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## The Roars of the Lions From Leawood



We Serve

# March 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  
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**Treasurer:** Harry Malnicof  
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**Chaplain:** Don Stewart  
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**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

March 11	Board Meeting 5 PM, Leawood City Hall
March 11	Membership Meeting, Harvey Bayless, Tuskegee Airmen
March 25	Membership Meeting
March 27	Blue Valley Bank Information Fair 5:30-7:30 PM
March 29	Hot Dog Cookout to Kickoff soccer season
April 8	Membership Meeting--College Scholarship Winners & 2008-09 Election of Officers
April 29	Texas Hold 'Em Poker Party
May 2-3	Candy Days--Lion Brandon Hunter, Chairman
May 29-June 1	State Convention, Wichita, KS
June 8	Lions Shelter & Fountain Re-dedication-Ice Cream Social
June 23-27	International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand
September 1	Pancakes in the Park with Leawood's Fun Run
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

March 11<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting--**Retired Major Harvey Bayless**, the historian for the local Heart of America Chapter of the Tuskegan Airmen will talk about the history of the Tuskegan Airmen.



March 27<sup>th</sup>--Bank of Blue Valley Information Fair at 133<sup>rd</sup> & Mission from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. **Chairman Steve Baughman** will be organizing Lions information and soliciting volunteers to help, please call Lion Steve at 816-361-9515 to help.

Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> we will be serving hot dogs in Leawood City Park to kick off the 2008 soccer season as part of Leawood's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We will need many volunteers to grill hotdogs, serve people, show off our fountain & shelter and mingle with soccer players and their families.

## February 12th Valentine's Day Party



The Inspirational Singers provided the Entertainment.



Lions Dale Curtin & Bill Murfey share their thoughts on world problems.

## Keeping In Touch

Lions John & Jane Eisele are moving back to Texas, their new address will be:

15825 Portillo Rd  
Corpus Christi, TX 78418  
Phone: 361-049-4867  
E-mail the same - [jce3273@yahoo.com](mailto:jce3273@yahoo.com)

## February 26<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

The Board approved a \$750 donation to Lion Ed Johnson, Jr's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 3&2 Baseball team for "Lion" uniforms. WalMart announced they have approved a \$1,000 grant to the Leawood Lions for Candy Days and the Kansas Sight Foundation in honor of Lions Bill Murfey and Dale Curtin's past efforts. For all those interested, there will be a photo-op on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at the WalMart on 119<sup>th</sup> & Metcalf.

## February 26th Membership Meeting



**Emily Tuttle**, Hospital Services Coordinator for the Heartland Eye Bank gave an update on the Eye Bank's activities.

### 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.

**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 on Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup> in Leawood City Park.

**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. Contact **Lion Gary Flick** if you have unit ideas or would like to help. We will need many volunteers the day of the parade. *I am still looking for an active Military color guard to lead our parade--please provide me with any leads.*

**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 for possible candidates and provide names to **Lion Chick Atwell**. The election will take place at the April 8<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting.

## Texas Hold 'Em Poker Party--April 29th



**Lion Jim Bays** is working on his Annual Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament which will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> in the Oak Room at Leawood City Hall. We encourage friends, family, Leawood Chamber Members and Troop 10 Scout parents to participate. There will be instructions on how to play so even the first time players will have fun and a chance to win great prizes. If you would like to donate prizes, please let Lion Jim know. All proceeds will go to the Lion's Sight Bus.

## 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 as 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>--"Sensational 60" parade along Tomahawk Creek Parkway to Leawood City Park--starts at 10 AM.

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

## March Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays:

3/2 Jane Eisele  
3/3 Win Jensen  
3/12 Collie Olmstead  
3/20 Ed Johnson  
3/20 Ed Johnson, Jr  
3/22 Tracy Johnson  
3/23 Gene Alt  
3/23 Marian Powell  
3/25 Steve Baughman  
3/28 John Graham

### Anniversaries:

3/1 Robert & Nancy Walrafen  
3/14 Harry & Lois Malnicof  
3/30 Jim & Patti Bays

## Lion Riley Killmer--10/15/1917- 2/14/2008

**Lion Riley Killmer** passed away on Thursday February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Lion Riley founded R.A. Killmer Construction Company in Kansas City, served as Senior Estimator for DiCarlo Construction and then he went back to estimating for Universal Construction in his latter most years working part time until age 81. Into his eighties, he continued to bowl with the Builder's Association Bowling Team, being a team member for 50 years. He was a member of the Leawood Lions since 1986, serving as President in 1994-95.

He is survived by his children, Craig and Christina Killmer of Kansas City, Mo., Kent and Dana Killmer of Danville, CA and his daughter and her husband, Denise and Tim Olive of Roswell, Ga and his grandchildren Colin, Christopher, Montana, and Stephanie Jo Killmer. Lion Riley received a burial with full VFW Military honor guard, 3 volley salute & taps.

## Wal Mart Greeter

A very loud, unattractive, mean-acting woman walked into Wal-Mart with her two kids, yelling obscenities at them all the way through the entrance.

The Wal-Mart Greeter said pleasantly, "Good morning, and welcome to Wal-Mart. Nice children you have there. Are they twins?" The woman stopped yelling long enough to say, "Hell no, they ain't! The oldest one's 9 and the other one's 7. Why the hell would you think they're twins? Are you blind or just stupid?"

"I'm neither blind nor stupid, Ma'am," replied the Greeter. "I just couldn't believe someone would sleep with you twice. Have a good day and thank you for shopping at Wal-Mart."

## Bank of Blue Valley Information Fair

Bank of Blue Valley is putting together an informational fair for Status Club members, which are customers who bank with Bank of Blue Valley and are 50 years of age or older. The goal of the information fair is to provide these customers with resources available in the community. These resources include but are not limited to staying healthy and active in the community, financial, legal, mental and physical health, safety and support groups. We are hoping to get together a wide range of vendors to join us on Thursday March 27, 2008 from 5:30 to 7:30PM.

**Lion Steve Baughman** is chairing the event and Membership Chairman **Leroy Kashka** will provide information on membership.

## Leawood Lions Table Decoration Entry for the District Convention



*Lions, To do a common thing uncommonly well brings success*

## Youth Group Looking for Projects

The Inspirational Singers from Church of the Resurrection (our February entertainment) will be heading to the east coast for their choir tour this summer and are looking for projects to help offset their expenses of \$600 per person. They also have a fund setup to help offset the expenses of choir members that would not be financially able to go.

If you have yard work or small projects around the house you need help with please contact **Lion Gary Flick** at 913-338-0753 and we will arrange for several choir members to come to your home.

## Quotes to Live By

The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others.

**Ghandi**

*We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.*

**George Bernard Shaw**

Here is a test to find whether your mission on earth is finished: If you're alive it isn't.

**Richard Bach**

*Blessed is he who has learned to laugh at himself for he shall never cease to be entertained.*

**John Boswell**

If you really want to do something, you'll find a way. If you don't, you'll find an excuse.

**Jim Rohn**

*Problems are only opportunities in work clothes.*

**Henry J. Kaiser**

A life without dreams is like a garden without flowers

**Unknown**

*The time is always right to do what is right.*

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

The good we do today becomes the happiness of tomorrow.

**William James**

## Campaign SightFirst II Update

On Worldwide Report Day February 20th, Campaign SightFirst II had raised more than \$157.9 million, exceeding the \$150 million goal. With four months remaining, Lions are now looking ahead to the additional challenge goal and helping ensure the future of SightFirst through continued and expanded efforts to eliminate preventable blindness worldwide.

The SightFirst Advisory Committee awarded nine grants at its January meeting, which included grant funding to continue the childhood blindness project with the World Health Organization, which has established 30 need-based centers around the world, cataract surgery campaigns, upgrading a Lions eye hospital and establishing and equipping a teaching hospital. A total of \$9,554,378 was awarded, \$3,580,708 of which represents grants from undesignated SightFirst funds.

Your Leawood Lions have earmarked more than \$7,800 to Campaign SightFirst II.

**Welcome to Spring!**

