



The Roar

Manhattan Lions Club Monthly Newsletter

June, 2009

From the President

Lion Friends – This is the last newsletter of the **2008-2009 Lion year**. A little over a year ago, I was given the wonderful opportunity to serve a two year term. Thank you for the participation, the enthusiasm, the energies displayed by all of you during this past year. What an eventful and wonderful year it has been. I am quite excited about the 2009-2010 year and the things we can accomplish working together.

The **Westloop Pancake Feed** the end of July was our first project and many showed up to do his/her part to serve pancakes, sausage and drinks to Westloop visitors.

The first **huge** project of this last year was the **70th anniversary party** for our Manhattan Lions Club. Comments came from so many people throughout the district and the state that Manhattan really knew how to “throw a party.” The Country Club was a great venue. PID Ed McCormick gave us inspiration. We welcomed State Secretary Linda McCormick, District Governors and Past District Governors to our city. International Presidential Certificates of Appreciation were given to Lion Lowell Jack and Lion J. Lester Hooper for all the hard work they have done through the years for Lions. If only we could have honored each

and every member with a certificate to show appreciation for your efforts. What a wonderful boost to start off the year.

Our attendance at **Purple Power Play** on Poyntz was for one night only, but we did serve popcorn and display our Lion spirit to the crowd. Also in August we enjoyed the Keats Shelter House as our meeting place. Two energetic young band members from MHS, Erin Kinney & Kyle Stroble, entertained us with their adventures at the **Lions State Band Camp** in Wichita at the Lions State Convention. Our sponsorship of these young people to the camp is something we and they will remember for a long time.

The annual **Lions Pancake Feed** was in October. What a day that was. Working in connection with the Flint Hills Woodworkers, it was a huge success and kept us all hopping from about 6:00 am until after 3:00 pm. We also had great help from 4-H club members, keeping drinks filled, cleaning up plates and anything else that needed to be done. This money is used during the year to support local charities, purchase eyeglasses, help with the Backpack project, furnish funds for a park picnic shelter, softball and baseball sponsorships, Boys and Girls State sponsor, AFS, 4-H club, sponsor band members(as described above) Kansas Lions Sight Foundation, Kansas Lions Foundation, Lion Club International Foundation and other needs.

Peace Poster kits were distributed and great creativity was shown by the students. Winners were chosen and prizes were distributed to those winners.

We had **entertaining and interesting programs**, including a Ladies Barbershop Group at our annual Christmas dinner, held this year at Doe's. The ladies were quite entertaining and the food was great. Other programs were by Doug Hofbauer, CEO of Frontier Farm Credit; State Treasurer Dennis McKinney; April Blackmon discussing the USO at Ft. Riley; Ron Frank on biking across Kansas; Natascha Phillips on the Backpack Project; our own Lion District 17-I Governor, Thelma Brown; Al Rankin of the A-3 Skywarrior Association; Ed Cross of KIOGA; and so many other interesting programs that I can't mention them all.

The three **tailtwisters** really learned their jobs well and have twisted many a tail during the last months and have succeeded in making the meetings fun and entertaining.

Biscuits and gravy, a breakfast hard to beat, was served by a willing group of Lion members in January. Again, Lions were there to help throughout the day as needed and funds were raised to support Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Crisis Center, Habitat for Humanity and Shepherd's Crossing. The KSDS raffle was also held and those funds went to KSDS.

The **Valentine event**, held at the Depot, was a lovely evening where we played host to a wonderful group of ladies who had been associated with Lions in the past, along with spouses of current members. Nelle Anneberg, Margo Caley, Mary JO Harbour, Kay Moorman, Evelyn Penland, Marilyn Ray, Alice Roper and Vadaline Strohm are widows of departed Lions members. We welcome these ladies every year to this event.

One of the great achievements this year was the induction of **new members** beginning with Dee & C.E. McKee in August, Wendy Skrdlandt, Olive Hooper & Don Robertson in December, Kay Carothers & Marge McKittrick in February, Larry & Barbara Barbary and Alan Van Nahmen in April. Dave Schafer has not yet been inducted, but this will occur at the meeting of June 8. Kudos to those who brought in new members.

We took part in the **Keats Lions Stride Walk** in the Mall in March, raising money for Diabetes Awareness.

Hopefully, the **Yellow Dot Program** is on the horizon

for our group. **Candy day** was held at Wal-Mart in front of the store and a portion of those funds went to Kansas Lions Sight Foundation.

Easter eggs were purchased and we boxed them in preparation for the annual **Easter Egg hunt** in Manhattan City Park. A beautiful spring day brought out the kiddies and the Easter bunny and a fun time was had. Great press coverage came from the Manhattan Mercury with pictures and a story.

For the first time a **\$500 scholarship** was presented. The recipient is a MHS senior, Lucas Wagner. We reviewed many worthy applications before our decision on Lucas as the recipient.

Four **Melvin Jones Fellowships** will be presented at the June 22 meeting. These were partially funded by undesignated funds already given to LCIF. The remainder of the funds came from individuals. These names will be announced in the July newsletter.

Hopefully, this Saturday morning we will be doing **Highway pickup** along Highway 18 on the Zeandale Road (weather permitting.) This project was dropped some years ago and we are trying it now with a different road.

A huge thank you goes to board members who have been there at all board meetings, with ideas, suggestions and support. I have avoided mentioning individual names during this wrap-up of the year. Everyone has helped in so many ways, either through the chairmanship of a committee, bringing in new members or being at meetings to listen to ideas and programs and show support for the Lion cause.

Various club **members attended** cabinet meetings, zone meetings, Mid-Winter Rally, District 17-I convention, Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute and most recently, the State Lions Convention. Ideas were exchanged and new friends were made.

State Council Chair **Tom and Lion Elaine Badger**, are moving away and we will miss them. They have both brought much to our club, the district and the state through the years. Thank you Tom and Elaine and we'll be with you in spirit in your new home.

We mourn the loss of two Lions members, **Lions Greg Caley and Ray Fields**. They are both deeply missed and our sympathy is with their families.

Manhattan Lions Club - Upcoming Activities

Saturday, June 6 - Highway Pickup - 8:30 am for donuts and coffee

at Knights of Columbus Hall on Zeandale Road

Monday, June 8 - Valentino's 6:15 pm

Speaker Ralph Titus - An Informed Public

Monday, June 22 - First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall 6:15 pm

Speakers Don & Joan Thomson on mission trip to Jamaica

Installation of Officers

Presentation of Melvin Jones Fellowships

Monday, July 6 - Board Meeting with new board ERA office 7:00 pm

Monday, July 13 - Valentino's 6:15 pm

Program to be announced later

Meetings



April Blackmon presented a very interesting program on **May 11** concerning the USO being built at Ft. Riley. Plans are for it to be completed by the end of this year and discussion took place as to how Manhattan Lions could help. April is a very enthusiastic young lady and we enjoyed her presentation

News from the Board

It was agreed to vigorously pursue the highway sign project and get it done in the next few months. Some landowners will be contacted. Once we establish that we have the consent of landowners, the signs will be ordered.

Two eyeglass requests were approved.

A donation in the amount of \$300 will be made to LCIF.

A donation of \$75 will be held to use as needed in the Yellow Dot program

There was discussion regarding KSDS raffle – this will be discussed further at the regular meeting on June 8.

Stoneybrook Nursing Home wants service organizations to serve an evening meal during the week of June 28 – July 3 for their 20th anniversary. More information will be available about this project.

Our ROAR is a winner

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Our Manhattan Lions Club ROAR was entered into a contest of club newsletters from throughout the state. The clubs were divided into divisions, based on the club membership. The ROAR was then competing against the largest clubs in the state.

We were very pleased to have the ROAR win **first place** in that division at the convention.

The Lion Roar

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Meetings 2nd & 4th Mondays at 6:15 pm

Meetings are normally held at Valentino's in Village Plaza (if you are planning to attend one of our meetings, please check our website <http://manhattanlionsclub.net> to assure location)

State Convention



The State Lions Band Concert which involved 234 young people from across the state was wonderful. What a wonderful job this band did. Their performance belied the short period of time they had played together.



We were so proud that our Manhattan High students, Anna Freeby and Charlie Barkley, took part in this event. The plan is to have them share their experiences with us later this summer.



Congratulations to Manhattan Lions Treasurer/Webmaster for 17-I & 17-N/Newsletter Editor for 17-I and newsletter publisher for Manhattan Lions, Lion Bud Gillispie, for the International Leadership Medal he received from IP Al Brandel & PIP Bill Wunder at the recent State Lions Convention. Nice going and keep up the good work, Bud. Also pictured above is IP Brandel's wife, Lion Dr. Maureen Murphy.

Membership Roster

Elaine Badger (Tom)	587-8047
Tom Badger (Elaine)	587-8047
Barbara Barbary (Larry)	341-0863
Larry Barbary (Barbara)	341-0863
Lerance Bolte (Cathy)	539-5998
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
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
Randy Plummer (Christi)	776-5768
Thomas Roberts (Dixie)	537-1590
Don Robertson	770-8305
Dave Schafer	539-7842
Arlene Sherwood (Duaine)	539-2102
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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
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Alan Van Nahmen	537-7653



Manhattan Lions Club Officers 2008-2009

President	Lion Lela Gillispie
Past President	Lion Preston Chapel
Vice President	Lion Carol Hockersmith
Secretary	Lion K. Taylor
Treasurer	Lion Bud Gillispie
Lion Tamer	Lion Danny Fang
Tail Twister	Lion Carol Hockersmith
Tail Twister	Lion Emily Swearingen
Tail Twister	Lion Shirley Fleener
1 Year Director	PDG Jim Tubach
2 Year Director	Lion Roy Hulett
3 Year Director	Lion Elaine Badger

Manhattan Lions Club Chairpersons 2008-2009

Program Chair	Lion Preston Chapel
Health Chair	Lion Arlene Sherwood
Candy Day Chair	Lion Carol Hockersmith
Pancake Day Chairs	Lions J. Lester Hooper & Lion Bruce Thierolf
Youth Activities Chairs	Lion Arlene & Lion Duaine Sherwood
Biscuit & Gravy Feed Chairs	CC Tom Badger & Lion Duaine Sherwood
Peace Poster	Lion Patsy Tubach

Current Melvin Jones Fellows As of June, 2009

Elaine Badger
Tom Badger
Don Bryant
Tad Carlisle
Vernon Cullers
Esther Dalrymple
Lester Dalrymple
Bud Gillispie
Charles Herr
J. Lester Hooper
Sam Kvasnica
Richard Martin
Palmer Mellgren
Howard Phillips
Tom Roberts
John Roche
James Strohm
K. Taylor
Jim Tubach
Patsy Tubach