



The Roar

Manhattan Lions Club Monthly Newsletter

April, 2010

FROM THE PRESIDENT

After a long, and somewhat hard, winter in our area, spring has arrived in glorious living color. The lovely spring daffodils, crocus, tulips, forsythia, the greening of the lawns and the beautiful flowering trees bring us a vibrancy and celebration of new growth and help invigorate and energize each of us. The Easter weekend, just passed, could not have been any lovelier. Again, we feel the hand of God and celebrate the Risen Lord. God bless each of you.

God has blessed our own **Lion Diana Chapel** as she has been approved for ordination and full clergy membership as a deacon. She will be leaving First United Methodist Church as of July 1, but will be staying in our area as she becomes the new pastor and director of Ogden Friendship House. Congratulations to Rev. Chapel on this accomplishment. We are so grateful she will continue to live and work in the area of Riley County.

The **Saturday Easter Egg Hunt** was glorious, the weather was beautiful and the children were so excited. The hunt was enlarged this year to include children up to 8 years of age. The Easter bunny was there, Lion Alan Van Nahmen rode his unicycle, Girl Scouts were a huge help and many Lions were in attendance helping

to spread/hide the Easter eggs. The photographer from the Mercury was in attendance and on the front page of the paper on Sunday was a photo of a young man hunting eggs. We owe a huge thank you to Lion Kent Oleen who chairs this event and all the other Lions who helped out in so many ways to make this event a success and make the community aware of Manhattan Lions. Thank you also to Kent's son, Ben, who coordinated the event on Saturday in the absence of Lion Kent.





Governor Mark Parkinson will be the speaker at our meeting next Monday at Purple Wave Auction. Starting time for the meal and meeting will be at **6:00 pm.** If you have not made reservations and wish to attend, please contact me ASAP at 537-2258 or lkegl@cox.net and we'll see if space is still available.

I picked up the Spring 2010 issue of the Manhattan Magazine and was excited to find a picture of Lion Lowell Jack on page 28. There is an excellent story about Lion Jack and his career in the broadcasting industry, his time as City Commissioner and Mayor and the things he has done to help the community and the City of Manhattan. If you don't subscribe to this great local magazine, stop by the Chamber office where you can usually pick one up. Thank you Lion Lowell Jack for all you have done for Manhattan and for being recognized for those accomplishments.

CARES AND CONCERNS

Our thoughts and prayers have been with the Fleener family, as Lion Paul is recuperating from serious health

problems. At last report, he is in the Stoneybrook facility, undergoing therapy, and will welcome your cards and visits. Stop by Stoneybrook and see him.

It was wonderful to see Lion J. Lester Hooper out and about this weekend, after time spent in recovery from a broken leg in December.

Several members and spouses have been "under the weather" with various ailments, so please keep all members in your prayers.

The following **slate of officers** will be presented at the meeting of April 12 and will be voted on at the April 26 meeting. They will be installed at the meeting on June 28 and take office as of July 1, 2010.

These members have agreed to serve as officers during the coming 2010-2011 Lion year: These fellow Lions are going to need your support and involvement throughout their terms in office. Please try to answer when they call upon you for that support and involvement in our club - and beyond.

Your Candidates for Office

President	-	Carol Hockersmith
Vice President	-	Don Robertson
Secretary	-	Margo Caley
Treasurer	-	Bud Gillispie
Lion Tamer	-	Alan Van Nahmen
Board Member (1 year)		Paul Fleener
Board Member (2 year)		Duaine Sherwood
Board member (3 year)		K. Taylor
Tail Twister	-	Al Keithley
Tail Twister	-	Arlene Irvin
Tail Twister	-	Roy Hulett
Past President	-	Lela Gillispie

MEETINGS

We were pleased to have as our speaker, at the meeting of March 8, KSU Football Coach and Mentor Bill Snyder. He spoke about mentoring young people in his position as leader of the Kansas Mentor Program, during the time after he resigned as football coach at KSU. Having a mentor in a child's life can make the difference between success and failure for that child. He also answered a question or two about football.



Also at this meeting PDG Jim Tubach and Lion Lowell Jack were presented chevrons for 55 years of membership in the Lions organization. Congratulations and thanks Lions for all the leadership you have provided during these years. Lion Bud Gillispie was presented a Membership Excellence Pin from International for sponsoring 3 new members.



At the March 22 meeting Lions Mickey and Al Keithley talked about the Lions Sight Screening Program for pre-schoolers and the effect this program had on the life of their daughter and family, the Burchetts. They were not aware of the sight impairment of Cross until he was screened at preschool. Now Cross can see and is so



excited about his world and his "magic glasses." It was a very touching DVD and we thank Mickey and Al for sharing with us.

Hopefully, Manhattan Lions can become instrumental in getting this equipment for use in this area of the state. The screening only takes 5 seconds to test, is child friendly with lights and sound to engage the child's attention, no more 5 minute testing periods, it automatically measures and indicates abnormal readings"-no provider interpretation is required", addresses eye chart sensitivity and specificity problems. SureSight screens with one-button touch from 14 inches. Minimal cooperation is required, making it ideal for use with young children and where there is a language barrier. This screening automatically screens for common vision problems, including near and farsightedness (myopia/hyperopia), astigmatism (asymmetrical focus), and anisometropia (unequal power between eyes).

After the video, all Lions present helped sort Easter eggs in preparation of the hunt on April 3. Thanks again to Lion Kent for heading this project.

BOARD MEETING

At a special board meeting held after the meeting on March 22, the motion was passed to donate an amount not exceeding \$150 each for 5 needy individuals for eyeglasses.

Scholarship applications were reviewed by board members at the meeting of April 5. The applications will be ranked 1, 2, & 3 and results sent to the committee. The committee will announce the results and the scholarship will be presented to the recipient on May 3 at Manhattan High School.

By-laws are still being reviewed and will be submitted to the membership in May to be voted on at the meeting of June 14.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 12 - **Governor Mark Parkinson**
Purple Wave Auction - 6:00 pm
- April 24 - Candy Day at Wal-Mart
- April 26 - J. Mark Blakeslee, Youthville in Newton,
Valentino's - 6:15 pm
- May 1 - Highway Pickup (date change - please note)
- May 3 - Board Meeting
- May 10 - Lana Foust—Suresight presentation
Valentino's - 6:15 p.m.

Membership Roster

Barbara Barbary (Larry)	341-2313
Larry Barbary (Barbara)	341-2313
Lerance Bolte (Cathy)	539-5998
Margo Caley	776-6426
Tad Carlisle (Margaret)	456-7815
Kay Carothers (Joe)	587-9338
Diana Chapel (Preston)	537-7255
Preston Chapel (Diana)	537-7255
Delores "Dee" Dockins	537-1436
Paul Fleener (Shirley)	537-0472
Shirley Fleener (Paul)	537-0472
Bud Gillispie (Lela)	537-2258
Lela Gillispie (Bud)	537-2258
Charles Herr (Charlotte)	539-4374
Carol Hockersmith (Floyd)	587-9357
J. Lester Hooper (Olive)	539-6855
Olive Hooper (J Lester)	539-6855
Roy Hulett (Irma)	456-7821
Dennis Irvin (Arlene)	539-2347
Arlene Irvin (Dennis)	539-2347
Lowell Jack (Phyllis)	539-4072
Al Keithley (Mary)	539-1536
Mary Keithley (Al)	539-1536
Samuel Kvasnica (Dottie)	537-7950
Meredith Litchfield	539-8146
C. E. McKee (Dee)	236-1524
Dee McKee (C. E.)	565-1026
Richard McKittrick (Marge)	539 4000
Marge McKittrick (Richard)	539-4000
Jerry Mershon (Jackie)	539-5225
Anne Nielsen (Monty)	539-6761
Monty Nielsen (Anne)	539-6761
Kent Oleen (Lana)	537-3300
LaDonna Piper	537-8253
Randy Plummer (Christi)	776-5768
Thomas Roberts (Dixie)	537-1590
Don Robertson (Ronna)	770-8305
Dave Schafer (Jeanne)	539-7842
Arlene Sherwood (Duaine)	539-2102
Duaine Sherwood (Arlene)	539-2102
Gary Skrdlant (Wendy)	539-5008
Wendy Skrdlant (Gary)	539-5008
Dr. Norbert Stigge (Loma)	539-4125
Emily Swearingen	341-9348
K Taylor (DeWayne)	556-0586
Bruce Thierolf (Mindy)	776-9434
James Tubach (Patsy)	539-3068
Patsy Tubach (James)	539-3068
Alan Van Nahmen	812 -343-2370
Bob Williams (Diana)	776-5251



Manhattan Lions Club Officers 2009 -2010

President	Lion Lela Gillispie
Vice President	Lion Carol Hockersmith
Secretary	Lion K. Taylor
Treasurer	Lion Bud Gillispie
Lion Tamer	PDG Jim Tubach
Director (1 year)	Lion Roy Hulett
Director (2 year)	Lion Paul Fleener
Director (3 year)	Lion Duaine Sherwood
Tail Twister	Lion Shirley Fleener
Tail Twister	Lion Dee McKee
Tail Twister	Lion Emily Swearingen
Past President	Lion Preston Chapel

Manhattan Lions Club Chairpersons 2009-2010

Program Co-Chairs	Lion Paul Fleener Lion Monty Nielsen
Health & Sight Chair	Lion Arlene Sherwood
Candy Day Co-Chairs	Lion Larry Barbary Lion Barbara Barbary
Pancake Day Co-Chairs	Lion J. Lester Hooper Lion Paul Fleener Lion Shirley Fleener
Youth Activities Co-Chairs	Lion Duaine Sherwood Lion Arlene Sherwood
Biscuit and Gravy Event Chair	Lion Duaine Sherwood
Peace Poster Chair	Lion Patsy Tubach
Blind Made Products Chair	Lion Chuck Herr
Highway Pickup Chair	Lion Don Robertson
KSDS Raffle Co-Chairs	Lion Patsy Tubach Lion Dee McKee Lion Paul Fleener
Yellow Dot Chair	Lion Kay Carothers Lion Paul Fleener
Easter Egg Event Chair	Lion Kent Oleen
Westloop Event Chair	Lion J. Lester Hooper
Special Dinners Chair	Lion Carol Hockersmith
Scholarship Chair	Lion K. Taylor