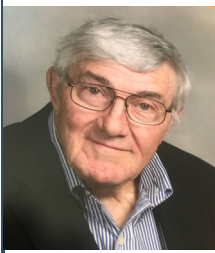


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Hello 3NW Lions!

Well, here we are almost through our Lions year. I first want to thank all those Lions that stepped up to make this a good year. As District Governor Sharyl begins her year, please give her your support as we endeavor to find new Lions that want to make a difference in their communities.

I recently presented three awards to very deserving individuals. John Bode of the **Mulhall-Orlando club** received the International President's Leadership award for his many years of service. He was my mentor when I joined the M-O club and continued to encourage me to become involved in District and State activities.

I presented a Presidential award to Lion Robert Filtz of the **Perry Lions** for his willingness to step up and serve many times. I was also able to present the state Humanitarian award to Reverend Dr. Joshua Bell of the Perry First Christian Church for all he does for the community of Perry as well as for other areas of need.

Congratulations to the **Perkins club** for its 75 years of service. They celebrated on 5-3-25 at the MOH Center with a good turnout. They were sponsored by the **Cushing Lions**.



of Optometry and the \$750 Victor Van Hook Memorial Scholarship was presented to a graduating Health Careers student who is now starting the Practical Nursing program at Meridian Technology Center. Lion Van Hook was a charter member of the club. Members sorted 1276 pairs of recycled glasses and turned them in to the state office. They also filled 108 used eyeglass cases with band aids, gauze, and other personal hygiene items. Members continued providing shopping assistance and vision screenings to clients of Our Daily Bread. Officers attended the 3NW midwinter Convention and MD3 State Convention. Donations have been made to the Perkins Lions Club's sharing shed and to the Stillwater Humane Society. Members helped distribute items to wildfire victims thanks to the LCIF disaster grant. PCC Derek McCubbin and PID Mike Banks provided a new member orientation session, which prompted some great ideas for future projects.

North Enid Lions helped clean up the Cemetery for Memorial Day and provided a lunch after the ceremony with the help of the Garber 4-H club.



Stillwater Noon has had their officer elections, and they have been reported in the portal. The Rick Darlington Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 was presented to an optometry student in Northwestern State's college

On April 26th, the **Cushing Lions** sponsored a wildfire kit distribution for the 10 homes that were destroyed in the March fires. They utilized Facebook and other media as well as going on the radio to talk about LCIF. Unfortunately, no families came to pick up supplies. A big thank you to Mary Kelly and the Cushing Lions for trying.

On May 10th we had our last distribution at Guthrie which only one family was represented. I hope the next council of Governors will look at forming a committee to plan for an emergency management program for us to be able to be proactive instead of reactive. Lou Griffin was presented with the Edgar Vaught Fellowship for supporting OLSF. The Cushing Lions will soon celebrate their 105th anniversary.



Laverne continues to have their Bingo program which helps to fund their scholarship program. Two scholarships of \$1,000 each were given this year and one of their scholarship recipients also won the 3NW Briggs scholarship of \$3,500. Laverne has decided to change their meeting schedule to the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays instead of every Wednesday starting on May 14th.

Their guest speaker on May 14th was Lion Pam Timmons with the Hough Institute. She talked about the partnership between their program and the Oklahoma Lions to not only collect used hearing aids but also discussed the ongoing research the Institute is doing. She mentioned that hearing loss many times will lead to dementia problems.

The club discussed the meeting scheduled for June 14th with members bringing guests to talk about this years accomplishments as well as recruit new members.

The **Perry Lions** sponsored their annual Easter egg hunt on April 19th with a large crowd attending. I was told that the 5 and 6-year-old group set a record of 22 seconds to completely scoop up their eggs. This is the same age group that will need three days to clean their room!



They also presented scholarships to two students. They focus on the students community service.

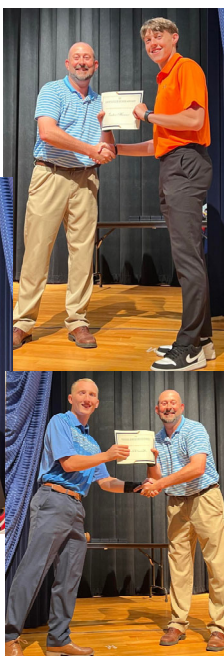


Lion Andrea Blubaugh received the Lion of the Quarter for her service to the club,

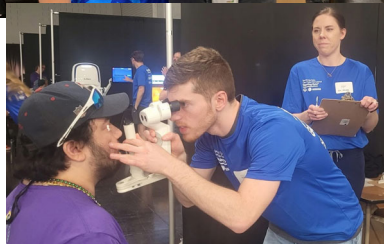
On May 13th **Fairview club** President Clint McEachern presented 3 Fairview graduating Seniors with \$1,000 scholarships.



PVCC Mary and I will be there on June 11th. We are looking forward to that.



On May 15th, we helped the **Stillwater club** with eye screening at the Special Olympics. I believe we screened between 400 and 500 people.



They also distributed sunglasses to the Special Olympic Athletes.

Ponca City Noon Liona also supported the Special Olympics.



Watonga Lions Clubs congratulates their scholarship winners for this year!

Meadows of Hope is having their annual golf tournament on June 20 and needs volunteers!

Lions Meadows of Hope
2025 GOLF TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEERS- WE NEED YOU!

Tee Up for a Cause!

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join us at the **LMOH Golf Tournament**—where every swing supports foster care! Whether you're a golf pro or just love the outdoors, your helping hands can make a big difference.

Say "yes" to foster care and help us drive change—one hole at a time!

Sign up now and be part of something terrific!

Lomega continues to house their local food bank and had their final meeting before summer break on May 7th with their Ladies night, and they also recognized their student Lions.

As we approach the end of our Lions year, I would just want to challenge each Lion to think about why you joined this organization. Did you have a member of your club that stepped up and encouraged and mentored you, always being that Lion that would spark your enthusiasm to serve? You could be that building block that leads your club forward in growth and service. We can't wait for someone else to step up if we want to grow. It has been my great honor to serve as your District Governor this Lion's year, and I would remind you that Governor Sharyl's accomplishments will be made much easier if each of us gives her our full support. Let's make this Lions year a year to remember!

Yours in SERVICE!
JD Koch