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October 11, 2006 - Lion Linda Auld

"Youthville"

Concern for the welfare of children and families was the driving force in the establishment of the Kansas Methodist Home for Children in 1927. The Methodist men and women of Kansas saw a need for an orphanage for homeless or abandoned children and created a home in Newton, Kansas. Today, the agency is known as Youthville.

While Youthville's focus has always been to improve the lives of children, the agency has modified its programs and services over the years to meet the changing needs of children, including:

Two residential campuses - one in Newton and the other in Dodge City - provide services for more than 100 youth ages 10 to 18.

Youthville's partnership with the Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services (SRS) in the privatization of the child-welfare system, which has made Youthville the lead agency in providing foster care services, or all out-of-home services, to children and their families in Sedgwick County.

Linda will be talking about Sedgwick County's children who are in foster care...how they got there, what services they receive, how

many there are, what happens to them, etc.

Linda has a degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of Kansas. She has worked as an occupational therapist and as a respiratory therapist with as well as working in the property and casualty insurance business. She has worked as a director in a physical rehabilitation hospital and has spent the last 8 years with Youthville as Director of Performance Management, Director of Contract Compliance, and Director of Contract Management.

Program Chair, Justin Forte

October 18, 2006 - Tom Etheredge

Wild West World.

Tom will be here to tell us everything you ever wanted to know about this new fun park extravaganza just north of town! The spirit of the American Cowboy has a rich tradition in Kansas. The values of kindness, generosity and bravery are exactly what we wanted to bring to a new generation of

kids and families when we created Wild West World. The result is a major theme park that transports your family to another time and place.

We are the first major theme park in Kansas and the world's only all-Western theme park. We are home to more than 100 great adventures, including 25 Western-themed family rides, two roller coasters, a log flume, thrill rides and kids'

rides. When you're not riding, you can enjoy 18 skill games, a shooting gallery, shops, crafts, food, music and more. You'd better start building up courage now, because in 2009 a giant roller coaster is coming to Wild West World. It'll be a test only the toughest cowboys can handle.

Program Chair - Eric Fender

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Wednesday Assignments

October 11, 2006

Invocation.....Joe McCullough
Guest Intro.....Ray Mengelkoch
Pledge..... Don Manlove
Singing.....Joe McCullough
Greeter..... Bob McCune

October 18, 2006

Invocation.....Carol Cummings
Guest Intro..... Ken Holmes
Pledge..... Jeff Crane
Singing..... Jon Callen
Greeter..... Terry Lewis

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Holiday Party – December 1, 2006

The Holidays are such a great time of year. Time to relax from work, catch up with family, see the lights and of course, the many great Christmas shows available in the area. Our club is going to Wild West World for "A Christmas to Remember", December 1st.

This Christmas, the Johnny Western Theatre at Wild West World is bringing the stars from Broadway to Kansas. This will be presented in full Broadway style. You will hear all of your Christmas favorites wrapped beautifully in full costumes, choreographed and produced by some of New York's finest talent.

The evening will begin with a great Christmas meal featuring turkey and dressing and all the trimmings. Following dinner there will be the original family show, "A Christmas to Remember".

This will be a perfect evening to share with your fellow Lion members. At this time we have over 75 of our members that have made reservations. If you are interested in attending and have not made reservations please do so as soon as possible as tickets are limited. Call 264-4743 to make your reservation.

LIONS NEEDED TO HELP CHILDREN

Our Downtown Lions Club adopted Linwood School in 1999. In the following years, we have seen Lions reading, tutoring, giving books and Christmas gifts and helping children learn! **You can get personally involved this year at 1654 S. Hydraulic.** (Harry & Hydraulic)

Linwood has about 460 children this year and many of them need *one-on-one* help. Even with smaller class sizes, teachers can help only several children individually a day. We can help by taking one or two children, who are not up to the "No Child Left Behind" standards and help them catch up. Will you help them?

TUTORING will help one or two children with reading and/or math.

READING A BOOK to a class once a month will give children an opportunity to hear an adult read to them, other than a teacher or parent.

Tutoring and Reading will be on a day, time and age group to choose beginning mid September. Sign up sheets will be available at every meeting in September.

Please sign up at a Lions Meeting or call Linda Baldrup, Volunteer Coordinator, at 973-8109 to schedule a day and time. Thank you for helping a child this year!

Lion Chuck Hadley

The Bases are Loaded and Lions are in the Game

The bases are loaded; the score is tied with 2 out in the bottom of the 9th inning. The batter moves up to the plate – the ball is pitched at a breaking speed –

And that, my friend, is how Lions play the game. It takes every man on the field to win the game. Lions have advanced into 200 countries doing work that no one ever thought possible. Are we willing to jeopardize the work of 90 years by allowing our members to quit the organization?

How can we keep members in our club? Each member needs to realize that each and every Lion has his/her own personality and talents. The members just need to lighten up and have some fun. The work gets done and our projects get funded – there are business meetings and board meetings to take care of the serious part of Lions. Get that tail twister to do his job. Let's start this year off with a new outlook on Lionism. If your members come in, have a good meal, get to laugh and enjoy a great program and spend time with other Lions why would they leave your club? The answer is They won't. The good part of holding this type of meeting is the benefit of increased membership.

Three balls, two strikes and the pitch is good. The sound of the bat striking the ball can be heard echoing in the park – it's a high fly ball out in left field –

The game, and Lionism, is your call. You can lose the game or you can get more interested in making sure that each and every member of your club feels welcome and needed. If you can catch that high fly ball the whole world becomes a winner.

I would be glad to come to your club and give a program on retention at any time. I look forward to serving you this next year.

District Retention Chair, Lion Bryce Day