

# **The Roar**

## **Manhattan Lions Club Monthly Newsletter**

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### **Manhattan Lions Club News and Fall Activities**

**Pancake Feed** – The recent cool weather after a long hot summer in Manhattan reminds us that fall is upon us, and we need to be thinking about several key activities including the Pancake Feed on October 15, 2011. The co-chairs this year are Dave Schafer and J. Lester Hooper, who has served in this role for many years. You can help by serving on committees, selling tickets, working at the event or some combination of all three. Please contact either Dave or J. Lester if you can help and add your name to the sign-up sheet that will be passed around at our next two meetings. We always need help with the set up on Friday night. During each of the shifts you will have the option to “flip” pancakes, cook eggs and sausages, serve coffee and orange drinks, in addition to educating our guests about the good work done by Lions.

**Highway Clean Up** – The heat made it difficult to be enthusiastic about this important task, which is now complicated by busy schedules and football games. I suggest we plan for October 8<sup>th</sup>, which is a home game with Missouri. We will not know about the starting time until the middle of that week. If the start time for the game is 11:00 A.M. or 1 P.M., the next possible date for a highway clean up would be October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Organization of storage shed** – I suggest that we do this project on the morning of October 22<sup>nd</sup> if we are able to have the highway clean up on October 8<sup>th</sup>. We will need 6 to 8 volunteers for 1 to 1.5 hours. It should not take long to pull everything out of the storage area, organize the contents and label either plastic containers or boxes.

**Requests for Eyeglasses** – The long-standing policy of our Club has been to include a line item in the yearly budget to assist members of the Manhattan community with limited funds to provide a maximum of \$150.00 towards an eye

examination and purchase of glasses. In order to approve a request for eye glasses, the individual must work with either Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) or Shepherd’s Crossing to verify their request. A letter indicating such a need is sent by either organization to the Club and approved at a monthly Board meeting. The funds never go directly to the individual, but instead are sent to either SRS or Shepherd’s Crossing for dispersal to the medical provider.

Last year the Board approved 17 requests with a total distribution of about \$1500.00. The need for eyeglasses during the first 3 months of this fiscal almost matched the total number of requests for last year. Further, the situation has been made more difficult due to the reduced budgets of other groups that assist the poor, the elderly and the homeless in Manhattan. As I indicated at our last meeting, the main options identified by the Board are: 1) another fund raising event, which will compete with similar events sponsored by other civic groups in Manhattan, and 2) identify a source for a matching grant, which will enable us to leverage and make better use of our limited funds. There have been other good suggestions that I plan to discuss at future meetings. Unfortunately, the Board had no choice but to inform Shepherd’s Crossing that we are unable to approve additional requests for eye glasses at this time due to lack of funds.

**Future Meeting Site** – With the help of J. Lester Hooper and Paul Fleener, we have at least 4 sites to consider at our next meeting. The possible meeting sites are the Clarion Hotel, the First Methodist Church with dinner provided by Ray’s Apple Market Grocery, the Golden Wok Chinese restaurant, and Ramblers new facility (the old Kites restaurant). I will provide a summary of the costs

and options for each of these sites/restaurants at our next meeting.

We will meet at the Sirloin Stockade on September 26<sup>th</sup> and at the Zeandale Community Church on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to have a new meeting site for the October 24<sup>th</sup> Monday night meeting

### Upcoming Mondays and Events for Club

**Monday, September 26, 2011.** Regular club meeting at the Sirloin Stockade, 325 E. Poyntz Avenue. Eat at 6:15 P.M. and the meeting will begin at 6:45 P.M. The speaker will be Stan Ward from USD 383. Title – TBA.

**Monday, October 3, 2011, 7:00 PM.** Board Meeting at the ERA, The Condemner Group Office, 1420 Poyntz Avenue.

**Monday, October 10, 2011, 6:00 P.M.** Regular meeting at the Zeandale Community Church, Tabor Valley Rd. just north of Hwy K-18. We will have part of our business meeting before the meal so that we can eat at 6:30. Spouses and guests are welcome. Program – TBA. Thirty three Lions and guests have signed up; however, Mickey Keithley has yet to hear from 5 individuals. Please contact her if you plan to attend.

**Saturday, October 15, 2011.** Manhattan Lions Club Pancake Feed fundraiser at Pottorf Hall, Manhattan's Cico Park, 7:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Set up on Friday starting at 7:00 P.M. with clean up from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Anne Nielsen has a new medium size Lions vest that she would like to sell. Anne can be contacted at 539-6761 or at one of our regular meetings.

Bud Gillispie took the following pictures at the August 26<sup>th</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup> club meetings. On behalf of the Manhattan Lions Club, we thank Bud for the pictures and his many contributions to our club.



Above: Photo of Polly Stoecklein who was the speaker at our August 26, 2011 meeting. Polly talked about the Fairy Godmothers Fund program in Manhattan.



Above: Photo of Lion Don presenting a pin to our speaker, Bev Olson, Executive Director of Shepherds Crossing. Her presentation dealt with funding sources, policies and procedures, and the many activities, in addition to assistance for eye glasses, performed by Shepherds Crossing.

### Leadership Team for 2011-2012

<b>President:</b>	Don Robertson
<b>Vice President:</b>	Kay Carothers
<b>Secretary:</b>	Carol Hockersmith
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Monty Nielsen
<b>Lion Tamer:</b>	TBA
<b>Director (1 year):</b>	Duaine Sherwood
<b>Director (1 year):</b>	Jim Tubach
<b>Director (2 years):</b>	K Taylor
<b>Director (2 years):</b>	Gary Skrdlant
<b>Tail Twister:</b>	Roy Hulett
<b>Tail Twister:</b>	Arlen Irvin
<b>Tail Twister:</b>	Al Keithley
<b>Past President:</b>	Carol Hockersmith

### Administrative Committees for 2011 - 2012

<b>Bylaws Chair:</b>	Don Robertson
<b>Fund Raising Chairs:</b>	
Pancake Feed	Dave Schafer
Biscuits and Gravy Feed	Duaine Sherwood
Candy day:	TBA
Blind Made Products:	Anne Nielsen
<b>Membership:</b>	Shirley Fleener
<b>Program Chairs:</b>	Bud and Lela Gillespie, Diana Chapel
<b>Publicity:</b>	Ladonna Piper

### Activities Committees for 2011-2012

<b>Health and sight co-chairs:</b>	Arlene Sherwood and Mickey Keithley
<b>Peace poster chair:</b>	K Taylor
<b>Diabetes awareness chair (yellow dot Program):</b>	Kay Carothers
<b>Lions opportunities for youth co-chairs:</b>	Arlene Sherwood Duaine Sherwood
<b>KS DS chair:</b>	Patsy Tubach
<b>Highway pick-up chair:</b>	Don Robertson
<b>Easter egg event chair:</b>	Kent Oleen
<b>High school scholarship chair:</b>	K Taylor
<b>Special dinners chair:</b>	Mickey Keithley

### Membership Roster

Margo Caley	776-6426
Tad Carlisle (Margaret)	456-7815
Kay Carothers (Joe)	587-9338
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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 Gillespie (Lela)	537-2258
Lela Gillespie (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
Al Keithley (Mickey)	539-1536
Mary "Mickey" Keithley (Al)	539-1536
Samuel Kvasnica (Dottie)	537-7950
Meridith 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 (Monte)	539-6761
Monty Nielsen (Anne)	539-6761
Kent Oleen (Lana)	537-3300
Ladonna Piper	785-317-6043
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 (Brian)	341-9348
K Taylor (DeWayne)	556-0586
Bruce Thieroff (Mindy)	456-1379
James Tubach (Patsy)	539-3068
Patsy Tubach (James)	530-3068
Alan Van Nahmen	812-343-2370
Bob Williams (Diana)	776-5251