powell's wife)**
- Lion Skip Skaptason**
- Lion Don Stewart**

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

Bequests to the Leawood Lions Foundation

The Foundation is our Club's charitable affiliate that supports our charitable programs.

Because the Foundation is a tax-exempt charity under section 501(c)(3) of the tax code, contributions are tax deductible for income tax (life-time gifts) and estate tax purposes. You and friends and family can help with our Club's charitable programs by including a bequest to the Foundation in your will or trust. Here is some sample bequest language.

1. Bequest of cash

"I bequeath the sum of \$XXXXX to the Leawood Lions Foundation of Leawood, Kansas."

2. Bequest of a percent of the estate

"I devise and bequeath XX% of the remainder and residue of property owned at my death, whether real or personal, and wherever located to Leawood Lions Foundation of Leawood, Kansas."

3. Contingent Bequest

"If my brother John Doe survives me, I devise and bequeath XX% of the remainder and residue of property owned at my death, whether real or personal, and wherever located to John Doe. If John Doe does not survive me, then I devise and bequeath XX% of my residuary estate, whether real or personal property and wherever located to Leawood Lions Foundation of Leawood, Kansas."

Review your desires with your attorney to make sure they are properly included in your estate plan documents.

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

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

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Update on the Leawood Lions' Hunger Initiative.

In late 2008 National Organizations reported a substantial increase in requests for food assistance. Local Food Pantries were facing special difficulty from greatly increased demand for their help and/or depletion of resources.

Our Response to this crisis affecting local families was the Leawood Lions Club Hunger Initiative to provide meaningful assistance to local area food pantries.

In **December 2008**, the **Leawood Lions Foundation** distributed gifts of \$400 each to

thirteen food pantries serving the needy 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 **Leawood Lions Foundation** provided an additional \$2,600.00 to help those 13 food pantries during the **Spring 2009**.

In **January 2010**, the **Leawood Lions** and the **Leawood Lions Foundation** authorized an *additional contribution* of \$200 to each of those food pantries (\$2,600 total).

Most recently, in **May 2010**, the **Leawood Lions** and the **Leawood Lions Foundation** authorized another *additional contribution* of \$200 to each of those food pantries (\$2,600 total).

With this recent contribution, the total contributions since the project started in December 2008 is \$13,000 (\$1,000 for each pantry).

We have supplemented our collective contributions with an Individual Food Contribution Initiative. Each Leawood Lion is asked to bring one food item for each member of their household to each of our meetings. These items are then distributed by Lion Dale Curtin and other members of the Benevolent Committee to the food pantries we are working with.

PROJECT    
COMMUNITY ALERT

BE AWARE

Know the risks in our area, and learn how you should respond to different types of disasters. Our most common disasters have to do with weather — tornadoes, severe storms and flooding — but we're also at risk from other natural and man-made disasters, such as chemical spills or explosions. Knowing what to do each situation will help you protect yourself and your family.

BE PREPARED

Make an emergency plan for yourself and your family, and create a disaster supply kit. In an emergency, help may not come right away. Keep enough food, water and other emergency supplies on hand to take care of your family for at least 72 hours. To learn more, visit www.preparemetrokc.org.

STAY INFORMED

Understanding the purposes and limitations of your community's outdoor warning sirens as well as commercial radio and television is critical. Outdoor warning systems in the metro are designed to warn people who are outdoors when severe weather warnings are issued.

Your most reliable source of emergency information is a NOAA All-Hazards Alert Radio. In weather emergencies and other life-threatening situations, the National Weather Service will broadcast a special alert tone, followed by important information about the emergency. These radios have a battery backup in case the power goes out, and can be programmed to sound alerts for specific counties.

Project Community Alert partners with Midland Radio and area Price Chopper stores to offer NOAA All-Hazards Alert Radios at a special low price. Get yours today, and you might save a life tomorrow.

\$29.95
PLUS TAX

Available at Area Price Chopper Stores



The Midland Model WR 100 All-Hazards Civil Emergency Alert Monitor with S.A.M.E. Technology and Alarm Clock

- Lets you specify whether you want to receive alerts from one county or multiple counties.
- Features seven NOAA channels. Coverage for reception in 93 percent of the U.S.
- Time and alarm clock, with a full time display, 12-hour clock display, alarm and snooze.
- Lets you select the warning system — 90 dB siren alarm, voice alert or visual red LED flasher.
- Operates on AC power or emergency power backup using three AA batteries for operation outdoors or during power outages
- Compatible with pillow vibrator, strobe light and any X10 accessories for the visual or hearing impaired.

PrepareMetro  .org

Make a supply kit. Have a plan. Stay informed.

Leawood Lions Meeting Attendance Survey

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey as the Board of Director's attempt to improve attendance at our meetings. Please return your responses to Gary Flick at glick@hotmail.com or 12600 Aberdeen Rd, Leawood, KS 66209

What would interest or encourage you to attend meetings (please choose all that apply)?

- Y ___ N ___ The speaker--speaker suggestions _____
- Y ___ N ___ Food variety--food suggestions _____
- Y ___ N ___ Prize giveaways
- Y ___ N ___ **Lotto Jackpot
- Y ___ N ___ Entertainment--suggestions _____
- Y ___ N ___ Group service projects in lieu of a speaker--suggestions _____
- Y ___ N ___ One meeting per month
- Y ___ N ___ No meetings in July or August-summer hiatus, maybe service project instead

What factors determine if you **will not** attend meetings (please choose all that apply)?

- Y ___ N ___ Unable to drive
- Y ___ N ___ Health concerns
- Y ___ N ___ Cost of the meal
- Y ___ N ___ Busy schedule
- Y ___ N ___ Bad night of the week
- Y ___ N ___ Not interested in dinner meetings
- Y ___ N ___ Unable to hear
- Y ___ N ___ Food choices

** Lotto Jackpot would be similar to state Lotto's where the jackpot would accumulate until there is a winner--may or may not replace the 50/50, would need to be present to win.

Other ideas or suggestions to increase attendance at our membership meetings:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

Your Name: _____