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We Serve

MAY 2009

The Roar of the Leawood Lions

Club Calendar 2009

May 12, Lions Board 5 pm & General Meeting @ 6 pm-Oak Room, Leawood City Hall.

May 26, Lions General Meeting @ 6pm-Oak Room, Leawood City Hall.

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

June 9, Lions Board Meeting 5 pm & General Meeting @ 6pm-Leawood City Hall.

June 23, Lions General Meeting, Installation of Officers, Leawood City Hall.

July 17-19, - Great Plains Leadership Institute, Storm Lake, IA

Sept. 7th- Labor Day Run & Leawood Lions Pancakes.

Club News

The Board approved a \$750 contribution to provide uniforms for the Club's 3 & 2 baseball team -- the *Leawood Lions*.

The Board authorized a \$100 contribution to the Blue Valley Leos Club to assist with the expenses of attending the Lions International Convention. Members who would like to add an individual contribution to that effort are urged to contact **Lion Jim Bays**.

The Club worked with Dr. Hunter to provide a pair of eyeglasses to a woman who had been recommended by KUMC.

Eyeglass collection will be handled in the future by **Lion Ken Britt** and **Lion Chris Wright**. Thanks to **Lion Bill Murfey** for his outstanding efforts collecting eyeglasses over the past 20 years!

See update on our Hunger Initiative below in the newsletter. The Board authorized additional donations and a new challenge!

Member Information and Updates

MENDING AND REPAIRING LIST ---
Keep these fellow Lions in your prayers!

Lion Gil & Kay Fisher
Barbara Curtin (Lion Dale Curtin's wife)
Dale Greene (Lion Ed Greene's wife)
Betty Johnson (Lion Ed Johnson's wife)
Lion John Pitnick
Marian Powell (Lion Bud Powell's wife)
Lion Skip Skaptason

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

New address or phone numbers for our members:

Chuck Schutty Cell 913-209-7257.

Bill Murfey, Briton Gardens,
7105 Mission Rd. Prairie Village, KS 66208,
913-432-4527 same phone number.

TROOP 10 NEWS

Lion Ken Britt attended the Troop 10 Eagle Court of Honor on April 26th. Since 1975, Troop 10 has inducted 300 Eagle Scouts.

Troop 10 had its Tap Out campout recently. There was substantial participation and it is clear the Scouts had a good time. See the photos below.



Other Information

Remember to bring food items for the food pantries to our meetings. See the Hunger Initiative Story below.

LinkedIn Page - Lion Gary Flick has created a LinkedIn Groups page for the Leawood Lions Club at:

<http://www.linkedin.com/e/vgh/1828462/>

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

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.

ELECTION REPORT

Here are our new officers and directors for 2009 – 2010 who were elected at the April 14th meeting:

President Harry Malnicof
Past President Leroy Kashka
1st Vice President Chris Wright
2nd Vice President Bruce Deering
3rd Vice President Steve Baughman
Secretary Doris Nelmes
Treasurer Chuck Schutty
Tail Twister Jim Bays
Lion Tamer Alan Callaway
2nd Year Board: Dayton Koch, Ray Canent, Gene Tinberg
1st Year Board: Gary Flick, Troy Rettig, Jim Rochel
Membership Chair Jim Rochel

THE LEAWOOD LIONS' HUNGER INITIATIVE

I. The Background

- 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.
- Food banks are opening their doors to increasing numbers of "the next layer of people" - "child-care workers, nurse's aides, real estate agents and secretaries" struggling with the financial crisis.
- Experts note that working-class people are lost when faced with this kind of need in their lives, unsure of where to get help or embarrassed to ask, while the chronically poor have learned to adapt to rough financial times by asking friends for help and seeking social services.
- Pantries are facing special difficulty from greatly increased demand for their help and/or depletion of resources.

In response to the crisis affecting families and children, the Leawood Lions Club has launched its Hunger Initiative to provide meaningful assistance to local area food pantries.

The Leawood Lions Benevolent Committee met with Harvesters and they listed 86 food pantries serving the needy in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties. The Leawood Lions Foundation approved a gift of \$400 to thirteen pantries in December 2008. The Leawood Lions Club issued a challenge to other Lions Clubs and civic groups to provide donations to individual pantries.

II. Local Assistance

- Harvesters through their network of food pantries feed approximately 60,000 people each week. They charge from \$.03 to .16 per pound as a storage and transportation fee.
- Supplemental Funds from the Leawood Lions Club to 13 Pantries (\$400 each) were distributed in December to be used:
 - a. Help pay the handling fee for food acquired through Harvesters
 - b. Purchase food from retail outlets to supplement food from Harvesters
 - c. Transportation costs for food pick-up

III. The Second Phase of the Leawood Lions Hunger Initiative

The Leawood Lions Foundation will provide an additional \$2,600.00 to help pantries during the spring 2009. Lions Dale Curtin, Mike Lken, Tom shearer and Ken Britt have been working on visiting the food pantries and visit with other organizations to expand the network of contributions to our Hunger Initiative. We invite other Lions Clubs to participate in this community outreach to make this a LIONS HUNGER INITIATIVE.

IV. Leawood Lions Club Individual Food Contributions.

The Board of Directors calls on all Leawood Lions to add to our Initiative by bringing food items to each member meeting. **We ask each Leawood Lion to bring one food item for each member of their household.**

For more information, contact: Lion Dale Curtin, chairperson, Leawood Lions benevolent committee, 11308 Fontana, Leawood, 66211; 913-663-4361; dmc4361@kc.rr.com

2008-09 CLUB GOALS

Below are our goals for the year.

Big Lion Leroy has called for volunteers to help with goal #3, revitalizing our visitation effort. Please talk with Lion Doris Nelmes to participate in a visitation.

Goals:

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

Visit our Website: www.leawoodlions.org

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**

APRIL 28TH MEETING

Our April 28th meeting was a special occasion with the Mayor’s Report on the State of the City presented by **Lion Peggy Dunn**, Mayor of Leawood. We also presented the scholarship awards to our 3 scholarship winners: **Megan Watson, BV**; **Aubrey Ireland, BVN**; and **Daniel Wood, BVN**. Their parents were in attendance as well.

Megan Watson from Blue Valley will be attending Kansas University.



Aubrey Ireland from Valley North will be attending the Conservatory of Music at University of Cincinnati.



Daniel Wood from Blue Valley North will be attending Truman State University.



All of our scholarship winners.



Mayor Peggy Dunn receives a Lion from the Big Lion after her State of the City Report.



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**
- Board: Mike Klein, Jack Nagel, Gene Tinberg, Bruce Deering, Brandon Hunter.**