

2024-2025



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Hello Good Lions of the NW District!

I was happy to visit Seiling, Prague, Mulhall-Orlando, Hennessey, Newkirk, and Fairview this month. SO many outstanding service projects and fundraisers occurring across the district. Thank you for your investment in our communities.

My goal is to encourage attendance at our district convention FEBRUARY 20-21, 2026 in Stillwater. I have collected 123 EARLY BIRD ENTRIES into the district drawing. Having visited 18 clubs, we are well on our way!

Our district service project is PACKAGING 10,000 meals to distribute throughout our district. I NEED YOUR SUPPORT! Each meal is only 45 cents, but that's a total of \$4,500. We have had a few donations come in already – THANK YOU SO MUCH! We need more clubs to help us out, how they can. Please let me know if your club can contribute to this amazing service project. As you celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, please know how grateful I am for each one of you. Your dedication to your club and community is making such a positive impact on our state and our world. THANK YOU.

Here are a few updates from across the district:

MULHALL-ORLANDO reaches the community by feeding the teachers! The club is currently working on a grant to construct a track for the community. Stay tuned for exciting details!

PONCA CITY AFTER 5 and **PONCA CITY NOON** clubs joined forces and filled shoe boxes for Sa-

maritan's Purse! These shoe boxes will be shipped worldwide to children in need, in time for Christmas. The group learned firsthand from a young woman from Cambodia who received a shoe box years ago when she was in

foster care. What a beautiful reminder of our inter-connectedness through Lions Clubs International!

PONCA CITY NOON presented its Pioneer Technology Ambassador Student of the Month award to Annie Cloud. They also screened



74 children at the community's Goblins on Grand event! They collected funds for White Cane Day by having a booth at Wal-Mart. The community Oktoberfest screening resulted in 94

children being seen. They participated in the Veterans Day parade with their KidSight trailer. The Anti-Bullying campaign was a big success, as well! And they continue to support the youth of the community by feeding the high school football team!



CUSHING CLUB hosted Lions Meadows of Hope CEO Brian Larison and learned about the recent success of the State Lions Project.

PONCA CITY AFTER 5 kicked off their fall fundraising by offering cake kits for \$20. This effort serves the community by assisting those with vision needs. They also hosted a food drive November 1st.



FAIRVIEW LIONS Served hotdogs for families at the Not So Nightmare on Elm Street and also fed the high school football team and cheerleaders!



NORTH ENID presented good Lion Rachel Goodwin with the Melvin Jones Fellowship honor!



In addition, presented Student of the Month awards to Alison Bukacek and Eli Hisey.



PERKINS presented its Fine Upstanding Young American award to P-T High School Junior, Moriah Nash. She is shown with Lions Rhonda Hover and Lu Calavan.



NEWKIRK Supported the local youth by feeding the football team a sausage and pancake breakfast.



KINGFISHER LIONS

Be like the Kingfisher Lions! Donate to your local food bank today! They donated \$250 and challenge all other clubs in the County to match or surpass that amount!



STILLWATER NOON honored local business Grand Mental Health by serving lunch in recognition of



LCI Mental Health Awareness Week. They were honored

by the Stillwater Chamber of Commerce for 10 years of success with their Pumpkin Patch fundraiser! They also participated in the OSU Homecoming Parade.



Serving through Lionism,

DG Sharyl Pickens



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District Governor Candidates!

When we think of our motto “We Serve” we need to remember that if we intend to grow our membership in our three districts, we need new faces in leadership roles! Currently in 3NW we have no one to come in behind Governor Sharyl and this is critical to our district health. Please give this your consideration and contact the District Governor in your district. Remember: Our District Governors need our support now more than ever!

Yours in Service,
PDG 3NW JD Koch

2026 FDI AND GPLLI INFORMATION

The Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) and Faculty Development Institute (FDI) courses will be offered again next summer and will be returning to Baker University. This location is near Topeka, KS and is much closer to us than Marysville, Mo. The Faculty Development Institute (FDI) will be limited to 20 students-four from each Multiple District: Oklahoma, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas. All FDI apps will be accepted and the GPLLI Board will review and select the attendees. The FDI applicants not selected will be notified and their payment returned. We have the applications and further information in the State office so if you are interested in attending either of these please let us know and we will email you the forms. Information is also available at kansaslions.org. Please call us at 405-947-6540