

**2024-2025**



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## **Hello 3NW Lions!**

Well, Happy New Year! I hope everyone is resolved to work even more to show the world that Lions serve! Please get signed up for the Midwinter conventions coming up on March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in Perry. There is no better way to learn what is going on in your district and Lions International than to be there. Hotel prices are held at \$95 a night until March 1<sup>st</sup>.

We have lost a great Lion in former **President Jimmy Carter** who was the epitome of what a Lion is. He was a man with a vision of helping his fellow man regardless of culture or color of skin. It is our challenge to carry this forward. HE SERVED!

I want to talk for a bit about the importance of Lions stepping up to be zone chairs, district officers and yes, District Governors. To further the cause of Lionism we need to realize the importance of **TRAINING** for future officers if we intend to continue to function as three districts. We have very qualified instructors that volunteer their time to do this. We desperately need Lions to consider starting as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors, so you have time to acquire the knowledge to have a good year when you advance to District Governor. Please give this careful consideration, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

While we are on this subject, now is the time to start considering establishing a committee to select club officers for next year. Once the committee announces their suggestions in March these need to be announced at the next three meetings and then voted on. Elections need

to be held in April. For clubs that only meet once or twice a month it is imperative to start thinking now. Officers need to be reported no later than May 15<sup>th</sup> to LCI. It is critical for your incoming District Governor to have

this information available when they start their year. The new Governor does not need to spend the first two months of their year trying to get a club officer contact list together. Also, when reporting club officers, if we don't have complete contact information it is hard to make contact. When you are contacted by the District Governor, please respond in a timely manner to allow them to make travel arrangements. We have a very large district to cover, and your cooperation is essential.

Another thing to note is that the time is now to do your nominations for District 3NW Lion of the year as well as the Hal Long rookie of the year, Carobelle Carson Women in Lions award, and Mike Banks Spirit award.

We have been able to make about 23 club visits so far and I have real concerns with the limited amount of knowledge that our club members know about the state projects such as the Briggs Memorial scholarship, KidSight, Oklahoma Lions Eye bank, eyeglass recycling, etc. I even had the question asked of what do we do with the glasses after they get to the state office. Of course, this starts with proper mentoring of new Lions but if you don't know what these are about, ask questions, and better still, start attending District and State meetings. Please consider attending your District midwinter conferences and find out what is happening.

In next month's newsletter I will try to touch on these projects. In January we went to the **Crescent** club that morning along with Zone D chair Lion Jim Freudenberger

where he presented 15-year chevrons to Janet Curry and Sandra Voskuhl and a 25-year chevron to Chad Johnson. The Crescent club will be 90 years old on 3-23-2025.



They sponsor a teacher feed before school starts in August, give scholarships, sponsor a golf tournament as well as other activities. We always enjoy our visit with Crescent.

We then traveled on to **Watonga** to attend their noon meeting. Would you believe that Watonga will celebrate 75 years as a Lions club on 3-23-25 also? Lion Jim had a 10-year chevron to present to Lion Kari Cox. This club works very closely with the community on projects that benefit everyone. On January 23<sup>rd</sup> they had their annual dinner/cake auction fundraiser, in April they will have a booth at the "Bikes and Barbeque fundraiser" serving grilled onion burgers and fries. Also, in April, they host their scholastic banquet where they provide dinner to students, give student awards, & announce scholarship winners. They awarded \$1,000 scholarships to six students in 2024. The first banquet was held in 1983.

In July, they partner with the City of Watonga to put on a fireworks display with solicited donations. In September at the Blaine County fairgrounds, they man a concession stand for two days serving food and drinks. Also in September, they prepare food for the Signal Peak Silica Golf tournament at Roman Nose State Park in return for a generous donation to their club.

In October they have a booth for two days at the Watonga Cheese Festival serving grilled onion burgers, fries, and drinks. If it sounds like they are busy you are right.

On January 16<sup>th</sup> we traveled to **Chandler** for our club visit along with Zone H Chair Lu Calavan who presented service chevrons to Kelly Sullivan and Susan Cox 10 years, Tony Jarvis 15 years, Daryl Bowen 20 years, Dean Evans and Joe Stasyszen 30 years, Mike Bendele 40 years, and Monte DeBord 45 years. That is a lot of years of service!



On January 14<sup>th</sup> we traveled to **Stroud** and Zone H Chair Lu was there to present service chevrons. James Bond 10 years, Joe Vantuyl 15 years, Timothy Moore, 25 years, and Kent Clovis 45 years. Also, Stroud is selling Lions Brooms!



On January 21<sup>st</sup> Lion Mary and I traveled to **Cushing**. Zone Chair Lu

had already been there to present chevrons to PDG Tom Cummings 20 years, Stewart Arthurs 25 years, and John Fechner 35 years. I want to take a moment to thank PDG Tom Cummings for his tireless efforts to make the KidSight program such a big success story. WHERE THERE IS A NEED, THERE IS A LION!

On January 22<sup>nd</sup> we traveled to



**Davenport** for our visit. Again, Zone H Chair Lu was there to present a 30-year chevron to Paul Taylor.

On January 27<sup>th</sup> we visited the **Garber** club. They recently had their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Pancake Supper in conjunction with the Garber FFA. They are currently in the planning stages for having a chili/baked potato supper in the near future.

**Laverne Lions** have received the \$1,000 check that was presented to Lion Jean Bartow for the AARP Andrus award. This has been deposited in the club account and will be used to fund their community projects. Again, congratulations Lion Jean for your service to your community. They continue to have Bingo events.

**North Enid Lions** held their annual Christmas Dinner and awards ceremony with Zone Chair Jeff Coleman presenting service chevrons to Connie Osgood 10 years, Harold and Marilyn Cooper and Dwight Unruh 25 years, Don Winbolt 40 years, Karl Youngers 50 years, and George Maly 55 years. Harold Cooper was also named Lion of the year. Congratulations to these dedicated Lions. Seven Lions rang the bells for the Salvation Army at the Atwood's store. The club members collected and donated items to the Enid Crisis Center shelter to provide for those in need during the holiday season. At the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting members brought toiletries, clothing, gift cards, diapers, and more items. Members that could attend delivered these items prior to Christmas.

Led by Lion Jeff Coleman, members continue to collect gate receipts for the Chisholm School athletic events as well as working the Wheat Capital games. Members also sold peanut clusters, peanut brittle, and cinnamon rolls for the holiday fundraiser. They had their

student of the month (Hope he's a basketball player!) Also honored the Rookie of the Year, Eric Emerson.



**Ponca City Noon** packed



hygiene kits for the homeless. PCC Debbie Wood-

ruff presented Homer Nicholson with a 25 year Chevron.

**Stillwater Noon**

drops off donations to the Sharing Shed in Perkins each quarter. They love supporting other Lions Clubs!

