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The Roars of the Lions From Leawood



We Serve

January 2008



Happy New Year!

2007-2008 Leawood Lions Officers
President Big Lion Tom Willy
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Past President: Gary Flick
1st Vice President: Leroy Kashka
2nd Vice President: Ken Britt
3rd Vice President: Earl Marian
Treasurer: Harry Malnicof
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Newsletter editor: Gary Flick

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

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
Website: www.leawoodlions.org

Upcoming Dates

Jan 8	Rescheduled Christmas Party/ New Year's Party
Jan 15	Mayor's State of the City Address
Jan 18-20	Mid-Winter Rally--Topeka Ramada Inn
Jan 22	5 PM Board Meeting
Jan 22	Membership Meeting & New Member Induction
February 29	K-7 District Convention, Ottawa, KS
May ??-??	Candy Days
May 29-June 1	State Convention, Wichita, KS
June 23-27	International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand
October 17-18	Pancake Days

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, January 15, 2008, **Mayor Peggy Dunn** will present her State of the City Address at 11:30 AM at the Lodge at Ironwoods Park. Registration and prepayment for the event must be made prior to January 11th. The luncheon fee is \$30 for Chamber members.

The December 11th Christmas Party was postponed due to inclement weather. Please join us on January 8th for an evening of entertainment, food and fun as we celebrate the New Year! Next Board meeting will be Tuesday, January 22nd at 5 PM at City Hall.

2007 Leawood Lions Year in Review

January--The Leawood Lions presented the Lawrence Lions Club a check for \$1,000 towards their Habitat for Humanity project for a local resident. **Mayor Peggy Dunn** recognized the Leawood Lions at the January 3rd City Council meeting for our Salvation Army Bell Ringing accomplishments. **Lion Dale Curtin's** picture was in the KC Star representing Candy Days and his efforts won our Club a \$1,000 grant from Wal-Mart. Secret Santa, **Larry Stewart** passed away on January 12th. **Lion Circe Wu** gives birth to her son **Orion** on the 18th.

February--Accordion player **Betty Jo Simon** performed at our Valentine's Day Party. We help defray expenses for 2 Leos' to attend the International Convention. **Lion Jim Burkett & PID Ernie Young** are co-winners of the *2007 Woody Edgington Award*.

March--**Lion Jack Nagel's** wife **Mary Anne** passed away on the 6th. The Board of Directors agreed to match up to \$2,500 of Leawood Lions' Campaign SightFirst II donations and extend the *Woody Edgington Award* for 5 additional years.

April--**Lion Jim Bays'** chaired the Texas Hold 'Em Party on the 17th and raised \$834 for the Kansas Sight Bus. Lion Jim and his wife **Patty** are featured on a Ranchmart poster. A chair is purchased for **Lion Melvin Smith** to use at Alphapointe. The State of Kansas passed House Bill 2171 on the 19th which exempted Lion's Clubs from paying sales taxes for items used in fundraisers. **Lion Bob Fritsch** is instrumental in getting the Leawood Lions affiliated with the KC Philanthropic Organization.

May--The 3 winners of the 2007 \$500 College Scholarships are **Robert Chen** (BVNW), **Jeffrey Kaplan** (BVN) and **Kelsey Jones** (BVW). **Lion Dale Curtin's** Candy Days raised \$5,307 for the Kansas Sight Foundation despite being washed out by Mother Nature on Sunday. The Benevolent Committee donated \$300 for **Julie Verriano's** Girl Scout Project; she built a sensory garden at Ironwoods Park. We also donated \$400 to **John Hermes** to attend a Braille Music Camp in Austin, TX. **Lion Mike Klein** received a Certificate of Merit from Lions Club International for his 2006 Eye Care for Kids Project.

June--The University of Kansas Medical Center's Ophthalmology Department held an Open House on the 1st. Several Lions donated desserts for a Greensburg, KS Relief Effort dinner. **Lion Theresa Becker** developed a partnership with the Johnson County Health Department to help sponsor basic diabetic educational courses; the Leawood Lions subsidized the course's fee.



Lions Jim Rochel, Leroy Kashka, Gary Flick



Lions Gary Flick, Mike Klein



2007-08 Leawood Lion Officers



2006-07 Lion of the Year Lion Earl Marian

July--PID Lion Ernie Young conducted the 2007-08 Leawood Lions Officer Installation. **Mayor Peggy Dunn** and her husband **Terry** are Guests of Honor. **Lion Don Schultz** is named the President's Award winner, **Lion Earl Marian** the Lion of the Year and **Lions Leroy Kashka, Mike Klein** and **Win Jensen** Melvin Jones Fellows. **Lions Skip Skaptason** and his daughter, **Sandy** create our new website-www.leawoodlions.org. The Club donated \$100 to Troop 10 Scout **Taylor Wilson** for his Eagle Scout Project, a paved walk & plaque honoring our Veterans. **Lion Brandon Hunter** and his wife **Mandi** are proud parents of a son Will, born on the 13th. **Judy Kashka** produced an updated version of our directory. Lions Club International Foundation, the organization's donation arm, is ranked 1st among non-governmental organizations worldwide.

August--Lions Steve Baughman & Dr Brandon Hunter are our 2 newest Lions. **Big Lion Tom Willy** started his Presidency. **Lion Tom Gault's** son Gordy passed away on the 18th and **Lora Lee Killmer** on the 28th. **Lion Brandon Hunter** played Cupid for a couple in a story in the August 20th KC Star. The Club received the District Governor's Gold Patch Award for our activities in 2006-07. **Lion Don Schultz** organized a T Bones baseball game for several of the Leawood Lions.

September--The Leawood Lions enter into a partnership with the Blue Valley North KAY Club to assist on projects and events throughout the year. Labor Day Pancakes were served to 318 people and raised \$833.79 for our Benevolent Fund. **Lion George Pickrel** passed away on the 21st. The Board of Directors approved \$500 for both the American Diabetes & Juvenile Diabetes walks. **Lion Don Schultz** was awarded the District Governor's Certificate of Appreciation during the DG's visit. **Lion Gary Flick** is named the Club's representative for the City of Leawood's 60th Anniversary Committee.

October--Both Diabetes walks are washed out at Corporate Woods and the Truman Sport's Complex. **Lion Theresa Becker** obtained the Lions Sight Bus and organized a Health Fair and Lion's tent. **Lions Brandon Hunter, Jim** and **Anna Rochel** hand out candy at the City's Trunk or Treat event on the 19th. The Leawood Lions joined several Leawood civic groups to donate to the Kauffman's Center fundraising drive to show Leawood's support for the Arts in Kansas City. **Lion Bruce Deering** joined the Club. The Club donated \$250 to Blue Valley North's Project Graduation and sent a \$510 check to the Kansas Sight Dog School in the name of **Lora Lee Killmer**. The Board of Directors voted to sponsor Troop 10 and Explorer Troop 2010. **Lion M Gopalakrishman** from the Dharmapuri Town, Tamil Nadu, India Lion's Club visited our Club on the 9th. **Lions Bruce Deering** and **Brandon Hunter** are inducted into the Club. 725 people are served at Pancake Days and \$7,248 was raised, **Lion Gene Tinberg** is the top ticket seller at \$1,055.

November--The Club presents Eagle Scout certificates to 9 Eagle Scouts on the 18th. Leawood kicks off their 60th Anniversary Celebration on the 26th with caroling, City Hall Christmas lights lighting, fireworks and refreshments. The Club received a diamond pin from **Immediate Past President Jimmy Ross** for achieving positive net membership growth for the Lion's year 2006-07. **Lion Gerald Lee Gross** is the newest Leawood Lion.

December--Thanks to a last minute donation drive, the Leawood Lions surpass 2006's total and raise \$33,226.35 for the Salvation Army's Bell Ringing campaign. **Lion Jim Bays** led all bell ringers with 16 hours. **Lion Ken Roberson** is voted into the Club.

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

\$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.

Five new members join the Club.

Sixteen projects are participated in.

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 or phone, 913-381-7707.

New Member

The Board of Directors announce the newest Leawood Lion. **Lion Ken Roberson** will be our Troop 10 representative with the Leawood Lions. Congratulations and welcome!

Lion Ken Roberson

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Overland Park, KS 66209

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Sponsor: Lion Gary Flick

Leawood Lion's Member Updates

Lion Jeff Cantrell has accepted the City Manager's position with Louisburg, KS effective December 10th. Unfortunately, he will be moving to Louisburg as well and will be unable to continue with the Leawood Lions. Not only that, but my daughter loses her favorite baby sitting job with his son Reid. We thank Lion Jeff for his service as Treasurer and City liaison for the Leawood Lions and wish him the all the best in his new endeavor.

Lion Winton Jensen and wife, **Mary K. Jensen** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Christmas eve. They met in Wichita and married in Nebraska on December 24, 1942. Win and Mary K. made their home in Kansas City, residing in Leawood, Kansas for the past 52 years. They have shared a passion for worldwide travel, flying (both held pilot licenses), and ballroom dancing. The couple have three children, six grandchildren and three great-grandsons. Congratulations!

(Thanks to **Lion Ed Johnson** for the picture and article)



January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Jan 4 **Bob Fritsch**
Jan 5 **Elizabeth Skillman**
Jan 5 **Alan Callaway**
Jan 7 **John Eisele**
Jan 19 **Bob Toplikar**
Jan 28 **Ivonne Blandon**
Jan 31 **Earl Marian**

Anniversaries:

Jan 8 **Chick & Pam Atwell**
Jan 12 **Tom & Kay Willy**
Jan 26 **Don & Phyllis Schultz**

My apologies to **Lions Skip Skaptason, Jim Rochel** and **Jeff Cantrell**; they celebrated birthdays in December but were not recognized because we did not have a December newsletter. Anniversaries missed were **Lions John & Jane Eisele** and **Win & Mary Kay Jensen**.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

(Report from **Lion Don Schultz**, Bell Ringing Chairman)

The Leawood Lions had a very successful Salvation Army Bell Ringing campaign. The 2007 total is **\$33,226.35** which is \$ 213 more than last year. This is due in part by a \$3,000 check collected by **Lion Leroy Kashka** at Hy-Vee on Christmas Eve, a \$1,000 check that **Lion Jim Bays** received and several checks that **Lion Bill Murfey** received. I want to thank you all for your good work. It was tough this year with all of the rain, ice and snow. A special thanks to the coordinators.

1. **Lion Collie Olmstead** for coordinating & ringing at the Oak Park Mall & JC Penny's.
2. **Lion Ken Britt** for coordinating & ringing at Sam's Club and Hy-Vee.
3. **Lion Ken Habiger** for coordinating & ringing at Wal-Mart on 135th & State Line.
4. **Lion Ed Johnson** for coordinating at Price Chopper and Michael's.
5. **Lions Jim Scott** and **Jack Nagel** for coordinating at the Wal-Mart on 119th St.
6. **Lions Alsy & John Graham** for filling in for **Lions Don Schultz** and **Jim Scott** when he decided to take a rest and go to the hospital for a few days.

A special thanks to **Lion Harry Malnicof** for counting the money. We have all the pennies, nickels, quarters, and folded dollars that goes into those kettles. Lion Harry counts all of the loose change, unfolds the dollars, counts them and finally enters his findings into the computer for our records.

We had 39 Leawood Lions ring 244 hours, 47 volunteers ring 125 hours, Leawood City employees ring 13 hours and former Lion **Cathy Casto's** running club ring for 6 hours. We had 2 scouts from troop 10, 2 students from Shawnee Mission South, 1 Student from Shawnee Mission East and a teacher from Blue Valley High School. Thanks to **Lions Chick Atwell** and **Mike Klein** we had a number of volunteers from The Church of the Nativity and several USG employees thanks to **Noreen Joice**.

The following 23 Leawood Lions rang for 6 hours or more:

Name	Hours	Name	Hours	Name	Hours
Jim Bays	16	Ken Britt	15	Dale Curtin	14
Collie Olmstead	14	Ken Habiger	12	Chick Atwell	10
Don Schultz	10	Tom Willy	10	Ed Greene	8
Leroy Kashka	8	Bill Murfey	8	Tom Shearer	8
Gene Tinberg	8	Bob Baker	6	Steve Baughman	6
Sam Clough	6	Bruce Deering	6	Steve Joice	6
Mike Klein	6	Doris Nelmes	6	Jim Rawlings	6
Bob Toplikar	6	C. C. Warlop	6		

Top money raisers were:

Leroy Kashka \$3,616.32--Jim Bays \$2,699.70 --Bill Murfey \$1,689.64--Ken Britt \$1,074
Donations from Leawood Lions' club members was \$4,250.



College Scholarship Applications

Lion Jim Rochel has mailed out letters to all the local high schools with information about our 2008 College Scholarships. The Leawood Lions award 3 \$500 Scholarships to High School seniors that reside in Leawood or Overland Park and will attend a 2 or 4 year college in the fall of 2008. The criteria are community service, scholarship and leadership skills. Deadline for applications is February 1, 2008.

17K7 VDG Peggy Jacobson Tip's for Member Recruitment

- * Wear your name tag to work the day of your Lions meeting
- * Contact shopping malls in your area and ask to set up a Lions information booth for a day when they have a special event.
- * Wear a Lions T-shirt or Sweatshirt while running errands or working out
- * Put a picture of you and Lions friends in a frame on your desk at work
- * Wear your Lions pin
- * Leave your Lions bulletin/newsletter or an issue of the Lion magazine on your desk at work for others to pick up and read
- * Open your club meetings to the public
- * Carry a Lions tote bag to work or shopping
- * Circulate the Lion magazine to your friends and co-workers
- * Refer to your Lion friends and activities during casual conversation with others
- * Reach out to newcomers in your community. Ask to place a Lions brochure in relocation packets given out by the Chamber of Commerce.
- * Give Friends and co-workers who are not members practical Lion gifts, such as magnets, magnetic clips, ink pens and coffee mugs.

Arlington Cemetery at Christmas



My Family's New Year's Resolutions

DIET:

1. Shall reduce caffeine and cholesterol intake, shall not tempt each other with ice cream or chocolate, except on special occasions. These are not special occasions:

National Notary Public Day

Air Conditioning Appreciation Day

American Aardvark Week

EXERCISE:

1. Shall join a health club and occasionally show up. Such attendance will entail actual use of equipment.

2. Shall not spend gym time staring at attractive torsos. When caught ogling, the proper defense is: "I was just checking out their technique." Spouse will pretend to believe this.

FINANCES:

1. Shall establish a college fund for their children and try to keep annual expenses below 110% of yearly income.

2. Shall create a budget for necessities such as housing, utilities, food, clothing, doctor bills, cable, bowling league, poker allowance, etc.

FAMILY:

1. Shall spend more quality time with their children. Quality time is defined as periods when everyone is awake and nobody is yelling.

2. Shall not hit the children, no matter how severe the provocation, and shall limit discipline to scolding and confining them to their rooms. Couple shall remember to confiscate computer games, phone & TV before such confinement.

CHORES:

1. Husband shall not spend all afternoon doing a five minute chore.

2. Couple shall not feign incompetence in order to avoid certain tasks. For example:

a. Husband acknowledges that he knows how to operate the dish washer.

b. Wife admits she knows how to pump gas.