

2023-2024



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*Jeff and I pray
that the miracle
of God's greatest
gift to the world –
Jesus Christ – our
Savior, brings
joy, peace and
hope to your
hearts and homes
during this sa-
cred season and
beyond.*

*May you have a Merry Christ-
mas and a Blessed New Year,
NW DG Kim Coleman*

Greetings! I hope you all enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends and are looking forward to more celebrations as we move through the rest of the holiday season. There are three celebrations coming in 2024 that I'd like to remind you about:

The District NW Convention will be February 23-24 in Enid, OK. We are going to have the theme "Be an Agent of Change". You'll be able to register for the conference and make hotel reservations through the district website starting December 15. Use your camera to click on the QR Code for the district website.



District Membership Drive "Kiss the Pig" event will take place June 15 in Perkins, Oklahoma at the Meadows of Hope campus.

The Lions Club International Convention will be taking place June 21-25 in beautiful Melbourne, Australia. You can register for the convention now.

As we near the end of the calendar year, we are halfway through the Lion's year. It's a good time for club leaders to update your membership and service projects.

As you are aware, membership is the number one internal objective for Lions Club International as well as our district. Membership is the responsibility of all club members, not just the membership committee. If you value your Lions experience – it should be easy to invite people to your club meetings, service projects, and/or social events.



The District Cabinet Meeting and Club Chairperson Training took

place Saturday, October 23, at the Opportunity Center in Ponca City, Oklahoma. The Ponca City



Noon Lions was the host club. Thank you, Ponca City Noon Lions club, for the successful event.

Cushing Lions Club – Zone Chair Lu Calavan and I visited the club, which is **VERY** active within the community. The club recently finished up their annual Chili Cook-Off. Last year the club had a profit of \$1,166.33 and this year the club had a profit of \$2,482.88. The club report-



ed on their food drive for the Food Pantry, which was a huge success! The club participates in Lions Park, KidSight (11 schools tested to date), eyeglass recycling, White Cane, and Cowboy Cadillac/Cash fundraisers. The club had a presentation from Lion of the Day, Geoffrey Beasley, regarding Our Daily Bread. The club approved a fundraiser to restore the old Shell Building as the Community's Daily Bread. They plan to team up with the local Rotarians. They have plans for a friendly competition "Kiss the Pig" between the two civic organizations in raising funds.

Guymon Lions Club – The club held their annual sheet sale. King and Queen size sheets, 2200-2400 thread count, sold for \$40.00/set.



Jet Lions Club – Zone Chairperson Jeff Coleman and I visited this **VERY** active club! The club hosted their annual Deer Hunt on Nov 18. They also served breakfast (muffins, sausage and eggs). For lunch they served Philly Cheese Steak on a split bun with chips. The group had 75 hunters confirmed for the event. Five individuals from Vance Air force Base (Enid, OK) also attended. Hunters pay \$125.00 for the event. This is a very profitable fundraiser for the club. Dec 2, they will host the Pheasant Hunt. Currently, they have 55 individuals confirmed. It was announced that Lacey Lowery and Lacy Slope from News 9 have registered for the event!

Laverne Lions Club – The club donated to the Oklahoma Lions Meadows of Hope and Leader Dog.

Perry Lions Club – The Perry Lions Club Splashpad and Playground has scheduled a Grand Opening for December 6 at 12noon, at the park.

North Enid Lions Club – The club participated in the United Way Chili Cook-Off at the Stride Bank Center. This year’s theme “Celebrate through the Decades”. Volunteers



helped set up the new Veteran’s Museum located at the Oakwood Mall and served approximately 150 plates of pulled pork sandwiches, chips, and



desserts.

Okarche Lions Club – 2ndVDG/ Zone Chair Sharyl Pickens and I vis-



ited the club which is **VERY** active within their community. The club reported on their annual German Festival, which was a huge success! 2nd VDG Sharyl Pickens attended and participated in the chicken dance. ☺ The event was held in the Holy Trinity auditorium, which is where the Okarche high school basketball teams play their games. The Lions were assisted, in part, by the boys of the high school basketball team. Their help with setting up and tearing down all the tables and chairs was obviously a huge contri-

bution. They served authentic food and had a Polka band for entertainment. Their preliminary numbers show 859 meals sold and a little over \$19,000.00 raised from the fundraiser. They discussed donating monies to the groups that helped as well as for scholarships. On December 4, they will be packaging candy and December 15, Santa will deliver. One club member is a professional Santa.

Perkins Lions Club – The club held a 50/50 Drawing last month, which benefited the Jim Hyder Memorial Perkins-Tyron Scholarship. The winner was Mike Kelly, and the club sold 238 tickets. A few of the clubs’ activities include: The Community Closet, City Wide Clean Up, concessions during baseball games, Operation Christmas Drop, Cemetery Clean Up (spring), Old Fashion Country Christmas (candy bags), and Kids for Community.

Ponca City Noon Lions Club – The club held their annual dinner and auction last month with a Roar-



ing 20’s theme. What a fun night and a successful event! I had the honor of presenting the club and Past President with the “2022-2023 Club Excellence Award”. Congratulations!

Prague Lions Club – Zone Chairperson Lu Calavan and I visited the club and they mentioned a few of

their activities. For service and a fundraiser, the club sells American flags, which two members make themselves. They sell the flags for \$25.00 and display the flags on Federal Holidays throughout the community. The Cub Scouts help display the flags. Members approved allocating \$200.00 from this year’s Christmas tree project, which supports 36 families and 136 children.

Stillwater Noon Lions Club – Eleven Stillwater Noon Lions members volunteered last month to assist



customers shopping at Our Daily Bread. The club finished up their Pumpkin Patch project, and because of those who supported the event, they can fund 22 charitable agencies and organizations in Stillwater, Payne County, Oklahoma, and worldwide.

Seiling Lions Club - PDG and Zone Chairperson Karl Youngers and I visited the club and during our visit I noticed a patch on their club banner, “New Club Sponsor.” The club had sponsored the Vici Lions Club; unfortunately, Vici is no longer an active club.

Weatherford Lions Club - PVCC Mary Koch, VDG JD Koch and I visited. The club had ordered fruit boxes, and they should arrive the first part of December. This is an annual fundraiser for the club, and last year they sold approximately 125 boxes. The club reported they have 5 eye-glass recycling boxes throughout the community. They usually will wait till they have collected over 1,000 eyeglasses before taking them to the State Office. They also plan to add the hearing aid recycling boxes once they become available.