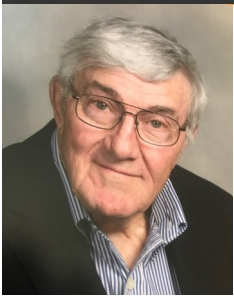


2024-2025



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**Good Day 3NW!**

We are now in the third month of our Lion's year and time for some timely reminders.

I am not sure what happened but my phone number just below my picture in the newsletter was incorrect. The correct number is 580-370-0619. If you have tried to report activities to me by text and got no response you now know why.

As you are probably aware by now, we lost Lion Bill Parker of the Perry Lions Club recently. The Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank was Bill's vision, and he gathered support until it finally became reality. Soon, we hope to have a history of how this project came into being.

We are still in need of a 2nd Vice District Governor candidate to step up. This person would have served as club President and as a zone chair. If our district is to grow and thrive, we need folks to come forward and be willing to serve our district as well as their local club. Lions, please encourage candidates to step forward!

While we are on this subject, please start thinking about being a candidate for 2nd VDG for the 2025-2026 Lion year. Elections will be held at the Midwinter convention in March .

**Childhood Cancer:** How many clubs brought in a speaker to talk about childhood Cancer since September was Childhood Cancer awareness month? I lost a close friend from Leukemia when he was 17 years old. I don't have to tell you about the devastation for the parents, but the siblings and schoolmates as well.

**Leadership Development:** We were unable to conduct the Zone Chair training after the August State Council meeting because of conflicts

so it will be offered after the October 12th Council meeting via zoom if you can't attend in person. These Zone chairs are the District Governors' right hand and getting proper training is of great importance.

We have 3 Lions that have graciously volunteered their time to facilitate this session. There will be other training after the Council meetings in January and June so watch for notices. We need your participation!

**LCIF:** We need to stress the importance of **every** Oklahoma Lion contributing to LCIF even if it is only \$5. Surely, we can all give something! More to come on State Projects next month.

**Club News:**

On August 26th PVCC Lion Mary and I visited the **Ponca After Five club**, and I got to meet their newest Lion who was excited to be a Lion. They are very active in their community and busy supporting the veterans with fundraisers for food and toiletry items and financial help.

On September 7th we traveled with PDG Kim Coleman and Zone E chair Jeff Coleman to

**Ringwood Lions**

to discuss several ways to bring new younger Lions in. Jeff presented service chevrons for 15 years to Ronald Major. Jeff also gave a demon-

stration of the capabilities of the KidSight camera and proved that you **can** have fun at meetings! We also stressed the importance of mentoring

not only the new members but others as well. It was a very enjoyable visit that stretched over two hours!



We will keep in touch with them to check on progress.

**North Enid Lions** have been very busy with serving the Chisholm School teachers at their annual back to school luncheon on Friday, August 12th. They served around 130 meals. They also welcomed their newest member, Rachel Goodwin, sponsored by her father. She follows her grandparents Ed and Liz Emerson and then her dad Eric as a third generation Lion. What a great feeling to know she wants to serve alongside her family! The club also works the gate at the home football games and the money goes toward scholarships at the end of the school year.

The club is also doing KidSight screenings and collecting personal items for residents at the YWCA. They are planning for their 41st annual antique engine show on October 5th, 2024.

**Fairview Lions** had a booth at the Major County fair the weekend of September 6th & 7th and had brochures of the state projects for folks to pick up. Club President Clint McEachern at their regular meeting presented the Boy Scouts a check for \$800 for helping the Lions with the car show.

**Lomega** is still hosting the local food bank even though they are on summer break but will be starting meetings again in October.

**Laverne Lions** met for their first meeting back on September 4th at their meeting place of Park View Pointe Senior Living facility. They reported that the proceeds from their July 4th pancake/sausage breakfast brought in \$1171.08 with \$445 from Bingo games. Vision screening was discussed by members, and it was noted that the Health Fair scheduled for October 2nd would include the Mobile Health screening unit. Brian Larison from M O H will be there on November 6th.

**Ponca Noon** delivered cookies to teachers, wishing them a great year. Over 600 cookies were delivered to 18 locations!



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Ponca City Noon also held a benefit concert and bake sale for a little girl (Juliana Grace) who has cancer and can no longer use her legs. Over \$4,000 was raised along with other needed items. Ponca Noon



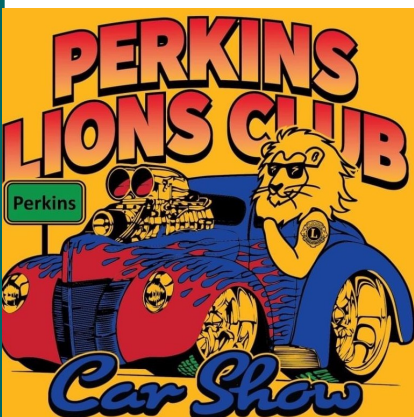
Lions teamed up with **Newkirk Lions** during Charlie Adams Day with their KidSight trailer. They screened 89 with 3 referrals. Newkirk also sold water and pop. Someone had to supervise!



**Perry Lions** had a booth at the Noble County fair and asked people to fill out a community needs assessment survey and had several responses. They also had brochures from our state and local projects on the table.



**Perkins Lions** will have their Car Show on October 19, 2024 8am-2pm at Perkins-Tryon High-



school, 1003 E. Hwy 33, Perkins. On a sad note, our district lost two long time Lions this month with Lion Ron Schultz, 8-1-1966, long time pin trader, and the Lion that designed my Governor pin whose funeral was September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Covington Lion Charlie

Metscher, 9-1-1976, whose funeral was September 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will be missed.

## Mark Adair Vice Council Chair 2024-2025



The Oklahoma delegation just returned from the 48<sup>TH</sup> USA/ Canada Lions Leadership Forum held in Louisville, Kentucky. More than 20 Oklahoma Lions attended the forum.

Over 100 seminars on Lionism were held at the Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC). I attended classes including a Lions disaster relief class and a packed seminar on the new Lion Portal.

All things considered, I thought the LCI portal folks did a great job trying to explain the improvements that were being made to the portal. They exemplified grace and a sense of humor under pressure. Valerie went to the Lions portal booth for assistance with logging in. They were not able to log her on, but she did receive a portal pin. The portal was a hot topic at the forum and remains a work in progress.

On Friday night Valerie and I had the pleasure of attending dinner with the Oklahoma Lions delegation at the Bluegrass Brewing Company. A variety of delicious food was served and fun was had by all.

On Saturday, Lions International President, Fabricio Oliveira from Brazil was the keynote speaker. I was impressed by his laid-back style and heart felt compassion for Lionism. He encouraged us to step up and to change lives. He said we need to make our mark in kindness and compassion and do our best every day to make it better for others. He also encouraged us to go find others to help give in service. This ties in with our Mission 1.5 which is to reach 1.5 million members by Lion year 2027. He concluded by saying it's our responsibility to achieve great things and to be proactive, together we will make our mark.

On Saturday afternoon, I enjoyed watching Francis Poindexter receive her Masters and Diana Drummond receive her Doctorate from Lions University. After the banquet on Saturday night, the Lions group got together for a group photo.

At the end of the forum, there were already over 600 people signed up for the 2025 USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum. Valerie and I have always enjoyed attending the forum when we could. If you can attend a forum, please consider joining us for the 2025 USA Canada Leadership Forum in Atlantic City, NJ on September 18-20, 2025.

Yours in Lionism,  
**Mark Adair, VCC**

