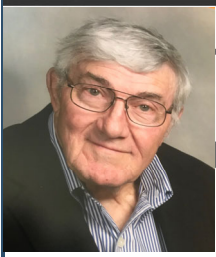


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Hello MD 3NW Lions!

It is now closing in on time to conduct annual officer elections and a reminder that these officers need to be reported to LCI by MAY 15TH.

On February 25th we traveled to **Woodward Lions** with Zone C Chairman Karl Youngers. Karl had service chevrons to present to *Kevin Cansler and Sara Kate Loughlin for 10 years, Bart Bouse for 30 years, Wayne L. Howe for 40 years, and Jack R. Stout for 50 years*. Congratulations to all recipients. We enjoyed our visit and talked about their projects such as scholarships that are given out and the second annual marathon run, they are planning.

We continue to plan for the upcoming midwinter convention that will have occurred by the time you read this. I have so many folks to thank for their help in pulling this convention together. In next month's newsletter you will learn who the winners of various awards are. I want to especially thank the Perry Club for sponsoring the NW District Convention.

As I write this on March 16th, we mourn the **devastating wildfires that hit our district on March 14th**. We saw some of the damage on March 15th on the west side of Stillwater and it was total devastation. What struck me was seeing two homes with only the brick walls standing and then the next home would have a blackened yard with little visible damage to the structure, followed by more homes being destroyed. As of March 17th, there were 74 homes lost in the Stillwater area alone. The community of Stillwater im-

mediately came together to implement a recovery plan with the local nonprofits along with the churches pulling together to support those that lost everything.

Guthrie and the surrounding area had 50 homes destroyed including the home of PDG Troy Jenkins, the current Guthrie club president. 1st Vice President David Ball is also the Logan County Emergency Management Director and he and his team are leading the recovery efforts there.

On March 17th, I applied for an emergency grant from LCIF. Hopefully, we will hear in a short time and once we get approved for the grant, things will start to happen. Please pray for all those that have lost their homes and continue to keep them in your prayers as they struggle to rebuild their lives. Keep in mind that after a fire like this, there is likely nothing to salvage. Please also remember the ones that are working hard to help those that have lost so much, these folks are your friends and neighbors, and they need the strength to serve as they mourn the tragedy.

Now would be a good time to ask everyone to consider a donation to LCIF. Remember, every dollar that goes to LCIF goes back out to help with such tragedies as we experienced this week.

It is also with a heavy heart that I remember our **Past International Director Pat Shurley**. She was an amazing lady and always ready to encourage Lions to serve. We will surely miss her.

On a good note, I would like to thank all our Lions that got the word out about one of our state projects, the **Dr. Eugene Briggs Memorial scholarship**. We had **1,567 applications** for the four \$3,500 scholarships to be awarded soon. Remember, this is open to anyone that wants to further their

education, not just graduating seniors.

Remember to get your **Cowboy Cash** tickets turned into the state office as the drawing will be held on April 25th at the state convention.

North Enid held a quilt raffle as a fundraiser. They also donated coffee to the Salvation Army.



Ponca City Noon

inducted three new members.: **Serena Caudell, Carol Richards, and Krista Lawson.**

They also made hygiene kits for the homeless and women's shelter from some of the eyeglass cases collected. It is wonderful to have a purpose for them!



District Convention
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All 3E Lions



Okmulgee Lions hosted.

Kelly Baehler received a Presidential Certificate.



District Convention
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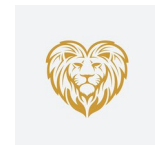
Packing backpacks for the Homeless in Lawton.

Mike, DG Rick, ID Hans



Clay Dodgion received the Derooy Skinner Rookie of the Year

Vickie Golightly received the Pat Shurley Award



District Convention
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VDG Sharyl Pickens received the Carobelle Carson award

Richard Hawkins at the Service Project-For the Worth of a Child.



Several received Presidential Certificates: CC Verdana Adams,



DGE Frances Poindexter, Dan Farrell, and Cyndy Farrell.

We learned how to make a wheel and also a small leaf pendant which was later pre-



sented to ID Marie Cuning.

Looks like PID Mike Banks has lead our ID Marie guest astray!



PDG Mary Koch received a Presidential Certificate.

ID Marie Cuning giving her keynote address.

