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Meeting Dates & Place:

2nd Tuesday of each Month in the Oak Room, Leawood City Hall.

2017-2018 Leawood Lions Officers

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August 2017 Leawood Lions Newsletter

- August 8: Leawood Lions Club Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Leawood City Hall
- August 16: Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Leawood City Hall
- September 4: Leawood Labor Day Run & Leawood Lions Pancakes
- September 12: Leawood Lions Club Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Leawood City Hall
- September 20: Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Leawood City Hall
- **December:** Bell Ringing- see story below about locations

December 12: Club Holiday Party - see story below about restaurant choice

Bring your collected eyeglasses to club meetings.



National, State and District News

LCI's Monthly LION Magazine: The monthly Lion magazine is now available online at www.LionMagazine.org

District 17-A Website: To keep up with District activities, visit the District 17-A website at <u>http://kansaslions17a.org</u>. You can also download the District Governor's newsletter from the site.

Upcoming Programs and Projects

August 8th Membership Meeting: Ernie Rodina, creator and host of the *Better Horses Radio Show* will be our guest speaker. Since starting is show in 2005, Ernie has overseen its expansion to the Better Horses Network which airs the show on 25 radio stations and online. This will be an interesting look into the intersection of the broadcast world and the equine world.

September 4th Labor Day Run Pancakes: The **Leawood Lions** will again provide pancakes, juice, and coffee to runners who participate in the **City of Leawood's Labor Day Run**. Opportunity to sign up will be provided at the August 8th Membership Meeting.

September 12th Membership Meeting: District Governor Diane Hentges will be making her official Club visit. She will update our members on her District goals and plans for the current year.

Club Reports & News

July 29 -- Swope Health Services Backto-School Fair: Once again the Leawood Lions provided vision screening as part of the Back-to-School Fair at Swope Health Services in KCMO. Between 9:00am - 1:00pm, Leawood Lions and other volunteers screened 492 people -- up by 29 from last year. The details:

- 370 children from the age of months to 16 years of age
- 114 children needed to be referred
- 117 Adults 29 that needed to be referred for a full eye exam

• 5 that we could not read with the screeners - 4 children and 1 adult

Lion Peggy Jacobson, Co-Chair of the Youth Vision Screening Committee, arranged for a grant to fund the purchase of children's books again this year for distribution to the screened children. In addition, each child received a special bookmark.



Lion Harry Malnicof with the "book ladies" – Barbara ("BJ") Eichhorn & Kay Willy

The book distribution was ably handled by friends of the Leawood Lions, **Barbara** (**"BJ"**) Eichhorn and Kay Willy.



Lions Don Schultz and Tom Willy (not pictured) handled the registration process, which at times was hectic

Leawood Lions volunteers included Lions Peggy Jacobson, Harry Malnicof, Lois Malnicof, Steve Everley, Don Schultz and Tom Willy.



Lion Steve Everley with a very young patient

Thanks to assistance from the Lenexa Lions Club (Lion Wes Moore) and the Overland Park Host Club (Lions Neal and Beverly Nichols) we were able to run three screening rooms. We also had invaluable assistance from several special volunteers from Swope Health Services.



Lion Harry Malnicof screens a parent

Youth Vision Screening Update: The Leawood Lions Vision Screening Team has scheduled the following screening programs:

- September 8 Holy Spirit Catholic School
- September 12 Project Homeless Connect KC
- Fall, 2017 Bethany Lutheran School

If you enjoy being around kids of all ages, and would like to help with our Club's vision screening, please let **Lion Peggy Jacobson** know what days are good for you. In addition, if you have a school or church you would like the committee to contact, please let her know.

Bell Ringing Update: Although it is still hot and months away from Christmas, we have to start planning for Bell Ringing. Our new **Bell Ringing Chair, Lion Tina Seeley**, reports that she is in conversations with the Salvation Army this year's bell ringing locations.

Right now Lion Tina needs to hear from Leawood Lions who are interesting in volunteering to be a site coordinator for this year's Salvation Army Bell Ringing. Please contact Lion Tina (913.221.6461 or tina.forbes.seeley@gmail.com) ASAP but no later than August 8th if you can help with site coordination.

Holiday Party Planning: Our annual holiday party will also be here before we know it. **Big Lion Chris** wants your opinion and suggestions on where to have our Christmas dinner meeting on December 12th. The restaurant you prefer needs to accommodate at least 40 people.



We're still proud of our new signs!!

Meal Reservations Reminder: Remember to make a reservation if you expect to attend a club meeting and have a meal.

2017-2018 Club Dues: Annual dues of \$110 for individuals and \$160 for families (member plus spouse) were due in June. Make your check payable to Leawood Lions Club and send it to:

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

2017-2018 Committees Chairs:

Benevolent Committee – Lion Tom Willy (twilly@vanosdolkc.com) Eve Glass Collection – Lion Steve Everley (rseverley65@gmail.com) Newsletter Editor Lion Tom Willv (twilly@vanosdolkc.com) Pancake Operations (Labor Day Run, Pancake Days, Breakfast with Santa) Co-Chairs - Lion Ken Habiger (khabiger1@kc.rr.com), Lion Peggy Jacobson (pegjacob70@gmail.com) Peace Poster Chair – Lion Troy Rettig (troyr@<u>leawood.org</u>) Salvation Army Bell Ringing - Tina Seeley (tina.forbes.seeley@gmail.com) Scouting Representative - Lion Chris Wright (cbwright4@gmail.com) Scholarship - Lion Vania Castro (vaniac@live.com) Webmaster – Lion Tim Huggins (Tim@timhuggins.com) Youth Vision Screening - Co-Chairs – Operations: Lions Harry Malnicof (harlo@everestkc.net), Peggy Jacobson (pegjacob70@gmail.com); Adminstrative: Lion Bryan Harris (rharris96@kc.rr.com)

If you would like to join one of these committees, please contact **Big Lion Chris Wright** and/or the Committee Chair.

Please let Committee Chairs know of your interest in volunteering to help with an event whether planning the event, setting up, cleaning, helping with transportation of equipment and/or others Lions members who need a ride to the event.

Club Meeting Report

July 11th Meeting Program: Our July meeting featured a presentation by Dick Wilson, long

time KC radio personality. Dick has been an on-air presence in Kansas City for 45 years!

Dick assured us that radio was alive and well despite all the predictions of its demise over the past 40 years. He reported that surveys indicated 93% of adults listen to radio every week.



Dick shared some of his experiences and KC history that he witnessed

Board Meetings Reminder: Scheduled Board Meetings are being held <u>once per month – on</u> <u>the 3rd Wednesday of each month</u>. Every Club member is welcome to attend. Please remember to contact the **Big Lion** to let him know if you are coming to a Board meeting. This is important to ensure proper room set-up.

Committee Chairs are reminded that a Committee report is required for each Board meeting. This can be in writing or orally. Written reports should be submitted at least one day before the meeting. Oral reports need to be included in the meeting agenda, so please provide your agenda request to the **Big Lion** at least 3 days before the meeting.

Member News

Members Mending and Repairing – Keep these members in your thoughts and prayers: Lion Joe Charmella; Lion Leroy Kashka; Lion Harry Malnicof; Lion Rick Waldenmeyer; Carolyn Schutty (Lion Chuck Schutty's wife); Elizabeth Skillman (Lion Bob Skillman's wife).