



The Roar

Manhattan Lions Club Monthly Newsletter

October, 2009

From the President

We have just returned from USA/Canada Forum in Memphis. What an inspiring and stimulating event. Sixty-five seminars were open to the approximate 3,000 who were registered. It was difficult to decide which to attend, since we had only 8 time slots to fill. A First Timers Seminar helped us settle in to the spirit of the forum. It was interesting to sit and visit with Lions from around the world. The host at our table one evening was a Past International Director from India (who informed me he was from a small town of 150,000). At another meal it was the International Director from Puerto Rico.

It was amazing to see the flag ceremony with flags from USA, Canada, Wisconsin (host of the 2010 forum), Tennessee (host of this forum), North Carolina (home of 1st Vice President Sid Scruggs and honorary chair of this forum), Germany (in honor of International President Eberhard Wirfs), and China (in honor of 2nd Vice President Wing-Kun Tam). Flags from the 205 countries with Lions clubs formed the backdrop for the flag ceremony. Participants represented almost every state in the USA and every province in Canada, as well as International Directors and Past International Directors from around the world. One of the most thrilling events was the introduction of three members of a new Lions Club formed in Iraq. Amazingly, the president of that club was a lady. As we know, Lions is the only service organization in China. The magnitude of our organization is quite impressive.

Featured speakers included Dr. Charles Petty a counselor, professor and humorist from North Carolina and LaDonna Gatlin who sang and encouraged the audience to realize their potential by living life fully through words, deed and actions. International President Wirfs spoke at the noon luncheon Saturday. His program is "Move to Grow" and his presentation was inspiring. The last speaker of the forum was Craig MacFarlane, who touched all our hearts with his story of becoming blind from an accident at age 2. He became a world class athlete in wrestling, downhill skiing, water skiing, track and field and also plays golf. We were left with a message of "Hope and Inspiration."

It was a wonderful experience for us and the other 45 Lion members from Kansas. Next year it will be in Milwaukee, so, again, the transportation is not a major factor. See you in Milwaukee!! *(Pictured below are Lion Lela, 17-S VDG Tonja Wienck, Lion Bud, State Council Chair Bryce Day and the Badgers).*



Pancake Feed

What are you going to be doing on Saturday, October 31? Members have that date on their calendar to do their part for our biggest fundraiser, the annual pancake feed. If you have not picked up tickets from Co-Chair **Paul Fleener**, please do so at the Oct 12 meeting. We need every hand and every friend who is willing to help to make this event successful.

A table will be set up at the Pancake Feed promoting a new project from the Kansas Lions and Manhattan Lions, the Yellow Dot program. A Yellow Dot is put on the back window of the car of an individual who may possibly have a seizure, heart, diabetic or other type of problem. In the glove compartment of the car is a form which describes the health problem and a picture of the person. If there is an accident or incident, the EMT or police who come on the scene, knows to look in the glove compartment to help determine the problem. **Lion Kay Carothers** is the chairperson for our club and will be working with **Lions Duaine Sherwood and Paul Fleener** to get the word out to those who need this identification.

KSDS Raffle tickets will also be available. KSDS (formerly Kansas Specialty Dogs Service) raises, finds trainers and helps those individuals who need a dog because of a handicap, because of being blind and other trials where a trained animal can help them live a normal life. The committee, chaired by **Lion Pat Tubach**, is seeking items to be used for the raffle which will take place in January. Please let **Lion Pat or Lions Dee McKee or Paul Fleener** know what items you may be willing to contribute.

Also occurring that day will be the sale of blind made products, which includes com brooms, heavy utility brooms, whisk brooms, ironing board covers, baking mitts and other items. The club makes a small profit on these items, but more importantly, it is a way to get products made by handicapped individuals to the general public.

Lion Shirley Fleener was recognized in a recent Shepherd's Crossing newsletter for her volunteerism. She is Director of Client Services, and she spends many hours beyond the scope of her job helping those in need. Congratulations, Shirley, for this recognition.

The next Lions meeting will be held at the Zeandale Church, Monday, October 12. Spouses are invited and always welcome at any meeting. Reservations are necessary for this dinner served by church members. The program will be a presentation on Greater Manhattan Community Foundation, presented by Sarah Saueressig

Meetings

and Lana Oleen. If you have not made reservations, please call me at 537-2258 or Lion Carol at 587-9357 as soon as possible.

The October 26 Lions meeting will be held at Valentino's, and our guest speaker will be Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh. He will share with us duties of the Secretary of State as well as other interesting items about our state



Lion Arlene Irvin, daughter Maggie and granddaughter, Emma Rose. At this time Grandpa Dennis is still in Switzerland visiting the family.

The ladies and some gentlemen of the First United Methodist Church again served the Lions a wonderful meal on Monday, Sept 14. Our program on project-PLANTS was presented by Erika Huber and Annie Smith. This is a project in some of the elementary school where children in grades 4 and 5 learn about growing food and learn to enjoy vegetables. Volunteer help is always needed.



Manhattan Lions Club - Upcoming Activities

- Monday, October 12 – Meeting at Zeandale Church – 6:15 pm
Program on Greater Manhattan Community Foundation
- Monday, October 26 – Meeting at Valentino's – 6:15 pm
Program by Secretary of State Ron Thomburgh
- Saturday, October 31 – Annual Pancake Feed Fundraiser
Potorff Hall 7:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Monday, November 2 – Board Meeting – ERA Office 7:00 pm
- Monday, November 9 – Meeting at Valentino's – 6:15 pm
Program by Senate President Steve Morris



New members, , **Al Keithley**, **Mary Keithley**, **Margo Caley** and **Bob Williams** were inducted into membership by **PDG Jim Tubach**. Welcome. We are so pleased to have you join us.

Monday, September 28, **Vice President Carol Hockersmith** was in charge of the meeting and presented a video "New Glasses, New Life" about the Lions eyeglasses collection project. **Lion Duaine** reported that the Kansas Lions collected 90,000 pair of eyeglasses in 2007 and 85,000 in 2008.

News from the Board

The board meeting was held Monday, October 5, with 7 members present. An eyeglass request was approved by the board for a needy individual. The motion was made, seconded and approved to donate \$50 to LCIF in the name of former **Lion Ray Blanchard**, who recently passed. Our sympathy goes out to the Blanchard family.

Reports were given on the pancake feed, KSDS raffle, Yellow Dot Program and highway signs. We will pay \$77.00 to GTM for our share of the Lion sign which will be placed on the Splash Park Pavilion. The dedication of this pavilion, which was funded by the civic organizations in Manhattan, will be held on October 23.

Current Melvin Jones Fellows

As of October 2009

Elaine Badger
PCC Tom Badger
* Don Bryan
PDG Tad Carlisle
Preston Chapel
Vernon Cullers
*Esther Dalrymple
*Lester Dalrymple
Bud Gillispie
Charles Herr
J. Lester Hooper
Olive Hooper
Sam Kvasnica
*Richard Martin
*Palmer Mellgren
Monty Nielsen
*Howard Phillips
PDG Tom Roberts
*John Roche
Gary Skrdlant
*James Strohm
K. Taylor
PDG Jim Tubach
Patsy Tubach
**Deceased recipients*

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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
April Blackmon	317-5746
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
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 (Lorna)	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	537-7653
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 Chairs	Lion Paul Fleener
	Lion Monty Nielsen
Health & Sight Chair	Lion Arlene Sherwood
Candy Day Chairs (or substitute project)	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 Chair	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