



“We Serve”

The Roar

Manhattan Lions Club Monthly Newsletter

May, 2009

Goodness, we have had a lot of activities occurring during this Lions year and, although we are close to the end, it doesn't seem to be slowing down. Later in the newsletter there are articles about the Candy Day and the Easter Egg Hunt. Both events were well attended and enjoyed by our members. Thank you to all who participated, in any way, to make these activities a success.

Due to the interest and enthusiasm of Lions K. Taylor and Carol Hockersmith, we did sponsor a scholarship this year for a Manhattan High School graduate. Lucas Wagner, was the recipient chosen from a field of 12 applicants. All applications were very impressive and it was difficult to make a choice. Lion Dee McKee presented Lucas with a letter of congratulations at the annual Awards Night at MHS on Monday, May 4. Congratulations Lucas and thank you to Lions K. & Carol, all board members who reviewed the applications and Lion Dee who made the presentation.

The final District 17-I Cabinet meeting of the year was held in Abilene Saturday, May 2. District Governor Thelma Brown presided over the meeting. PDG Jim Tubach and Women's Membership Chair Patsy, District Eyeglass Chair Duaine Sherwood, District Website & Newsletter Editor Bud Gillispie and Lion Lela all attended the meeting. Reports were given by district chairs and the election of Riley Lion Marion Schroll for 2nd Vice District Governor took place. Manhattan Lions were recognized for having the largest membership increase in the district. Thank you to those members who have sponsored new members.



Tuesday evening, May 5, Lion President Lela was part of a group of civic organization representatives who presented checks to City Mayor, Bob Strawn, at the City Commission meeting. These checks are to be used, along with a matching grant, to construct a picnic shelter at the Manhattan City Park. A total of \$9000 was raised by 13 organizations.

New Members

Three new members were inducted by CC Tom Badger at the April 27 meeting. Congratulations to our new members Barbara and Larry Barbary who were sponsored by Lion Bud Gillispie and Alan Van Nahmen, who was sponsored by Lion Dee McKee. We're happy to have you join us.

State Lions Convention

Lions State Convention will be held in Wichita Thursday through Saturday, May 28 – 30. This is a great opportunity to visit and share ideas with Lions from throughout the state of Kansas and the concert referred to below is worth the time and cost of the convention. Registration forms are available on-line as well as in the latest Kansas Lions newsletter. If you have any questions, please see CC Tom Badger, PDG Jim Tubach or the Gillispies.

We have State Band Camp Members again this year. Two students from Manhattan High School have submitted applications to attend the State Lions Band Camp in Wichita May 26-30. Those students are Charlie Barkley and Anna Freeby. We look forward to hearing them perform at the concert on Saturday, May 30.

Your Officers for 2009-2010

The following officers were elected at the April 27 meeting and will be installed at the meeting on June 22:

President – Lion Lela Gillispie
Vice President – Lion Carol Hockersmith
Past President – Lion Preston Chapel
Secretary – Lion K. Taylor
Treasurer – Lion Bud Gillispie
3 year Board Member – Lion Duaine Sherwood
2 year Board Member – Lion Paul Fleener
1 year Board Member – Lion Roy Hulett
Lion Tamer – PDG Jim Tubach
TailTwister – Lion Shirley Fleener
TailTwister – Lion Dee McKee
TailTwister – Lion Emily Swearingen



Candy Day

Thank you to those who distributed candy for sight research for Lion's Candy Day Saturday, April 25 at Manhattan Wal-Mart. We earned \$346.94 for Kansas Lions Sight Foundation and \$520.31 for local sight projects. Participants this time were Duane Sherwood, Lowell Jack, Jim Tubach, Barb Barbary, Larry Barbary, Dee McKee, Rich McKittrick, Marge McKittrick, Lela Gillispie, J. Lester Hooper, Don Robertson, Carol Hockersmith, Kay Carothers, and Bud Gillispie. Good work, folks.

Thank you to Roy Hulett and Wal-Mart for helping us set up the event twice -- first for the day we got snowed out and for our rescheduled date. (If we'd have had it the original day, K. Taylor, Dennis Irvin, Pat Tubach, Anne Nielsen, Monty Nielsen and Alan Van Nahmen would have been in action, too. We thank you for signing up for that first round.)

*Candy Day Chair
Carol Hockersmith*

Melvin Jones Fellowships

Melvin Jones Fellowships will be presented to 4 members of the Manhattan Lions Club, as a result of a donation made to Campaign Sight First II a few years ago. These members will pay \$500 of the \$1000 cost and the remainder will come from the initial



donation made by the club. If paperwork is accomplished in a timely manner, they should be presented at the meeting on June 22, which will also be installation of officers.

Highway Pick-up

Highway pick-up is tentatively planned for Saturday June 6. Lion Don Robertson will be telling us more about this at the next meeting.

Easter Egg Hunt



The annual Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success and the Manhattan Mercury covered it quite well with a story and photos. Thank you to all who came out that morning to hide eggs; thank you to Lion Kent Olen who was in charge of getting the eggs for the hunt and thank you to those individuals who put up barriers and kept traffic out of the park until the hunt was over. Girls from Scout Troop 7368, along with their leader Rose Hill, were a huge help, including, appearing as the Easter Bunny to the delight of the children. A fun time was had by children, parents and Lions members and families.

Yellow Dot Program

State Council Chair Tom Badger and Lion Elaine presented the program at the April 27 meeting on the new Yellow Dot Program, which is being promoted by the

Lions of the State of Kansas. After filling out a form, an individual who has a medical condition which could cause them problems while driving, will be given a large yellow dot to put in the back window of their vehicle, as well as a form in a yellow envelope which will be put in the glove compartment. In case of an emergency, emergency responders would immediately recognize that the driver may be having a medical problem and treat the situation accordingly. Manhattan Lions hope to become more involved in this program.

May 4 Board Meeting Report

A section of the Standard By-Laws was reviewed and changes made. Additional sections will be reviewed at later meetings. After the board has acted on the changes, the new Manhattan Lions Club by-laws will be brought before the membership for review and approval.

The board approved the purchase of a pair of eye-glasses for a needy individual.

A thank you note from a parent, for the Easter Egg Hunt, was read

A motion was made and seconded to drop 3 members for non-payment of dues. Motion carried

April 13 Program



We were quite honored to have as our guest and speaker for the evening, State Treasurer Dennis McKinney, at the regular meeting on April 13. He shared with us thoughts and after-effects of the Greensburg tornado, since he is a Greensburg native. He also commented on the economy and the budget for the state of Kansas.

We appreciate Treasurer McKinney taking the time from his busy schedule to visit our club

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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)

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
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
Patsy Tubach (James)	539-3068
Alan Van Nahmen	537-7653



Manhattan Lions Club Officers 2008-2009

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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, May 11 - Valentino's 6:15
April Blackmon - USO at Ft. Riley
- Monday, May 25 - No meeting
- Monday, June 1 - Board Meeting ERA office 7:00 pm
- Saturday, June 6 - Highway Pickup
- Monday, June 8 - Valentino's
Program - TBD
- Monday, June 22 - First United Methodist Church 6:15 pm
Program by Don & Joan Thomson regarding mission trip to Jamaica
Installation of Officers
Presentation of MJFs