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## Disaster Relief Update

By Troy Jenkins

As all of you know, the tornadoes that came through Oklahoma in late May wreaked havoc and left in their wake a path of devastation that resulted in nearly 50 deaths. In addition, thousands of people lost their homes, pets, belongings, etc. While it will take a great deal of time to recover, Oklahomans, like they always do, will remain strong and work together to rebuild and overcome.

The Lions of Oklahoma, in the spirit of Lions Clubs International's mission of providing disaster relief, have been involved since the storms first hit, providing immediate relief and support, and are working with other agencies to continue support and plan for rebuilding. What follows is an overview of the efforts we provided.

In the wake of the first storms (May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>), (then) DG Robert McMasters solicited and received an Emergency Grant from LCIF for \$10,000 for affected areas in District 3-H. The 3-H Disaster Relief Committee started working with Lions in Carney to provide relief in that area, and started making contacts in other areas affected, including Fallis (Wellston), Little Axe, and Moore. As the damage in Moore was so severe, volunteer agencies were kept at a distance at first to allow rescue workers to search, unimpeded, for survivors. Since the nation was so intensely focused on Moore, the Lions chose to keep the smaller communities at the center of our efforts over the first week.

Working with the Carney Lions, led by Lion Joni Nettles, the 3-H committee set up the Mobile Health Screening Unit (MHSU) as a Mobile Command Center. The MHSU stayed in Carney for two days (though the Carney Lions continued to provide support in the community), and provided vouchers to families in need. In addition, donated items were distributed, and lunch was purchased and delivered to the families working on their homes on the last day there. With the LCIF funds restricted to a limited list of immediate need items (e.g. food, clothing, medications, etc.), the committee elected to use 3-H Disaster Funds to help in other ways, including providing gas to those affected by the storms to allow them to afford travel to larger cities so they could shop for groceries, find temporary lodging in motels, etc.

The following week (starting on Memorial Day) the MHSU was moved to the Wal-Mart on 19<sup>th</sup> and Telephone Road in Moore. At the same time, the Norman Lions (led by Lion Brad Hawkins) led the charge in the Little Axe area, setting up a station at the Multi-Agency Response Center (MARC) in Little Axe Elementary. At both locations, many families affected by the storms were provided with vouchers to help them purchase immediate need items. The MHSU stayed at the Wal-Mart location for four days, after which the Lions moved into the MARC at Westmoore High School in Moore, where we stayed for approximately another week.

In addition to the Emergency Disaster Grant provided to 3-H, LCIF also awarded the Oklahoma Lions \$100,000 in a Major Catastrophe Grant, and for the first time, allowed potential donors to direct funds to a specific relief effort. In the support of the efforts of the Oklahoma Lions, (then) LCIF Chair and Immediate Past International President Wing-Kun Tam came to Oklahoma to see first-hand the carnage of the storms and how we were responding. While here, Dr. Tam visited Moore, Carney, and Little Axe, and lent a hand cleaning debris from a home in Moore, working alongside Lions from throughout the state while doing it. Dr. Tam also got to witness some severe storms, but left town the morning of May 31<sup>st</sup>, missing the storms that led to another \$10,000 LCIF Emergency Grant for 3-L, requested by (then) DG Wes Williams to help in the El Reno and Union City areas.

Dr. Tam was not the only Lion from outside the state to lend a hand. We had calls of support, and donations, from Lions throughout the nation and the world. Lion Catina Hood from Ridgecrest, CA drove a truck of donated items to us, and earned her true "Okie" badge by surviving the second wave of storms. Some of Lion Catina's supplies went to Little Axe, while all of the clothes she brought went to the Salvation Army in Oklahoma City. In addition, Lion Marie Messina and her daughter, Lion Jaime Goodrich, led the Chester (NJ) Lions in getting roughly 15 pallets of donated items delivered to us. Lion Jeff Williams from the Metairie Delta (LA) club led similar efforts that resulted in seven more pallets of donated items. All of these donations were used in the Lions of Oklahoma's "Free Shopping Day" on July 13<sup>th</sup>. A number of Lions from throughout the state helped unload, sort, set up, and work the event. 73 families came through to pick up needed items such as food, household goods, personal products, clothes, and more. We went through about 15 – 17 pallets during this event; the remainder of the food was picked up by the Regional Food Bank, and the remainder of the clothing was picked up by the City Rescue Mission.

The Lions of Oklahoma have really stepped up in response to these storms. To date, we have helped over 200 families financially, as well as food, clothing, and other supplies. Yet there is still much to do. At this point, the donations from LCIF, in addition to the initial Major Catastrophe grant, total more than \$400,000. The State Alert (Disaster Relief) Committee needs to determine the best way to use these funds as we focus on rebuilding efforts and long-term recovery. Perhaps even more importantly, we must take the lessons learned from this disaster to ensure we are prepared in the best manner possible to deal with future disasters. We will use this information to strengthen our Alert Committee and formulate a solid plan for Readiness, Response, and Recovery.

***Lions of Oklahoma continue to do what we do best – serve our community!***

# Disaster Relief –Lions at Work



Path of destruction in Carney.



Lion Chris Dyer's crew working on a shed in South Oklahoma City.



A house in Fallis (north of Wellston), being burned since it is beyond repair. This house belongs to the brother of District 44-N 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Melody Whitcher of New Hampshire.



Lions working cleanup in Moore with Dr. Tam. Pictured from left: Cloye Thompson, Stephanie Pettet's son-in-law, Alwin Ning, Richard Schiver, and Stephanie Pettett



Dr. Tam visits Carney. Pictured (from left): Lions Troy Jenkins, Debi Reed, Larry Dimick, Joni Nettles, Joe Simon, Dr. Tam, Marvin Ainsworth, and George Hazelbaker.



Lions working at the MARC in Moore. Lions pictured (from left): Mary Ainsworth, Dawn Miller, Jacque Mooney, Marvin Ainsworth, and Catina Hood



Free Shopping Day, July 13<sup>th</sup>. Lions pictured (from left): Linda Webb, Marvin Ainsworth, Phil Hendrick, Sheila Stone, Doug Vaughan, Lisa Dickson



This is the Alert Team working from the MHSU in Moore with Dr. Tam. From left: Joyce (Dr. Tam's Assistant), Dr. Tam, Pam Wright, Jacque Mooney, Marvin Ainsworth (seated), and Troy Jenkins.



Destruction in Moore



# Saddle Up



Troy Jenkins, Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation Executive Director

***“If you want to be successful, it’s just this simple. Know what you are doing. Love what you are doing. And believe in what you are doing.”***

Will Rogers – Oklahoman, Humorist, and Cowboy

It is that time of year again! The summer heat is upon us. Families are taking vacations. Many of us are gearing up for the upcoming football season. Perhaps most important for the Lions of Oklahoma, it is time for **Cowboy Cadillac!** The drawing is set for November 23 (the last Saturday before Thanksgiving), and will be held at James Hodge Ford Lincoln in Muskogee. The James Hodge Motor Group will be working with us this year in memory of 50-year Lion James Hodge from the Idabel Lions Club.

**Cowboy Cadillac** is the single biggest fundraiser for the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation in its support of the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch and the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank. In years past, this project brought in well over \$100,000; we can still reach these heights, but need your support to make it happen!

As Will Rogers said, you need to know what you are doing, love what you are doing, and believe in what you are doing to be successful. One part Will left out, though, was the importance of the doing it-self! It is so important that all of the Lions in Oklahoma aid in the effort. If every Lion set the goal to sell (or buy) just three (3) books of tickets, we would raise over \$135,000. With that said, Will’s other points are right on target.

Do you know what you are doing? There was some confusion last year with some of the changes made in an effort to make life easier for the ticket sellers. We instituted a new system to allow you to avoid filling out each and every ticket. Tracking sheets were sent out that would allow each seller to list the buyer’s information, including the starting and ending ticket number. Many Lions thought we were just micro-managing, and that this was required in addition to filling out the tickets. This is not the case – you can do one or the other. If you are more comfortable filling out each ticket, please feel free to continue to do so. If you would like to save time, use the tracking sheet. Regardless of which method you use, we would like to know the total number of tickets sold (not books sold) and the total funds raised by each Lion to help us ensure the proper credit is given to the clubs and the individual Lions.

Do you love what you are doing? We know that not everybody enjoys fundraising, especially if it involves selling. Try not to look at it as a chore; look at it as an enjoyable opportunity to get in front of your community to spread the word about what we do as Lions. When you talk to potential ticket buyers, let them know about your club and what you do in your local community! Let them know how much fun you have in your various service projects! Let them know about our Oklahoma Lions State Projects and about what Lions do throughout the world! Have information available to hand out to potential members, including when and where you meet. If you view this as an opportunity to have fun and spread the word of Lionism, not only will you have success in raising funds, you might also have success in recruiting new members!

Do you believe in what you are doing? Do you believe in supporting the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch, where we have helped so many young men overcome their histories of abuse and neglect? Do you believe in expanding the service we offer at the Boys Ranch, with the

addition of the Family Care Community and the Independent Living Facility? Do you believe in spreading our service to more children, including girls and sibling groups?

Do you believe in what you are doing? Do you believe in the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank, where our efforts lead to the restoration of sight? Do you believe in helping fund a new facility, which will enable the fantastic group at the Eye Bank to avoid the flooding, leaking roof, and other problems associated with our current 60-year-old building? Do you believe in working to support the vision of Lions Clubs International, who for nearly 100 years has focused on preventing blindness, restoring eyesight, and improving eye health?

Hopefully, the answer to all of these questions is a resounding “Yes!” Hopefully, armed with the knowledge, the love, and the belief of what we do as Lions, you will be geared up to go out there and **Do!** The tickets for Cowboy Cadillac should be available by the time you read this article. Please lend a hand to support these efforts. Hopefully, everybody jumps on board! Hopefully, all of the Lions in Oklahoma can say, proudly and loudly, **“We Serve!”**



Congratulations to the following Clubs for their outstanding contributions to this year’s **White Cane** campaign:

**Top Selling Club in Oklahoma/3-O**  
Tulsa Downtown Lions—\$3,000

**Top Selling Club in 3-K**  
Seminole Lions—\$2,500

**Top Selling Club in 3-L**  
(Tie) Altus Lions and Lawton Noon Lions—\$1,000

**Top Selling Club in 3-A**  
Ponca City Noon Lions—\$1,588.74

**Top Selling Club in 3-H**  
OKC Northwest Lions—\$1,235

**Honorable Mention (these clubs all met their fundraising goals based on club-size):**

Ardmore Lions, Atoka Lions, Bartlesville Limestone Lions, Bartlesville Tuxedo Lions, Blanchard Lions, Chelsea Lions, Davenport Lions, Edmond Lions, Guymon Lions, Muskogee Lions, North Enid Lions, Pawnee Lions, Pocola Lions, Prague Lions, Stillwater Noon Lions, and Wakita Lions

**Thanks to all of the clubs that participated! The big winners are the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch and the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank!**

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## District 3-O

Governor  
Elmer Enyart



District 3-O Lions help "move the plane" for Green Country Campfire benefit on June 1 in Tulsa

### Hello Fellow Lions of District 3-O

Trudy and I are looking forward to this upcoming year and are excited to get to meet new people. This year we are going to "dare to dream". One of my personal dreams is to see this wonderful country of ours cleaned up and I know we can do that one home town at a time. We need to make sure our towns are safe for our children. I am trying to get a lot of information together so I can get this 2013-2014 show on the road. I am fired up and excited to get to see all of you and your clubs again but, I need you to let me know when, where and what time of the day your club meets so I can contact you to set up a date for an official visit. I am looking forward to this year and MY home club becoming more involved with the overall good of being a Lion. "We Serve" has been proven once again this summer in Moore, OK and other surrounding towns. As Lions we were out in force and this year we are going to become even more involved with serving people in need. We want to help people to continue to "Dare to Dream" and we also want to be able to share our dreams with one another and either start making them come true or see them completed.

Please note that we got Honorable mention for the Spirit Award. Your clubs can be proud. The district certainly is. I want to thank all those who helped at the Table especially Doug King, Louis Davis, Dennis Sagely and his daughter. We had a number of Lions come out and cheer us on which I believe helped us in the Spirit Award competition. Also I met several people who complimented us on our Service of which they knew. It was a great day to be a Lion, I hope you had a great experience, I certainly did. Joe Shveima Proud Captain of a Great Team !!!

### Club Reports:

**Bartlesville Downtown:** Special Olympics, Dewey, Club was able to provide 10 members plus 7 family members to man the North track for the 25 and 50 meter races. Provided a pancake supper for Bridges. Sent \$200 to the Lions Boys Ranch golf tournament to sponsor two holes. Other donations: Lions District 3-O Just Plane Fun \$125; Professional Optical \$57.50; Adlib Singers \$50; and The Rock Ministries \$500. Inducted new member Charles (Denny) McBroom, sponsored by William Wilson. President Joe Shveima told Lions Clubs International about the "Just Plane Fun" fundraiser event on

June 1st and they have indicated that they will feature the event in the LION Magazine. Contributed \$500 to the Moore Disaster Relief fund. Donated \$100 to Morton Clinic for medical furniture. Just Plane Fun event will be publicized in the publicized in the Lions magazine.

**Bartlesville Green Country:** Awarded a \$4,000 scholarship to local graduate. Several members visited local clubs; donated \$250 to Carney Lions disaster fund; mowed park/playground at Oak Park; participated in Just Plane Fun - which was fun; PCC Delbert King installed 2013-2014 officers. Several members helping out at the OK Mozart Festival, the club was treated to a Cherokee Hog Fry cooked by David Wooddell. Assisted Dewey Lions with July 4th concession.

**Bartlesville Tuxedo:** Donated \$500 of our pancake breakfast proceeds to the White Cane Fund and we donated \$200 to the Bartlesville Baseball and Softball Association. Pledged \$1,000 in support of local eye health screenings to be conducted at the daycares in Bartlesville.

**Broken Arrow Evening:** Recycled 90 pairs of eyeglasses. Approved a \$200 donation to Special Olympics.

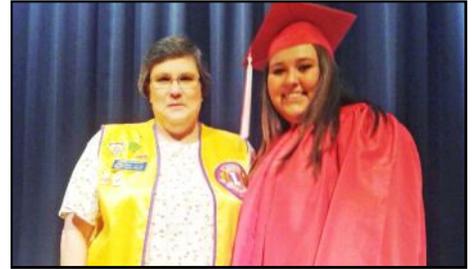
**Broken Arrow Noon:** 6 members participated in cleaning the mile between 81<sup>st</sup> & 91<sup>st</sup> on Aspen Ave; Club president & secretary attended the Zone B meeting; held a fund raiser at the Tuesdays in the Park in Broken Arrow every Tuesday in June. Purchased a 2-year subscription of Highlights for Highland Park Elementary library. Purchased 5 pairs of eyeglasses and provided 4 eye exams. Participated and donated \$125 for the Just Plane Fun. \$50 towards the purchase of school books to be given to Broken Arrow Neighbors.

**Chelsea:** Club members had great time at Just Plane Fun event June 1<sup>st</sup>. Making final plans for White Cane day June 15<sup>th</sup>. Club made \$200 donation to Lions Tornado Fund. Collected eyeglasses for recycling. Lion Kent Ryals, Vinita Lions Installed 3013-14 Officers.

**Coweta:** Awarded 4- \$500 scholarships to High School students

**Dewey:** Sold concessions at the annual Dewey Stray Kat car show raising over \$600. Donated \$200 to the White Cane Drive, \$400 to the Dewey Civic Association to help fund the annual 4th in the park celebration. Helped buy new eyeglasses for one Dewey resident.

**Fairland:** The Fairland Lions Club provided funds for food to feed the volunteer workers at the First Methodist Church who assisted with the Fairland Clean Up Day. Donated \$500 to the Moore, Oklahoma Tornado Relief Fund Donated \$300 to the program to help with expenses in Ottawa County.



Club President Janet Keheley presenting award of \$500 scholarship to Senior .

**Miami Noon:** Purchase 2 pairs of eye glasses for local residents.

**Pawhuska:** Donated to fire victims (May 2013) aid to disadvantaged families. Voted to give \$100 to a family in Wynona because their home burned and they had nothing and no insurance. Donation to tornado victims (May 2013) aid to homeless Voted to give \$200 to help with the Moore tornado.

**Porter:** Presented (2) \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors at the high school graduation. Dedicated new park equipment on 5/14. New members: Christy McCollough sponsored by Jim Terrill Gentry Guinn sponsored by Christy McCollough

**Pryor:** On Wednesday, 22 May, the Pryor Lions Club delivered 60, 24 bottle, cases of water, 20 pairs of new work gloves, and 10 boxes of construction trash bags to Carney today. Our 3 volunteers then worked for a few hours at the home of an elderly couple that was a total loss, helping them salvage what they could from their destroyed home.

**Sapulpa:** Collected 200 Used Eye glasses Donated \$7,000 to Sapulpa High School Athletic Dept. Purchased t-shirts for Sapulpa Leo Club. Purchased mints for Lion mint program .

**Wagoner:** Paid for \$420 for eye examination vouchers and eye glass vouchers. Fifth Annual Golf Tournament will be held Friday, August 2, 2013 at the Sequoyah State Park Golf Course near Wagoner, Oklahoma. Registration begins at 8:30 am, with tee-off at 9:30 am. The cost for this grand event is only \$300 per four person team. This price includes entry into all events, 18 holes of golf, riding cart, and lunch.

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## District 3-K



Governor  
Daryl Pults

### A New Lions Year by Governor Daryl Pults

I want to thank the Lions of our District for giving me another opportunity to serve as your District Governor. However, when I accepted the challenge, I did not know that I would have some health problems. The Lord willing and with your help, we will have a good year. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement during these past few weeks.

Since I will not get back from the convention and a side trip until July 17, I am writing this a little early. The focus this year is to Follow Your Dream. Some thoughts I have to achieve that goal are as follows:

1. Grow through increasing our service to our communities. We need to serve our communities by working together with them in serving their needs. This will help our communities and make them aware that We Serve!

2. Grow through adding a new club and new members in our clubs. As a District we need to work together to establish a new club and to add at least a one net member gain in each of our clubs. By meeting this challenge, we could have a net member growth of fifty members in our District.

3. Grow through retention of our current members. We must retain our members to achieve a net growth. This can be achieved by keeping our members active and informed about our district, state, and worldwide projects. They need to know that we are the world's largest service organization and how We Serve!

### 3-K Cabinet Meeting and Training

**August 3** is our first cabinet and training meeting. It will be held at the First Methodist Church in Atoka. We will have sign in and fellowship from 9:00 to 9:30 and begin the meeting at 9:30. There will be training for Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Zone Chairs. Send your officers to this training, as it will help them get their year started right. They will learn how to fill out the needed monthly reports.

### Global Membership Trainer (GMT)

For the first time in our District, we have a GMT Chair. He is Bill Nickelson of McAlester.

Bill is an encourager and hard worker. He will be working closely with our Zone Chairs, club membership chairs, and our Cabinet. Through all of us working together, we plan to have a net growth in our District this year!

### Welcome New Members

The June newsletter listed 25 new members, which was great. We have more to add as follows:

**Joey Landsdale**, Atoka  
**Janis Andrews**, Durant;  
**Juliann Montgomery**, McAlester

### Club Reports

Club Secretaries, let us strive to get our monthly MMR and ACTIVITY reports in each month. Also e-mail me about any projects you have so I can get them in the newsletter. My e-mail is [dcpults@gmail.com](mailto:dcpults@gmail.com). If you have any questions about these reports, call or e-mail our District Secretary Mike Elliott. His e-mail is [elliottatoka@yahoo.com](mailto:elliottatoka@yahoo.com).



*Left to Right Lions Sara Miracle, Patty Bailey, and Garmon Smith, working the Ada LC concession stand at the Air Show. For more pictures visit <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/adaok/photos.php>*

**Ada**—Worked a concession stand fundraiser at the June 8th air show.

**Coalgate**—Lions ran the train all day in the city park on Independence Day, to raise funds for scholarships.

**Durant**—Lions delivered 23 meals per day between June 17-21.

**Pocola**—Lions donated funds for school supplies for disadvantaged children

### District Visits

I plan to start making club visits in early August. If you have a date you would like me to visit your club, let me know a few weeks before so I can work it into my schedule. I would appreciate your giving me a couple choices as I may be already booked. If I run into some conflicts of schedule, I will probably ask our

First Vice District Governor Don Shaw to help me with some visits.

### Cabinet Meetings

**August 3**—District cabinet meeting—Atoka

**November 2** Atoka

January 25 (Lake Murray Convention Ardmore)

May 31 Atoka

Let us make a special effort to have each club represented at these meetings.

### Lions International Convention

This year the convention is in Hamburg, Germany. It sounds like this will be a profitable, uplifting convention. These conventions are very exciting and give us some good insight into how to improve our clubs in the District and how to handle the challenges. By the time you receive this newsletter I should be back and ready to get to work.

I look forward to working with each club and in having an outstanding year for Lions.

## GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Past District Governor Aubrey Cherry from El Paso, Texas, is the Regional Global Leadership Chairperson for Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Missouri. He and his wife PDG Frances who is their district's GLT Chair, visited Oklahoma Lions at the June 15 Council Meeting in OKC.

PDG Cherry asked the question: Why do people join Lions? His response is that people primarily join effective clubs, which in turn have effective leaders. He reported that Lions Clubs International has greatly increased both the amount and quality of on-line training available at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org). He strongly suggested that time be set aside at each Council meeting for District Governor teams to work together, setting goals and planning for each district. He also recommended the Club Excellence Process (CEP) which, although is hard to get it going and is a time-consuming process, does work well in getting a club to look at itself, its members and functionality within the community; it is a strong retention tool. PDG Cherry emphasized that Oklahoma Lions have to grow their membership. He also emphasized that Zone Chairpersons are the most effective leaders, and should be both well-trained and active to develop trust with the clubs and the District Governor teams.

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**District 3-L**



Governor  
Sue Thompson



**Governor Sue Thompson**

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Clubs: 38  
Members: 812  
Branch Clubs: 1  
Leo Clubs: 2

When I began to think about actually becoming Governor, at first it was "OMG-What have I gotten myself into now?" Then I heard of a Lion in my district who said he didn't care how tough life got, he could always afford his Lions Club dues to help make a difference in his community! What a great attitude!

This is what makes me proud to be a Lion and very proud to be your "Team Leader." Because none of us can do it alone-it takes all of us with our various strengths and talents to "Make a Difference." I actually feel sorry for those who have never volunteered to help others because they will never know how great it makes YOU feel!

We have just returned from Hamburg and I am full of enthusiasm and "Lions Pride!" How wonderful it is to see Lions from literally all over the world working for the same goals to serve others. In this we all speak the same language. Governor school was awesome! In our (Elmer's and mine) group 30 people from several different countries and several different states worked together and formed bonds of friendship that will last a lifetime-even the Texans!

We are so grateful to LCIF for the \$10,000 emergency grant sent to our district after the El Reno tornado and the grants sent to the other districts also. They showed the video filmed in Moore at the convention and we were very proud. Thanks to all the Lions all over the world who have donated to this cause and let us give back

LCIF whenever we can. It is the only non-profit that uses 100% of the donations to help people all over the world! Again, "Proud to be a Lion!"

Our new LCI President Barry Palmer is a down to earth guy who urged us to "Follow Your Dream" and his favorite phrase is "What if?" So I am determined not to listen to those who say it can't be done. I will say "What if we do this?" or "How about doing it this way." There are new ideas this year and new rewards for achieving our goals. President Palmer asked each Lion in attendance at the last session to promise to bring in at least one new member this year. I am challenging each Lion in 3-L to make the same commitment. Surely all of us know just ONE person we want to share Lionism with! I am challenging each club to have a net growth this year of just ONE! During the month of July we have already dropped by 3 so let's get started! We are going to have the "PLUS ONE CLUB" in 3-L. More details about this later.

My new sneakers were broken in in Hamburg and I am ready to hit the ground running! I want every Lion in 3-L to know that I will always be ready to listen to your ideas. If you don't like something, let's hear your ideas to change it. If you have questions, please call me. We ARE going to have a great year! And we ARE going to have fun!



2013-2014 District Governors attending the International Convention that was held in Hamburg, Germany. (Left to Right) 3-K Governor Daryl Pults, 3-O Governor Elmer Enyart, 3-L Governor Sue Thompson, 3-A Governor Terry Woodruff, 3-H Governor Tom Cummings

**Club News:**

**Altus:** Paid \$35 to local optometrist for performance of an eye exam. Continued to provide one Life-Line for Jackson County Memorial Hospital. Continued to provide one newspaper subscription to Jackson County Memorial Hospital for patient use. Collected 42 pairs of eyeglasses that was delivered to the Lions state office.

**Granite-** Lions served ice cream floats to everyone at the city park after the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.

**Lawton Patriots-** Thank you for graciously invited me to install their new officers and welcome 3 new members: Steven Brock, Dr. Jean Hausheer and Jim Meyer. This was my first official act and they were wonderful!

**Lawton NE Online Branch-**Lion Starr Cannon has organized a fundraiser along with Atomic Annie Functional Fitness to be held on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, at 11am, at Atomic Annie's Gym 204 SE "B" Avenue in Lawton! It's Lawton NE On-Line Lions & Atomic Annie Partner Workout Day! Anyone that donates money or used eyeglasses to the Lawton NE On-Line Lions will get to workout for free at the Atomic Annie facility on August 10<sup>th</sup>!

**Watonga-**They sponsored the Fireworks show for a huge crowd on the Fourth of July.

**Dates to Remember:**

**Aug. 24 Training:** (President, Secretary, Zone chair, Tail twister and Website) at 9 am. Cabinet meeting after lunch. Canadian Valley Vo-tech in Chickasha, 1401 Michigan. For more info or directions, call me-580-471-0182, or Travis Cummins 405-574-6067 or PDG Ealmer Klippel 405-222-9730.

**February 28 - March 1, 2014** Place TBD. District Convention

**Watermelon Festival**  
SAT., AUG. 10  
RUSH SPRINGS, OK  
Sponsored by: Rush Springs Lions Club

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 7:30 AM MASTER OF CEREMONIES - SPENCER HICKS
- 8:00 AM CAR SHOW REGISTRATION
- 8:15 AM ANNOUNCE 5K WINNERS
- 9:00 AM OPENING CEREMONIES - STEPHENS COUNTY HONOR GUARD
- 9:15 AM PIONEER AWARD WINNERS
- 9:30 AM MORGAN WHITE
- 10:00 AM TINY TOTS CONTEST
- 11:00 AM SEED-SPLITTING REGISTRATION
- 12:00 PM ANNOUNCE CAR SHOW WINNERS & ENTERTAINMENT
- 1:30 PM ELVIS IMPERSONATOR
- 2:00 PM SIGNS OF WARNING BAND
- 3:00 PM \*\*\* FREE WATERMELON FEED---UNTIL OUT \*\*\*
- 4:00 PM WATERMELON AUCTION
- 4:30 PM 77TH ARMY BAND
- 5:00 PM TINY TOTS & WATERMELON QUEEN CORONATION
- 7:00 PM JON O'NEAL & THE RUMOURS BAND
- 7:30 PM CAR & TRACTOR SHOW WITH TROPHIES & PRIZES --- \$20 ENTRY PER VEHICLE

**ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW**  
AMUSEMENTS & CARNIVAL  
CARNIVAL DAYS ARE AUGUST 8th, 9th & 10th  
FOOD & DRINK CONCESSIONS AT FESTIVAL SITE  
PARK DOWNTOWN AREA & RIDE FREE BUS TO THE FESTIVAL

Visit The:  
Rush Springs Rodeo - August 8th & 9th at 8:00 PM - in RUSTY ACRES ARENA on Hwy 81, North of blinking lights - Parade Aug 9th at 5:00 PM

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**District 3-A**



Governor  
Terry Woodruff

WANT TO MISS THIS NEW AND IMPROVED TRAINING PROGRAM. We have training available to take on the road to a location close to your club as needed – JUST ASK!

**Club News**

Several activities are happening around 3-A : **Guymon Lions:** are running their Sunset Limited train and boat at the park Friday-Sunday as a fundraiser and FUN RAISER! See this in action on YouTube by typing in "Sunset Limited

Guymon Oklahoma" in the search box. They are also active in helping with meals at the "Oaks of Mamre". Look for several new projects in the great city of Guymon from our Lions! **Kingfisher Lions:** held their successful turtle race again this summer. Here is another project that touches the lives of youth in our communities. Great idea Kingfisher!

**Follow Your Dream!** What a great idea for our 2013-14 President's theme. Let me share with you my dreams for this Lions year. Let's start with a Lions Strides Walk day November 2 throughout District 3-A. This is a great way to increase visibility of Lions and a positive action against our arch enemy – Diabetes. Last year our Northern Oklahoma e-Lions Branch Club in Ponca City held our first ever Strides walk and raised over \$6000 toward area juvenile diabetes projects. Let's all join together district wide in every community, for a day of action!

Another dream I have for Lions in 3-A is to ensure every child ages 6 months to 4 years old has a free eye screening. This is being done in some communities already. Why not every community with a club or not? Each club can partner with the "Prevent Blindness Oklahoma" organization to setup eye screening events using their special camera technology. This is quick, painless, fun and kids would love a balloon afterward from a Lion! Would young families in your community appreciate our efforts for their kids?

And one final dream... how about every Lion very satisfied with their club and so much pride in being a Lion, they would never want to give it up! Every club can be improved through the Club Excellence Process and looking at new programs/projects to expand our service.

**Upcoming Dates**

**August 17.** The first cabinet meeting is also starting at 10 am at the EMS Building in Garber. **Club Officer Training**– starts at 1 pm. YOU WON'T



3 of our Chiefs participating in the parade at the International Convention Left to Right DG Daryl Pults, DG Tom Cummings, and DG Terry Woodruff

**Lions Club  
International  
"Smile"**

SMILE (Social Media including Lions Everywhere) is establishing a comprehensive directory of Lions clubs websites and social media such as Facebook and Google+ pages, Twitter, YouTube channels, etc.

Smile is looking for your support, Please help distributing the information below to each and every club and district of our organization!

A simple internet online questionnaire allows clubs and districts to enter their web and social media presence into the directory. The form-based method (with examples entries) make it easy to provide information, so everyone can do it.

There is an immediate benefit for all participating clubs and districts:

- Clubs and districts can get inspiration for their own web site and social media presences by looking at what others are doing

- You can network not only with clubs from your neighborhood but also on a global scale by simply getting in touch with each other via the directory.

- It will help to boost your clubs and district social media presence , as promote your club to other Lions

Blog article: <http://www.lionssmile.org/find-lions-clubs-social-media-sites-easily/>

The LCI Smile team appreciates your support in this initiative.

*Smile is an official Lions Club International initiative founded in September 2012 at the Europe forum in Brussels. You can contact them via the following channels:*

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**Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank Prepares for Accreditation & New Building**

Jeanette King, Executive Director

Our Eye Bank staff is working hard in preparation for the Accreditation Site Inspection by Eye Bank Association of America September 5-6. I am very proud of the dedication and hard work of our Eye Bank staff. Each member will be observed and scored on their performance of duties. The Executive Director is responsible for all staff performance, the Medical Directors' interviews and their involvement in the Eye Bank. I will have my interview and performance evaluation, as well. In the 13 years I have been the Executive Director, we have passed each site visit, and received a three year Accreditation. It is no surprise to me because of the dedication, professionalism, and hard work of our Eye Bank staff.

My next step after the Accreditation process is over will be to move our Eye Bank to a tem-

porary location. Lion Russal Brawley will start the bidding process to tear down the building, and oversee the construction of the new Eye Bank building. Our architect is Susan Bolner-Hamilton with Blackledge & Associates.

The Eye Bank had a remarkable fiscal year with an increase in cornea donations and number of cornea transplants provided to Oklahomans on the cornea transplant waiting list. We also provided corneas to other Eye Banks for surgeries, and to our cornea research project at the Oklahoma University Medical Center.

Thank you to every Lions Club, and every Lions Club Member for the support you give to the Lions Bank. You are truly a gift by helping our mission to provide sight to the blind.

2013-2014



**District 3-H**  
Governor  
Tom Cummings

Hello, District 3-H!

I am writing my first newsletter from Hamburg, Germany, site of the 2013 Lions International Convention and District Governor training. The convention finished up today (July 9) with the swearing in of District Governors from almost every district worldwide.

The first four days for Oklahoma's Governors Elect were spent in class with 30 other Governors from various states and nations. I was teamed with Governors from the U.S., Africa, Macedonia, Israel, Bulgaria, Romania and Thailand. What a great experience to learn and interact with Lions from so many places. After the Governor training, the convention started – imagine 20,000 Lions in the arena from all over the world – how cool is that?

For me, the highlight of the convention is the parade. Visualize a one-mile parade route comprised of 12,000 Lions in their native dress. From start to finish, the parade takes 4-5 hours to complete. I plan to have images to view when I visit your club. The International convention next year will be in Toronto.

Our new LCI President is Barry Palmer from Australia. We had the opportunity to listen to President Palmer speak several times. I like him. He seems like a no-nonsense type of guy but very positive. His theme for this year is "Follow your Dream." What are your dreams for yourself, your family, and your Lions Club? And what are you doing about it?

Dreams stay dreams until we act on them and turn them into reality. So let's make this year the year we "act" on our dreams or goals.

One of my dreams for our district is to finish the 2013-14 year with all clubs showing a net membership increase of at least 1. We have had some tough years of negative or stagnant growth. Most of our clubs have lost more members than they have gained. This is not only true for our district but our state and nationally as well. I don't need to tell you where that pattern will take us. So, let's make this the year we reverse this trend. And, together, we can do it.

I have some ideas on how we can do this which I will share with you when I return. We have a great district team in place with 1st VDG Dawn Miller and 2nd VDG Jacque Mooney. We are here to help you. Put us to work for you and your club.

Together let's make this the year we followed our dreams and turned them into reality.

### Club News

**Edmond LC** - helped sponsor the Edmond Fishing Derby for children by buying trophies for four categories; largest, smallest, most, and biggest turtle which was the big hit this year as all the kids went for turtles! The club paid for the subscription to International Lions Magazine to be delivered to the Edmond Library for the current year. Paid for four eye exams and purchased eyeglasses for two children and two adults. The club also collected 200 pairs of used eyeglasses

**Midwest City** - Midwest City Lions Club donated \$100 to the MWC Homerun Club, \$150 to Operation Warm Heart (TFCU) and \$500 to the Lions Disaster Relief Fund. We also donated 275 pairs of eyeglasses and 25 printer cartridges. Lion Ramon along with Lion Jacque spent the week of May 27-31 working the Disaster Relief Unit in Moore, OK. Lion Jacque and Lion Ramon worked June 5 the Disaster Relief Table at MARC and delivered mattresses to a family in Norman from NewView Oklahoma. Lion Dave Kerr and Lion Gayle Cochran worked the White Cane event held May 4. Six MWC Lions sorted glasses twice this month.

**Norman Sooner**—helped sponsor Ms. Basketfield, a student at Jackson Elementary, on her trip to California where she participated in a National Braille Competition. She reported to the club that she had a great trip and looks forward to competing again. The club distributed bikes to kids from Briarwood Elementary in Moore, Oklahoma during the month of July. Logan Richardson a third grade student at Briarwood raised the funds to purchase these bikes.

**OKC Northwest**-Collected 478 pair of eyeglasses. Had 4 members attend the District Cabinet meeting and training session Held our 23rd annual Charity Golf Tournament on June 17, 2013. Made donations to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Mayflower Medical Outreach, American Cancer Society and Chancellor Hans Brisch Scholarship Fund in honor of speaker. Conducted the Installation of Officers with 1st Vice District Governor Dawn Miller doing the ceremony.

**OKC Westside**-Hosted the Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit in July at the OKC West Side Lions Club Town Hall.

**Stillwater Noon**-Ten lions assisted the City of Stillwater by parking around 500 cars for the city-wide July 4th celebration



Cashion LC 50th anniversary Left to Right -Pat Shurley, Tommy Eaton, Gerry Danley



Edmond LC Ice Cream Social June 25, 2013



Louis & Hallie Lackey attending the MWC LC officer installation & fish fry.



(Left) Lynda and Tom Cummings at DG School Banquet, Hamburg, Germany (Right) DG Tom Cummings with bear picture in LCI environmental photo contest– to be included in LCI 2014 calendar.





Jacque Mooney pins husband Gerald Mooney



OKC Capital Hill LC Travis Yadon fixes hotdogs at their club meeting on 7/11/2013



OKC NW LC Keith Shideler receives the Melvin Jones Fellowship



OKC NW LC 2013-2014 Club Officers



Stroud LC honored long-time Lion Richard James, shown here with family, associates & Lions



Mason Lions Club/River Life Church, Texas: Oklahoma Disaster Recovery Trip June 23-29, 2013 Lions Chris Dyer, Ryan Jordon, James Wartinbach and Jared Lingle Teens Sam and Nic Dyer, Ryan Wartinbach, James Durst, Seth Hudson, Nic Martin, Ethan Hudson and Zack Davidson Mon., June 24: assigned to 801 Heather Ln. with Sheds of Hope to construct storage shed(s).

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# OLBR News

## End of Summer

By Colleen Fowler

It's hard to believe that school starts for us August 7<sup>th</sup>! It has gone by so quickly! Both houses have had fun times this year vacationing in Branson, Jack and one of his boys did a 30 mile hike, lots of swimming, working in the garden, helping out with community projects! We shopped for goodies for the boys to send a care package to our son in the Army in Afghanistan. It was interesting to see them ponder what Robby would like...they had a list he sent, but **their** favorite things kept "appearing" in the basket! They know him well and he will be happy with the choices they made. We are blessed to have relief staff! For several months we have been searching for the right folks...in the past we have had a married couple, but it just wasn't happening for us so we have ventured out on a new path. We have two single people working as a Relief Staff Team. Welcome to Paula Lamotte and Jarrod Fowler! They will rotate from house to house as is our usual schedule, with a few minor adjustments. We are so happy to have them. It is very important to have some down time as well as grandchildren time! Jack and Roberta as well as Bob and I are so glad to be back on a regular schedule. We had the joy of seeing one of our guys graduate and he has moved into his own apartment. We have 2 graduating this school year also! We have guys playing sports and lots of interesting things as well as working and being a part of the community! Most of us have memories of family vacations or road trips and we think it's important to make some memories for our guys. The world is so full of negativity that a few hours on a road-trip singing with the radio and exploring new places is a positive experience for them. Staying in a hotel, swimming and playing together in the pool, late summer nights on a blanket at the drive-in...Those things they will remember more than the times they were grounded. Summer we spend so much time together as a family, it will have to tide us over during the busy months to come. As always we thank you all for how you care for us and support us!.. Someone told me this week that we (the Ranch) are laying the foundation on which these young men can build their lives! I like that thought! Blessings!

## Followed Their Dreams for Leader Dogs

Lions Mark and Debbie Mansell of La Center, Oregon, **Followed Their Dream** this summer, making a 10,318-mile journey by motorcycle to raise awareness and money for Leader Dogs for the Blind. It was a sequel for Lion Mark, who bicycled (without motor) across the U.S. last summer, raising more than \$100,000. Lions Mark and Debbie stopped in Oklahoma City during their recent trip, touring the Moore tornado devastation with Lion Troy Jenkins.

Lion Mark blogged on Facebook during the trip this summer and penned the following final trip note:

*It has been has been a full and busy month, but we finally made it home last night at 11pm. 10,318 miles in total from our driveway on June 15th through all 48 states back to our driveway on July 14th. What an adventure it has been for us both as Lions and as part of the Leader Dog family.*

Together we have raised nearly \$40,000 for Leader Dog, which will be enough to provide a person in need with the gift of a Leader Dog. That was our base goal again this year so Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who has been part of this Lions project for Leader Dog. Debbie and I have been so fortunate to be part of this effort and extremely grateful to the hundreds and hundreds of people who have gone way out of their way to help us turn this dream of riding our motorcycles through all 48 states in 24 days for Leader Dogs into a reality! It has been a terrific experience for us! <https://www.facebook.com/CyclingForLeaderDogs>

Lion Mark is the La Center School Superintendent and Lion Debbie works in the radiology department of the local hospital. Both carry the passion for gathering all the financial support they can to assist Leader Dogs for the Blind in their mission.

Founded by three Detroit-area Lions Clubs members in 1939, Leader Dogs for the Blind provides guide dogs to people who are blind and visually impaired. Each year, over 270 clients attend the 26-day residential training program to be paired with a guide dog. It is a life-changing event that opens the door to independence, safety and self-worth for many of those clients.

Leader Dog also offers programs to enhance a person's independence and quality of life in other ways, including orientation/mobility and GPS trainings, and seminars for Orientation and Mobility professionals. Currently, Leader Dog is the only facility in the Western Hemisphere to teach Deaf-Blind students to work with a guide dog.

Thanks to generous donations from supporters, guide dog services are provided free of charge, including room and board and travel to and from the campus in Rochester Hills, Michigan, for clients living in North America.

Leader Dog is recognized as a "Best In America" Charity by the Independent Charities of America (ICA). (taken from <http://www.leaderdog.org/about/>)



Left to Right Lions Troy Jenkins, Dawn Miller, Debbie and Mark Mansell

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Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank

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## Lions State Calendar

### August 2013

#### Engaging Youth *LCI Global Service Action Campaign*

**August 2** -Wagoner Golf Tourney, 8:30am, Sequoyah State Park Golf Course

**August 3** -**District 3-H** Club Officer Training Session and Cabinet Meeting, 8:30am, 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church, 930 S. Little, Cushing

**District 3-K** Cabinet Meeting and Officer Training, 9:30am, First Methodist Church, Atoka

**August 9** - CC Wibben's Meeting with current Governors, 5:30pm, OK Lions State Office. OK Lions fellowship dinner (dutch treat) at Ingrid's Kitchen, 3701 N Youngs Blvd., OKC 73112 (405) 946-8444 MD-3 OK Lions Council Agenda meeting, 7pm, OK Lions State Office, 4123 NW 10<sup>th</sup> St., OKC 73107

**August 10** MD-3 Okla. Lions State Board and Council Meetings, West Side Lions Town Hall, 4135 NW 10<sup>th</sup> St., OKC 73107

7:45am OK Lions St. Conv. Planning Comm. Meeting

7:45am OLEB Executive Board Meeting (tentative), OK Lions State Office

8:55am OK Lions Council Meeting Opening

9:00am OK Lions Eye Bank Board Meeting

9:45am Briggs Scholarship Board Meeting

10:30am OK Lions Boys Ranch Board Meeting

11:15am OK Lions Service Foundation Board Meeting

12noon Lunch by Garfield Co. Lions (3-A); Boneyard Meeting

1:00pm OK Lions Council Meeting, followed by clean-up

3:45pm OK Lions Disaster Relief Committee Meeting

**August 10**—Lawton NE On-Line Branch Club Work-out Day fundraiser at Atomic Annie's Gym, 204 SE B Ave., Lawton

**August 10** - Rush Springs Lions Club annual Watermelon Festival

**August 13** -LCI Webinar: Club President-Leading and Managing, 12:00pm ([www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) to register)

**August 16** - LCI Webinar: Club President-Leading and Managing, 7:00pm ([www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) to register)

**August 17** -3-A Cabinet Meeting and Officer Training, 10am, EMS Bldg., Garber

**August 23-24**- First VDGs to World Services for the Blind, Little Rock, Arkansas

**August 24**--3-L Cabinet Meeting and Officer Training, 9am, Canadian Valley Vo-Tech, 1401 Michigan, Chickasha

### September 2013

**September 2**- USA Labor Day Holiday – OK Lions State Office Closed

**September 6**-LCI Webinar: Managing Service Projects, 7:00pm ([www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) to register)

**September 11** LCI Webinar: Managing Service Projects, 12:00pm ([www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) to register)

**September 19-21**- USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Overland Park KS