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HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM OKLAHOMA LIONS STATE OFFICE

By Virginia Rodriguez PCC, State Secretary

The traditional Thanksgiving has its roots in the first Thanksgiving celebrations, when there were harvest festivals, or thanking God for plentiful crops. It simply reminds us the year 1621 when the Pilgrims, started Thanksgiving, which later became a tradition for the entire nation. Abraham Lincoln issued a **'Thanksgiving Proclamation'** on third October 1863 and officially set aside the last Thursday in November as the national day for Thanksgiving.

We all have family traditions that have remained with us throughout the years. Some of the traditions have included: Eating Turkey, Playing Football or watching the football game on Thanksgiving Day, Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is another custom of the Thanksgiving Day in America.

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR:

All of our FAMILIES and FRIENDS:
The Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation, who is the arm of our State Projects that we support:

The Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank for their hard work in providing their services for cornea transplant so others will be able to share vision with their families:

The Oklahoma Lions Boys ranch for providing care and turning young lives around. We are especially Thankful for our house parents:

The Dr. Eugene Briggs Memorial Scholarship, that assists 15 deserving students with scholarships each year:

The MHSU that provides free health screening to people all over the state:

For all of those who provide eyeglasses to

be recycled so others may have better vision:

For all of the Lions Clubs who provide eyeglass assistance to those who are in need, so they can experience better vision: For the work that has been done here at the State Office:

We all have so much to be Thankful for on this 2012 Thanksgiving Day!

We here at the state office, Virginia, Troy, Renee and Franny are so great full for all that you do and want to wish you and your family a Happy and Blessed Traditional Thanksgiving.

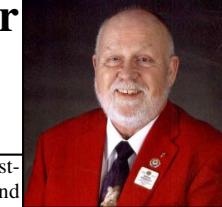
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Soon it will be Thanksgiving and then Christmas. Many of our Club Members go to the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch Christmas Party each year. The food is great and they always have a few items at the auction that I just can't live without. Does your Club have a Christmas Project? Something that will help families have a little nicer Thanksgiving or Christmas? I like Ringing Bells for the Salvation Army. How about warm clothing for your local school to distribute. Helping out with a food pantry is a great way to help those who may be hungry this Holiday Season. Make a donation to your Local Mobile Meals program or Senior Citizen Center All year long "We Serve" our communities. Don't forget to do something for your Club members this season. Give

yourself a Christmas Party and enjoy the fruits of your labor of this last year. Leave the Gavel and the Bell in the closet. Leave the reports for the January meeting. Go have a festive meal, and don't forget the party games like "Dirty Santa".

Yes we need new members, but let's not forget the members who have worked hard all year. Have some fun. Being a Lion can sometimes feel like a 24/7 commitment.

We want to do so much for so many people that we forget to have a little fun along the way.

Mary, Dixie, and I wish you a very Happy Holiday Season.

Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch

Facing Disappointment...

By Colleen S. Fowler

One of our most effective parenting-tools is to *lead by example!* We had an opportunity this week to see this work with our boys when we headed to Guthrie on a Fall Break outing. Our guys really like to go play paintball and because it's a little pricey for all 6 to play it requires extra planning and saving. We had set down with the guys and our Fall Break/recreation budget and allowed them to be a part of the planning. We figured out a day and time when most would be available and where we would go and how much it would cost. We figured out that

we could go play at Guthrie instead of our usual place in Piedmont and that if we skipped eating out a meal during the week and ate at home, we could buy an extra case of ammo (\$50.00 a case). For a week we planned what they would wear and what protection to have as well as the logistics of time and which vehicle to take. I have learned from experience that any length of journey in a vehicle with boys that have played in the woods 4 hours in heavy clothing requires good ventilation and room to move around. We also had a back-up plan. Murphy's Law sometimes bites us and we try to get the boys prepared for plan A not working out and having back-up ideas in place. Sure enough we got to the paintball field only to find out that they "overbooked" for the

afternoon and because we were a smaller group (under 10 players) we got bumped! Here's the mantra.....

Lead by example.....model good behavior.....respond correctly.....rats! I was not happy, my MOM-CAM was primed and ready to see some action and watch my guys have a blast! There was that moment when we realized we weren't going to even be able to wait it out and play later in the afternoon, and no amount of tweaking their schedule would work out. Although inside, my Yankee ire was fuming and adrenaline was pumping... I noticed 6 sets of eyes on me waiting for my response. Drat... it's so hard to be the grown up! Well, I thanked the young folks at the counter, after all they were not

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Fall-ing for Service

Troy Jenkins, Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation, Executive Director

"No man can taste the fruits of autumn while he is delighting his scent with the flowers of spring." Samuel Johnson

Fall has always been one of my favorite times of year. The weather is getting cooler, college football is in full swing (though my team is not doing as well as I would like), and some of my favorite holidays are right around the corner. This year, though, it has even more meaning for me as the Service Foundation is wrapping the first Cowboy Cadillac under my watch, the first of our District Conventions is coming up, as is the Boys Ranch Christmas Party. What a great time to be an Oklahoma Lion!

As it has been almost nine months since I came aboard, this seems like as good a time as any to give the "State of the Foundation" address, and let everybody know what's happening. As Cowboy Cadillac is drawing to a close (and tickets are starting to come in by the bucketful), it has been very satisfying to see so many Lions and Lions Clubs from all over the state supporting our largest fundraiser. Even our partner in this year's event, Bob Moore Buick GMC, is getting into the spirit. They are mentioning the drawing on their TV commercials, on their website, and on their Facebook page. They are also selling tickets and letting all of their employees know that they are available. This year's campaign, despite a few issues (slightly late tickets for an earlier drawing, etc.) seems to be rolling very well. I look forward to the years to come where we can continue to refine and grow this campaign. Our other traditional campaign, White Cane, is right around the corner. Even with an abbreviated campaign last year,

funds raised were up about 23% over the previous year. This year, we fully expect to continue to grow. We are starting to set up the spring campaign now, and are looking for an honorary chair for the campaign. The hope is that a big-name chair will help us secure a corporate partner for the campaign, and help draw more visibility to the fundraising efforts, our state projects, and ultimately to the Lions of Oklahoma, and all of the fantastic work that we do. The biggest need for a successful campaign, though, is the participation of the clubs. Last year, less than 25% of the clubs in the state participated in White Cane. If we reached even 50% participation, our success could easily be doubled. Imagine what would happen if all clubs participated.

While on the subject of participation, I am happy to report that the Building the Foundation (BTF) campaign is starting to pick up steam as well. For those of you unfamiliar with BTF, it started about 15 years ago. The idea was fairly simple. In our clubs, some individuals might not be the greatest ticket-seller, or the best fundraiser, or the best at performing various manual tasks. But, when we combine our individual talents and efforts, our clubs can, and do accomplish great things in service to our communities. BTF works on the same principal. Individually, most of us don't have a lot of money to give, but if all of us give just a little bit, we can accomplish great things with our state projects. Contributing to BTF is simple. You can have money taken directly from your account on a regular basis, or you can send checks directly to the OLSF. Ideally, every Lion in the state would contribute

\$5.00 a month; more would be even better! You can designate your money for a specific project if you would like. Ultimately, it is not important if you send your money to the Foundation for general use, send it to the Foundation and designate it for a particular program, or send it directly to one of the state projects. What is important is that you support the state projects to the best of your abilities.

The Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation was put in place to work as the funding arm for the Boys Ranch and the Eye Bank. It is in this spirit that the Foundation is working directly with both agencies to ensure that we are all working together in the most efficient and beneficial manner possible. One of the steps taken to accomplish this is in the arena of grant writing and corporate requests. Together with Lion Bryan Larison, we have submitted a number of grant requests over the last month to help fund some of the planned expansion at the Boys Ranch. We will be working with Lion Jeanette King to do the same thing for the Eye Bank; our initial plan is to work on finishing the funding for the new Eye Bank facility. It is a pleasure to continue to strengthen the working relationships between all of the state agencies. This spirit of cooperation and collaboration will go a long way in supporting and

expanding our service in the state. Over the last nine months, the Foundation has had some challenges. The concert did not go as planned, but the good news is that we learned a lot from it and should be better prepared for an event next year. Sheet sales are dwindling a bit, but this is an opportunity to find other lines of revenue that can take their place. The bottom line is that we are going to take an occasional misstep on the path to success. The important thing is that we learn from our mistakes, and keep moving forward on that path!

Personally, I still feel very blessed that I have been given the opportunity to do what I do. I have always felt a passion for service, and am very fortunate to get to do so in both my personal and professional life. Even more exciting still is the opportunity I have had to meet so many of you throughout the state that share that passion! So to all of you throughout the state, spreading the word of Lionism, serving your community, and continuing to support two of the finest state projects to be found, enjoy the Fall and all of the excitement it brings! Be thankful that this is such a wonderful time to be a Lion! And thank you all for showing that we mean it when we say "We Serve!"

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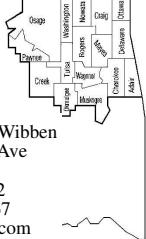
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"We will have a green-white-checker flag race to the FINISH"

We are a fourth of the way through the race year, the caution flag is about to be replaced by the green flag. Our membership total at the beginning of the year was 1053 at the end of September it is 1058. From July 1st, 2012 to September 30th, 2012 we have dropped 27 members and recruited 28 new members reinstated 3, transfer in 1, **That is a PLUS 5 , keep up the great work!!!**

New Members

Barnsdall Community Michael Moore
Bartlesville Limestone Margaret Middleton
Belegs Travis Eugene Markes, Thomas Jay McMilen
Henryetta Michael C Doak
Jay Jay Cranke, Jana Jay Haynes, June L Hinderliter
Tulsa Brookside Grant Geer
Tulsa Red Fork Leonard Lee Scott, Sharon Kay Scott
Wagoner Bob Snodgrass

UPCOMING EVENTS/PROJECTS

(To list your club -email your upcoming event/project to lewib9355@aol.com)

Wagoner, Food Drive Walmart 9:00 to 1:00 Oct 20 2012. Trunk N Treat -South Main Street 4:30 to 7:00 Oct 27 2012
Tulsa Brookside Boohaha Pancake Breakfast Oct 27 2012
3-O Recruiting/Membership Workshop November 4-6 2012
3-O Convention chili & dessert tasting November 17 2012
3-O Cabinet Meeting Nov 17, 2012 2012
Barnsdal I- Breakfast at the elementary school cafeteria December 8 2012
Wagoner-Christmas Part Pink House 6:30 Dec 13 2012
3-K Convention January 25-26 2013
3-Convention January 2013
3-L convention January 2013
3-A Convention February 2, 2013
3-O Cabinet Meeting March 9, 2013
Chelesa Chicken Dinner March 2013
Fairland - Golf Tournament April 2013

State Convention April 26-27, 2013

Broken Arrow Garage Sale - May 2013

Just Plane Fun - June 2013

3-O Cabinet Meeting June 8, 2013

Club Reports:

Bartlesville Downtown: Zone E meeting at Tuxedo Lions attended by Pres Joe Shveima and Secretary

Carroll RitchieClub voted to purchase \$500 of Cowboy Cadillac tickets in addition to individual members selling tickets. Payment to Professional Optical for eyeglass service. Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch Director, Bryan Larison, spoke at Downtown Lions meeting which was attended by wife and daughter of deceased member Leroy Gray, who were instrumental in directing a \$1,000. donation to the Ranch

Bartlesville Tuxedo: We hosted the Fall Zone E meeting at our building and had over 30 attendees. State representative Earls Sears spoke. Bob Frasier, CEO of Woolaroc, will speak at the next meeting.

Broken Arrow Evening: Volunteer ushers at the BA Playhouse Recycled 145 pairs of eyeglasses and provided 3 new eyeglasses and exams Made a \$250 donation to Turn Broken Arrow Pink project. Appropriated \$75 (if needed) to Tulsa Brookside for a MHSU driver. Participated in Fun & Games on Main by providing a beanbag-toss game.

Chelesa: Club sold Cowboy Cadillac tickets at Chelsea Jamboree Sept. 22. Collected eyeglasses for recycling.

Members attended Lions picnic Oct. 6, had great time and food with a bunch of nice people. Club judged 49 posters for 2012 Peace Poster Contest (Imagine Peace). Grand Prize winner was Beau Mott. Beau will receive \$100 for winning. Others winners were Haley Marietta, Logan Douglas, Ashley Chamberlin, Cameron Ratley. Each will receive \$50 and certificate. Club made donation to the Special Olympics to sponsor an athlete. Club made donation to the Barnes Children's Advocacy Center.

Fairland: Recognized Melissa Jo Clingerman as Fairland High School Student of the Month for September 2012 and Kristi Raenil Roach as Fairland Middle School Student of the Month of September

Miami: Purchased 2 pair of glasses for the elderly

Sapulpa: Donated \$1000.00 to United Way. Donated \$400.00 to Day Springs Villa Women's Shelter. Purchased a pair of glasses, exam, lens & frame. Collected 100 pairs of glasses. Working concession

stands for Sapulpa football games.

Tulsa Brookside: Grant Geer joined Tulsa Brookside Lions and was approved at the September 18, 2012 board meeting. Brookside Lions served about 300 hot dogs to Wright Elementary students and parents at their back to school night. Hosted the Oklahoma health screening unit at Myers Duren Sept 20, screened 30 people. Fundraiser: Served hamburgers to crew at Hound Dog Blues gathering of bands at Chandler Park.

Tulsa Downtown: Lion Debra LaPointe attended the USA Canada Leadership Forum held in Florida this month. She brought back several ideas to discuss with the TDLC membership. Assisted **The Action House** located at 7010 South Yale Ave, Suite 215, by doing odd chores such as clean furniture, haul away broken furniture and deep clean areas

Tulsa Metro-McCullough: Donated \$300 to Creek County Fire Disaster. Donated \$220 to club member's family who lost everything in Creek County fire. Sponsored Zone A Meeting Collected 40 prs of used eye glasses Club selling Cowboy Cadillac Tickets Selling tickets to purchase a Village Inn Pie

Wagoner: We sent about 110 computer printer ink cartridges to Oklahoma City. Purchased a \$40.00 brick with our club name engraved, to help pay for the Oklahoma School for the Blind's new mascot in Muskogee.



New member Wagoner Lions Club: Lion Bob Snodgrass (center) - sponsors Past President Lion Jeanne Portello (left) and Lion President Roy Nichols



Chelesa Lions Club Back row left to right-Tim Mosteller, Dale Clark, Tim Stalcup, District Governor Wibben, Areinna Brouse, Ken Hoodenpyle. Front row left to right Norman Shaw, Rebecca Rhoades, Jenan Alderman.

DISTRICT 3-O CONVENTION *****Saturday --- November 17, 2012 ***** <small>Registration Deadline: November 1st, 2012</small> <small>Trinity United Methodist Church</small> <small>3737 South Peoria Avenue</small> <small>Tulsa, Oklahoma 74105</small>										
<p>The Lions of District 3-O invite you to join us for the 2012 District Convention.</p> <p>Saturday, 7:45 am - 8:45 am Pancake breakfast sponsored by Tulsa Brookside Saturday, 9:00 am - Opening session followed by informative workshop. <small>Updates from OLSF, OLBR, OLEB, (exciting things have happened)</small></p> <p>Saturday 12:00 noon - Chili & Dessert Lunch sponsored by participating clubs, followed by District Cabinet meeting, nominations & elections, Constitution & By-Laws changes, etc. <small>"I'm District Governor Larry Wibben and I approve this message!"</small></p> <p>Should you wish to come on Friday night, the closest hotel is the Trade Winds Central Inn 3141 East Skelly Drive, Tulsa Phone 918-749-5561 <small>Please make your own reservations: The costs including tax: Double \$73.79 - Single \$62.44 (Queen Size bed)</small></p> <p>There is no Hospitality Room on Friday night.</p>										
<p>CONVENTION REGISTRATION</p> <p><small>Registration Deadline: November 1st, 2012</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please Print</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>LION: _____</td> <td>First Timer: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</td> <td>Club: _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>District: _____</td> <td>Spouse/Guest/ Lion: _____</td> <td>Club: _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>First Timer: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</td> <td>Email: _____</td> <td>Phone: (_____) _____</td> </tr> </table> <p>Each Attendee Must Pay the Registration Fee of \$15 per person</p> <p>Registration Fee (Meals included) @ \$15 each + **Child's Book Total \$ <small>(Child's Story Book for ages 4-10 - grades 1st-6th for Mannford Wildfire Children) ** bring the day of the convention.</small></p> <p>Breakfast: 7:45am - 8:45 am (for those early arrivals) <small>(All you can eat Pancakes) and Sausage: @ \$5 each Total \$ _____</small> <small>Total enclosed \$ _____</small></p> <p>Lunch: Noon ---- Chili & Dessert (Meal included in registration)</p> <p>Would your club like to participate in District 3-O's Chili Tasting Contest? <small>(Please contact PCC Gary Taylor: 918-230-6272 for details & reserving table)</small></p> <p>Would your club like to participate in District 3-O's Dessert Tasting Contest? <small>(Please contact Lion Trudy Enyart 918 514-1276 for details & reservation)</small></p> <p>If pin trader or other display tables are needed, please call Lion Doug King: 870 656-2615 <small>(Chili Cook-Off & Bake-Off tables will be provided)</small></p> <p>**Please bring the Child's book to the registration desk the morning of the convention. <small>Please make check payable to District 3-O Lions and mail with registration form to: Lion Wayne Middleton, District 3-O Secretary, 2916 Kingston Dr., Bartlesville, OK 74066</small></p>		LION: _____	First Timer: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Club: _____	District: _____	Spouse/Guest/ Lion: _____	Club: _____	First Timer: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Email: _____	Phone: (_____) _____
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Special K "In A World Of Service"

Help me welcome our new members!

Blant Brown (Broken Bow) Sponsor Billie Tomlinson; **Richard Gallo** (Broken Bow) Sponsor Billie Tomlinson; **Jane Harmon** (Broken Bow) Sponsor Billie Tomlinson; **Jackye Palmer** (Broken Bow) Sponsor Billie Tomlinson; **Teresa Young** (Broken Bow) Sponsor Tim Tomlinson; **Odem Grube** (Durant) Sponsor Betty Colclazier; **Karen Collier** (Hugo) Sponsor Charles Collier; **Jerald Kleager** (McAlester) Sponsor Bill Nicholson; **Robert Davenport** (Shawnee) Sponsor Richard DeLung; **Thomas Hennigh** (Shawnee) Sponsor Christopher Thomas; **Elizabeth Lyle** (Shawnee) Sponsor Paul Milburn

November Spotlight Clubs

Checotah 11/18/1921 - 91 years
Clayton 11/21/1983 - 29 years
Marietta 11/06/1946 - 66 years
Pocola 11/17/1981 - 31 years

Memorials

Ed Boynton, Durant

Club Activities

Ada Held their first Golf Tournament in August; September was White Cane Shoot for Sight; sold \$495 Lions Linens; recycled 200 pairs of eyeglasses; purchased 10 pairs of eyeglasses for those in need.

Atoka Purchased eye exam and eyeglasses for two individuals; presented \$50 award to Atoka High School student selected for their academic achievements, participation in school activities, and community service.



Ada Lions & McAlester Lions have a Membership Challenge. The winning club will claim the trophy seen in the foreground. Photo (L-R) PDG Tony Dowell, Lion Odes Hoeman, PDG Daryl Pults, Zone Chair Bill Nicholson, Ada Club President Steve Bagwell.

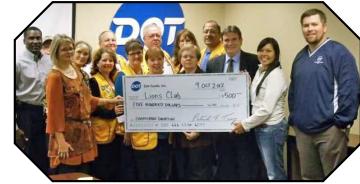
Antlers hosted a visit from 2nd VDG and Zone Chair Don Shaw.

Broken Bow Welcomed 5 new members!!! Made a donation to a local school.

Coalgate awarded three \$500 scholarships; recycling used eyeglasses

Hugo had a fund raiser at the Antlers Deer Festival selling Cowboy Cadillac tickets and selling tickets for their gun raffle give away on Nov. 2nd

Marietta just finished up their 2012 PeeWee football season and wanted to extend a special thanks to Tami Green, Gerri Kelly, David Brown and Mike Buxton for their valuable help and also to Tammy Willis for all her many hours of work; Monster Mash hotdog giveaway coming in October.



Ardmore accepted a \$500 sponsorship check from DOT Foods; honored 4 students-of-the-month; Hunter and Courtney from Ardmore High School; Brycen and Christy from Plainview High School; Kingsmen Quartet fundraiser Nov. 8th; sponsoring MHSU Nov. 9th.



Blanchard Members Recognized for years of service to Lions. (L-R) DG Billy, Stan Adams 10 years, Richard Southard 35 years. Not pictured Fred Peters 15 years and Gordon Simpson 15 years.



Durant Congratulations to (L to R) Charles Weiner 15 years; David Kelly 40 years; Farrell Hatch 45 years; David Knight 15 years; not pictured Daylin Hash 10 years; and Jason Rhynes 10 years; Delivered meals each day Oct. 9th - 12th; A total of 92 meals were served during those 4 days.

McAlester Presented Lion of the Year award to Lance Woodliff.; assisted 8 individuals in purchasing eyeglasses; donated \$200 to the Special Olympics; donated \$100 to the McAlester



Heavener Anniversary chevrons and International President Letters of Appreciation were awarded (L-R) Max Roberts 35 years, DG Billy, Steve Hembree 40 years; held their annual Street Carnival October 6th.



Konawa On behalf of the International President, DG Billy presented letters of appreciation and anniversary chevrons to Milton Courtney 65 years (R) and Barry Streetman 30 years (L); not pictured Johnny Sharber 30 years and Frank Wilson 35 years; recycled 132 pairs of used eyeglasses.

Historical/School Foundation; donated \$100 to the Boy Scouts.

Muldrow hosting their annual Lions Christmas Parade Saturday Dec. 1st; hosting a visit from the district governor.

Pocola is in the process of judging Peace Posters submitted by 33 participating students; selling Cowboy Cadillac tickets; Lion Jo Hayes surprised the club with a custom Lion shadow box as a "Memorial" tribute to the late Lion Farmer Wann. The case included his vest, photo, pins, and other items. The Club also has a framed photo and flag display case with items Lion Rick Brown brought to the club from Afghanistan. Simple Simon's owner Randy Ridner gave permission for these honored pieces to be hung in the party room which is used for Lions Club meetings.



Poteau Evening On behalf of Lions International President Madden, District Governor Billy (L) presented PDG Marshall Brence (R) a Letter of Appreciation and a 25 year anniversary chevron.

Seminole in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce sold 40 Christmas displays for their community Snowman Wonderland Christmas lights; selling Cowboy Cadillac tickets; selling Lions Linens.

Vian will be having their annual Lions Christmas Parade Thursday Dec. 6th and have invited DG Billy and PDG Cloye to ride on their float in the parade; selling Cowboy Cadillac tickets.

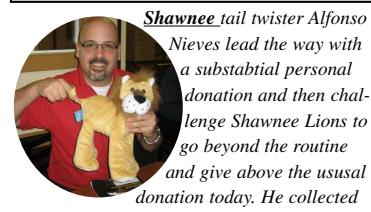
Wanette Lions are extending a special invitation to all Lions to attend their annual fall Turkey Shoot beginning Oct 1st through the Dec 2nd. The competitions are on Sundays and begin at 2pm. The location is 1.5 miles east of Hwy 102 and Hwy 39.



Shawnee Zone Chair Nancy Cook-Senn (L) is presented a Desk Lion from DG Billy; Club President Mike Simmons attended the USA/Canada Forum in Tampa Bay; sponsored the Carson & Barnes Circus; on your way to the District Midwinter Convention everyone is invited to stop by the Annual Chili Feast on January 24th; recycled 374 pairs of eyeglasses; purchased 7 pairs of eyeglasses for those in need; donated \$100 to Cowboy Cadillac, donated \$550 to three high school projects.



Stigler Lions recognized for their service and dedication to Lionism. DG Billy (R) presents a letter of appreciation and 35 year chevron to Ralph White (L); not pictured Chris Jordan 15 years, David Rose 20 years, and Wesley Shelton 25 years.



Shawnee tail twister Alfonso Nieves lead the way with a substantial personal donation and then challenge Shawnee Lions to go beyond the routine and give above the usual donation today. He collected \$51 in the Eyeglasses Cup.

Wewoka having a pancake breakfast at the Wewoka Sorghum Day Festival Oct. 27th; Peace Poster packets have been distributed to 5 schools; gearing up for their annual holiday fruit sale.

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Greetings my fellow Lions of District 3L:

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday This is a time for us to gather with our family, friends and associates to celebrate our many blessings. Yet there will be some families lacking adequate food. This is an opportunity for us to serve those members of our community who are not able to leave their place of residence. We can help deliver meals to members in our community who are sick and or shut-in. Perhaps you already have made plans for the event. If you haven't already made plans not to worry, this is something for you to consider. Volunteering to help someone less fortunate than you is truly an awesome experience. WE SERVE!!

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Altus - will Present The Whiskey Bent Band Saturday December 8, 2012 7:00 P.M Altus City Auditorium 201 E. Commerce Altus , Oklahoma A benefit To Provide Eyeglasses for Needy School & Seniors In Altus and Southwest Oklahoma. For Tickets & Information call (580) 482-0117

Club Activities

Altus- bought two pairs of eyeglasses for needy peers. Continued to collect and delivered 100 pairs of used eyeglasses to Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation. Continued collection of used cartridges. (Delivered 37 to OK Lions Service Foundation). Hosted eight students-of -the week for lunch. Continued to provided one "Life-Line" for Jackson County Memorial Hospital (JCMH) and local newspaper for JCMH patients.

Binger - Regular Club meeting. Will prepare (four) thanksgiving baskets. Will contacty the school for damilies in need.

Cache - Sponsoring 3 Peace Poster contestants

Duncan Evening - Aid to the vision/hearing impaired. Held 3rd annual Ride for Sight Poker Run- Local Red Hat Society

helped and had a good time by all. Reinstated 2 members and welcomed 1 newmember in September.

Elk City - Members participated in the Elk City Rodeo

Granite Maintain the Butterfly Walking trail and provides clothing for needy children.

Lawton Northeast- Aid to the vision impaired/hearing impaired. Helping people with the gift of sight.

Lawton Noon - held a pajama party club social. Serving as Host club for the District 3L Convention Feburaru 16, 2013.

Lawton Patriots -Lawton Food Bank donations. Our club collected 50 nonperishable food items and donated to the Lawton Food Bank. We also a \$100 donation. Our club donated \$50.00 to the C. Carter Crain Homeless Shelter of Lawton, OK. Eyeglasses sponsorship Lawton Patriots provided 16 pairs of eyeglasses for needy people identified at an inner city screening clinic held by Dr. Head in July. Sponsored the MHSU in conjunction with the 5K run.

Marlow - Our weekly noon luncheons continue to be well attended with very good community type programs. Student of the week from High School-honored each week by being the club Guest of Honor. We continue with our perpetual program of buying eyeglasses for needy children referred to us through the area schools and our local optometrist. Continue with our on going program of providing Eye Examinations and Eyeglasses for needed members of our community through our local eye Doctor and Lions member Dr. Wes Walker. Two patients was addressed in September. Plans are now for our underway for our Annual Christmas Pancake Day.

Pocasset - Awarded the student of the month award to Amber. Pocasset School Trash pick-up project on October 27th

Union City - Cancer Benefit for individuals. Our Lions Club hosted a community supper and auction to raise money for a local man and wife. The man has terminal cancer and was in need of money for their parts on all his cancer treatments.

Velma-Alma - Recycled aluminum cans. Donated \$200 to the local food bank.

Walters - Ran a cotton candy stand at a recent city sponsored Car Rally

Waurika - Golf tournament

Weatherford - Canning and sharing. Each Christmas we give assistance to 250 families. We provide 500 toys to children at Christmas.

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Note: Thanks for all you do for your community and keep up the good work.

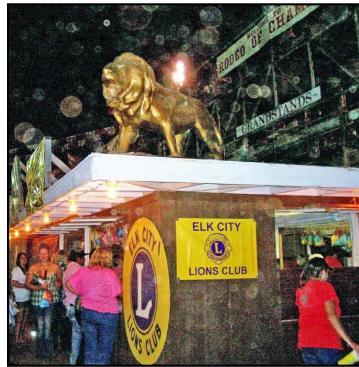
3-L Featured Club of the Month

Cache Lions Club

The Cache Lions have 123 bows this year. Each bow cost \$25.00 per sponsorship per year. This year we had several people who bought bows in memory of loved ones. Cache has been doing this project for 14 plus years. This project started out as the Cache Action Team project which I was a leader in and we did this project for about two years. When this organization disbanded we took the bows and began from there. We probably obtained 10 bows from them. Since then it has grown to up to 125 bows some years. The money we make off this project supports our club for a year usually. The last four years we have been able to buy a AED Powerheart 3 and cabinet for one of the school sites at a cost of approximately 1900.00 per unit.



Members of the Lawton Patriots being trained by MHSU driver MarkVan Houtan on Oct 27, 2012. Lawton Patriots Lions Nick Bonacci, Angelica Ferrand, Rebecca Rodriguez, Emily Reid, and JP Williams.



Elk City Lions Club members participating in the Elk City Rodeo.

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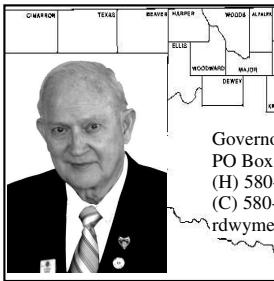
Due to the holidays in November and December, all articles for these months **MUST** be turned in to the state office no later than the 20th.



Members of the **Cache Lion Club** putting out the Cache red ribbon for the Cache's Red Ribbon Campaign.



Members of the Cache Lions Club participating in the Cache Lions Club work day.



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Greetings:

Thanks to all the additional Lions Clubs who more recently have submitted information about your activities. All of the Clubs in our District 3-A are interested in what their fellow Clubs are involved. It would be wonderful if all of our 39 Clubs would tell us of the happenings in their area of the world. Yes, we were 40, but Lamont has elected to close their Club.

BURLINGTON LIONS are back from their Summer hiatus with a kick-start. They have provided three (3) scholarships, of \$400 each, to college bound students. They have donated \$400 to the Burlington graduates Alumni Reunion, which was held September 1. They provided a parade with the Alumni, then served a hamburger feed in the park honoring the alumni. The Burlington Lions Club was chartered on December 15, 1965 and still have one of their Chartered members, Bob Kraft on their rolls. They have 22 members, meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. in the City Hall building. Willis Colson serves as their Secretary/Treasurer and James Maltbie as their President this year. Welcome back to Lionism!

ENID NOON-BRIGGS LIONS CLUB includes a total of 28 Members, this after the death of a member they meet each 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 12:00 noon for lunch at the Ramada Inn located on West Garriott. They were chartered on December 5, 1919 and their officers are as President, Leland Streck, Secretary, Lloyd Ray and Treasurer, Enid Mayor Bill Shewey. The Club continues to invite the Student of the Month to a meeting, this the responsibility of Nelda Jo Beebe. They are still considering the support of the Viet Nam Wall but feel this Project should be supported as individuals as opposed by the Club. They plan to continue to use their resources toward sight conservation. They have an annual budget of \$3200 for Sight Conservation. They have asked members to sell as many as possible of the Cowboy Cadillac tickets, as this effort is direct support for the Eye Bank as well as Boys Ranch and the MHSU. Their Lion of the month is responsible for providing programs for each meeting. Secretary Lloyd Ray invited for September, myself the DG for the first meeting and for their second meet, Brent Kisling, Executive Director of the Enid Regional Alliance Authority, whose

job is to assist the Enid area with economic development.

FAIRVIEW LIONS CLUB currently meet weekly on Wednesdays, 12:00 noon at the American Legion Bldg, located at 124 E Central. The past two months five members have been dropped. Lion Allen Moose has brought three new members in to end at 85 members. Current officers are Darrel Jantz, President;

G Kieth McLain, Secretary; Al Stecklein, Treasurer. The Club was chartered April 25, 1928. The four Lions highway signs set at the entries/exits of Fairview, all have problems: some have faded paint, some have the wobbles; the new signs obtained from LCI are photo generated and turn pink from sunlight quickly. The decision is to first resolve the wobble with better bracing. Then if a new LCI sign is ordered it will be placed facing the North entry in order to limit the exposure to sunlight. The Lions Health Screening Unit is scheduled for October 16 and is to be utilized by the schools. It will service the Ringwood Schools in the a.m. and the Fairview Schools in the p.m. The Major/Dewey County Game Warden, Lion Frank Huebert, has scheduled a "hunter safety program" to be held in Fairview on October 13 at the Area Technology Center and has asked the Lions to prepare and serve lunch to approximately 60 attendees. The funds are to be provided by the local Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank, the President being Lion Bruce Boehs. The Lions served burgers and dogs at the "Gloss Mtn Car Show and 'Burn-out'" on Labor Day weekend, September 1. November will bring two additional events: November 3 will be the "Holiday Parade" in which the Lions will have a float; then on November 10 a 5-K RUN "Fun Run" on which the Lions will help sponsor with the Lions Club name with others, listed on the back of the shirts to be provided to all who walk, or wish to purchase.

GARBER LIONS CLUB has a current membership of 14 which meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at the Garber United Methodist Church, 506 Seneca, at 7:00 p.m. The current President is Harold Shore, the Secretary is Deanna Carson and the Treasurer is PDG Carobelle Collins. The Club was chartered on September 6, 1948. They report that two members helped clean-up the NORCE Cemetery; five members helped with the diabetes testing at the Garfield County Fair; two members including PDG VCC Arlene Shore who serves as the 2013 State Convention Chair, did a site inspection for the Lions State Convention to be held in April, 2013; two members did a Club visit at the North Enid Lions Club; they donated to the Boy Scouts and provided a \$250

scholarship to a senior; two members trimmed trees and helped clean-up storm damage; they set-up eye glass drop containers and pop can tab containers; four members attended the USA/Canada Leadership Forum held in Tampa, Florida, then later gave a report to the Club. 2nd VDG Dee Carson was one of the four Garber attendees.

HENNESSEY LIONS CLUB have a total of 30 members which include one additional new member. At their September 13 meeting they had 18 members present along with 4 guests. That is 4 prospective new members. They are planning a December 13 Christmas party with Santa present, and Christmas Cash. Hennessey Lions Club was Chartered on January 25, 1934. They currently are meeting each Thursday at 12:00 noon, at the Family Cafe on South Main. Their President is Dagan Hardin and Kay Meek serves as their Secretary/Treasurer.

LAVERNE LIONS CLUB has a total of 20 members. They meet each Wednesday 12:00 noon at the Main Street Soda Fountain.. They were chartered January 20, 1947. Their current officers are Terri Wheeler, President and Barbara Swineford, as Secretary/Treasurer. Randall Qwens serving as the Cowboy Cadillac coordinator reports sales of tickets are positive. Lion David Terry reported about his trip to Washington DC and urged everyone to get out and vote in the upcoming election.

NORTH ENID LIONS CLUB have a total of 46 members. They meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Raymie's on West Garriott Road. They were chartered August 30, 1962 and continue to have two of their original chartered members on their rolls. Serving as President this year is Joe Chandler, as Treasurer, Harold Cooper and as Secretary, Marilyn Cooper. Theirs is one of the better Lions publications that you will see anywhere, edited and published by Lions member Ron Schultz. "The Lions Link" has 32 advertisers at a fee of \$25 per 12 months and is sent by e-mail. You do the math - are we missing something? Your DG is the most recent advertiser. In 2007 they established an "Alert Team, as preparedness, response and relief." Does your Lions Club have one? They are an active Club: collecting eyeglasses from drop-boxes, purchasing one pair plus one frame for a needy person; working a booth at the County Fair checking for diabetes (17 Lions); worked with the Cancer Support Group; had the student of the month from Chisholm High School; provided community services at the Commons Pond & rose garden; watered the plants and trees at their Lions Park; cleaned up the NORCE Cemetery & painted the gazebo; worked the football game gate for scholarships; visitations to Lions Clubs at Jet & Hennessey; and, selling Cowboy Cadillac tickets - most importantly. They also sell

Oklahoma and US 3 X 5 Flags at \$10.00 per each! It seems that almost everyone has an assignment and a job - everyone works!

PONCA CITY NOON LIONS CLUB records indicate membership of 95. They meet each Wednesday, 12 Noon, at the Ponca City Country Club, 1101 N Pecan. The Club was chartered June 30, 1922. They currently have a branch "Northern Oklahoma E-Lions Club Branch" which was established in recent years. The officers for the fiscal year of 2012/2013 are as President, Rick Coffelt; Secretary, Cheryl Cavett; as Treasurer, James Scott. The Lions MHSU was scheduled for Friday, September 21, at the Kanza Health Fair East of Newkirk from 9:00 to 12:00 Noon. Lion Ted Matson kicked off the promotion to screen pre-school eye checks for ages of six months through high school with new PediaVision SPOT cameras. The testing takes only seconds and requires no verbal responses from the individual being tested. Lion Cheryl Long leads the testing starting at the day-care centers in Ponca City. The Prevent Blindness Oklahoma (PBO) is seeking funding for an additional 11 units to add to the 6 currently in use by screeners at 17 locations in Oklahoma. Lion Walt Finch heads up the Vision effort. Preparations are being made for Oktoberfest, the 6th and 7th and the Diabetes Walk on October 13th. On October 17 Jeri Askins, Director of Marketing at the Stephenson Cancer Center, will be the guest speaker.

PONCA CITY AFTER FIVE has not submitted a Club status but the records indicate they have 13 members. Their charter lists a date of April 28, 1965, so I expect they may have initially been a branch. They meet on the 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6:30 p.m. at the Pizza Hut, 2301 N 14th St. The current officers are President, Richard Wyler; James Roland, Secretary; David Mallory, Treasurer. Their records also tell us they have one chartered member, Vaughn Gilbert, still listed on their rolls.

Our District 3-A will be having our 2nd Cabinet Meeting on November 17, starting at 10:30 a.m. here in Fairview at the Methodist Church. We will have a freewill lunch as we complete the morning session. Too, we have scheduled our Mid-Winter District Convention on February 2, 2013, to be a one day affair starting at 9:30 a.m. and concluding at approximately 6:30 p.m., after the evening Banquet. The main reason it will be a one day affair is there are no rooms to be had in Fairview, Enid, Woodward or any points in Northwestern Oklahoma all the way even beyond the Oklahoma State line into Kansas.

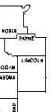
Again, if your Club is not listed, that means I did not yet receive information from you. Lions Serve: To Save Lives; To Save Eyes; To Save Guys!

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ROBERTS RAMBLING

On Tuesday, October 16, District 3-H had the following statistics.

Number of Clubs	28
Start Membership	880
Total Adds	13
Total Drops	24
Net Change	-11
End Membership	869

Membership growth comes about in two ways. First, members of our clubs ask persons they come in contact with to become a Lion. The more we ask persons to join, the better chance will come about that we will get one or more new members.

Second, LCI has learned that the major way in which Districts achieve net growth is to organize new clubs. We plan on organizing at least four new clubs with a minimum of 100 charter members.

Our District Membership Goals assumes that every club will have a net growth. About half of the clubs need to have a positive growth of four or better.

Our Membership Growth Goals by December 31st are:

Start Number of Clubs	28
Number of New Clubs	2
December 31 Number of Clubs	30
Start Membership	880
Total Additions	115
Total Drops	35
Net Change	80
December 31 Membership	960

Reading Action Program

This is President Madden's signature program. He is concerned about illiteracy in our nation and about the world. The way to solve this problem is to be sure that every child learns to read. He challenges every Lions Club to get involved in some kind of Reading Program. If someone else has a reading program, then we are to join them. If there are no reading programs in our area, then he challenges us to start one. The key to this program is for Lions to join in reading with or tutoring children with reading problems. Mainly we are being asked to help children read.

NEW MEMBERS

GUTHRIE: Michael L. Simpson, 9/3/12 by S. Janna Pierson

NORMAN: Kim A. Roberson, 9/11/12 by

Benjamin H. Odom

OKC DOWNTOWN: Hester Anne Brown, 10/1/12 by Donald C. Whitney
PERRY: Scott Chenweth, 9/13/12 by James K. Thompson, Sr. And Michael Strange 9/13/12 by John David Bluetzman

DEATHS

GUTHRIE: Past President Jon Gummerson, 10/6/12. For over

50 years, Jon served in various offices, including being Tail Twister last year. Besides being Mayor of Guthrie for many years, in 2004 he was Oklahoma Mayor of the Year. Also he was recognized as "Sam Walton Business Man of the Year."

I knew Lion Jon as an outgoing individual, friendly with everyone he met. He was a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Shriner, Member of India Temple, and a top fund raiser for the Lions Club. He served as "Cat in the Hat" for Guthrie Schools.

DATES AND EVENTS

November 1, 2012 OKC Capitol Hill Bean Dinner

November 3-4, 10-12, 2012 Harrah Annual Turkey Shoot

November 25-30, 2012 Prague Lions decorate the Prague Park

December 2012 OKC Capitol Hill Food Baskets

December 8, 2012 Harrah Annual Christmas Dinner and Pounding

December 17, 2012 Newcastle LC Family Pot-luck Dinner

February 2013 Prague Lions Annual Chile Supper

February 8, 2013 District 3-H Convention, site and time to be determined

February 23, 2013 Edmond LC 50th Anniversary, \$17.50 per plate. Send Reservations to PCC Bob Austin

February 28, 2013 Harrah Disc Golf Tournament

April 19, 2013 OKC Metro Jewel Box Theater Fund Raiser

April 26-27, 2013 Lions of Oklahoma State Convention, Marriott Hotel, 3233 NW Expressway, OKC

CLUB NEWS

Carney: September 15-16 served concessions at the Seaba Station Motorcycle Swap Meet. Had a great time meeting everyone and served up some great food and drinks for everyone.

Cushing: On Thursday, September 11, KOCO News Channel 5 stopped in Cushing on their "On the Road" tour. The thrust this year was "Helping Hands." A Cushing Appreciation Picnic was held that night. The picnic was to honor everyone who had worked with the wildfire we had in August. The Cushing Rotary Club and eleven

Cushing Lions with one spouse teamed up to cook for and serve everyone attending. Deep Rock Elementary School Student Council members and Cushing Lions teamed up to count eyeglasses received from a full "Old Mail Box drop box." We counted 352 pair of glasses. For years, recently deceased Lion Willie Prather had taken charge of this Project. On September 18, the club honored him by placing his name badge on the box of glasses. President Terry Brannon told the club about working with the Student Council. Also on September 18, Lion Monty Waldon met the people to pick up a load of ink cartridges at the Lions Den.

Edmond: As of October 8th, we have had good meetings where we discussed fund raisers, planning for our 50th Anniversary, and made plans for our Christmas Party. For our Fruit Sale Fund Raiser, we invited the Boy Scouts to sell fruit for their fund raiser and they will help us deliver our fruit. We have collected 257 eyeglasses in Sept and 263 in Oct. On Friday, Sept 28th we sponsored the Lions MHSU for the UCO student nurses which helps them with their service projects. The 12 nurses screened 75 people. Our last two programs have been great: Sept 25th we had Ed Able, a totally blind lawyer, giving his concerns on the State Legislators and their writing a tort reform bill which doesn't seem to be in the best interest of the public. On Oct 9th our guest was Dr. Bob Palmer, an art instructor at UCO as well as a mural painter. He has painted approximately 1500 murals on buildings in Oklahoma City, Edmond, and many places around the state.

Midwest City: On Sept 15th, Midwest City Lions sponsored the MHSU at the Integris Health Fair at Crossroads Mall. We screened about 50 people that day. MWC Lions donated 370 pair of glasses and 5 cell phones. Checks were presented to six Mid-Del Schools in the amount of \$200 each for the PTA/Counselor's clothing closet. 3 Lions drove a load of glasses to Midland, Tx. We donated \$200 to the MWC Elks Lodge Soccer Shoot Out.

Norman Sooner: Jim Stewart of Water4.org came and visited the club and

gave a presentation as to their world wide development in water well progress in under developed countries. This process helps empower these communities. We have provided eye care for 12 students; glasses for 5 students this fiscal year.

OKC Capitol Hill: Our Annual Candy and Nut Sale will start soon.

OKC Metro: Donated 7 pair of glasses.

OKC Northwest: Collected 390 pair of glasses in Sept. And Oct. Donated \$600 to Hillside Elementary School for its "Reading Is Fundamental" program. Made plans for membership drive and a Meet and Great mixer.

OKC West Side: Collected and delivered

used eyeglasses to the Oklahoma Lions State Office. Sent out applications for eye care assistance. Investigated true need of completed applications. Applicants interview, with 3 club members as needed. When approved, applicants are provided with two vouchers: one for an eye exam and the other for a pair of glasses through Eyemart Express. Some applicants are asked for a \$20 copay, but this can be waived if needed.

Prague: The last week of Nov 2012 we will be decorating the Prague Park for an event called Christmas in the Park which starts December 1st. We hang lights & garland with bows. The whole town of Prague comes on that evening to kick off the celebration of Christmas Holidays. The lights are turned on at dark. It is so beautiful, lights are everywhere. In February 2013, we have a Chili Supper as our annual fund raiser.

Stillwater Noon: 18 Noon Lions provided visual screening for Payne County residents at the Payne County Fair. Many people were positive. We had 3 requests for glasses. Two pair were purchased for \$85 each. We continue to recycle glasses. There were twelve Lions who helped park cars at three Stillwater High School football games in October. Noon Lions sat at tables at local stores to collect money for Lions Wheels. Members are selling Florida fruit to raise money for charitable donations. Twelve noon Lions helped serve the needy at the First United Methodist Church. They helped cook, serve, clean up and visit with participants. Ink cartridges, cell phones and hearing aides continue to be recycled. Two Stillwater High School students are being honored by our club as Oct. Students of the month and have attended out meetings and shared information about school activities. Our club is involved in a membership drive with members dividing into teams with mock elections, service projects and new members brought to earn points to 'win' the drive. Speakers this month include the United Way Executive Director, Stillwater Community Connections member, OSU Volunteer Coordinator and Indian Education coordinator for Stillwater Public Schools.

The Village: Eye glass recycling. Provided the Mobile Health Screening Unit for 47 individuals at the Estes Park Church of Christ as a part of their "Get Healthy" day drive. Speakers this month include the United Way Executive Director, Stillwater Community Connections member, OSU Volunteer Coordinator and Indian Education coordinator for Stillwater Public Schools. The Village: Eye glass recycling. Provided the Mobile Health Screening Unit for 47 individuals at the Estes Park Church of Christ as a part of their "Get Healthy" day

ALL YOUNG CHILDREN NEED VISION SCREENING

BY Lion TED MATSON – PONCA CITY LIONS CLUB

The Ponca City Noon Lions Club is on a mission! All children need eye screening to determine the possibility of vision problems. It is urgent to find those potential problems and refer the child for a comprehensive eye exam before permanent vision impairment results. The Noon Lions have a goal to help provide FREE screening to approximately 1,500 children in Ponca City, age 3 and younger, which are currently falling through the gap in the screening programs provided in Oklahoma.

The new Prevent Blindness Oklahoma program, called EZ as 1 2 3, targets children who are one, two, and three years old with new computerized vision screening technology. The Ponca City Noon Lions Club is providing funds to cover the administrative fee that Prevent Blindness Oklahoma charges to screen these young children in Day Care Centers. The Lions are also sponsoring screening for the community at October Fest, October 6th and 7th, a December 15th screening at the YMCA, and the Ponca City Health Fair in May of 2013.

Prevent Blindness America's research shows that one in four school age children has an undiagnosed vision problem and one in five preschool children have a problem. This means there could be as many as 200 to 300 preschool children in Ponca City with undiagnosed vision problems.

According to representatives of the Noon Lions, "By screening the 1, 2, and 3 year olds, we hope to help lower the numbers of children with these vision problems when they enter school. We can also make sure that those with vision problems get the help they need at the earliest treatable stages."

"Our new Pedi-a-Vision SPOT camera, purchased with grant money, can be used on children as young as 6 months of age," says PBO's Director of Programs, Anita Schlaht, M.Ed. The testing only takes seconds and requires no verbal response from the child. "The parents of children who are being referred for a comprehensive exam are given a printout indicating the readings that were outside normal ranges for the child's age. The SPOT camera screens for the gaze/alignment of the eyes, nearsighted and farsighted refractive errors, size of the pupil, astigmatism, and differences in refractive error that might lead to amblyopic or lazy eye," says, Mrs. Schlaht.

Prevent Blindness Oklahoma has provided free vision screening to children PK-12th grade in public and private schools in all

77 counties of Oklahoma for the past 47 years. The Oklahoma Masons have assisted PBO with school screenings as well as contributing over 2.8 million dollars in the last 27 years of their partnership to go toward screening costs. During the 2011-2012 school year PBO screened 301,151 children and referred 46,863 with possible vision problems for a complete exam. "We also provide vision screening to Head Start and Early Head Start centers across the state as well as some preschool programs," added Mrs. Schlaht.

In the past we have used 25-year-old technology to screen those children 3 and younger that cannot be screened using our traditional charts. The MTI photo-screening camera has become obsolete and is being replaced with this new technology. PBO has received funding for 6 of the new cameras at \$10,000 each. Additional funding to provide a camera for each of PBO's 17 screeners statewide is being pursued.

PBO strives to educate the public on the importance of good vision, vision health and vision safety. They attend community and corporate health fairs to provide vision screening and information to children and adults. Prevent Blindness Oklahoma is a 501c3 non-profit organization and is the only organization in Oklahoma whose primary mission is to preserve sight and prevent blindness.

Resources for free exams and glasses for children and adults as well as information on vision resources statewide can be found by contacting Prevent Blindness Oklahoma at 405-848-7123 or by logging onto their website at www.preventblindnessok.org.

For information on screening at day care centers that were done in Ponca City, call Lion Cheryl Long at 762-2787.

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 the ones who did the booking and we had already seen a manifestation of bad behavior by a group of "Older men" toward these workers. As we left the building and headed for the van we talked about the fact that it was disappointing and we felt let-down. We looked to see if we could have done anything different and the boys came to understand that our plans just don't work out sometimes. Even though we had planned, called ahead, saved the money, dressed correctly and been on our best behavior, this just didn't work out. In the van on our way back to Stillwater, the guys were able to talk about how angry they felt and that's ok, we were upset



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On Saturday, February 23, 2013

At the Edmond First Church of the Nazarene
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Edmond, Oklahoma

The speaker for the evening will be
PID PAT SHURLEY

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Edmond, Oklahoma

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RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013

MENU
Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Vegetable, Salad, Dessert
Drink






too, but instead of cussing and fit throwing and someone getting consequences, it was more disappointment and frustration. We determined to reschedule for next week-end and shifted to plan B. Matinee movie time!

Bob and I felt really bad because we had been building up this outing and watched the boys plan and really get prepared. Well unfortunately that's life. I was able to keep my temper, be polite and even wished them blessings on their business. We went on to the movies and had a great time and went home to watch football and eat snacks. Bob kept edifying the guys telling them how proud he was of how they handled the situation and also

reminding them of how far we all have come in learning to let go of stuff we can't control. So we will re-load and be ready for next week! Thanks to all of our Lion's for making this "Life Journey" with us!

Come visit and don't forget about the Ranch Christmas Party On December 1st at 11 AM at the High School Commons in Perkins. Come visit us on Facebook and our website www.olbr.org