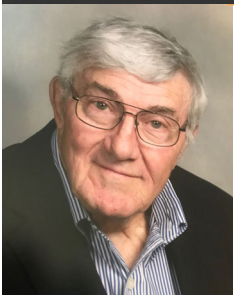


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they read it but only that they opened it. This information is compiled for each of us to be better informed Lions and to see what other clubs are doing. Please ask fellow club members if

they are receiving the newsletter and if not, they need to get their email to the folks at the state office.

**Member Development:** You will notice that I did not say new member development. We have got to do a better job of mentoring our members, not just the new ones. We must keep all members in the loop. If a member has missed a meeting or two call them to make sure they are all right. You don't have to be a sponsor to show concern for a fellow member. If we don't take the time to mentor folks, we will not have to worry about needing a bigger building to hold additional members! Find ways to entice younger prospective members and just because they did not say yes, the first time you asked you are still allowed to ask again. Show them the Lion's spirit.

**Net Gains:** Read the paragraph above! Our budget this year is based on 977 district members compared to 988 last year. We can turn this around, but it takes all of us. As of 10-11-24 we are at 983 which is a plus 6. Keep reaching out to those prospects.

**Guiding Lions:** We need some folks to step up and train as Guiding Lions as we strive to build our district back up. We need to look for opportunities for branch clubs that only require 5 members, and they can set their own meeting schedule and work projects.

A big shout out to the Ponca Noon club. From September 5<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>, they will have conducted KidSight screenings at 11 different locations. That is a busy schedule.

On October 15<sup>th</sup> we traveled to Cherokee for our Governor visit and to present 3 service chevrons. Zone B chair Adam Tucker was there to pre-

sent a 15 yr to David Collins, a 40 year to Carl Newton, and a 50-year chevron to PDG Don Lynch, unfortunately only PDG Don was able to be there. We got to go look at the baseball field the club had totally refurbished over a two-year period after Covid.

We then went to Medford that evening and zone F chair PVCC Mary Koch presented a 10-year chevron to Lacy Reimer. We also went to look at Medford Lions Park and picnic shelter. It is a very impressive playground for our younger ones and is well cared for.

We were able to obtain email contact numbers from members of both clubs in order for them to receive the state newsletter.

I just saw a quote from Zane Grey in a magazine about the code of the west that states "No matter how weary and hungry you are after a long day in the saddle, always tend to your horse's needs before your own, and get your horse some feed before you eat". Think about this statement Lions! This is what we do! We look out for our neighbor, and WE SERVE!

### LaVerne Lions

refurbished a sign that will be put at the old tennis court



that they have updated to a pickleball court. Also did a successful Kidsight screening.

### Stillwater Lions

were well represented at the Homecoming Parade!



### **Hello 3NW:**

Well, here it is October already. I would like to see our clubs in 3NW think about adopting a service project that could make a big difference to struggling families. I have learned that the SNAP program that helps many hurting families does not provide toiletry items, (toothpaste, soap, paper products, diapers, feminine products etc.). If the clubs could put the word out to community members and ask that they contact their local food banks for a list of needs, we can provide a real service. I do know that the Ponca City after five club sets up frequently outside Walmart and hands out printed lists to people going in the store. The customers then bring items as they leave, and these are distributed by the club.

**Service Reporting:** If you don't report what your club is doing service-wise how will anyone else know what you do? Brag about your club and take pride in what you accomplish!

While we are talking about reporting issues, please remember that we can't contact you if you don't have contact information in the records. Also, as our clubs come back from summer break, it is a good time to put out a questionnaire to find out if their status or address, phone number, etc. have changed.

Our folks at the State office are good but they are not mind readers! They are still struggling to get a state directory together but without club officer contact information it is difficult to complete the project. I am told that they send out newsletters to over 2000 members statewide but only around 40 percent even open the attachment! This does not mean that

**Stillwater Noon Lions**

Shown cutting the ribbon on the new Payne County Fitness Youth Shelter Fitness Center partially furnished by Stillwater Noon Lions.



A big shoutout to the **Ponca City Noon Lions:**

From September 9th to October 15th, they will have conducted KidSight screenings at 11 different locations. That is a busy schedule!

Here are just two reasons why we do Kid-Sight!

“With permission we are sharing a great reason why we love doing vision screenings! This little boy is a student in Blackwell and we did a screening on him. We gave a referral for him to be seen by a doctor. Now this young man can see as he should and he’s stylin’ those red frames!! We love what we do!”



Another Mom says it was the Lions that originally tested her daughters eyes and found a problem. That was 6 1/2 years ago. She had surgery and her eyes are now perfect!

Goblins on Grand: Handed out Candy and did 88 eye screenings with 3 referrals.



Collected donations and supplies for the Hurricane victims



**PID Pat**

**Shurley** recently visited the new Meadows of Hope Family Center



PC Noon also delivered water and peanut butter crackers to PCS Nurse for children with diabetes And handed out candy at a Trunk or Treat to over 1000 children!



**Oklahoma Lions State Convention News**

**Hello Fellow Lions:**

Just a reminder and save the date for our MD3 multiple convention.

It will be at St. Crispin’s on April 25-26, 2025. We will have our Cowboy Cash drawing on Friday evening with cowboy attire theme. Saturday evening will be a “Jungle” theme. (Make Your Mark!) Our Lions International Guest will be PIP Al Brandel and his partner in service, Dr. Maureen Murphy.

Registrations will come out in January and/or February. Watch for those in our State Newsletter and our Facebook pages.

Don’t forget to also attend your District Conventions too! (See Below) It is great to reconnect with our Lion friends and develop new ones.

If any Lion out there has a suggestion regarding a program or seminar, please contact me [derek\\_mccubbin@yahoo.com](mailto:derek_mccubbin@yahoo.com). See you soon!

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PCC Derek McCubbin



**District Mid Winter Conventions**

District 3E	Okmulgee	February 8, 2025
District 3NW	Perry	March 28-29, 2025
District 3SW	Lawton	March 7-8, 2025