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The Roars of the Lions from Leawood



We Serve

FEBRUARY 2009

Club Calendar

February 5 – Zone Meeting @ 6:00 pm,
Church of the Nativity (see article below).

February 10 – HOLIDAY PARTY –
Christmas & Valentine's Day combined party
@6:00 – Oak Room, Leawood City Hall.

February 24 - Board Meeting @ 5:00 pm
Membership Meeting @6:00 – Oak Room,
Leawood City Hall.

Mar 20-21, 2009 - District Convention

**May 28 - 30, 2009 - State Council & State
Convention, Wichita KS.**

**July 17-19, 2009 – Great Plains
Leadership Institute (see article below).**

Club News

Bell Ringing Results – See updated results
below in the newsletter.

See update on Hunger Initiative below in the
newsletter.

We sponsored a Peace Poster winner –
article below.

It's Nominating Time. A Nominating
Committee headed by Chairman Lion Chick
Atwell is at work, This is your chance to
tell Lion Chick what job you would like next
year.

We will be sponsoring a Zone meeting
February 5th – article below.

Member Information and Updates

MENDING AND REPAIRING LIST ---

Keep these Fellow Lions in your prayers!

Dale Greene (Lion Ed Greene's wife)
Lion Skip Skaptason
Lion John Pitnick
Marian Powell (Lion Bud Powell's wife)
Lion Earl Marian
Barbara Mathewson
Lion Dick Rinehart
Lion John Graham

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

UPDATE Your Membership Directory with the following information on our **new members**:

Kent Fritz (Jo Ellen), 8601 Meadow Lane, Leawood, KS, 66206, H 913-341-6564, W 816-729-7594, redbirds68@kc.rr.com,

Sponsor: Ed Johnson, Jr.

Dayton Koch (Carolyn), 12837 Sagamore Rd., Leawood, KS 66209, H 913-499-8956 spudman@jps.net, **Transfer.**

Troy Rettig (Dawne), 24111 W. 79th Terr., Lenexa, KS 66227, H 913-745-4871, W 913-642-555x206 troyr@leawood.org,

Sponsor: Jim Rochel

Amy Soffran, 3637 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64111, C 816-309-1886, W 816-968-0372, amy_soffran@usc.salvationarmy.org,

Sponsor: replaced Kim Gasper of Salvation Army

Chris Wright, 7026 W. 157th Terr., Overland Park, KS 66223, W 913-488-0575, cbwright4@gmail.com, **Transfer pending.**

PENDING LOSS – unfortunately Lion Michael Klein and wife Nancy are planning to move to St. Louis. Our Club will sorely

miss the contributions of Lion Mike and Nancy; we will enjoy their continued company while they work out the details.

Other Information

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.

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

Update on Woody Edgington Award. The Board of Directors determined to place \$3,860 of donations and bequests that we received in memory of Lion Riley Killmer, Lion Don Mathewson and Lion George Pickrel in the Woody Edgington Memorial Fund. This will ensure continued funding of this Club's unique Woody Edgington Award for several more years. Each year \$500 is donated from that 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.

ZONE MEETING

There will be a combined Zones 1 & 2 meeting Thursday, February 5th, at the Church of the Nativity, 3800 W. 119th (119 & Mission Rd.). The meeting is scheduled from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm - pizza and drinks will be available, so please RSVP to Zone Chairman Lion Mike Klein, 913-334-0534 or mikeklein@kc.rr.com.

The Agenda:

- A) Highlights of 1/24 Cabinet Meeting
- B) Woody Edgington Memorial Award
- C) Discussion on Lions Club Goals & Action Planning
- D) Conversation on barriers to retention of members
- E) Creative thoughts on new members
- F) Sharing of Lions Club participating in community service projects
- G) Other

Please contact ZC Lion Mike Klein if anything else needs to be put on the agenda.

2008 Bell Ringing Results

We had a very successful 2008 Salvation Army campaign. Since our last newsletter, the total collections have gone up. Our Treasurer Lion Harry Malnicof reports that total receipts are \$34,075.69, which is about \$3,000 more than reported earlier.

The total included \$6,820 contributed by members of the Leawood Lions Club. The totals by source are as follows:

Club Donations	\$6,820.00
HyVee, 123 rd St.	\$2,101.93
Michaels	\$ 239.15
Oak Park Mall	\$2,359.81
Sam's Club, 135 th	\$2,359.05
Wal-Mart, 156 th	\$5,497.88
Wal-Mart, 135 th	\$4,196.02
Wal-Mart, 119 th	\$8,497.58
Wal-Mart, 103 rd	\$2,004.27

CONGRATULATIONS LEAWOOD LIONS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

LIONS PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Shortly after joining our Club, Lion Troy Rettig volunteered to be the Peace Poster Chair. Congratulations go to Lion Troy and

to our Club's entrant, Hannah Snyder, age 11 from the Leawood Middle School, who won 2nd place in the District Contest and a \$75.00 prize.

KANSAS LIONS BAND

The KS State Lions Band project co-chairs for our Club are Lion Kent Fritz and Lion Ed Johnson, Jr. If you know a band student who might be interested in participating, check with Lions Ed Johnson, Jr. or Kent Fritz. The Kansas Lions State Band will meet from May 26th through May 30th at Friends University in Wichita, KS. The Kansas Lions International Band (if enough can go) will be from July 5 through July 10, 2009, in Minneapolis, MN. PLEASE NOTE; THE STUDENTS HAVE TO HAVE THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION OR MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO GET THERE.

THE LEAWOOD LIONS' HUNGER INITIATIVE

In response to the economic crisis impacting families and children, The Leawood Lions Club launched a Hunger Initiative to provide substantial assistance to local area food pantries. The Salvation Army reports exploding demand for service and an emerging needs population in our area. The Leawood Lions Club selected 13 pantries in our area (Johnson & Wyandotte Counties) that are facing special difficulty from greatly increased demand for their help and/or depletion of resources. The Leawood Lions Foundation gave \$400 to each of these pantries, for at total of \$5,200.00.

The Leawood Lions Club issued a challenge to other civic groups to provide donations to the pantries or add more pantries to the list that will help increase the amount of food products available to the local neighborhoods they serve. For more information, please contact Lion Dale Curtin at dmc4361@kc.rr.com or (913) 663-4361.

DISTRICT CABINET MEETING REPORT

Lion Doris Nelmes' reports on the January 24th District Cabinet Meeting:

At the cabinet meeting Michele Hufferd, chair, stated the KS Leos earned \$30,000 from fundraisers last year. The District Leo Account needs donations from clubs to help with transportation of Leos to the District, State, and International conventions.

We learned that there are free diabetes kits for emergency personnel with a contribution to LEAP "Yellow dot" program (you will hear more about this later).

If anyone wants to place an ad in the District Convention booklet - Mar 1 is the deadline; contact BobbyDuvall, PCC - H 785-862-0235, C 785-608-1311, terrybobd@aol.com.

The district has 8 scholarships to the Great Plains Lions Institute 7/17-19. If interested contact DG Peggy Jacobson, pegjacob@aol.com, H 913-649-2534, W 913-548-8402.

January 13 member meeting



Scout Jonathan Contag talked to Leawood Lions Club members about his Eagle Scout

Project, building a suspension swing and patio for a local facility.

Dr. Catherine H. Leduc and Dr. Michael Ramcharan of Naturally Chiropractic talked to us about their practice.

January 27 member meeting

Major Mark Martsolf, Commander of the Olathe Corps of the Salvation Army thanked the Leawood Lions for the funds we raised for his area, which was a 20% increase over what we raised for his area last year. He noted that the demand for service in his area was exploding. Lion Dale Curtin reported on the Leawood Lions Club Food Initiative. Lion Dale read a letter from one of the food pantries we helped. With our help and working with Harvesters the food pantry was able to buy meat for 300 families

Our program was a presentation by Don Galligar, who is a Volunteer Ambassador for Harvesters. Don explained Harvesters operations and programs and talked about the volunteer opportunities at Harvesters.

2008-09 CLUB GOALS AND ACTION PLAN

Goals:

1. Increase membership by 3 members. (have three more members registered in International roster on June 30, 2009 than Club had 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.

Actions to accomplish Club's Goals:

1. Increase membership.
 - a. Provide an incentive to members to look for, and sponsor, new members. (Incentive to be determined by the Board of Directors).

- b. Make more use of the Leawood Chamber of Commerce membership to solicit new members.
 - c. Stress need to have the Leawood Lions Club receive the “Woody Edgington Award” again.
 - d. Use the City of Leawood 60th Anniversary Celebration as an opportunity to distribute information about the Lions and solicit new members.
 - e. Sponsor a float in the City of Leawood 60th Anniversary Parade in November.
 - f. Use our Sponsorship of the Boy Scout Troop to solicit new members.
 - g. Revitalize our relationship with the High Schools in the area to foster interest in the Lions Organization with the young persons in the area.
2. **Strengthen member participation:**
- a. Work with older members to get them interested and involved in the meetings and “everyday” club activities.
 - b. Establish an “Information Committee” to work with NEW members to instill in them the importance of Club participation.
3. **Revitalize Visitation Program:**
- a. Appoint a “Visitation Chairperson” to take charge of the program.
 - b. Establish a visitation schedule of at least one club visit each month (except December).
 - c. Discuss with members the need for relationships with other Lions Clubs.
 - d. Discuss with members the need for Leawood Lions participation in attendance at Zone, Cabinet and District meetings.
 - e. Have members present a “Report” of Local, Zone, Cabinet and District meetings attended.

**GREAT PLAINS LIONS
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

WHAT: Intensive, professional,

valuable leadership skills program for those who have not yet served as District Governor. Skills for job, community, church, club and personal development.

WHEN: July 17-19, 2009 Registration 9:00 a.m. to noon, Friday, July 17th. Adjournment and checkout by 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 19, 2009. NOTE: lunch on Friday, July 17th is at 11:30 AM.

WHERE: Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa.

COST: \$110 (US Funds) per attendee covers double occupancy accommodations, meals, course materials and registration. We anticipate the remaining cost will be covered by Lions Clubs International funding and contributions from the participating multiple districts.

WHO: Any Lion, Lioness, Leo who has attained majority, who has not yet served as District Governor as of the dates of the institute is eligible. No previous attendee is eligible without prior approval of the Institute Coordinator, PID Randy Heitmann. Each participating multiple district may select up to 25 applicants to attend.

This important institute is being sponsored by Multiple Districts 5 (Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri), and 38 (Nebraska).

Included will be dynamic presenters from across North America, providing emerging

Lion leaders with modules on communication skills, team building, delegation, management of change, conflict management, project management, diversity, motivation, public speaking and leading effective meetings.

A form of application is available -- please see our Secretary, Lion Doris Nelmes.

2008-2009 Leawood Lions Officers

President Big Lion Leroy Kashka

Past President: Tom Willy

1st Vice President: C.C. Warlop

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