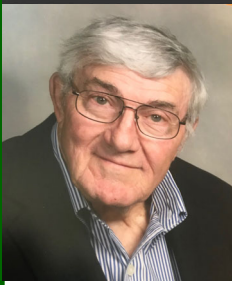


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Hello 3NW Lions!

Happy December to everyone and I hope everything is going well in your clubs. First, I want to thank all who gave encouragement and prayers for me during these past weeks as we navigated the medical system. My pacemaker was installed on 11-11-24 at Integris Heart Hospital in OKC and everything went extremely well. I must brag on the staff at Integris as to their professionalism and friendly care. They certainly made our stay memorable. As you are reading this and my doctor has given his OK, we are scheduling more club visits. It has been gratifying to feel the support of fellow Lions. I am also so thankful to my partner in Lions, PVCC Mary, for her support through this ordeal. I will again ask if your spouse is not a Lion, why not? Two can do twice as much as one when serving!

We are currently at 984 members district wide which is a plus 7. Please keep looking for those potential Lions and keep asking. We never know when someone is just waiting to be asked.

We are still in need of a second Vice District Governor candidate to step up for this Lion year and a second Vice District Governor candidate for the 2025-2026 Lions year. Please give this serious consideration as we must fill these spots if we want to continue to serve our district and our state.

To all my cabinet members, because of the uncertainty of my surgery schedule we had to cancel the October 26th cabinet meeting in Enid. We will try to have a meeting by zoom before long as soon as we can determine a time that is acceptable to most of the cabinet. We will reach out soon.

Club News

On October 19th we attended the **Perkins Lions** car show and had a great time. This was a revival of a previous car show that needed new blood to carry it on.

I believe there were around 70 cars entered, and the Perkins High School cheerleaders operated a great lunch fundraiser. Congratulations to the Perkins Lions for a well-organized event.

On October 25th the **M-O Lions** club had our annual Halloween party at the Mulhall-Orlando bus barn. It was a great event with a good crowd and a lot of kids dressed up in some hilarious costumes. We have done this annually for many years and enjoy it immensely.

Since I am still recovering, VDG Sharyl Pickens headed west to visit **Balko, Goodwell, Guymon, and Laverne** to see firsthand what they do and get acquainted with them. I appreciate her doing this.

Laverne Lions On November 6th, Bryan Larison of MOH visited and presented an overview of the history of the Boy's Ranch/MOH and the improvements that are ongoing. The Laverne club sent a check for \$200 to LCIF for disaster recovery. The club is still doing their Bingo fundraiser and sent a \$300 check to the school band program from proceeds of the last Bingo event.

Perry Lions club.

On 11-14, Elizabeth Beck of MOH visited the Perry Lions and will also sponsor the Pet Parade on Dec. 7



Annual Lions Club Pet Parade

Saturday
December
7th
10:00



Bring your pets (real or stuffed, as long as they are well-behaved!)
Collect your dollar coin from a Lions Club member at the end of the parade!



Parade Starts in front of First Bank in Downtown Perry!

Dollar coins donated by Exchange Bank and First Bank.



On November 7th we made our visit to the **Hennessey club** and presented a service chevron to Jewel Babiak and a couple who were not present. They talked about their Christmas project where the local merchants cooperate with the club to give gift certificates to locals that must be redeemed at local establishments. Sounds like a good project to me.

Ponca City After five set up a food drive at Homeland from 10 AM to 2PM on 11-24. This food will go to make holiday meal baskets by the club that are then given out by the First Lutheran Church food pantry. Each includes a voucher for a turkey or a ham. They will also be setting up an Angel tree inside Walmart soon to benefit the Shawn Manor nursing home residents. They visited the residents and asked them for a Christmas list so it will be items they actually want or need! Great idea!



The Fairview Lions had their Thanksgiving Dinner on November 20 with the Governor and Past Governor in attendance. They also worked the HotDog stand at the Community Haunted House and furnished the food.



Ponca City Noon Lions have been busy as usual. They hosted a Veterans Dinner on November 19. They helped serve at the Veterans Landing Thanksgiving Dinner on November for veterans and their families. They also have the Warming Station in full swing having collected 115 coats as well as gloves, hats, and blankets for the community.



On October 31st we attended the **Stillwater Noon** meeting where I had the honor of presenting the club



excellence award to Past President Jin Freudenberger. I also inducted their newest member into the club. They have been growing their membership and show their enthusiasm in their community service. They were also heavily involved in their Pumpkin Patch project. Before the meeting closed, they asked their 3 newest members to stand and give information about where they had been, where they wanted to go, what they like and dislike. This was interesting and gave everyone a chance to get better acquainted. Vision screenings were conducted for students at



local elementary schools as well as at the Perkins Senior Citizens Center. Several Lions helped pack 2400 weekend food sacks for school children and also provided shopping assistance for Our Daily Bread. They received a special Thank You from the ODB Director, Angel Ridlen. They also received the Payne County Youth Services "Builders Award for



2024" for the donation of gym equipment for their Youth Shelter. This



was through raising funds to match an LCIF grant!



They will be ringing the bells for the Salvation Army during the Holiday Season! November 6 was a beautiful



day to get started! Louie the Lion says join the Ponca City After 5 Lions in donating food for their Holiday Baskets!

