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I have you all on my calendar before Christmas and I hope to see you soon!

NORTH ENID LIONS
Had a teacher and staff

Our Daily Bread and conducting vision screenings at the Payne County



Hello 3 NW Lions!

Happy September, Good Lions! I have enjoyed visiting your Clubs and celebrating the wonderful summer we all had. Service is key, and you all are representing in style! July and August took me to Ringwood, Cherokee, Medford, Garber, Canton, Perkins, Davenport, Perry, Stillwater, and Chandler.

PEACE POSTER/ESSAY AND SPEECH CONTESTS

are my focus. Please consider offering these opportunities to your communities. If there are school districts near you that do not have a local Lions Club, you can serve those students and their families by offering to sponsor the contest! This is a wonderful way to get in front of their parents and school administration – all great potential Club members! **POSTER AND ESSAY DEADLINES ARE NOVEMBER 15** – so don't delay. **SPEECH DEADLINE** is in January.

LEO CLUBS – This is an easy ask – high school students need leadership training. There are already groups in the school that are serving in the community. Partner with them and increase your reach. Learn who the teacher/sponsor is and schedule a meeting soon. They will be very interested in the training we have available for them! Call/text/email me and we can get a plan for your local school to charter a LEO club this semester.

September has me cruising out to Crescent, Ponca Noon, Ponca After 5, Burlington, Cushing, Fairview, Jet, Stroud, Wakita, and Weatherford. If I haven't heard back from your Club regarding a visitation, please consider reaching out to me!

appreciation
for Back to
School



LAVERNE LIONS CLUB – They continue with their monthly Bingo nights, and are planning to start Student of the Quarter and vision screening at the school. One of their Club members, PDG Barbara Swineford, has been chosen to participate in the next Oklahoma Warrior Honor Flight. Swineford represented Women in the Air Force as Miss Air Force in 1954 AND was selected to represent WAFs for the 50th Anniversary of powered flight. We are so proud of Barbara!



STILLWATER LIONS CLUB - The Stillwater Noon Lions continue conducting vision screenings and providing shopping assistance at



Fair. Members rang bells at The Salvation Army's Christmas in July fundraiser and are packing weekend food sacks for school-age children. Donations of hygiene products were given to the Pioneer Pantry and



members fed Lincoln Academy faculty and staff at a back-to-school cook-out.



They also found time to install new officers!

PERKINS LIONS CLUB – Our "Fine Upstanding Young American" awards are kicking off this month!

We recognize a junior each month with a gift card and certificate. Plan are in full swing for our **SECOND ANNUAL CAR SHOW October 25.**

We have several Platinum sponsors already secured. We are accepting entries! Please see the registration form in this newsletter.



PONCA CITY NOON LIONS

served cookies to the teachers at every elementary school in Ponca City. They then went to every school with



East Middle School



Central Baptist Academy



Woodlands



West Middle School

signs welcoming students on their first day of school. They also had a 50's dance at the Golden Villa Day Care for mentally and physi-



cally challenged adults. They provided a case of water to the Hydration Station downtown and provide

toiletory bags to the homeless and collected items for the Kerrville flood vic-



tims and adopted a family for Back to School Supplies!

They also found time to install new officers! Whew!!



DG Sharyl Pickens

A Visit to Leader Dog

August 23, 2025 I was invited, along with 30 other Lions from around the US, to attend the Leader Dogs for the Blind conference near Detroit Michigan.

I had no idea what a huge facility Leader Dogs is. I expected a single building, or perhaps a unit in a strip mall, but as the chartered bus drove us through their gates onto their campus, I was in awe! It was huge!

The morning started with us being dropped off at their front door. We were welcomed and introduced to various members of the staff and a few of their board members. We were given the history of Leader Dog and Lions and who and how they serve. They are celebrating their 85th year of serving this year.

We were given a tour of the complete facility and we participated in a couple of activities which included being blind folded and walking with



the white cane, then still blind folded held the harness of a service dog and walked outside down a sidewalk and across their parking lot. Our lunch was their traditional meal of chili and donuts. You could eat them together or do like I did and eat the chili first, then have the donut for dessert.

That evening we had our dinner served to us with our blind folds on and that took a lot of effort not to knock over any glasses of water, find

the salt and pepper, and cut our meat on our plate. The finale was getting to hear a motivational speech from B.J. Blahnik, a man that has retinitis pigmentosa (also called R P) since age 8. B.J. will be speaking at

USA Canada and I highly recommend you not miss him!

All in all, this was a wonderful experience and I believe it will be an annual opportunity for the 1st VDGs from all over the US and Canada. There are statistics attached to this newsletter about Leader Dog and Oklahoma They have a new marketing person who is over Oklahoma as well as other states and are interested in making stronger connections with out state!

1st VDG-E Patty Bryant

