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Council Chairman Corner

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This is how I started this article thirty days ago.....In this world are some very special people. I head up the mobile meal volunteers at Ridgecrest church. I just hung up the phone after speaking with Lena Pierce who is 80 years old. I had called to confirm with her that she would be able to cook the next day, of course she said yes and she had also cooked today. And then she will cook this Saturday at another church. Was she complaining about how tired she was...no she laughed and said after three times this week she might get it right? Are we as Lions this willing to "Serve" in any way we can no matter how we feel?

That is as far as I got....I sat down to finish it on Sunday May 19th. Just prior to a tornado crashing into Shawnee, Bethel Acres, Fallis, and Carney we all know what happened the next day.....It is now May 27th and I am at it again. Seven days past my deadline. Robert McMasters, on May 20th filed for a \$10,000.00 emergency grant from LCIF. I and members of the 3H Disaster Committee: Troy Jenkins, Dawn Miller, Jacque Mooney, Jim Barnett, Bryan Larison, Sandy Cox, Brad Hawkins

and Robert McMasters have been doing nothing but trying to serve the tornado victims for the last 7 days. We and a long list of dedicated Lions have established a presence in every affected community in 3H. The Carney Lions Club is working hard and distributing vouchers to Carney and Fallis victims. The Norman Lions are distributing vouchers in Little Axe and Stella. The 3H Disaster Committee are distributing vouchers in Moore. We are actively getting out into the destroyed neighborhoods and letting the victims know that the Lions are there to help. And this is just the beginning.

The first part of my article from April 30th tells the story of 80 year old Lena Horn working tirelessly in the Mobile Meal Program. Now on May 27th the Lions are working tirelessly delivering food to the tornado victims in their ravage torn neighborhoods, helping with cleanup, and passing out vouchers through the LCIF Grant. This is my last article as your Council Chair. It's been my honor to serve this last year.

Five Years to Remember"

"Thank You Lions"

Virginia Rodriguez, PCC

As I sit here and write my last article for the Oklahoma Lion Newspaper, I must reminisce the past five years. So much has transpired. The most recent is the tornados that have affected those in District 3-K and 3-H. Areas in District 3-H were affected the most. Several Lions from District 3-H have been actively involved with the assisting their involved communities. A heart filled Thank You to all of those of you involved with the relief efforts. If I were to name all, I would probably leave some one out, so Thank You to all those who assisted. We are also grateful for all of the assistance from The Lions Clubs International Foundation for the grants that have been received.

In reviewing the past five years, they have been years to remember, along with the challenges that go with the position, to work with all the Lions in Oklahoma be it positive or negative.

A new roof was the first project of many projects that has been accomplished by the Lions of Oklahoma. A new telephone system needed to be replaced. Then came the heating and air-conditioning units. Someone assisted us with that project as the old ones were stolen.

Probably the largest project was helping the Past District Governors with the Plaza Project and landscaping in front of the State Office Building. As part of his Eagle Scout project, Michael Wall, his family, and Lions worked to remove all the old shrubbery to help with the initial part of the project. Then came the in-graved bricks that have been purchased. The bricks will continue to be sold. Now, the American, State of Oklahoma and Lions International flags are flying in front of the office. A Big thank you to the OSU-OKC Horticulture Dept and their Art Dept. for their assistance with the new plants and the painting of the beautiful Lion in front of the office, also, to the West Side Lions Club for their assistance in purchasing the paint for the Lion. Now it looks like a real Lion.

A new small refrigerator was placed in the kitchen, and a small hot water heater was added. The carpet has been replaced with laminate flooring. New furniture was added to the front lobby.

I want to thank the Lions who have worked with the Building Committee the past five years for all of your support with the improvements (Continue on page 8)



The Silver Lining

Troy Jenkins Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation Executive Director

“I beg you take courage; the brave soul can mend even disaster.”

Catherine II (Catherine the Great), Empress of Russia,
1762 - 1796

As I sit to write my final article of our Lions year, Oklahoma is in the throes of another devastating tragedy. As I write, there are still crews out everywhere cleaning through rubble. There are still thousands of people without homes. Residents of Carney, Wellston, Shawnee, Moore, and a number of other communities are working to put their lives and their communities back together. People across the globe are focusing on our state, sharing our losses, and waiting in hopeful anticipation for stories of rescue and lives saved. As I watch with the rest of the world, I find myself reflecting on what it means to be a Lion.

It is no great secret that I love being a Lion and the opportunities that come with it. My involvement with Lions has led to a number of amazing friendships, and has allowed many opportunities to serve the community. I would guess that every member can recall the exact moment that they truly became a Lion; for me personally it was when I was tutoring a young man at the Boys Ranch not long after I joined. The chance to see first-hand why we do what we do continues to resonate with me. Every service project in which my club participates, and every project I see performed by the other clubs throughout the state ramps up my sense of pride even more! Though I have not been a Lion as long as many of you, I thought I was beyond surprise at the generosity and giving spirit of Lions. What I have seen in the last two weeks is proof that I was wrong.

Disaster Relief is one of Lions Clubs International's primary points of emphasis. Over the last few years, Lions have been among the first to respond to Hurricane Katrina, the tsunami in Japan, and the earthquake in Haiti. Lions clubs throughout the world jump in to provide help whenever a disaster hits their area. Following form, the Lions in Oklahoma have stepped up and are already bringing supplies and offering to help in whatever way they can. What has been truly amazing is how many Lions from other areas have already reached out to find out how they can help.

We have received messages and phone calls from Lions all over the country, and as far away as New Zealand, all wondering how to help. The Ridgecrest Lions from California are bringing a truck

of supplies to help those in need, and we have more trucks coming over the next few weeks from Lions in Ohio and New Orleans. We also have a group of Lions from Detroit working to arrange a trip to help with the clean-up. There have certainly been many more messages sent to our District Governors, Past International Directors, State Secretary, and others who are in contact with Lions in other areas.

Another amazing moment that rose like a phoenix from the ashes and rubble is the involvement of our Immediate Past International President Wing-Kun Tam. Dr. Tam, who is currently the President of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), made a special trip to Oklahoma to lend a hand where needed and to see the disaster first hand. He has helped with clean-up, visited with victims, and toured Moore, Little Axe, and Carney. Dr. Tam (as well as his assistant Joyce) has been gracious, compassionate, and truly a model of what it means to be a Lion. As the bulk of our funds are coming from LCIF, this has been such an excellent opportunity for their representatives to see first-hand how they are helping.

The bottom line is that even though this series of tornadoes has devastated our communities, even though there is still a lot of work to be done, this has been another amazing opportunity to serve as Lions. Service is what we do! Whether we are giving a scholarship to a student, giving eyeglasses to somebody who needs them, handing out food at Christmas, or any of the other service projects that Lions do throughout the world every day, Lions are out in the world helping where they can. We show it every day! We mean it when we say **We Serve!**



The MHSU being used as a command post in the Wal-Mart parking at 501 SW 19th in Moore. The photo show two families applying for \$100 vouchers that can be used at the Wal-Mart to purchase basic essentials. Picture are Lions Dawn Miller and Jim Barnett



District 3-O	
Membership (current)	
Clubs	43
Members	1016
Leo Clubs	4

The Lion of the Year awards were presented at the Lions of Oklahoma State Convention on April 27th during the noon luncheon.

CONGRATULATIONS District 3-O: Lion Jay Hogan, Pryor Lions Club, District 3-K: PDG Tony Dowell, Ada Lions Club, District 3-L: Lion Kristi Fields Lawton Noon Lions Club, District 3-A: Lion Paul Babiak, Hennessey Lions Club, District 3-H: Council Chairman Marvin Ainsworth, of the Oklahoma City West Side Lions Club.



District 3-O Lion of the Year Presentation to Lion Jay Hogan of the Pryor Lions Club by District Governor Larry Wibben with wife Lion Elaine Wibben

Also honored at the Lions of Oklahoma convention
MD3 Women—25 years in Lions:

Lion Sandra E Baranet Member Broken Arrow Evening

Lion Bernice Foster Member Jenks Lions

Lion Lou Ann Growcock Member Broken Arrow Evening

Lion Diane L Hanson Member Broken Arrow Evening

Lion Lonita Noteware Member Sapulpa Lions

Lion Janice Louise Winkler Member Tulsa Metro-McCullough

Club Reports

Bartlesville Green Country: Following Green Country Lions received ten year pins: Carol MCCoy, Janice King, Dollie Woodell, David Woodell, Lester Ropp, Thomas Medina, Jessie Albright, Brad Powell.

Beggs: Contributed \$100 to sponsor a 30-yard roll-off container for community trash-off. Also 5-Beggs Lions Members worked shifts amounting to 10 hours assisting members of the community to unload their unwanted items. Contributed \$25 add-on premium to 2 - Beggs students that made premium sale with their show animals.

Broken Arrow Evening: Provided 1 eyeglass exam and purchased 1 eyeglass. Volunteer ushers for the BA Playhouse

Chelsea: Club Officers election held April 10, 2013. Report submitted. Approved one eyeglass application. Collected eyeglasses for recycling. Donated \$200 to the Chelsea Library Summer Reading Program. Club will sponsor two members for the JUST PLANE FUN event June 1st. White Cane Day scheduled for June 15th.

Coweta: Awarded 4-\$500 Scholarships to High School students in Coweta. Purchased one pair of glasses.

Fairland: Tress Landrum, Senior Student for March 2013; Georgia Jones, as Middle School Student of the Month for March 2013; Matthew Gross, Fairland High School Student of the Month for April; Chantry Evans, Fair-

land Middle School Student of the Month for April were recognized with a Certificate of Recognition for their academic abilities, involvement in school activities, leadership abilities, and integrity of character. Club held its Annual "Dr. Bill Goodman Memorial" Golf Tournament Fundraiser at Peoria Ridge Golf Course on Saturday, April 20 with 63 golfers participating. Donated \$750 to the Fairland Special Olympics Program and to provide a meal for the workers involved in the Annual Fairland Clean-up Day, voted to donate \$225 to the Fairland Strategic Planning Committee to help with needs for staging the Car Show on June 15, voted to donate \$100 to the Wyandotte Lions Club to place an ad in their program for their Annual North/South Football Bowl Fundraiser. Sponsored the Lions MHSU in Fairland at the Family Dollar Parking Lot on Tuesday, April 23

Muskogee: Chairman of the project is Lion Carol Adams, who picks up the glasses from a collection box at Arrowhead Mall. This month 316 pair were donated through this program.

Muskogee County: Donated \$500 to the Muskogee Junior Achievement and participated in the Masquerade Bowl which raised over \$9,000 to support more than 300 Muskogee Students.; collected over 1000 pairs of eye glasses and cases. Volunteered over 50 hours in assisting the Teachers at Cherokee Elementary giving the State of Oklahoma Test for 4th & 5th graders.

Pawhuska: Welcome New Members: Jared Thrasher. Our club picked up trash on the Bluestem Lake Road west of Pawhuska, Saturday, April 13, to help do our part to clean up Pawhuska and surrounding areas. Many people go to the lake on that road including one of our members, Dick McVey, who has noticed all the trash. We met twice in April. We had a program from Ellen Weigant, owner of Weigant's Pharmacy, who gave a wonderful program on her recent trip to Nairobi, Kenya, and brought pictures and other interesting things from her trip for us to look at and spoke of the children she has sponsored for years through Catholic Charities and the conditions of the country and city. She said people who think they are poor in the United States really don't know what poor is until you've seen countries like that one. We lost a former member in April, Larry Moore, from a heart attack. Everyone will miss him a lot. We did send flowers to his wife and gave her a food card from IGA from our club.



Pawhuska: Pictured are Braxton Williams, our president, Dick McVey, Linda Fanning, Ken Fanning, and Steve Elsberry.

Porter: Donated \$300 to Porter Schools gifted and talented program. Purchased two pair of glasses. Started work on Peach Festival 2019 are

Tulsa Downtown: The Club lost a long time member, Fred Campbell, who passed away April 30th. The Club has a new member, Cynthia Campbell, who has been active in helping our Club with its events. The Club sponsored three lifetime memberships to Lions International: James Little joined Lions 57 years ago; Carl Frieberg joined 51 years ago; and Gene Curtis joined 32 years ago. All met the Life Membership requirements of being Lions for 20 years and over the age of 70. Awarded 10 year pin to Jeffrey Swearingen and 20 year pin to David Woodward

Tulsa Metro-McCullough: Received \$23.40 from the sale of the clubs collection of aluminum cans project. Six members held White Cane Fundraiser Collected \$139. Five members attended the state Lions Convention



You may not remember what someone said.
 You may not remember what they did.
 You will never forget how they made you feel.

Dr. Thomas Garthwaite

You made us feel welcome and you made us feel like family.
 We will always remember your kindness and how you made us feel.

Thank you for your service!

3-K Welcomes 25 New Members – ROAR!!!

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| Phil Beatty , Antlers | Kimberly Fraire , Marietta | Philip Canning , Shawnee |
| Chuck Blewett , Antlers | Marietta | Phillip Mitchell , Shawnee |
| Bonnie Rigney , Ardmore | Mary Harris , Marietta | Robert Norman , Shawnee |
| Jeremy Hairrell , Clayton | Jenna Hartman , Marietta | Mitchell Wolf , Shawnee |
| Todd Minshall , Clayton | Marietta | Candice Oliver , Tishomingo |
| Stephanie Behrens , Durant | Amandia Lee , Marietta | Mitchell Townsend , Wilburton |
| Taylor Nance , Madill | Maverick McClendon , Marietta | |
| Jordyne Sliger , Madill | Marietta | |
| Amanda Bazor , Marietta | Lamont Lewis , McAlester | |
| Elizabeth Branscum , Marietta | Ronald Martin , McAlester | |
| Stephanie Colston , Marietta | Karen Bays , Shawnee | |

Club Reports

Atoka Lions presented \$500 donation to Carney School Scholarship Foundation, \$500 to Tushka School Foundation, \$500 to Stringtown School Scholarship, and presented the \$1000 Sidney Camp Scholarship to a Atoka High School Student.

Ardmore Lions Purchased 3 pairs of eyeglasses; recycled 800 used eyeglasses and cases, awarded two \$1000 scholarships; donated \$75 to 2013 NACP Ardmore Juneteenth Celebration.

Clayton Lions held pie sales to help raise \$10,815 for a young cancer victim.

Coalgate Lions held luncheon for Coalgate High School seniors and awarded 3 scholarships.

Idabel Lions honored student of the month Bran Stark of Haworth High School; set up Moon walk, sold funnel cakes and soft drinks at Dogwood Days Festival, hosted annual Circus fundraiser; donated \$150 to the Leadership Oklahoma; raise funds for the "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes" event which draws awareness.

Gore-Webbers Falls Lions honored **Jared Briley with a Melvin Jones Fellowship**, purchased 5 pairs of eyeglasses, donated \$200 to the Boys Ranch; donated \$150 to White Cane; awarded two \$350 scholarships; \$750 to help cancer and burn victims; donated \$600 to the Gore Gifted and talented program; recycled 754 scholarships.

Madill Lions awarded five \$750 scholarships; preparing for annual golf tournament.

Marietta Lions are busy setting records by welcoming 8 new members in May; recycled 931 eyeglasses and cases; recycled 135 cell phones; gearing up for another summer baseball season which they have been sponsoring for local youth for more than 50 years.

Pocola Lions selling ads and taking orders for their community calendar fundraiser; hosting Mobile Unit Oct. 19th.

Seminole Lions Honored students of the month; collected over \$2,000 for White Cane

Talihina Lions hosted Mobile Health Unit May 4th; 22nd annual Free Kids Fishing Derby will be held June 1st.

Wilburton Lions held 91st anniversary banquet and honored **Lowell (Buddy) Sandefur as Lion of the Year**; donated \$200 to Wilburton High School Future Business Leaders Association; donated \$200 to Eastern State Phi Beta Lambda; purchased one pair of eyeglasses.



Top Left Gore-Webbers Falls Lions awarded International President Madden letters of appreciation and anniversary chevrons. (L-R) PDG Dr. Clint Miner 25 yrs, DG Billy Thompson, John Ellis 20 yrs, (not pictured) Helen Moore 10 yrs. *Top Right Shawnee Lions* honored Lion Paul Arnold (L) with a Melvin Jones Fellowship for his 50 years of dedicated service *Middle Left Shawnee Lions* received anniversary chevrons and International President Letters of Appreciation Front Center Nancy Cook-Senn 15 yrs, Left of Center Patti Simmons 15 yrs, Far Left – Paul Milburn 50 yrs. and Melvin Jones Fellow, Bob Weaver 35 yrs., Robert Seikel 45 yrs, Gary Nickerson 15 yrs, Leon Conkling 40 yrs, Fred Lynn 35 yrs, (not pictured) Sherry Claybrook 20 yrs, Gordon Richards 35 yrs, Chris Rick 35 yrs. *Middle Right Madill Lions* honored members with International President Madden letters of appreciation and anniversary chevrons. (L-R) Lonny Holdeman 25 yrs, DG Billy Thompson, Mark Codner 15 yrs, (not pictured) Frank Wilhite 25 yrs, Ricky Clement 10 yrs. *Bottom Left Atoka Lions* (L-R) Alene Arnold received 20 year chevron and a letter of appreciation from International President Madden, Harvey Arnold honored with Melvin Jones Fellowship; DG Billy Thompson (not pictured) David Darity 10 yrs, Shannon Martin 15 yrs, Charles McCall III 20 yrs, Lester Moore 30 yrs. *Bottom Right Poteau Evening Lions Club* members participated in the annual Trash Off in Poteau (L-R) Front Row Stan Garland, PDG Marshall Brence; back row Dr. Angela Cooper, Club President, Nina Bowen and Rick Couri.



Greetings and hello my fellow Lions of District 3-L

The 11th hour is approaching in this Lion year of 2012-2013 I commend you for the service you have so earnestly provided to your community I hope you are as proud of yourself as I am of you for the service to your community.

We now have 21 family units of the 38 clubs within the district our goal is to have 100% of clubs to have a minimum of one (1) family unit in each club. The family that works together and plays together stays together.

Club Activities:

Altus Lions Club: Donated 2 pair eyeglasses provided for the needy. 24 Club Members plan to participate in city-wide clean-up program. 6 members attended

State Convention, in OKC. 300 pair eyeglasses sent for recycling One Lifeline assistance of \$ 38.00 per month. Provide one (1) newspaper subscription for local hospital Sponsored one boy to Boys State Collected 70 ink cartridges and delivered them to the OLSF Foundation

Canute Lions Club: May is eyeglass collection month. May 16, 2013 cemetery Clean Up May 27, 2013 Put Out Flags for Memorial Day.

Chickasha Lions Club: Sold tickets and place mats as for annual brisket and gravy breakfast

Duncan Lions Club: Purchase eyeglasses for one disabled adult. Collected estimated 250 eyeglasses collected 25 used cell phones

Frederick Lions Club: April 29, 2013 Frederick Lions Club recognized the top 10 Sophomores at Frederick Public School; Academic Excellence Awards Banquet. Club President Bill Blankenship and Secretary Vinson Orr presented personalized embroidered Lions gift duffel bags to each recipient. This has been a long standing tradition.

Frederick Lions Club recognized the outstanding 7th and 11th graders; for four Tillman county schools. Davidson, Frederick, Grandfield, Tipton. Plaques were awarded to the recipients, their parents and representatives as well as respective school counselors and or administrators. This too is an long standing tradition. Annual golf tournament in memory of "Dr. A. B. Gattis" held on May 10, 2013, at the Frederick Golf & Country Club. Dr. A. B. Gattis; was a Lions club member, Frederick civic leader, and Optometrist. This fundraiser provides funds for scholarships in academic achievements, eye exams, and eye glasses for needy.

North East Lions On line Club: Gary Wise gave opening prayer at the Special Olympics Banquet, May 16, 2013.

North East Lions: Several Lions are helping out in areas of need in the community. Lion Susan Smith; finding homes for animals. Dist. Gov. John Wes Williams; mobile meals delivery to elderly and handicapped. Lion Elaine Keir; housing animals for an elderly lady that became ill. Flag distribution on May 27, 2013 for Memorial Day. Installation of officers for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year.

Lawton Noon Lions Club: Sponsored their Annual Carnival at the Co-manche County Fair grounds

Duncan Evening Lions Club: Purchased Glasses for one disabled adult and collected 250 used glasses, and 25 used cell phones.

Marlow Lions Club: We are continuing to buy eyeglasses for needy children

Pocasset Lions Club: DG Wes Williams Installed Club Officers We also held our ladies night and conducted our Award Ceremony for students.

Velma Alma Lions Club: Donated \$200 to local Food Bank

Binger Lions Club: Made final plans for golf tournament in June, 2013

Waurika Lions Club: Donations given for eyeglasses and exams. Lunch provided to receive donations to donate to the Waurika Senior Center.

From the Governors Desk:

Thanks a million to everyone who either donated or bought items from the silent auction. The 50% 50% was a fun attraction of the fund raising.

Per the request of those participating in the fund raising \$1000. was donated to Oklahoma Eyebank. In addition \$250 was donated to the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch. We thank you very much for your generosity!

Reminder: PU101's should be sent as soon as possible. Activity Reports should be sent by e-mail, and cc a copy to johnwilliams5920@sbcglobal.net Cell: 580-678-8104

Announcement!

3-L will hold its first Cabinet meeting and Training for Club Officers .

Date: August 24, 2013,

Time: 9:00am

Location: Chickasha Vo-Tech.

Call DGE Sue Thompson

@ 580-471-0182, or

sueok@swbell.net for more info.



District 3-L Governor visiting the Elk City Lions Club

FFA Scholarship Left to Right : Jim Irwin, President, Gunnar Cook, Taylor Carnes, Taylor Mouse and Kamran Koulter.



Elk City Lion Sweetheart Taylor Mouse receiving her Scholarship with Elk City LC President Jim Irwin.



GREETINGS FELLOW 3-A LIONS:

PIONEER PLEASANT VALE LIONS CLUB reports a change of their 35th Anniversary date to Saturday, June 1, at 6:00 p.m. The location is at the Christian Church of the Covenant, 1205 S. Cleveland, Enid, Ok. The Club held a very successful pancake supper and auction on April 6, netting \$3,600 to be used for their planned projects. They have collected canned goods for the "Horn of Plenty," donated \$200 to the YMCA Back-a-Youth program, \$100 to the Parents For a Safe Prom and the Scholarship Committee has selected the recipient for the Pioneer Lions Scholarship.

BURLINGTON LIONS CLUB reports no activity this month, their membership remains at 22.

LAVERNE LIONS CLUB invited District's Peace Poster Winner and her teacher to a luncheon meeting on April 24 to receive her Certificate, silver plate and check from the Governor who attended to make the award. Lion President Teri Wheeler reported that ODOT has installed the Lion's Adopt A Highway program signs and that the highway South of Laverne will be designated as the Merle Swineford Highway and to the North of town as the Barbara Swineford Highway. The Club hosted the Lions Mobile Screening Unit on April 17th. Lions members Jeff, J.C., Randy, Marvin and Barbara assisted with help from the nursing students of the High Plains Technology Center. Cowboy Cadillac pins were distributed to Lions Randy, Martin, Terri and Barbara.

ALINE LIONS CLUB have reelected as President Larry Weeks and Melvin Ricke as Secretary/Treasurer, then Lion Glen Hasty as First Vice-President. Dale Schmidt was selected as the Membership Chairperson.

NORTH ENID LIONS CLUB during the month of April has donated to the Chisholm After Prom Committee, \$100; to the Chisholm Middle School Academics Team trip, \$250; from the Lions White Cane Drive \$560 collected by 13 Lions; in addition to the March contributions of \$100 to the Boys Ranch; American Legion Girls State \$400, have Boys State \$350; and to LCIF, \$500 toward the Measles Effort. The Club has purchased two pair of eyeglasses for needy persons, have collected some 360 pair for recycling during the two month effort. They have worked the gate at Chisholm Track Meet to earn funds for Scholarships, have delivered "Meals on Wheels," transported elderly for medical care and continue to work with the Cancer Support Group.

OKARCHE LIONS CLUB reports one new member, Charles Schoelen, but have dropped one for personal reasons. Their membership number remains at 65. Their new officers are as President, Chris Foster; as Secretary, Tom Schaefer; as Treasurer, Allen Schroeder; First Vice President, David Krittenbrink; Second Vice-President, Greg Schroeder; and the Membership Chairperson, Brian Schieber. The Club still meets twice monthly.

PONCA CITY NOON LIONS CLUB held their Spring Fund Raiser with Lion Les Gilliam and his Silver Lake Band raising over \$8,300, a record amount. This will help cover the Eyeglass Program expense which has approved 129 pair (includes 21 just approved) for a total cost of over \$10,000. They have collected over 200 pair for recycling. Also, have collected 17 cell phones for Operation Pioneer Spirit. They have added four new members. Team Coffelt is responsible for a total of five additional members. The Oklahoma Prevent Blindness in conjunction with Kids Site, have tested 36 children, referring seven for further testing by an optome-

trist. The Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit with Lion Cheryl Long, Lion Dr Kelly Campbell and support from student nurses attending NOC, processed an additional 42 people.

ENID NOON BRIGGS LIONS CLUB publish their activities three months at a time, this issue includes February, March and April. Monthly, they invite and honor students from Enid High School. April included three: Courtney Chelf, Alexandra Dick and Scott Phillips, Students of the Month. They have budgeted \$3,200 for sight conservation and continue to provide eye exams and glasses to the needy. They had a successful Horn of Plenty food drive, thanks for the assistance to the Hillsdale group, provided by Lion President Pastor Leland. The final meeting in April was postponed until May, when **officers will be elected**

LOMEGA LIONS CLUB held their Ladies night and honored three High School students of the semester including: Greg Weins, Stephanie Espolito, Ashley LaGasse and Ethan Kale. Their guest speaker was Oklahoma House Representative Mike Sanders.

GUYMON LIONS CLUB again have opened their Sunset Limited Train for young passengers, which will run from March to October, Friday, Saturday and Sundays. The Lions Club has run this fund raising project for over 50 years. This year they moved over 300 feet of track, which includes dirt, ties and rock before the ties can go down. Lion Harold Rearson with son Lion Mark were the driving force who coerced, cajoled, begged and threatened all Lions members to use their muscle to make the March 29th deadline. Even the two newest Lions, Tara Hancock and Stella Wright became old rail hands. The Club also has paddle boats that they rent at Sunset Lake. Lions members operate both projects. Lion Harold has been recognized as a new Melvin Jones Fellow! The Pioneer Days Parade is to be held on May 4th. If the Lions Clubs 1928 truck is running, members will climb aboard to be the last entry in the parade. PDG Lion Chris Perkins and GMT Lion Charles Michael II are in charge of the parade.

NEWKIRK LIONS CLUB sponsored one student to the American Legion Boys State; made a donation to the High School After Prom Party; donated to the HS group that promotes drug and alcohol abuse prevention; purchased one pair of eyeglasses for a needy person; held a White Cane Day, collected \$350 and sent to OLSF. The Club participated in a City-wide clean-up by picking up trash in a 5 square block area.

FAIRVIEW LIONS CLUB has approved a participation with the Prevent Blindness Oklahoma project for the youngsters not covered by the school system working in conjunction with the Masonic Lodge. DG Dean brought in a new member, Lion Michelle Southwick, She will coordinate the Prevent Blindness effort. Four Lions Club Scholarships will be presented to four graduating seniors - the selections are in place. The annual Kids Track Meet will be held on May 1. A new Lions sign 2' X 4', has been placed in the renovated bowling alley, which is adjacent to G.B.s Sportsman's Bar & Grill.

District 3-A has only one Club which is in arrears - Marshall, in the amount of \$424.75. The records indicate we are 1,006 members as of April 30; however, the May records received to date that we have numerous new members. Just keep up the Good Lions Work!

Your DG will be out of pocket for a few days starting May 21 for surgery and will have some down time thereafter. Do keep me posted!

Yours in Lionism,
Deane DG 3-A



Robert's Remarks

As of this writing, either DGE Tom Cummings or I have visited all 28 clubs at least once. Now the four elected district officers are going back and visiting again for various reasons.

We have celebrated a 50th Anniversary of three Clubs, Harrah, Edmond Evening and Cashion.

We are looking forward to the USA/Canada Leadership Forum next September in Overland Park, Kansas. This is approximately 340 miles, or 5 hours driving. The District Leadership Team would like to encourage you to attend this USA/Canada Leadership Forum. They have classes for club officers, district officers, and just plain lions. Several classes are for your general knowledge. They will have four speakers, one at each of the Event Catered Meals. These same four Speakers will also present a class.

I have been encouraging clubs to strive to fulfill the requirements for the Club Excellence Award next year. The first requirement is that each club have their officers trained at a District Event. The First Event, for the South portion of the District will be June 22nd, along with the last Cabinet Meeting of this Lions year. This will be at the Village United Methodist Church, 2501 W Britton Road, Oklahoma City. Other requirements are that you turn in your reports (Monthly Membership Report, Service Activity Report, PU-101 reporting your newly elected officers); you have a net gain in membership; make a donation of at least \$1.00 to LCIF. There are 7 items which have to be fulfilled.

NEW MEMBERS

Davenport: Lillie L. West, 4/1/13, by L A Guest.

Guthrie: J. Steve Montgomery, 4/12/13, by Kathy Montgomery.

Harrah: Brent D. Meyers, 5.6/13; & Loy D. Smith, 4/15/13.

Norman: Pat Williams, 4/23/13, by Benjamin H. Odom

OKC Capitol Hill: Rev. Dawn Richards, 5/15/13 by Ken Higdon.

OKC Downtown: Huliamatu Bah, 4/16/13.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 22, 2013: Cabinet Meeting & South Club Officers Training, Village United Methodist Church, 2501 W Britton Road. Oklahoma City. 8:30 to Noon at the latest.

June 24, 2013: OKC Northwest Golf Tournament, Coffee Creek Golf Club. 7:30 AM to Noon.

August 24, 2013: The Village 8th Annual Car Show, Duffner Park, The Village. 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

CLUB NEWS

Carney: Held our 2nd annual golf tournament on May 3rd. We had a wonderful time meeting new people and visiting with familiar faces. Served hamburgers, hot dogs and chili at the Seaba Station Swap meet. Gave \$250. College Scholarships to a boy and a girl in our local school.

Cushing: Paid for the large US Map to be repainted on the cement outside of the gym.

Edmond Evening: Sponsored the Mobile Health Unit so the UCO Student Nurses could fulfill a service project before graduation.

Harrah: Donated \$520 to Harrah High School Band for their trip to San Antonio, Texas.

Langston City: For the second consecutive year, along with the Foresters USA, sponsored tree adoption for the Coyle Elementary School Fourth Grade Class.

Midwest City: Donated to the Midwest City and Dell City Libraries. Donated to a local Rehabilitation Center. Sponsored a health screening for a local church. Attended a ground breaking for a new Veteran's Memorial.

Newcastle: Hosted the Mobile Health Screening unit on May 6 as a part of our recruiting new members. Had assistance from CC Marvin and Lion Mary Ainsworth, DG Robert McMasters, DGE Tom Cummings, 1st DGE Dawn Miller, 2nd DGE Jacque Mooney, plus some nursing students from OCCC.

OKC Capitol Hill: Had DG Robert McMasters induct our newest member and gave a scholarship to a student from Capitol Hill, U S Grant and Southeast High Schools.

Stillwater Noon: There were 3 requests for eyeglasses. Two pairs of eyeglasses were purchased at a cost of \$85 each. We continue to recycle eyeglasses to send to other nations for those in need.

Twenty-four members of Stillwater Noon Lions helped fill around 500 food sacks for elementary school children in need to provide them with lunches over the week-end. Noon Lions hosted a pancake fundraiser at Applebees Restaurant. to raise money for service projects.

Ink cartridges and cell phones and hearing aides continue to be recycled.

A scholarship will be awarded to a student from Lincoln Alternative School Academy who is enrolled in college for the coming year. The student is selected by the faculty for the scholarship. A program was presented by a speaker from Sunnybrook Christian Church about the programs they offer. The Executive Director of the Stillwater YMCA spoke to the club about their renovations and plans for new activities.

Stroud: Donated a refrigerator from our former Little League concession stand to the Davenport Girls softball. Some ladies from the Sac & Fox tribe presented a program they are using in schools for diabetes awareness



3-H Lions participating in the clean up efforts in Moore after the devastation from the May tornado. Thank you Lions for serving the community !!



Past International President Wing-Kun Tam and Lion Mike Webb spent the day working hard cleaning up debris in Moore.

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that have been accomplished.

A Big Thank you to the District Governors and Lions that I have had the privilege in working with. I have appreciated all of your hard work and support the past five years. A special thank you to Lion Renee for her assistance. This has been five years to remember in both Franny's and my Lions experience. We are truly grateful for our Lions involvement and wish the best for 1st VDG Dawn Miller as she takes the position of Secretary for the Lions .of Oklahoma.



Working hard in the tornado clean up, is a **Future Lion**, what a great example of the Lion Motto "We Serve"!- Thank you



Edwin Fair Community Mental Health Center Annual MayFest in Ponca City. The Ponca After 5 Lions hosted the Mobile Health Screening Unit at the MayFest on May 9th. Approximately 62 people were screened. The Pioneer Technology Center Nursing Students assisted people with screenings. As you can tell everyone had a great time. Thanks you to Ponca City After 5 Lions and to the Pioneer Technology Center for providing a great service to the community.

