



“We Serve”

The Roar

Manhattan Lions Club Monthly Newsletter

March 2009

It is hard to believe that the Lions year is 2/3 over already. We have gained seven new members and just voted in another. It seems we have been quite busy with fundraising projects during the last months. Now we will have opportunities to do some hands-on service with the upcoming **Easter egg hunt** and other activities. If you have not been down to City Park and watched the kiddies swarming over the Easter eggs “hidden” earlier by Lions members, it is a delightful sight. What takes us 30 to 45 minutes to hide is found in less than 5 minutes. But what fun it is. Plan to be there on April 11

Keats Lions Club will be hosting the **2nd Annual Diabetes Stride Walk** in the Manhattan Town Center Mall on Saturday, March 21. Registration will take place at 8:30 and the walk will begin at 9:00 am. The registration fee is \$10.00. Diabetes affects so many of our friends and family. All are encouraged to participate in this walk or help out during registration. Forms will be available at the March 9 meeting. For more information, call Donise Peterson at 785 537-8188.

Another opportunity is **Candy Day at Wal-Mart** on March 28. One hour shifts will be scheduled by Lion Carol Hockersmith and we will hope for a bright sunny day. Our club keeps a portion of the revenue from this event and the remainder goes to Kansas Lions Sight Foundation.

Later in the spring, the **Highway Pickup** project will take place. Lion Don Robertson is in charge of this project and will be sharing information with us in April.

Lion's motto is “We Serve” and that means with our hands in addition to our funds. To quote IP Al Brandel *“Have you ever considered that one of the greatest needs that exists in our communities is the need to serve? It's true. Especially in hard times generous, open-hearted people turn their empathy and good intentions into action and results. I think it comes down to this: people need to be relevant. People need to make a difference in the world. As with many needs in our communities a Lions Club is the perfect vehicle to meet this universal need among our neighbors and friends.*

But your club can only meet this need if it is itself relevant to the community and to your membership. Does your club seek out the most pressing needs in your community? Does it craft innovative ways to make the world a better place? Are your members willing to try something new? Do they have the heart and dedication to take on big projects? Does your club meet your member's needs to be involved in their community?” Those are good questions for us and our club to answer in the future.

DUES

Dues are due at this time. The cost for a single membership is \$70 per year and the cost for a couple is \$105 per year, with a fee break to encourage membership of spouses or other family members. Please see Lion K. Taylor if you have questions.

LIONS TOM & ELAINE BADGER

As we announced at the last meeting, the Badgers will be leaving us and moving to an area south of Topeka on the Badger family farm. They have contributed much to the Manhattan Club, to the district and to state Lions and will be missed.

ZONE MEETING

Zone Chair Tad Carlisle hosted a Zone meeting Thursday, February 26. Three members from Holton Lions Club attended as did Lions Bud and Lela. Many ideas were discussed for membership and projects.

FEBRUARY 23 MEETING

Doug Hofbauer, CEO of Frontier Farm Credit presented the program at the meeting of February 23. He presented information on the economy and agriculture as affected by the economic conditions. Even though we are facing tough conditions, his presentation was upbeat and encouraging. He was accompanied by his wife, Nancy.



BOARD NEWS

Items covered at the most recent board meeting include the following:

By-Laws will be reviewed by the board during meetings this year and then presented to the membership for vote when all necessary changes have been made.

The Scholarship application has been sent to Flint Hills Christian School and Manhattan High School. Once applications are received the board will review and decide on a winner of the \$500 Scholarship.

Dave Schafer was approved as a new member

Lion K. Taylor has talked to KDOT regarding highway signs and is now looking for landowners where signs can be placed.

Approval was given to donate \$500.00 toward the picnic shelter in the renovated area of City Park. All civic organizations have been encouraged to participate in this project.

A nominating committee will be appointed to prepare a slate of officers for the year 2009-2010. This slate will be presented at the March 23 meeting and election will take place April 13. New officers will be installed at the meeting on June 22.

DISTRICT 17-I CONVENTION

The first 17-I District Convention took place in Concordia February 20 and 21. State Council Chair Tom Badger and Lion Elaine, District Eyeglass Chair Lion Duaine Sherwood and Lion Arlene and District Webmaster and Technology Chair Lion Bud Gillispie and Manhattan President Lion Lela attended the festivities. After a fried chicken potluck dinner on Friday night, we were entertained by Pastor Lion Dennis Matthews from Holton Lions Club with songs and stories. ID Bill Watkins and wife Nora from Tennessee was an inspiring speaker during the various events of Saturday. A banquet Saturday evening finished off the weekend. Manhattan Lions received a certificate for a gain in membership. All attending agreed it was a very successful event.



VALENTINE DINNER

Our Valentine dinner honoring Lion member spouses and children and widows of departed Lion members was a huge success. Again this year, it was held at the Manhattan Depot. Guests included the following: Casey Chapel, Joe Carothers, Irma Hulett, Phyllis Jack, DeWayne Taylor, Loma Stigge, Jackie Mershon, Dottie Kvasnica, Nelle Anneberg, Margo Caley, Mary Jo Harbour, Kay Moorman, Evelyn Penland, Marilyn Ray, Alice Roper and Vadaline Strohm. The meal was catered by Whiskey Creek and was enjoyed by all. The very interesting program was presented by Ron Frank, who was accompanied by his wife, Betty. Ron talked about his recumbent_bicycle and Biking Across Kansas.



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

Meetings are normally held at

Valentino's in Village Plaza

Membership Roster

Elaine Badger (Tom)	587-8047
Tom Badger (Elaine)	587-8047
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
Danny Fang	539-8299
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
Duaine Sherwood (Arlene)	539-2102
Gary Skrdlant (Wendy)	539-5008
Wendy Skrdlant (Gary)	539-5008
Dr. Norbert Stigge (Lorna)	539-4125
Emily Swearingen	341-9348
K Taylor (DeWayne)	539-8846
Bruce Thierolf (Mindy)	776-9434
James Tubach (Patsy)	539-3068
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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 T wister	Lion Carol Hockersmith
Tail T wister	Lion Emily Swearingen
Tail T wister	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

Melvin Jones Fellows As of June, 2008

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

Manhattan Lions Club - Upcoming Activities

- Monday, March 9 – Regular Meeting Valentino's 6:15 pm
Program by District Governor Thelma Brown
- Saturday, March 21 – Diabetes Stride Walk in the Mall
All walkers invited. Forms will be available at the March 9 meeting
- Monday, March 23 – Regular Meeting Valentino's 6:15 pm
Lion Kent Oleen will have Easter Eggs to be put into cartons.
(This will take the place of our regular program.)
- Saturday, March 28 - Candy Day at Wal-Mart 10 am to 2 pm
- Monday, March 30 – Lions Board - ERA Office 7:00 pm
- Saturday, April 11 – Easter Egg Hunt in City Park
- Monday, April 13 - Regular Meeting - Valentino's 6:15 pm
Program by State Treasurer Dennis McKinney
- Monday, April 27 – Regular Meeting – Valentino's – 6:15 pm
Program by Lion Elaine Badger on Yellow Dot Program