

2024-2025



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Hello 3NW Lions!

Here we are in December and almost halfway through our Lion year. First, I want to thank 1st Vice District Governor Sharyl Pickens for making the trip out to Balko, Guymon, Goodwell, and Laverne in my absence. She did say that she enjoyed meeting those good Lions from those areas.

Lion Jean Bartow of the Laverne Lions reported that 1st VDG Sharyl brought home 51 pairs of eyeglasses from the Laverne club to be delivered to the state office. Lion Jean also mentioned that Lions Merle and Barbara Swineford were back in their meeting for the first time since Merles' knee replacement at the age of 97 and he is getting stronger. Merle wanted to thank all those who offered calls, prayers, and other kindnesses to them while he recovered. Lion Jean also gave me an update on December 14th that Merle is back to work part time. Lion Jean also mentioned she had fallen and injured her shoulder, so she and Merle are carpooling to physical therapy at Shattuck Hospital. We wish them both a full recovery.

Lion Barbara reported that Lion Jean Bartow has been selected as one of three Oklahoma AARP honorees of distinction when the 2024 Andrus Awards for volunteers were announced on December 4th. AARP will be donating \$1,000 to the non-profit of her choice that she has designated as the Laverne Lions Club. Lion Jean is humbled and thrilled to be able to donate the money to her club where it will be used to give back to their community.

PVCC Mary and I are getting on the road again as I am doing much better. We traveled to the Lomega Lions Club on December 4th with the intention of helping them sack Christmas candy for the elementary stu-

dents but were surprised to have about 20 FFA kids show up and within 15 minutes they had sacked the candy while we mostly watched!



I was thrilled to watch them set up an assembly line and proceed to fill the sacks. I was told that this was about half of the kids from that FFA chapter.

I did stress to the club the importance of supporting our state and international projects. Since the kids were there, I was able to present them with a Briggs scholarship poster to take back to their school. This very rural club shuts down for the summer, but they continue to facilitate a food bank year-round.

On December 5th we traveled to Fairview to their Christmas Dinner event. It was great to see several



long time Lion friends. I again stressed support for our state and international projects. We were serenaded on the piano during the meal by students from a school music class playing Christmas carols.

Again, I gave out a Briggs scholarship poster to a representative of the school. It was a very enjoyable evening. They also packed and delivered boxes of groceries to the needy.

On December 9th, we attended our own club at Mulhall-Orlando. At the meeting the club was recognized for contributing \$100 per member to LCIF for the year 2023-2024. This is the second award for the club in the last 3 years. We had a visit from Zone G chair Robert Filtz as he presented a 10-year service chevron to Reverend Adrian Pollard and a 20 Year chevron to PVCC Mary Koch.

Congratulations to them for their service. The club sacked about 200 sacks of candy for elementary students on December 11th and these were given out at their school Christmas program on the 12th.



We also heard a report from Lion Jerry Brooks updating where we are on a proposed walking /running track at the M-O elementary school. During the M-O fair in August we did a community needs assessment survey and learned of the need for a place for not only the students to exercise but also adults. We were given a quote for an asphalt track and will now start looking at funding sources. Where there is a need, there is a Lion!

On December 14th we attended the Lions Meadows of Hope (MOH) Christmas party at the Stillwater Community Center. There was a good turnout and an enjoyable time. We were given a lot more of the early history of the IOA/Lions Boys Ranch/Meadows of Hope. We were thrilled to have Past International Directors Hal Long, Pat Shurley, and Mike Banks there also. (See photos on page 1.)

On November 13, World Kindness Day, the **North Enid Lions** delivered several pans of Lasagna to the Meadows of Hope.



Thank you!



North Enid Lions Club

They also had their Christmas awards dinner and brought gifts for the YWCA.

Santa heard **Stillwater Lions** had been ringing bells for the Salvation Army and showed up to help!



Ponca City After Five has been busy! On November 25th the club celebrated the spirit of giving by sponsoring a gingerbread tree at



Ponca Walmart for the residents of Shawn Manor Nursing Home. 15 members were involved in putting the tree up and during the setup people would come by and inquire about the purpose of the tree. In less than 24 hours all the gingerbread boys and girls were gone from the tree. On December 9th 5 members of the



club delivered 25 food packages to the Mission. The packages consisted of food packages or Christmas gifts. WE SERVE!

Ponca City Noon Lions

lent their KidSight trailer to serve as Santa's house for the Festival of Angels on December 18 where



kids could come and see Santa and get pictures!

Perry Lions

sponsored the Pet Parade on December 7. Lots of good pets and their people came to visit Santa!



The 3NW midwinter convention will be March 28th and 29th in **Perry**. We are in the process of finalizing the agenda and registration form and look forward to a good turnout. Friday night will be at the Cherokee Strip Museum where the blacksmiths will be doing a wheel fitting

as well as later making small items in the blacksmith shop. If you would like to participate by doing something at the forge, please wear appropriate clothing and be sure to bring safety glasses and a good pair of gloves. There will also be a tour of the museum available for those that want to see it. There will be refreshments available at the blacksmith shop.

On Saturday March 29th we will meet at the First Christian Church Big Room at 7th and Holly starting at 9AM with opening ceremonies followed by a session with our International Director Marie Cunning from Arizona and PID Mike Banks. This will be followed by Lion Vicky Golightly talking about how to approach/interact with a blind person. This will be followed by going by vans 3 blocks south to the methodist Church to view a very impressive local project, For The Worth of A Child, supporting foster kids and families.

We then go back for lunch served by Reverend Doctor Joshua Bell followed by the International Director's address and district awards. A cabinet meeting will follow and then we will adjourn. Please plan to join us. Registration forms attached.

I will be turning this report in early to give the state office time to prepare the newsletter with Christmas falling close to deadline so any late news will be in the next newsletter. Have a great Christmas!

I also want to thank those again that offered their encouragement, prayers, and calls while we navigated the medical system for the last couple of months. My pacemaker was installed on November 11th, and I have done very well. I go back to my heart doctor in January, and I feel like he will be pleased with my progress. We intend to start making more club visits soon. May God richly bless every Lion in our district as we go forth in 2025 to serve our communities!

District Governor
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Oklahoma 3NW District Convention

Friday, March 28 – Saturday, March 29, 2025



Friday, March 28 – Cherokee Strip Museum – Perry OK
 2617 Fir Avenue – 5:00 pm

Saturday, March 29 – District Convention – Perry OK
 First Christian Church – 701 Holly Street
Registration & Hospitality – 8 am
Opening Ceremonies – 9 am
Luncheon – 12:00 noon

Awards – International Director Closing Remarks
District Cabinet Meeting – First Christian Church
Service Project: For the Worth of a Child (Foster Care)
Dress Code: Business/Casual
Hotel: Holiday Inn Express
 3002 West Fir Street – Perry OK (580) 336-5050
 \$95.00/night – Price guaranteed thru March 1, 2025

Please complete the registration form below either typewritten or printed and send with your check or money order to District 3NW Treasurer Cathie Huddleston, 3775 La Cann Dr., Ponca City, OK 74604.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME	LION MEMBER Y/N	FIRST-TIMER Y/N
SPOUSE/GUEST	LION MEMBER Y/N	FIRST-TIMER Y/N
CLUB NAME		
EMAIL		
PHONE NUMBER		

Please make checks payable to **Lions District 3NW**

Registration (on or before March 15)	Number attending	_____ X \$15.00 = _____
Late entries (after March 15)	Number attending	_____ X \$20.00 = _____
Friday Evening Finger Foods, Water & Tea	Number attending	_____ X \$15.00 = _____
Saturday Luncheon BBQ – Pulled Pork Sandwich and Chicken Special Diet Request _____	Number attending	_____ X \$20.00 = _____
Total Enclosed		_____