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### The Governor's Ramblings by DG Dawn Miller

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August swelters, but we serve diligently and coolly to **Strengthen Our Pride!**

The general health and welfare of District 3-H is good and getting better every day. Our leadership "Dream Team" is awesome and our clubs are great, stepping up to meet their challenges and improve their service this year to their communities. Several clubs qualified for the Club Excellence Award for 2013-2014. We are **Strengthening Our Prides to Serve!**

Look at our numbers: four branch clubs to date—moving at least one on to charter soon. PDG Hal Griffin will represent LCI Global Membership Team in our extension and recruitment focus week August 12-15. With the "Dream Team" and Lions Club Membership Chairpersons helping, results of our efforts will be good, giving us more hands to do the service needed in our communities! We are **Strengthening Our Prides to Serve!**

Our Lions are super heroes; we will recognize this in our District Convention theme this year: **LION CON**—fantasy characters (Lions have fun!) and superheroes (Lions to the rescue!). So Oklahoma Lions, note the date on your calendar: Saturday, February 7, 2015, at the OKC West Side Lions Town Hall! And get your LION CON costumes ready. We are **Strengthening Our Pride** –

our Family, with fun and exciting events! Want to help? Just contact me.

Thank you, Cashion, Harrah and OKC West Side Lions Clubs for the privilege of installing your club officers for 2014-2015. Quite recently I did an official club visit to the OKC Northwest Lions Club. I love to go to the different clubs to meet old and new friends and savor the diversity of each club in their service to their community. If I do not hear from your club soon to schedule an official visit, I will contact you. Official visits, unlike many dental office visits, are not painful (well, maybe a little), but I try to obtain and give information as quickly and succinctly as possible. Official visits are required of each district leadership team (District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governors), but you do not have to have a visit from all three of us! Just remember we truly enjoy visiting our wonderful clubs and learning what all our Lions are doing to accomplish our mission: **WE SERVE.**

The Multiple District-3 OK Lions Directory is published in electronic form; a printed version is available to any who ask for it. It is an 8 ½" by 11" format. A District 3-H-only portion is also available. We are still building our email lists, so please help us out




Lion-O from Thundercats

with email addresses for your club members.

Part of the directory lists the 3-H Lions who are serving on committees and project boards, both for the district and for the state. Please take a look at the list and feel free to invite any of the 3-H Lions from any state project (Boys Ranch, Eye Bank, Briggs Scholarship, Service Foundation, MHSU) or any committee (Diabetes, Sight Preservation, etc.) to your club meeting. They are excellent sources of information about our Lions service projects. Also feel free to contact them if you have a concern about the operation of any of the district or state projects; they are your voice at their respective board meetings.

Thank you, Lions Tom Mulligan, Kirk Ward, Brian Bendele, and Marvin Ainsworth for your work this year as zone chairpersons for the district. These Lions are committed to working with each club in their zone, helping and supporting, but not interfering. Please welcome them when they contact you!



District 3-H Mid-Winter Convention  
February 7, 2015  
OKC West Side Lions Town Hall

**THE LIONS OF OKLAHOMA:**  
**SERVING A COMMUNITY NEAR YOU!**

## Focus on Membership

**August 11-15, 2014**  
**OK Lions State Office**  
**4123 NW 10th St.**  
**OKC 73107**

Facilitated by:  
 GMT Area Leader  
 PDG Hal Griffin  
 GMT District Leader  
 PCC Marvin Ainsworth  
 GLT District Leader  
 CC Tom Cummings  
 DG Dawn Miller  
 1st VDG Jacque Mooney  
 2nd VDG Troy Jenkins

- Membership Recruitment
- Starting a New Club
- Guiding Lion



Membership Recruitment (both for new clubs and existing clubs): on the ground, in teams of two Lions

### WE NEED YOU!

Club Membership Chairs, Club Presidents, Zone Chairs, PDGs, and any interested Lions

Locations where we will be recruiting new Lions:

- Newcastle (including Tri-City business district and perhaps Tuttle)
- Luther
- Choctaw-Nicomma Park
- OKC Capitol Hill area

3-H Lions: This is the beginning of this year's efforts to help clubs recruit new members and to start new clubs to serve in communities without Lions Clubs.

## Disaster Relief Update

The 3-H Alert (Disaster Relief) Team, chaired by 1st VDG Jacque Mooney, as part of the Lions of Oklahoma team, continues to work in relief of the May 2013 tornados. Most recently, we allocated funds to furnish and equip the Education Center for the Moore Medical Center (including five Spot Vision Testers).

In 3-H, the focus has shifted to addressing individual needs that are still unmet, working with other agencies to provide funding for some of these, with the preference given to the elderly and un- or under-insured.

The most pressing need within the district is to identify liaisons from each club willing to serve when the next disaster comes. Please reach out to the DG team if you are interested.

Please, come and help us on the days and at the times you are able.

For more information and hours, please email PCC Marvin Ainsworth (mainsworth1@cox.net) or DG Dawn Miller (liondawn@cox.net).

### Name the News!

We have extended the deadline to name the District 3-H Newsletter (mostly because we had no entries). Please put on your creativity hats and submit your suggestions by August 27<sup>th</sup>.

The DG team will pick the best title; the winner will win something nice, to be determined at a later date.

Good luck, and good names!

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## Schedule of Events

- August 11<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup>—Focus on Membership Extension Workshop—OK Lions State Office
- August 23<sup>rd</sup>—The Village Lions Club's Annual Car Show—Duffner Park, OKC
- August 23<sup>rd</sup>—3-H Club President and Club Secretary Training—Rose State College Student Center

## Club Spotlight: Harrah Lions Club

Harrah, 25 miles east of Oklahoma City, with a population over 5,000, is the home of the Harrah Lions Club, chartered in September 1962. The Lions Park in Harrah is no longer the town's premiere park but is located in a quiet neighborhood by one of the Harrah school buildings. The Lions continue to be involved in the maintenance of the park by the City of Harrah.

Louis Navarre, a Potawatomi tribal member, arrived in the area in the early 1870's to hunt but soon settled there permanently on land which was later sold to Frank Harrah. Harrah plotted the original town site. Other settlers arrived following the land opening of the Sac and Fox, Iowa, Potawatomi and Absentee Shawnee Tribal Nations on September 22, 1891.

E. W. Sweeney operated a ferry across the

North Canadian River and later built a wooden pontoon toll bridge, located about a quarter of a mile east of Harrah's current bridge crossing on Highway 62. Polish immigrants arrived in 1892. On May 23, 1895 Kickapoo lands were opened. The railroad was established starting in April 1889. Earlier names for the town were Pennington and Sweeney, but the post office name was changed to Harrah on December 22, 1898.

Actor Dale Robertson was born in Harrah in 1923. Baseball Hall of Famer Paul Waner was also born in Harrah; he and his brother Lloyd hold the career record for hits by brothers.

The Harrah Lions interact closely with both the school system and the community. Their latest combination service and fundraising project boosts the town's spirit and patriotic pride; that project, of course, is the U. S. flag display for both businesses and residents in Harrah. With over 100 subscriptions, you can immediately see the influence of the Harrah Lions when you drive High-



*Lions Joe Ray Thomas and Ray Kerchee working at the State Office in 2006.*

way 62 (OKC NE 23<sup>rd</sup> St.) or any of the residential neighborhoods on any one of five to seven flag-flying holidays.

Led by President Gary Fitzgerald, the Harrah Lions are the parent club of the Choctaw-Nicomma Park branch Lions Club, and will be the sponsoring club once that branch club grows enough to charter, surely by early Fall 2014.

Past District Governor Joe Ray and Lion Jonita Thomas as well as Lion Ray Kerchee are long-time supporters of the Oklahoma Lions state office. Both Joe Ray and Jonita have spent their "retirement" years in working at the State of Oklahoma Capitol. Lions Joe Ray Thomas and Ray Kerchee are retired from Harrah Public Schools.

Last but not least, Lion Kathy makes wonderful homemade vanilla ice cream! And Lion Chuck Ferguson

will do a great job in tail twisting this year at the Harrah Lions Club meetings.

### We Serve! They Surf...

We all know that being a Lion is a fantastic opportunity to be a part of the world's greatest (and largest) service organization. We also know that in Oklahoma, we offer fantastic service to our communities at the state and local levels. So where is that next generation of Lions? How do we let them know what we do, and get them excited to join us.

We are in a changing world. According to the Pew Research Center, 50% of Americans now get their news online (compared to 33% from a newspaper). How many people under 30 do you think even know what Yellow Pages are, much less use them?

Without an up-to-date website and/or Facebook Page, etc., how many young adults do you think you are missing? If your club falls into this category, it is time to catch up! Please reach out to 3-H IT Chair Troy Jenkins (troyfecta@yahoo.com) if you would like some help creating/maintaining a website or Facebook page.



*CC Tom Cummings installing Lion Gary Fitzgerald as President for the 2013-2014 Lions Year*

## District 3-H

District Governor: Dawn Miller--OKC West Side Lions  
1st Vice District Governor: Jacque Mooney--Midwest City Lions  
2nd Vice District Governor: Troy Jenkins--Stillwater Noon Lions  
Immediate Past District Governor: Tom Cummings--Cushing Lions

Editor—Troy Jenkins—Stillwater Noon Lions



Check out our group on Facebook (Lions District 3-H)



**W e S e r v e !**

## Spot it Early by CC Tom Cummings

For years, Lions Clubs of Oklahoma have been known for our vision programs of recycling used eyeglasses and helping those financially in need with vision exams and purchasing eyeglasses.

We now are on the verge of adding a new program with the potential to make the Lions of Oklahoma known for their vision screening of children from six-months to eight-years old. Why do we need to do this? According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention vision disability is the single most prevalent disabling condition among children. Additional studies by the

American Optometric Association found that 70% of children diagnosed with a learning disability have a vision issue, and only

a third of kids have had a vision screening by the time they enter kindergarten. These are national statistics; I would venture a guess that the Oklahoma statistics are even higher.

So, there is the problem and here is the solution. Oklahoma Lions, armed with Spot cameras, going to pre-schools, daycares and kindergartens to screen the kids in our communities.

These will be screenings very much like those health screenings done in our Mobile Health Screening Unit. This is not a diagnosis; it is a screening. The child looks at the Spot camera and it takes an image of the child's eyes with measurements and a preliminary evaluation. Both will be printed on the accompanying printer, indicating that the measurements are either within or outside the normal range.

In the event the results are outside of the norm, a follow-up with a doctor is recommended. The child takes the printout home to their parents. Each child's screening takes only about two minutes.

The camera and printer will be in a case. The forms for the school and parents will be available in a Microsoft Word file allowing customization with the club's name.

We have been trying to establish this program for over a year; finally all the pieces are falling into place. We are partnering with the Moore Medical Center (destroyed in the May 2013 tornado) in furnishing their new educational/safety room. As part of this LCIF grant, we will have five Spot camera system "kits" (including the camera, the printer, and the case) that will be available to all

## District 3-H

Lions District 3-H is one of five districts in Multi-District 3 (Oklahoma). Located in central Oklahoma, the district covers Cleveland, Logan, Lincoln, Oklahoma, and Payne Counties, and includes one club in Kingfisher County. 3-H includes the following Lions Clubs: Carney, Cashion, Chandler, Crescent, Cushing (and the Yale branch club), Davenport, Edmond, Guthrie, Harrah (and the Choctaw/Nicomma Park branch club), Langston City, Midwest City, Morrison, Mulhall-Orlando, Norman, Norman Sooner, OKC Capitol Hill, OKC Downtown, OKC Northwest (and the OKC Community Helpers branch club), OKC West Side, Perkins, Perry, Prague, Stillwater Noon (and the Stillwater eLions branch club), Stroud, and The Village.

our clubs for screenings in their schools and communities.

Lions, this can be a fantastic opportunity for our clubs to meet needs of our children. We hope to have these kits available for clubs by October.

This is a brief explanation of the system and the program. You will be hearing more very soon.

- ◆ ***Vision Disability is the most prevalent disabling condition among children***
- ◆ ***70% of children diagnosed with a learning disability have a vision issue***
- ◆ ***Only a third of children have had a vision screening before kindergarten***

