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# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2014

## Council Chairman Corner

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### MD3 MEMBERSHIP

3-O 959, 3-K 943, 3-L 810, 3-A 1000, 3-H 839

179 CLUBS 3-O 41, 3-K 36, 3-L 38, 3-A 37, 3-H 27

	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	4,541	4,563
Added Members	22	293
Dropped Members	29	305
Closing Balance	4,551	4,551
Net Gain/Loss	-7	-12

## How to grow Leaders

Start at the club level, when a person joins the Lions Club; ask them how they wish to serve. Find out what talents and skills they have. Once you know these facts match them to a service project or fund raiser. Make them an apprentice chairperson. Allow them the time to learn the process

with the knowledge that they will be taking over the activity. Use a sunset rule. Every committee or project chair will be replaced after a set number of years. It could be one, two or three depending on how many new members you have that wish to get involved in project management. Make sure that all new members know and understand that there is opportunity for them in a leadership role if they so desire and are qualified. Select them to the board of directors of your club, and get them in line to be president of your club. Encourage them to complete leadership courses offered by Lions Clubs International online. Try targeted recruitment. All too often we are so hungry for new members that we will take any warm body that indicates a willingness to join. Think about targeting those people already possessing or demonstrating leadership abilities; the successful lawyer, doctor, business man, department manager, people who are already in a leadership role in their community. What is the worst that they can say? No.

Also, encourage club members to get involved in your district, as a zone-chairperson, or serve on one of the many state committees as your district representative or one of the district committees. This can be challenging and rewarding at the same time. Behind every successful person you will find a mentor. The benefits of mentoring cannot be over-stated, and our organization has an excellent program. The New Lions Mentoring Program check it out on the LCI website. The benefits are well-informed Lions, many of who will go on to become Lions leaders, and their mentors have the satisfaction of being able to share their knowledge and know they helped ensure the future of our organization.

## Thank You for Blessing Us!

by Colleen Fowler

Thank you so much to all who were at our 2013 OK Boys Ranch Christmas Party! We had well over 200 in attendance and shared a great meal. Those of you who came got a chance to meet our boys and our staff. The boys were dressed up in their best with dress shirts and ties and they waited on tables serving the folks who serve them all year. The live auction and silent auction raised a lot of money. We always enjoy the Parade of Checks

as Lions Clubs from around the state bring a gift for the Ranch. It takes a lot of money to support boys and staff and keep up the maintenance of the houses as well as utilities and payroll. The most important thing is that lives are being changed! In the first few years Bob and I were here, we had so many guys in and out, few stayed long term or finished school. In the last few years we've seen some of our boys are stayed longer, finished school, made permanent connections in the community and re-establishing family relationships. Of course not all follow this path, but for (Continue on page 2)

## "We Serve"...

We are a great Organization, with a great Mission, we deserve nothing but, Greatness.

### Great Missions and Visions Deserve Great Philanthropy

DO not settle for Less!

Submitted by Lion Brett Crawley from an article by Terry Knapp: [www.hartsookcompanies.com/strategies/13\\_1218.html](http://www.hartsookcompanies.com/strategies/13_1218.html)

As 2014 approaches, consider how you can grow philanthropy for your organization in the coming year. Know this: fundraising strategies are essential, but attitude is everything.

Determine not to dwell in the land of cautiously comfortable and simply satisfied; stay hungry, hopeful and visionary. Practice a positive discontentment with the present that pushes your organization to be ever better and more effective than it is today. It's not, "If we can raise money." It's always, "How much we can raise..."

A few things to remember:

**Success breeds success.** Be inspired by your past efforts, but always aim higher. Don't be

satisfied with past performance. Never stop looking for new opportunities, new prospects and new ways to fulfill your nonprofit's mission.

**Great vision and great mission deserve great philanthropy.** Be sure your vision and mission inspire greatness, not just survival. Your cause is vital, because the lives it changes, and will change in the future, are vital. Transformative philanthropy flows to those whose vision of their cause is compelling. Always consider what could be if your organization were sufficiently funded.

**Keep your foot on the pedal.** Push yourself and inspire others around you to be more and to do more in 2014. Reach beyond what you are

comfortable doing and take some risks. It is amazing how often unexpected surprises of great gifts, great leaders and great opportunities come to those who dare to step out. Be bold, not just sympathetic in your leadership.

Vision, enthusiasm and passion are contagious. Your attitude is expressed by words, but not limited by them. It shines through all you do and say. Embody what your vision and mission really mean, and it will change the world, your nonprofit, and you.

**Take up the Motto In 2014; you will be more than just a voice when you say, "We Serve"**

## Thank You for Blessing Us!

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those that do, our new Independent living program is there to be a life-line. At 18 or High School graduation it's not kick you out the door and wish you good luck! Here it is a continued relationship with mentors and a case manager who guides them through the process of housing, school, jobs and medical issues. Some maintain a relationship with the staff and we are glad for that. None of this would be possible without the leadership and guidance of our Board of Directors and our Executive Director Bryan Larison. The Boys Ranch continues to evolve and grow just as our young men do! Most of you know about our new project, a **Foster Care Community**.

It has been sad through the years to see boys with as many as 35 placements come here with broken dreams and broken sibling relationships. Our goal at the OLBR is to be the first placement, keep sibling groups together and use the training, resources and facilities of the existing program to be a stable, loving, familiar environment for these kids. Some of our guys lost contact with siblings when they were taken out of the home. Young ones get adopted,

teenagers suffer loss after loss and enter young adulthood with no biological ties. But what if we kept them together, supported the foster parents and raised a "family" of children connected by blood as well as history. We believe with all our hearts this will make a difference. Would you like to be a part of not only changing one boys life at a time, but a family of children's lives and future of growing up together with the bond of kinship? It's about giving them a future and being a part of it. Here is an update on our fundraising efforts.

We received \$33,638.50 on Saturday, toward our goal of \$60,000. Clubs continue to send in donations. \$208,688 has been raised toward our goal of matching a grant from Paul Milburn for \$250,000 for our foster care community. That leaves a need of \$41,312! Wouldn't it be great to reach this and build 2 new houses to begin our Foster Care Facility? Let's make reaching this milestone the goal of our hearts! We thank you again for your care and concern for us! Blessings from the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch!

## MD-3 OK Lions Hosted *Lions-Quest* Anti-Bullying Workshops

As I promised last July, every district having a Lions-Quest chairperson would get to have a workshop before the end of the year. Two workshops were held in Oklahoma City on Nov. 11. My thanks to Lions Linda, Dawn and Marvin and the Westside Lions, who provided the site and food for the first workshop and Lion Jim White and his Capitol Hill Club for hosting and feeding the teachers at the second workshop.

The third workshop was hosted and catered by the Ponca City Noon Lions on Nov. 12. My thanks to Lion James Kelly and Lion Rick Poole for taking care of all the details.

Workshop number 4 was hosted on Nov. 21 by Lion Daniel Farrell

and his Lawton Noon Lions. Lion Daniel must have gone that extra mile, because I received many positive comments about how great the workshop was.

The last workshop was Nov. 22 in Ada on the ECU campus. I thank the Ada Lions for the help they provided. Even with a threatening ice storm, the teachers turned out.

A special thanks to the counselor education support staff at the Oklahoma State Department of Education, who e-mailed the workshop information to all the schools in Oklahoma.

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Lions Quest workshop hosted by the Oklahoma City Capitol Hill Lions club. Workshop was held Nov 11, 2013

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**District 3-O**

Governor  
Elmer Enyart

## Happy New Year, fellow Lions!

By the time this article is read the Christmas turkey and ham will have been eaten or used in sandwiches or for beans, the wrapping paper will have been thrown away, and the New Year has come with a lot of hope and promises that we need to try to remember and keep.

Due to having to get our information in a little early these last 2 months some of this is "old" news but we still need to report the activities of our clubs and show how busy they are in their communities and how badly Lions are needed. I am proud of all my clubs and want to express my thanks for all their good work.

Thank you to everyone who attended our district convention on Nov. 22 & 23. It was a great success in my eyes and we had a fantastic time. Special thanks to ID Donal and Betty Knipp. Trudy and I have made some more new friends. An EXTRA special thank you goes out to our host club: **THANK YOU, VINITA LIONS.** Without the help of the Vinita Lions we would not have had a successful convention with great Lions and wonderful people.

My fellow governors and I are on the last half of our year and we are trying to make it a good and prosperous one. This cannot be done without the help and hard work of every Lion.

With all the parties and holiday business District 3-O has stayed busy. I pray everyone is healthy and full of ideas of service. God bless each and everyone reading this and may you have a very healthy and prosperous 2014.

### 3-O Convention Report:

Elected for 2014-2015 - Randy Keller (Jay LC) as District Governor, Mike Fritz (Tulsa) as First Vice District Governor (elected to finish 2013-2014 as 1<sup>st</sup> 2nd VDG); for OLEB 3-yr. term Gwen Nichols (Dewey LC), OLBR 3-yr. term (2<sup>nd</sup>) Wayne Middleton (Bartlesville Limestone LC), Service Foundation 3-yr. term (2<sup>nd</sup>) Gene Redford (Tulsa), and Briggs 3-yr. term Louis Davis (Dewey LC). Debra Johnson (Broken Arrow Evening LC) was elected to a 2-yr. term on the State Convention Planning Committee. Note that Dennis Sagely

resigned from his 3-yr. term on the Eye Bank board and Gov. Enyart appointed Kent Ryals (Vinita LC) to that position.

### 3-O Club Activity Reports

**Barnsdall:** Barnsdall will host the fourth quarter zone meeting and tentative date is May 22. Held events: BCI 50+ meeting on 11/19/13 at Barnsdall Community Center, PTO Concession Stand at Gospel Music Concert on 11/16/13 at High School Auditorium, PTO Chili Supper/Silent Auction on 11/21/13 at Elementary School Cafeteria, attended District 3-O Convention on 11/22 & 23 at Vinita, COC Meeting on 11/26/13 at Barnsdall Community Center, PSO Presentation. Future events: Christmas in Barnsdall on 12/7/13 at Barnsdall Community Center, 6pm and BCLC Wrestling Breakfast on 12/14/13 at Elementary School Cafeteria at 6:30am. District Governor Elmer Enyart held a brief informative session of his activities and upcoming plans. He encouraged all that could to try to attend the District Meeting.

**Bartlesville Downtown:** Will change the meeting day to Friday starting January 2014. Time and location will not change.

**Bartlesville Green Country:** Processed several eyeglass referrals. Thanksgiving meeting was an "Among Friends" occasion with several guests. Sent 3 Lions to the District 3-O Convention in Vinita. Had Christmas party with "dirty santa" gift exchange. Several members participated with Salvation Army in bell ringing. Helped Tuxedo club with Christmas tree sales.

**Broken Arrow Noon:** Collected 25 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling. Four Lions sold at least 30 Cowboy Cadillac tickets, earning the Cowboy Cadillac 2013 pin. Six member participated as Salvation Army bell ringers at Bass Pro Shop. Lion Bill Scrimsher received his 25-year Lions chevron from Lion Linda Hughes at our annual Christmas Dinner. Club was selected as first place among small clubs on the district governor's contest for the amount of new members recruited this year.

**Broken Arrow Evening:** Participated in Broken Arrow's annual Night Out against Crime-Fun & Games on Main. Provided 2 eye exams and 2 pairs of eyeglasses.

**Coweta:** Welcome two new members and donated \$500 to Coweta High School Project Graduation

**Fairland:** In Nov. the Fairland Lions honored both the October and November Fairland students of the month. The October students of the month were senior Jacob Burchette eighth grader Bryson Cottrell. November Students of the month were senior KellyDawn Gebhart and eighth grader Dylan Mishmash. Program speakers were Kristi Franklin

on the Fairland Business Crime Stopper Reward Fund and Jeff Brown on his Unmasking the Mystery Program. Donated 500 to the Fairland Business Crime Stopper Reward and \$250 to the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch. Held Lions Christmas Party on Dec. 9 at First Assembly with Christian Illusionist Kevin Wade. Note: Lion George Weaver resigned as club secretary/treasurer due to health issues so club elected Norma Kraus as new secretary/treasurer. Norma was also in charge of getting together the club's Christmas float for the Fairland parade, held Sat., Dec. 14 and our Lions volunteered to hand out lots of candy.

**Miami Lions:** Welcomed new Lion Mike Reece.

**Muskogee County:** Volunteered 5 hours at the Muskogee Honor Heights Garden of Lights and received \$1,079 in donations for the park.

**Pawhuska:** Welcomed a new member in November, someone who has helped with pancake fundraisers several times and finally decided to join. Meeting place will need to be changed since the Senior Citizens Center closed.

**Porter:** Welcomed new Lion Kyle Livesay sponsored by Kent Livesay.

**Wagoner:** Wagoner Area Neighbors and Wagoner Community Outreach received a big boost to their coffers on Nov. 20 with money from sponsorships and random donations to the club's annual Food Drive held Oct. 19. In addition, the Lions donated \$240 to bring the amount to an even \$1,500. Lion President Roy Nichols presented checks for \$750 representatives from each organization at the Nov. Lions meeting. In addition to the money, the Lions collected two pickup loads of food plus 1,640 pounds of frozen chickens. The foodstuffs were divided evenly to WAN and WCO. Other Lions at this meeting were Jim Marsh, Monica Medley, Jeanne Portello, Wade Robertson, Brandon Tate, Heather Youree and Karen Youree. This event adds meaning to the Lions motto "WE SERVE." Since Sept. 2013, the Wagoner Lions purchased 13 eye exams and 12 pairs of eyeglasses, for a total of \$1,220. The bowling tournament will be held again, possibly the last Sat. in February. The event netted \$2,094 last year.

**Wyandotte:** Held their Christmas party in Miami at the Gordon House on Dec. 5. Braving the ice and snow, everyone who attended had a great time. Club donated money to buy boneless hams to go to all the recipients of the Wyandotte Community Food Pantry.





Governor  
Daryl Pults

## January 2014 is here

January means we are starting a new year. It also means we are half way through our Lions year. The first half of the Lions year has been busy. I have visited 32 clubs. The visits have been great, and our clubs are doing a good job of serving and adding new members. However, we are only at the half way point, so let us not ease off on getting new members. Instead, we need to keep up the effort if we are going to have a net membership gain for the year.

I hope you all enjoyed the Holidays. It is always enjoyable to get together with family and friends during the Holidays. This past December did have a surprise for us in that the first part of the month was the coldest one I have ever seen in Oklahoma. I hope our January does not have as much snow, ice, and cold weather as we had in December, especially the latter part when our 3-K Convention is planned. The convention will be January 24-25 at the Lake Murray Lodge in Ardmore. Our guests will be ID Larry Dicus and Jane of Whittier, California. This is a good opportunity for Lions to get together to enjoy the fellowship and to learn about new programs. Let us get as many Lions as possible to meet them on their arrival at the Lodge and give them an Oklahoma welcome. When we know their time of arrival at the Lodge, we will e-mail the clubs. Be sure and get your registration forms in as soon as possible.

## Club Reports

**Ada:** Presented \$500 check to the Lions Boys Ranch at the Christmas Party.

**Clayton:** Held their Annual Chili Supper. The money raised by this event was used to buy candy and fill Christmas sacks for children.

**Durant:** They are joining with Toys for Tots to hand out Christmas packages at the community center on December 21. The Lions help provide some packages and work the event, which draws hundreds of children.

**Heavener:** They put together 300 bags of apples, oranges, and candy to be given to the children who visit Santa after the Christmas parade. They also distributed food baskets to families on December 21.

**Holdenville:** Sent \$100 to the Lions Boys Ranch Christmas party, and they sent \$100 to the Holdenville Fire Department to help buy toys to distribute to children for Christmas.

**Hugo:** The Lions held their annual Christmas Auction. This event has been broadcast on the radio for over 25 years. They use these funds for their vision and eyeglass programs. They also serve a variety of needs of the community.

**Seminole:** An annual event for the city is Snowman Wonderland at the Magnolia Park. The Lions participate by running a tram each activity evening from 6:00 until 8:00 PM to carry passengers around to see the displays.

**Wilburton:** Purchased 4 pairs of eyeglasses. They were involved in the Pick-A-Star Christmas gift program and as Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army.

## Welcome New Members

**Ardmore:** Wendi Whipkey

**Checotah:** Angela Reasor and Michael Jaycox

**Hugo:** Jackie Halcomb and Stan Payne

**Wilburton:** Ali Martinez and Melisa Tidwell

Welcome our new Lions. We have now added 56

new members to our district. Keep up the good effort.

## Meeting Calendar

**Jan. 11:** OK Lions Council meeting and board meetings, OKC

**Jan. 24-25:** District 3-K Convention, Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore

**Apr. 24-26:** OK Lions State Convention, Norman

**May 31:** District 3-K Cabinet meeting, Atoka

**Jun. 14:** OK Lions Council meeting and board meetings, OKC.

## District Elections

One of our most important duties at our district convention will be to elect some of our next year's leaders. Be sure your club has voting members there to exercise your right to vote. Hopefully you who plan to run for a position have sent your intent to run paper work to our credentials committee. If no paper work is received, we will take nominations from the floor. This includes election of district officers and election of state board members. I hope to see you at our 3-K Convention. Let us make the year 2014 a year to **Serve and Grow**.

## Ada Lions sponsor eye care clinic in Guatemala

In support of Ada Lion Dr. John Garber, the Ada Lions have established a permanent eye care clinic with state-of-the-art equipment in Santiago, Guatemala. Dr. John will quarterly head teams to Santiago to perform eye exams and provide glasses with funds from the Ada Lions and citizens of Ada.



(Left) DG Daryl Pults visiting the Durant LC, (Middle) Durant Lions Club President Daylin Hash and DG Daryl Pults, (Right) DG Daryl Pults presents Durant Lions club member Paul Buntz with a 35 year chevron awarded by LCI.

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## District 3-L



Governor  
Sue Thompson

### I'm late! I'm late!

Like the white rabbit I feel I am running in circles! Of course by the time you read this, it will all be over and we can start on a New Year which will hopefully be filled with peace and love all over the world.

I've mentioned that one of the best parts of going to the International Convention was seeing 25,000 people from all over the world and speaking different languages but all sharing one ideal—"We Serve." I truly feel that Lions Clubs International can be an instrument of Peace! I encourage everyone who possibly can to go to Toronto! It will be pretty reasonable and I promise it will be time well spent! I would encourage any clubs who can to perhaps help members who want to go by paying registration. Remember you do have to have a passport!

It seems like NO TIME has passed since our last newsletter-maybe because we had less time between Thanksgiving and Christmas this year and we lost time to the weather as we were snowbound here for several days! I am not complaining because we need the moisture so much. It did, however, cause me to have to postpone several club visits but we will regroup after the New Year!

As I have said before, I am very thankful for all of you during this season of giving thanks and rebirth. Let us all remember the "Reason for the Season" and always be kind to each

other and remember as we start a new year to "Make a Difference Every Day"!

### Club News

**Altus** had their "Breakfast with Santa" December 14. They donated \$200 to Special Olympics, \$200 to the Salvation Army as well as Ringing the Bells at Walmart. The Leos helped with both these projects. Provided eyeglasses for two as well as for one special needs student. Helped with the City-wide cleanup and had the semi annual music show. Made a donation to the Boys Ranch Christmas Party.



Lawton NE On-Line Branch Lions Club's annual Lawton/Ft.Sill VA Center Christmas Show. (Left) VA Center resident and longtime Lion Don Jones opening his Christmas present (a blanket with the Lions logo on it) as Lion Elaine Kier looks on. (Right) Kids from Cameron Baptist Church (coordinated by Lion Gary Weise) singing Christmas songs for the Veterans.



**Mangum Cache** and **Altus** participated in the Peace Poster contest. Mangum invited the DG to present a 50 yr. pin to Lion Kenneth Higgins and I was honored to do so!

**Chickasha** sold pecans and donated to the Boys Ranch, OKDHS and Special Olympics.

**Hobart** sold pecans.

**Hinton** put out flags for Veterans Day and honored two students of the week. And also had their annual pancake supper.

**Marlow** had a Pancake Breakfast before the Christmas parade on December 14.

**Lawton Noon Lions** and **Lawton Patriots** rang bells for the Salvation Army on Dec. 21.

**Lawton NE** volunteered at the Lights display at the park and hosted Christmas party at the Lawton VA Center.

I am happy to report that we did have more new members that drops this month! Thank you all!

### Reminder

Please be thinking about nominees for our "Rookie of the Year" and our George Hazelbaker Lifetime Achievement award to be presented at our convention. in pix also



## Oklahoma Knights for Sight New Treatment For Corneal Degenerations May Greatly Reduce Need For Transplants In The Future

By Mark C. Gibson, O.D.

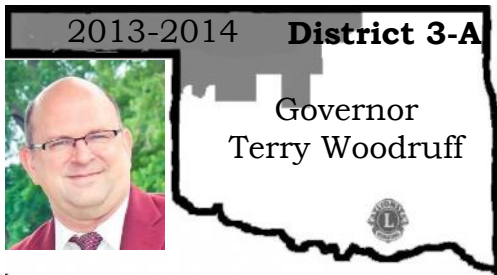


Dean McGee Eye Institute is currently enrolling patients for a new treatment that may greatly reduce the need for corneal transplants in the future. Ophthalmologist, and corneal specialist, Don Stone, M.D., who serves as Interim Medical Director for the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank has confirmed that DMEI is currently looking for patients for the trial study. The treatment involves removing the patient's corneal epithelium (a thin protective layer), placing drops of riboflavin, a B vitamin, on the cornea, and then exposing the cornea to ultraviolet light. A bandage contact

lens is then placed on the patient's cornea; antibiotic and steroid drops are used until the epithelium completely heals itself. The treatment is intended to stop the progression of keratoconus, pellucid marginal degeneration, and possibly other corneal degenerations, and works best when the patient is in the early stages of these diseases. This procedure has been used in countries overseas for almost ten years, and is currently being done in Canada. Once the FDA approves this for use here in the United States, then patients with these sight threatening diseases

can be treated, and greatly reduce their need for corneal transplantation. It is reasonable to assume that once this procedure is approved, that the need for transplants may drastically decrease over the next ten to fifteen years.

If you or someone you know has been told they have one of these corneal degenerations, then you can contact your optometrist or ophthalmologist, or call DMEI at 271-6060 to set up an appointment to see if you qualify for the trial study of this new procedure.



## 2013-14 Lions

### Club District 3-A Annual Convention

Friday February 7 – Saturday February 8, 2014

## Growing our Clubs through Women and Families

Welcome our Guest

**CYNTHIA “CINDY” B. GREGG**  
**INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

### Friday February 7<sup>th</sup> – Private Party at the Pioneer Women’s Museum

14th Street and Lake Road, Ponca City 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
Heavy Hors D’oeuvres

### Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> 2014 Main Event

First Presbyterian Church  
1508 East Grand Ave (Grand Ave and 14th Street)  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm Main Event  
Catered Lunch and Awards Ceremony 12:00  
3rd District Cabinet Meeting 2:00 pm  
Evening Banquet - Catered Dinner 5:30 pm (Formal/Semi-Formal)  
Convention Hotel Blocked Rooms: Comfort Inn and Suites, Ponca City \$89.50  
Phone 580-765-2322

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## District 3-A Lions Mid-Winter Convention Registration

Please complete this form and send with your check to  
District 3-A Secretary Cheryl Taylor 616 Shamrock, Ponca City, Ok 74601

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

Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Lion Member Y / N

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Lions District 3-A

Registration \$10 x Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch \$12 x Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Banquet \$22 x # Beef \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

\$22 x # Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_





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**District 3-H**

Governor  
Tom Cummings

### 3-H Convention News!

I trust all had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It's convention time! Plans are progressing for a fantastic district 3H convention Feb. 1. Our convention will be at the First United Methodist Church, 930 S. Little, Cushing. For those that might like to stay over a night or two, we have secured available lodging from Best Western of Cushing, 508 E. Main (corner of Main & Little) 918-306-4299-King or 2 Queens \$89.99+tax (ask for Lions rate).

If you haven't attended one of our conventions in the last couple of years, you are missing out on an opportunity to meet other Lions in our district, learn from our workshops, see and be a part of what is happening in our district at our cabinet meeting and just have a great fun time.

This year we are going on a Safari. As we have done for the past couple of years, we are asking our 3H clubs to bring a dish or two for our lunch which then makes it possible to keep the cost of our convention registration at \$10.00 which includes the lunch. Now, this won't be just any regular lunch. We want you to bring some great dishes and be creative on the naming of your dishes with the Safari Theme. We will have a table for each of your clubs to serve from. We encourage the clubs to decorate your table with the Safari Theme and we encourage all attendees to dress in your best safari gear. We plan to have awards for best decorated table and best themed dressed.

Our day will start at 8:30am with registration and hospitality. After we have our opening exercises, we will break to a selection of workshops and learning times. Currently, we have planned 4 workshops that will be of benefit to you and

your fellow members. You can pick the workshop topic that interests you the most. After our workshops we will have the youth speech contest and then go right into our lunch time. During lunch time, we will have some special entertainment that you're sure to enjoy. Our keynote speaker will be ID Steven Tremaroli from New York. He will then help us with our awards presentation just before we enter into our cabinet meeting.

During our cabinet meeting, we will recess to open a general meeting for the election of 2014-15 officers. Lion Jim Barnett will lead us in this election and then we will reopen and finish our cabinet meeting.

This should be a great day of interaction with your fellow Lions, learning helpful information that will make you a more effective Lion and club, taking care of our district business and having a great time of fun and fellowship. Mark your calendars to bring your fellow club members and your club's lunch dishes as you join us. Let's have a great Lion day together!

Our clubs are still working hard especially at this time of the year to serve their communities.

Our new Choctaw/Nicoma Park branch club partnered with the Choctaw & Nicoma Park police officers to take shopping 18 underprivileged kids. What a great event for this new clubs and these worthy kids. The new Yale branch club sponsored a successful peace poster contest. The Guthrie club also had a peace poster entry this year in our district competition. The winner of the District 3H Peace Poster contest is Amarie Griffith, a middle school student from Cushing Lions.

The Perry club has been very busy donating time and money for various projects like picking

up trash on highway 77 that has blown in from Kansas, donating \$\$ for eyeglasses, serving at soup kitchen and meals on wheels. The Cushing club donated toys and personal blankets to Love Inc. for distribution to local kids. Stillwater Noon took 15 low-income children Christmas shopping, furnished eyeglasses for 5 requests and helped prepare and serve a meal to people in need.

I know I have more clubs that forwarded items to me and I have misplaced them. I realize that many of you and your clubs look for your names in the newsletter so.....the club up north, the one on the west side, the one close to the city, the one not so close there .....and some individuals.....Gary, Ralph, Joe, Samuel, Jackson and not to forget Derek. I will try to do better next month.

My term as governor is half over.....very quickly. I feel we have done a very good job. We have had some setbacks for sure, but our accomplishments more than make for any short falls. We will continue to do great things in our district because we have such fantastic Lions and Clubs. I ask for your continued support to finish off the next 6 months with the same determination.

I also ask that you will all make a sincere effort to join us at our District Convention and be part of the learning and fun we will have. If you have any questions about anything in our district, please give me a call at 918-225-2721.

Don't forget to let me know about your fund raising events and your service projects a few weeks ahead of time.

**Editor's Note: Midwest City Lions Club-page 9.**



(Left) The parade of checks at the OK Lions Boys Ranch Christmas party; (Top Left) Lions attending the OK Lions Boys Ranch Christmas party; (Top Right) Members of the Red Fork Lions club at the OK Lions Boys

## **GUIDELINES FOR OKLAHOMA TRADING PIN CONTEST for 2014-2015**

1. Only Lions may enter; each Lion may submit only **one entry**. The Club may submit an entry as a group effort, or hold a club contest of individual designs selecting the representative design.
2. **All entries must be received no later than MARCH 1, ;2014 mail all entries to Lions of Oklahoma, 4123 NW 10<sup>TH</sup> 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 ½ x 11 sheet of paper or art board.
5. The design will be no smaller than 3" x 5" or larger than 4" x 6"- this will provide the pin company with an adequate sample to produce the pin. Actual size 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. The initial design will be selected by the state pin committee and be submitted to the incoming governors at the state convention or at their March training.
8. The winning design will be announced at the State Convention.
9. The winning 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 (following the 2014 International Convention).
10. Any questions or clarification of these guidelines may be directed to PDG Bill Middleton, 580-233-1771 e-mail lionbill@swbell.net.

## **GUIDELINES FOR OKLAHOMA LEO TRADING PIN CONTEST for 2014-2015**

1. Each Club may submit only **one entry**. The Club may submit an entry as a group effort, or hold a club contest of individual designs selecting the representative design
2. **All entries must be received NLT MARCH 1 .2014Mail or give all entries to PDG BILL MIDDLETON 2106CONSTITUTION AV ENID, OK 73703**
3. The pin must represent Oklahoma Leos and not an individual area or region.
4. The design (drawing) will be submitted on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper or art board.
5. The design will be no smaller than 3" x 5" or larger than 4" x 6"- this will provide the pin company with an adequate sample to produce the pin. Actual size to be determined by the designing company and pin coordinator,
6. A short narrative will accompany the design explaining the meaning and color representation.
7. Only Oklahoma Leos may enter the contest.
8. The initial design will be selected by Leos at the State Lions Convention. Judges (Leo's) will be selected at random from registered Leos at the State Convention. Lions from the Oklahoma Pin Trading Club will be selected to **assist and advise** the judging. The winning design will be announced at the State Convention.
9. The design will be given to the appropriate pin committee member and sent for final art development and production. Upon receipt of the finished pin the Oklahoma Lions Pin Trading Club will forward the pins to the Oklahoma Leo Clubs on consignment with suggested selling price and method to reimburse the trading club.
10. Any questions or clarification of this guideline may be directed to: PDG Bill Middleton, 580-233-1771 e-mail lionbill@swbell.net.



# 3-O 2013 Convention



**(Top Left)** Vinita Lions (hosted by Vinita Lions Club) **(Top Right)** Friday evening: Vinita Airport Fly-In using the private aircraft hanger of Jim Gardner who restores and flies antique aircraft. Dinner was chili and tomato basil soup prepared and served by the Vinita Future Farmers of America and Vinita Lions. Table decorations/door prizes were CARS aircraft models from the movie. Entertainment was by the Fouts Family, a local group of blue grass musicians; father/grandfather of the group was a Lion.



**(Top Left)** Saturday: beautiful new Cherokee Nation Vinita Health Clinic. Attendance was good at this convention, and Lions attended 2 seminars entitled "Keys to Successful Lions Clubs" by PCC Delbert King and "Make New Lions and Keep the Old" by now DGE Randy Keller. The Vinita Lions Club hosted the convention for 3-O and District Governor Elmer Enyart.

**(Top Right)** One youth speech contestant advances to the OK Lions state final contest in April. Two Vinita Lions competed in the adult speech contest and both were very good presenters. (Pictured PCC Linda Hughes, Lion Judy Echenrode and Lion Ray Claggett)



**(Top Left)** International Director Donal and Lion Betty Knipp from Missouri were the honored guests. Director Knipp presented a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation to Lion Wayne Middleton.

**(Top Right)** Two young Native American Indians entertained at the luncheon. Pictured is the flute player. Governor Elmer is of Native American ancestry and he and Lion Trudy kept to the theme of American Indians by holding the convention in the beautiful Cherokee Nation clinic with numerous pieces of art displayed, by decorating the lunch tables with dreamcatchers, and with the American Indian sign language and flute performances. Lunch was Indian tacos prepared and served by the FFA students, including the youth speech contestant. It is good that the catering of a convention includes supporting a local youth group like the FFA.

## OK Lions State Calendar

### January 2014

#### Feeding the Hungry LCI Global Action Campaign

- Jan 1 New Year's Day Holiday – OK Lions Office Closed
- Jan 4-5 Regional Leadership Training for 1<sup>st</sup> VDGs and DGEs in Ft. Worth; PDG Aubrey Cherry
- Jan 8 LCI Webinar: Effective Club Meetings, 12:00pm  
([www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) to register)
- Jan 10 VDG/Leadership Training, 4pm, OK Lions State Office, 4123 NW 10<sup>th</sup> St., OKC 73107  
MD-3 OK Lions Council Agenda meeting, 7pm, OK Lions State Office
- Jan 11 MD-3 Okla. Lions State Board and Council Meetings, West Side Lions Town Hall, 4135 NW 10<sup>th</sup> St., OKC 73107  
7:45am OK Lions St. Conv. Planning Comm. Meeting  
**8:15am OLEB Executive Board Meeting**  
OK Lions State Office  
8:55am OK Lions Council Meeting Opening  
9:00am OK Lions Eye Bank Board Meeting  
9:45am Briggs Scholarship Board Meeting  
10:30am OK Lions Boys Ranch Board Meeting  
11:15am OK Lions Service Foundation Board Meeting  
12noon Lunch by Garfield Co. Lions (3-A); Boneyard Meeting  
1:00pm OK Lions Council Meeting, followed by clean-up
- Jan 15 LCI Webinar: Leadership Lessons from the **Angry Birds**, 12:00pm ([www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) to register)
- Jan 17 **Prague LC Chili Supper**
- Jan 17-18 Southwest Pin Traders Swap Meet (OK and TX Pin Traders hosting), Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore OK
- Jan 24 LCI Webinar: Leadership Lessons from the **Angry Birds**, 12:00pm ([www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) to register)
- Jan 24-25 **District 3-K Mid-Winter Convention**, Lake Murray Lodge

(Ardmore)

### February 2014

- Feb 1 **District 3-H Convention: *It's a Jungle Out There***, Cushing
- Feb 7 LCI Webinar: The Dream Continues-Lionism as a Past District Governor, 7:00pm ([www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) to register)
- Feb 7-8 **District 3-A Mid-Winter Convention**, Ponca City
- Feb 12 LCI Webinar: The Dream Continues-Lionism as a Past District Governor, 12:00pm ([www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) to register)
- Feb 28-1 **District 3-L Mid-Winter Convention**, Quartz Mountain Lodge, Lone Wolf

Midwest City Lions Club Activity Report submitted to state office: donated \$100 to Elks Lodge Pancake Supper, \$350 to LCIF, \$250 to White Cane, \$1,125 to OK Lions Boys Ranch, \$1,125 to OK Lions Eye Bank, \$100 to Briggs Scholarship, \$100 to Leader Dogs, \$100 to World Service for the Blind, \$100 each to MWC and Carl Albert HS Academic Letter Jacket programs, \$1,000 Mid-Del Food Pantry, \$1,000 MWC Elks Christmas Food Baskets, \$750 to Rose State College (Mary Lou Hawkins Scholarship), \$200 to RSVP of Central OK - Hugs Project for Active Military Overseas; also donated 325 pairs of used eyeglasses and 8 used cell phones for recycling.