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## The Roars of the Lions From Leawood



**We Serve**

# February 2008

### 2007-2008 Leawood Lions Officers President Big Lion Tom Willy 913-341-4618

**Past President: Gary Flick**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Leroy Kashka**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Ken Britt**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: Earl Marian**  
**Treasurer: Harry Malnicof**  
**Secretary: Doris Nelmes**  
**Chaplain: Don Stewart**  
**Newsletter editor: Gary Flick**

**Lion Tamer: Collie Olmstead**  
**Tail Twister: Jim Bays**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Year Board Members:**  
**Gene Tinberg**  
**Mike Klein**  
**Jack Nagel**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Year Board Member:**  
**Jim Rochel**

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

## Upcoming Dates

February 5	Zone Meeting, Kansas City, KS
February 12	Valentine's Day Party
February 26	5 PM Board Meeting
February 26	6 PM Membership Meeting
February 29	K-7 District Convention, Ottawa, KS
March 27	Blue Valley Bank Information Fair 5:30-7:30 PM
March 29	Hot Dog Cookout to Kickoff soccer season
April 17	Texas Hold 'Em Poker Party
May 2-3	Candy Days
May 29-June 1	State Convention, Wichita, KS
June 8??	Lions Shelter & Fountain Re-dedication
June 23-27	International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand
September 1	Pancakes in the Park
October 17-18	Pancake Days
November 7	60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception--Ironwoods Park
November 8	60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade--10 AM Tomahawk Creek Parkway

## Upcoming Events

Valentine's Day Party--Tuesday, February 12 starting at 6 PM. Entertainment to be provided by the Inspirational Singers Youth Choir from Church of the Resurrection.

### January 8th Holiday Party

Thanks to **Lion Anna Rochel** for babysitting the poinsettias and the wonderful decorations at our delayed Christmas Party. Thank you to **Lion Earl Marian** for arranging the entertainment. An up-to-date Salvation Army Bell Ringing figure of \$34,848 was announced. Music Icon **Everett Devan** and **Christy Meinhart** (see below right) provided the musical entertainment for the evening.



## Keeping In Touch

**Lion Doris Nelmes'** mother and uncle passed away within one week recently.

**Lion Bruce Deering** underwent hernia surgery on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Lion Gene Alt's** wife, **Lee** recently suffered a heart attack.

### January 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting

Your Benevolent Committee recommended and the Board of Directors approved the following donations:

\$500 to the Discovery Trail Program to be made in April 2008 to take advantage of a corporate matching program. This donation, along with the corporate match, will allow 4 visually impaired individuals to go on a field trip to Santa Fe, NM.

*Agreed to award 2 Melvin Jones Fellowships in 2008 and designate the \$2,000 towards Sight First II. In addition, the Club will earmark 6 Melvin Jones Fellowships and \$6,000 for Sight First II for the next 3 years.*

\$1,000 to the Kansas State School for the Blind for their Industrial Arts equipment improvement project.

*Up to \$300 for food for the March 29<sup>th</sup> Soccer Kickoff event as part of Leawood's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We will provide free hot dogs in Leawood City Park and showcase the Lion's Memorial Fountain.*

**Lion Chick Atwell** was named Nominating Committee Chairman for the 2008-09 slate of Officers. If you have any interest in serving or desire additional information, please contact Lion Chick.

### January 22<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting

**Mayor Peggy Dunn** presented highlights from her State of the City Presentation and a wonderful slide show the City put together for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



**Lion Ken Roberson** was inducted into the Club (sorry, no picture available--see below).

**Lion Mike Klein** won the Tailtwister and **Lion Gene Tinberg** the sauce.

**Major Jim McDowell & Kim Casper** of the Salvation Army presented Salvation Army Bobble heads to the Bell Ringing coordinators and all those that rang for 6 hours or more.



### **How Can I Help and Get More Involved with My Club**

As with anything we do in life, the more we engage in something, the more enjoyment and reward we get in return. The Leawood Lion's Club has several areas of need for your consideration.

**Candy Days Chairperson**--Thanks to **Lion Brandon Hunter** for stepping up and volunteering!

**June Lion's Fountain & Shelter Re-dedication and Ice Cream Social Chairperson**--Purchase ice cream & toppings, obtain volunteers, line up Club publicity and information table and have fun. **Lion Gary Flick** is working with the City to obtain the date and shelter reservation (hopefully Sunday June 8th) and can help with story boards. Membership Chairman **Leroy Kashka** can help with membership information.

**Parade Coordinator Assistant**--Contact and organize parade units for the November 8<sup>th</sup> parade. Ideally, we would like to get at least 30 units and we have 6 already. Contact **Lion Gary Flick** if you have unit ideas or would like to help. We will need many volunteers the day of the parade.

**Cameraman**--Doesn't get much easier than this and couldn't be any more important! Make sure someone, if not yourself, has a camera at every meeting and Lion's function and then e-mail pictures to **Lion Gary Flick** for the newsletter and publicity.

**2008-09 Officers**--It is not too soon to start thinking about Officers for next year. Please look inward and outward within the Club for possible candidates and provide names to **Lion Chick Atwell**.

## 2008 Membership Meeting Reservations

Beginning with the 2nd meeting in January, **Lion Bruce Deering** will be taking over responsibility for issuing meeting announcements and taking reservations. We send a huge thank you to **Lion Ken Habiger** for handling this important assignment and getting one of our newer members involved. Job well done, Lion Ken! You can respond to Lion Bruce at [bdeering@kc.rr.com](mailto:bdeering@kc.rr.com) or phone, 913-381-7707.

## Leawood's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events

Here are a list of the planned activities for 2008 to celebrate our City's Anniversary--more details will be provided as we get closer to the events.

March 29<sup>th</sup>--Soccer Kickoff in Leawood City Park from 11AM to 1 PM. We will grill hot dogs and showcase the Lions Memorial Fountain as part of the kickoff to the soccer season and part of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

***April 17<sup>th</sup>--Women's Club Past Elected Officials of Leawood reception from 5PM to 7 PM.***

May 4<sup>th</sup>--Party in the Park at Ironwoods Park

***June 8<sup>th</sup>--Lions Shelter & Fountain re-dedication and ice cream social.***

June 21<sup>st</sup>--Taste of Leawood at Leawood Town Center

***July 4<sup>th</sup>--Celebration, band & fireworks in Leawood City Park.***

August 27<sup>th</sup>--Police & Fire Department Open House

***September 1<sup>st</sup>--Labor Day Run and Leawood Lion's Pancakes in the Park--Leawood City Park.***

October 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>--Leawood Lion's Pancake Days--Leawood City Hall Oak Room.

***November 7<sup>th</sup>--Evening Celebration at Ironwoods Lodge.***

November 8<sup>th</sup>--A parade on Tomahawk Creek Parkway to Leawood City Park at 10 AM.

***November 30<sup>th</sup>--Leawood's Incorporation Date***

## February Birthdays and Anniversaries

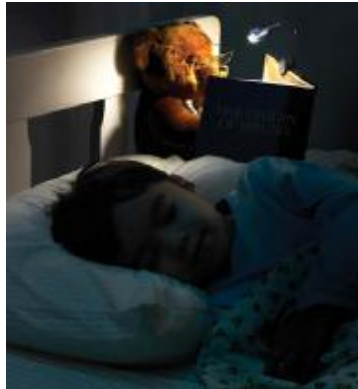
### Birthdays:

Feb 3      Bruce Deering  
Feb 3      Bob Skillman  
Feb 8      Robert Walrafen  
Feb 13     Gerald Cross  
Feb 21     Janet Toplikar

### Anniversaries:

Feb 7      Don & Connie Stewart  
Feb 26     Ed & Dale Greene

## The History of the Teddy Bear--Just for Valentine's Day



This cozy image of a cute teddy bear, complete with reading glasses and a book looks as though he is keeping a vigil watch over the little boy sleeping next to him; isn't that what teddy bears do? I began wondering why there are teddy bears as they aren't exactly very common animals, certainly not as common as cats and dogs.

So I googled the history of teddy bears. Apparently, these cuddly companions came about in 1902. **Theodore Roosevelt**, then president of the United States, went bear-hunting in Mississippi and came upon an old bear which his men had injured and tied to a tree. Upon realizing that the bear was old and injured, the President refused to kill it for sport but later had to grant it a mercy killing as it was suffering in excruciating pain. **Clifford Berryman**, a cartoonist for the *Washington Post*, heard about the incident and drew it in a cartoon for the paper.



The cartoon portrayed the president's refusal to kill the bear, note that the bear was drawn the same size as the man holding the leash, suggesting it was a full-grown bear. After the cartoon was published, a shopkeeper by the name of **Morris Michtom** sold two stuffed bears that his wife made. They had sought permission from the President himself to name these "Teddy's Bears" and that was how teddy bears came about, named after **President Theodore Roosevelt**, whose nickname was "Teddy". So the next time a grandchild asks you about teddy bears, you can share with him or her this little teddy bear story.

## Valentine's Day Humor

Married life is very frustrating. In the first year of marriage, the man speaks and the woman listens. In the second year, the woman speaks and the man listens. In the third year, they both speak and the neighbors listen.

*Before marriage, a man will lie awake all night thinking about something you say.*

*After marriage, he will fall asleep before you finish.*

Every man wants a wife who is beautiful, understanding, economical, and a good cook. But the law allows only one wife.

*A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man.*

A husband said to his wife, "No, I don't hate your relatives. In fact, I like your mother-in-law better than I like mine." (need to think about this one)

*Love is blind but marriage is an eye-opener.*

## “Delayed” Christmas Party Pictures

(pictures courtesy of Lion Ed Johnson)



Lion Ken & Marie Britt



Lion Don & Connie Stewart



Lion Harry & Lois Malnicof

## Top Five Grocery Pick-Up Lines

(For those single in the Club)

- 5) "Baby, you better get out of that express lane, 'cause you're all that and a bag of chips."
- 4) "What a small world! I belong to the Costco Club, too!"
- 3) "Are we in the laxatives aisle? 'Cause the thought of hooking up with you is running though my mind like crazy."
- 2) "How about a little roll in the Bakery Department?"
- 1) "I don't care how many items you've got, baby, I could check you out all day long!"

## So What Did Your Leawood Lion's Club accomplish in 2007?

*This is such good information to provide prospective new members that I am leaving this in for a 2<sup>nd</sup> month.*

\$33,226.35 raised for the Salvation Army.

\$7,248 raised for our Benevolent Committee through Pancake Days

\$5,307 raised for the Kansas Sight Foundation during Candy Days.

\$3,000 for Lions Club International Foundation with 3 new Melvin Jones Fellows.

\$1,836 to the SightFirst II campaign.

\$1,500 for 3 College Scholarships.

\$1,000 to the Habitat for Humanity's Lawrence, KS project.

\$1,000 total to two diabetes associations plus several Leawood Lion's donations.

\$834 gross proceeds are raised for the Kansas Sight Bus from our Texas Hold 'Em Poker Party.

\$510 to the Kansas Sight Dog School in memory of **Lora Lee Killmer**.

\$500 to the Kansas Sight Foundation in the names of our Woody Edgington Awardees.

\$250 was donated to Blue Valley North's Project Graduation.

Area Youths are sponsored to provide a sensory garden, walkway & tribute to our Veterans, attend a Band Camp for the Visually Impaired and attend the International Convention in Chicago, IL.

Five individuals received eye exams and glasses.

New partnerships are formed with the Johnson County Health Department to provide diabetes classes, the Blue Valley North Kay Club and Troop 10/ Explorer Troop 2010.

A much needed website is designed for the Club--[www.leawoodlions.org](http://www.leawoodlions.org).

Five new members join the Club.

Sixteen projects are participated in

