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Next Meeting: November 12, 2012

Top of the Tower

12:05 p.m.



EIGHTY-TWO YEAR OLD MONARCH RAY MILLER AND EIGHTY-FOUR YEAR OLD MONARCH PHIL MENNINGER, HEAD FOR THEIR WEEKLY PRIDE MEETING





From The Editor

On the cover: **Lions Ray Miller** and **Phil Menninger**, canes in hand, make their way to the elevator to take them to their Monday noon Pride meeting. Since I don't drive, **Lion Ray** has kindly been seeing that I get to the Monday meetings.

Lion Ray is a thirty-two year member of the Club, having joined on October 1, 1980. **Lion Phil** was sponsored by **Lion Tom Murhy** some 61 years ago. My guess would be that **Lion Tom** and I are the two oldest members of the Topeka Lions Club.

Why do we show up every Monday? It is a bit like a marriage: **"Until Death Do We Part"**. We signed up with the world's largest service club and in doing so, we said we **"WE SERVE"**, and you can't say this if you don't participate. To be a Lion, you need to participate, and step up to the plate when asked.

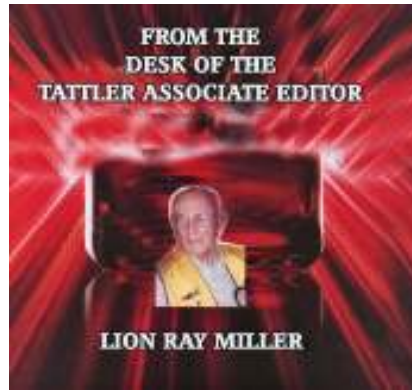
As we age, it begins to get tougher and tougher to participate in some of our activities. I found it somewhat difficult to attend the recent District Cabinet Meeting. I don't move around any more like I once did, and my energy level isn't all that great. At least I was able to partake in a part of the meeting.

Many of my old Lion friends aren't coming to the Cabinet meetings any longer. It is either because they are "gone", or are unable to come for health reasons. I am seeing fewer and fewer of my old Lion colleagues coming to such meetings.

We are an aging group, but that doesn't mean we aren't Lions. An African Lion can live to the age of 20 if he stays inside the Top of the Tower. If he ventures out on to the streets of Kansas Avenue, his life span will be about only ten years.

Let's be proud to say we are members of the **TOPEKA LIONS CLUB!**

EDITOR COOLPHIL



Mrs. Cady McPhee explained a relatively new aide available to the hearing impaired that is provided by Kansas Relay Center. The Center will install a Captioned Telephone (CapTel) in the home of the hearing impaired that utilizes a third party in a telephone call. This third party employs a computer circuit which will clarify received phone messages either orally or via a form of computer screen, incorporated in the phone, that presents captions of the conversation for reading. The system can interface with a "smart phone". Cady (pronounced "kaydy") is equipped with a Cochlear Implant which makes her well suited to understand the problems of those hearing impaired with whom she deals in her traveling through Kansas explaining this system. She gave us a clear understanding of the phone and its several options. We were also introduced to the Kansas Telecommunications Access Program (TAP), funded by state law, which can supply specialized equipment to Kansans who have hearing, vision, speech, cognitive or mobility impairment. Both providers are located at 4848 SW 21st Street, suite 201, Topeka.



President Gene Wunder, inducting new member, **Kristina Semaan**. **Lion Spencer Smith** was her sponsor. Our speaker for the day, **Cady McPhee**, looks on.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

IT IS PEACE POSTER JUDGING TIME!



DATE: Monday, November 12th

TIME: 7 P.M. - 9 P.M.

**PLACE: WESLEY HALL.
MANCHESTER LODGE
ALDERSGATE VILLAGE**

**LION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT
6:30 P.M. TO HELP SET UP THE HALL.**



**IT IS COMING NEXT MONTH!!
BE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING GOOD
FOR YOUR
WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT**

Cover Photograph by Lion Mark Saylor

A scroll with text about The Topeka Tattler and a Lions Club badge. The scroll is unrolled and has a wooden frame. The text is as follows:

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TOPEKA TATTLER**

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A Lions Club badge with the word "BULLETIN" on it.

TOPEKA LIONS CLUB - TOPEKA TATTLER INFORMATION PAGE

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The Topeka Lions Club meets every Monday, except for holidays, at the Top of the Tower, Bank of America, 6th & Kansas Ave., at 11:30 a.m.

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Topeka Lions Club

Board of Directors Minutes

October 31, 2012

President Gene Wunder called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors met at Aldersgate Village main dining room. Present: Lions Wunder, Menninger, Owen, Spradling, Saylor, B. Smith and S. Smith.

Absent: Lions Page, Payne, and France.

Minutes of the meeting held August 29, were read and motion to accept as received by Owen, 2nd by B. Smith. Approved.

Minutes of the meeting held September 26, were read and motion to accept as received by Saylor, 2nd by Owen. Approved.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Committee Reports:

Communications: Lion Menninger passed out Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Membership Committee, Peace Poster and Youth Recognition Day. He is requesting that all Committees prepare a SOP for each committee. The 3 SOP's need to be completed. He is suggesting that each Vice-President be responsible for getting the SOP completed and updated as needed.

Membership: Lion Owen reported that a draft letter has been readied to give to downtown merchants to see if new members can be recruited.

Eye Glass Report: 2 Vouchers for glasses were issued in October. Report by Lion Spradling.

Travel Film Report: 89 Season tickets have been sold. \$3310.00. 5 single tickets were sold at the October 20 show. Report by Lion S. Smith.

EWO Committee: Golf tourney for next year is scheduled for Saturday morning, July 13, 2013.

Journey For Sight run is scheduled for Saturday, March 16, 2013.

Lion B. Smith asked Lion Menninger to check with Boys and Girls Club to see if they could use Lions to work with the kids in a Literacy Program, or to contribute in some way.

Kristina Semaan was approved as a new member.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. Next meeting will be November 28, 2012 at GTRUST.

Respectfully Submitted Spencer Smith, Secretary

[These minutes are a draft, and have yet to be formally approved by the Board of Directors.]

REPORTS



President Gene Wunder and **1st-Vice-President Phil Menninger** traveled to Auburn on Saturday, November 3, to attend **Governor Nichols's** second District Cabinet Meeting. **Lion Gene** stayed for the afternoon training session. **Lion Phil** was offered a ride, and left after lunch.



Brad Lehman, B&GCT Staff Member reports: We have been working on the posters for the last few weeks. We will be focusing on finishing up this week. I can have the finished posters delivered to **Mr. Menninger** by Friday the 9th.



A reminder that we will be going to Korea on Tuesday, November 20th. Talk with your friends, and urge them to come see our next travel film.



We will be working at KTWU on Tuesday, November 28th. **Lion Spencer Smith** needs eight (8) Lions to man telephones on that evening. If you can work that night, please contact **Lion Spencer**.

TOPEKA LIONS CLUB CALENDAR

November 2012						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 <small>Veterans Day</small>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 <small>Thanksgiving</small>	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

W7 – 6:30 P.M., Peace Poster Judging, Wesley Hall, Aldersgate Village

S10 – 7:00 a.m., Shunga Trail Cleanup – Green Team

M12 – Program by Lion Mark Saylor: (to be announced)

W14 – Noon, Membership Committee, Classic Bean at Fairlawn Plaza Mall

Th15 – Peace Poster winner's poster must be sent with a postmark no later than November 15 to DG Beverly Nichols.

M19 – Program by Lion:

T20 – 7:00 p.m., Travel Series Film #3: Buddy Hatton – "Faces of Korea"

M26 – Program by Lion:

W28 – Noon, Lions Club Board, G-Trust conference room

COOLPHIL'S LAST ROAR



**WHAT
CAN
I
USE
THIS
FOR?**