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The Roars of the Lions from Leawood



We Serve

JANUARY 2009

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2009

Club Calendar

**January 13 - Board Meeting @ 5:00 pm
Membership Meeting @6:00 – Oak Room,
Leawood City Hall.**

**January 16-18, 2009 - Mid Winter Rally
& State Council meeting, Salina, KS.**

**January 27, 2009 - 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.**

Club News

Bell Ringing Results - The Leawood Lions did it again. Despite a shorter bell-ringing season than last year and a tough economy, our Club raised over \$31,000 for the Salvation Army's programs. More details later in the newsletter.

Our Christmas Party was cancelled due to bad weather.

We launched our Hunger Initiative by distributing \$5,200 to 13 food pantries. More details later in the newsletter.

2008 was a busy year. Please see the Year in Review below in the newsletter.

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

Other Information

Membership Incentive. Remember that the Board of Directors has approved a new member incentive program. 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 technical stuff: (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 has received the latest order of Lions Shirts. If you ordered a shirt and have not received it yet, please see Lion Tom to get your shirt.

2008 Bell Ringing Results

We have had a very successful Salvation Army campaign. The latest total is \$31,025.69 which is slightly less than collected last year. Of course we had one less Saturday this year. We collected two \$1,000 checks that Lion Dale Curtin and Lion Jim Bays received. The Leawood

Lions contributed \$3,770.

A special thanks to Chairman Lion Don Schultz and to the coordinators:

1. Lion Collie Olmstead for coordinating and ringing at the Oak Park Penny's
2. Lion Ken Britt for coordinating and ringing at the Wal-Mart on 156th & Metcalf.
3. Lion Ken Habiger for coordinating and ringing at the Wal-Mart on 135 & State Line.
4. Lion Ed Johnson for coordinating at the Wal-Mart Grocery on 103rd and Metcalf.
5. Lion Jim Scott and Lion Jack Nagel for coordinating at the Wal-Mart on 119th.
6. Lion Jim Scott for coordinating at Michel's.

And a special thanks to Lion Harry Malnicof for counting the money.

We had 37 Leawood Lions ringing 211 hours. An additional 172 hours were filled by 64 volunteers. The major volunteer groups this year were as follows:

1. Boy Scouts 16 hours
2. Sunflower Chapter MOAA, (Harry Malnicof) 8 hours
3. Running Club (Cathy Casto) - 6 hours

There were 19 Leawood Lions who rang for 6 hours or more. Those are listed below.

Name	Hours
Jim Bays	12
Dale Curtin	10
Collie Olmstead	10
Tom Willy	10
Chick Atwell	8
Ed Green	8
Ken Habiger	8
Mike Klein	8
Bill Murfey	8
Ken Britt	6*
Sam Clough	6
Dick Graham	6

Jack Nagel	6
Jim Rawling	6
Don Schultz	6
Lee Shultz	6
Gene Tinberg	6
Bob Toplikar	6
C. C. Warlop	6

* This is the official report for Ken. However, Lion Don Schultz reports that he knows Lion Ken rang before and after our scheduled time. This time was not reported.

The top money raisers were.
 Jim Bays \$2,136.18 – Dale Curtin \$1,633.34
 – Don Schultz \$1,403.45 -- Bill Murfey
 \$1,085.98 – Tom Willy \$721.67 – Jack &
 Skip Nagel \$692.68

THE LEAWOOD LIONS' HUNGER INITIATIVE

In response to the economic crisis impacting families and children, The Leawood Lions Club has launched a Hunger Initiative to provide substantial assistance to local area food pantries. National Organizations like The Salvation Army and Catholic Charities USA along with local pantries are reporting a 77 percent increase in requests for food assistance. Many families are making this request for the first time, because of loss of job and/or are unable to make ends meet.

There are at least 86 food pantries serving the needy in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties. The Leawood Lions Club Benevolent Committee has selected 13 pantries that are facing special difficulty from greatly increased demand for their help and/or depletion of resources in addition to not having an affiliated group that they can rely on for the extra assistance.

The Leawood Lions Foundation gave \$400 to each of these pantries, for at total of \$5,200.00. With this initial one time donation, the Leawood Lions Club issues a challenge to other civic groups to provide

donations to the individual 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.

The 13 food pantries receiving assistance are listed below:

Central Church of The Nazarene - 12600 W. 87st Parkway - LENEXA, 66215, Denise Williams - 913-541-2600

College Church of the Nazarene - 2020 E. Sheridan - OLATHE, 66062, Mary Davidson - 913-489-6262

Olathe food Pantry - 621 W. Lee Street - OLATHE, 66061, Joyce Roberts - 913-782-0140

Overland Park Christian Church- 7500 W. 75 st - OVERLAND PARK, 66204, Jane Fletcher - 913-677-4646

Overland Park Church of Christ - 13400 W. 119th - OVERLAND PARK, 66213, Carl Jemison, Jr - 913-696-1516

Stilwell Baptist Caring Ministry - 19950 Broadmoor Lane - STILWELL, 66085, Donna Rains - 913-897-2261

Bridges of Hope (United Methodist) - 933 Argentine Boulevard - KANSAS CITY KANSAS - WYANDOTTE, 66105, Gary Roellchen - 913-281-4700

Grace Lutheran Church - 3333 wood Ave - KANSAS CITY KANSAS - WYANDOTTE, 66102, Fatrika Coleman - 913-281-1621

HELP 317, Inc. Victory Hills Nazarene - 6200 Parallel Parkway - KANSAS CITY KANSAS - WYANDOTTE, 66102, Kenny and Virginia Phillips - 913-299-4662

Shawnee Community Services -1110 W. 67
- SHAWNEE, 66203, Sylvia Terry - 913-268-7746

Mount Carmel Community Outreach Pantry
- 1220 Troup - KANSAS CITY KANSAS -
WYANDOTTE, 66104, Marie Bledsoe-
Frasure - 913-621-4111

St. Paul's Episcopal Church - 1300 N. 18th -
KANSAS CITY KANSAS -
WYANDOTTE, 66102, Pat Murphy or Gail
Reynolds - 913-321-3535

Young Memorial Church of God in Christ -
2401 N. 9th - KANSAS CITY KANSAS -
WYANDOTTE, 66101, Elder Harold
Dwight - 913-371-4090

2008 Leawood Lions Year in Review

[The Year in Review was graciously put together by **Lion Gary Flick**. Thank you Lion Gary!]

January: **Lion Ken Roberson** is the 1st new Leawood Lion of 2008. **Lion Jeff Cantrell** leaves Leawood for the City Manager's position in Louisburg, KS. On Jan. 8th, musician **Everett Devan** and singer **Christy Meinhart** perform at our postponed Christmas Party. The Leawood Lions donate \$500 to the Discovery Trail Program which was matched with a corporate donation--the donation allowed 4 visually impaired individuals to take a field trip to Santa



Fe, NM. The Benevolent Committee earmarked \$8,000 for 8 future Melvin Jones Awards starting in 2008 and donated \$1,000 to the Kansas State School for the Blind for their Industrial Arts equipment improvement project. **Mayor Peggy Dunn** presented highlights from her State of the City speech and **Major Jim McDowell & Kim Casper** presented Salvation Army Bobbleheads to our Bell Ringing coordinators and eligible Bell Ringers on Jan. 22nd.

February: The Church of the Resurrection Inspirational Singers provided the entertainment for the Feb. 12th Valentine's Day Party. **Lions Jane & John Eisele** move back to Corpus Christi, TX. \$750 is donated to help sponsor a 3&2 3rd grade baseball team. Wal-Mart announced a \$1,000 grant was awarded to the Club for our work with Candy Days and the Kansas Sight Foundation. **Lion Leroy Killmer** passed away on Feb. 14th at the age of 90.

March: **Lions Steve Baughman & Harry Malnicof** represented the Leawood Lions at the Bank of Blue Valley's Over 50 Information Fair on March 27th. As part of Leawood's 60th Anniversary, the Club grilled and fed hot dogs to soccer players to kick off the 2008 soccer season.

April: Lions **Lee Shultz, Ramon Canent and Charles Shutty** joined the Leawood Lions. The April 22nd meeting is held at the Johnson County Library where the Lions received a tour and demonstration of the equipment for the visually impaired. Troop 10's Eagle Court of Honor recognized 8 Eagle Scouts on April 27th, **Lion Bob Blandon** was the keynote speaker. **Lion Jim Bays** chaired the April 29th Texas Hold 'Em Party and raised \$1,406 for the Kansas Sight Bus. **Lion Jim Rochel** announced the 3 \$500 College Scholarship winners-- **Kent Schmidtberger, Kelsey Sparrow and Brittany Becker.**

May: The Club hosted the Zone Officers Training on May 10th Candy Days raised \$2,628.91 for the Kansas Sight Foundation. The Annual T-Bones Baseball outing was held May 27th, attending Lions brought food donations for Harvesters. The name of the Lions Leawood Civic Center Ltd is changed to the Leawood Lions Foundation thanks to the efforts of **Lion Tom Willy.**

Shelter and Fountain in Leawood City Park and provided an ice cream social on June 8th. The Woody Edgington Award for membership excellence is presented to the Turner Lions Club on June 14th.

July: The Leawood Lions Foundation and Troop 10 establish a scholarship fund for youth troop members who volunteer to serve on staff at the HOAC Boy Scout Summer Camp. **Lion Harry Malnicof** announced the Leawood Lions have pledged and donated \$10,100 to **Sight First II.** **Lion Mike Klein** is named Zone Chairman, **Lion Jim Rochel** was reelected a Director of the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation and **Lion Harry Malnicof** was elected a Director of the Kansas Lions Foundation.

August: The August 12th meeting included a program by Alan Steenbach from Water One at our meeting on water conservation. The August 26th meeting included a report from 2 of the Boy Scouts from our sponsored troop, Troop 10. Scouts Griffin McCabe and Evan Key were presented with scholarship

checks from the Leawood Lions Foundation.



June: Big Lion **Tom Willy** named **Lion Harry Malnicof** Lion of the Year, **Lion Gary Flick** the President's Award winner and **Lions Don Schultz and Earl Marian** as Melvin Jones Fellows. **District Governor Peggy Jacobson's** husband **PDG David Jacobson** passed away on June 18th at the age of 70. The Club re-dedicated the Lions

Griffin and Evan provided us with a report on their activities as counselors at Boy Scout camp this past summer.

September: **Lion Don Mathewson** passed away on Sept 16th at the age of 80. The Club provided pancakes for 300+ runners at the Labor Day Fun Run held in Leawood City

Park. The Leawood Lions donated \$2,500.00 to the Johnson County Library Foundation for software upgrades in the Central Resource Library's Assistive Technology Center. The Club purchased a new flag for Troop 10 that bears our name as sponsor.

October: **Lions Jim Bays & C.C. Warlop** participated in the City's Freaky Fall Festival by handing out candy to costumed children. **Chairman Ken Habiger** oversaw a successful Pancake Days and raised \$7,053 for our Benevolent Fund. Leawood Lions Habitat for Humanity volunteers step up and help finish work at Grace United Ministries and get recognized by Church of the Resurrection in their weekly e-mail. **Lion Troy Rettig** joined the Leawood Lions Club.

(and friends) donating 383 hours of Bell Ringing. **Lion Dale Curtin** announced the Leawood Lions Hunger Initiative and \$400 donations to each of 13 selected food pantries for a total donation of \$5,200. **Big Lion Leroy Kashka** announced a membership incentive program where you receive 3 free meals for each new member brought into the Club through June 2009. **Lion Gary Flick** distributed the Leawood Lions and Johnson County Eagle Scout certificates at the Dec. 15th Scout Pack Meeting. **Lion Jim Bays** donated 24 new bells to the Salvation Army Bell Ringing Campaign.



November: **Lion Gary Flick** presented the Leawood 60th Anniversary Parade on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Boy Scout Michael Rohleder made signs for the Lions to carry (see picture). **President Leroy Kashka & Lion Gary Flick** represented the Leawood Lions at Troop 10's Eagle Scout Court of Honor on November 23rd, 17 Eagle Scouts were recognized-- Lion Gary was the keynote speaker. Several of the Eagle Scouts made presentations at the Club's Nov 25th meeting.

December: **Lion Don Schultz** announced the Leawood Lions raised \$31,025.69 during the 2008 Salvation Army Bell Ringing Campaign, with Leawood Lions

2008-09 CLUB GOALS AND ACTION PLAN

[Big Lion Leroy has announced the following Leawood Lions Club 2008 – 2009 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.

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