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## NEW LION'S YEAR

### "IN A WORLD OF SERVICE"

By Virginia Rodriguez PCC

It is that time of the Lions year that a new group of Lions take the reins of International, District, State, and Club level to carry on the motto of "WE SERVE". Our International President this year is Wayne A. Madden from Auburn, Ill. His theme for 2012-2013 is "IN A WORLD OF SERVICE". He calls on Lions to not only celebrate our world of service but to expand our impact, rising up to meet new challenges.

As of July 1st the following Governors were officially given their responsibilities to their new positions: District O: Lawrence "Larry" Wibben from Tulsa Brookside Lions, District K: Billy Thompson from Ardmore Lions, District L: John "Wes" Williams from Lawton NE Lions, District A: R. Deane Wymer from Fairview Lions, and District H: Robert McMasters from OKC Northwest Lions. They will lead the Lions not only in their respective districts but in our state as well. **CONGRATULATIONS** to this group of Governors for 2012-13. As Lions of Oklahoma let's all give them our support with dedication to service and work to increase our membership.

Among the many projects that we can give our assistance is by expanding our impact and join the Reading Action Program that is one of President Madden's service projects. By this we can volunteer for a reading program at our libraries, or in our schools. Another way we can assist our governors is promoting the International Peace Poster Contest, which is an annual art contest for kids, encouraging young people to express their visions of peace. The theme of the 2012-13 Peace Poster Contest is "IMAGINE PEACE". Students, ages 11,12 on 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate. Instructions for the contest can be found on line

[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org). A Kit can be ordered through Club Supply Sales Department at International Headquarters. The cost of the kit is \$10.95 plus shipping, handling and taxes. Your club must purchase a kit for your school to participate in this Art Contest. Last year we had representation from each of our districts.

One of our projects that are offered is our state Adult and Youth Speech Contest. The adult contest is open to all Lions EXCEPT prior contest winners, District governors or Past District Governors. The Youth contest is open to all 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th graders, including Home-Schooled students. The Governors, each year pick a theme, which will co-in-side with the International Presidents Theme. This year the topics are: Adult: **How does "A WORLD OF SERVICE"** challenge my generation. The Youth topic is: **What does "A WORLD OF SERVICE"** mean to me? Instruction for the contests can be found on the Oklahoma Lions Web Site [www.oklahomalion.net](http://www.oklahomalion.net)

Our Dr. Eugene S. Briggs Memorial Scholarship is offered to students who are residents of Oklahoma and are in need of financial assistance. This is offered to any College or Career Technology Program. It is not too early to think about this for the 2013-14 school year. Further information can be obtained on the Oklahoma Lions Web site and instructions can be found on the Oklahoma City Community Foundation [www.occf.org](http://www.occf.org).

There are many projects that Lions Clubs can participate and all are highly encouraged.

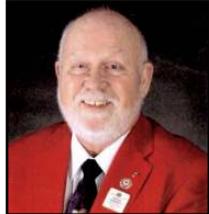
I challenge you to rally around our 2012-2013 Governors and make this one of our most productive Lion Years:

**REMEMBER:** "Leaders are at their BEST when people get behind them".

## Council Chairman Corner

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What did he say...that can't be true? Did I hear him right? Why would you want to read an article written by an ex trucker. How does anything I might say be of importance to anyone except my dog Dixie? She hangs on my every word hoping that, "treat", "car-ride", or "let's go for a walk" will be somewhere in the sentence. You see, Dixie has very "selective" hearing. Mary, my wife, says I have "selective" hearing. That I heard only those things I want to hear. I even went to an audiologist to get proof that I am truly hard of hearing, but she still isn't buying that. You know, part of that may be true and as Lions we sometimes only want to hear what "we" think is the right thing for our club. We don't want to hear about the

new ideas from our new members or LCI. After all what do they know; we've been Lions for years and we have always done it this way. Yes our membership is declining, and the number of clubs is shrinking, and we are getting too old to do as many of the projects that we once did. But why should we change. Well what we need to do is turn up the volume on our hearing aids, pay attention, and make sure we are not guilty of "selective" hearing. Start out by initiating the Club Excellence Program in your club. We need to listen so that we will survive and prosper as Lions. You never know....someone might just throw us a bone. And as Paul Harvey would say "That's the rest of the story"

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# Are You a "No-Show" Lion?

By Troy Jenkins, Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation, Executive Director

"Eighty percent of success is showing up." - Woody Allen

As many of you know, the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation held its first annual concert last weekend. The music was fantastic! This was probably the best group of musicians I have seen live at one event. Most of them donated their time; one act even donated half of the proceeds from his merchandise sales to the OLSF. The facility was great as well, and was nice and cool. The only thing that was missing to make this event a complete success was you!

As with any first year events, there were a lot of lessons learned. For example, if I had known it was going to be 109 degrees outside, I would have really pushed the fact that the concert was indoors and air-conditioned! Given another opportunity, I would probably market the event a little differently. As far as the Lions were concerned, I mentioned the event in nearly 50 club visits. I also sent emails with the flyer to the outgoing club Presidents and Secretaries before the end of the year, and the incoming Presidents and Secretaries once the new year started. I realize this left out a handful of clubs, but figured it was the most efficient way to spread the word. You can imagine my surprise when so few Lions attended or supported the event. Even worse, many Lions said they did not know anything about it. One message I received from a club officer told me that nobody in his club would be interested in tickets. From the looks of the message, he made that determination himself, and didn't bother his club with finding out for sure whether or not this was the case. It is difficult to spread the word if a handful of Lions act as gatekeepers and do not disseminate the information any further.

Regardless, this is a great lesson for all of us as Lions. On Tuesday, I had the privilege of acting as the Club Excellence Program Facilitator for the OKC West Side Lions Club. A couple of the items discussed were the need to make sure that our service projects were still relevant, and the need to have fun in our service. The truth in these items cannot be underestimated, and work the same with fundraising. We need to make sure that we are getting the word out for everything that we do. We need to make sure that we are sharing with our entire membership to see if there are better ideas out there. We need to make sure that we are having fun being Lions!

We need to give our members a reason to show up!

When I joined the Lions, it seemed to be a great extension of my desire to give back to the community. I had been involved in community service since my early 20s, volunteering at a zoo, serving on boards, and serving as a Big Brother in three different communities. I can still remember how excited I was to be a part of an organization with such a great history and tradition of service. The more I got involved, and the more I learned about Lions in general, the more I realized I had made the right decision. As in most clubs, the 20/80 rule was in effect: 20% of the people do 80% of the work. To put it another way, a lot of members simply weren't showing up, be it for fundraisers, service events, etc. Now that I have had the opportunity to visit so many other clubs, I realize this is not a unique situation. There are a lot of "No-shows."

Now I realize that this is a volunteer organization. And in fairness, most of my time in Lionism has been spent in outside sales. Any of you that know somebody in outside sales knows that we can be very flexible in our schedules, which makes it really easy to sign up for projects. Having said that, I would ask you to consider this: Are you giving all you can, considering your commitment to your job and your family, and to your own need for "me-time," to serving your community? Do you feel like the service you are currently providing to your community is outdated? Do you feel like you have a say in the activities of your club? Are you having fun? Are you showing up as a Lion? If the answer to any of these is "no" it might be time for some reflection and evaluation.

Lions, especially in Oklahoma, are a wonderful group. The good that we do in our local communities, on the state level, and internationally, still amazes me. As Lions, we have access to so many resources and name recognition we should be blowing it out in both our service and our fundraising. So if you are a "No-show" Lion, what is holding you back? Do you stand behind your service projects? If not, do you have a recommendation on how you could better serve your community? Do you not have the time to work a project? If so, do you contribute financially in lieu of your ability to work or attend? Are your ideas falling on deaf ears? If so, what are you doing to change that? Are you having fun? If not, what would you do

differently?

As I have mentioned in these pages for the last few months, we are at a crossroads in Lionism. It is time to realize the opportunities we have before us, and let go of the past as we focus on the future. A few years back, Past Council Chair Ron Schulz wrote an article about this very thing. The following is an excerpt (very slightly edited):

Wake up Oklahoma! Read the handwriting on the wall! We must modernize. We now shop on the internet, such as eBay and other electronic sources. These suppliers exist because the public demands a new way of life. Younger people will not join our club of old timers who have "been there, done that, and tried it once and it did not work." We expect them to work for us and make programs and projects successful for us doing it our way, not their way. When you keep doing what you have done, you are going to keep getting the same results! Do Oklahoma Lions wish to become a Studebaker, an Oldsmobile, a General Motors, or a Montgomery Ward? Let's step into the future and do things the modern way, do programs and projects which fit today's needs. Try it; you might like it! Nothing ventured, nothing gained!

Our new International President, Lion Wayne Madden, expresses a similar sentiment: "The World is changing. The

world is evolving. We must evolve with it if we hope to keep pace and continue to make a difference in the lives of millions of people in need. I challenge clubs this year to seek self improvement and always be receptive to new ways of doing business and new traditions."

The point is this: If you are a "No-Show" Lion, why are you a "No-Show" Lion. What would it take to get you to participate more? What would it take to make a bigger impact in your community? What would it take to raise more funds for your community and our state projects? What is keeping you from bringing in new members? What is holding you back from serving? I encourage all of you to consider this, and take the appropriate steps to address the issues. Once we have done this, individually, and as the Lions of Oklahoma as a whole, we can right this ship! We can increase our service to our community, our state, and everywhere else. We can enhance our fundraising at the local and state levels. We can increase our membership. Most importantly, we can embrace our motto - "We Serve!"

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**SPECIAL NOTE:** Club Secretaries can only submit their Lions Club Service Activities Reports to international headquarters through the Web Monthly Membership Reporting

(WMMR) site. Paper reports are not accepted

**UPCOMING EVENTS/PROJECTS**(To list your club -email your upcoming event/project to [lewib9355@aol.com](mailto:lewib9355@aol.com))

- Coweta-** Chicken Dinner - Aug 17, 2012
- Dewey** - Culpepper & Merriweather Circus Sept 5th.
- Barnsdall** - Main Street Auction Tentative date for the next sale is Oct., 2012
- Brookside**-Pancake Breakfast Oct 2012
- District Convention Nov 17 2012
- 3-O Cabinet Meeting** Nov 17 2012
- 3-O Cabinet Meeting** Mar 9 2013
- Chelsea Chicken Dinner** Mar 2013

## "IN A WORLD OF SERVICE"

The District Governor Elect Seminar training and International Convention in Busan, South Korea was a great success. I got to meet Lions from all over the globe. The theme for this year is "In a World of Service" and "In a World of Service", one name stands above all others in Service - Lions Clubs International - WE SERVE. I ask each Lion in District 3-O clubs to demonstrate their dedication to service, think outside the normal realm of club activities and service projects. There are millions of Americans that can not read. We can help promote literacy through the Reading Action Program. More about this program will be in future Newsletters. Increasing Lions membership is paramount, we will soon complete 95 years of service. We are losing the race against membership growth, retaining members and recruiting new members must work hand in hand. I ask each club to do a Club Assessment to help with retention. Actively recruit new members. There must also be more club interaction, and club participation at training meetings, cabinet meetings, and district convention. Therefore, I will promote the Club Excellence Process, and MD3 Governor Contest. The world is changing, and evolving. We must change with it in order to make a difference in the lives of millions of those in need. One very good way is through the Club Excellence Program. As lions we must continue to meet the needs of our community. I have scheduled a large number of club visits over the coming months.

- New Members** (reported for Jun 2012)
- Garla Brummett
  - Langley
  - Rusty Brummett
  - Langley
  - Jerry Sasser
  - Sianna Sasser
  - MISSING PU101's**
  - Inola
  - Kiefer
  - Nowata
  - Tulsa Red Fork
  - HELP WANTED**

Langley  
Langley

Jenks  
Morris  
Owasso  
Welch

the parade route wanted a picture of Oklahoma. We were mobbed from the moment we put the head dress on, and



After 4 long and intense days, Jun 19-22, all the DGE's in attendance of the 2012 District Governors-Elect Seminar program received a certificate of completion

all along the parade route we were photographed. The Busan TV station ran a segment on the parade and featured Oklahoma in the broadcast. The people of South Korea were very friendly and helpful. The Convention planning committee did an excellent job. The convention was June 22-26. Club Reports

**Barnsdall:** The total revenue for the Main Street Auction sale was \$2,032. PCC Delbert King recognized and awarded Betty F. with a glass plaque for sponsoring the most new members over the past year. Delbert K. installed the July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 Officers and Board of Directors. Sayra B. recognized Taylor Nash and awarded him a glass plaque for winning the \$500 Lions Club Briggs Memorial Scholarship. He was one of three winners in District 3-O.

**Bartlesville Downtown:** Honored two of the Club's oldest and hardest working Lions, Leroy Gray (deceased) and Jeff Gordonwood, (relocated to Edmund OK); a one thousand dollar donation for each will be made to Lions Clubs International for Melvin Jones Awards.

**Bartlesville Green Country:** Held their installation dinner for 2012-2013 officers.

**Bartlesville Tuxedo:** Donated \$500 to White Cane from our pancake breakfast proceeds held in April. Donated an additional \$100 to the Mutual Girls Club to help pay for their summer swim program.

**Broken Arrow Evening:** Purchased one adult eyeglasses

and recycled 2 pairs. Volunteer usher at BA Playhouse. Donated \$125 to Northeastern School of Optometry for mission. Donated \$50 to Relay for Life.

**Coweta:** Donated \$500 to high school scholarship fund. Planning chicken fry Aug 17th .

**Dewey:** Participated in annual Dewey 4th of July celebration in the park.

**Glenpool:** Provided two pair of glasses and eye exams. Awarded two \$500 scholarships to students at Glenpool High School.

**Miami:** Purchased 2 pair of eyeglasses for needy family. Sponsored high school boy to attend American Legion Boy's State.

**Muskogee Noon:** Held their installation banquet, to show support for the 2012-2013 leaders of the club.

**Sapulpa:** Collected 100 Pairs of eye glasses. Donated \$350 to Oklahoma School for the Blind. Donated \$250 to Oklahoma Cancer Relay For Life. Donated \$75 to Sapulpa Touchdown Club for bricks. Donated \$150 to OLSF for District Governors brick. \$50 for MHSU for Route 66 blow out. Worked concession stand for graduation.

**South Grand Lake-Langley:** Donated 3 picnic tables to city park, Donated \$1500 to Langley City Library, and \$250 to Red Cross, participated in Memorial Day event. 1st Vice DG Elmer Enyart installed club officers.

**Tulsa Brookside:** Held fund raiser golf tournament. Held their installation dinner for 2012-2013 officers.

**Ending Note:** from IP Madden letter: "Growing up in Indiana, I have been interested in the Indianapolis 500. I am impressed by the dedication, preparation and teamwork of the racing team. I think of our club and district teams in the same regard. To run a race you must have a road map or a plan. I ask that each club use the Club Excellence Award..."



Lions Parade in Busan

- TBA
- State Convention** Apr 26-27 2013
- Broken Arrow** Garage Sale May 2013
- Just Plane Fun** - June 2013
- 3-O Cabinet Meeting** Jun 8 2013

It seemed like everyone in and along



Yes there are 7-11's, KFC's, TGI Fiday's Outback Steak House's, Starbuck's, Burger King's, McDonald's, Domino's Pizza, Dunkin Donuts, Chevy Dealers, Ford Dealers, in Korea



District Governor's for 2012-2013 front row left to right 3-H Robert McMaster, 3-L John Williams, 3-A Deane Wymer, back row left to right 3-O Larry Wibben, 3-K Billy Thompson



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Greetings and hello my fellow Lions of District 3L.

Today is a great day to be a Lion. I consider it a distinct honor and a great pleasure to work with you as your district governor for the Lion year 2012-2013.

I recently had the pleasure of traveling to Busan South Korea to attend the District Governor Elect Training for the Lion year 2012-2013. While I was there I witnessed how widespread were the tentacles of service to the local communities which began in Chicago by a small group of business men in 1917. It is amazing how a good idea can take root and be so successful in the arena of vision and of creativity.

The throbbing undulating Masses of humanity was both exhilarating and thrilling. There were so many smiling faces and warm greetings and hugs it was almost overwhelming. I met Lions from Newfoundland to China and Lions From Canada to the sunny isles of the Caribbean. Although there were instances of language barrier we managed to communicate with gestures and bows and smiles.

**Theme for 2012-2013**

*"In a World of Service"*

**Dates to Remember;**

**Chickasha:** Saturday July 28, 2012 5:00pm 95th year celebration

**Clinton:** August 4th, 2012, Gold Tournament at Riverside Golf Course.

**Anadarko :** August 8th -12th Indian Fair

**Binger :** August 17th-18th Fair

**Duncan Evening:** September 22nd 2012 Poker Run

**Elk City:** Labor Day Weekend Rodeo

**Granite:** Awarded 2 Scholarships

**Hobart:** Pecan Sale Fundraiser 2nd Friday in September

**Club Activities**

**Altus:** Provided newspapers for hospital patients

**Anadarko:** Purchased pair of eyeglasses. Processing another request for 2 additional pair of eye glasses.

**Cordell:** Finishing Park Project

**Duncan Evening:** Provided 2 pair eyeglasses.

**El Reno:** Installed Officers, paid for 2 eye examinations and eye glasses for 2 citizens

**Granite:** Teachers Appreciation breakfast during the month of August

**Hobart:** Installed officers and participated in the Kiowa County free Fair meal.

**Lawton Noon:** Awarded Scholarships for Cameron University. Purchased eyeglasses and will partner the PTA. Installed Officers

**Lawton On-Line Branch Club:** Donated 38 ink cartridges

**Lawton Patriots:** Working in adopted park.

**Lone Wolf:** Awarded Scholarships

**Mangum:** Pancake Breakfast

**From The Governors Desk**

**August 4, 2012 - Cabinet Meeting**  
Time 11:00am at Lawton City Library

**August 11, 2012 - Officer Orientation-**  
Time 11:00am Lawton City Liberty

Looking forward to seeing you at the cabinet meeting and also at the officer training

**Reports:** Please submit all reports in a timely manner. This is very important because we want you to receive all the accolades you deserve for the work you do for your community.



**Anadarko Lions Club** - One of the 100 trees they received from the nursery that donated to the Lions. Lion Dennis Freie arranged for the club. Pictured are Anadarkos Lion Bill Fowler and Vona Neal, Executive Director of Anadarko Housing Authority.



**Lawton Patriots 2012-2012 club Officers.** Front Row Left to Right Lorie Rodriguez, Michele Leefer, Angelina Rodriguez, Wes Williams, Jennifer Whitehead, Rebecca Rodriguez, John E. Williams. Back Row Kenny Watts and Rocco Bonacci.



We have available at the state office the new 2012 Lions of Oklahoma State Pin. The pin was designed by PCC Ron Schultz and has been approved by this year's Governors. Prices are: Pins-\$2 each, 100 or more are \$1.75 each. Bolos are \$3 each. Necklaces are \$3 each. We also have banners designed by and featuring this year's Governors and these are available for \$6 each. These will be available for you to purchase here at the state office an at the Council and Board Meetings.



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Lions for three days. While some of these positions might overlap, each new club requires the work of at least 10 to 15 committed Lions.

## GOALS

The District Governors Team, consisting of myself from The Village, st VDG Tom Cummings from Cushing, 2nd VDG Dawn Miller from OKC

West Side, and GMT District Coordinator Frank Davis from Guthrie, met on March 3, 2012 to look at the Nine Year Study of Membership Trends, to pay close attention to every club which was in existence July 1, 2003 or chartered since, with a special attention to those who had their Charter Cancelled.

We came up with 14 Goals aimed at supporting four numbers. We will **Charter Four New Clubs** with a total of **100 New Members**.

To achieve these goals, we will need a number of Lions to help out. To start with, we need 2 Lions to scout out locations for two clubs. We will need 2 Sponsoring Lions Clubs who will provide 1 or 2 Certified Guiding Lions to be a part of a 4 Lions team for each new club. Then we need an Extension Workshop Coordinator plus 9 - 12 Lions for each new club. All of this will take place this fall. Thus we need the help of about 35 Lions.

Following that we are looking for 5 to 9 Lions to attend a Level II Extension Workshop. Each of these Lions will promise to organize and charter a new Lions Club within the next 18 months, of which 2 will be in the Spring. These Lions will be trained in a one day event to do the work of the LCI Extension specialist. Of course they will need the help of even more Lions.

**Goal 3** is that the 28 existing Lions Clubs will bring in 150 New Lions. While this looks large, it can be done. We did it in 2003-04 and came close in 2004-5 and 2005-6. The secret to accomplish this is for all of us to ask people we know and meet if they would like to join a Lions Club. Just adding our spouses on the Family Plan would more than reach this goal. We have a goal to train 7 Lions to help with this. They will go to two Lions Clubs each, especially smaller clubs, and both train them to call on people and then go with them in doing that calling

**Goal 4** is that the existing 28 clubs will decrease their average number of drops to 117 Lions. Just last year we only

dropped 113. This goal can be reached. We have already trained Lions to conduct the Club Excellence Process Workshop with a goal of having at least 10 of our clubs complete this workshop this year. OKC West Side Lions Club will be starting this process July 24th. The Club Excellence Process will help Lions Clubs look at what they are doing and plan on how they can get better. Results from clubs who have already competed this process reveals that they both recruit more new members and reduce the number of drops because their members feel better about their club.

## NEW MEMBERS

**Cushing:** (May) Derek R. Griffith & Christopher N. Pixler, both by J. Stewart Arthers.

**OKC West Side:** Jack W. Mouser by W. Regana Mouser.

**Prague:** Kendra D. McBride by Danny L. Winchester. June-Cashion: Jonathan O. Schaul by Russell L. Adams.

**Edmond:** Mary E. Collins by William E. Hamilton.

**OKC Downtown:** Suzanne E. Baxter & Kyle R. Karfonta, both by Jim A. Schroeder.

**OKC Northwest:** Dannie B. Crow by Mike Peller.

**Stillwater Noon:** Michael D. Schaller, no sponsor

**Stroud** Melody Crofts & Regina Peters by Steve Bivin.

## DEATHS

Stillwater Noon: Victor VanHook

## DATES AND EVENTS

**August 11, 2012,** District 3-H Cabinet Meeting, Prague United Methodist Church, 1103 Klabzuba, Prague, 8:30 AM.

**September 14-15,** Stroud Annual Golf Tournament.

## CLUB NEWS

**Carney:** May 19-20 served concessions at the Motorcycle Scrap Meet at Seaba Station in Warwick, Ok. On June 8, had First Annual Golf Tournament at the Stroud Golf Course. On June 9, held our Annual Ice Cream Festival in Carney-serving hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, chips and the best home made ice cream. Again in September we will be back at the Motorcycle Swap Meet at Seaba Station.

**Edmond:** On July 10, PCC Kent Clovis installed PCC Bob Austin as President, Lion Burchie Smith as Secretary, and Lion Larry Streitmatter as Treasurer, plus other officers. Lions Pins were pre-

sented to both Past President VanZant and President Austin, along with plaques and awards. Membership Year Chevrons were presented to Bob Gallop-45 years, Neil Little and Carl Breazeale-25 years. The club voted to fine the Tail Twister for not being present at the Installation.

**Midwest City:** recycled 375 pairs of eyeglasses and 3 cell phones. On June 16, DG Marvin Ainsworth, accompanied by his wife, Mary, Installed the officers, and inducted our newest member, Don Hancock, sponsored by Lion Ramon Valdez. We continue to sell Lions Linens as a continuing fund raiser.

**OKC Capitol Hill:** Raised \$700 at a Hot Dog Lunch. On July 14 hosted the South Club Officers Training. During September we will sell Raffle Tickets for our October Drawing for 2 tickets to the OU-Texas Game plus \$100 in expense money. In November we will once more have our Annual Bean Dinner.

**OKC Northwest:** Recycled 178 pairs of eyeglasses. CC Ainsworth installed our officers. PDG Jim Barnett, club secretary, installed the OKC West Side officers. President Hank Sooknee and Cabinet Secretary Tom Mulligan attended the South Club Officers Training. We made an inner club visit to the Surrey Hills Lions Club.

**Stillwater Noon:** Purchased 2 sets of eyeglasses at \$85.00 each. Had 5 requests for eyeglasses. 10 Lions spent 28 hours parking cars at the Boom Blast. Established a \$500.00 scholarship at the Meridian Technology Center in memory of Lion Victor Van Hook. Various members visit the Perkins Lions club on a weekly basis.

**Stroud:** Our Annual Golf Tournament starts at 1 PM on Friday, Sept 14 th with a Skins Game. This will be followed by a Calcutta for those interested. On Saturday, Sept 15, check in is at 8:30 AM with Tee Off at 9. Cost is \$60. per person or \$240. per team of 4. Lunch will start at 11 AM on the course. Contact David Clovis at 918-290-0134 for information and registration. President Olen Hurst made up a cooking trailer so we can sell hamburgers and hot dogs.

**The Village Lion's Club:** 7th Annual Car Show will be August 25, 2012 at Duffner Park (East of May on Hefner Road) Registration time 9:00am-11:30am. Prizes will be awarded at 2:00pm.

## Greetings to all the Lions of 3-H from your new Governor.

The condition of our District calls upon all of us to work together in behalf of our Clubs and District. As I was reminded in Busan, our name is "The International Association of Lions Clubs." While we do have Districts, the focus is upon the Clubs and how to help and strengthen them.

As a part of my DGE studies, I did a study of the District Membership Trends for the last nine years. On July 1, 2003, our District had 1301 members in 41 clubs. On June 30, 2012 our District had 880 members in 28 clubs. Our net loss was 421 members with a net loss of 13 clubs. In actuality, our loss was much more. During those 9 years, we dropped from our membership 1556 members and lost 17 clubs, due to an addition of 4 new clubs. A loss of 1556 persons equals the loss of a district or the loss of 50 average sized clubs.

While this study did reveal that we were bringing in new members; 1133 new members or 126 per year, our losses of 1556 members equals 173 per year. During this period, there were only two years when our new members exceeded our losses for the year. The first year of 2003-04 when we had a net gain of 24, and in 2009-10 when Governor Frank Davis chartered 4 new clubs with 121 new members. If not for these new members in new clubs, we would have had a net loss of 36 members.

This illustrates what LCI has been saying for several years: "If a District really wants to grow, it must charter new clubs." Chartering new clubs takes a lot of work from all of us. We need people to scout possible locations to put a new club. Then we must have a Sponsoring Club for each new club. The Sponsoring Club needs to supply one or two Certified Guiding Lions. We have discovered that each new club needs a team of 3 to 4 Certified Guiding Lions, committed to work with that club for two years. Then the extension event used to start the new clubs requires about 18

# News From Oklahoma Boys Ranch

by Colleen Fowler

We just got back from a great week with our guys. We went to Branson, We have found that the 7 hour drive is just right. We let the boys stay up late the night before...rouse them up early and they sleep for 6 hours, just about the right time to stop at Lambert's and throw some rolls. Then they are awake and full when we drive that last hour to Branson. we have developed a relationship over the years with the folks that run the Amaze Inn. It is a great hotel with rooms with 3 queen size beds. We get one for the boys and a smaller room for us. The security guard will wake us up if anyone leaves their room. Our goal is to get them so tired during the day, they have no energy to go anywhere during the night. We had tickets for the Showboat Branson Belle that night and the boys enjoyed the live show and supper. It was a learning opportunity to talk about how paddle steamers work and how the boats had shows and gambling for the travelers in the old days. Wednesday morning we left early to go to Silver Dollar City. We had a blast and it was a great time for

Bob to have some fun with the fellows on the coasters! They loved hearing him scream and we have great pictures. The boys were tired and happy and after supper we played in the pool at the hotel till bedtime. Thursday was fun at Whitewater and a tour of Branson landing and Table rock Lake. We ate and played and made some memories that will last for a while. It takes budgeting and planning, Both of which I have learned from Jack and Roberta at the Meadows. There is something about being away from the house that seems to enhance our bonding. I am so grateful to Bryan for understanding how important these times are. When a new boy comes to live with us the other guys always tell him about vacation and what a blast it is. Thanks to the Board for allowing us the resources to really be a family. Even though we have been home for a few weeks, the memories are still fresh and can still bring a laugh or a story. For me, I remember a verse of scripture that says..."and she pondered and kept all these things in her heart."

### LIONS OF OKLAHOMA BOARD, COUNCIL MEETING AND DISTRICT CONVENTION DATES FOR 2012-2013

**Council/Board Meetings**

August 18, 2012 **Lunch by Dist.3-A Lions of Garfield County Lions**  
 October 20-2012 **Lunch by Dist 3-L**  
 January 12-2013 **Lunch by Dist. 3-A Lions of Garfield County Lions**  
 State Convention April 27, 2013 (Oklahoma City area)??  
 June 15-2013 Lunch by **Dist. 3-L**

**District Conventions/other meetings**

3-O November 17, 2012  
 Pin Traders Swap, January 10, 1213 @ Lake Murray  
 3-K January 25-26, 2013  
 3-A February 2, 2013  
 3-H February 9, 2013  
 3-L February 16, 2013  
 Agenda meetings Friday evening before Council Meeting held at the State Office 7:00 p.m. Board/Council Meetings held at the Westside Town Hall. Board Meeting times same as in previous years.  
**7:45 a.m.** State Convention Planning Committee and Executive Committee Meetings  
**8:55 a.m.** Council Meeting open with Prayer and Flag Salute - Close Meeting to Reconvene at 1:00 p.m.  
**9:00-9:45 a.m.** OK Lions Eye Bank Board Meeting  
**9:45-10:30 a.m.** Briggs Memorial Board Meeting  
**10:30 -11:15 a.m.** Ok Lions Boys Ranch Board Meeting  
**11:15 a.m.-12 Noon** Ok Lions Service Foundation Board Meeting  
**12:00-1:00 p.m.** Lunch and Bone Yard Meeting  
**1:00 p.m.** Council Meeting (no reports from above boards)

**PLEASE, NO OTHER MEETINGS DURING BOARD OR COUNCIL MEETINGS.** Please be courteous to each of the boards and council as they meet by keeping the room as quiet as possible. This is a time for Lions to keep informed and updated about our state projects.

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All Oklahoma Lions serve the Lions Boys Ranch and Lions Eye Bank when you pledge through the Building the Foundation Bank Draft Program. Your pledge provides the Lions Foundation a way to meet the needs of our Lions State Projects. Say YES to supporting our Projects with a

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I hereby authorize the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation, hereinafter called the FOUNDATION, to initiate debit entries to my checking account indicated below at the depository named below, hereinafter called DEPOSITORY, to debit the same to such account.

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This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until the FOUNDATION has received written notification from me of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford the FOUNDATION and DEPOSITORY reasonable opportunity to act on it.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_