



# Lions Lingo

## *The Leavenworth Lions Club*

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FROM MADAM BIG LION: Happy New Year! How fast the year has gone! Just this past couple of months, we have had Vision Screenings, Bell Ringing, Pecan Sales, the Veterans Day Parade, Yellow Book Delivery, and great weekly programs!

So much going on, but remember those who are in need in our community. I hope that you will also take time to reflect on our blessings, those who are important in our lives, and those who have dedicated their lives for our freedom. Last month Lions Craig Wenger, Gary Colston, Sam Sanford and I joined my sister Janine and some of the Red Bridge (Kansas City, MO) Lions in laying wreaths on the graves at the National Cemetery at Fort Leavenworth. It was a moving dedication ceremony, and the cemetery looked so beautiful. Janine and I found our parents' graves as well and paid our respects. I am so thankful for much in my life.

- Congratulations to Lion Jack Walker for the Lifetime Achievement Award from Lions International and the Leavenworth Lions! We are honored to have Lion Jack in our Club.
- Second VP Lion Craig Wenger says we still have nuts for sale – don't forget about the chocolate-covered nuts for your sweetheart for Valentine's Day!
- Speaking of Valentine's Day, bring your sweetheart to our "Just Because" Valentine Dinner/Dance at the Riverfront Community Center on Feb. 10 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person for a great night of prime rib (or chicken) dinner, music and fellowship. Setups will be available, but BYOB (bring your own bottle ©). Contact Big Lion Nancy at [baudernancy@yahoo.com](mailto:baudernancy@yahoo.com) or 913-683-0646 to make your reservations.
- Third VP Lion Kim Pearl did an outstanding job with Candy Days and the Salvation Army Bell Ringing! Congratulations to Lion Kim! Thank you for all of your hard work. And THANK YOU Lion Joe Porter for ringing the most hours!

My goal this year is to raise membership. We are at 184 members. We have had over 200 in past years. The best way to get new members is just ASK! Just ask someone to join you for one of our meetings. Thank you for all that you do. It is such an honor to serve the best Club in the world – the Leavenworth Lions!

### FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT LION GARY COLSTON – SPEAKERS – JANUARY-FEBRUARY:

- 1-5-12 – Lion Deb Weaverling, Past President's Report
- 1-12-12 – Lion COL Jose Sales, Spain
- 1-19-12 – COL Wayne Green, Garrison Commander, Fort Leavenworth
- 1-26-12 – Gary Bartek, Leavenworth Economic Development
  
- 2-2-12 – Dr. Ken Wertzberger, ACL Repairs
- 2-9-12 – Alcy Malkmus, KC World Outreach Lions Club
- 2-16-12 – Lion Bob Euler, New Member Induction

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2-23-12 – Dr. Stephanie Elliott, D.O., OB-GYN, Women’s Health

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

1/21/12 – District 17-O Cabinet Meeting, Power-Play, Shawnee Mission Pkwy & Pflumm, Shawnee, KS

3/16-17/12 – District Convention, Topeka, KS

**FROM BIG LION NANCY:** In December, the Leavenworth Lions Club and Lions International presented Lion Jack Walker with the Life Membership Award. In a letter, International President Win-Kun Tam stated, “Please convey my personal congratulations to Lion Walker, who as a Life Member, has given so many meaningful years to the community, to Lionism, and continues to believe that Lions make a difference in our communities and around the world.” Lion Walker joined the Club 27 years ago. He has served as President and other offices of the Board of Directors. He has been State Campaign Chair for Past International Director Ernie Young and has chaired the Morris Scholarship Fund for many years. Very few Lions attain the status of Life Membership. Anyone interested in learning more about the Leavenworth Lions Club can call Secretary Lion John Raletz at 913-683-5448. You can also contact him via email at [jraletz@kc.rr.com](mailto:jraletz@kc.rr.com). You can also visit our website at [www.leavenworthlions.org](http://www.leavenworthlions.org).

**CLUB VISIT** – From Lion Deb Weaverling – On November 9, several Club members visited the Platte City, MO Lions Club. Thanks to the following Lions who participated: Big Lion Nancy Bauder, Carl & Jeanne DeRuyscher, Jennifer Toby, Gary (and wife Shirley) Colston, Nancy Martin, Kim Pearl, Joe Porter, Tess Weber, and Deb & Ron Weaverling. This visit was the first outside of Kansas, and the first one in this fiscal year. At the recommendation of Lion Derrick Jackson (a former member of our Club) and Lion Jennifer, who made it happen, our members had a great time, mingled with new Lions, shared information with each other and even had a reciprocal visit from one of their Lions, Lion James Wedel. The Platte City Lions Club meets on Wednesdays, twice a month, at Lions Hall in Platte City.

**LIONS VISION SCREENING** - From Chairperson Lion Dave Davis – Over a five-week period from late October until the end of November, Leavenworth Lions Club volunteers assisted the Leavenworth School District (USD 453) school nurses by performing their annual vision screenings for their pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. During that period, over 1,300 students were screened. Approximately 10% of those tested were identified as having either vision or depth perception problems. One of the challenges the school nurses have experienced in past years was the unfamiliarity of many of the pre-K and K students with the alphabet. For those younger students, Lions volunteers employed the Club’s own vision testing material, which uses animals and shapes instead of letters, to successfully test them. The whole experience proved to be a win-win situation for both the school district and the Pride. Each day one or two Lions volunteers conducted all the vision screenings, freeing up the school nurses to continue providing the crisis management that typically makes up their days. Many thanks to the following Lions for their time in this great community service opportunity: Gary Colston, Al Mueller, Deb Weaverling, Jim Mathis, Betty Ludwig, Carol Sharp, Nancy Martin, Teri Bechtold and Gretchen Cruce (wife of Lion Doug Cruce).

**CANDY DAYS** – From 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Lion Kim Pearl – This year the Leavenworth Lions again participated in the Lions Candy Days Campaign. Our Lion volunteers collected donations in the name of Kansas Lions Sight Foundation for KU Medical Center at the north door of the Leavenworth [Walmart](#) on October 5-6-7, 2011 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Each day was divided into two-hour shifts: 3:00-5:00 and 5:00-7:00. Lion volunteers collected \$686.51 over the three days, distributing candy and smiles to children.

At the November 8 Lions Board meeting, suggestions were offered for distribution of the remaining candy. Candy trays were brought to the Thursday Lions noon luncheon, collecting \$12.00 in donations



from Club members. The remaining candy was handed out by Lions during the Veterans Day Parade on November 11. According to Lion Deb Weaverling, the candy supply ran out about half way through the Parade. More smiling children! Total donations: \$698.51. Total raised for Kansas Lions Sight Foundation: \$448.51. Thank you to the following Lion volunteers: Bob Adkins, Lew Barnes, Frank Carroll, Gary Colston, John Havens, Bill Katzenberger, Dan Malizzi, Nancy Martin, Deb Weaverling and Kim Pearl. (Pictured below (L to R) are Lions Gary Colston and Bob Adkins.)



**SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING:** From 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Lion Kim Pearl – This year’s Lions Bell Ringing campaign for the Salvation Army was a great success. Captain Rick set a goal of \$68,000 for this year’s Kettle collection goal in Leavenworth. This goal was surpassed, as \$81,400 was collected in the campaign!

The Lions of Leavenworth collected \$9,440.30 this year! We had 53 Lions volunteers covering 46 shifts over 9 days. For the most part, we were blessed with more temperate conditions than usual, and no snow or ice to fight. We also brought the Kettle to the Thursday Lions Club Luncheon twice, which added greatly to our collection totals. Our Bill Ruckhaber award recipient this year is Lion Joe Porter. Lion Joe not only rang the most hours by far, but served as an excellent help to me in wrangling our ringers and keeping our vests stocked with candy, as well as providing a floor mat to buffer our cold feet.



We did not win the battle of the service clubs this year. Rotary edged us out by raising \$9,705. So close!! This was a great year of fund raising by all on behalf of the Salvation Army.

Thanks to the following Leavenworth Lions who took time during the busy holiday season for this worthy and necessary endeavor: Bob Adkins, Werner Albl, Kim Baker, Teri Bechtold, Ralph Beckwith, Jim Beil, Rodger Benefiel, Ken Bower, Becky Brownson, Frank Carroll, Phil Chiles, Gary Colston, Russ & Sue Crumrine, Dave Davis, Carl & Jeanne DeRuyscher, Bob Euler, Mike Hanson, Roger Harrison, John Hendrickson, Randy Herrman, Paul in den Bosch, Bill Katzenberger, Ron Kenton, Jim Kinard, Jennifer Kirwan, Mark Klotz, Gary Lawrence, Betty Ludwig, Dan Malizzi, Gerry & Nancy Martin, Jim Mathis, Melanie Meier, Al Mueller, Matt Nowak, Bill Nowlan, Kim Pearl, Joe Porter, John Raletz, Ashley Reddell, Tom Rourke, Dan Senterfitt, Carol Sharp, John Suwalsky, Deb Weaverling, Del Weissenbach, Ed & Lynne Wettig, John Willingham, Steve Wood, Dick Wright and Mike Wright. (Pictured below Lion Kim Pearl and her sister.)



(From the Editor) – A side note to the Bell Ringing effort is the following incident that occurred to several of our volunteers on December 23 at Dillons. What heartwarming news during this season! Lion Melanie Meier reported the following: Below is a picture of the 2 carts of food that a good Samaritan donated to us during bell ringing at Dillons. He had 10 turkeys and all the makings for dinner: potatoes, stuffing, green beans, rolls, etc. We could not fit it in the kettle so we had to call the Captain to come pick it up in his van! (Pictured from L to R: ) Lions Ron Weaverling, Melanie Meier and Joe Porter).



**FROM SECRETARY LION JOHN RALETZ:** At the January 10 meeting of the Leavenworth Lions Board, a motion was made, seconded and approved to conduct a Membership Drive. This is a competition. The Drive will run Feb. 1 – March 31, 2012. a) **Half price for the new member fee for all new members sponsored = \$25.00 initiation fee (versus the regular \$50.00 fee).** b) One month's worth of free lunches for the winning sponsoring Lion (that is the Lion sponsoring the most new members), two months free lunches for the sponsoring Lion if at least one of the new members is under 40 years of age. c) **Award is not cumulative, e.g., a Lion sponsoring five new members does not receive five months of free lunches; only one month's worth unless one of the new members is under 40. Then the sponsoring Lion receives two month's worth.** d) If no recruited members are under 40, then the winner will be determined by the youngest age of the newly sponsored member.

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## HUMOR

### Curmudgeon's Corner

1. Money isn't everything, but it sure keeps the kids in touch.
2. The latest survey shows that three out of four people make up 75% of the population.
3. If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you!
4. When blondes have more fun, do they know it?

**INPUT FOR THE MONTHLY LEAVENWORTH LIONS LINGO IS DUE TO LION CAROL SHARP BY NO LATER THAN THE 18<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH.**

