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Council Chairman Corner

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As I write this article everyone is busy getting ready for the State Convention. We have Council Meetings, District Meetings, and Zone Meetings throughout the year but the Convention is the place that once a year we get to Celebrate Lionism on a State Wide Basis with our fellow Lions. By the time you read this our 2013 Convention will be history. I hope you were a part of that history, if not; make it a part of your 2014 calendar. Over the last month I have been privileged to watch and help Lions at work. We have been cleaning up parks and cities, we have taken care of the vision problems for a lot of people, we have cooked and delivered food for the homebound people who can't care for themselves, we have brightened the outlook of our fellow citizens, and the list goes on and on. Every Community has different needs and every Lions Club

works at supplying those needs.

I was a part of a group of Lions that visited a club who had decided to close its doors. The Vice Governor found out and immediately went into action. She asked for Lions to come help her help this Club. The Club saw from the outpouring of Lions who came to their meetings that they were "needed" in their town, District, and State. They now have new Officers, a new project, and a fresh outlook.

Make it a part of your clubs program to go on Club visits and show support for your fellow Lions. We will lose a lot fewer Clubs when they know they are an integral part of a Team. Ask your District Governor Team for the names of some clubs that need the most help from a visit or two.

One last thing.....invite someone to help you with a Lion project and then invite them to be a Lion.



2012-2013 LIONS STATE

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS!

191 Lions, presenters, and guests attended the 2012-2013 Lions State Convention, a Hugh success. Some 70 or more either participated or had a specific role in making this a wonderful convention.

The **awards** that were presented to well deserving Lions and Youth included: Youth speech contest-

What does "A WORLD OF SERVICE" mean to me, First place was awarded to Brianna Mckiernan from Lawton sponsored by the Anadarko Lions; Runner - up Stephanie Espolt from Kingfisher, sponsored by the Lomega Lions Club. The winner of the Adult speech contest - **How does "A WORLD OF SERVICE challenge my generation"** was Lion Linda Pope from Garber Lions Club.; Kyleigh Leverich Youth Peace Poster State winner, **Imagine Peace** from Cushing, sponsored by the Cushing Lions Club. **LIONS OF THE YEAR** were: Jay Hogan Dist. O, PDG Tony Dowell Dist K, Kristi Fields Dist L, Paul Babiak Dist A, CC Marvin Ainsworth Dist H.

District Governor Contest awards were earned by: Division I Wilson VanTine North Enid with 765 pts, Division II Tulsa Metro - McCullough Louis B. Lackey award with 875 pts, Division III Garber Paul McCrarey award 820 pts. The Dr. Eugene Briggs Visitation award

was a co award to Garber and North Enid each with 55 visitations. Bulletin awards were presented to North Enid Lions Club - PCC Ron Schultz and Stillwater Noon Lions Lion Troy Jenkins.

The Oklahoma Lions Humanitarian Service Award was presented to First National Bank of Wewoka, Oklahoma for all of their work in processing the money in Building the Foundation.

PDG Mike Elliott was the recipient of the Dr. Robert D. "Bob" McCullough Meritorious Service Award. Lion Scott Corson was awarded a progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship Honor. PID's Scott Storms and Pat Shurley presented PDG Ferrell Williamson District K, President Wayne A Madden Presidential Award. A Presidential Leadership was presented to Lion Sherry Keisman of Dist. 3-K.

Plaques were presented to outgoing officers; Governors 3-0 Larry Wibben, 3-K Billy Thompson, 3-L Wes Williams, 3-A Deane Wymer, CC Marvin Ainsworth, VCC Arlene Shore, and State Parliamentarian PDG Carobelle Carson. In Coming Officers for 2013-14 are: Governors 3-0 Elmer Enyart, 3-K Daryl Pults, 3-L Sue Thompson, 3-A Terry Woodruff and 3-H Tom Cummings, (Continue on page 8)

Passing of the Gavel 2012-2013 Council Chairman Marvin Ainsworth (right) officially passed the gavel to the up coming 2013-2014 Council Chairman Larry Wibben (left) during the Saturday evening banquet dinner at the 2013 state convention.



Remember Rudy, the Major League Hoosier from Left Field

Troy Jenkins Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation Executive Director

“Look, mister, there's two kinds of dumb. Uh, guy that gets naked and runs out in the snow and barks at the moon, and, uh, guy who does the same thing in my living room. First one don't matter, the second one you're kinda forced to deal with.”

Chelcie Ross as George in *Hoosiers*

I have been a movie buff my entire life. I love all genres of movies: foreign films, documentaries, comedies, silent films, etc. I love to watch horror movies with my wife, who fails to see the charm in a movie without blood and guts, or at the very least, explosions and car chases. She cannot (or will not) see the point in what she likes to refer to as “Oscar Winners.” Whether they actually won an award or not, she is referring to the type of films that are often character-driven, and might have a sad or ambiguous ending, that often rack up the hardware during awards season.

My love for film goes deep enough that at one point I was actually a double-major in film and professional writing with an eye toward a career as a screen-writer (or at the very least, a film critic). Common sense won out, however, and my goal of achieving actual employment after college led me to switch my major to advertising. Movies still mean a lot to me, though. Perhaps no genre more so than sports films. Sports films just get to me. It is not uncommon for me to get a lump in my throat and a little mist in my eyes during the closing scene of a sports movie (though this illustrates another great thing about movies in general – it's usually too dark for anybody else to notice).

I know I am not alone in this. How many of you “got something in your eye” when Rudy sacked the quarterback at the end of *Rudy*? Let's face it – it really is not a great movie. That does nothing to change the fact that I blubber like an infant every time I see Rudy running onto the field. I have seen *Remember the Titans* many, many times. This is a good movie, with many solid performances, but does get a little too Disney at points. Regardless, I am still sitting on the edge of my seat every time I watch the last play of the state championship game. It makes no difference that I know exactly what is going to happen. I will not even discuss my feelings about the original *Brian's Song*.

I think there are many elements that provide universal appeal to sports movies. They often embrace the underdog. More often than not, the heroes come from divergent backgrounds and are forced together by circumstances. In the end, everybody comes together as a team to achieve a goal, and while victory is not always the outcome (*Rocky*, *Cool Runnings*, and *Mystery, Alaska* to name just a few examples), the characters are better for the journey. Another common theme is the leader trying to shake up the status quo and buck convention. Whether it is Denzel Washington as Herman Boone in *Titans*, Gene Hackman as Norman Dale in *Hoosiers*, or even James Gammon as Manager Lou Brown in *Major League*, these leaders are often chastised, criticized, and ostracized for their radical thinking.

Perhaps no movie captures this spirit better than *Hoosiers*. Norman Dale is brought in from nowhere to lead a small-town basketball team in a community that revolves around high school basketball. Most of the townsfolk do not initially warm up to him; when he tries to change routine, it gets even worse. Norman has a run-in at his first practice with George, a local who feels like the team should just stick to their old ways, and takes exception when Norman tells him, in no uncertain terms, that that is not going to happen. This, of course, leads to the quote at the beginning of this article.

In some ways, this is a lot like life in the Oklahoma Lions. *ooHH* We are all coming together from different backgrounds, vocations, etc., to achieve a common goal: service to our communities. We are often looked at as underdogs, especially when it comes to getting the next generation involved and committed. And maybe most of all, “radical” ideas that stray from convention (not to mention the people that bring them) are often viewed as an affront to a way of life and an existing commitment to service. However, if these movies teach us anything, it is that sometimes that radical idea is exactly what it takes to get the team to bond and eventually reach new levels of success.

It is in this vein that we should consider the following ideas and principles: Leadership has nothing to do with titles. Just as the leaders in these movies are often somebody other than the coach, leadership can come from anywhere within our organization. Whether somebody has been a Lion for 50 years or two months, their ideas and enthusiasm are valuable, regardless of their position within the club. New ideas (new projects, new fundraisers, new thinking in general) should not be feared. A new idea that might seem radical should not be dismissed simply because it is different than what has been done in the past. For that matter, just because something was tried in the past and failed does not mean that it will not work now. Times change; we need to change with them.

Remember, Norman Dale took the Hickory Huskers (personal side note – what a great name for a team!) to the state championship. Herman Boone took the Titans to the state championship. While Rocky did not win the title, he took the champ the distance (and eventually beat him in the sequel, and ran on the beach with him in the next sequel; really a strange turn of events if you ask me). And Brian Piccolo became the starting fullback for the Bears before...well, never mind. To paraphrase the voice in *Field of Dreams*, “If you try it, they might come! And to paraphrase Kevin Costner in *Bull Durham*, I believe that as Lions, **We Serve!**”



Congratulations to First National Bank in Wewoka, recipients of the 2013 Oklahoma Lions Humanitarian Award! Through the efforts of the bank and PDG Greg Arbuckle thousands of dollars worth of Lions contributions to the Building the Foundation program are processed every year through free automatic withdrawals. Thanks, Lion Greg, and First National Bank, for all that you do! You Serve! (Left to Right) 3K Governor Billy Thompson, Greg Arbuckle, and PID Scott Storms



District 3-O	
Membership (current)	
Clubs	43
Members	1009
Leo Clubs	4

Welcome New Members

- Glenpool-Alice Shackelford; Eddie Shackelford
- Muskogee-Kelli Wood
- Muskogee County-Erin Parman; Mark Yantz
- Okmulgee-Blanche Evans
- Pryor-Robert Burgass; Paul Rogers
- Sapulpa-Carey Weddle
- Tulsa Downtown-Margaret LaPointe

UPCOMING EVENTS / PROJECTS

To list your club email upcoming events/projects to
lewib9355@aol.com

- Broken Arrow Garage Sale May, 2013
- Just Plane Fun June 1, 2013
- 3-O Cabinet Meeting June 22, 2013

“Congratulations on Completing”

- 10 years in service Joni M Thomas-Broken Arrow
- 10 years in service Joseph Francisco-Wyandotte
- 15 years in service Leonard Hardrick-Vinita
- 15 years in service Marjorie Younger-Muskogee
- 15 years in service Alan McKee-Tahlequah
- 35 years in service Jack Dugger-Wann
- 35 years in service Woodrow Wilson-Fairland
- 40 years in service George Weaver-Fairland
- 50 years in service Bill Polson-Welch

“HELP WANTED”

Openings for the following positions
Second Vice District Governor for 2013-2014-will train for position. Contact District Governor Elect Elmer by email: poppy_nanny_e@yahoo.com
Oklahoma Lions Boys ranch-Board Member for 2013-2016-Contact District Governor Larry email: lewib9355@aol.com or District Governor Elect Elmer email: poppy_nanny_e@yahoo.com.

Club Reports

Bartlesville Green Country: On 3/19/13, GCL hosted a Zone E meeting for six clubs in area: Wann, Tuxedo, Downtown, Limestone, Green Country, Dewey. Each club was represented and had a lively discussion facilitated by PCC Delbert King. March 30th, GCL held its annual Easter Egg Hunt at Oak Park, hiding a thousand eggs. Members have done this for many years. Election of officers was held April 2nd. Angie Tyler received the club excellence award for bringing in new members.

Bartlesville Tuxedo: Collected 1,951 eye-glasses, 39 cell phones, and a box of eye-glass lenses - The officers for next year were elected. The Club donated \$100 to Leaders Dogs for The Blind and are sponsoring an Eagle Scout Project for our park. Kerry Cox, Washington County Emergency Management Director, presented a very interesting talk on weather emergencies. He also gave handouts on how to deal with emergencies. The Club donated \$200 to support their efforts

Broken Arrow Evening: Volunteer as ushers at the BA Playhouse on April 14th. Purchased 1 pair of eyeglasses and provided 1 eye exam.

Chelsea: Club had a outstanding turn out for the Chicken and Noodle dinner Sunday, March 17th at the Seniors Center. 156 citizens braved the chilly weather to enjoy the meal prepared by members of Club and Center Ladies. Collected \$1105 from dinner. Mr. Kent Ryals from Vinita Lions attended. Collected glasses for recycling. Approved one eyeglass application. Donated \$500 to Chelsea 3A Academic Championship rings. Donated \$100 to Safenet Services of Claremore. Kerry Cox, Washington County Emergency Management Director, presented a very interesting talk on weather emergencies. He also gave handouts on how to deal with emergencies. The Club donated \$200 to support their efforts.

Fairland: Club voted to donate \$200 to the Fairland Little League to buy uniform shirts. Club donated \$200 to Fairland Little League Baseball to sponsor a team. Club recognized K. C. Jones, Fairland High School Senior Student of the Month for February 2013 for his Academic Excellence, Outstanding Leadership; and, Integrity of Character. Club organizing for its Annual “Dr. Bill Goodman Memorial” Golf Tournament to be held at Peoria Ridge Golf Course on Saturday, April 20.

Miami Noon: Purchased 3 pairs of eye glasses. Paid for high school girls to attend Girls State. Paid for high school boy to attend Boys State

Muskogee County: a photo of the staff and students from the Oklahoma School for the Blind Regional Braille Challenge 2013. Our club help sponsor the event



Okmulgee: held our fund raiser, pancake day on March 26. Great success. We were able to help 2 more adults with eye glasses. Some of our Lions helped with “Kids Day” at the County “Y”. We also have been donating time and work for Open Gate providing an evening meal to those who do not have enough. Michael Collins, who was chosen by the Queen of England to paint her dog “Muskett”, was one of our guest speakers. He donated a print of “Muskett” to our club for a fund raiser. You will be hearing more about this fund raiser in the near future.

Pawhuska: We met twice in March and voted on new officers both times and had a program from a lady in town that owns a floral business which is growing and she's recently moved to another location. She gave a very heartfelt and inspiring story about how she went into business for herself and her background. Our pancake day fundraiser is going to be April 6 at the Senior Citizens Center in Pawhuska.

Sapulpa: Purchased eyeglasses and exams. Donated \$100 to the Indian Nation Boy Scouts. Donated \$200 to the Creek County Literacy Program. Donated \$150 to the Creek County Red Cross. Working the Concession stand for the Sapulpa Soccer Schedule.



Welcome New Members

Joey Lansdale, Atoka Lions Club, Sponsor Eddie Brown
Jay L. Page, Atoka Lions Club, Sponsor Daniel J. Ramsey
David Gordon, Broken Bow Lions Club, Sponsor Oscar Wilkie
Janis L. Andrews, Durant Lions Club, Sponsor Betty Colclazier
Ben Jeffrey, Tishomingo Lions Club, Sponsor John Sikes

May Anniversary Spotlight Clubs

Ada-5/08/1919
 Muldrow-5/09/1985

Atoka-5/13/1940
 Wilburton-5/04/1922



Mark your calendar! Cabinet Meeting

June 1st 3K Cabinet Meeting,
 10:00 a.m., First United Methodist
 Church, Atoka

Broken Bow Lions (Left) Brad Roberts, Royce Meek, Vickie Pireatt, Jane Harmon, Rick Wilson (Standing L-R) John Miller, DG Billy Thompson, David Gordon, six of the top 10% of Senior Class, Misty Bible, Oscar Wikle, Ron Neal



Healdton Lions (Left) (L-R) Al Schneider, Wilber Hammack, Greg Favorite, Dr. Mark Newey, Tom McNeill., Ruth McNeill. **Idabel Lions (Right)** Anniversary Chevrons and International President's letters of appreciation were presented to Dr. Gary Dennington (25 yrs.), Ray Whitmore (30 yrs.), Ed Fulmer (35 yrs.), and Bob Lawson (40 yrs.). Special recognition was given in memory of Lion James Hodge for his 50 years of dedicated service to Lions. Honored Idabel Lion of the Year Lion Kelli Lehr. (L-R) Richard Cook; Wendell Proctor; Bob Lawson; 1st VDGE Don Shaw; John Ginn; Steve Dollarhide; Ted Brewer; Ray Whitmore; Kelli Lehr; Walt Frey; Club President Nathan Fulmer holding Tessa; Ed Fulmer; Aletha Morris; Andy Post; Gary Dennington; Tina Thomas; Jerry Cunningham



Purcell Lions (Left) honored Lion Glenn Meed He received a 35 year anniversary chevron and letter of appreciation from International President Wayne Madden (L-R) Bill Buchanan, Ted Cox, Jesse Bain, Ron Davis, Bill Lester, Glenn Meed, Neil McElderry, Kelly Nemecek, Than Maynard, Colt Hazel, Sharon McGee, Patty Johnson, Greg Wayland, Colby Christian. **Pauls Valley Lions (Right Center)** (Front) Dottie Willis (Second Row) Lance Lewis, Erin Creech, Bruce Ladue, Jeff Paine (Third Row) Angel Quinonez, Jason Selman, James Frizell, Mitch McGill, **Marietta Lions (Right Center)** (L-R) Willis Choate, John Yeatts, David Brown, Dr. Stephen Hutchins, tami Greene (front and center), Daren Flanagan (tallest in the back), Al Schneider, Andrea Locke, Nic McMullin, Dottie Gwin, Stephanie Colston, Joe Neely, and Rodd Davis **Talihina Lions (Far Right)** (Seated) Don and Brenda Adams (Second Row L-R) Sally Ventris, Darlene Edington, Lyndon Lamb (Third Row) DG Billy Thompson, Leona Duncan, Don Faulkner, Bill Deegan, Ken Steel.

Club Reports

Ardmore Lions selling Really Big Coloring Books; Honored students of the month; Held annual "Friends of Lions" garage sale.

Atoka Lions sponsored Carson and Barnes Circus as fundraiser for local projects; Served food at the Atoka County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show; Donated \$5 to each exhibitor.

Broken Bow honored senior students in the "top 10%" of their class; Working on their fundraising golf tournament.

Durant Lions Delivered meals on March 25th – 28th; Five Lions delivered 23 meals per day for a total of 92 meals.

Hugo Lions awarded 10 scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to students from every high school in Choctaw County; Second annual Greens Keeper's Revenge Scholarship Golf Tournament Saturday, June 8th.

Lindsay Lions Delivered used glasses, hearing aids, telephones, small and large cartridges to state office; Purchased a pair of eyeglasses for a person in need; Made a donation to the Boys Ranch; Donated \$150 to Relay for Life; Held a bake sale to benefit Relay for Life; Awarded two scholarships to Lindsay High School Seniors; Have begun their annual fundraiser for the Senior Citizen's Bus; Lindsay Lions Club raises money each year to provide free rides for seniors.

Marietta Lions preparing for their summer baseball season registration. Last year over 300 local children participated.

Pauls Valley Lions president Jim Frizell took an icy dive in the 2013 Polar Plunge benefiting Special Olympics; The club sold fresh cooked hamburgers at the event; They hosted a visit from Guiding Lion Tony Dowell, PDG Cloye, and DG Billy Thompson.

Pocola Lions working on their Community Calendar fundraiser; Hosting MHSU on Oct. 19th. Honored Pocola Lion of the Year (Wanda) Jo Hayes. Congratulations!

Poteau Evening Lions Club voted to pay the tuition for a high school boy to attend Boys State.

Seminole Lions auction will be April 23rd, honored April & May students of the month; April 24th was collection day for White Cane at the Post office.

Talihina Lions sponsoring Mobile Health Screening Unit May 4th, 22nd Annual Fishing Derby will be held June 1st.

Wilburton Lions 250 – 300 attended their "Alumni Pancake Breakfast" for White Cane; Bought 3 sets of eyeglasses; Club members served BBQ/soft drinks at County Livestock Premium Sale; donated \$350 to school art show; donated \$250 to sponsor Green Frog Festival activities.



Greeting and hello fellow Lions of District 3L:

I believe congratulations are in order to those newly elected club and district officers Perhaps to their chagrin. Nevertheless we appreciate your commitment and courage in agreeing to serve both your club and local community for the year 2012-2013.

Now for the essential yet mundane requirement such as reporting newly elected officers information to both the state and international office of Lions clubs this must be accomplished in a timely manner.

From The Governors Desk



We are still not receiving most of the club's activity reports, please cc me a copy of your activity reports that you post in LCI.

My email address is: johnwilliams5920@sbcglobal.net

FYI: You may also contact District Governor through a link in NE Online club's web address. www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/lawtonbranchok/

Club Reports

Anadarko Lions holding an "AFTER PROM" event on May 18, 2013 from 12 (midnight) to 3:00 am. at Indian City Lanes. Activities to include wall climbing, laser tag, bowling and lots of door prizes. This event has been sponsored by the club for the past few years to help promote a safe and sane after graduation celebration.

Chickasha: Rock and Roll Review, played for College Heights Baptist Church Social

Frederick: Provided eye exams and glasses to 4 needy recipients in Frederick and Tipton



3-L 1VDGE Kristi Fields congratulating State Speech Winner Brianna McKiernan and family at State Convention

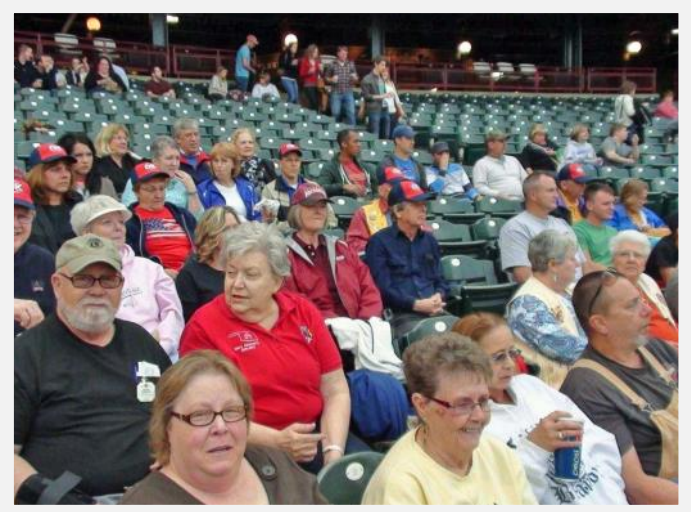
Lawton Noon: Received Friends of Education award from the Lawton Public Schools in recognition of their support for the Elementary PTA Grants, scholarships for District Seniors and continuous sponsoring of Lions Speech contest. Helping sponsor the Oklahoma Dental Foundation van at the "Stand Down Day" for homeless veterans to be held in Lawton on May 17th.

Lawton N.E. On-Line Club: Members participated in the Special Olympics held on April 2, 2013. Lion Gary Wise gave opening prayer.

Lawton North East: Members NE and Online Club will join together for White Cane April 20, 2013. Both clubs will be participating in planting a tree at Cameron University in honor of Earth Day, April 22, 2013

Mangum: Promoted International Lions campaign "Diabetes Alert Day" through advertising on KTJS radio's "What's Happening in Greer County, and press releases in the two local newspapers. Club Secretary Judy Forehand took part in webinar to help prepare for this activity.

Waurika: Lunch provided to receive donations to give to the Waurika Senior Center.



How many Lions do you see? Lions attending a RedHaws baseball game at the Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark as part of Friday evening convention activities. Everyone had such a fun time!!



Past International Directors attending the 2013 State Convention (Left to Right) George Hazelbaker, Pat Shurley, and Hal Long



GREETINGS FELLOW 3-A LIONS:

PIONEER PLEASANT VALE LIONS is making plans for their 35th Anniversary, the date set is May 18, 2013. They will have their Annual Pancake Supper on April 3, 2013. They have honored 2 Pleasant Vale elementary Cubbies, Karsyn Stone and Kevin Noel, who with their parents were invited to a March dinner meeting. Eight members participated in the White Cane collection held with the Garfield County Lions Clubs and purchased eye glass lens for a needy college student. They donated \$50 to MAGB for elderly medical transportation. The officers selected for the 2013-2014 years are President, Kathleen Long; 1st VP Frances Rodriguez; Secretary Karl Youngers; Treasurer Mike Clifton; Membership Chairman Jack Wicker.

LOMEGA LIONS welcomed the DG and DS to an official visit on March 6, 2013. The members were honored with the District winning speech repeated by Stephanie Espolt, who will now present it at the Lions State Convention on April 26 -27. She received an engraved silver tray from the District Governor for her 1st place selection. The Club stuffed \$500 into Easter Eggs for the children's hunt to be held on the Saturday before Easter

NEWKIRK LIONS met on March 7, 2013, and welcomed the DG and DS for an official visit. The Governor was invited to install their newest member, Lion Michael Kelough, a young Math/Science teacher at the Newkirk School. Lion Michael was not only familiar with the Lions, but had visited the Lions Boys Ranch and has a passion to serve. They now have 31 members!

OKARCHÉ LIONS welcomed one new Lions Club member, but dropped Ralph Wilcutt, who had passed away. Their membership remains at 65. The Club donated \$330 to St John's Church in memory of Lion Ralph. They have also donated to Girls State, \$100 club

VICI LIONS has 32 members and welcomed the DG and DS on Thursday, March 3, 2013. One ex-officio person who is always available to serve, attended the meeting. The Club provides food as a fund raiser for the Cub Scout's "Pinewood Derby" held on March 21. The Lions have had a "Calf & Fish Fry" for 300 to 500 Vici Alumni on Easter week-end as another fund-raiser. On May 1 the Lions will have their special "Trail of Dreams" for 10 to 12 years old cancer children including their nurses, doctors and families. They will have breakfast cooked out, followed by a Trail Ride with horses and wagons along the river bed. There will be 6 to 8 covered wagons and horses available of riding for the children. They will camp out in tents prepared by the National Guard. Additional Lions Clubs from Seiling, Alva, Jet, and Nash have always helped in years past. They have had as many as 60 children in past years.

GARBER LIONS had 2 Lions attend Officers training and two also attended the Lions Boys Ranch meeting. The Club made a \$200 Boy's Ranch donation in memory of Billy Bishop and Irene Logan, of which \$100 was a match from the Governor. Donations for the Easter Egg Hunt of \$100 was made and \$175 was for a student to attend Boy's State. The Governor honored Lions Eldon Hugaboom, Frank Meade and Debbie Meade for their 10 years of Lions service and Lion Elmo Castle was honored for 45 years of Lions service. The Meads' will transfer their Lions membership as they get situated in their new jobs.

PONCA CITY NOON LIONS will be having a membership drive during the months of March and April. They have started March with 93 members. The membership cost will be reduced for new members joining in either month at a savings of \$50 on the initiation fee. On March the fourth the Lions Vision Group will meet at 10:00 a.m. They are preparing for the city Health Fair planned for March 26. Student nurses from NOC and NHSU will help conduct

the testing. Lion Dr. Jim Kelly will lead the Child Sight Testing and will need volunteers to assist. On Saturday, March 23, the Lions will present the Les Gillism Concert to be held at the Ponca Theater. March starts the search for Officers for next year, nominations and elections will be held in April. **GUYMON LIONS** invited the Girl Scouts Troop Leaders to present the Clubs March 5 meeting, assisted by the 5085 Junior Girl Scouts. Reports were presented for the Kindergarten Daisy Girl Scouts as well. On February 24 and 25 the Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit screened 75 people and have been asked by Elder Care to invite the Unit back for September 20th, a Friday. Although the Unit is not wheelchair accessible, some tests can be taken to the patron. There will be an Educator's Night Program at the 19th meeting. Past DG Chris installed two new members, Lion Tera Hancock and Lion Orene Wright. PDG PCC GMT Lion Charles read the Letter of Recommendation and announced the Melvin Jones Fellowship to be awarded to Lion Harold Reardon. Lion Harold presented the Train Report - the train bed has been moved and wood ties have been obtained to add 125' of track. Lion John is planting grass at the train turn-around and needs help in leveling and moving dirt. The Club reminds all that Goodwell Lions Pancake Supper is to be held March 7th at 8 pm in the Goodwell School Cafeteria.

NORTH ENID LIONS held their annual fund raiser Pancake Supper and Auction on March 16th at the Chisholm Middle School. Although there was no amounts reported, all foods served were by donations. This normally is their major fund-raiser. March is Eye Donor Awareness Month. The Club invites all Lions to go to www.lifeshareoklahoma.org where all our questions and how to become a donor are answered. Our Oklahoma Eye Bank relies on each of us for our support now and in the future. Recently, Jessy Dershem, Director of Enid's Oklahoma Blood Institute, presented a Lions program about donating blood. We know you will feel good about saving lives, but we also want you to feel good while you donate! Thank you to our own President, Lion Joe Chandler, for stepping up and agreeing to become our DG 3-A Governor in 3 years. Our Club has been honored by the selection of Lion Marshall Ward as the District 3-A Rookie of the Year! Lions are considered "Rookies" with less than 5 years as a Lion. Collections of eye-glasses are still a mainstay of North Enid Lions having collected 1,865 pair, plus an additional 215 lens during the year 2012.

LAVERNE LIONS members, Lions Terri, Ryan, Rebecca, Merle, Randy, Bryan and Barbara helped with the Livestock Show the evening of March 5th. Their Centennial Celebration happens the month of March. The Club has a 2 year commitment to clean up, 4 times a year, the highway trash entering the City limits. A speaker from OKDOT addressed the members re safety and proper attire when providing these services. A-Field Supply will provide the gloves necessary for the pick-ups, ODOT will supply the vests and bags. The kick-off will be in conjunction with the City-Wide Clean-Up. On April 10th, the Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit has been scheduled. April 24th is scheduled as the day the Governor will make an official visit and the "Peace Poster" winner, Cassandra Arredondo along with her teacher, Mrs. O'Neil, have been invited to attend.

FAIRVIEW LIONS members, Lion Darrel Jantz and Lion Carl Bartel, received the Fairview Chamber of Commerce's "Volunteer of the Year" award at the Taste of Fairview's annual event. These two pancake flippers assisted the Masonic Lodge on March 2th, with the fundraiser for Hospice. Also, assisting were Lion Joe Houk, Lion Roger Knak, Lion Linda Knak and Lion Deane Wymer with this Pancake/Sausage Supper and Auction. The Lions have initiated the honoring of a "Student of the Week", at their weekly luncheon meeting, thanks to Lion Principal Brian Hamer and Lion Superintendent Rocky Burchfield. Lion Wes Eitzen sponsored a new member, Lion Drew Baker, an Officer with the Fairview Police Department.

HOOKER LIONS has finally received their reinstatement, and they have a second beginning with some changes of line-officers. Again, with thanks to Guymon Lions GMT Charles Michael for his diligence in making sure their "t's" were crossed and their "i's" dotted. A "Tip of a Lions Cap" to Lion Charles!

Have a good Lion's day, a better Lion's week, the best Lion's month ever, an exceptional Lion's Year and a wonderful Lion's Life!



Robert's Remarks

THIRD QUARTER REVIEW

We have competed 3/4ths of our Lions Year. The Goals for the District recommended by the District Governors team were:

New Members from Existing Clubs: 115

Chartered New Clubs: Three, with 75 Charter Members and only 67 Dropped Members.

Instead, we have not Chartered any New Clubs, so we are short 75 new members.

On March 31, 2013 our District had: New Members: 55, or short by 60

Dropped Members: 81 or 14 over goal. March 31, 2013 Membership Total: 854.

NEW MEMBERS

Harrah: Jason M. Marshall, 4/13 by Ray Kerchee

DEATHS

Edmond Evening: Arnold Courts, 3/24/13

Norman Sooner: Bill S. Tadlock, 3/6/13

OKC Belle Isle: Diane Bresin, 3/1/13

OKC Northwest: Alvin Chappell, 3/28/13

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 4, 2013: Norman Sooner, 10 Mile Ride for Sight; Registration at 8 AM, Ride starts at 9:00 am. West Parking Lot, Norman High School

May 18, 2013: Cashion LC 50th Anniversary, Cashion School Cafeteria, \$17.50 per person.

CLUB NEWS

Cashion: The Cashion Lions Club 50th Anniversary will be celebrated May 18th, 6:30 pm, at the Cashion Public School Cafeteria. PID Pat Shurley is Guest Speaker. Catering by "The End of Main"; with 4 meats, 3 vegetables, full salad bar, 2 deserts, tea & coffee for \$17.50 per person. Reservation deadline is Friday, May 10, 2013. You can make reservations with Russ Adams at 405-433-2675, or email at russ@mysscsb.com or by mail to: Russ Adams, Treasurer, Cashion Lions Club, PO Box 45, Cashion, OK 73016.

MIDWEST CITY: MWC Lions donated 375 pairs of eyeglasses, 15 cell phones in April. Donated \$200 for Youth Kids Golf Challenge, \$150 to the Elks Club pancake Supper, \$200 to MWC Library & \$200 to the Del City Library for the Reading Action Program; and \$500 to the Raelene Meacham Center Rehab Center. Lions Jacque Mooney, Ramon Valdez and Gayle Cochran made an "Official Visit" to the West Side Lions Club. Seven MWC Lions volunteered for the Youth Golf Skills Challenge on April 6th.

President of the Midwest City Lions Club, Jacque Mooney, and Midwest City Mayor, Jack Fry, are all smiles after the Lions Club provided 6 volunteers to help in the Youth Golf Skills Challenge in Midwest City. The event was held on 6 April at the Hidden Creek Golf Course and was a tremendous success.

After the event all contestants, their families and volunteers went to the Elks Lodge in Midwest City where approximately 200 people dined on complimentary hamburgers and hot dogs. Mayor Fry assisted in the awarding of plaques to the winners and the Sponsors.

Midwest City Lions Club provided \$200 to the event and most importantly the 6 volunteers who provided services at Measuring, Score-keeping, Picture Taking and assisting the Committee Chairman in the overall running of the event.

NORMAN SOONER: The Norman Sooner Lions Club will hold a Ride for Sight on May 4, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. The ride will begin at the West Parking Lot of Norman High School. The ride will be 10 miles through Norman and the OU campus. This is a bike ride for the whole family to enjoy. The entry fees are \$25 per person and \$40 per family.

Participants will receive a Ride for Sight Tee Shirt, Goody Bag, coffee, juice, doughnuts, and at the halfway rest stop oranges, bananas, cookies, and water will be provided for the riders.

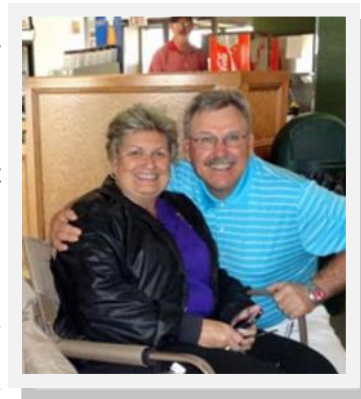
STILLWATER NOON: There were 2 requests for eyeglasses.

Two pairs of eyeglasses were purchased at a cost of \$85.00 each. We continue to recycle eyeglasses to send to other nations for those in need. Also recycle ink cartridges, cell phones and hearing aides.

Members of Stillwater Noon Lions participated in a Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch workday this month. Some club members also participated in a golf tournament to benefit the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch.

A "student of the week" from Lincoln Academy alternative school, along with a faculty member, have been guests of the club each week in April. In addition, two students from Stillwater High School have been honored by the club as students of the month.

A program was presented by "the voice of the Cowboys," radio broadcast of OSU athletic events. A speaker discussed his adventures while gold mining in Alaska. The Stillwater Superintendent of Schools spoke to the club about plans to expand the Stillwater High School campus to provide for tennis courts and other activities.



Congratulations to our 2013 Peace Poster Contest Winner Kyleigh Leverich. Kyleigh was named this year's winner at the 2013 State Convention. (Left to Right) 3-H DGE Tom Cummings, CC Marvin Ainsworth, Kyleigh and father, Kyleigh and Past International Director Scott Storms

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Council Chair 3-O Larry Wibben, VCC 3-L Lora Blanton, State Parliamentarian 3-A PDG Arlene Shore. State Secretary 1st VDGE Dawn Miller and State Treasurer PDG Mike Banks.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE Convention Committee, convention presenters, and all Lions who worked so hard to make this one of the BEST CONVENTIONS in recent years!

You are all appreciated so much. Lions if you missed the convention, you missed two full days of activity, laughter, fellowship and education. It was my pleasure to serve as your Convention Chair.-VCC Arlene Shore Garber Lions Club



State Secretary Virginia Rodriguez and PDG Franny Rodriguez attending the 2013 State Convention. State Secretary Virginia will be retiring as secretary June 30th of this year. 1st VDGE Dawn Miller has been selected as Virginia's replacement. Virginia has served as State Secretary from 2007-2013. A special Thank-you is extended to Virginia for so many years of dedication and service as State Secretary. Another heart felt thank-you is also extended to Franny for all his time and volunteer work at the state office; from clean up, building maintenance and office errands just to name a few of the many task that he does. Your faces will be truly missed here at the state office.

‘PASSPORT VISITATION’S – STATE PROJECTS

The day before the Oklahoma Lions State convention there were Lions from across the state that participated in the “Passport” visitation. A day of touring our Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch, Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank, Oklahoma Lions State Office and the Mobile Health Screening Unit.

Lions and guests from Guymon, Ponca City, Lawton, Broken Arrow, Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Altus, Vinita, Elk City, Cushing, Garber, Guthrie and Enid made the tours.

This was such a **HUGH** success that we will be perusing this again in the near future. Thank You to all that attended this event. District 3-A Global Leadership Chairperson Lion Harold Shore.