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**District 3-NW District Governors Report April 2023**

**State of the District:** We have 1009 members and 42 clubs in district 3NW. Our District has served 29,413, performed 164 service activities and had 9018 hours of service. And those are just what was reported in LCI. I know every club I have been to this past Lion's year has served their community. We are at 40% for clubs reporting and compared to last years at 29% we are getting to our goal. Every club can do it. Please reach out to me if you need help with service reporting. Secret Word is: **Penguin**.

**State of the District Governor**  
- I'm hanging in there. I can not



thank those Lions enough that have supported, instructed, encouraged, trained, and teased me along this once in a lifetime journey in Lions.

**I want to send a giant message to thank my partner in service, my lovely wife, Kelly McCubbin. She just joined Lions last June and has been to a state and international convention; attended the NW, SW, and E district conventions; and was just nominated to the State Convention Planning Committee and accepted a position to the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation Board. It is a tough year when a spouse is a DG, but she is there in our journey in Service.**

**State of the Multiple District Convention-** April 14-15!!!! Our International President Brian Sheehan and Lori Sheehan will be there. Register NOW! Make it a mini vacation. The fellowship will be unforgettable. You

might even see someone dressed as a penguin.

**Club Reports-** I must apologize for the lack of pictures in this newsletter. I need a photographer to follow me around. It will benefit me greatly if your club presidents or secretaries could send me a write up and pictures for the club reports on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month informing me of what your club's service or fundraising efforts were and also any upcoming event you want the district to know.

I know our District Governor Elect Kim Coleman would also welcome the write ups. After the district convention I got my rear in gear to get back out to visit clubs. I visited 9 clubs in March, gathered many miles, met a lot of Lions and of course had a great time along the way. I appreciate the invites and opportunities to have fellowship, discuss new service ideas, and share the joy of being a Lion.

Together We Can  
And Together in Service,  
District Governor 3NW  
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**Balko-** A quick 461 mile drive, but well worth meeting the gentlemen of Balko. They recently gained three new members and I was honored to present a 50 Year Chevron to charter member Albert Littau. They are currently working on their Auction on April 29<sup>th</sup>. If you happen to be in the area, check it out and bring a big trailer. They have large items. This along with their fall dinner are their two fundraisers that help them support their Fire Department and scholarships for students. Go Bisons! And Go Pokes!

**Cherokee-I** snagged District Governor Elect Kim Coleman from Enid and we joined the Cherokee Lions for lunch. Recently, the Rotary disbanded and about 5 Rotarians were there and highly interested in joining the club. I even gave them a DG pin.



This was a great bunch of Lions and they are certainly serving their community. The recently and still are working on a baseball field, Loyd Stout Field Lions Club Park. IP Brian will be proud! A guitar was also produced and an out-of-tune DG strummed a little bit for them. Their



club turns 95 on May Fourth. They are ordering new Club pins and Kim and I both were given their 85 year pins. The club is also selling tickets



to win a Ruger American Rifle. Thanks Cherokee. Hope to see one of you at the state convention.

**Cushing-** collected hundreds of unneeded eyeglasses to be recycled for our newly adopted state project for Lions of Oklahoma.



**Goodwell and Guymon-** February 1st through March 12<sup>th</sup> these two clubs partnered up once again to clean and maintain the Sunset Limited Train in preparation for summer. The train provides funds for the service and projects for their communities.

**Hennessey-** I met up with the club at the Family Café and enjoyed a delicious meal and got to meet two of their newer members. The club helps support local business in Hennessey. Good job recruiting the new members during the past years during the pandemic.

**Laverne-** The club keeps me up-to-date by sending me their minutes from every meeting. I appreciate the work from Barbara Swineford, Club Secretary. And yes Barbara, I didn't buzz by when I was out in Balko, but I plan on another visit sometime this summer. They are holding a bingo in conjunction with the Town Wide Garage Sale on April 15<sup>th</sup>, which helps supplement the club scholarships.

**Newkirk-** Gave a pair of eyeglasses to a long-time resident, furnished the Derby track and three officials to help run the Pinewood Derby Race for the Cub Scouts.

**North Enid-** wrapped up their Enchilada fundraiser. Frances Poindexter with OLSF spoke to their club about White Cane, a statewide fundraiser for OLSF vision programs. Their pancake supper and auction will be on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Perry-** The club is selling tickets for a Cornhole Set Raffle on April 29<sup>th</sup>. We heard from the Perry Police Chief about general information and the local department. The club is also getting a new member. The club will also be hosting our District 3NW Cabinet Meeting in Perry on May 7<sup>th</sup> for lunch and then our meeting. VCC Mary Koch and 1st VDG JD Koch were also in attendance. They are working on an inclusive children's addition to their park for physical and mental kids to enjoy. Thanks for serving our youth. And thank you for

the Lions coffee mug.

**Ponca City Noon-** Throughout February the club held a book drive for children with cancer. They collected 217 brand new books and presented them at the Oklahoma Childrens Hospital. Way to go PCN! On April 2 they are holding a Strides Walk to raise money to send Seth, 10 to a Diabetic Camp. They will meet at 5<sup>th</sup> Street Park at 2:00pm Serving our Global Causes once again. Thanks



Ponca and I'll see you there.

**Prague-**Held their annual Chili supper on February 13<sup>th</sup>. It had been canceled twice due to weather, but the club kept at it. The club raised over \$3000. For President's Day, the club put up 215 flags for their Flag Fundraiser which raised \$2500! They



**Lions Club Flag Fundraiser**

Prague Lions Club members were out early Monday morning, February 20<sup>th</sup> putting out flags for President's Day. The club puts out 215 flags for their Flag Fundraiser. The cost is only \$25 for the year. Not only is the money going to a great cause, but the flags all across town make our community look so patriotic! Contact a Lions Club member if you'd like to have a flag membership. Thanks to the Prague Lions Club and all those that contribute!! Pictured is Jason Chandler, and his helpers are Prague Boy Scout members, Caden Phillips and Cecil Taylor. (Photo by Sharon Lee)



Lions Club members: (front) Reece Capron, Austin Mason, Christy Rainwater, Derek Winchester, Jason Chandler, Vicki Pfeiff, Juana Aylor, Michelle Terrell, Darren Terrell, Roger Pritchett, Jerry Opela, Nancy Opela, and Jerel Johnson.

**Prague Lions Club Thanks the Community**

Thank you for your continued support of the Prague Lions Club. The annual Chili Supper was once again very successful. Thank you to a those that attended. Special thanks to Lisa Hefner for purchasing the meat for the chili, Shawnee Mills for supplying the cornbread ingredients, and Prague Sonic Drive-In for the carry-out cup holders. We appreciate all of you and look forward to serving you another year!

charge \$25 a year to place flags at business or homes all around town. The Prague Boy Scouts helped the Lions. What a great way to support the youth, the community and America. The Kolache Festival is also right around the corner on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The Kolache Festival offers dance, song, food, crafts, a parade, carnival rides, and royalty.

**Ringwood-**"We are a small club, but have a mighty ROAR" is the club motto along with We Serve. The club was most welcoming and hooked me up with coffee and breakfast along with a nice gift and Thank You card. In attendance to my surprise was a grandson of Past District Governor Clide Brinson. He is no longer with us, but I was proud to see Justin wearing many of his Grandpa's pins. They host a teacher appreciation in May, sponsor FFA students to go to camps and give scholarships. Our youth is our future. Thank you Ringwood for investing in youth and your community.

**Stillwater Noon-** Helped with shopping assistance on March 6 and performed vision screenings on March 21 at Our Daily Bread. Presented a \$750 Meridian Technology Center Academic scholarship to Kiara Bigbear-Baker. {**Stw Kiara, Sheila, and Rebecca Eastham "executive director for Meridian Tech. Center foundation"**}

**Stroud-** In tandem with 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Elect Sharyl Pickens, we visited the club and had the privilege to present a 55 year Chevron to Bruce Miller. We twisted some tails and I shared the story of the Seal Beach Lions Club in California. Read that article as soon as possible. It gave me a long list of ideas for my own club. We also were welcomed by PCC Kent Clovis to visit his pin collection. Some might say he has an addiction, the amount there is overwhelming. Kent was also featured in the Lions Magazine Winter 2023 for his work with the pin traders. Their club also provided a pair of eyeglasses for an elder in their community.