

2024-2025



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We visited with the Morrison club on February first (1). This club supports their community and especially the school system with many projects and all proceeds go right back to benefit Morrison.

On February thirteenth we were in Wakita for our visit. They support their local food pantry, donating \$500 toward the July 4th fireworks display. They also give money at Christmas to the local school FCLA Santa workshop which allows kids to purchase gifts for their family members. I was able to present



Lion Alvin Jones with a chevron for 50 years of service. I also left chevrons for Jerry Biby 10 yr., Gary Feist, Joy Jones, and Peggy Mitchell for 15 yr., and Randy Kraus for 20 years. I again stressed the importance of including good contact information of officers when they report election results.



On February 17th we were in Perkins for our visit, which has shown remarkable growth in the last couple of years. They are very busy. Their main fundraiser is their car show. It was so refreshing to see young faces among the membership. They sponsor a junior student of the month hoping to give recognition to a younger student. They have scheduled their annual Easter egg hunt for 2PM April 20th. They will sponsor a Pistol Pete fun run in September. They plan a community service event on May third with the hope of recruiting new members. Last year they added ten new members.! We enjoyed the enthusiasm among the members as they discussed what else they could do for their community.



Hello 3NW Lions!

Well, here we are approaching the end of February and there is so much to do yet. A reminder...now is the time to form your nominating committee for next year's officers. Elections need to be held in April and the officer information needs to be given to LCI by May 15th. This is extremely important and the information for President, Secretary, and Treasurer needs to be complete, not just an email. When your District Governor tries to contact your club, they don't have time to search for members until they find someone to answer the phone. Also, when you are contacted by the Governor, please be courteous enough to respond in as short a time possible.

OUR 3NW Midwinter Convention is scheduled for March 28th and 29th in Perry, Oklahoma. We will be at the Cherokee Strip Museum on the 28th starting at 5PM with the blacksmiths doing a rim fitting followed by demonstrations inside the blacksmith shop. There will also be museum tours and snacks. If you have not signed up yet, please do so soon to allow us time to set things up. Registration form is in this newsletter.

Saturday will be at the First Christian Church at 7th and Holly starting at 9AM. We will have a town hall meeting with the International Director Marie Cuning of Arizona and PID Mike Banks to address any questions about what is going on at the State and International level. Our project will be "For the worth of a child" which is a local program to support foster kids and foster parents. You should have received a list of items needed sent to your club.

We visited Okarche on February third (3) and had an enjoyable visit. They expressed the same thing we hear at almost every club visit, being the difficulty of finding younger members who have time to commit to membership. They give 5 \$500.00 scholarships a year and work with their local handicapped citizens.

Chandler Pancake Dinner



On February sixth, we met with a small group at Weatherford. The club is mostly older members, and they meet sporadically depending on the weather. We did enjoy our visit. I presented Lion Darlene Garen with an OLSF Bob McCullough award for 12 years. Weatherford Lions sponsor a car show every year on Father's Day weekend.

On February 24th we were at **North Enid**. They sponsor a student of the month as well as collecting gate receipts for Chisholm schools and the basketball season is winding down. The drawing for the annual quilt raffle was won by Lion Joann Noble with proceeds from the raffle being around \$750 to be used for club projects. They reported furnishing one pair of eyeglasses and giving a donation of coffee to the Salvation Army that was much appreciated. They report having two new members, one being a transfer from another club. They have other projects planned.



Davenport Lions Zone Chair and 1st VDG Sharyl Pickens was privileged to give a 30 year Chevron to 96 years young Paul Taylor. He was very proud and happy and the whole room was a little misty! DG JD Koch presented him one of his DG pins as well. They again



mainly serve their local community.

Their main fundraiser is the Calf Fry with a silent auction and banner auction to benefit FFA and 4-H kids. Last year they passed \$12,000 back through, to the community.

Fairview Lions have been busy! They recently had a lifetime member, 99 year old Ray Henson and his family at the meeting. (had to doublecheck to make sure we had the correct picture-he does not look 99!)



President Clint McEachern also welcomed a new member, James Newell and gave certificates to Bill Cornelson and Bud Wichert for sponsoring new members!



Goodwell Lions helped the **Guymon Lions** with the Christmas Train. As a fundraiser, they sold hot chocolate, apple cider, and coffee to people waiting to board the Christmas train at Sunset Lake in Guymon. They raised \$1300 that they donated to the Goodwell volunteer fire department to help purchase equipment. Good to see clubs working together!



The **Stillwater Lions** continue to conduct vision screenings to all ages, provide shopping assistance at Our Daily Bread, and assemble weekend food snacks for school children. The club members are already planning for the annual Pumpkin Patch as well as the club's 60th anniversary celebration. They have set up an Every Quarter Counts project where every three months a different organization is highlighted. During this quarter, items are being donated to the **Perkins Lions** Sharing Shed.



Watonga Lions donated \$5,000 raised at the recent cake auction and brisket dinner to the Watonga Liberty Theater for remodeling.

On February 25th we will visit **Woodward** Lions Club with Zone C Chair, Karl Youngers.

J.D. Koch
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There's only one thing greater than being a member of a Lions Club, & that's helping build one.

— Melvin Jones

