

The Oklahoma Lion

Monthly publication of the
Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation and the Lions of Oklahoma



www.oklahomalions.org
www.oklionsfoundation.org

December 2012

OK LIONS SRVC FNDN
4123 NW 10TH ST
OKLAHOMA CITY OK 73107-5801

NONPROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE PAID
OKLA CITY OK
PERMIT NO 389

OUR IMPACT OUR WORK LIONS OF OKLAHOMA MERRY CHRISTMAS!

By PCC Virginia Rodriguez

When it comes to meeting challenges, our response is simple! "We Serve"! This is something that unites us as Lions across all of our Oklahoma Communities during the year and here at the Christmas Season! Our Lions Clubs help wherever, whenever, and however needed.

Our Clubs are rich in heritage and pride! We are so proud of the many community projects in helping others in need at this Christmas Season as well as all throughout the year! From the many Christmas food baskets donated by our clubs, the clubs assisting with eye care to those at risk of losing their sight, the clubs assisting with winter coats, Christmas gifts to children, clubs providing a beautiful Christmas parade in their communities. I have listed just a few ways our clubs have assisted those in our communities at the holidays, as well as throughout the year!

Communities are blessed that the Lions in Oklahoma are able to offer their assistance with: Lions Quest, Peace Poster, Dr. Eugene Briggs Memorial Scholarship, Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation with Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank and Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch, and the Oklahoma Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit. I am amazed to read how our Lions Clubs assist the well being of these projects as well as in their communities

Lions Clubs in Oklahoma serve the unique needs of our state projects as well as their communities, and through Lions Clubs International, globally!

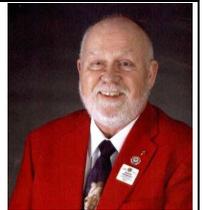
For all that you do, we here, at YOUR Lions State Office are grateful and want to Thank you and "Wish You and Your Families a Blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year"!



Council Chairman Corner

Marvin Ainsworth

Phone Number 819-1045
mainsworth1@cox.net



As the Council Chair I am supposed to set a high example for our Governors. In the beginning of the year I would send reminders that our monthly articles are due on the 20th of each month. As I write these words I look at my calendar and it is now the 27th of the month. As a business owner I was expected to give advice to my employees based upon my many years experience. As a Lion Club President I was required to offer suggestions and then advice on Lion Club business. As a District Governor I went through several Governor Training Schools both here and at International so that I would be a better leader and when asked I would be able to offer good advice.

So often we are the first to give advice and the last to follow the good advice that we offer.

We sometimes get in a rut and offer advice when no one has asked us to comment. We

get so used to running our jaws that we don't know when to stop. Some say "I offer advice because I know that due to my vast experience someone will want my opinion". When what they may really be saying is I wish he would keep quiet for a minute and let someone else talk.

Collectively, everyone working together as a team is smarter than most of us individually. My Dad always told me "Marvin, you've got two ears and one mouth...so be quiet and listen"

That being said, the next time I offer advice or my opinion and it's not asked for or warranted...just ask me if I remember what my Dad always said.

Remember that Lions Clubs are team efforts and not dictatorships. So step up and be a part of the team!!!!

Marvin, Mary, and Dixie would like to wish everyone a Very Happy Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year!!!

STATE OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Our Christmas Schedule is: We will be closed December 21 through 26 to observe the Christmas Holiday. Due to this we will need your articles for the December papers by the 15th of December.

New Years: Closed January 1 & 2.

REMINDER

VDG Training January 11, 2013 - 4:00 p.m. State Office
Agenda Meeting January 11, 2013 - 7:00 p.m. State Office
Board Meetings & Council Meeting January 12, 2013 Westside Town Hall
Pin Traders Swap, January 19, 2013 @ Lake Murray
District 3-K District Conference January 25-26, 2013
District 3-A District Conference February 2, 2013
District 3-H District Conference February 9, 2013
District 3-L District Conference February 16, 2013

HAPPY HOLIDAYS? ‘Tis the Season

Troy Jenkins, Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation, Executive Director

“People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.”

Mother Teresa

As the weather turns colder and we all gear up for the holiday season (and yes, I did say “holiday season” in deference to my friends that celebrate differently than what you or I might), many of us turn to familiar patterns. We all seem to feel a little more eager to give at this time of year. Obviously, giving is a big part of what Lions do, but we all seem to step it up a bit at this time of year. Another common habit in this season is reflection on the year that is ending. Countless magazines, TV shows, and websites will share their year-end awards, in forms ranging from Top Ten lists to Best and Worst lists to Man/Woman/Person of the Year awards. In this same spirit of reflection, it seems like a great time to recap the year from the point of view of the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation.

To say that it has been an eventful year is an understatement. The ten months since I began have been nothing short of a whirlwind! As a volunteer, I have had the opportunity to train on the Club Excellence Program, attend an Extension Workshop, help launch a Disaster Relief Committee, serve as a Facilitator for the Club Excellence program, and participate in many great activities with my own club, the Stillwater Noon Lions. Having said that, it is in my role as Director of the OLSF that my eyes have been truly opened to the world of Lionism! This has given me the opportunity to see what so many other clubs do in their communities, meet so many great Lions, and work together with all of you to accomplish our goals. So as we walk through the accomplishments of the year, let us all remem-

ber that our successes belong to all of us, and in any areas where we might have fallen short, it is just an opportunity to learn and improve.

White Cane: Our White Cane campaign was pawing at the gate when I got here; as it is typically a Spring Campaign, the planning generally starts the previous fall. Regardless, it was a fairly successful campaign, with just over \$24,000 raised. While this was a sizeable increase from the previous year, our biggest opportunity is club involvement. With less than 25% of the clubs around the state participating, there is a tremendous upside for this year. We just need to get everybody involved and work together.

Red, White and Blue Dirt Benefit: As discussed before, our concert provides us with a lot of opportunities to improve. Though the concert was not successful, it did provide a lot of insight into ideas that might work better in the future. The OLSF is going to continue to look for new ways to generate revenue for the Boys Ranch and the Eye Bank; a concert still seems like a very viable idea. If we do it again, we will do a lot of things differently in the marketing and execution, and look forward to creating an event that is looked forward to year after year.

Cowboy Cadillac: This one is obviously still fresh on everybody’s mind, as it just wrapped up a few weeks ago. There were a lot of positives about the campaign, not the least of which was the fantastic turnout at the event itself! Our opportunities for improvement include moving the date back and getting the tickets out earlier. In an effort to keep the drawing from conflicting with the holidays and the Boys Ranch Christmas party, the drawing was held at the beginning of November. Next year, we are going to shoot for the Saturday before Thanksgiving, and plan to have the tickets out by the end of June (barring anything unforeseen). The other monkey-wrench in the works this year was our grand prize. After the tickets were printed, I found out the truck had been used as either a demo unit or service loaner. I did not think this was a big deal since the truck had not been titled; I thought it was still considered a new vehicle. Apparently, some of you felt very differently. Again, this is a great opportunity to learn, and my mistake will not be repeated. In the end, the campaign was very successful. While we did not

sell as many tickets as we did the year before, we cut our costs considerably, and actually netted more than the year before. The winners are all happy with their prizes, and we have a great foundation upon which we can continue to improve and build for future success!

Building the Foundation: The Building the Foundation continues to be a work in progress. We have definitely seen an increase in contributions over the course of the year, but still have less than 250 of the more than 4,500 Oklahoma Lions contributing. Most of you have heard the numbers – if every Lion in the state gave just \$5 a month, we would have \$277,000 annually to support the Boys Ranch and the Service Foundation. Some of you are giving directly to our state projects, and

that is absolutely fine. Just bear in mind that our state projects should be a source of pride to each and every one of us, and we should be willing to support them any way we can. If you are not contributing regularly to Building the Foundation, or directly to the Boys Ranch or the Eye Bank, what a great opportunity to get personally involved!

So, as the year draws to a close, it is a great time to look back and reflect on all that we have accomplished together. Along with the main campaigns mentioned above, the Lions of Oklahoma have also been generous with their Linen sales, donating cell phones and ink cartridges, and just providing their time and energy in service. By the time you read this article, many of you will have attended the Christmas party for the Boys Ranch and shown another great example of giving and what it means to be a Lion. It is in this spirit that we ask all of you to take pride in our successes, join with us as we learn and grow from our mistakes, and most of all, to work together in the coming year as we exemplify our motto, “We Serve!”



2012 Lions Cowboy Cadillac Drawing.
Bob Moore GMC Buick
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

THE OKLAHOMA LION

Monthly publication of the
Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation and the Lions of Oklahoma

Chairperson, Council of Governors
PDG Marvin Ainsworth
6829 W 27th St.
Bethany, OK 73008
(H)405-789-6000 (C) 405-819-1045
mainsworth1@cox.net

State Secretary/Editor
PCC Virginia Rodriguez
4410 Oakcrest, Enid 73703-3505
(W) 405-947-6540 (F) 405-947-3259
(H) 580-242-4526 (C) 580-541-2570
fandvrod@suddenlink.net

Office Administrative Secretary
Renee Rutherford
4123 NW 10, Okla. City 73107
(W) 405-947-6540 (F) 405-947-3259
lionadmin@coxinet.net

Oklahoma Service Foundation
Troy Jenkins, Executive Director
4123 NW 10, Okla. City 73107
(W) 405-947-6540 (F) 405-947-3259
exdir@oklionsfoundation.org

Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch
Bryan Larison, Executive Director
PO Box 400, Perkins 74059-0400
(W) 405-547-2462 (F) 405-547-2058
bryanlarison@hotmail.com

Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank
Jeanette King, Executive Director
3840 Lincoln Blvd, Okla. City 73105
(W) 405-557-1393 (F) 405-557-0086
jking@oleb.org

Biggs Scholarship Foundation
President Richard Schiver
725 N. Bryan Ave, Bethany 73008
(H) 405-787-7331 (C) 405-650-6230
rschiver1@cox.net

Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch

Happy Holidays

by Colleen Fowler

It's that time of year again! Time for Family gatherings, reminiscing about past holidays and making lists of must have gifts...unless you have been in DHS custody...separated from your families...only have bad memories of too much drinking, partying and too little money...list of gifts you never got, so why start now.

I am Christmas crazy!!! I love decorating, making crafts and cooking and everything connected with it. I was a child who though I didn't have perfect parents, still knew I was loved and safe and overly blessed with most things I wanted. Bob and I raised our sons with a strong sense of family and tradition and strong faith. So how do we share and teach this to our guys at the Ranch? We follow your example. Lions are focused on service, love for family, faith and tradition. So together we incorporate the sense of wonder and excitement that we feel. We give the boys opportunities to experience different celebrations, traditions and share our memories. Most of all We (and you) share our hearts. The toughest, coldest, most angry kid still needs a stocking hung on the mantle! Just because you might be on Santa's naughty list doesn't mean your Ranch Parents got that memo. We shop for gifts, wrap presents, decorate trees and serve meals. We go caroling, volunteer in our community and read the Christmas story. Our goal isn't for them to copy our traditions, but make their own memories, start their own plans for their family holidays when they are the parents! Lead by example, love with your whole heart and reach for the highest star on the tree. Our wish for them is a life rich in Faith, Family and a Future that they have designed for themselves. Aren't we the blessed ones to be spectators on their journey to success? Merry Christmas from "The Cedars, The Meadows and our OLBR Staff!

It's time!

Once a year **District 3-H Lions** gather to fellowship, have fun, do a little necessary business, and perhaps learn a thing or two. This year's District convention is **Saturday, February 9, 2013**, and we invite all Lions to come and party with us!

We're having a Mardi Gras wild convention.

The Village United Methodist Church, 2501 W. Britton Rd., OKC 73120

8:30am-Registration, 9:30am-Key Note

followed by choice of learning sessions

(Leadership Development, Sight Conservation and more)



At Noon, Mardi Gras: a wonderful, exciting 2 hours.

With Cajun, Creole and other Carnivale cuisine from expert Lion cooks and Lions Club chefs, plus a Mardi Gras mask contest, crowning of a Mardi Gras King Lion and Queen Lion, and a whimsical, musical parade.

Followed by speech contest (if any), Peace Poster recognition, and the 3-H Cabinet Meeting and General Meeting for 2013-2014 positions: District Governor Tom Cummings, First Vice District Governor Dawn Miller, Second Vice District Governor candidate(s) and 3-year terms on the boards for the OK Lions Boys Ranch, Eye Bank, Service Foundation and Dr. Eugene Briggs Memorial Scholarship, plus 2-year term on the OK Lions State Convention Planning Committee.

District 3-H Lions Mid-Winter Convention Registration

Please complete this form and send with check made out to District 3-H Lions to: PDG Mike Banks, Treasurer, 215 W. McElroy Rd. Ste. 4, Stillwater OK 74075



Lion Name: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____ Lion? _____

MD-3 District: _____ Lions Club: _____

E-mail address: _____ Telephone: _____

Registration is \$10 per person if mailed by Jan. 26, 2013, and \$15 per person if mailed later than Jan. 27, 2013, or at the door.

LIONS LINENS THE PERFECT GIFT IDEA!

Why fight the lines at the malls? We've got the perfect gift idea right here! Get your Lions Linens in a variety of colors in time for Christmas! Sheets are 1,600 thread-count, and come with four pillowcases with King, Queen, and Full, and one with Twin. **Sets are only \$30 each!**

Also, just for the season, we will be offering 1,500 thread count sheets for **only \$25!** These sets come with four pillow cases with the King and Queen two with Full, and one with Twin. Don't wait! Check out the order form and colors on our website (oklionsfoundation.org—on the "How to Help" page) or call the office for more details.

Thank You

For all the calls, prayers and cards that I received during my recent by-pass surgery. I did so appreciate the support from my fellow Lions of Oklahoma.

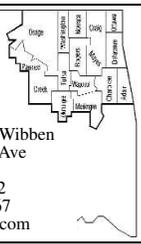
I am doing great now. Thanks again to you all

PDG Doc Webber

District 3-O



Governor Larry Wibben
9355 S. 93rd E. Ave
Tulsa, 74133
(H) 918250-9802
(C) 918-808-3467
lewib9355@aol.com



"We are under a GREEN flag race"

The District held an Extension Workshop on Nov 4th - 7th. As a result the District is the process of forming 4 new clubs. A special thank you goes to PID Yamandu P. Acosta of Eufaula AL., and PDG Arthur Drouin of Conroe Texas, for the workshop, they did a great job for us. Our District Convention was held on November 17th. The success was due to the participation of the clubs in the district. Clubs represented - Bartlesville - Bartlesville Green Country - Bartlesville Limestone - Broken Arrow Evening - Claremore Will Rogers - Dewey - Glenpool - Jay - Sapulpa - Tulsa Brookside - Tulsa Metro-McCullough - Tulsa Red Fork - Vinita - Wyandotte . Thanks to convention committee for the fine work they each contributed. A special thanks to the Girl Scout Troop 808, they performed the color guard/flag ceremony at the convention. It was really great to have District 3-K DG Billy and PDG Cloye Thompson of the Ardmore Lions Club. Other 3-K members were PDG Tony Dowell, Lion Linda Dowell Ada Lions Club, and PDG Gary Wilburn Seminole Lions club. It was really great to have PDG / Council Chair Marvin Ainsworth and Lion Mary Ainsworth of the OKC West Side Lions Club. Other 3-H members VDG Tom Cummings Cushing Lions Club, and Lion Dawn Miller OKC Westside Lions club. It was really great to have district 3-A DG Deane Wymer and Lion Ester Wymer of the Fairview Lions Club, Other 3-A members PDG / PCC / State Secretary Virginia Rodriguez and PDG Franny Rodriguez of the Pioneer Pleasant Vale Lions Club. And to all who attended thank you.

"Our thoughts and prayers go to the Carl Schonborg family. Carl was a friend to all of us and will be missed by his Lions family."

"Challenge to District 3-O Clubs"

My challenge to the clubs in district 3-O is to have each club look into their community or surrounding communities and identify at least one person that they know has the "Heart of a Lion". Once that person or person's have been identified, tell that person(s) that your lions club wants to recognize their activities in the community that are just like those we do as Lions. Some lions are reluctant to invite new members to join. It's easier to tell someone that your Lions club wants to recognize them with an award for being "Lion Like" than it is to just ask someone to join the club. Maybe it is because of a secret fear of rejection some are reluctant to ask. This has worked in other districts and I believe that we can increase our membership by at least 30 new members. IP Madden told his story of waiting a long time to be invited to join Lions. We need to think about membership in new terms. The publicity from this activity is easy to get - newspapers like to publish award ceremonies - and will help us in our effort to start new clubs. Using membership tools such as "How Are Your ratings", a member satisfaction survey, and the Community Needs Assessment will help insure the future success of your club.

New Members

Bartlesville Richard Roy Gardner
Linda Lusnia

UPCOMING EVENTS/PROJECTS

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

Sapulpa - bean dinner Dec 6 2012

Barnsdall - breakfast at the elementary school cafeteria Dec 8 2012

Bartlesville Tuxedo - Christmas Tree sales Nov-Dec 2012

Wagoner - Christmas Party Pink House 6:30 Dec 13 2012

Wann - Santa Claus party Dec 13 2012

3-K Convention - Jan 25-26 2013

3-A Convention - Feb 2, 2013

3-H Convention - Feb 9 2013

3-L Conventiomm Feb 16 2013

3-O Cabinet Meeting March 9 2013

Chelsea Chicken Dinner- March 2013

Fairland - Golf Tournament April, 2013

State Convention -Apr 26-27 2013

Broken Arrow Garage Sale - May 2013

Just Plane Fun- June 1, 2013

3-O Cabinet Meeting June 8, 2013

Congratulations on completing: "10 years of service"

Thad W Kent Bartlesville
B Carol McCoy Bartlesville

David Wooddell Bartlesville Green Country
Dollie Wooddell Bartlesville Green Country
Janice L King Bartlesville Green Country
Jessie M Albright Bartlesville Green Country
Lester G Ropp Bartlesville Green Country
Thomas J Medina Bartlesville Green Country
Edward Canaday Beggs
Bobbie J Trower Coweta
Nita Chartier Coweta
Kevin C Reid Bartlesville Tuxedo
Charles R Palmer Inola
Fred Wright Pawhuska
Patty Kyler Pawhuska
Daniel Crawford Tulsa Brookside
Donna M Gott Broken Arrow
Betty Knutson Tahlequah
Charles D Thomas Jay
Dale A Swaidner Muskogee County

15 years in service

E James Harig Jr. Muskogee
Derek Sien Pryor
Dennis J Foegen Tulsa Brookside

20 years in service

Ernie Johnson Sapulpa
John P Speaker Tulsa Downtown
Tonja Pitzer Tulsa Downtown

25 years in service

David Len Nichols Dewey
Joe Sam Vasser Bristow
Kenneth M Tucker Pawnee
Curtis Pitts Sapulpa
Janice Louise Winkle Tulsa Metro-McCullough
Katy Wilburn Tulsa Red Fork
Lou Ann Growcock Broken Arrow
Sandra E Baranet Broken Arrow
30 years in service

Jerry L Gay Tahlequah

35 years in service

Ernest Callison Welch
Calvin Crenshaw Bristow
Wayne Neal Sapulpa

40 years in service

Walter E Davis Muskogee
Donald Lee Poteet Jr Pawnee

45 years in service

Marvin Rogers Dewey
J W Snelson Wann
Billy J Phoenix Drumright
Norman W Hinkle Owasso

50 years in service

Charles Stoner Welch
Carl B Frieberg Tulsa Downtown

55 years in service

Edward K Wells Sapulpa

Club Reports:

Bartlesville Downtown: November 3rd Club Pancake Breakfast fund raiser was very successful. Regular members were assisted by 5 boy scouts and several members' wives. Lion Randy Bluhm received LCI Builder Key Award for his recruiting of new members. Randy's efforts, as Membership Chairman, and other members efforts are crucial due to some Lions leaving the Club because of relocating to distant locations. The death of the Club's member, Past District Governor Carl Schonborg was deeply felt. He and his efforts will be missed by Oklahoma Lions.

Bartlesville Green Country: Wrapped up a successful fundraiser - "Soup for Service" - the tenth one. Had a work day at Oak Park park - several members participated. Mowed, weed eating, leaf raking; picnic afterwards. Donated 10 pair eye glasses. Donated \$500 to disaster relief fund. Sold 130 Cowboy Cadillac tickets - Dollie Wooddell, Sean Brong, Sarah Walker earned Cowboy Cadillac pins. Attended Nov 17 District 3-O convention - several members. Made Mel's famous Chili for District Chili Contest.

Bartlesville Tuxedo: Will begin their annual Christmas Tree Sells every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday starting after Thanksgiving until Christmas

Dewey: Sold concessions at the Dewey annual 4th of July celebration. Awarded a \$500 scholarship to a Dewey student. Held our 60th anniversary dinner on August 23. Bought backpacks & school supplies for needy Dewey students. Sponsored a circus in Dewey on September 5. Sold \$490 worth of Cowboy Cadillac tickets. Donated \$100 to the Salvation Army food drive. Collected cell phones, eyeglasses & printer cartridges.

Fairland: Recognized Caleb Reynolds as Fairland High School Senior Student of the Month for October 2012 and Patrick Oswald as Fairland Middle School Student of the Month of October 2012. Donated \$100 to Fairland Fire Department for treats for their Annual Halloween Kids Party. Donated \$2,500 to the Fairland Conner Ave. (Hwy. 60) Handicapped Access Ramp Project. Celebrated the permanent placement of the Fairland Historical School Canon which the club restored at Alumni Corner.

Miami: Purchased eyeglasses for 2 local residents unable to afford buying glasses

Okmulgee: October was a busy month for us. We helped with 4 pair of eyeglasses. Collected cell phones for the soldiers. Had our fund raiser Pancake Day. Served dinner for the Open Gate (feeds the needy every Wednesday night.. Sent money

for OSLF for the Cowboy Cadillac tickets. WE were honored to have District Governor Larry Wibben as our guest speaker on Oct 30.

Pawhuska: donated \$50 to the Pawhuska Elementary Fourth Grade for a trip they are going to take to help with expenses. a donation of \$100 to help Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch with their Christmas needs for the kids there. Donated gift cards at IGA to a couple of families for Thanksgiving

Sapulpa: Donated \$150.00 TO Pilot Dog training. Donated \$100.00 To Sapulpa Main street for Christmas lighting.. Donated \$100.00 to Creek county 4-H for Blood Borne Patogens kits. Sold Cowboy Cadillac tickets. Continue selling Lions mints. Finished working concession stands for Sapulpa football games. Preparing for annual bean day at Oklahoma School for the Blind December 6th.

Tulsa Brookside: Donated \$250 for Little Lighthouse and \$200 for Restore Hope. \$210 for elementary reading program for about 60 children. Held Pancake/sausage breakfast on Saturday, October 27 as part of BooHaHa and as a Fundraiser.

Tulsa Downtown: continues to work with Neighbor for Neighbor of Tulsa (NFN) to provide eye examinations and eyeglasses for area citizens that cannot afford the services from private providers. hosted an annual area wide picnic at Hunter Park on October 6th. The weather was cold and wet but a large number of Lions from several area clubs attended. The food was great and the company was even better! Hunter Park was an extraordinary venue. The TDLC has an evening meeting where members that cannot meet during the day can meet. Currently that meeting is being held on the third Sunday of the month at the Delta Café at 41st and Garnett at 5:30 pm.

Tulsa Metro-McCullough: Donated \$500 Scholarship to medical student at OSU Medical University. 10 members attended Downtown Lions Club 3rd Annual picnic. Club raised \$600 by selling Cowboy Cadillac Tickets Fundraiser: Still selling tickets to purchase a Village Inn Pie. Had programs on the LCI Foundation and OLSF

Wagoner: Completed our annual food drive. We raised \$600 in cash, 600 pounds of frozen chickens and two heaping pickup loads of food for local food shelf and Wagoner Area Neighbors. Sold hotdogs with chips and a can of pop for \$2.00 for City Trunk or Treat night. Planning Christmas party for Wagoner Lions to be shared with Muskogee County Club. Wagoner Club invited to Muskogee Christmas party.



Troy Jenkins of the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation speaking at District 3-O convention



Girl Scout Troop #808 Performed flag ceremony



SS Virginia Rodriguez presenting DGE Elmer Enyart with insignia



SS Virginia Rodriguez presenting VDGE Randy Keller with insignia



Bryan Larison of the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch speaking at the District3-O Convention



Lion Dan Crawford & Lion John Proffitt of the Brookside Lions club preparing pancake breakfast



Campfire "Just Plane Fun" presentation



Hospitality Room

Special K Convention News



3K Convention International Guest

We are very fortunate to have International Director Brian Sheehan from Bird Island, Minnesota as our special guest. Director Brian and his wife Lori have accepted our invitation to attend the District 3K Midwinter Convention January 25-26, 2013. Director Brian chairs the LCI Finance and Headquarters Operation Committee. Come help us show them some OKLAHOMA HOSPITALITY!

Lions honored for a Lifetime of Service District 3K Convention January 26, 2013

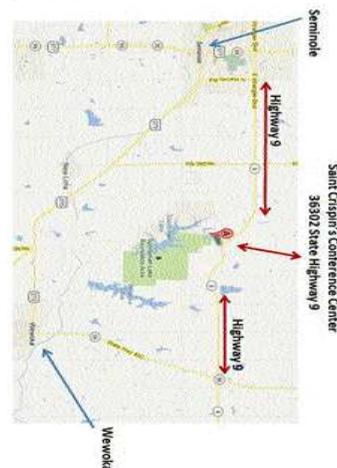


Milton Courtney, Konawa Lions Club



Cecil Sullivan, Seminole Lions Club

At the noon luncheon January 26, 2013, Milton Courtney, Konawa Lions Club and Cecil Sullivan, Seminole Lions Club will be honored for their 65 years of continuous service to Lionism. Please join us at the District 3K Midwinter Convention and help us honor these two very special Lions.



**District 3-K Mid-Winter Convention
Registration Form**
January 25 - 26, 2013
St. Crispins Conference Center, Seminole, Oklahoma

Name: _____ (Please Print) Home Lions Club: _____ First Timer: Yes No

Name of spouse/guest: _____ (Please Print) Is spouse/guest First Timer: Yes No

Email: _____ (Please Print) Phone: _____ Is Leo First Timer: Yes No

Early Registration (postmarked by January 5, 2013) Lion @ \$10.00 Spouse/Guest @ \$10.00

Late Registration (postmarked after January 5, 2013) Lion @ \$15.00 Spouse/Guest @ \$15.00

MEALS

Friday evening dinner (casual dress) Lion/Spouse/Guest/Leo # _____ @ \$13.00

Saturday breakfast Lion/Spouse/Guest/Leo # _____ @ \$6.00

Saturday lunch (Lions/Business Attire) Lion/Spouse/Guest/Leo # _____ @ \$8.00

Saturday evening banquet (Business/Semiformal Attire) Lion/Spouse/Guest/Leo # _____ @ \$11.00

Sunday breakfast Lion/Spouse/Guest/Leo # _____ @ \$8.00

LODGING

St. Crispins Room (twin beds) Roommate if applicable: _____

Single: Friday Saturday _____ Nights @ \$50.00

Double: Friday Saturday _____ Nights @ \$75.00

Total Due \$ _____

Check Enclosed: # _____ Amount: \$ _____ Paid by Credit Card: \$ _____ (See Instructions Below)

Special needs: _____

Meals and lodging guaranteed only if registration postmarked by 1/05/2013

Mail registration form (with check made payable to 2013 District 3-K Convention) to Denise Bailey, Treasurer, P.O. Box 1235, Wewoka, OK 74884. If you have questions, please call Lion Larry Bailey at 405-257-2431 or email him at ghia3940@bcglobal.net.

PAYING BY CREDIT CARD (AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 2012):
If you wish to pay for any or all of your registration by credit card, call Greg Arbuckle at First National Bank, 405-257-3333. Please have your credit card handy when you call. PLEASE NOTE: Your reservations will not be complete until registration form is received at the address noted above and verification of credit card payment has been made with First National Bank.

District 3-K Mid-Winter Convention
January 25 - 26, 2013
St. Crispins Conference Center
Seminole, OK

Directions to St. Crispins Conference Center:
From the west - take Hwy 9 East out of Seminole 6.3 miles; turn right on the Conference Center road
From the east - take Hwy 56 to Hwy 9, turn west and go 4.8 miles; turn left on the Conference Center road

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Friday, 6:30 p.m. - dinner and activities

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - Opening session followed by informative seminars, youth and adult speech contests. Our international guest will be delivering our keynote address at the noon luncheon. District 3-K Cabinet Meeting will convene immediately following the close of the noon luncheon.

Saturday's Silent Auction Fundraiser: 9:00 a.m. until 15 minutes following the adjournment of the Cabinet meeting.

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. - Reception followed by banquet and entertainment at 6:00 p.m.

MEALS

Friday evening - Brisket, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, salad bar, bread, assorted cobblers

Saturday breakfast - Biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit & yogurt, assorted cereals

Saturday lunch - Baked potato bar, chili, broccoli cheese soup, corn bread, assorted cookies

Saturday evening banquet - Meat & cheese lasagna, green beans, garlic bread, salad bar, cake

Sunday breakfast - Breakfast casserole, home fries, fruit & yogurt, assorted cereals

LODGING INFORMATION

St. Crispins Conference Center
All rooms are furnished with twin beds
\$50.00 per individual/\$75.00 per couple per night
Reservations made below - DO NOT CONTACT ST. CRISPINS

Area Hotels (contact facility directly):
Best Western Seminole Inn & Suites 405-382-3139
Wewoka West Side Inn 405-257-6100 or 405-257-4223

A special gift will be available for the first 90 registration forms received. Meals & rooms guaranteed only if registration postmarked by 1/05/2013

Mail registration form (with check, if applicable, made payable to 2013 District 3-K Convention) to Denise Bailey, Treasurer, P.O. Box 1235, Wewoka, OK 74884. If you have questions, please call Lion Larry Bailey at 405-257-2431 or email at ghia3940@bcglobal.net.

As of November 1, 2012, if you wish to pay for any or all of your registration by credit card, call Greg Arbuckle at First National Bank, 405-257-3333. Please have your credit card handy when you call. PLEASE NOTE: If paying by credit card, your reservations will not be complete until registration form is received at the address noted above and verification of credit card payment has been made with First National Bank.

GUIDELINES FOR OKLAHOMA LEO TRADING PIN CONTEST

1. Each Club may submit only **one entry**. The Club may submit an entry as a group effort, or hold a club contest of individual designs selecting the representative design
2. **All entries must be received NLT MARCH 1 2013. Mail or give all entries to PDG BILL MIDDLETON 2106 CONSTITUTION AV ENID, OK 73703**
3. The pin must represent Oklahoma Leos and not an individual area or region.
4. The design (drawing) will be submitted on an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper or art board.
5. The design will be no smaller than 3" x 5" or larger than 4" x 6"- this will provide the pin company with an adequate sample to produce the pin. Actual size to be determined by the designing company and pin coordinator,
6. A short narrative will accompany the design explaining the meaning and color representation.
7. Only Leos may enter the contest.

8. The initial design will be selected by Leos at the State Lions Convention in ENID, OK on APRIL 1, 2006.
9. Judges (Leo's) will be selected at random from registered Leos at the State Convention. Lions from the Oklahoma Pin Trading Club will be selected to **assist and advise** the judging.
10. The winning design will be announced at the State Convention.
11. The design will be given to the appropriate pin committee member and sent for final art development and production. Upon receipt of the finished pin the Oklahoma Lions Pin Trading Club will forward the pins to the Oklahoma Leo Clubs on assignment with suggested selling price and method to reimburse the trading club.
12. Any questions or clarification of this guideline may be directed to
 PDG Bill Middleton,
 580-233-1771
 e-mail lionbill@swbell.net



1st SOUTHWEST PIN SWAP
 Lions Pin Trading Clubs of Oklahoma and Texas
JANUARY 19, 2013
LAKE MURRAY LODGE, ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA
 FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2013: Meet & greet (start at 4:00 p.m.)
 Light snacks and drinks, hosted by Ardmore Lions.
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2013: Pin Trading will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 LAKE MURRAY STATE PARK
 3323 LODGE ROAD, ARDMORE, OK 73401
 PHONE 1-800-257-0322 OR 580-233-8600
 The Lodge restaurant will be open for all meals and has a full menu.
 GOLF CLOSET WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR \$20.00
 (Just near entrance, maps, broch, tables and more)
 (Must be entered and paid for on registration for the event)
ROOM RATES FOR THE LAKE MURRAY LODGE WILL BE \$50.00 PLUS TAX OF 4.75%.
RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE WITH LODGE BY JANUARY 4th, 2013 FOR THIS SWAP RATE
 After January 4th room rate will be \$68.00 (plus tax).

REGISTRATION FORM

Please make check payable to OKLAHOMA LIONS PIN TRADING CLUB
 Mail to: TRAVIS CUMMINS, PO BOX 274, MINNEKAH, OK 73067-0274
 Phone: 405-222-5421 F-Mail: travisc@okl.com

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
 SPOUSE OR GUEST NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 E-MAIL: _____ SPECIAL REQUESTS: _____
 REGISTRATION: _____ @ \$20.00 = \$_____ (includes one table & one swap pin.)
 BOX LUNCH: _____ @ \$20.00 = \$_____ (Order Choice/1c TURKEY HAM INSTANT BEEF)
 EXTRA TABLE: _____ @ \$10.00 = _____ TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$_____

Please Help!!!

Please help us at the state office update the Lions of Oklahoma personal records. This information will be used for obtaining accurate information for our 2013-2014 State Directory. Many times there are inconsistencies in members telephone numbers and addresses. If you know of any changes please take the time and fill out this form and send it back to the state office either by snail mail or email (lionadmin@coninet.net). This information will also be used to verify that you are on our monthly mailing list for the Oklahoma Lion Newspaper. If you would not like a paper mailed please check the box for NO. (Please note that the Oklahoma Lion can be viewed monthly at www.oklahomalion.org). Please note if there is a club address that is used to received mail such as *Dues Invoices* please fill out the club address portion of the form.

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

Address (Continued if needed) _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Currently receiving a OK Lion Newspaper if not would you like to add your name to the mailing list. Yes NO

E-Mail Address _____ Club _____

Club Position Currently held (President, Secretary, Treasurer) _____

Please fill out the form below if your club has a separate mailing address for invoices. Please list the club meeting dates and location to make sure all club records are up to date. Thank-you.

Club _____ Meeting Location and Address _____

Dates and Time Club Meeting _____

Club Mailing Address for all Invoices _____

GUIDELINES FOR OKLAHOMA TRADING PIN CONTEST

design explaining the meaning and color representation.

4 Only Lions may enter the contest.

5 The initial design will be selected by state pin committee and be submitted to the incoming governors at the state convention or there training.

6 The winning design will be announced at the State Convention.

7 The design will be given to the appropriate pin committee member and sent for final art development and production. Upon receipt of the finished pin the Lions of Oklahoma State Office will have them available

8 Any questions or clarification of this guideline may be directed to
 PDG Bill Middleton,
 580-233-1771
 email lionbill@swbell.net

Each lion may submit only **one entry**. The Club may submit an entry as a group effort, or hold a club contest of individual designs selecting the representative design

All entries must be received NLT MARCH 1, 2013 mail all entries to Lions of Oklahoma at 4123 NW 10TH st Oklahoma City, OK 73107-5801

The pin must represent Oklahoma Lions and not an individual area or region.

1 The design (drawing) will be submitted on an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper or art board.

2 The design will be no smaller than 3" x 5" or larger than 4" x 6"- this will provide the pin company with an adequate sample to produce the pin. Actual size to be determined by the designing company and pin coordinator,

3 A short narrative will accompany the



District 3-A

Governor R. Deane Wymer
 PO Box 56 Fairview 73737
 (H) 580-227-1266
 (C) 580-227-4700
 rdwymer@usa.net

FAIRVIEW LIONS CLUB lost a 54 year member this month, George Barkett, who died 10/20/2012; Lion Charles Burlison sponsored a new member, Lion Kim Pierce, Pierce Funeral Home. Upcoming in November: Chicken Noodle Supper, 11/02/2012; 5K run, 1 Mi walk 10/10/2012; Annual Holiday Parade 11/20/2012.

Greetings:

Is it the Season of the Year, the month this year or will every month be like the current month? Are all Lions Clubs as busy as the last one I visited! We will not have additional hours in the day; nor have any more days in the week; they will not add a week to any month; and, do not expect a new month during this year!

Sometimes it seems that the more things change, the more they stay the same. But, each Lions Club seems to stay the same as all the others. The Lions Clubs visited to date have their own community foremost in the focus of their service to and for others! Is this as it should be? After all, this is the Season of we Lions being thankful for the opportunity to serve others!

However, do remember each Lions Club is not an isolated island. We are strengthened by our relationship with each of our neighboring Clubs, which becomes our District. Then our Districts together become our State, which united with all the rest of the States becomes our National, an integral part of our International Lions Club which encompasses some 206 countries around the world! Think about this, what we do in our local Lions Club can be heard around the world! The point is, that we are remiss in our services if we fail to support our fellow Lions at all and every level!

NORTH ENID LIONS CLUB has taken to heart their fellow Lions endeavors by promoting the Okarche Lions Supper held 10/19/2012; the United Way Chili Cookoff on 10/26/2012; the beans and cornbread supper on 10/27/2012 at the North Enid Community Center. Several of their members have a challenge to visit their neighbors Clubs meetings; nine members visited Okarche for their supper; three visited PONCA AFTER FIVE LIONS CLUB on 10/22/2012; four went to PIONEER PLEASANTVALE on 10/09/2012. They have contributed \$500 to LCIF for MJF & Measles initiatives. They are serving at all levels as we all should and could!

ENID NOON-BRIGGS LIONS President Lion Leland Streck has two additional jobs: works at the Outreach Center; provides Ministerial Service to at least one Church, occasionally two. Lion Doug Swanson continues to provide piano music for Lions lunch and dinners. There will be a November meeting on 11/28 instead of 11/22. There will be no meeting on December 26.

BURINGTON LIONS CLUB hosted the Alumni Parade held in September and paid bills, but did not officially meet until November 7 and 14, the beginning of their fiscal year. They were chartered December 15, 1965.

LAVERNE LIONS CLUB sponsored a chili supper on Friday, October 26, 2012, which included Stew as well. They received their nuts for distribution and had one guest at their 10/24/2012 meeting.

LAHOMA LIONS CLUB held a School Carnival on 10/24/2012. They made a Lions Club collection box for eyeglasses and cell-phones specifically for the carnival, but will utilize the boxes elsewhere.

PONCA CITY NOON LIONS CLUB held their "Lionstride" fundraiser for Juvenile Diabetes on October 13, 2012. They had 54 walkers and raised over \$6,000 for this project. Member Lion Ted Matson has initiated the project with the "Prevent Blindness" effort in Oklahoma. They utilize what is called SPOT equipment which focuses on the eyes and will check near sightedness, far sightedness, myopia, stigmatism and a couple other potential eye difficulties. This can be done for youth of age 6 months upward. There have been several hundred checked in the Ponca area. This "PB" group has several SPOT units scattered around the State and several Clubs have indicated an interest in using their screening tests.



DISTRICT 3-A MID WINTER CONVENTION

**** Saturday — February 2, 2013 ****

Fairview First United Methodist Church

811 E. Elm St, Fairview, OK 73737

The Lions of District 3-A invite you to join us for the 2013 District 3-A Mid-Winter convention:

Saturday, 7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Pancake and sausage breakfast sponsored by the Fairview Lions.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - Opening session followed by informative workshop.

Updates from District 3-A Clubs

Saturday, 12:00 noon - Chili and Dessert contest sponsored by participating clubs

Saturday, 1:00 p.m. - District cabinet meeting, nominations & Elections, Constitution & By-Law changes, etc.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Registration Deadline: January 14, 2013

Please Print

Lion: _____ Club: _____

District: _____ First Timer _____ Yes _____ No

Spouse/Guest/Lion: _____ Club: _____

District: _____ First Timer _____ Yes _____ No

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Each Attendee Must Pay the Registration Fee of \$15.00 per person

Registration Fee: (Meal included) _____ @ \$15.00 each - Total \$ _____

Breakfast: 7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Pancakes & Sausage: _____ @ \$5.00 Each - Total \$ _____

Lunch: Noon Chili & Dessert (Meal included with registration)

Would your club like to participate in District 3-A's Chili or Dessert Tasting Contest?

(Please contact Esther Wymer at 580-227-1266 leave a message on the answering machine)

Please make checks payable to: District 3-A Lions and mail with the registration form to: PDG Leland Pratt District 3-A Treasurer, 622 W Walnut St, Fairview, OK 73737

RINGWOOD LIONS CLUB held a health check at the Ringwood School utilizing the Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit on October 16, 2012. The School Superintendent was the first to be checked. Students from the Nursing Classes in the Area Vo-Tech located in Fairview, assisted in the examinations.

NEWKIRK LIONS CLUB has been in contact with the DG and will have reports starting in November, this per Lion Secretary/Treasurer Joe Anderson.

Pioneer Pleasant Vale Lions Club Cubbie Program November Students Honored Two Pleasant Vale students were honored as our November students of the month. Fifth grade student Taylor Alford and sixth grader Victoria Caywood were the Honoree's They were introduced by Principal Larry Coonrod at their November meeting. Both of the girls gave a short presentation about their activities and school work. Taylor's guests were her mother, Katie Albright and sister, Macy. Victoria's guests were her parent's Terri and Anthony, and Grandmother Beth McCormick. Each Cubbie received a certificate, Lions information and a Lions necklace as guests of the club.

DG Deane Wymer made his official visit and presented membership chevrons to Lion Gene Bauchman for 35 years, Lion John Williams, 10 years and Lion Dean Hedges for 35 years.



From left to right Lion Eugene Bauchman, president, Beth McCormick, Anthony Caywood, Terri Caywood, Cubbie Victoria Caywood, Principal Larry Coonrod, Cubbie Taylor Alford, Katie Albright and District Governor Deane Wymer

We Lions Serve: To Save Lives; To Save Eyes; To Save Guys!

Yours in Lionism,

Deane Wymer DG 3-A

DISTRICT GOVERNORS AWARDS

By Virginia Rodriguez PCC

At this time of the year clubs are presenting a Lion within their club a "Lion of the Year" award. I encourage those clubs to send the information of their recipient of this award to their respective District Governor with their specific information along with a picture for possible "District Lion of the Year Award". This is one of the awards that will be presented at the State Convention, April 27 2013. There are so many deserving Lions in the state for awards.

The following is the information taken from the 2012-2013 Council Policy for the awards that are the District Governor's Awards - Article VI. Each Governor is responsible to submit their recipients for the following awards in the accordance of their Council Policy.

The award selectee's name, photograph, (which can be sent to the state office electronically) and short biography must be sent to the Oklahoma Lions State Office no later than the first (1st) day of the month proceeding the month of the State Convention (Which is March 1, 2013). Late applications **will not** be considered.

SUB-DISTRICT AWARDS

Each year the Council of Governors shall award the "Lion of the Year" in each district in accordance with their Sub-District constitution and By Laws. These awards will be presented at the annual state convention.

The award will be given to the Lions who are considered "Outstanding Lions" and whose identity should remain confidential until presented. The recipient of this award must be an active Lion in good standing. District Governors are excluded from consideration of this award. Recipient may receive this award only one time within a District.

OTHER AWARDS

The Humanitarian Service Award will be presented by the

Lions of Oklahoma to a non-Lion member or a non-Lion organization selected by the Council of Governors. The award would be presented to a Lion organization if and only if a non-Lion member isn't nominated by any of the District Governors. Each governor may make one nomination. The person or organization will have exhibited outstanding service to the

community, state, nation or the world.

The service must have a connection to Lionism. Nominations must be submitted to the Council Chairperson (Marvin Ainsworth) by February 15, 2013. The presentation is to be made at the MD-3 State Convention. Only an individual or organization may receive this award one time. Deadline to state office shall be March 1, 2013.

The Dr. Robert "Bob" McCullough Meritorious Service Award will be presented to a Lion who has been a Lion for at least five years and displayed meritorious service in the performance of Lionistic activities. The following are guidelines for receiving this award:

1. Each district has only one nominee, which will be selected by the District Governor from recommendations presented to **them from clubs within the district. Deadline of nominations to the Governor is February 10.**

2. The Lion nominated shall be from the district in which nominee lives.

3. If a Lion has been nominated one year and does not win the award they can be nominated again the following year.

4. All past winners of the award votes on the nominations for the current year.

a. Last recipient of the award will serve as chairperson of the selection committee. (Last Years recipient was PCC Yolanda Martin Middleton). Deadline for nominations by the District Governor shall be **February 15.**

b. The Chairperson shall furnish a copy of all written information on each district's nominee to the past recipients for review and vote for their 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choice.

c. The Chairperson of the selection committee shall tabulate the votes and submit the winner to the state office prior to the deadline as stated in Section 1.

d. In the event of a tie for 1st place, the Chairperson will submit the names of the nominee's tied, to the past recipients for the final vote.

5. No Lion being paid to do a state Lion job can be a winner while on the payroll. (State Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Directors of the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank, Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch, and Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation.

6. All Lions involved in this process should make every effort to keep all communications secret until that year's winner is announced.

7. Notice shall be published in the December issue of the Oklahoma Lion advising all members of the guidelines and deadline dates. This would be proper

notice to all Oklahoma Lions for the nominations they wish to present to the District Governor.

The Ambassador of Friendship Award:

To foster friendship and promote cooperation between Lions of Multiple District 3 and other multiple districts. The award will be presented to any Oklahoma Lion who attends a majority of the sessions, business and social, of a sub-district or multiple district convention in another state or country. To receive the award, an Oklahoma Lion must: 1) Apply to the governor of his or her district and display a copy of the program for the convention he or she visited with notes showing the sessions attended. 2) Present a program about the trip to his or her own club or at a zone or cabinet meeting. The award will not be presented for attendance of any Lions International convention or any USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

CLUB BULLETIN CONTEST: All club bulletins will be sent to the Lions of Oklahoma State Office. The Public Relations Committee will judge this contest using the bulletins on file in the State Office. The contest will end February 15 and judging is to be completed by February 29, 2013. Contest winners shall be submitted to the State Office by March 1. Clubs must have sent at least 50% of their club bulletins to the State Office to qualify.

LEO OF THE YEAR: The District Governor will select the District Leo of the Year. The district Leo winner's name will be submitted to the State Council Chairperson (Marvin Ainsworth) by February 15, 2013. The Council Chairperson will appoint a committee to assist the Chairperson in selecting the Leo of the Year for the state. The Council Chairperson will submit the name of the winner to the State Office by March 1, 2013. This should be submitted with a Picture (can be done electronically) and a short biography.

STATE PIN CONTEST: Criteria on another page of this paper. Designs must reach the State Office by March 1, 2013. The International Convention Pin Committee Chairperson will make the selection subject to approval of the incoming council for their year in office as District governor. This will allow time to have the pins manufactured for the next District Conventions. The design winner will receive 10 pins.

Should you have specific questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the State Office.

District 3-H



Governor Robert McMasters
5716 Lawson Ln OKC 73132
(H) 405-720-154
(C) 405-826-5548
readlkmcmasters@sbcglobal.net

ROBERT'S REMARKS

As District Governor, I am looking forward to three holidays: Chanukah, Christmas and New Years.

I remember Norman, my Jewish Lions friend in Muskogee. Chanukah starts the evening of December 8th. I wish a Joyous Chanukah to all our Jewish Lions.

Chanukah is the celebration of the light from the oil lamp in the newly rededicated Temple lasting eight nights instead of just one as expected.

Just as light is a symbol of sight in so many religions, the light of Chanukah calls upon all Lions to remember our commitment to sight conservation.

Since 1925, Lions have brought light to many by providing eye exams, eye glasses, new corneas and other sight conservation programs.

Executive Director Jeanette King, of the Eye Bank tells me that they still need about \$200,000.00 before they can start building.

I wish a Merry Christmas to all Lions who celebrate Christmas. Christmas is an important gift giving celebration for so many of us. As Lions, this should call upon us to reflect upon the gifts of service we give to our communities. We need to remember that Service Projects are a Gift to our communities, not just a work project to be accomplished.

Finally I extend a Happy New Year Greeting to All.

For many, New Years is a time to make resolutions for the next year. This is a time to resolve to become better Lions and Lions Clubs.

One way we might become better Clubs is to make use of the Club Excellence Project Workshop where we do a community survey to find out what service projects are actually needed in our communities and do a "How Are Your Ratings" survey of our members to see how we might make our club better.

In addition, all of us need to resolve to ask persons to join us as members of a Lions Club. Don't just leave it to the few. Join me in committing to ask three or more persons to become Lions.

3-H DISTRICT CONVENTION

Our Convention will be Saturday, February 8, at the Village United Methodist Church, 2501 W. Britton Road, Oklahoma City. We are still planning this event.

There will be at least two training events: Certified Guiding Lions, and one on Leadership Development.

Again this year we are inviting Clubs to

help in providing our Lunch. This year's theme is "Mardi Gras." Clubs are invited to either bring a Cajan dish or a desert. More on this later.

Besides the training and fellowship, the major reason for the District Convention is to elect officers and Board members. I already have the nomination submission of Lion Tom Cummings for District Governor Elect. We will also be moving Lion Dawn Miller from Second VDG to First VDG. The other officer to be elected is that of Second Vice District Governor.

Anyone who has been President for their Lions Club and served as a Zone Chair, Region Chair, Cabinet Secretary or Cabinet Treasurer is eligible to seek election to this position.

Nominations must be sent in to myself, as District Governor, PDG Jim Barnett, Nominations and Elections Committee Chair, and State Secretary Virginia Rodriguez no later than January 7, 2013.

The nominations package consists of a "Letter of Candidacy" from the person running for an office, and a copy of a "Resolution of Support" from the candidates club signed by the secretary.

In addition, we will be electing persons to a three year term on: Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation, Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch, Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank, the Dr. Eugene Briggs Memorial Scholarship Foundation, and the Southwest and Central Oklahoma Eyeglass Recycling Project. If you are thinking of running for the Boys Ranch, you have to submit your name to the Boys Ranch Executive Director for approval. Other than the Boys Ranch, nominations from the floor can take place if no one has submitted their nomination application before hand.

NEW MEMBERS

Cashion: Karen Danley, 10/22/12, by Gerry W. Danley.

Cushing: Russell A. Thurman, 10/30/12, by Terry Brannon.

Harrah: Charles E. Ferguson, 10/15/12, by Gary Fitzgerald.

Midwest City: Raymond A. Clements, 10/30/12, by Raymon Valdez.

DEATHS

Stroud: Danny Beltz, 11/14/12. Danny loved the Lions Club He loved his Church He was a honor to the community He excited people about learning and history He was a scout leader beyond com-

pare He encouraged people to use the library His words were soft, knowledgeable, and precise You knew what he was saying and it was the truth

DATES AND EVENTS

December 2012: OKC Capitol Hill LC Food Baskets

December 8, 2012: Harrah LC Annual Christmas Dinner & Pounding

December 17, 2012: Newcastle LC Family Pot-luck Dinner

February 2013: Prague LC Annual Chile Supper

February 9, 2013: District 3-H Convention, Village United Methodist Church, 2501 W. Britton Road.

February 23, 2013: Edmond LC 50th Anniversary, \$18 per plate. Send Reservations to PCC Bob Austin by 2/19/13.

February 28, 2013: Harrah LC Disk Golf Tournament

April 19, 2013: OKC Metro LC Jewel Box Theater Fund Raiser April 26-27, 2013: Lions of Oklahoma State Convention, Marriott Hotel, 3233 NW Expressway, OKC.

May 2013: Cashion LC 50th Anniversary

CLUB NEWS

CARNEY: The Carney Lions served hamburgers and hot dogs at the Seaba Station Motorcycle and Car Show on 10/21/12.

EDMOND: The Edmond Lions Club met in the Matthews' Funeral Home on October 23 and November 13 because Johnnies is closed for remodeling. Lion Neal Little was back after a bout of cancer and heart problems. We examined and approved 50th anniversary flyers that will be sent to Lions Clubs and to state officials. Our Celebration will be on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at 6:30 in the Edmond First Church of the Nazarene. The guest speaker will be PID Pat Shurley. The dinner will cost \$18 per person; reservations needed by February 19, 2013. We examined and chose the colors of purple and gold for our 50th Anniversary Pin.

Our Christmas Party will be at Ted and Jo McCarly's on Dec. 11th, at 6:30 PM. Jo will provide dessert, club will furnish BBQ brisket from Earls's and attending members are asked to furnish side dishes.

We had programs from Julie Gimmel, Oklahoma Blood Institute and Jackie Shaw, Executive Director of Edmond's Professional Counseling Resource, along with counselor Kathy Matthews. The Counseling Center provides marriage, youth, DUI and Suicide Prevention counseling. They provide these services for needy people in the Edmond, Deer Creek, and Oakdale school districts.

HARRAH: Two officers visited the Prague Lions Club to present a program on the Harrah US Flag project. Conducted the Harrah Lions Turkey Shoot on October 28th

and three weekends in November. Provided a concession stand for 2 auctions conducted by the D & D Auction company.

NEWCASTLE: Participated for the first time in the Newcastle Trick or Treat on Main Street by giving out candy and finger puppets in the parking lot of The Body Shop Fitness Center. More than 200 children stopped by. Commissioner Wilson yles, District 3 McClain County Commissioner provided a program on what the County Commissioners do and how he is working with the City of Newcastle.

OKC NORTHWEST: Collected 269 pair of eye glasses and 9 cell phones. Held a membership drive "Meet & Greet" with 12 members and 7 guests. 3 club members attended the District Cabinet Meeting. Cleaned out flower beds and planted 12 bushes and shrubs at Mayfield Middle School. Sponsored the Mobile Health Screening Unit at Integris Health Center screening 28 persons.

OKC WEST SIDE: One day each week provide Mobil Meals to homebound individuals. Raised funds for our service projects. Sponsored the Mobil Health Screening Unit.

STILLWATER NOON: Had four requests for eye glasses. Provided one pair at a cost of \$85. Continue to recycle eyeglasses, ink cartridges, cell phones, and hearing aides. 12 Lions assisted the First United Methodist Church in providing a meal to those in need. 10 Lions transported food from Walmart to Action, Inc. To distribute to those in need. Members sold Florida fruit (apples, oranges, tangelos and red grapefruit) to raise money for our Service projects. Some members buy the fruit to donate to nonprofit agencies, such as shelters for the homeless and domestic violence shelters. Honored two Stillwater High School students in November as Students of the Month. They have attended our November meetings, where they shred information about school activities.

Had programs by Oklahoma State University Women's Basketball assistant coach, accompanied by a member of the Cowgirl's team; Captain Trish Knott of the Salvation Army, and Elaine Dodd, Vice President for the Fraud Division, Oklahoma Bankers' Association.

Stroud: Fed workers at a Habitat for Humanity project. Provided one eye exam and pair of glasses. Supported the Stroud Chamber of Commerce. Had programs from the OKC Community Foundation, the Stroud Chamber of Commerce, the Oklahoma Service Foundation Executive Director Troy Jenkins (turned in Cowboy tickets), the Director of Red Rock, and House Parents from the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch. Donated to a family that lost their home in a fire; and donated to Beta Sigma Phi for Christmas Books.