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181 CLUBS 3-O 41, 3-K 36, 3-L 38, 3-A 38, 3-H 28

	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	4,541	4,563
Added Members	46	253
Dropped Members	23	252
Closing Balance	4,564	4,564
Net Gain/Loss	23	1

Fundraisers

How does your club raise funds to support the projects that are not just labors of love? There can be no doubt that we spend part of our volunteer service time raising funds. Our time is valuable even if we call it **free** time. Most of us don't want to find out that our efforts did not capture the imagination or participation or donations of the public. Very few Lions or Leo Clubs operate solely as hands-on service providers. As we set out to build a better community and a better tomorrow, we seldom can do so without some consideration for fundraising. Clubs that are

involved in all types of community service require them to raise money to support community projects. Do you have annual events that your club and your community look forward to every year? Many clubs have become known for their annual fruit sales, Christmas tree sales, spaghetti dinners and pancake breakfasts. These fundraisers are profitable and are often anticipated by the community. Nevertheless, many clubs get into a rut and never budge beyond the tried and true fundraiser. It often helps us to get out of that same old fundraising rut that has become our worn path to the bank if we simply look at the fundraisers that have been successes for other Lions Clubs.

Do you need novel ideas-something to break the monotony of the fundraisers your members have worked at for years? Don't be afraid to venture outside your club's fundraising comfort zone and try something new and exciting, not only for the club but for the community as well. By putting the **fun** into your **fundraisers** it will strengthen the bond between club members and the community, will encourage new members to join, and will be remembered by all with fondness, a smile and a chuckle! If feelings of satisfaction are our measure of a success, then fundraisers are successful if they provide the service-minded men and women with a sense of involvement in a satisfying project. If bettering our communities is our measure of a success, then fundraisers are successful if our Lions and our community can take pride in the results.

We Serve . . . ? Who? What? Where? When? Why? . . . and How?

By Lion Brett Crawley, Interim Director, Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation

You. When is the last time you thought about the **We Serve, Who, What, Where, When, Why and How?** as it applies to you! This season, take time to reflect; take time to renew; and take time to recommit to **We Serve** for yourself as well as for your fellow Lions.

There is only one of three types of thought processes that every individual chooses for themselves: **cost, cause, or cure.** You either count the **COST** and it is always too high. You resolve it is not your **CAUSE** generally because of what it could cost you. You desire to be part of the **CURE**, and so you only look at the **How Can I?** In any case, your chosen thought process is the path you approach life. If you have never thought about this, please take some time this holiday season to do so, or rethink it, and start the New Year with a fresh outlook.

Counting the **cost** is a negative approach used by those who are looking for a way not to be able to do something. "I cannot do that because I do not have the time, or the money." "It could cost me my life, my reputation, my whatever." Counting the cost results in an ending that you have already chosen in your sub-conscious, either through your own training or another person's negative training. Anyone can come up with a cost that is too high. But, what about those who want to retain their positive outward persona while they back away respectfully?

The **cause** is another negative pathway; it allows us to do what we want to do, without us feeling selfish about ourselves. This is a path I think we learned in our teenage years and we just got stuck as adults in the old **COP-OUT** path. It's not my cause. I give at the office (LOL)! I cannot do that because: I'll lose sleep, I'm too small, I'm too big, I'm too fat, I'm too skinny, I'm not smart enough, I'm too dumb, I'm too

old, I'm too young, I'm not trained, I don't have the money (cost again), I don't have the time, **BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO!** We can all come up with why we cannot do something we don't want to do.

So, if **cost** and **cause** are the thought processes that lead to a negative, what thought process path could anyone ever take that results in a positive outcome?

It is funny, when people really want to do something, they always ask themselves, how can I? I call this the **CURE** thought process. When we really want to do something we will find a way! You have heard this all of your life, so why would you ever choose to count the **cost** or the **be-cause** paths?

Start with **How can I?** How can I be part of the cure? How can I be part of a positive solution? How can I achieve success with my abilities? And then ask, "help me, please?" instead of spiraling down the negative process path of why I cannot do it.

Ask yourself, as an Oklahoma Lion, "How can I be part of the **CURE?**" And success is just an answer away. It really is that simple. With over 4,000 Lions in Oklahoma alone, I am sure **we** can come up with the positive answer.

Lions can serve, and so we do serve; the question is, have you forgotten who you are, who we are, and more importantly, what we can do together? This season, take time to reflect, time to renew, and time to recommit to "We Serve." For yourself, for your fellow Lions, and for our worldwide community!

Happy Holidays, and **CHEERS** to Lion Success in Oklahoma!

Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation Holds Cowboy Cadillac Drawing for 2013 assisted by the Muskogee Noon Lions Club

Lion Brett Crawley, Interim Executive Director for the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation: *What a great Day we had at the Hodge Auto Group, and what a fantastic job the Muskogee Noon Lions did in hosting this event! Thank you to all Lions, to Jack Hodge, to the Cowboy Cadillac Committee and to all of the volunteers that made this a great day for us.*

Grand Prize Truck: Doyle Bisbee (on a ticket sold by Lion Ramon Valdez, Midwest City Lions Club)

First Prize Cruise: Taylor Shaw (on a ticket sold by Lion Don Shaw, Idabel Lions Club)

Second Prize TV: Donna Frickel (on a ticket sold by Lion Debi Major, Ringwood Lions Club)

Congratulations to the winners and thank you, Lions who sold the tickets! Your help in supporting the OK Lions Boys Ranch and Eye Bank is appreciated.



L-R: Brett, Jack Hodge, Mike Graham, Tina Laxton

Muskogee Noon Lions: Thank you all for hosting the event!



2013-2014



District 3-O

Governor
Elmer Enyart

District 3-O News

Hello Fellow Lions. As I write this, I am really excited about November. Yes, November is the month for District 3-O Convention, Thanksgiving and the start of another wonderful holiday season. Trudy and I have been visiting clubs and staying on the go. Since August we have visited 26 clubs in all. We do not have scheduled club visits in December; we have holiday commitments and family as well as our Lions family to celebrate with. We plan to resume our visits in January 2014.

By the time this comes out my district convention will be done and Trudy and I will be able to take some deep breaths, regroup and forge on to the rest of my year as District 3-O governor. This year has been a blessing and we love you all.

Trudy and I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We hope your Thanksgiving was happy and pray everyone stays safe. God bless and keep Oklahoma Lions safe and strong; we serve!

District 3-O Club Activities Reports

Barnsdall: Club is planning for their second annual Shooters Training and Education Program (STEP) to be held Mar. 29, 2014, at the Pharaoh Ranch in conjunction with Okla. Dept. of Wildlife. The club will know in Jan. 2014 about Daisy B. B. Gun Program. The club plans to serve the free lunch again at this event. Arrangements will be made for portable toilet facilities. Held Halloween event on Oct. 31; accepted donations for park playground equipment improvements. New equipment was installed in playground at the old swing set and at the wooden assembly. Lion Dean Van Winkle provided another Dog Obedience School on Nov. 2 at the Community Center.

Bartlesville Downtown: Lions honored Treasurer **Jim Grillot** as their Lion of the Year. Lion Jim's dedication and work in the Club includes his duties as Treasurer

and his help to the Club's community service. Club held its major fundraiser, Pancake Day at Bartlesville Community Center on Nov. 2; donated \$500 to Green Country Free Clinic, \$350 to BPS Adult Literacy, \$500 to Concern, \$89 to Professional Optical, \$500 to Circles of Bartlesville (formerly Bridges Out of Poverty), \$500 to Mary Martha Outreach.

Bartlesville Green Country: Helped Oak Park Community Assoc. in dedication of Panther Park; City officials, OPCA, Fire and Police Depts. were there along with Oldies but Goodies Car Show. Hosted Zone F meeting; 6 of 7 clubs were represented; a great turnout of 32 Lions met along with DG Enyart, a fulfilling evening of comments and cooperation among attendees. Zone F has wonderful Lions.

Broken Arrow Evening: Participated in Broken Arrow's annual Night Out against Crime-Fun & Games on Main. Provided 2 eye exams and 2 pairs of eyeglasses. Partnered with Broken Arrow Noon to purchase 3 freezers for Broken Arrow Neighbors (one freezer donated by Home Depot).

Broken Arrow Noon: See above-also collected 25 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling.

Chelsea: Club judged 53 Peace posters from Chelsea Middle School; Hanna Trude-Winner; runners-up: Piper Whitworth, Whitley Sipuh, Sophie Hamel, Katy Morrison, Ahmani Jenkins. Donated \$390 to Food 4 Kids (Rogers County), \$100 to 4Paws4Patriots, and \$200 to sponsor athlete for Special Olympics. Collected used eyeglasses for recycling; approved eyeglass application.

Coweta: Welcomed 2 new Lions in Oct.

Dewey: Held Oct. Chili, Soup and Bean fundraiser. Gave out candy for Trunk or Treat in downtown Dewey. Lions helped Green Country with fundraiser.

Fairland: Celebrated their 60th anniversary October 28, 2013.

Muskogee County: Oct 21st White Cane event at the Okla. School for the Blind was a success; check from donations will be presented to the School at the club's Christmas Party. Upcoming events: Muskogee Honor Heights Garden of Lights, Dec. 3 from 5:30-10pm; Christmas Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Dec. 5 at Muskogee Wal-Mart from 3-7pm; Christmas Party, Dec. 12 at 6pm at Okies Restaurant (Muskogee); Okla. School for Blind

Blood Drive, Jan. 13.

Muskogee Noon: Hosted OK Lions Service Foundation Cowboy Cadillac drawing on Nov. 22. Recycled used printer cartridges and eyeglasses.

Porter: Welcomed new members Donna L. Daniel and Kent Livesay. Zone Chair Jim Marsh gave a presentation on the District Convention.

South Grand Lake: On Oct. 19, 2013, South Grand Lake Lions Club hosted its seventh Annual Chili Cook Off & Tailgate Party at the Langley Ball Fields, with 26 teams participating and 11 vendors. Weather was beautiful, crowds were awesome and a good time was had by all. The event raised > \$4,000. The Club proudly presented an \$8,000 check recently to the Ketchum Backpack Program to help feed about 99 children. Held program at the Veterans Honor Plaza and it was an amazing day! Made club members so proud to be an American and a Lion!

Wagoner: Held annual food drive on Oct. 19 with teams stationed at Walmart stores in Coweta and Wagoner as well as in various Wagoner businesses. With the help of the Wagoner County Sheriff Office, Wagoner Area Neighbors and Wagoner Community Outreach 2 pickup loads of non-perishable food items, 1640 pounds of frozen chickens and \$1260 in cash and checks were collected. All food donations went equally to Wagoner Area Neighbors and Wagoner Community Outreach. Club donated additional amount to give \$750 to each program. Yet another club food project took place at the the City of Wagoner's annual TRUNK N TREAT bash for kids. Lions sold a hotdog/chips/beverage for a mere \$2, and sold 144 specials in 2 hours, 15 minutes, selling out and having to turn away several customers; profit of \$325. Christmas Party-Dec. 17 at the Pink House.

Wyandotte: Held annual Wyandotte Days celebration on Oct. 31, with an exceptional turn out of around 350 people. Everyone had a really good time and all the free food and drink were consumed. Club helped the Wyandotte Community Food Pantry with the Thanksgiving Dinner in a Box hand out on Nov. 23. The club Christmas Party will be Dec. 5 at the Gordon House in Miami, OK.

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District 3-K



Governor
Daryl Pults

Happy Holidays

The end of another calendar year is upon us. Most of us are very busy from now until the New Year. It is a time to get together with relatives and friends, to attend parties, and to take time to reflect upon the many blessings we receive by serving as Lions. It is a time to serve those in need in our communities and through out the world. It is certainly more blessed to give than to receive. Many of our clubs have special projects during this holiday season by helping those needing food and clothing. Some clubs give needy children presents. All in all, it's a great time to give and to enjoy our blessings.

The month of November was especially busy for me as I was traveling to many of our clubs. I was trying to visit most of our clubs before December. As of the first of December I have visited 32 clubs, so I only have 4 clubs left to visit. I will have to visit these clubs next year, as I could not get dates cleared to attend these clubs. These visits have been very enjoyable; Lions are great people. I have been pleased with the wide variety of projects and with our club members' zeal to serve.

Club Reports

Ardmore: Provided eyeglasses and eye exams for 4 persons in need and delivered 283 pairs of used eyeglasses to the state office for recycling. Held a garage sale fundraiser, and welcomed new Lions Teresa Myers and Wendi Whipkey.

Gore/Webbers Falls: This is one of our smaller clubs but a very active one. They recently held their Rib Sale; they smoked 250 sides of ribs to sell, sold 400 plate lunches and 200 hot links. They raised about \$7,000. They recently donated \$500 to the band and gave two scholarships of \$350 each.

Hugo: They will hold their annual Radio

3-K Convention

I just received an e-mail stating that our honored guests will be ID Lawrence Dicus and Jane, from Whittier, California. Let's give them an Oklahoma welcome, and we look forward to spending a couple of days with them. The convention will be held at the Lake Murray Lodge just south of Ardmore. The activities will start Friday evening and continues all day Saturday, January 24-25, 2014. The convention will be a good learning experience and a lot of fun! Be sure and get your registration form in as soon as possible. Plan to attend; you will have a great time.

Auction December 7. They receive great support from the community as the merchants donate many items to be auctioned at this event. This enables them to give twenty (20) \$500 scholarships.

Sallisaw: They are getting ready for the Lions Club/DHS foster kids' Christmas Party. Every year the Lions have special entertainment for approximately 170 children, and they give gifts to each child. One of the Lions dresses as Santa Claus.

Wanette: They are just completing their annual Turkey Shoot, an annual event for over 30 years. The money raised goes to Lions projects and a Christmas dinner for the community.

Wilburton: They purchased 2 pairs of eyeglasses, and they donated \$50 to the Sullivan Scholarship in memory of PDG Chris Butler who recently passed.

Welcome New Members

Atoka: Sherri Cochran

Ardmore: Teresa Myers

Hugo: Jackie Halcomb and Stan Payne

Shawnee: Brent Vanlandingham
Welcome to our new members. We look forward to serving with you as a Lion.

Monthly Reports

Monthly reports are essential to know whether our district is growing and to spot areas that need our attention. Try to file an MMR for your club each month with LCI, and also file a service report of your activities. If you want to be sure your service activities are in our newspaper, e-mail them to me. I hope you have filed the 990-EZ postcard with the IRS. It was due November 15.

Meeting Calendar

Dec. 14: OK Lions Boys Ranch Christmas Party, Perkins

Jan. 11: OK Lions Council meeting and board meetings, OKC

Jan. 24-25: District 3-K Convention, Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore

Apr. 24-26: OK Lions State Convention, Norman

May 31: District 3-K Cabinet meeting, Atoka

Jun. 14: OK Lions Council meeting and board meetings, OKC

I wish each Lion a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Enjoy the Holidays, and let us start 2014 with a bang. We can attain our membership goals, and we can do our best to **Serve!**



Gov. Daryl presents 35-yr. chevron to Durant Lion Paul Buntz.

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District 3-L



Governor
Sue Thompson

Optimism!

I have always been a "glass half full" kind of person; maybe sometimes even **Pollyanna-ish!** It has just always seemed to me that you should remain cheerful and optimistic until it becomes clear that there is a real reason to be pessimistic, fearful or gloomy. With Thanksgiving approaching there is much to be thankful for, even with all the bad things that happen every day, such as the typhoon in the Philippines. But I am thankful that there are so many people in the world who rush to help as well as donate, and, of course, Lions are among the first to step up. What if they were not there? There would be far less help available. Even though our membership is down in the U.S., membership continues to grow in other parts of the world; sometimes we become so wrapped up in our local focus that we forget that Lions are needed and indeed are very active all over the world. Thank God for all of them! We are now in 208 countries on every continent except Antarctica and I'm sure we will be there soon!

I heard a quote this week: "Where optimism rules, opportunities never cease." Therefore, with my usual optimism I am going to see our declining membership as an opportunity! Just think how many people in our district are NOT Lions! Remember our **+1** club: please invite just **one** person to share in your excitement for Lionism! What? You are not excited? Then you need help! Please call on your Region or Zone Chair, your Vice District Governors or me! You can find all of our contact information on the Oklahoma Lions website: www.oklahomalions.org. There are lots of resources available, so please don't wait until your club needs CPR to ask for help.



Thanks so much to the **Frederick** Lions for hosting our cabinet meeting. Everyone enjoyed it, and if you have never been to Frederick, put it on your map! The Lions Club President happens to be head of the Chamber of Commerce and would love to hear from you. (Pictured above DG Sue and 1st VDG Kristi Fields enjoyed the bears.)

I also visited the **Anadarko** and the **Anadarko Indian City** Lions Clubs, handing out chevrons to several Lions including recognition for 55 years to Don Clark of Anadarko and for 35 years as a Charter Member to Jim Bish of Indian City. I have several more official visits scheduled but still have time for more in the next few weeks before things get crazy.



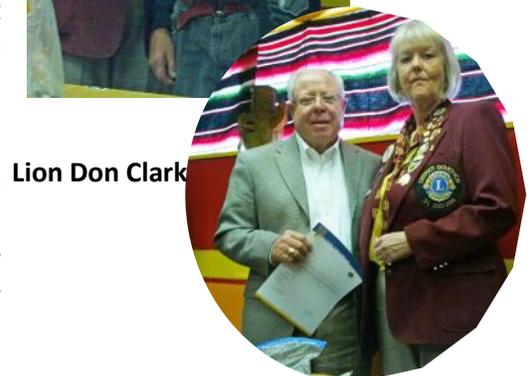
The **Altus Leos** helped with Harvest for the Hungry to restock the local food pantry. They will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army and helping the **Altus** Lions with their Breakfast with Santa on December 14. The Lions will ring bells on November 30, and are planning their "After Christmas" party in January as our friends and family activity for the quarter.

Other reported 3-L Lions Club activities include: **Anadarko** Lions are selling pecans to raise funds for service projects. **Duncan Evening** Lions collected used eyeglasses for recycling and approved the purchase of eye exams and eyeglasses for 6 persons. **Surrey Hills** Lions held their semi-annual pancake breakfast on Oct. 26. Proceeds are used to maintain the Lions Park next to the Surrey Hills Elementary School which is used by Lions and community members year round. Two Lions mowed and cleaned the park. They also collected used eyeglasses and printer cartridges for recycling.

Union City Lions held their annual pancake and sausage supper, serving about 300 persons. **Pocasset** Lions held their annual turkey dinner on Nov. 3, serving about 380 persons. They will help 2 families for Christmas and also collected used eyeglasses. **Lawton N E Lions** put out flags for Veterans' Day, and their **On-Line Branch** Club will have their annual Christmas show at the Veterans Administration Center at 6:30pm on Dec. 10. The **Lawton Patriots** Lions donated to the Lawton Food Bank Fishing for Food campaign. They also facilitated a kick-off meeting to form a Southwest Oklahoma Chapter of the Heartland Council for the Blind, and assisted the **Lawton Noon** club in manning the Y-Fry, a benefit dinner for the Armed Services YMCA at Fort Sill.



Lion Jim Bish



Lion Don Clark



Governor
Terry Woodruff

District 3-A News Input

The future is something we all think about to different degrees. Whether we are thinking of the future for ourselves, our children or even our grandchildren, the future is something that is important. We plan for it as we invest in 401K or worry about the future of health care.

In recent years the future of two icons I grew up with are in danger. Sears Roebuck and JC Penny are in real danger of going into the history books, not to be seen again. I have tried several times recently to shop at a Sears near my work but they have such a poor offering of stock or high prices that I leave empty handed most trips. I drive down the street and buy what I was looking for and think how sad that is for Sears to lose out on my business.

Also recently we have some of our Lions Clubs founded many years ago starting to fold into the history books. They had many good years as a club. The current members inherited a strong club but are not able to keep it going. Like Sears failing to attract enough customers, the clubs are failing to be attractive to the next generation.

Yet I visit some clubs that are very active. They often have a wide range of members including lots of women and families. Their meetings are interesting and exciting. These clubs are well known in their communities. Many Lions talk about the future of Lions in our ever changing culture. So what do we see here in this example? Doing business the same old way will not succeed in the long term. You have to be willing to grow, adapt and always look for opportunities. Is your club willing to change and reach out in new ways to appeal for time and effort from the next generation? If you don't want to change, are you willing to help sponsor

a New Generation Lions Club in your community or nearby? It's time to think of the future for Lions Service in your community. Don't know how to start? Just ASK!



Lion Dan Flewelling (Ponca City Noon) helps a Peckham School student with the operation of an Optelec Reader.



Lion Rick Poole District 3-A Quest Coordinator and Lion Cheryl Lion District 3-A Secretary helped conduct our first Quest Workshop in a number of years in District 3-A. How about a Lions Quest Lions Club?

Buffalo Lions Debut Hospitality Trailer

For use in disasters or for families who experience personal tragedies, contact Lion Martin Adams 580-735-2448.

STATE POSITIONS

As per Oklahoma Lions Constitution and Governors Council Policy the First Vice District Governors will accept applications for the following State Positions for their year of Governorship 2014-2015: Council Chairperson, Vice Council Chairperson, State Secretary, State Treasurer and Parliamentarian. A letter of intent to serve and qualifications should be addressed to each First Vice District Governor, and to Council Chairperson Larry Wibben. Applicants for State Treasurer must be proficient with QuickBooks (current accounting program utilized). Applicants for State Secretary should also be familiar with QuickBooks. Letters of intent/qualification for State Secretary position should not be forwarded to 3-H Vice District Governor Dawn Miller. **Final deadline for applications will be March 7, 2014.** Interviews for said positions will be conducted by the then District Governors Elect at the conclusion of their training March 23, 2014. Final decisions will be announced at the closing of the State Convention April 26, 2014. The following is from State Constitution:

ARTICLE IV COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS SECTION 2. ORGANIZATION The District Governors-elect shall meet during the Multiple District (State) Convention and organize by electing a Council Chairperson, Vice Council Chairperson, State Treasurer, State Secretary and conducting such other business as shall be necessary. The Council Chairperson, Vice Council Chairperson, State Secretary, State Treasurer, Office Secretary, and any additional state employees shall be given written job descriptions, which may be modified or updated by any Council of Governors. In the event the Council determines that the elected Council Chairperson is unable to perform his/her duties, the Council shall appoint the Vice Council Chairperson as the acting Co Chairperson. The Vice Council Chairperson has no official duties, responsibilities, authority or vote until the Council has declared him/her to be Council Chairperson.

SECTION 3. ELECTED POSITIONS (a). The Council Chairperson shall be a Past District Governor who has served within the past 5 years and shall be elected for a one-year term and shall not serve in that capacity again. (b). The Vice Council Chairperson shall be a Past District Governor who has served in that office within the past 5 years. A Vice Council Chairperson who has served for a majority of a term as Council Chairperson may not serve in that capacity again.

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District 3-H
Governor
Tom Cummings

Hello, District 3H. I am dedicating this month to health. And I'm not talking about Obama Care! First, I turned 65 this month; yes, I know and I agree with you that I am much too young to be this old. So I have been dealing with terms like *supplements, gap, plan F, option A*, and well many of you know what I mean, but I am about to get it all figured out and implemented.

So, that leads me to the health of our district. What if I told you that our district has lost 2 clubs as we speak? What if I told you that one of these clubs had a person raising funds for the club that had an assumed name and was wanted by the Maryland authorities for escaping prison 30 years ago(OKC Belle Isle)? What if I told you one of the clubs was down on membership and tried to make a new start in a new area but just not able to make it go (Metro Lions)?

The average person might think that our district's health is in trouble, but that certainly is **NOT** the case. Sometime it's too easy to focus only on the problems. But let me tell you about the other 25+ clubs we have in District 3H. I have made official visits to just over half of our clubs. Each club is a little different but they all have that common thread: good people doing good service in their communities.

I have just gathered **Peace Poster** entries from 3 of our clubs (**Guthrie, Yale, Cushing**). We have made an impact with the students of these middle schools. The **Mulhall-Orlando** Lions had a Halloween party for local children. The **Perry** club awarded scholarships to 3 local seniors, purchased eyeglasses for a 10 year old boy, volunteered at high school football games and working "Meals on Wheels" for local senior citizens.

Our **Stillwater Noon** Lions purchased 2 pairs of eyeglasses, and sponsored the OK Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit (MHSU) recently for the community; they also assisted at their High School football games. **OKC Northwest** Lions

collected 247 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling, and worked the MHSU in their area. The **Midwest City** club assists the local food pantry and awards scholarships. The **Edmond** Lions furnished eyeglasses for 2 adults and 2 children just this month. **Cushing** Lions helped serve their community with toys and comfort blankets for needy children. And the list goes on and on every month. Our Lions in District 3-H are doing good things in their community and for state wide projects as well.

We continue working with tornado recovery in the Moore area, particularly with Briarwood Elementary School; after delivering 4 portable basketball goals, 3 tetherball kits, and an assortment of sports/play ball, MD-3 disaster relief committee members are working with LCIF to get the music education class stocked with musical instruments and accessories.

I really hate to lose Lions Clubs. But, in each of these cases, it was probably the best and right thing to do, and we will be back in each of these areas soon, with a new, strong club. Another good thing is that almost every one of the current members in these 3 clubs will be transferring to another club in the area, so we are not losing our good, experienced Lions. We need them to help train and interact with the new Lions our district is bringing in. Since July 1, we have brought in 54 new Lions. That's great. We've got to keep it going and I know of several clubs that have several good candidates they are working on right now. I've got more of the Governors 1 Team pins to award.

I was in **Yale** yesterday and we signed up the fifth member for that branch club sponsored by Cushing Lions. They plan to

exhibit the Peace poster entries at one of their home basketball games to let all of Yale see that they have a club and hopefully to sign up more members. The Harrah Lions are sponsoring our new branch **Choctaw/Nicomma Park** Lions Club. They have 16 members currently and should have the other 4 members before the end of the year so be looking for the announcement of their Charter Party; and, yes, it's going to be a PARTY. Our Midwest City Lions are sponsoring our work in Moore on a new club. We hope to have the branch club going in the next 30 days and another Charter PARTY soon to follow.

So, we are losing clubs in District 3H. It happens occasionally. But, we must remember what happens each and every month in District 3-H: over 800 Lions work to make their communities better and more livable. And don't forget what we, as Lions, get out of it as well. That wonderful warm feeling of helping someone else that happens to need a hand up or a community project that can be shared and enjoyed by the whole community and knowing that you had a part in that. We aren't Lions because of that nice warm feeling we get....but it's nice. We are Lions because **WE SERVE**. That's what we do. And no other district does it any better....PERIOD. District 3-H's health is GREAT! **Way to go DISTRICT 3-H LIONS!**

Pictured below: School Counselors train in **Skills for Adolescence**, part of **Lions Quest** for junior high students; focus on preventing bullying. Nov. 11, at OKC West Side Lions Town Hall. **Lions Quest** workshops are being held across Okla. in conjunction with OK St. Dept. of Educ.





Oklahoma Lions Serving During 2013



(Left) **Ardmore Lions Club** President Warren Blackmon, Bonnie Rigney, District 3-K Governor Daryl Pults, Michael Pineda, (Center) **Ponca City Noon** Lions, October 2013; (Right) **Heavener Lions Club** Deer Pen Additions born May 23rd, 2013.



(Left) **South Grand Lake Lions** Club Veteran's Remembrance Ceremony November 2013; (Center) **South Grand Lake Lions** hosted its Seventh Annual Chili Cook Off & Tailgate Party October 2013; (Right) **OKC West Side** Lion Linda Webb with cub Aaron.



(Left) Ramon Valdez, **Midwest City Lion Club** and PDG Perry Neel of OKC West Side Lions Club; (Center) DG Sue Thompson visiting the **Surrey Hills Lions Club** ; (Right) Members of the **Surrey Hills Lions Club**



Oklahoma Lions Serving During 2013



(Left) DG Sue Thompson visit the **Surrey Hills Lions Club**; (Right) **Oklahoma City West Side Lions Club** Pancake Breakfast.



(Left) **Langston City Lions** presented a box full of food item to prepare a full Thanksgiving Dinner to a a citizen of Langston for her family. (Right) Shawnee Lions Club members participated in park clean up day in 2013.



(Left) Members of the **Muskogee Noon Lions Club** hosted the 20213 Cowboy Cadillac. (Center & Right) **Shawnee Lions Club** Peace Poster Contest Winner.

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OK Lions State Calendar

December 2013

Feeding the Hungry *LCI Global Action Campaign*

Dec 1: Postmark deadline for District Governor to send winning Peace Poster Contest entry to MD-3 Council Chairperson

Dec 14: **OK Lions Boys Ranch Christmas Party**, Perkins

Dec 15: Postmark deadline for MD-3 Council Chairperson to send winning Peace Poster Contest entry to LCI

Dec 17: **Choctaw-Nicoma Park** LC Project Blue Lion Christmas for Kids

Dec 24: Deadline to apply for Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (LCI)

Dec 24: Christmas Eve – OK Lions Office **Closes at 1pm**

Dec 25: Christmas Holiday – OK Lions Office **Closed**

Dec 31: New Years Eve – OK Lions Office **Closes at 1pm**

January 2014

Jan 1: New Year's Day Holiday – OK Lions Office Closed

Jan 4-5: Regional Leadership Training for 1st VDGs and DGEs in Ft. Worth; PDG Aubrey Cherry

Jan 8: LCI Webinar: Effective Club Meetings, 12pm (to register go to www.lionsclubs.org)

Jan 10: VDG/Leadership Training, 4pm, OK Lions State Office, 4123 NW 10th St., OKC 73107

Jan 10: MD-3 OK Lions Council Agenda meeting, 7pm, OK

Lions State Office

Jan 11: MD-3 Okla. Lions State Board and Council Meetings, West Side Lions Town Hall, 4135 NW 10th St., OKC 73107

Jan 15: LCI Webinar-Leadership Lessons from the **Angry Birds**, 12pm (to register-www.lionsclubs.org)

Jan 17: **Prague LC** Chili Supper

Jan 17-18: SW Pin Traders Swap Meet (OK and TX Pin Traders hosting), Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore OK

Jan 24-25: District 3-K Mid-Winter Convention, Lake Murray Lodge (Ardmore)

Jan 31-Feb 1: District 3-H Mid-Winter Convention, Cushing

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