



“We Serve”

The Roar

Manhattan Lions Club Monthly Newsletter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a great busy month April has been. Manhattan Lions hosted the annual Easter Egg Hunt which was held in City Park and which we covered in the last newsletter. A highlight of the year was the presence of Kansas Governor Mark Parkinson at the April 12 meeting. Later in this newsletter there are comments and pictures from that meeting.

Candy Day was held in April and it was a huge success. Thanks to Lions Larry and Barbara Barbary for chairing this event and to Lion J. Lester Hooper for helping get volunteers to cover the time slots. Also a huge thank you to Lion Roy Hulett for letting us hold Candy Day at Wal-Mart.

A **scholarship** in the amount of \$500 was presented Monday night by Lion Dee McKee to MHS senior Hillary Hendricks. Thank you to the scholarship committee of Lion Carol Hockersmith and Lion K. Taylor for their work on this project. Congratulations to student, Hillary, and best of luck to her in the future.

Again this year, **Westloop Merchants** will be hosting movies during the months of May, June and July. They are asking for help from Manhattan Lions to distribute hot dogs and drinks. The first movie will be May 28.

Lion J. Lester will be asking for help. If you are in town that weekend and can assist with this easy project, please let him know.

Highway pickup was held Saturday, May 1. Nine members were present to clean Highway 18 Zeandale road. It was a beautiful morning and a good time to be outside. Thanks to Lion Don Robertson for making these arrangements and thanks to members who were able to help out.



Gary Skrdlant, K Taylor, Don Robertson, Bud Gillispie and Jim Tubach - preparing to put on their safety vests to begin the task.



Monty Nielsen, Anne Nielsen, Bob Williams, Lela Gillispie, Jim Tubach and Don Robertson with satisfied smiles after finishing the job

Plans are being made for the **May 24 meeting**. Most years we do not have a 2nd meeting in May because of Memorial Day. But we are planning a picnic meal which will be held at Keats Park that evening. No charge and no potluck.

The time after the meal will be spent answering questions and sharing information for the newer members and sharing stories of the long time members. If you have a friend who might be interested in Lions, bring him/her along. They can be educated in Lions while meeting new and interesting people.

As always, spouses are welcome and encouraged to come. Bring the kids and grandkids since there is a playground at the park. A signup sheet will be passed around at the May 10 meeting and calls will be made to contact others. If you have a question about the evening, please call me at 537-2258 or Lion Carol at 587-9357.

Lion Emily Swearingen is pictured below with her darling young sons, Carter and Cayden. You may remember that Carter was born prematurely on Dec. 13.



This picture was taken earlier and lost on my cell phone. Carter, Cayden, Emily and Brian were shopping recently and it was great to see them out. Congratulations, again, to the Swearingens.

CARES AND CONCERNS

Lion Paul Fleener is (as of Monday) still at Stonybrook facility undergoing therapy. He does welcome visitors and cards and hopes to be returning home soon.

Lion Lowell Jack will begin chemotherapy soon, to be followed by radiation. He will be able to take these treatments in Manhattan, so he will not have to travel. He has been assured that Lion members are available to

assist him and Phyllis as needed.

Please keep these fine Lion members and their families in your prayers.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

This slate of officers was voted on and approved by our club membership to serve during the 2010-2011 Lion year. Please give them your support and say “yes” when called upon to help or serve.

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
TailT wister	Al Keithley
TailT wister	Arlene Irvin
TailT wister	Roy Hulett
Past President	Lela Gillispie

MEETINGS

The members of Manhattan Lions Club were honored to have as their speaker, Governor Mark Parkinson, for the meeting on Monday, April 12. Governor Parkinson spoke about the Kansas economy, citing where cuts have been made to balance the budget for fiscal year 2010-2011. Since a huge percentage of the general fund budget goes to social services and education K-12 and higher, he indicated there are very few options left for cuts.

Lions members from Manhattan, Manhattan Sunflower, Keats, Randolph, Holton, Milford, Marysville, and Scranton, as well as guests from the area were quite



The assembled Lions and guests listen to the Governor's presentation on what is transpiring in our state government.



Club President Lela with Kansas Governor, Mark Parkinson on her right and Mayor Bob Strawn on her left



Lions Anne Nielsen and Dee McKee appear to be giving Mayor Strawn an ear-full.



Our head-table guests were Vickie and DG Bill Phillipi, Kansas Governor, Mark Parkinson and Mayor Bob Strawn

impressed by Governor Parkinson. Others in attendance were State Representative Tom Hawk; State Representative Sydney Carlin & her husband, John; State

Senator Roger Reitz and wife Virginia.

Mayor Bob Strawn welcomed the group of over 90 individuals. DG Bill Phillipi inducted new member Ladonna Piper and shared facts about Lions Clubs in general, LCI and LCIF with the group.



DG Bill Phillipi installs our newest member, LaDonna Piper. LaDonna was brought in by Lion Alan VanNahmen.

The speaker for the April 26 meeting was **J. Mark Blakesley** of **Youthville** in Newton KS.



Youthville has campuses in Dodge City and Newton with approximately 125 youth being treated at this time. Substance abuse, sexual abuse and gambling are some of the problems of these children, ages 6 to 18. In 70% of the cases, the child has been placed there by his or her parents. It was an interesting program which was thought provoking for Lion members in attendance.

FROM THE BOARD

The By-Laws are being reviewed by Lions Carol, Don Robertson and Bud Gillispie. Hopefully, the new bylaws will be completed and ready to be presented at the June board meeting. If they are approved by the board, they will then be presented to the membership to be voted on at the membership meeting of June 28.

The possibility of getting sugar-free candy for candy day was discussed. Also more candy is needed next year since the candy ran out before all volunteers had an opportunity to participate.

Two MHS band students will be sponsored at the state band camp in early June.

The park at the corner of Seaton and Kimball that has been promoted by Lion K. Taylor, has caught the interest of KSU students. They will make a presentation to Lion K. and others interested Wednesday, May 5 at 2:00 pm at Throckmorton Hall.

Donations made to LCIF in the past year have made it possible for 2 Melvin Jones Fellowships to be conferred in June, if a member donates the amount of \$500 to match the club's contribution. One person has already mentioned to me that they are interested, so that member will be one of the two. If you are interested, please let Lion Lela know immediately.

The last District 17-I Cabinet meeting of the year will be held in Manhattan at First United Methodist Church Harris Activity Center. Officer training will take place Saturday morning, June 12. Lunch is not furnished. In the afternoon, the cabinet meeting will take place, followed by a picnic dinner at Anneberg #2. Reservations are necessary for dinner.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, May 10 Valentino's
Lona Foust, Sure Sight - 6:15 pm

Monday, May 24 Keats Park
Questions and answers - 6:15 pm

Friday, May 28 Westloop Movie Night

Monday, June 7 Board Meeting -ERA office - 7:00 pm

Monday, June 14 Valentino's - 6:15 pm
Program TBA

Monday, June 28 First United Methodist Church
6:15 pm - KONZ90.9 Community Radio

Lions Fact Sheet

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization.

We have more than 1.3 million members in more than 45,000 clubs worldwide.

Lions are everywhere.

We're active men and women in more than 200 countries and geographic areas.

Lions have a dynamic history.

Founded in 1917, we are best known for fighting blindness – it's part of our history as well as our work today. But we also volunteer for many different kinds of community projects – including caring for the environment, feeding the hungry and aiding seniors and the disabled.

Lions give sight.

By conducting vision screenings, equipping hospitals and clinics, distributing medicine and raising awareness of eye disease, Lions work toward their mission of providing vision for all. Lions have extended their commitment to sight conservation through countless local efforts and through their international SightFirst Program, which works to eradicate blindness.

Lions serve youth.

Our community projects often support local children and schools through scholarships, recreation and mentoring. Internationally, we offer many programs, including the Peace Poster Contest, Youth Camps and exchange and Lions Quest.

Our Leo Program provides the youth of the world with an opportunity for personal development through volunteering. There are approximately 144,000 Leos and 5,700 Leo clubs in more than 140 countries worldwide.

Lions award grants.

Since 1968, the Lions Clubs International Foundation has awarded more than \$660 million in grants to support Lions humanitarian projects around the world. The Foundation was also ranked the **number one** nongovernmental organization in a 2007 study by The Financial Times.

Together, our Foundation and Lions are helping communities following natural disasters by providing for immediate needs such as food, water, clothing and medical supplies and aiding in long-term reconstruction.

Lions are active.

Our motto is "**We Serve.**" Lions are part of a global service network, doing whatever is necessary to help our local communities.

Membership Roster

Barbara Barbary (Larry)	341-2313
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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
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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
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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