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WHY ASK WOMEN TO BE LIONS?

Virginia Rodriguez PCC State Secretary

Women are natural Lions—they have been trained for generations to be Lions.

Since the dawn of civilization women have been:

- Gatherers of food and makers of meals; Makers of clothing;
- Nurses; Homemakers;
- Teachers of the young;
- Keepers of the fire; Able to do a "mans job"; Givers of love and comfort.

SERVICE was invited by women. Over generations of male dominated society in which men have been violent warriors stressing strength, power, and control...

Women have learned to use gentleness, submission, and persuasion to direct their children and men to do what must be done to improve society and maintain the family unit. Persuasive LEADERSHIP of volunteers is a woman's natural talent.

With this said.....HOW ABOUT ORGANIZING BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMENS LIONS CLUBS. (Of course males could be welcome to join.) There are several cities in Oklahoma that this could be accomplished. Let's try it!!!

Lions-Quest comes to Wewoka

My hat is off to PDG Larry Bailey and the Wewoka Lions for sponsoring the Lions-Quest 2 day workshop in Wewoka on July 30-31. All the teachers from the Wewoka middle school were provided two days of professional staff development in the Lions-Quest Skills for Adolescence curriculum. The Wewoka Lions stepped up and provided the training site, set up and lunches for the teachers both days. They partnered with the Wewoka Schools to help provide the youth of Wewoka a possible future without drug abuse, alcoholism, bullying, teen pregnancy and suicide. I'm hoping the Lions Club of Oklahoma would make the future of the youth in their community a priority like the Wewoka Lions have.

PDG Tony Dowell

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Council Chairman Corner

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Wow...we had a big turnout at the Council Meeting on 8/18. This was my first one as Council Chair and I was a little nervous to say the least. Not that I was afraid to stand up in front of the Lions. I've done that many times as Governor. But as Governor I was only responsible for my district. This year I am responsible to all the District Governors and all the State Lions. You expect me to conduct the Council Meeting in a business like, efficient manner. In a manner that would let the Lions of Oklahoma know they should be proud of their Council of Governors.

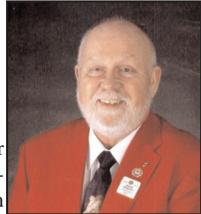
The SCPC (State Convention Planning Committee) meets at 7:45 and begins to work on the Yearly Convention. At 8:15 the Eye Bank Executive Committee meets at the State Office. At 8:55 The Council convenes for the Flag Salute and Prayer then adjourns until 1:00 PM. At 9:00 the Oklahoma Eye Bank Board meets with their directors in an open forum, as are all the board meetings. The next Board Meeting at 9:45 is the Dr. Eugene Briggs Memorial Scholarship Board. At 10:30 the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch Board Meeting begins. OLSF (Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation) is next at 11:15. At noon it's lunchtime. The Bone yard meets and lunches in one part of the building and the rest of us eat in the main part. The Council meeting re convenes at 1:00 PM. For the next few hours the business of the Oklahoma State Lions is conducted, reports are heard on both the State and International levels and reports are given by each governor in regards to their respective districts. After adjournment;

there were four different committees that met in the state office and the West Side Lions Lioness Room.

I am forever amazed at all the work that goes on behind the scenes by everyone involved. Weeks and months before all of the board meetings.... and the Council of Governors meeting.... there are literally dozens of Lions working on each detail of their report. Making copies for those in attendance, emailing members of their board or committee with advance information regarding all the business they want to conduct. And when the gavel sounds they are ready for their presentation. They only have 45 minutes and they want everyone to be informed and ready to do the business of the Lions. The State Office looks like a war zone with stacks of information everywhere just so that Lions will be informed.

How many of the Lions in your Club have ever been to a Council meeting? How long has it been? How much can a new Lion learn about the things we do at the State level by coming to a Council Meeting? Be a good mentor to that Lion by picking them up and bringing them? We need new Leadership! We need you to bring a Lion to the next Council Meeting so they can get involved on the State Level! Will you come to the next Council meeting and bring a Lion?

The next Council Meeting is on Saturday October 20th at 8:55 AM. We have coffee and doughnuts beforehand so come early and network with your fellow Lions.



Building the Foundation

By Troy Jenkins, Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation, Executive Director

There are two big forces at work, external and internal. We have very little control over external forces such as tornadoes, earthquakes, floods, disasters, illness and pain. What really matters is the internal force. How do I respond to those disasters?"

American Author, Speaker, and Educator Leo Buscaglia

The recent wildfires that rocked our state bring one thing into sharp focus: Oklahoma has more than its share of natural disasters. Between tornadoes, wildfires, and ice-storms, it seems that people in Oklahoma find themselves in need of relief at least once a year, and often more frequently. Disaster Relief is one of the primary missions of Lions internationally, and Oklahoma Lions have always stepped up in service when disaster befalls us locally. However, this is typically done as a reaction to an event; we scramble to figure out what needs we can meet and how to fit in with other organizations in providing relief to victims. But what if we were proactive in our efforts? What if we knew how to mobilize the Lions of Oklahoma to respond to immediate needs, and had a plan in place to cover needs that might otherwise not be met? The good news is that this can be done!

After the fires hit a few weeks ago, only a little more than a year after tornadoes ravaged different portions of the state, some of the districts are working to get a plan in place. Both 3-H and 3-O (that I know of so far) established a disaster relief committee at their recent cabinet meetings. Ideally, the chairs of these committees will be able to get together at the state level to make it easier to work together in the event of multi-district disasters. Fortunately, LCI has the Lions Alert Program, which provides a great framework to get us going. This plan has a four-phased approach: Mitigation (prevention), Preparedness, Response, and Recovery. Like most programs from LCI, it will need a bit of tailoring to fit our needs in Oklahoma. For example, there is not a lot we can do to prevent tornadoes and ice storms. Even wildfires often start as a result of a lightning strike or other natural causes. With that said, we can definitely focus our efforts on Preparedness, Response, and Recovery.

One of the key points of preparedness is establishing a plan on how we can serve when the time comes. The Lions Alert Program recommends working with other agencies (e.g. Red Cross, Salvation Army) to determine needs that are not currently addressed and deciding where we would best fit in. Other suggestions include reaching out to our membership to find out what skill-sets are available that might be useful during a crisis. Knowing that we have members that would be able to drive a truck of supplies, for example, could be very helpful. The goal of this entire plan is to ensure we are prepared to respond quickly and efficiently when a disaster does hit.

In many ways, the final two phases, Response and Recovery, go hand in hand. The idea is that we would be able to respond immediately to help where we can, and at the same time, help the victims with getting back on their feet as quickly as possible. Some suggestions that have come up recently include setting up a station to do eye-glass applications, since people often lose their glasses in these events and this is a process we do very well. Other suggestions include providing containers so these suddenly homeless victims can store any of their remaining possessions, as well as items they collect during the relief process, close at hand and have the ability to move them easily. There are a lot of great ideas out there; the point is to be ready to respond and aid in the recovery.

While I realize this is not really a Foundation article (and I still encourage you to contribute to the Build the Foundation campaign, sell Cowboy Cadillac tickets, and support the State Projects), this is a tremendous opportunity to make sure we are providing the best service possible to our communities. Also, responding quickly and efficiently when these disasters inevitably arrive will provide some much needed visibility to our amazing organization. One of the points made in the Lions Alert material was that effectively responding to disasters can really get current members excited and can serve to attract new members as well. Of course, new members give us the chance to provide more service in our community. More members could also mean more individuals contributing to the State Projects and Building the Foundation. I guess this

is a Foundation article after all... Remember, helping the community is why we got involved with the Lions in the first

place. By preparing to most effectively help in the face of disaster, we give even more credence to our motto: **WE SERVE!**

It's that time again—let's Cowboy Up!

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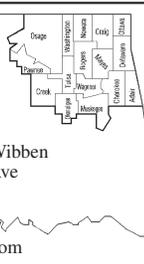
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"I am proud to announce that "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough members to have a net increase in the membership goal. The bad is, their still out there in your communities."

Increasing Lions membership is paramount, and several clubs have membership in their sights. I will do everything I can to help them reach their goal. I am confident that our clubs are working on the Club Assessment to help with retention, and are actively recruiting new members, and visiting clubs in our district. We had our first Cabinet meeting, participation was great. Several clubs indicated they have initiated the CEP program, the Governors Contest, and have participated in the Reading Action Program, we as Lions can make a difference. As new school year starts it is a perfect time to implement the Reading Action Program, by collecting books for those young readers. The world is changing, and evolving. We must change with it in order to make a difference in the lives of millions of those in need. As lions we must continue to meet the needs of our community. The district has been awarded an emergency grant from LCIF to assist with wildfire relief efforts within a 30 day window. The grant money can be used to purchase food, water, blankets, clothing, medications and toiletries for the disaster victim immediate needs. Children will be the priority effort, with the start of the school year every effort has been made to ensure they are ready for the school year. There are over 200 families devastated by the wildfire in Creek County, the final count has yet to be determined and obviously the grant from LCIF cannot adequately cover the needs of those families. The immediate needs for the most part have been met by various agencies. There will be a need over several months to come. Clubs that wish participate in the continued relief effort can email me lewib9355@aol.com and send funds to District 3-O Lions 14347 S. Toledo Ave, Bixby, Ok 74008. At this point collection of items are not needed, however, relief funds are, for such things

as children's toys, bicycles, household items (pots & pans), bedding (sheets, blankets), etc still needed. Replacing eyeglasses that were lost in the house fire. I believe the time has come to form a District Disaster Team or District Disaster Committee. The team should consist of the Current Governor as Team Leader, and four team coordinators, with a member from each club within a geographical area as members of the team. This would give on site assessment in a disaster situation, quicker response, etc. Each type of disaster is different, a tornado victims like wildfire victims can loose everything while ice storm victims may not loose everything. Immediate needs vary in each circumstance. Partnering with other agencies is important, it can eliminate duplication of efforts, maximize resources and response time would be quicker, for much need supplies. I toured the devastation left by the wildfire in Creek County, and visited with several other agencies and disaster relief groups, and quickly learned that in order to be an effective participant we as Lions need to get involved as partners with other agencies. We don't need to continuously reinvent the wheel each time a disaster hits.

New Members (reported for July 2012)

Barnsdall Lions Club-Rosie Hayman
Nick Eaves.

Bartlesville Tuxedo Lions Club-Wayne Benyshek

Pryor lions Club-Lisa Melchior, Tim Nutter

Sapulpa Lions Club-Tyler Roth

Help Wanted

2nd Vice District Governor. Inquires and Applications can be sent to lewib9355@aol.com

UPCOMING EVENTS/PROJECTS

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

Barnsdall Craft Fair Bigheart Park Oct 12-13, 2012

Lions Day at White House - Oct 2, 2012

Bartlesville Green Country - Soup fund raiser at First Church of the Nazarene Oct 13 2012

Tulsa Brookside-Boohaha Pancake Breakfast Oct 27 2012

3-O Convention and chili cookoff Nov 17 2012

3-O Cabinet Meeting - Nov 17, 2012

3-K Convention - Jan 25,26 2013

3-H Convention - Jan 2013

3-L Convention - Jan 2013

3-A Convention - Feb 2, 2013

3-O Cabinet Meeting - March 9, 2013

Chelsea- Chicken Dinner March 2013

Fairland - Golf Tournament April 2013

State Convention - April 26-27 2013

Broken Arrow Garage Sale - May 2013

Just Plane Fun - June 1, 2013

3-0 Cabinet Meeting - June 8,2013

Club Reports

Bartlesville Downtown: Donations: Bridges Out of Poverty \$500., Professional Optical \$199, Concern \$500., Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch \$1,000. Washington County School Supply Drive \$500. 2012-2013 officers installed by PDG Carl Schonborg. Officers attended training June 30th. President Joe Shveima and Secretary Carroll Ritchie attended District Cabinet meeting. Member Jeff Gordonwood reinstated; membership now 21. Four Club members worked a total of 24 hours on the Washington County school supplies "Pack the Backpacks" event. Weekly meeting programs continue to be interesting and most are "public invited" which helps promote Lionism.

Broken Arrow Evening: One eye exam and glasses. Purchased (4) K9 vests for Broken Arrow Police Department. Recycled 164 pairs of eyeglasses and 34 eyeglass cases. Sponsored the MHSU at the Broken Arrow Back to School Bash event. Screened approx. 30-35 people. Sponsored a Zone Meeting

Broken Arrow Noon: Installation Dinner The installation of 2012-13 officers and the announcement of the Lion of the Year award held on July 26, at the Forest Ridge Golf Club.

Chelsea: Club held Officers Installation dinner and silent auction on July 12. Voted to donate \$500 to OK Eye Bank. Approved 5 applications for eye exams and glasses. Collected eyeglasses for recycling. Club will sponsor this year's Peace Poster Contest at Art Goad School

Dewey: 60-Year Anniversary Guest Speaker - Senator John W. Ford

Fairland: Provide up to \$1000 for the Fairland Historical Canon Project. Collected 305 pair of eyeglasses.

Miami: Collected 1500 pair of eye glasses. Sold Concessions at City fireworks raised \$750.00. Purchased 3 pair of glasses for underprivileged individuals.

Muskogee Noon: End of year awards: School for the Blind -\$3,500. Oklahoma Eye Bank - \$1000, Oklahoma Boys Ranch -\$500, Muskogee 4-H -\$2,240, Murrow Indian Orphan Home -\$300, Ark of Faith for the Homeless -\$300, Kelly B Todd Therapy \$300, Muskogee Public Library - \$500, Muskogee High School -\$500 scholarship, Hilldale High School -\$500 schol-

arship, Parkview School for the Blind - \$500 scholarship, Eyeglasses -\$3,000 for year, provided 30 pair for those in need, Provided a Melvin Jones Fellowship for members for the past 26 years of our history. Many times the club awarded 3 MJF donations.

Porter: Held Annual Peach Festival.

Pryor: Held Annual Night Golf tournament, great participation. Collected eye glasses and ink cartridges

Sapulpa: Donated \$4200 dollars to Freedom Hill Fire Dept. Operated Concession stand for Relay for Life Cancer Walk. Donated \$350. Donated \$100 to the Life Gate Rehab Center. Donated \$200 to purchase water for Creek County fire fighters. Served watermelons to Sapulpa High Football team.

Tulsa Downtown: provided glasses to several missionaries to take with them on their missionary trips. Assisted The Action House located at 7010 South Yale Ave, Suite 215, by doing odd chores such as clean furniture, haul away broken furniture and deep clean areas. Members worked at the annual RV and Boat show during a weekend in July. Over 112 work hours were performed by members.

Tulsa Metro-McCullough: Five club members attended Cabinet Meeting. Collected 34 pair of glasses. Collecting Ink Cartridges

Wagoner: Attended Cabinet Meeting. Submitted Governors Contest Report. Paid for four eye exams and four sets of eye glasses. Collected approximately 150 ink cartridges for Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation. Planning a golf tournament fund raiser.

Ending Note:

IT'S SO HOT in Oklahoma.....
the birds have to use potholders to pull the worms of the ground.
the best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance
hot water comes from both taps.
you can make sun tea instantly.
.you learn that a seat belt buckle makes a pretty good branding iron.
you discover that you can get sunburned through your car window.
you actually burn your hand opening the car door.
you break into a sweat the instant you step outside at 7:30 A.M.
you realize that asphalt has a liquid stage.
the potatoes cook underground, so all you have to do is pull one out and add butter
the cows are giving evaporated milk.
farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying boiled eggs.

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Special K Dates

9/15/12 – Vian Golf Tournament at Tenkiller Golf Course
 9/22/12 – Ada White Cane Shoot for Sight Fundraiser

10/6/2012 Cabinet meeting in Days Inn at Atoka

10/6/12 – Heavener annual street carnival
 10/6/12 – Talihina annual street carnival
 11/08/12 – Ardmore Kingsmen Quartet Concert
 11/10/12 – Hugo annual fundraising auction
 11/15/12 – Deadline to mail Peace Poster entries to District Governor

Our Club Updates

Ada will be holding their White Cane 16th Annual Shoot for Sight Saturday, September 22. Check in 7:30 a.m.; Starts 8:30 a.m.

Ardmore welcomed new members Jaime Watts and Debbie Rizzo; sponsoring MHSU, Nov 9th during Fall Festival at Ardmore Convention Center.



Atoka Hosted visit from DG Billy and PDG Cloye Thompson at their officer installation; first annual Brown Wyrick Lion of the Year award was presented to Lion Stephanie Pettett; first annual Club Rookie of the Year was awarded to Jessica Clayton; donated \$1000 to the LCIF Measles Initiative Project and designated a MJF to Lion Alene Arnold; co-hosted annual Lions Club/Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament and raised \$5,000.

Clayton recycled 19 pair of used eyeglasses
Coalgate ran the train all day in the Coalgate City Park as a Club fundraiser.



Hugo held a very successful 1st Annual Hugo Lions Club Scholarship Golf Tournament. It was a Greens Keeper's Revenge style tournament. In the photo you see the "human obstacle" of Green No. 8; purchased and delivered 18 cases of water to Hugo City Schools to be placed on school buses for children.

Idabel purchased 4 pair of glasses for persons in need; contributed \$100 to McCurtain County Relay for Life; Provided parking services for McCurtain County Rodeo; collected 13 printer cartridges and 20 pair of used eyeglasses.

Konawa ran the concession stand for the 48th annual All Night Gospel Singing which was attended by approximately 1000 people in the Konawa Park; Lions served hamburgers, hot-dogs, Frito chili pies, nachos, drinks, and candy; proceeds go toward scholarship fund.

Marietta kicking-off their nine week football season and will be hosting four home games.



McAlester PDG Ken Roberts in the name of his wife Jo Ann Roberts donated a matching parade vest and squaw dress to the state office for future district governors and their spouses to borrow for international parade; held their 94th annual banquet and officer installation; presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Bob Hartheld in recognition of his 50 years of membership; presented a second MJF to Lion Bill Nicholson; donated \$200 to White Cane bringing this year's total donation to \$1700; donated \$100 to OLBR golf tournament; assisted seven individuals with purchase of eyeglasses.

Pocola donated to the LCIF Measles Initiative and to the community school supplies for local children.



Poteau Evening Zone chair Pam Abernathy (Pocola Lions) presented chevrons and letters of appreciation from Lions IP Tam to Poteau Lions Rick Couri (L) for 40 years of service and Randolph Stokes (R) 10 years of service; delivered 200 pairs of used eyeglasses to the state office; bought eyeglasses for a person in need; sold funnel cakes at 4th of July celebration; did their street cleanup in July.

Shawnee Lion Marilyn Bradford and Lion Nancy Cook-Senn attended Cabinet Meeting and Officer training;

Talihina Street Carnival is scheduled for

Saturday, Oct 6 and will be chaired by PDG Sally Ventris.

Vian sponsoring a GOLF TOURNAMENT on Sept 15 at THE WOLF AT TENKILLER Golf Course. The TENKILLER GOLF COURSE has re-opened and we would love to see some of THE LIONS in the area show up & enjoy the tournament.



Wewoka honored Lion Dale Nichols for his 40 years of dedicated service to Lionism; Lion Dale was presented a chevron and letter of appreciation from Lions IP Tam; hosted a visit from DG Billy and PDG Cloye Thompson; the Club presented a beautiful gift basket to the visiting governor



Lions Quest Workshop- A two day workshop was hosted by the **Wewoka Lions Club**

Wilburton mourned the loss of long time club member and past treasurer Duane Wood; donated \$200 to the girls 12 and under softball team.



Cabinet Meeting and Officer Training was hosted by Atoka Lions Club; attendees enjoyed a "yummy" lunch prepared by Lion Judy Elliott; thank you to everyone who attended and a special thanks to our trainers PDG Larry Bailey, PDG Mike Elliott, and PDG Tony Dowell.

Special K

I would like to extend a **SPECIAL K THANKS** to 1st VDG Daryl Pults, 2nd VDG Don Shaw, and every Lion who accepted a cabinet position, a committee position, and a zone position. These Lions dedicate many hours and spend their personal money to support our district and promote our motto "We Serve". We have a great district and many terrific Lions. My pride and appreciation of District 3K continues to grow with every club visit and with every Lion I meet.

Help me welcome our new members!

Ginger Mullen (Ada) Sponsor Oliva Smith; **Debbie Rizzo** (Ardmore) Sponsor Leslie Walker; **Jaime Watts** (Ardmore) Sponsor Lori Linney; **John Hendershot** (Clayton) Sponsor William Robinson; **William Robinson** (Clayton) Sponsor Mark McIntosh; **Susan Brewer** (Hugo) Sponsor Mike Brewer; **John Cassata** (Talihina) Sponsor Kay Gregg; **William Deegan** (Talihina) Sponsor Jerry Pearce; **Amanda Edington** (Talihina) Sponsor Darlene Edington; **Gaylen Geiger** (Talihina) Sponsor Jerry Pearce;

Memorials

Duane Wood, Wilburton

September Spotlight Clubs

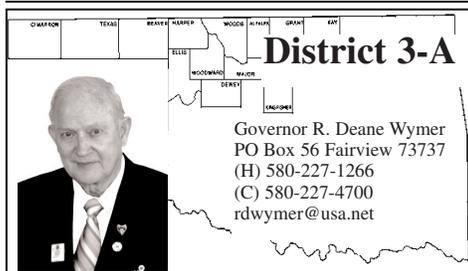
Coalgate 9/28/1955 – 57 years
Konawa 9/23/1927 – 85 years

3K Midwinter Convention January 25-26, 2013

Plans are already underway for another terrific District 3K Midwinter Convention which will be held in the St Crispin's Conference Center, 36302 State Highway 9, Wewoka. A **special thank you** to Wewoka Lions Club, Seminole Lions Club and Holdenville Lions Club for sponsoring our convention. We hope to have registration forms in the October newspaper but please go ahead and block these dates in your calendar.

Club Treasurers

Treasurers don't forget to file your club's form 990-N also known as e-Postcard. If you do not file your e-postcard on time, the IRS will send you a reminder notice. There is no penalty assessment for late filing of the e-Postcard, but



Do you believe in recycling? If you do, welcome to the Pioneer Pleasant Vale's "Lion Tales", their newly formatted publication, which tells us they are again recycling their Past President, Gene Bachman. They have lost count of the number of times he has served in past years! Their two page issue, in color, highlighting a variety of current different topics, is refreshing. I've received two issues in July - congrats to their Editor for their new approach and content. The Club has donated \$100 to OLSF in memory of former member Hugh Bingham. They have assisted with "Tops in Blue Concert" on August 7 and will again this year work the gates for the home football games that pays \$35 per game.

Ponca City Noon Lions have provided 18 pair of eyeglasses in July and have collected 211 of used pair. Too, they continue to offer Free Eye screening for children ages 6 months to older, this at various locations during the months of October and December. Lion Brad Martin will lead their efforts with the "Lions Stride" walk for juvenile diabetes awareness kicking off on October 13. They have scheduled the Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit to be in the area to provide screening on September 21. The Club has established 2012/2013 goals: twenty new members; 35 members providing 47 or more attendance hours; a routine inventory process for EVA equipment; one new fundraiser; one new community service project. Lion Lisa Kelly Campbell has agreed to lead up the "Cowboy Cadillac" Lions Wheels fundraiser. This effort supports the Lions Boys Ranch and the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank.

North Enid continues to provide extended community service of needs for the elderly and handicapped; also,

collecting used eyeglasses from their drop boxes. They have USA and Oklahoma flags for sale at \$10 each. They have provided the Chisholm teachers an appreciation luncheon on August 13. They celebrate their 50th Anniversary on August 25 with festivities and dinner during the evening.

The Garber Lions Club members celebrated with the Chickasha Lions for their 95th year this August. They have put up flags and donated \$100 for the 4th of July celebration. The Club has donated meals to a family of four. They also learned about wind energy construction from Enid Green Power, who will be their neighbor, scheduled to be the largest wind power provider in Oklahoma.

The Fairview Lions awarded chevrons for the year 2011 to Wes Eitzen for 50 years, to Clay Clinesmith for 45 years, to Charles Burlison and Vic Bailey 45 years, to Bob Van Meter 40 years, Kelly Wahl 25 years, Dale Gates and Gary Nightengale for 10 years. The Club was invited to again this year to serve an appreciation dinner for the Fairview Wranglers Rodeo Club. Upcoming events in August is the Governor's first Cabinet meeting to be held in conjunction with an Officers Training on the 25th. Coming in September on the 1st is the Gloss Mountain car show with burgers and dogs cooked by the Lions. In October on the 12th, there will be a Homecoming chicken and noodle dinner prepared by the Lions. And on the 16th of October, Lion Roger Knak through the Fairview Regional Hospital and Clinic, will hold a Health Fair with the Lions Club Mobile Health Screening Unit being present, from 3:00 to 6:00. The Harold Hamm OU Diabetes Research Center will send their Outreach Team to provide additional screening for all ages from 8:30 until 4:00. Two new members have been added in August.

Ringwood Lions have added two new members. They are preparing to serve at the annual Community Fair popcorn and cotton candy. Funds raised will be

used for scholarships and community needs. The members have received Self-Evaluation Assessments from the Governor, to be completed and returned for compilation. They are prepared for the "Cowboy Cadillac" fund raiser,

The Cherokee Lions Club meets on Thursdays for lunch. They now have a new member (a transfer) who will be their Secretary/Treasurer. They also have another new transfer member. Their efforts are focused on their community, as it has been in years past. However, at the close of the meeting after the Governor's address, the Club donated \$1,000 to the Boys Ranch!

A Special Meeting was held with the Lahoma Lions Club, attended by Franny and Virginia, along with the Governor and six of their members. They addressed the resignation of two of their members from the Club. A Self-Assessment was completed by each member attending, which will be compiled and evaluated. Afterwards, an oral discussion opened up so that some areas of concerns surfaced. The Zone Chairperson (Franny) will try to help resolve their situation. We plan on drinking Lemonade!

Deane Wymer DG 3-A

Newspaper Correction

In the August edition of "The Oklahoma Lion" the Pin Traders Swap date was incorrectly reported. The correct dates are January 18th -19th Lake Murray, Ardmore Oklahoma. Look for more details of this event in future editions of "The Oklahoma Lion"

Important Dates To Remember

District Conventions/Other meetings

3-O November 17, 2012 - Pin Traders Convention. Trinity United Methodist Church 3737 Peoria, Tulsa

January 18-19, 2013 pin traders @

Lake Murray
3-K January District Convention
25-26, 2013
3-A District Convention
February 2, 2013
3-L February 16, 2013 District
Convention
3-H February 9, 2013 District
Convention

Lions Quest Information:

Shared by Lion Tony Dowell

As Chairperson of our Foundation, I am inspired by how LCIF supports youth. LCIF's Lions Quest program teaches students in all grades how to interact with others in a positive way, and how to understand one another. These skills are sometimes overlooked and yet, much needed. Lions Quest has been proven to improve test scores, change attitudes about substance abuse and violence and lower the risk of dropping out of school.

Lions Quest has impacted over 12 million students around the world and trained over 500,000 teachers to teach these vital skills in the classroom. Now, Lions Quest not only reaches children in school, it also supports children outside of school through its new program, Out-of-School Time. This program can be used in community centers, Lions camps and any other place where students go outside of school. By giving students support both in and out of school, it enables them to make better choices and lead more positive lives.

As you work to "Engage our Youth" through this month's Global Service Action Campaign, I hope you remember that our Foundation not only supports youth through Lions Quest, but also through Core-IV grants.

Sincerely,

Wing-Kun Tam
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ROBERTS RAMBLING

By District Governor Robert McMasters

As of the writing of this article, our District has had **Two** Club Officers Training Events and our **First District Cabinet**. In addition I have had **Four** Official Visits, one with Installation of Officers. At this time I have scheduled another **Three** Official Visits and am working or more.

On July 1, 2012 we had 880 members. Since then we have added **Seven** New Members while dropping **Nine** members for a net loss of **Two**. Thus our membership has declined to 878. The District Membership Goal for October 31, is **Fifteen** New Members and no more than **Fifteen** Drops for a **Zero** net change in membership for the quarter. We should meet the membership recruitment goals for the quarter as we are half way there at the half way point in the quarter

The District leadership desires to be a resource for our Clubs, especially in the area of strengthening the club so that it might become an excellent club. To do this, we have suggested that Clubs participate in the District Governor's Contest and strive to achieve the Club Excellence Award at the end of the year. Both require on-going attention each month. Turn in your District Governors Contest score sheets monthly.

One major activity to strengthen your Club is to schedule a Club Excellence Process Workshop. It can be scheduled through me. We have plenty of facilitators throughout the district.

The Workshop consists of Four Sessions, from 45 to 90 minutes each. It focuses on determining what makes up an excellent club, on what needs are present within the club and its community. And on the desires of the membership. LCI has provided two pro-

grams in the area of Service Projects. The First is the Global Service Action Program with an emphasis in August on Youth, in October on vision, in December / January on Hunger, and in April on the Environment. President Madden has introduced the Second Service

Project, that of "Reading Action Program" or R.A.P. He reminds us that we do have a considerable number of adults who are unable to read at a fifth grade level. He suggests that Lions Clubs get involved in helping children and youth learn to read. He states that we do not have to create programs that are already in place. If there is a tutoring program in your community, join with them by providing some of your members who can tutor children or youth. Then make a 2 minute R.A.P. Video and send it to LCI.

DEATHS

I have been informed of two deaths of significant Lions which took place in June.

Cushing Lions Club reports the death of Gerald R. Hall, Jan. 30, 1925-June 4, 2012. Gerald became a Lion on May 1, 1948, was President of Stillwater Noon Lions 1969-70, and was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship on June 24, 2008. He had been a Lion for just over 64 years.

Stillwater Noon Lions Club reports the death of Victor VanHorn. Lion VanHorn was a Charter member of the Stillwater Noon Lions, having joined in 1965. During his Lions service he filled many offices, including President, was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship and a Life Membership. Vic was instrumental in establishing the community-wide Fourth of July celebration, now known as "Boomer Blast" on Boomer Lake. He became Assistant Director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education. He had been a member for about 47 years.

NEW MEMBERS

Cushing: Terry Lynn Blevens, 7/24 by Kymberly D. Skinner

Guthrie: J. Lucy Swanson, 8/10 by Kathy Montgomery

Morrison: Tiffany B. Dzinban, 8/7 by Rick McSwain.

OKC Metro: Nancy E. Steward, 7/11 by Clare A. Twitchell.

OKC Northwest: Thomas E. Mulligan, 8/2 by Thomas P. Mulligan.

OKC West Side: James M. Morgan, 7/31 by Marvin Ainsworth.

Perry: Shauna Crowson, 8/8, by Jack A. Dolezal.

Stillwater : Michael D. Schaller sponsored by Lion David Fairbanks

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 14-15: **Stroud Lions** Golf Tournament

September 15-16: **Carney Lions** will serve Hamburgers and Hot Dogs at the Seaba Station, Welston, Motorcycle Swap Meet.

September 17: **Harrah Lions** will celebrate their 50th Anniversary as a Come and Go Reception at the Harrah Public Schools Board Room, 7-8:30 PM.

October 9: **Morrison Lions** Annual Auction and Supper, Morrison High School, 6 PM.

October 23: **OKC Northwest Lions** will have a Membership Drive Mixer.

Sept 1: **Stillwater Noon** is selling Ribs to be delivered by Labor Day.

Oct 1: **OKC Capitol Hill** is selling Raffle Tickets for \$5. Each or 5 for \$20 for 2 Tickets to the OU-Texas Game in Dallas plus \$100 in spending money. November:

OKC Capitol Hill Bean Dinner.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Cushing: Gave \$1000. Scholarships to Seniors Ashley Kerr and Jennifer Brennanon. Held the Annual Junior Olympics for 5th & 6th grade youngsters on May 8th. Served 175 people at the May 25th Pancake Breakfast. Took up tickets on July 13th and 14th at the Cushing Community PRCA Rodeo.

Edmond: Gave Three Scholarships to Edmond students attending UCO. Provided four eye exams and glasses. Started to sell Cowboy Cadillac tickets. Recycled 304 sets of eyeglasses in July and August. Donated \$100 to LCIF. Randy Payne, Edmond Police, spoke about the Citizens Police Academy. Had 3 prospective members at the Aug 13th meeting.

Harrah: Gave a \$350 scholarship. Visited the OLBR, the Meadows and

donated Six Disk Golf Cages plus a number of Disks.

Langston City: Participated in City of Langston June tenth Celebration by sponsoring an exhibition Softball game between the Langston University faculty and the City of Langston employees.

Midwest City: Recycled 325 sets of eyeglasses, 15 cell phones and 25 printer cartridges. Donated \$800 to Midwest City Elk Lodge #1890 for Veterans Projects. Donated \$100 to the Midwest City Steve Owens Memorial Benefit Run.

OKC Capitol Hill: Served a Hot Dog Lunch to the community. Hosted the South Club Officers Training.

OKC Downtown: Sponsored the MHSU, Recycled 70 ink cartridges.

OKC Northwest: Recycled 178 sets of eyeglasses. Made an Official Visit to Surrey Hills Lions Club. Had 2 officers attend the South Club Officers Training.

OKC West Side: Each Wednesday Noon cooked and delivered Mobile Meals through the Ridgecrest Church. Recycled 240 sets of eyeglasses. Promoted the OLSF in Stillwater. Started the Club Excellence Workshop with Lion Troy Jenkins as the facilitator.

Perry: Served Watermelon at the Perry Fourth of July Event.

Stillwater Noon: Thanks Virginia Started a \$500 Scholarship for Career Tech Students in honor of deceased Lion Victor VanHook. Purchased Four pair of eyeglasses in July and August. 10 Lions spent 28 hours helping park cars for the Boomer Blast Community Independence Day Celebration. 11 Lions spent 22 hours cooking and serving 18 teachers at the Lincoln Alternative School Academy teacher appreciation lunch. Hosted the North Club Officers Training at Sunnybrook Christian Church. The Assistant Director of the OSU Fire Services Training spoke about Fire Safety. David Higgins, Stillwater Waste Management Director, spoke about the newly established Stillwater Curbside Recycling program.

Stroud: Had programs on the food Bank, the OKC Community Foundation, and the OLBR

News From Oklahoma Boys Ranch

by Colleen Fowler

Goodbye Clarice!

By Colleen Fowler

It was a sad happy day. Clarice our second Freedom Dog trainee has finished her course, passed her test and now it's time... We knew all along it was going to be hard to send her to a new home. All of us have become very attached to her and she is just adorable. The boys who worked with her on her training are very proud and sad too. We had the opportunity to help choose the new forever family and we were able to be in on the interview process as well as the first meeting. The new owners are seniors at OSU who have been together for several years. They have many friends with dogs and they feel they are ready for this responsibility.

When we first talked about this Freedom Dog program and the eventual time of parting with the animal we did have some fears about the separation anxiety and loss of the relationship. Our boys have suffered too much loss in their lives and we wondered how they would handle it. From the beginning we stressed that Clarice was training to go to a new home and we were helping her make that transition. The fact that we could help her prepare for her future is so much like what we

do for our guys and I think they understand that better than we do. Even so, as much as we prepared and talked it was very difficult to see her go. The assurance of future dogs to train and the promise from Clarice's new family to keep in touch helps get us all through the tough time of departure. The house was quiet and the boys went on about their business. In the past weeks it has been a little sad to see Mabel (our first freedom dog and permanent member of the Cedars family) wander around looking for her playmate. Clarice taught Mabel how to "play/fight" how to catch gophers and swim in the lagoon (thanks a lot Clarice!) We left Clarice's crate and bedding in place with the door open and sometimes we see Mabel go lay down in there. Clarice's scent is still there and I think it is comforting to her. We have our pictures and memories and the boys involved in her training have a sense of pride and accomplishment. So in a few weeks we will begin again and share our home and love with another rescued canine. We learned to have patience and be consistent with the training...to dish out plenty of food and love and yes we are learning to let go with a sense of pride and hope both for the dog's futures and the boy's as well.

Announcing the Ada, OK LIONS Club White Cane 16th Annual Shoot For Sight

Help your local LIONS give the gift of sight to others

TEAM SIGN-UP SHEET

DATE: Saturday morning, September 22, 2012

TIME: Check in at 7:30 - Shotguns Start at 8:30

WHERE: Ada Trap and Skeet Club

FUN: Door Prizes and Individual and Team Awards

ENTRY FEE: \$ 250 per Team (includes tasty lunch, shells and all targets)

AWARDS: High overall team. High Trap Team. High Skeet Team.

DOOR PRIZES: Oldest Shooter. Youngest Shooter. Oldest Gun Used. Lowest Score

LIONS CLUBS: High Team will get their entry fee returned plus \$250 (shooters must be valid Lions)

REGISTER NOW AND PRACTICE FOR THE BIG DAY

CHECKS OF \$250 ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE "Ada LIONS Club"

MAIL CHECK AND FORM TO: Ada Lions Club P.O. Box 1729 Ada, OK 74820 Shoot For Sight 2012

COMPANY OR TEAM SPONSOR: _____

TEAM NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON TELEPHONE #: _____

3 SHOOTERS PER TEAM

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

THANKS VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF ADA LIONS CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS BENEFITING THOSE IN NEED OF THE GIFT OF SIGHT.



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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

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DEPOSITORY Name (Your Bank) _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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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.

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