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The Roars of the Lions from Leawood



We Serve

September 2008

Upcoming Dates

- September 9th** Board Meeting at 5:00 PM.
Member Meeting – Program is a speaker on Medicare.
- September 23rd** Member Meeting – Program – 50th Anniversary of SM East HS
- September 27th** Newton Mid-Day Lions Club's Challenge Golf tournament, Sand Creek Station Golf Course
- October 14th** Member Meeting
- October 28th** Member Meeting – Program is Johnson County Commission Chairman, Annabeth Surbaugh,
- ** October 17th & 18th ***** Pancake Days – Oak Room, Leawood City Hall **
- November 7th** Leawood 60th Anniversary Reception--Ironwoods Park
- November 8th** Leawood 60th Anniversary Parade--10 AM Tomahawk Creek Parkway –
See article about these 60th Anniversary event in this newsletter (p.7).

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, Bob Fritsch 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

REPORT ON RECENT ACTIVITIES

September 1st Labor Day Pancake Breakfast. As has become a tradition, the Leawood Lions were on hand early Monday morning to feed the runners and staff involved in the City's Labor Day Marathon. This year we fed over 300 runners. The lines were long, but the customers all seemed satisfied. More pictures will be available at www.seeKCrun.com. You will need to look for the Labor Day Run section.





August 26th meeting. Our last meeting in August 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 and provided our members with a report on their activities as counselors at Boy Scout camp this past summer.



August 12th meeting included a program by Alan Steenbach from Water One at our meeting on water conservation. He also distributed rain gauges and informational pamphlets.



- LEAWOOD LIONS IN THE NEWS -

This article is reprinted (with permission) from the Johnson County Library Foundation Summer 2008 Newsletter –

"Leawood Lions Club supports assistive technology"

"The Leawood Lions Club presented the Johnson County Library Foundation with a \$2,500 gift for software upgrades in the Central Resource Library's Assistive Technology Center. This is the Leawood Lions' second gift supporting the Library's efforts to provide assistive technology to the community. Assistive technology helps patrons with disabilities utilize library services and complete tasks. The Central Resource Library's Assistive Technology Center provides advanced hardware and software specially designed to help patrons with disabilities overcome their challenges.

Specialized assistive software provides audible reading of Web sites, e-mail, scanned copy and word-processing, as well as magnification of on-screen or scanned material. Hardware includes adjusting desks, large keyboards and monitors, speakers and scanners. Combating visual impairment is a priority of Lions Club International, and a major pursuit of the Leawood Lions Club.

The Assistive Technology Center is located at the Central Resource Library, 9875 W. 87th St., Overland Park, Kan. The center is free and open to the public. Reservations are recommended. For Assistive Technology Center information, call (913) 495-2400.

For more information on these and other Johnson County Library Foundation supported programs, contact Scott Zerger, executive director, at (913) 495-7579 or ZergerS@jocolibrary.org."



"PHOTO: Bob Blandon and Tom Willy of the Leawood Lions Club present a \$2,500 gift supporting assistive technology to Caroline McKnight, Foundation Treasurer, Scott Zerger, Executive Director, and Dale Curtin, Foundation Board member"

ROARING FOR CHANGE

Lion Harry Malnicof brought a very funny looking **Lions Bank** to our August 26th meeting that when fed with your loose coins puts out a fierce roar. You might have to bend your ear close to the bank to hear the roar but the intent and its purpose is to raise funds for three worthy causes. The bank was provided to us by the Kansas Lions Foundation in partnership with the Kansas Audio-Reader Network. All funds collected will be put to good use and split 50% to the Audio-Reader Network; 25% to the Kansas Lion Foundation and 25% kept for use by the Leawood Lions Club.

The Lions Bank was a roaring success and everyone attending had a lot of fun putting their loose coins in the bank and hearing it roar. The bank will be attending all of our meetings and events till the end of November. Proceeds collected will then be sent in on December 1, 2008.

Lion Harry is asking us all to bring your loose change meetings and make deposits in the Bank and hear it roar. It come as no surprise that by just putting your loose change in the Bank we can raise a significant amount of money and that change has the potential to change someone's life.

Let's get behind this effort for this very short three month period and show our support for all the entities involved. Lion Harry is asking that you also promote the effort at our outside events where you see our Lion available and encourage everyone to feed the Lion.

The Bank really roars great when quarters and dollar coins are inserted. It does not roar when paper money is inserted but this Lion will not turn down any feeding.

So come meet the Lion Bank at our next meeting.



LIONS INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP IDEAS

Boomer Outreach Campaign

The Boomer campaign appeals to the 77 million North American “Baby Boomers,” and other countries with a similar population boom, born between 1946 and 1964. Use the Boomer campaign to encourage this “new generation of Lions” to join your Lions club.



Family Membership

Volunteering together allows families to share precious time with each other and give back to the community, one generation to the next. With a special dues discount and [project ideas](#) project ideas that include families, the Family Membership Program is a new opportunity for families to get involved with Lions.

How can Your club obtain the October Membership Growth Award?

Clubs qualify for recognition in two ways: by adding members in October and then reporting each member on the MMR or WMMR later in October.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

Member Directory – Lions Tom Willy and Steve Baughman produced a new directory if you have not received yours yet please see Lion Doris Nelmes, our Secretary.

Shirts – Lion Tom Willy is continuing to take orders for Lions Shirts. Please see Lion Tom if you wish to order a shirt.

Name Tags – Pres. Leroy announced that the Board chose the large name tag, gold with black lettering, and the club will be providing the name tags to each member free of charge.

Lion Mike Klein is our Zone Chairman (ZC) this year.

Lion Jack Nagel announced that there will be a Leawood Golf Tournament in late September at Eagles Landing – Date and time to be announced.



The Leawood Lions Club is working with the City on 60th Anniversary activities. Our liaison to the 60th Anniversary Committee is Lion Gary Flick. Here is his most recent update on what is going on.

Leawood continues plans for their final weekend of activities themed "Leawood Homecoming".

Friday November 7, 2008 Ironwoods Lodge, 6:30-10:00 p.m., food, entertainment and a good time as the City throws one last party to celebrate their 60th Anniversary. Plans are still forming; if you have ideas on what would encourage people to attend, please let Gary Flick know--what entertainment, food or activities would you like to see? We encourage you to invite your friends that have moved out of town to come back and join us for our Leawood Homecoming.

Saturday, November 8, 2008 60th Anniversary Parade 10 AM, 119th & Tomahawk Creek Parkway to the City Park. We cap our year of festivities with a parade highlighted by a fly-over by the Commemorative Air Force. We are still looking for parade units including clowns and bands. Please get involved and volunteer in one of the many opportunities available:

- ⇒ We need a Leawood Lions float which will include the Big Lion held by Jim Bays that will bring the Leawood Lions Club to the forefront of the public attending the parade. We are looking for a chairperson for this activity and anyone that has creative ideas. Also need a truck and flatbed to use for our parade float.

- ⇒ Help with contacting units to participate, follow-up with units that have agreed to participate and personally visit schools and churches to invite them to participate (I will have contact information and a flyer to be distributed).
- ⇒ Volunteers to help facilitate the parade on Sat Nov 8th--we need 20-25 volunteers to insure a smooth parade--this is a huge task and will be lots of fun.
- ⇒ Please contact Gary Flick, 913-338-0753 or glick@hotmail.com, to volunteer and participate. We are excited about "Leawood Homecoming" and hope each one of You will participate in some manner.

Updates on the Sight Foundation and Sight Bus

(Information from the District Governor's Newsletter)

Kansas Lions Sight Foundation – The current projects of the KLSF:

Funding the satellite uplink for Audio Reader and printing of the Braille guide.
 Purchase of seven eye screeners for detection of amblyopia in pre school children
 Funding for low vision project of Kansas School for the Blind
 Continue with current Mobile Screening Unit

Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit –

Ron Bretz is the driver of the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation Mobile Screening Unit which is commonly called the "Sight Bus" The BUS is up and rolling across Kansas and would like to stop in your community and be available for "FREE" screenings. Screenings are provided for Vision, Hearing, Blood Sugar & Blood Pressure.

How does the KLMSU get to your community? All Lions and Leo clubs in Kansas are eligible to sponsor the Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit to their communities. Lions should check the current Multiple 17 Lions directory for requests and scheduling information.

How is the KLMSU used? The KLMSU is designed to travel to any community in Multiple District 17 that is accessible by paved roads. It is available for clubs to use when there is a need in their community; senior groups, school children, fairs, festivals, Lions functions such as fund raisers or other community

What does it cost a Lions Club to have the KLMSU in their community? The cost is \$200.00 for the first day and \$100.00 for each additional consecutive day in the same location. The Lions Club will provide necessary electrical power (240 volt/50 amp, 4-prong range plug) if the screening is held in an enclosed area. An on-board generator may provide power if the screening is outdoors.

How was the KLMSU Funded? The Unit was funded in part by a grant from the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in the amount of \$50,000.00. In addition, \$35,000.00 from the funds raised to support Dr. Wm. (Bill) Wunder, PIP, were provided for the project. Gifts in

excess of \$20,000.00 were received from: the Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan, Kansas; and the Wichita Industries and Services for the Blind of Wichita, Kansas. Funds were also received from various corporations and organizations. The Lions Clubs of Kansas (MD-17) raised the remaining funds along with many contributions from many Lions members of Kansas.

For more information, contact PDG Joyce DeVore at 1409 East 3rd Ave. Winfield, KS 67156 620-221-7150 or 785-969-0218 e-mail: joyce4@cox.net.

Leawood Lions 2008 – 2009 Committees

Below is a list of our Committees and the current Chairmen and Members according to our records for the year beginning July 1, 2008. Please let President Tom Willy or President-elect Leroy Kashka know of any changes or if you would like to join a committee you are not on presently.

Committee Name	Chairman	Team Members
Audit	Steve Joice	Ed Johnson & Tom Willy
Bar/coffee	Collie Omstead	Ken Britt
Benevolent	Bob Blandon	Ivonna Blandon, Gary Flick, Tom Shearer, Mike Klein, Ken Britt
Calling -Meeting Attd.	Bruce Deering	Ed Johnson, Ken Habiger
Candy Days	Brandon Hunter	Harry Malnicof
Chamber of Commerce	Gary Flick	
Club Visitation	Anna Rochel	
College Scholarships	Jim Rochel	
Diabetes Awareness	Ken Britt	
Eyeglass Collection	Bill Murfey	Bob Baker, Gene Alt
Labor Day Pancakes	Don Schultz	
Linwood Cemetery	Dick Graham	
Member Contact/Sunshine	Alsly Graham	
Membership	Jim Rochel	
Newsletter	vacancy	Steve Baughman & Tom Willy
Pancake Days	Ken Habiger	Everybody
Pancake Grill	Tom Shearer	
Photographer	Ed Johnson	
Publicity	vacancy	
Programs/ Speakers	Jim Bays	
Party/ Decorations	Anna Rochel	Nancy Klein
Salvation Army Bell Ringing	Don Schultz	
Sight First II	Harry Malnicof	
Texas Hold ‘Em	Jim Bays	
Website	Sandy Troehler (nonmember arrangement)	