

High Plains Lions Club sets schedule for the rest of year

The High Plains Lions Club met for their last meeting in August at the Prairie Rose Room. President Melinda Moore called the meeting to order. The president lead the group in the flag salute, Lion Follis gave the prayer and Lion Sheryl Brenn lead the singing.

Following a salad-potato bar dinner President Melinda presented Lion Lacey Moore with her past president Lion Pin. Lion Melinda read part of the district governor's newsletter to the group. She re-

ported the items discussed at the Lions' board meeting, and went over the upcoming year's calendar.

Aug. 25 Gem Club's Hog Roast
Sept. 13 Membership guest night
Oct. 1 Lions Candy Day
Oct. 9 Lion sponsored Vic Oelke Memorial Special Olympics Bowl
Oct. 25 District Governor's annual visit
Nov. 12-14 District Convention at Hays
Dec. 4 Annual Lions Pancake Feed at Community Building

Dec. 13 Annual Lions Christmas Dinner
Lion Larry Koon and Lion Roger Hale were asked to speak about Lionism to the guests and new members at the Sept. 13 meeting. Lions Mary Hurtt, Sheryl Brenn, Melda Moore and Lacey Moore were asked to plan the Christmas dinner and party.

Members were to ask to let Lion Virgil Jones know how many guests you are bringing to guest night by Sept. 18. The club voted to have a

food booth at the Colby Rod Run June 11. Lion Melda Moore was program chairman for the evening. She introduced her program, Lion Cassie Juenemann. Lion Juenemann gave a report on the recent Relay for Life event.

Lion Cassie reported that she was one of the Lions team members who walked for Relay for Life. The Lions Club Team was one of nine teams that raised over \$10,000 for cancer research. The Lions team had a walker walking from 7 a.m.

to 7 p.m. Lion Cassie and Lion Melinda were the only two members of the team that stayed all night. Cassie said she got a lot of inspiration to walk from several young boys who seemed to lap her several times on the track and also from Wayne Horlacher.

Cassie was happy that she was a part of earning more money than last year's event brought in for research, but she was disappointed in the number of walkers and lack of activities during the night. The lu-

minary service was impressive. She was most disappointed in the ending of the event.

She said there was no ending, it was 7 a.m. so she ended her walk and went home.

She asked for suggestions on how the event might be improved. Several members had suggestions.

Several members who were out of town gave money to Lion Melinda for the event.

Lion Hale won the drawing. The next meeting will be Sept. 13.

Attorney General warns public to look out for Internet bill scams

Dear Attorney General Kline:
I recently received an e-mail notifying me that the credit card I had used to set up Internet service was about to expire and that I needed to provide new credit card information to avoid service interruption. When I checked my credit card, I realized that my account was not due to expire for another two years. I called my Internet provider to question them and was informed that they had not sent or authorized the e-mail. I am guessing that I am one of many who have received this fraudulent message. What can I do to help ensure I don't fall victim to one of these Internet billing scams?

Dear Kansas Consumer:
The Internet has made life easier for many of us, including scam artists. E-mails are a relatively cheap and easy way to send out correspondence to thousands of people in mere seconds. This also enables scam artists to reach a greater population, increasing their chance of success.

This is how a billing scam usually works: A scam artist, often located outside of the United States, will copy the logo and mailing address of a well-known company into an e-mail hoping that it will cause the person reading it to panic, thinking



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that their accounts are in harm's way for some reason. The con artist then sends out thousands of these e-mails notifying potential victims of an alleged problem with their account, many of which contain hyperlinks to phony (although realistic looking) websites.

When the target, often panicking at the thought of their account being closed, billed for "kiddie porn," or seized by terrorists (or whatever false scenario the con artists presented) enters his or her account information into the false websites, identify theft takes place.

The target thinks that they are entering their account numbers into a legitimate credit card or bank. They are, in fact, handing them directly to criminals. This internet billing scam is called "phishing."

There are several things you can do to avoid becoming a victim of this scam.

Never provide your social security number, date of birth, credit

card account numbers, bank account numbers, or any other personal or financial information to an e-mail that you have received. Scam artists can use this information to steal your identity.

If you receive an e-mail asking

for personal information, do not click on any hyperlinks because they may take you to a place only resembling the site that you intended to visit. Use your browser to type in the company's Web address. If you are unaware of the company's real Web address, use a major search engine or call the company directly.

If you have any suspicions about correspondence requesting personal information, contact the company's customer service department and ask them if they sent

out the request you received.

Once a year, request your credit reports from the three major credit-reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian and Transunion.

As a reminder, post a note on your

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