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## It's Commitment Time

PDG Larry Bailey

Commitment is a word that some people like to avoid. It's a word that makes some people uncomfortable, maybe even nervous. Sometimes it's unavoidable. Commitment allows for plans to be made.

Early last fall the State Convention Planning Committee had to make a commitment to the Marriott Hotel in Oklahoma City regarding a date, hotel rooms, and meals regarding our state convention. A contract was signed to protect both parties. The contract has conditions that have to be met or the Lions of Oklahoma will be penalized. The SCPC analyzed numbers from recent conventions and used conservative numbers when making the hotel commitments. There is always an element of risk involved when you have to make a commitment that far in advance. I have every confidence that the Lions of Oklahoma will fulfill every expectation of the SCPC and we will have a great convention.

We need you to make a commitment to come and help the Governors celebrate the end of a year filled with commitment on their part. Maybe you can even commit to help financially. Previous articles outlined some of the convention expenses that could be sponsored by individuals, clubs, or businesses.

It looks like we will have the opportunity to go as a group on Thursday evening before convention to an **OKC Redhawks** baseball game. Details are provided in a separate article in this newspaper. On Friday afternoon we are planning a dedication of the Boneyard (PDGs) landscaping project at the state office. Ronda Mikles will speak on Friday evening and Saturday

afternoon on the topics **Laughter Truly Is The Best Medicine** and **Is Anyone Really Listening?** There will be a silent auction to benefit the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation. We need auction items for that also.

We need a commitment from the Leos out there as soon as possible. We will arrange a program if you will come.

Lions of Oklahoma, make a commitment. Plan to attend, call for hotel reservations, send in your registrations, bring an auction item, and make a donation to convention expenses. Contact me at 405-257-2431 or [ghia3940@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ghia3940@sbcglobal.net) or contact the state office with questions.

## Council Chair and Vice Chair Positions Open for 2012-2013

by 3-O DGE Larry Wibben

Applications for Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson for Lions year 2012-2013 will be accepted by the incoming District Governors. Applications must be received by the state office by March 1, 2012.

Applicants are requested to be present on Saturday morning, March 17, in Oklahoma City, to answer questions and interview.

Applications for other positions will not be accepted or reviewed at this time.

(MD-3 Oklahoma Lions State Constitution, Article IV, Section 2 and Council Policy, Article II, Section 5)

## Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation

by Troy Jenkins

*Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.*  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

In contemplating the job lying before the OK Lions Service Foundation, the truth in the words above rings true. There is a lot of work to be done; none of it more important than taking the first step!

In way of introduction, my name is Troy Jenkins. I am taking over the role of Executive Director of the OLSF on Feb. 1, 2012. I grew up a Navy brat. I was born in Nebraska, grew up in Washington State, graduated high school in Florida, and moved to Oklahoma from Atlanta, where I spent 2 years at Georgia Tech as a Navy Midshipman. My father was a Naval Aviator, who was killed in a training exercise when I was 11. His influence has always been a large part of my life; one of the things I still remember clearly was his belief that everybody should serve their country.

I have done my best to live up to my father's expectation of service, though I have focused it more directly on my community in a variety of programs, including Big Brothers/Big Sisters, where I served as a mentor in 3 cities, and on the board of directors in Stillwater. I have been a Lion for over 10 years; this organization and the projects it



supports mean a great deal to me. I've had the opportunity to meet many of you over the years, and look forward to working with all of you in the years to come.

So what is the game-plan? First and foremost, the connection between the individual Lions and Lions Clubs in Oklahoma and the OLSF needs to be restored. Obviously, the Foundation is only as strong as the support and faith behind it. In that spirit, I encourage you to

reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. I may not have all of the answers yet, but I commit to you that I will find them. I will also be happy to come to your club to talk about the Foundation and its work in supporting the Boys Ranch, Eye Bank, and the Mobile Health Screening Unit.

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The second step is revitalizing the "Building the Foundation" program. When I first joined the Lions, I was essentially told that giving \$5 each month to the OLSF was part of the gig. This money, it was explained, would help support state projects, and further the service provided by the organization. Currently, less than 200 of the over 4,500 Lions in Oklahoma are giving to the Build the Foundation program. I know you have all seen the statistics: if every Lion in the state gave \$5/month to "Building the Foundation" the result would be over \$270,000 annually.

Let's look at that in real terms: that money would cover the cost (above what is provided by DHS and the Irrevocable Trust) of all 12 boys at the Ranch for a year, with almost \$73,000 left to go toward the new Lions Family Resource Center. Your \$5/month could help to provide the quality of care that separates the OLBR from a group home that warehouses children, and allows the OLBR to be a therapeutic family environment where youth who are destined for poverty or prison have an opportunity to achieve. This same amount would have covered over a quarter of the cost of the new building for the OK Lions Eye Bank. Regardless of how the money is split between our state projects, a small amount from all of us makes a tremendous difference!

Another early goal is to revitalize our current fundraising efforts. Ideally, we could get the majority of our clubs to participate in White Cane in the same month, and promote the statewide event through press releases and corporate sponsorships. Likewise, Cowboy Cadillac could be bettered through promotion, donated or discounted prizes, etc. Ultimately, though, these events are driven by club participation; let's all get excited about why we are serving and the end results!

There are other points of focus, including grant-writing, developing new streams of revenue, and creating an OLSF fundraising event. The most important thing, however, is that an open line of communication is developed between the Lions, the Clubs, and the Foundation. The more we work together, the more we can and will achieve.

This last weekend, I had the opportunity to take 4 of the OLBR boys to the wrestling match at OSU. We had a good time—we listened to music in the car, watched the match, then ate enough appetizers to ruin everybody's dinner. The best part was the chance to just hang out and get to know these kids. I learned a little bit about their pasts. Some revealed that they had incarcerated parents; others mentioned that they had been in trouble in the past. One of my key take-aways from this outing is that though the past helped to shape our current state, it is never too late to start fresh and achieve great things. I look forward to our fresh start and the great things we will achieve together!

## It's That Time Again

The Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation has 3 major fundraising events each year, Cowboy Cadillac, Sheet Sales, and White Cane. The past several years' contributions to White Cane are down, dropping to the point it is hurting fundraising for our state projects. Our clubs have started to put a small amount in their budget or not giving anything at all to White Cane.

Fellow Lions, we have 2 very important state projects, the Oklahoma OK Lions Eye Bank and the OK Lions Boys Ranch. Each is among the best in the nation and plays a very important role in the lives of many people in Oklahoma and around the world.

Again we are having trouble meet-

ing the budgets for these projects. If we continue to give at the present rate or less, we will find ourselves looking at the possibility of having to give up one of the projects and that is unacceptable.

As your state White Cane Chairperson, I am calling on the Lions of Oklahoma to come together and reverse this downward trend in our giving. I also am asking each Lions Club in the state to give a minimum of \$20.00 per member to the White Cane Project. This would go a long way in meeting the budget of our projects.

Yours in Lionism  
**Henry North**

## BUILDING THE FOUNDATION

All Oklahoma Lions serve the Lions Boys Ranch and Lions Eye Bank when you pledge through the Building the Foundation Bank Draft Program. Your pledge provides the Lions Foundation a way to meet the needs of our Lions State Projects. Say YES to supporting our Projects with a

\_\_\_ Monthly Contribution \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly Contribution \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Semi-Annual Contribution \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Contribution \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_

OLSF Fellowships are awarded to individuals who make donation at two levels. \_\_\_ Louis B. Lackey Fellowship (\$250.00) \_\_\_ Dr. Robert D. McCullough Fellowship (\$500.00) Recipients receive Pins and certificates recognizing their contribution. Please make your check payable to and mail to: Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation, 4123 NW 10th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73107-5801.

The Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation is a non-profit corporation that serves individuals through the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank and Boys Ranch. Contribution are tax deductible under 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR PREAUTHORIZED PAYMENTS

I hereby authorize the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation, hereinafter called the FOUNDATION, to initiate debit entries to my checking account indicated below at the depository named below, hereinafter called DEPOSITORY, to debit the same to such account.

DEPOSITORY Name Your Bank \_\_\_\_\_

Branch \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Routing# \_\_\_\_\_ Account# \_\_\_\_\_

This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until the FOUNDATION has received written notification from me of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford the FOUNDATION and DEPOSITORY reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Memorials

#### OK Lions Service Foundation:

*In memory of Marge Walker* from Ed Herber; *Lion Bruce Stewart* from Atoka Lions Club; *PDG Earl Buddy Kilpatrick* from PDG Russell Wright

#### OK Lions Irrevocable Trust:

*In memory of George McAnn* from Bill and Yolanda Middleton

#### OK Lions Boys Ranch:

*In memory of Frank Curran* from Bill and Yolanda Middleton; *Joy McGehee* from Bill and Yolanda

Middleton, The Burt Family Trust, Richard and Rhonda Dugger; *Lion Claudie Lott* from Northeast Lions Club; *James H Ivy* from Waurika Lions Club; *Lion Bruce Stewart* from Tishomingo Lions Club, *Robert Love* from Joe and Terry Marschhauser; *Clifford Duffy* from Tom and Chery Glazier

### Tributes

#### OK Lions Service Foundation:

*In honor of Louis Lackey's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday* from Chuck, Kelley, Lauren and Ryan Lackey also Kyle and Amanda Burris

## Oklahoma Pin Traders

### GUIDELINES FOR OKLAHOMA TRADING PIN CONTEST

1. Each Lion may submit only **one entry**. The Club may submit an entry as a group effort, or hold a club contest of individual's designs, selecting the representative design.
2. **All entries must be received NO LATER than March 1, 2012; mail all entries to Lions of Oklahoma, 4123 NW 10th St., Oklahoma City OK 73107-5801**
3. The pin must represent Oklahoma Lions 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"x5" or larger than 4"x6" to provide the pin company with an adequate sample to produce the pin. Actual size to be determined by the designing company and pine coordinator.
6. A short narrative will accompany the design explaining the meaning and color representation.
7. Only Lions may enter the contest.
8. The initial design will be selected by the OK Lions state pin committee and be submitted to the incoming Governors at the state convention or at the DG training.
9. The winning design will be announced at the State Convention.
10. 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.
11. Any questions or clarification of these guidelines may be directed to: PDG Bill Middleton, 580-233-1771 or [lionbill@swbell.net](mailto:lionbill@swbell.net).

### 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's designs, selecting the representative design
2. **All entries must be received NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2012. Mail or give all entries to PDG BILL MIDDLETON, 2106 Constitution Ave., 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" to provide the pin company with an adequate sample to produce the pin. Actual size will 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 OK Lions State Convention.
9. Judges (Leos) 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 OK 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 these guidelines should be directed to PDG Bill Middleton, 580-233-1771 or [lionbill@swbell.net](mailto:lionbill@swbell.net).

## WORK DAY AT STATE OFFICE

We would like to plan on dedicating our plaza in front of the office on Friday afternoon of April 27 around 2:30 p.m. This is in conjunction with the Oklahoma Lions State convention in Oklahoma City that weekend.

With this in mind and weather permitting we are planning a work day at the state office on Saturday, March 3, starting by 9:30 a.m. We may need to use March 10 as a work day also, depending on the weather and how much we can get done on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The flag poles will need to be set and some grass cleaned out. We may need to replace some of the plants. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

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# Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch

## A Precious Bundle

by Colleen Fowler



Bob and Colleen Fowler  
House-Parents at the Cedars  
Announce the birth of their third  
Grandchild!  
Born 01/19/2012  
**Zachariah James Fowler**  
8 lbs. 6 oz.

I have to share some precious moments with you. There are times in a family's life that stand out in Mom's memory and I will continue to "ponder them and keep them in my heart."

Last week we had a wonderful event! A new grandson was born! When we knew he was coming soon, we loaded up 3 of our sons. Jarrod is 28 and lives about an hour north of us. Rodney lives about 12 miles and had worked all night and another resident had a Dr. Appt. just a few miles from the hospital where Zachariah was to be born. The big moment came a little after noon and 8lbs. 6 oz of joy came into our family. Of course holding him was this grandma's blessing but then a defining moment in our family. Our oldest son Robby, Zachariah's daddy took him out of his brother Jarrod's arms and with love and pride handed him to Rodney and said, "here brother." To tell you the rest of the story I have to start a little ways back. Four years ago Rodney came to live at the Ranch. He had a chip on his shoulder the size of his shoes (size 18)! Over the years he became our son; I tell everyone I may not have given birth to him, but my heart has stretch marks! This young man, after a rocky start with us, made the decision to turn his life around. It hasn't always been easy, but today he is happy, lives on his own, has a full time job and still loves us! We are his Mom and Dad.

It doesn't always happen that way, but once in a while the bond becomes

strong and sure and a family is reborn and renewed. Rodney looked into Zachariah's eyes and said "hey little man, I'm your Uncle Rodney." We all got teary eyed because we knew how far he had come and how much he loves us and how deeply we love him.

Zachariah and Gwenny and Noah have uncles who love them and the brothers have a bond that is strong and sure. The other resident was fearful of holding the baby, but he watched the interaction between us and for a moment I think he caught a glimpse of what he could experience if he so chooses. He is a great kid with great potential and like Rodney it will not be an easy road. But it's one that if he chooses to travel, he will not go alone and once again the family will evolve and renew.

## The Kitchen Blessing

by Colleen Fowler

You never know when an ordinary evening will turn into a precious memory! It's been a tough week at the Ranch. Issues have come up that have taken time and energy and have also been stressful on all of us. It's really draining emotionally and physically to face the ups and downs of this place.

Saturday night at snack time, we had all gathered in the kitchen (a common occurrence). Some boys were on restriction, some grounded and all upset over events of the week. As we began talking about the things that had happened and how we felt, it was like the flood gates opened; without any special prompting or techniques a dialogue began and evolved into what they thought the Ranch would be like, how they had changed and how they felt about being here. It was one of those moments when Bob and I just stood back, kept cooking and eating, and listened. It was a revelation of truth, a confession of things we suspected and a glimpse of what the future might hold.

They talked about how they knew we were there for them and how this place was different. It was said that this was a place where they got discipline, but not anger; encouragement not belittling. They seemed to understand that some of our "rules" were in place to protect them and help them

learn to be successful. They talked about how they thought they had changed and what they hoped to accomplish.

We stood in quiet amazement at this special moment. One young man just stood against the counter and didn't say a word, but he was listening and you could almost see a million thoughts going through his mind. For some reason their guard was down and for a few minutes we had a tiny insight into their hearts. It was so good to hear that we were making a difference, that in some areas they wanted to change and make a better life.

It was a moment of hugs and tears and laughter and, yes, pain. None of them would have chosen to be here if the circumstances of their lives hadn't been so crazy. We wouldn't have been here if our own wants and desires had prevailed. But we are thankful for this calling, grateful for the chance to love them and for a few moments there was no place we would rather be than in that kitchen surrounded by our boys and sharing with these young men their hopes and dreams and their hearts.

That is a rare occurrence, a moment to be nurtured and remembered...a blessing!

## OLBR QUILT-2012

I have a passion for quilting! Recently I was asked if I could put together a quilt for the December 2012 OLBR Christmas Party. This would be auctioned off! The group that had the idea suggested that each District submit 10 blocks. These should be 12 ½ x 12 ½ blocks on cotton or cotton blend. They should represent your club however you want it to. We ask that the District be somehow designated along with your Club's name. The deadline for entry is June 1, 2012. We only have room for 50 blocks so first come first serve! I will finish the quilt which will have blocks on the front and back along with some special blocks.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me: Colleen Fowler @ 405-606-5621.

We would ask for each District Governor to submit a block.

Let's have fun with this and make a memory!

## Help Needed!

Are you looking for a project for your Club? At the Cedars, we have 3 boys rooms and bathrooms that need painting. We will supply the paint if necessary and help as much as we can! This is a real need for us to maintain our facility and give our boys rooms to be proud of!

Your Club would be a blessing!

Call Bryan-405-547-2462 or  
Colleen-405-606-5621

## OLBR Staff

Bryan Larison - Executive Director

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Parents

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Parents

Josh Norman - Office Assistant

## Want to Help?

Friend of the Boys ranch \$25 per month or \$300 per year  
Partner of the Boys ranch \$75 per month or \$900 per year  
Champion of the Boys ranch \$200 per month or \$2400 year

There are several options for giving. You can mail your gift directly to the address below or you can visit [www.olbr.org](http://www.olbr.org) to donate online. All donations are appreciated. Any amount will make an impact that will reach into generations.

## Oklahoma Lions Boy Ranch

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# I BELIEVE

by Governor Gary Taylor

I am having a wonderful time being your Governor. Good things are happening in the District. Looking forward to the Leo Club charter night in Barnsdall. They already have 30 Leos to induct; what a great number of new Leos to work in their community.

It hard to believe that I only have 4 months to go before my term is up. They say that time flies when you are having fun so that means I have been having a barrel of fun.

Looking forward to attending the other district conventions and feel good knowing that mine is already behind me.

Let's all work hard to increase membership in your clubs. All you have to do is ask. You never know-they might just say yes. Remember the family plan where one pays the regular amount and the other family member only pays half International dues.

One fun way to get new ideas is to visit other clubs in your area and you will find out that all clubs are different. It is a good way to interact with other good Lions and make new friendships.

Remember, if you want your Club news in this newspaper, your Club Secretary needs to send me the information by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month so I have time to write my article. If your Club news is not in this newspaper it's because I don't have any information.

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## CLUB REPORTS

**Bartlesville Tuxedo:** Donated \$300 to the OK Lions Eye Bank and \$200 to the OK Lions Boys Ranch.

**Chelsea:** Collected 30 pairs of used eyeglasses. Approved 2 eyeglasses applications.

**Dewey:** Bought 6 backpacks for Dewey students. Awarded a \$500 scholarship to a 2011 Dewey graduate. Sold food at Sep. antique tractor and equipment show. Held a semi-annual chili and soup luncheon fundraiser in Oct. Helped the Salvation Army with 14 hours of bell ringing. Had 5 members attend the Boys Ranch Christmas party and our club donated \$750.

**Drumright:** Collected \$600 for the annual Fred Joseph free lunch in Drumright each Christmas.

**Fairland:** Held annual Christmas Banquet with 42 members and their guests present.

**Miami:** Purchased eyeglasses for 3 individuals.

**Pawhuska:** Made food baskets for the needy at Christmas. Had a float in the

Christmas parade.

**Sapulpa:** Paid for 4 pairs of eyeglasses. Had 10 students from the OK School for the Blind to help with bean day. Worked concessions for 2 playoff games. Collected 500 pairs of glasses.

**Tulsa Downtown:** Club members played Santa Claus and held parties for handicapped children in Tulsa Public Schools. The club spent over \$5,600 for presents for 280 children at 35 parties in 19 different schools.

**Tulsa Metro-McCullough:** Club continually collects eyeglasses, ink cartridges, aluminum cans. Donated \$500 to Lakeside Residential Center for Juveniles. Club members donated \$8,300 to the OK Lions Boys Ranch and \$3,000 to the OK Lions Eye Bank.

**Wagoner:** Nov. and Dec. were very busy months. Jim Marsh and Jeanne Portello hosted the hospitality room at the 3-O convention. A great time was had by all as we went by trolley to the Castle for appetizers and on to the OK Country Music Hall of Fame where we had a wonderful dinner and entertainment. We also spent Sat. at the Muskogee School for the Blind. We attended classes, worked on community service projects and had a wonderful lunch. In Dec. we held our first annual food drive, collecting nearly 3,000 pounds of food and about \$1,000.

Christmas party was held Dec. 6 with the Muskogee County Lions in attendance. Club donated to Help in Crisis, Wagoner Area Neighbors, Wagoner Community Outreach, TyDarius Penney Funeral Fund, and the OK Lions Boys Ranch. Presently planning our annual Bowling Tournament to be held on Feb. 25.

**Wann:** Lion J. W. Snelson sponsored 2 new members. Club sponsored a Santa Claus at the community center and candy for all children.

## A Handicapped Ramp for a Wyandotte Resident

A member of the Wyandotte Lions was made aware of an emergency experience by an 80-year-old member of the Wyandotte community. The lady collapsed in her trailer and the emergency crew summoned to retrieve her had to lower her out on a blanket due to the steepness and poor condition of the steps providing access to the trailer.

After receiving emergency treatment and being released, she had to temporarily move in with a relative, as it was apparent that she would be unable to return to her home due to her now ambulatory limitations and her home's difficult access. The same entry steps that made it precarious for the responding emergency crew to transport her to the emergency hospital now made it impossible for her to easily enter and leave her home unaided.

Immediately upon learning of her circumstances, the Wyandotte Lions responded by approving a motion that allowed appropriate funds to be allocated and an ADA compliant ramp to be constructed and installed at the lady's mobile home.

By the end of the next week, with full participation of the Wyandotte Lions Club, a professional handicapped ramp was constructed, installed and highly approved of by the lady in question. One of the results of this project was recognizing that an on-going community need for handicapped ramps exists for a number of people, who, for a period of time, are not able to negotiate the existing steps to their homes upon returning from medical care.

The Wyandotte Lions are using the experience of the completed ramp project as a Beta Model to now attempt to design and build a compliant modular handicapped ramp. The completed ramp would be made available to "lend out" to those in the community with such temporary physical limitations in a further effort to be of service to the community.

## Barnsdall Leo Charter Night



Total attendance was 75 people which included parents and students. The Club Chartered with 30 new Leos.



# Okemah's Finest

by Governor Cloye Thompson

**Dr. Claud D. Evans, President Okemah Lions Club** was recently spotlighted in a newspaper article sent to me by PDG Gary Wilburn. I would like to share part of this newspaper article with the Lions of Oklahoma.

"Okemah veterinarian and former Oklahoma State University Regent Dr. Claud D. Evans has been elected as the 2012-2013 national chair of the Council of Agricultural Research, Education and Teaching. CARET works to promote support for and understanding of the land grant university system's food and agricultural research, extension, and teaching programs that are mandated by state and federal law to actively engage in enhancing people's quality of life. It is comprised from all 50 states, U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia." Copyright from **Okemah News Leader**, Sat., Jan 14, 2012 by Donald Stotts **Congratulations Dr. Evans!**

## Welcome New Members!

**William Hollwager** (Ada); **Vickie Pieratt** (Broken Bow); **Angela Cooper** (Poteau Evening); **Larry Fulbright** (Vian)

## In Loving Memory



**Lion Brown Wyrick**, Atoka; **Lion John McLemore**, Talihina; **Lion Kenneth Norbury**, Talihina

## Happy Anniversary

Madill 2/21/1955 (57 years)

## Club Reports

**Ardmore** honored Students of the Month Holly Walker and Kaytlyn Zieske, welcomed guest speaker Judy Cavnar, Health Educator, Carter County Health Department.

**Atoka** mourned the loss of Lion Brown Wyrick. Lion Brown was a 71 year charter member and a very special Lion.

**Coalgate** during Christmas worked community service project as Salvation Army bell ringers

**Holdenville** held their annual Potato Bar Fundraiser and purchased eyeglasses for a house fire victim. Their meeting dates have changed to the first and third Tuesday of each month.

**Pocola** Feb. 6 will be hosting a Valentine Party at the home of PDG Jim and Lion Sherry Keisman; honored Peace Poster winner Haley Morris and family at a Pizza Party; making plans for their Pancake

### District 3-K

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Breakfast fundraiser.

**Shawnee** Lions were bell ringers for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive; Club also donated \$500; collected 780 pairs of used eyeglasses for Recycle for Sight. Eight Shawnee Lions volunteered to work the Shawnee High School Booster Concession Stand to free up parents to attend the game.

**Talihina** held a Christmas ceremonial dinner and meeting to honor 2 Lions that passed away this year; Lion Kenneth Norbury with 50 years of service and Lion John McLemore with 24 years of service. Plaques were presented to their wives and families. The

**Wewoka Lions Club:** PDG Larry Bailey presents the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to Lion Ernest Moore. Lion Ernest joined Lions 7/1/1970!



Pictured below from left to right: PDG Greg Arbuckle, PDG Ferrill Williamson, Lion Phyllis Williamson, and newest honoree Lion Ernest Moore (front)



from left to right: Lion Vickie and ID Robert Smith (California) and PID Pat Shurley try to win a game of bingo at the 3-K/3-L Mid-Winter Convention.

Club donated 37 Christmas hams, \$250 for Angel Tree gifts, and collected 18 pairs of used eyeglasses. Lion President Jerry Pearce was the District 3K top seller of Cowboy Cadillac tickets \$978. Talihina was 3K's top selling club (\$2,198).

**Wilburton** purchased 2 pairs of eyeglasses; held the Southeastern District Livestock Show Jan. 26-28.

International Director Bob Smith from California "pins" PDG Les Walker (Seminole LC), recipient of 3-K's LCIF Melvin Jones Fellowship.



**More District 3-K/3-L Mid-Winter Convention Pictures and News can be found on page 6. Thank you, PDG Russell Wright (Coalgate) for the photos.**

## Districts 3-K and 3-L Party Fri., Jan. 27 at Lake Murray Lodge



**Lion Judy Elliott (Atoka) wins a game of beach blanket bingo!**

# 3K-3L Midwinter District Convention

*January 27-28, 2012 at Lake Murray Lodge*

Order of the weekend was fun, laughter, and relaxation. Welcome baskets greeted room guests and the hospitality room was brimming with homemade goodies.

The weather was perfect at Lake Murray Lodge as 143 Lions welcomed International Director Robert Smith and Lion Vickie from Sacramento, California to our 3K-3L Mid-Winter Convention. ID

Smith was our keynote speaker at the noon luncheon and during a Q&A meeting from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm he shared updates from Lions Clubs International and answered many of our questions.

PDG Bill Middleton was the winner of our grand prize drawing for a set of Michelin tires (4) made at the Ardmore Plant. PDG Kent Clovis was the 50/50 raffle winner.

After a busy morning meeting Lions, collecting signatures, and searching for the secret Lion, 22 First Timers were honored during the noon luncheon. Congratulations to Lion Stephanie Pettett for her amazing job chairing the First Timers' activities.

PDG Travis Cummins distributed Guiding Lion Training packets and conducted an introductory

training session.

The lobby was filled to capacity with PCC Kent Clovis' pin trader tables and with silent auction tables.

**Thank You** to PDG Russell Wright and PCC Kent Clovis for documenting our convention in photos.

## First Timers at the 3-K/3-L Mid-Winter Convention



Thank you, **Lion Stephanie Pettett** for a fantastic First Timers event. What a marvelous and fun group!

## 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Congratulations, Ardmore & Chickasha Lions Clubs!



Lion Leslie Walker (left) observes as PIC Pat Shurley presents Ardmore Lions Club's 95<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary certificate from International President Tam to Club President Martin Dyer.

Chickasha Lions listen to ID Smith read their 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary certificate. Left to right: Pres. Don Riley, Sec./Past Pres. Wayne Leu, Treas. PDG Travis Cummins and 3-L DG Ealmer Klippel



## District 3-K Peace Poster Winner



Amanda Daniel receives her 3-K Peace Poster Contest LCI Certificate and district check from Lion Phyllis Williamson (Wewoka), District Peace Poster Chairperson.



Pictured to the right, OK Lions Boys Ranch Executive Director Bryan Larison talks to Lions attending the Districts 3-K/3-L Mid-Winter Convention. The Lake Murray Lodge lounge is a perfect place to relax and visit in front of the fire.

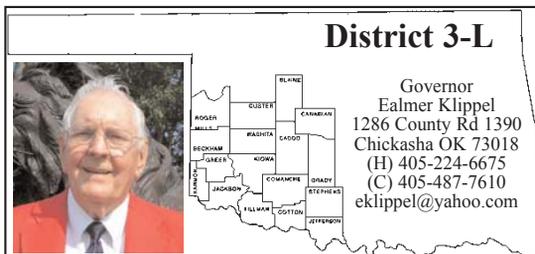
## A Lesson in Prevention

by Governor Ealmer Klippel

I am experiencing a problem I have never had before! On December 15, I was told I had shingles on the right side of my face. The doctor put me on medication and began monitoring my eyesight. He told me that occasionally, patients experience blindness when having shingles on the face.

At present, my sight is blurred and I see double, which they tell me could be with me for 2 or more months. During this time, I have experienced a low to high level of pain. I am telling you about this problem because they tell me there is no immediate cure. But, there is a vaccine that is available which prevents or lessens the problem should you contract shingles.

I am learning to cope with my sight loss. I have tried driving with my bad eye covered (so I won't see double) and my wife says I do well. Not good, just well! I am learning how quickly sight can leave you and how much you have to go



### District 3-L

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through to learn to cope. I have a stronger appreciation for the Eye Bank, sight schools and all the efforts that the Lions have made since accepting Helen Keller's challenge years ago.

Don't delay getting the prevention and avoid the pain and complications of shingles!

### Club Reports

**Altus:** Bought eyeglasses for people in need. Hosted 4 Cubs of the Week from school along with their representatives. Held Breakfast with Santa fundraiser. Provided life line for hospital and newspapers for hospital patients. Held their annual Christmas party for members and families.

**Cache:** Sponsored the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster contest and presented entries to District 3-L judges, resulting in 3 winners. Kelsie Morgan

won first place, Emily Cobb won second place and Brock Parker won third place. Awards will be presented at the District Convention if students/parents can attend. The first place winning poster is being judged by a state committee and the winner will be announced at the Oklahoma Lions State Convention April 28 in Oklahoma City. Club bought smoke detectors and automatic defibrillator and cabinet for Cache School; training to use the defibrillator was included.

**Canton:** Sponsored Pee-Wee basketball and are ready to plant trees.

**Canute:** Hosted a stew supper. Held a Christmas party on Dec. 11.

**Chickasha:** Collected 250 pairs of used eyeglasses to recycle. Bought eyeglasses for persons in need. Donated to **Food for Kids** program.

**Head Nut** Jack Hudson chaired a great nut sale. Donated to the Angel Tree Project and rang bells for the Salvation Army. Preparing for an evening of music and Collectibles Show fundraisers.

**Clinton Noon:** Reworking summer ball fields and bought bleachers

and field equipment.

**Cordell:** Worked on the Park Project and put up Christmas lights in the park.

**Elk City:** Active, working on various projects.

**Lawton Northeast:** Hosts annual breakfast for all living Past District 3-L Governors on Feb. 18 at 8am at Golden Corral.

**Lawton NE On-Line Branch:** Celebrated third anniversary (Jan. 6) by meeting for lunch at Mike's. 2009. Welcomed 2 newest members, Lions Clyde Page and Laura Haithcock! On Feb. 14 Lions will have a pizza party for special needs students at MacArthur Middle School.

**Marlow:** Honored Marlow Student of the Week at the Lions luncheon. Bought eyeglasses for the needy children of the community. Sold OLSF Cowboy Cadillac tickets. Held Christmas Pancake Day in conjunction with Christmas Parade, a good fundraiser for the club.

**Mustang:** Building rental

**Pocasset:** Working with local fire department to replace a unit that was lost in the wild fires. Recruited 3 new members: Robert Dye, Dick Lowe and Judy Lowe.

### Lion Joe Wotring, Lion of the Year, Lawton NE On-Line Branch Lions Club



One of the club's founding members and vice-president, Lion Joe is a critical part of the club's success on White Cane Day. He picks out the tree for the Earth Day activity. He has a flag route, which is a big fundraiser for this Lions Club.

### A Place for Fellowship and Fun: Convention Hospitality Rooms



On Sat., Jan. 28, PDG Jim Keisman (3-K Pocola LC), Lion Gay Celcer (3-K Ardmore LC), Lion Ann Hazelbaker (3-L Duncan Evening LC) and Lion Judy Elliott (3-K Atoka LC) visit and share a laugh in the hospitality room hosted by the Ardmore Lions Club.

# Our Family- Our Club

By Governor Arlene Shore

At our District 3-A Convention Jan. 20-21 in Enid we recognized our individual and club achievements by those who faithfully serve. I am so proud of those who serve so unselfishly and contributed so much to Lions work this year and those who step forward to continue to work so tirelessly in serving in Lions.

Elected by District 3-A for the coming year were R. Deane Wymer from Fairview as District Governor Elect; Terry Woodruff from Ponca City Noon as First Vice District Governor Elect. Elected to 3-year terms for the following state project boards: Arlene Shore (Garber LC) for the OK Lions Boys Ranch and Joyce Hallagin (Guymon LC) for the Dr. Eugene Briggs Scholarship Foundation. Garber Lion Carobelle Carson was elected to the State Planning Committee for a 2-year term.



Receiving the Club President's Excellence Award was Harold Cooper (North Enid LC) and Deanna Carson (Garber LC). Receiving the Certificate of Appreciation from Past International President Sid Scruggs III was Past District 3-A Governor Chris Perkins.

Certified Guiding Lions for the new Hooker Lions Club are PDG Chris Perkins and Dawn McGriff (Guymon LC). Receiving Extension Awards for their work in establishing the Hooker Club were John Schmidt and Joyce Halligan (Guymon LC). Extension Awards were presented to Scott Corson (Ponca City Noon LC) and Harold Shore (Garber LC) for their work in starting the new Blackwell Lions Club. Terry Woodruff and Scott Corson are Certified Guiding Lions for the Blackwell Lions Club and sponsor is the Ponca City Noon Lions Club.

Sherry Sterling, President, Covington Lions Club, is awarded the Hal Long Rookie of the Year. Cub Awards were given to Ayiana Padilla and Ravin Padilla, grandchildren of Karl and Terry Youngers (Pioneer Pleasant Vale Lions). An International Eagle Scout Award from International President Tam was presented to Bryce Foraker from Garber. Nash Lions Club President Steve and members were presented their 75<sup>th</sup>

Peace Poster Contest Winner from Laverne **Olivia Carrell** with ID Carolyn Messier (left) and PCC Yolanda Middleton (right)



Anniversary banner patch. The top selling club in the Cowboy Cadillac ticket sales was Garber and the top salesman for the fifth year in the state was Garber Lion Elmo Castle.

Certificates of Appreciation from International President Wing-Kum Tam were presented to Garber Lion Harold Shore, Pioneer Pleasant Vale Lion Karl Youngers and Marshall Lions Club President Ron Streck. Guymon Lion Colleen Michael was recognized by the pin traders and LEO Britni Thompson was recognized for designing a new pin for the LEOs. Thirteen Certified Guiding Lions were introduced.

Activities during our convention included a tour by PID Pat Shurley for our visiting International Director Carolyn Messier and husband Norm. They experienced the history and food at Cattleman's in OKC, visited the National Memorial (Murrh Building bomb site), the State Office, the Eye Bank, the Cowboy Museum, and had supper at the Boys Ranch. In Enid they visited the Cherokee Strip Regional Museum, helped plant a tree at the Woodring Hall of Honor and were a part of a group that served dinner at the Our Daily Bread. ID Carolyn's inspirational speech and their presence added so very much to our convention.

PDG Carobelle Carson chaired the Girl Scout recognition as we celebrated their 100-year Anniversary. On Fri. evening they were responsible for "Presenting the Colors." Executive Director of the Northwest Scout District, Carla Burdick shared with us the Girl Scout history, songs, and traditions.

Former Girl Scouts and leaders were presented a 100-year pin. District Environmental Chair Paul Babiak and Youth Chair Leland Streck, along with the Girl Scouts potted trees to be used in the tree planting project. DG Elect Deane Wymer brought 26 trees from the William S. Key facility that he made available for anyone who wanted one. First VDG Elect Terry Woodruff lined up a great morning of programming that

included Bryan Larison (OK Lions Boys Ranch), Leon Seaton (Lomega LC) for Leader Dogs for the Blind, Terry Woodruff on Briggs Scholarships, and Scott Corson on Club Building, Children's Diabetes and information on the Eye Bank.

Following the Parade of Banners PDG Distinguished Toastmaster Keith Trolinger shared an inspiring speech entitled "I Believe." In honor of our veterans Ms. Senior Oklahoma Vickey Rose inspired us with patriotic songs. Lion Michael Clifton performed a "hats off" tribute to veterans, with Lion Paul Babiak recognized for the longest military service of 35 years. Veterans and the military were honored by the planting of a tree at the Woodring Wall of Honor.

The Garfield County 4-H under volunteer leader Lanora Donahoo served our banquet. During the convention a 1/2 and 1/2 ticket drawing was conducted by Charles and Colleen Michael. \$650 was raised with half to be given to the winner and the other half to be given to the Eye Bank, Boys Ranch and the Children Diabetes.

Garfield County Lions sponsored the Convention for the district. Yolanda Middleton made the arrangements for the Wall of Honor dedication. The silent auction and pin traders were set up in good order by Bill Middleton and Ron Schulz. Pioneer Pleasant Vale was responsible for the hospitality and for the Fri. evening meal. North Enid Lions Club took care of the registration.

There were pictures of all the clubs I have visited (39) in the foyer for everyone to see.

Ms. Senior Oklahoma 2011  
Vickey Rose



Those receiving the Melvin Jones Fellowship were Lanora Donahoo by the Enid Noon Briggs Lions, Frank Meade by the Garber Lions and Terry Woodruff by District 3-A. The winner of the Youth Speech Contest was Piper Ray and runner up Shi Ann Jones from Lomega. The Adult Speech Contest winner was Leland Streck (Enid Noon Briggs) and runner up Michael Clifton (Pioneer Pleasant Vale).

The Peace Poster Contest winner was Olivia Carrell from the Laverne Lions Club.

## 3-A in Convention January 20-21, 2012, in Enid



Melvin Jones recipient Terry Woodruff (Ponca City Noon)

Top OLSF Cowboy Cadillac Sales in state to PDG Elmo Castle and his club Garber Lions as top selling club in the state.



Melvin Jones Fellowship recipient from Enid Noon Briggs Lions Club: Lanora Donahoo



Garber President Dee Carson (pictured to the left) receiving the Club Presidents Excellence Award

### Youth Speech Contest Winner Piper Ray



Adult Speech Contest Winner Leland Streck

## *Dr. Eugene S. Briggs Memorial Scholarship* **March 1 is the deadline for application for 2012-2013**

### *Attention Oklahoma Lions Clubs!*

March 1 is the deadline for students in your district to apply for a \$500 scholarship for the 2012-2013 school year. Please promote this scholarship opportunity in your local high schools and post-graduate educational institutions. Application documents can be found on-line at [www.occf.org](http://www.occf.org).

This scholarship fund was established by the Lions of Oklahoma to honor the memory and contributions of Dr. Eugene S. Briggs, a famous Oklahoman who furthered education in the state and also served in a tremendous capacity the Lions Clubs International organization's purpose and mission, in leadership advancing to be Lions Clubs International President.

The scholarship application process is in transition this year, moving to staffing support from the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, which the Briggs Trust uses to administer the endowment fund and application/scholarship distribution process. Lion Anna-Faye Rose is the scholarships administrator at OCCF, is a past Briggs board member, and advises the Dr. Briggs Memorial Trust current board members as requested. PDG Gary Wilburn (Seminole LC) is the current board president.

Please check your OK Lions state directory for the board members from your district. Contact your local schools to promote applications for the scholarships. Three are awarded from each district. And don't forget to include this important state project in your club's budget considerations for annual donations. The scholarship amount can grow only if donations are made!

From: <http://www.occf.org/scholarships/esbms.html>

### **Dr. Eugene S. Briggs Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Award Amount: \$500

Award Status: Re-apply Process

Sponsor: An endowed scholarship fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation established by the Lions of Oklahoma.

Academic Requirements: Not specified

Financial Need: Considered

High School Criteria: Graduate of an Oklahoma High School

College Criteria: Academically accredited not-for-profit institutions in the United States

Other Criteria: Student must obtain the endorsement of a local Oklahoma Lions Club

Deadline: March 1

Web site: [www.oklahomalions.org](http://www.oklahomalions.org) (Review "District Pages" to find a directory listing for a Lions Club near you.)

Documents: Application Part A and Consent & Release Form, Application Part B, and Invitation to Apply

For further information or request an application, contact: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 1146, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1146

You can also contact your Oklahoma Lions Club District's Briggs Board members for additional information or your District Governor.

# GET-ER-DONE

by Governor Marvin Ainsworth

## WELCOME NEW LIONS

**CUSHING:** GEOFFREY BEASLEY Joined 12/1/2011 Sponsor Steven Rasmusen; JOHN KONRAD Joined 12/1/2011 Sponsor Sharon Kay Hudgins

**GUTHRIE NOON:** R. LARRY WOODS Joined 1/1/2012 Sponsor Sharon Kay Hudgins

**PERRY:** ELLIS BEASLEY Joined 12/1/2011 Sponsor Lori J Pierce

**PRAGUE:** DON AYLOR Joined 12/1/2011 Sponsor Juana Aylor

**OKC NORTHWEST:** ALVIN CHAPELL Transfer from Crescent Lions 1/6/2012

## A Few Thoughts About *Get-er-Done*

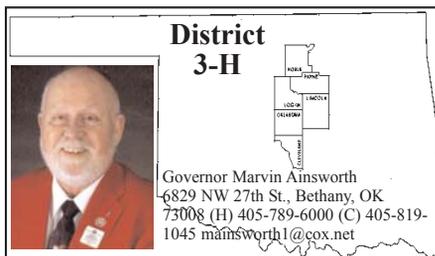
By the time you read this all of the Mid-Winter Conventions will be behind us. I hope you attended the one for your District. While it's fresh in your mind write your District Governor and let them know what you thought.

At the 3-A Convention, International Director Carolyn Messier told the group we've got to change the way we do things if we want more young members. Young people don't have time for more meetings, they want to *Get-er-Done!*

Maybe our attire needs to change. If you have a yellow vest, wear it; but don't require your new young members to wear a yellow vest unless they want to and then your Lions Club should pay for it. Give them an option like polo shirts; make them yellow or blue or whatever your club wants. My club, OKC West Side, wears polo shirts of 4 different colors and some wear yellow vests and some wear nice beaded vests. We all paid for our own but we have a choice. When I was in business I paid for "Uniforms" if my employees were required to wear them.

I know we need to project the fact that we are Lions and the best way is through having the Lions emblem on our apparel.

Mary and I recently visited the Mulhall-Orlando Lions Club. This club was formed in 1970 and is still a major part of both communities. They don't stand on ceremony; yes, for the most part they wear yellow vests. What they do is look around and find something that needs to be done and then they go do it. They don't talk it to death or have more meetings than it



deserves. They just *Get-er-Done!* And this year they increased their membership from 9 to 11, almost a 20% increase.

Visiting at that same meeting were 7 members of the Stillwater Noon Club which is also a *Get-er-Done* club. Two of those Stillwater Noon members were new Lions: Sara Disney, a second generation Lion, and Josh Marler. Both are young, energetic, civic minded people.

We asked them to tell us what they wanted out of being a Lion and what they didn't want. They want to serve and they don't have time for long meetings. Meetings YES; but NOT long, drawn out meetings. They want to be able to look online if they miss a meeting and find out what the next service project is. I am asking Sara and Josh to contribute their thoughts on things we should do. I'll send those out to the Club Officers as I get them.

Let's listen to our younger members and *Get-er-Done!*

## CLUB NEWS

**Stillwater Noon (with 86 members):** Had 12 requests for eyeglasses; purchased 2 pairs (\$85 each). Used eyeglasses were recycled at our collection site. Noon Lions will be helping to fill food sacks for low-income students; this is a community-wide project to provide nutritious food on the weekend for young people who have subsidized meals at school. The Director of the Nature Conservancy of Oklahoma spoke to our club about what the Conservancy does to conserve land and water by working with partners, corporations and land owners all over the world. Lions continue to recycle used cell phones and printer cartridges. Two Stillwater High School Students of the Month met with us. Club donated \$100 to the Distinguished Young Woman of Oklahoma contest, which provides scholarships to young women who excel in a variety of categories. Noon Lion Troy Jenkins, new Executive Director of the OK Lions Service Foundation, will participate in the Chili Cook-off for the

3-H Mid-Winter Convention. OK State Univ. Assoc. Vice President for Diversity Dr. Jason Kirksey spoke to members about the benefits of commitment to diversity. Club is planning for annual Valentine Dinner and play in Feb.

**Cushing:** Delivered fruit from Fruit Sales. Donated to Love Inc., the OK Lions Boys Ranch, and to the OK Lions Eye bank. Individual Lions donated additional funds to the Eye Bank. In the last 6 months club provided 10 pairs of eyeglasses to people who needed help getting them. Club welcomed 2 new Lions: Geoffrey Beasley and John Konrad. Geoff is President /CEO of Beasley Technology and John is Training Manager at the Cimarron Correctional Facility.

**Edmond:** In Dec. club had a Christmas Party in the home of Jo and Ted McCarley. It was a catered affair with the hostess, Jo, preparing pies for dessert (coconut cream, pumpkin, pecan, -*What a treat!*). The Lions brought toys for the Hope Center for needy children's Christmas. It was a marvelous party enjoyed by all who attended. At the Jan. 10 meeting started planning for next fundraiser, a chili supper on Mar. 13; tickets will be \$5 from any Edmond Lion. Club will sponsor the OK Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit at the request of UCO's Nursing Dept. twice in the spring, on UCO's campus: tentatively Feb. 10 and Mar. 9. Club received \$1,000 from 2 different Wal-Mart Stores. During the Jan. 10 meeting club celebrated our oldest Lion's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Members are encouraged to attend the 3-H Mid Winter and the OK Lions State Conventions.

**OKC Northwest:** Donated \$100 to the OK Lions Eye Bank in honor of speakers and \$1,000 to their building fund. Collected 252 pairs of used eyeglasses and 26 pairs of lenses. Made an official inter-club visit to the Midwest City Lions Club. Three members attend State Council Meeting.

**Norman:** Having exhausted the budgeted amount for eye exams and glasses, Lion Treasurer Brad Hawkins raised an additional \$2,500 from an outside source. Club is preparing a Valentine's Day treat for members, spouses, and guests at our luncheon meeting on Feb. 14: Lion Irv Wagner will sponsor a perform-

ance by the Sweet Adelaides; Lion Mike Pullin will provide table flowers; and Lion Secretary Gwen Gough and Lion President Mona Nelson will provide red table cloths and decorations. At our standard cost, a gourmet luncheon will be served. Coach Merv Johnson is scheduled to present a talk on OU football at the Feb. 21 luncheon meeting. The Club's annual Lions Carnival will take place over 4 days (Thurs.-Sun.), Apr. 26-29, during the annual Norman Music Festival. Thus more people will attend the Carnival, our only major effort at fundraising. For more information call Lion 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Sam. Friedman, 405-360-3828.

**Norman Sooner:** Processed 31 eye care requests and provided eye care for 8 children and 12 students. Lion Ted Smith volunteered to speak with First Fidelity about the possibility of the club being selected as one of this year's charities that the IBC students at OU sponsor.

**OKC West Side:** Cooked and delivered Mobile Meals for Ridgecrest Church. Donated or rented at reduced rates use of Town Hall to various charitable groups. Supported equine therapy at Buchanan Elementary School. Delivered reading glasses to a missionary group leaving for Zambia so the people can read the new Bibles that the missionaries bring. Readers were furnished by **OKC Downtown Lions and Community Vision Care.**

**OKC Metro:** For the 3-H Mid Winter Convention on Feb. 4 Lion Pat volunteered Mrs. Pat to make a pot of chili. Lion Clare suggested that Lion Sandy should get her hubby to also make a pot of chili. In addition club voted to contribute to the State Convention in April: 2-hour hosting of the Hospitality Room and provision of a tray of veggies. Next fundraising event is at the JEWEL BOX THEATER on Feb. 29, **Sherlock Holmes, The Hound of the Baskervilles**; there are only a few tickets left. Contact President Kathy Hill or PCC Dean Taylor.

**Davenport:** Donated to the OK Lions Boys Ranch, LCIF, OK Lions Service Foundation, and to the OK Lions Eye Bank.

**Mulhall-Orlando:** Sacked and distributed candy to the middle and elementary school students. Held annual Wife's Night Out at a nice restaurant. Just finished up the fruit sales.

# Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

by State Secretary Virginia Rodriguez, PCC

**GOOD NEWS!** We have been able to arrange an evening with the OKC Red Hawks on the Thursday (April 26) prior to the State Convention. The RedHawks are a farm club of the Houston Astros. We will have field seating as a group and a "Lions Club State Convention" message on the video board during the game. All of those who attend will receive a Limited Edition Red Hawks baseball cap. **Cost of ticket: \$11.00** **Date: April 26 at 7:00 p.m.**

I reserved 60 seats for us. There is a refundable/transferable deposit in case we need to change the date or cancel. Final payment is due 30 days (Mar. 27) prior to the event; we can add or subtract at that time. Once we hit that 30 day time, we can still add tickets, just not subtract them. Please fill out the form and mail along with check made out to Lions of Oklahoma to: OK Lions State Office c/o Virginia Rodriguez, 4123 NW 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City OK 73107-5801. I will pick up your tickets and get them to you as we did 2 years ago.

So let's all go out to the Ball Game and have some fun! Should you have questions please do not hesitate to call me at the state office.



## Multiple District 3-Lions of Oklahoma STATE CONVENTION

April 27-28, 2012

**MARRIOTT OKLAHOMA CITY**

**3233 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK 73112 (405) 842-6633**



**Convention Room Rate: Standard King or Double –\$93.00 plus tax (currently 13.875%): -All reservations need to be made individually. The Cut off date for Lions group is April 12, 2012-after cut off date reservations will be accepted only if rooms available. Must report that you are with Lions of Oklahoma State Convention when you call for room reservations.**

### CONVENTION REGISTRATION

**The sponsoring clubs are responsible for registration and meals of their "speech" & "peace poster" contestants and their guests.**

Registration-Lion/non-Lion (Postmarked before April 20, 2012) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

Late Registration (Postmarked after April 20, 2012) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Leo Members/Youth \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$00. \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Hours Friday 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.-Saturday 7:30am -Noon**

### MEALS

**FRIDAY NOON: PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS (BONE YARD) ANNUAL MEETING ALL LIONS WELCOME (Lions/Business Attire)**

Lion/Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Classic Mixed Green Salad, Country Fried Steak/Gravy, Dessert, Coffee, Tea & Water

**FRIDAY EVENING:** (Casual) Lion/Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Mediterranean: Marinated Boneless Breast of Chicken, Sun-dried tomato presto, roasted red and yellow peppers, melted mozzarella cheese, fresh vegetables and Yukon gold mashed potatoes, Dessert, Coffee Tea, & Water

**SATURDAY NOON:** (Casual/Lions/Business) Lion/Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rosemary and black pepper crushed pork loin with wild mushroom marsala sauce, mixed field green salad, rosemary roasted potatoes and fresh vegetables, dessert, coffee, tea & water

**SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET:**

(Business/Semiformal) Lion/Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$26 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Piccata-chicken breast seasoned and seared, lemon beurre blanc, salad, Yukon gold Potatoes and Julienne vegetables, dessert coffee, tea, & water

*Meals guaranteed only if registration is received by April 25, 2012*

### TABLES

Pin Trader Tables: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_

First Timer: \_\_\_Y \_\_\_N

Name of spouse/guest/Leo: \_\_\_\_\_

Is spouse/guest/Leo First Timer: \_\_\_Y \_\_\_N

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL NEEDS AND/OR SPECIAL DIET REQUESTS: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form (with check payable to Lions of Oklahoma) to:

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## "TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME"

### OKLAHOMA CITY REDHAWKS BASEBALL GAME

THURSDAY, APRIL 26 – 7:00 p.m.  
(evening prior to our OK Lions State Convention)

OKC REDHAWKS vs ROUND ROCK TEXAS

**COST PER TICKET \$11.00**

Field seating as a group of Lions  
Free limited edition Redhawks baseball cap  
"LIONS CLUB STATE CONVENTION" ON THE  
VIDEO BOARD DURING GAME

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING AND MAIL  
WITH CHECK (SEPARATE FROM STATE CONVEN-  
TION REGISTRATION) MADE OUT TO OKLAHOMA  
LIONS (BALL GAME)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of check enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_