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Meeting Dates & Place: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each Month in the Oak Room, Leawood City Hall,



August 2013 Leawood Lions Newsletter

2013-2014 Leawood Lions Officers

President – Chris Wright
Past President – Bob Toplikar
1st Vice President – Peggy Jacobson
2nd Vice President – Don Greenwell
3rd Vice President – Jim Bays
Secretary – Joe Charmella
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Leroy Kashka
Jim Rochel
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Harry Malnicof
Dayton Koch
Steve Everley
Lee Schultz
Gene Tinberg
Ken Britt

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Club Calendar

August 9-11 – State 1st Quarter Council Meeting – McPherson, KS

August 13 – noon, Club visit to the New KU Eye Center Club

August 13-- Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m.; Membership Meeting at 6:00 p.m. - Leawood City Hall

August 27 – Membership Meeting at 6:00 p.m. – Lions Shelter House in Leawood City Park

September 2 – Pancakes for the Leawood Labor Day Run – story below

September 19–21 – USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum – story below

Club Meeting Programs

8/13 – Lisa Billingsley, Curing Retinal Blindness Foundation

8/27 – Leawood Parks and Recreation

9/10 – US Canada Forum Program

9/24 – JCCC Performing Arts Series

10/8 – Pedia Vision Demonstration

Remember to bring your non-perishable food items to the meeting for local Food Pantries.



District/State Activities

USA/Canada Leadership Forum -

Overland Park will be the host city for the **37th Annual USA/Canada Leadership Forum** to be held on September 19-21. The forum will offer learning experiences that focus on leadership, club activities and projects, fund-raising ideas, and much more. All Lions should seriously consider attending. It will probably be many years before the Forum is held in this area again. In addition, there are many volunteer openings to fill. The application form to sign up for the Forum is reproduced at the end of this newsletter. Also at the end of this newsletter is the Volunteer Form to help at the Forum. Please contact **Lion Harry Malnicof** at (913) 787-2134 or harlo@everestkc.net for additional information.

Chiefs Fundraiser – The special opportunity to purchase **Kansas City Chief's** tickets and benefit our District is being repeated this year. The tickets are available at a reduced price of \$35 each and our District will receive \$10 for each ticket sold. The price does not include parking. The games are as follows.

- 8/16 - San Francisco
- 8/29 – Green Bay
- 10/20 – Houston
- 10/27 – Cleveland
- 11/24 – San Diego

PDG/CC Lion Michele Hufferd will be handling the ticket orders. If you are interested, please send your order and check (payable to Michele) with a self-addressed envelope ASAP. Also, include a contact phone number so Michele can contact you if she has problems. The quicker tickets are ordered, the better seats we get! Send your orders and checks to: **Michele Hufferd, 107 S. Julie Street, Louisburg, KS 66053.**

Club Reports & News

Visit to KU Eye Center Lions Club

– The Leawood Lions Club visitation to the new **KU Eye Center Lions Club** will be on **August 13th**. The time is noon (no meal is served but you can bring a lunch) and the address is 7400 State Line Road, Suite 100, Prairie Village Kansas 66208. Let Lion Chris Wright know if you can attend.

Annual Dues for 2013-2014 - Annual dues of \$100 for individuals and \$150 for families (member plus spouse) are **now due**. Please make your check payable to Leawood Lions Club and remit to:

Tom Shearer, Treasurer
25770 W. 127th Street
Olathe, KS 66061-9233

Labor Day Run Pancake Breakfast

-- Plan now to be at Leawood Park bright and early on Labor Day, **September 2nd**, to help feed several hundred runners. This has become one of our traditions and contributes nicely to the Club's treasury. Lions **Bruce Deering** and **Ken Habiger** are again heading up this event. If you can help, please let Lion Bruce know.

President's Report – Big Lion Chris Wright reports:

Lion Peggy Jacobson is working on an updated Club directory.

Lion Joe Charmella is working on updating our website.

Activity Reporting: Members are reminded to keep track of the time we spend on various Club and service activities and turn that information in at least monthly at the meetings or by sending it to our Secretary, **Lion Joe Charmella.**

Lion Don Torizzo is chairman of our **Eyeglasses for the Needy** Program. Lion Don will coordinate our Club's activities

with those of the new KU Eye Center Club. If you know of someone needing help to get eyeglasses, contact Lion Don (913-400-3019).

Pancake Committee Leadership Search is being headed by **Lions Peggy Jacobson, Steve Everley and Bob Toplikar**. **Lions Ken Habiger and Bruce Deering** have announced that 2013 is their last year to organize the Club's various pancake activities.

Lion Don Shultz is the new **Member Update Chairman**. Please let Lion Don know about any members having health issues or otherwise needing assistance (such as a ride to the meetings, etc.).

Candy Days will be in September on the 7th, 14th or 28th. **Lion Jim Bays** is the Chairman of the committee.

Lion Steve Everley is the Chairman of our Club's new **Youth Vision Screening Committee**. The new District Pedia Vision equipment will be demonstrated at our October 8th meeting.

Club Meetings

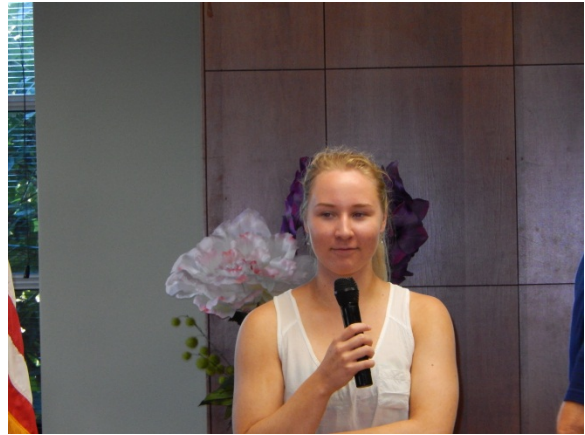
July 9 Meeting:

Annika Pohjola visited our Club with her host **Lion Bobby Duval** and Mrs. Duval of the Topeka Lions Club.



Lion Bobby Duval introducing Annika

Annika is visiting the US as part of the **Lions International Youth Exchange program**. Annika is from Tampere, Finland and is sponsored by a local Finnish Lions Club.



Annika shared some of her experiences and reported that her favorite after school activity is circus training.

Also Big Lion **Chris Wright** presented past President **Bob Toplikar** with an award for outstanding service.



Lion Bob Toplikar gets his award

July 23 Meeting:

Our speaker on July 23 was **Donald Gilmore**, who provided an overview of the first several chapters of his book, *Civil War on the Missouri-Kansas Border*. The book

has been out for several years and there are many reviews available on Amazon.com.

The wide gulf between those reviewers who praise the book for “telling the other side” and those who criticize it as “deliberately biased” and “a preposterous defense of the slaveocracy” reflect the controversial nature of the work.

A professional historian’s review of Mr. Gilmore’s book is available at: <http://www.history.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=13664>.



Mr. Gilmore spins his tales

Although the Civil War ended almost 150 years, there are still some who want to keep reliving it [and not just the re-enactors in their uniforms]. As several reviewers of his book noted, and as he repeated on the 23rd, Mr. Gilmore energetically denounces the “sins” of Kansas abolitionists “stealing” the “*property*” of Missouri slave owners as if he was talking about mules rather than people.

It is fairly rare -- and disturbing -- to come across a slavery apologist in the 21st Century. These issues tore our country apart once and re-living the complaints of one side is reminiscent of the seemingly never ending hostilities in the Balkans where Serbians can recount injustices done hundreds of years ago by Croatians or Albanians and vice versa.

Member News

New Member

Lisa Billingsley
5300 W. 87th
Prairie Village, KS 66207
913-232-0705
gbillingsley@sbcglobal.net
(Spouse: Greg)
Sponsor: Lion Chris Wright

Member Mending and Repairing List

Keep these fellow Lions in your prayers!

Dale Curtin
Kay Fisher (Lion Gil Fisher’s widow)
Lion Ed Greene
Lion Tom Gault
Lion Leroy Kashka
Marcia Lasater (Lion George Lasater’s wife)
Lion Dick Rinehart
Lion Don Stewart
Jennifer Waldenmeyer (Lion Rick Waldenmeyer’s daughter-in-law.)

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

37th ANNUAL USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

Overland Park, Kansas

Opening Banquet - Thursday, September 19, 2013 @ 5:30 PM

Closing Banquet - Saturday, September 21, 2013 @ 6:00 PM

“Follow the Leadership Road to Your Dreams”

Registrant A

SUB-DISTRICT LION LIONESS LEO NON-MEMBER

Name _____
Last First Initial Nickname (Titles will not be included)

Mailing Address _____
Street Number/PO Box City State/Prov Zip/PC

Phone (_____) _____ (_____) _____ E-Mail _____
Residence Mobile Please print clearly

Proceedings Book: Proceedings books will be offered at the Forum for a small cost. Files can be downloaded from our website following the Forum at no cost. Print Copy(\$10) **OR** Flash Drive (\$5) **OR** None

This is my First Time Attending a Forum I was invited to the Forum by _____
(name of mentor must be listed to receive credit for your attendance)

____ Years in Lionism ____ Forums attended Highest Office Held _____ Past Present

Please check all that apply

Special Meals: Diabetic Vegetarian Hindu Vegetarian _____
(Please specify needs and include any allergies. It may not be possible to accommodate all special meal requests)

Hearing Challenged Visually Challenged Physically Challenged Specific needs _____
(Please let us know how we can help with your specific challenge, i.e.: hearing device, Braille, signer, wheelchair access...?)

I am a Pin Trader I will need a table for pin trading _____ Number of tables needed
(one table will be provided at no cost. Extra tables will be available at \$15 each)

Registrant B

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Last First Initial Nickname (Titles will not be included)

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HOUSING

Hotels: Reservations must be made with this form. **Do not register directly with the hotel.** Please Indicate 5 choices in order of preference.

HOTELS	RATE	DISTANCE
<input type="checkbox"/> Sheraton (Headquarters)	\$154	Connected**
<input type="checkbox"/> Marriott Overland Park (Co-Hqs)	\$129	3/4 Mile**
<input type="checkbox"/> Courtyard by Marriott CC	\$119	Adjacent**
<input type="checkbox"/> Hilton Garden Inn	\$99/\$105	Adjacent**
<input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Inn & Suites	\$99/109	3 Blocks
<input type="checkbox"/> Hyatt Place CC	\$119	4 Blocks
<input type="checkbox"/> Drury Inn & Suites	\$109	4 Blocks**
<input type="checkbox"/> Pear Tree Inn	\$79	4 Blocks**
<input type="checkbox"/> Courtyard by Marriott Metcalf	\$119	3/4 Mile
<input type="checkbox"/> Hyatt Place Metcalf	\$96	3/4 Mile
<input type="checkbox"/> Comfort Inn & Suites	\$89	1 Mile
<input type="checkbox"/> Hampton Inn	\$109	1 Mile

Rooms cannot be reserved without \$125 US deposit.
****No shuttle transportation provided from these hotels.**
****Wheelchair/scooter accessible bus route.**

Please take this into consideration when making your selections.

The official Forum RV Park is the Rutlader Outpost. Reservations can be made at: www.rutladeroutpost.com I will be staying at the RV

THESE ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE ROOM RESERVATIONS CAN BE FINALIZED!!

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

in Room _____ # of Beds _____

Sharing Room with _____

Special Room Requests: Non-smoking
Room requests will be made on a first come-first served basis

Other _____

HELP US BETTER PLAN FOR YOUR ARRIVAL

I will be arriving by:

Air RV Undecided

Car Other _____

Please direct any questions to the Forum office: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, PO Box 296, Black Hawk, SD 57718-;

Phone (605)723-4007; Fax (605)791-0950; Email: forum@spe.midco.net

Visit our website at: <http://usacanadalionsforum.org>

Registration Fees (US \$)

Rooms cannot be reserved without \$125 US Deposit

	Early Bird		Postmarked after June 15		Postmarked after Aug 1	
Reg A	\$265	\$	\$285	\$	\$310	\$
Reg B	\$265	\$	\$285	\$	\$310	\$
Leos	\$135	\$	\$145	\$	\$160	\$
Hotel Dep	\$125	\$	\$125	\$	\$125	\$
Proceedings Book						\$
Total Amount Due Now					\$	

REGISTRATION FEE covers the cost of the seminars and four designated meals (Thursday evening banquet, Friday noon lunch, Saturday noon lunch, Saturday evening banquet). All attendees must pay full registration fee to participate in any of the meals or seminars. **Individual meal function tickets will NOT be available.**

Hotel rooms CANNOT be assigned until registration fee and hotel deposit are received. **ALL REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE MADE ON A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS.**

PAYMENT

By Credit Card:

I authorize \$_____ to be charged to my credit card.

_____ card number

_____ exp date

_____ security code (3 digits on back)

(MasterCard, Visa, Discover, American Express, Diners Club, or JCB)

Signature _____

Please mail to: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
PO Box 296
Black Hawk, SD 57718-0296

OR

I have included check # _____ in the amount of \$ _____

Online registration available at: <http://usacanadalionsforum.org>

CANCELLATION POLICY: If you must cancel your registration and/or room, notification must be in writing to the Forum Registrar. Any cancellations received between June 30, 2013 and August 1, 2013 will be subject to a \$50 per person cancellation fee. **After August 1, 2013 no refunds will be issued.** Cancellation notification must be received on or before **August 1, 2013.** Please send cancellation notice to: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, PO Box 296, Black Hawk, SD 57718-0296.

Phone (605) 723-4007; FAX (605) 791-0950;

Seminars

Please check the 7 sessions that you are likely to attend. You will be able to alter your selections at the Forum.

- (A) (B)
- 1. Presenters and Moderators Orientation
 - 2. First Timers Orientation
 - 3. District Governors Team Meeting with International President
 - 4. 1st Vice District Governors Team Meeting with 1st Vice President
 - 5. 2nd Vice District Governors Team Meeting with 2nd Vice President
 - 6. What Does It Take To Serve as an International Director?
 - 7. Past District Governors: Crossing the Finish line...and beyond?
 - 8. Zone/Region Chairperson: Facilitating Zone Success
 - 9. Club Presidents Meet With the International President
 - 10. Club Presidents: A Dream Job!
 - 11. Club Vice Presidents: The Future of You Lions Club
 - 12. Club Secretary: An Integral Part of the Lions' Team
 - 13. Club Treasurer: Accountability and Transparency
 - 14. 2013 San Juan, PR: What To Expect From Our Next Forum
 - 15. Realize Your Dreams: Growing as a Lion
 - 16. Developing Your Skills in Working With the Visually Impaired
 - 17. Public Speaking: Skills for Everyone
 - 18. Taitwisting: A Secret Tool For Club Success
 - 19. Lions and the Law
 - 20. How Does Your Lions Club Serve?
 - 21. Membership and Club Strategies
 - 22. Fundraising: Every Club Needs Funds
 - 23. Social Media
 - 24. Protocol: It's About Respect
 - 25. Developing Visibility For Your Club Projects
 - 26. What Am I In For? Role Of The Supporting Partner
 - 27. Organizing Youth Exchange & Youth Camps
 - 28. Conflict Resolution
 - 29. Don't Settle For Mediocrity
 - 30. Bridging the GAP: Working With Different Genders and Generations
 - 31. Take The Lead in Growing Your Club
 - 32. Partnering With Other Agencies
 - 33. Why Are Lions Leaving Their Clubs?
 - 34. Lions' Mentoring: Enrich Your Role
 - 35. Lions Learning On-Line

- (A) (B)
- 36. Preparing Future Leaders in Your District and Clubs
 - 37. Keeping Your Members Involved
 - 38. Club Websites: Make Your Clubs Dream a Reality
 - 39. LCIF Emergency Grants: Rebuilding Broken Dreams
 - 40. LCIF: Updates
 - 41. The Current Face of Lionism
 - 42. Council Chair
 - 43. First Timers Revisited
 - 44. Leo Success Stories
 - 45. Webinar: We're Not in Kansas Anymore
 - 46. Does Your Club Have The Tin Man's Heart?
 - 47. Meetings Bloody Meetings
 - 48. So You Want to Be A District Governor
 - 49. There's No Place Like Home
 - 50. ... and Toto, Too
 - 51. Here Come the Flying Monkeys
 - 52. Don't Forget Your Ruby Shoes
 - 53. The Need For Transparency
 - 54. Customer Service For Your Lions
 - 55. Time Management: "I'm Too busy"
 - 56. Does Your Club Have a Dream?
 - 57. Professional Speaker: Ed Hearn - "Conquering Life's Curves"
 - 58. Professional Speaker: Dayna Steele - "Rock Star Interview"
 - 59. Dr. Love's Traveling Sponsorship Show
 - 60. Marketing Your Dynamic Lions Club
 - 61. Everything I Ever Needed to Learn About Lionism I Learned At the Zoo
 - 62. Why Your District Needs a Campus Club
 - 63. How to Be a Leading Lion
 - 64. Why is Bigger Better
 - 65. Losing Lions: One Pound at a Time
 - 66. How to Keep 'em From Leaving
 - 67. Get Energized
 - 68. Service: It's What We're All About
 - 69. Putting the Fun Back In Being a Lion
 - 70. How to Bid on the Forum

Volunteer Enlistment Form
 2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum—Overland Park, Kansas

A successful Forum in Kansas will require *many* volunteers along the Yellow Brick Road. The Host Committee needs *YOUR* help!

Follow the Leadership Road to Your Dreams!

Name _____ Club _____ District _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP Code _____

Home Phone _____ E-mail address _____

Cell Phone Number (REQUIRED for communication during Forum activities) _____

Please check *dates* you can be available *and* the *activities* you prefer.

NOTE: * indicates an activity in which you can be seated while working.

§ indicates an activity for which you must be registered for the Forum to participate.

PRE-FORUM, 2013 (In Overland Park) (Some tasks may require your presence until 5 p.m. Thursday). Please mark your availability on days/dates below and the *position(s)* you want to fill.

Circle times you prefer to serve: Note: A = 7 to 11 a.m. N = 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. P = 1 to 5 p.m. X = Any.

Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013 _____ (Drive VIPs from Airport) Time: A N P X

Monday, Sept. 16, 2013 _____ Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013 _____ Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013 _____ Thursday, Sept. 19, 2013 _____

Time: A N P X Time: A N P X Time: A N P X Time: A N P X

Positions to be Filled

Prepare Hospitality Baskets for VIPs _____	Registration at Hotels * _____	Host Committee Office Set-up _____
"Goody Bag" Stuffing _____	Registration at Conv. Ctr. * _____	Forum Store Setup _____
Airport Greeter _____	Pin Trader Greeter _____	Peace Poster Set-up _____
Drive VIPs from/to Airport _____	RV Park Greeter _____	Any task where needed _____

FORUM WEEK (In Overland Park). Please mark your availability on days/dates below and the *position(s)* you want to fill.

Circle times you prefer to serve: Note: A = 7 to 11 a.m. N = 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. P = 1 to 5 p.m. X = Any.

Thursday, Sept. 19, 2013 _____ Friday, Sept. 20, 2013 _____ Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013 _____

Time: A N P X Time: A N P X Time: A N P X

Positions to be Filled Each Day of the Forum

On-call driver for VIPs _____	Meals: Display Table Signs § _____	Host Comm. Office Worker § _____
Bus Greeter (Arrive/Leave) _____	Meals: Ticket taker § _____	Host Committee booth § _____
Hotel Transportation Liaison _____	Meals: Guide to available seats § _____	Forum Store Worker § _____
Registration at Conv. Ctr. § _____	Seminar Greeter and "Go-fer" § _____	Photographer § _____
Hallway Traffic Control § _____	Update Seminar Topic Signs § _____	(Digital camera is required)
Announcements/Lost & Found § _____	Seminar Data Entry §* _____	Any task where needed _____

FORUM SATURDAY AFTERNOON TASKS

Forum Store Take-down _____ Peace Poster Take-down _____ Host Committee Office Take-down _____
 Load supplies trailer _____ (after evening banquet)

POST-FORUM Sunday, Sept. 22, 2013 Drive VIPs to Airport _____ Time: A N P X

Please mail your completed form to Neal K. Nichols, PDG
 6116 West 85th Terrace
 Overland Park, KS 66207-1515
 or E-mail it to pdgneal0708@aol.com
 or Fax it to 913-383-9672