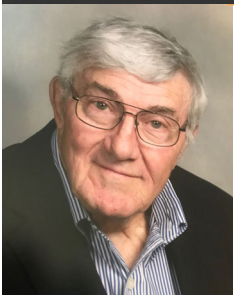


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**Greetings!**

We started August with 30 of the 40 clubs having completed their officer reporting, some with help from our District Administrator PDG Terry Woodruff. The portal is extremely hard to navigate after using the old system. We have no choice but to adapt to this new way of finding information whether it makes sense or not.

As of 8-16 we still have six clubs that have not reported officers. Until all clubs have reported officers there will be no state directory. Please remember how important the contact information is for our state leaders and especially for the District Governors as they plan their club visits.

If one of our clubs would like to have our help with a project, Lion Mary and I would love to come, please give us enough notice that we can get it on the calendar. Email: jdkoch2014@gmail.com.

We are still in need of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, a District GLT chair and another person to be Co-District LCIF chair to help Lion Debbie Woodruff promote the importance of clubs supporting LCIF. Their ability to help in times of disaster or with projects such as the Perry Splash Pad and other projects depends on our contributions.

Please remember that even if you donate \$5 to LCIF and all your other members do likewise that is a 100 percent club. Please give what you can. Also keep in mind that the website for the Briggs Memorial scholarship will open on October 1, get the word out to your school systems.

**Club News**

On August 5<sup>th</sup> PVCC Mary and I visited the **Crescent Lions** annual teacher feed. Crescent Lions were chartered on 3-23-1935. When

we got there around 11:00 the teachers and staff were doing team building exercises. At noon the Lions fed around 80 people. We enjoyed our visit.



On August 14<sup>th</sup> **Mulhall-Orlando**, our home club, fed the teachers and staff with a total of around 50 people fed. M-O will be helping to set up the fair kitchen and handing out community surveys on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of August at the M-O fair. The M-O club was chartered on 3-17-1970 and was sponsored by Crescent Lions.

On August 15<sup>th</sup> Zone F Chair Lion Mary and I along with Lion John Fultz of the **Ponca After Five Club** went to visit the **Newkirk Lions** at which time we gave out service chevrons to Roy Chaney (10 yr), James Young (20 yr), Joe Anderson (45 yr), And Garry Bilger and Marvin Johns for 55 years of service. Newkirk Lions chartered on 12-8-1950. Newkirk voted that night to adopt a project of doing the trimming around the graves at the cemetery after the town does the mowing. They also hosted the annual Newkirk Schools teacher feed on August 12<sup>th</sup>. They will be participating in KidSight testing along



with the **Ponca Noon club** at Charlie Adams Day in Newkirk on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Way to go Newkirk!

On August 16<sup>th</sup> Lion Mary and I, along with zone G chair Robert Filtz and **Perry Lions** President Kirk Ward, visited the **Guthrie Lions** at noon. Their club chartered on 11-10-1919. I presented chevrons to Gary Weeks for 55 years of service.

Two that received chevrons but were not present were Louis Duel, Jr. (15 yr), Larry Brooks (45 years). Some of their projects are sponsoring kids for Boys and Girls state, eye-glasses, road cleanup, and Brunch on Noble.

Even though the **Lomega Lions** are on break they continue to help with the community food bank.





## Council Chair's Corner

I want you to take a few minutes and think back to when you joined Lions Club. Why did you want to join and when did you actually become a Lion?

I know for me it started when I was a kid. My Great Uncle Charles

McVey was a member of the Anadarko Lions Club. I can remember the events they sponsored, but none stands out more to me than when the Lion sponsored Carnival came to town. It was set up on the Courthouse Square and was always a huge event for our community. I can remember one year how much I wanted to go and how much sadness there was in my mother's eyes when she said she would see if we had the money after the bills were paid. The next afternoon my uncle stopped by, and just happened to have a couple of books of ride tickets the "carnival" had supplied to encourage community participation (I know now it was him who purchased those tickets). I remember all the lights, the Ferris wheel and the Lions Club concession trailer. I remember seeing the men inside the trailer having the best time- all smiles and full of fun! I remember watching them make hot dogs, nachos, and chili pies, but what I remember most was watching them make snow cones! I remember how the syrup ran down my uncle's hand as he made them. The red, blue, and purple syrup stained his hands and lasted for days before it was all washed away. I remember how much he would smile anytime anyone asked what had happened. It was then, I knew, I wanted to be a part of something like that. A group that would make the community better, all while having fun, enjoying the interaction with everyone involved.

After I graduated from high school in 1986, I attended college and life got super busy. The thought of becoming a member of a social organization went to the back of the list of my priorities. By the time I started thinking about being a part of a community organization my uncle had passed away. I didn't really know anyone in Lions and when the opportunity arose to join AMBUCS came, I joined. Due to some crazy circumstances and lack

of support from the sponsors of the club, it quickly folded. I found myself once again looking for a way to help my community. A couple of years later a friend of my mother's was serving Anadarko Lions as President. She asked and invited mom to join the club. My mom did what she always did and jumped in with both feet! Dragging me along to help with the work, but NOT asking me to join! I remember all the work we did to get things ready to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Anadarko Lions, and yet still no invitation to join the club. I finally invited myself to a meeting and joined that very day!

Twenty-Six (26) years later... here I am serving Oklahoma as the Council Chair and grateful for the many friends and opportunities I have been afforded because of my association with Lions Club. The memories of actually becoming a Lion surfaced when I saw the difference Lions were making by hosting the Lions Annual After prom. Being able to see the students choose to be a part of the Lion sponsored event was life changing. I have adults that come up to me now from my first "After prom" telling me how much they appreciated the Lions Club for making prom night memorable!

As I continue to serve my community, state, and world, I look forward to finding new projects and new friends. Friends that I will ask to join us as Lions as we **MAKE OUR MARK** on the world. I encourage you, as fellow Lions, to reach out to others and invite them to join us! Let them be a part of holding up signs welcoming back students on the first day of school, hosting a car show, golf tournament or toy drive, encouraging them to find ways to make a difference where they live. Encouraging them to help make a difference!

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*Council Chair 2024-2025*

