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# OKLAHOMA LION

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## LCIF approves another recovery project for Moore Schools

Lions Clubs International Foundation's Chairperson Wayne Maden, LCI Immediate Past International President, recently approved another disaster recovery project for Briarwood and Plaza Towers Elementary Schools in the Moore Public School District. The grant will disburse an additional \$60,310 to the Lions of Oklahoma Disaster Relief account to purchase RedCat audio systems for each classroom and for additional walkie-talkies needed by the two schools. This is in addition to the physical education and recreation items as well as the music education classroom instruments/accessories already purchased for Briarwood.

Lion Troy Jenkins, MD-3 Lions of Oklahoma Lions ALERT/Disaster Relief Chair, will order the needed items to be delivered to the schools within the next few weeks. The RedCat audio systems enable each teacher to be heard throughout the classroom, and can also be utilized for student responses to the teacher; the use of the audio systems is proven to enhance learning in the class-

room. Walkie-talkies are used by faculty and staff for daily communications, and especially during severe weather or other crisis-type events. When notified of the approval, Principals Shelley Jaques-McMillin and Amy Simpson both said it is "great news-awesome!"

The Oklahoma Lions ALERT/Disaster Relief committee continues to work with LCIF in planning recovery projects using the more than \$500,000 donated to LCIF by Lions and Lions Clubs from around the globe. While continuing to work with the affected Moore Schools, the committee and LCIF are also looking at helping with neighborhood beautification through tree plantings, assisting with mental health programs for persons affected by the May 2013 storms, and in setting up an Education Center when the new Norman Regional Hospital satellite facility is rebuilt. Also working with Canadian Valley Technology Center-El Reno campus which was partially destroyed; possibly building one of several needed safe rooms in a new facility.

## Harold Hamm Diabetes Center Dinner

Lion Brent LaGere (Chandler Lions Club), Chairman/CEO of the Chandler Group of Companies (National American Insurance Co. or NAICO), serves on the Board of the Harold Hamm Diabetes Center (HHDC) in Oklahoma City, and invites Oklahoma Lions to dinner at the HHDC the evening before our Oklahoma Lions State Convention.

Date is therefore Thursday, April 24, 2014, 5:00-7:00 p.m. (reception/cocktails at 5, tour 5:30, dinner/presentation 5:45).

This evening activity fits in very well with our Lions Clubs International Diabetes Awareness Service Program and with diabetes-related service activities already in place by several of our Oklahoma Lions Clubs.

RSVP is required, but there is **no cost to attend** this very meaningful event (thank you, Lion Brent!). To RSVP, simply call **405-947-6540 (OK Lions State Office)**. **Deadline is April 10<sup>th</sup> to RSVP**-thank you.



**2013-2014  
OK Lions State Convention  
April 25-26, 2014  
NCED Conference Center  
2801 E. State Hwy 9  
Norman, Oklahoma**

**Attention Veterans!** Register for convention is Honor our Nation's the OK Lions State Convention, Veterans Day. Seminar and information on veteran support activities will be on Friday morning! Go to [lionarlene3a@suddenlink.net](mailto:lionarlene3a@suddenlink.net) to [www.oklahomalions.org](http://www.oklahomalions.org) for a registration form, or call 405-947-6540. Saturday at the

### \*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*

As of July 1, 2014 the position of State Treasurer will be **VACANT**. There is an **URGENT** need for this position to be filled. If you have any questions, please call the Oklahoma Lions State Office at 405-947-6540.

## OK Lions Mobile Health Screen Unit (MHSU)

The MHSU policy is that the MHSU **must be scheduled by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for the following month**. This allows time for the driver and other arrangements to be made for each visit! Remember, only Oklahoma Lions Clubs can sponsor a MHSU visit.



# Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation

Executive Director, Marie Burns



## Teamwork and Partnerships

People say there is no "I" in Team. I beg to differ. Without the individual "I" there would be no group of individuals to form a team. Individuality is an important part of what makes a team. It is made up of various factors that make members unique and different. All individuals have various likes, dislikes, abilities, and limitations. The purpose in forming a team comes from a common purpose. Commonality is found within individuals who have this "like minded" purpose, or desire to fulfill a unified goal.

One commonality I have found with Oklahoma LIONS is their passion to serve and help others. The Oklahoma Lions are a team of members who truly care. I have met so many Lions, since I started, who have offered to help provide me with the tools or information I needed.

I believe in the power of team members who reach out to others throughout Oklahoma and I dare say, even the world. The Oklahoma Lions have two



absolutely remarkable State projects that any sponsoring foundation or funding entity would be proud to partner with. The greatest portion of my work is reaching out to those potential partners and inviting them to be a part of something much greater than an individual purpose. I see my position as a privilege to bring the funder and the program recipient together to form a perfect match. Telling the stories of individuals whose lives

have been completely changed through the services of these projects is an honor.

I had the privilege of visiting the Eye Bank and the Boys Ranch and am very excited to make a match between these programs, and corporate, foundational, State, Federal and individual supporters to form a team of life-long partnerships. Leaving a legacy has been the teamwork of many Lions members throughout the last century.

I challenge Oklahoma Lions to leave a legacy to the future Lions clubs of Oklahoma by ensuring that these programs continue to grow and mature.

It takes every individual LION to make it happen in some way. Like I said, we don't all have the same abilities but we are all on the same team. We don't all have the same likes, talents, or desires, but we do all have the same common goal, "To Serve." Let's all make this year the best possible for both state projects. Volunteer, give, pray, serve, and support the wonderful work of the Lions of Oklahoma.

## Memorials

### *Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch*

*In memory of:*

**Gracie Ratzlaff**, from the Ringwood Lions Club

### *Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation*

*In memory of:*

**Pometa Davison**, from Lion Pat Davison; **Jeffrey Fielding**, from the Cushing Lions Club; **PDG Bob Lee** from Lion Merle and PDG Barbara Swineford

### *Dr. Eugene Briggs Memorial Scholarship Foundation*

*In memory of:*

**PDG Gail Miller**, from VCC Lora Blanton, First VDGE Karen Blanton; **PDG Al Williams**, from VCC Lora Blanton, First VDGE Karen Blanton

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch  
Golf Benefit**

**Calcutta: Thursday, April 17  
Benefit: Friday, April 18**

Look for your Registration Packet for more information. Coming soon!

**Cimarron Trails Golf Course  
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**District 3-O**

Governor  
Elmer Enyart

## Hello Fellow Lions from District 3-O

Spring is a very busy time of year; we have more clubs to visit and continue to work on the new Grove Lions Club charter. We love getting to meet more of our Lions family and getting to welcome new Lions to our family. Being a district governor is a lot of work, but so enjoyable and so rewarding meeting Lions across the district, state and world. Thank you, District 3-O Lions for giving me this opportunity, and I encourage all of you in the district to experience life in Lionism as Trudy and I have. **Don't be a "Hollow Lion."** Come to meetings and help out at club events. It will give you a good, warm feeling

### Club Activities

**Barnsdall Community (BCLC):** Former LEO and Lions Club helper Luke Robinson was Champion Chili Maker at the Chili Cook Off on Feb. 22; club earned \$197 with event. Next Main Street Auction-June 14. American Red Cross Blood Drive on Apr.



16, and Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt on Apr. 19, 10am, City Park.

**Beggs:** Contributed \$10 to each Beggs exhibitor at Okmulgee County Spring Livestock Show Sale (\$120).

**Bristow:** Always active in the town of Bristow and have an active Leo Club that sends some members to every club meeting.

**Chelsea:** Held annual Chicken and Noodle dinner Mar. 16 at Chelsea Senior Center. Considering the nasty weather, there was a good turnout (128); \$1,100 in funds were raised. Collected used eyeglasses for recycling. Several requests for eyeglasses and exams were approved.

**Dewey:** Had chili and bean fundraiser on Mar.8; attended Zone Meeting on Mar. 17 hosted by Tuxedo Lions.

**Drumright:** Small town club that is always active in the town by putting up flags along main street for every special day.

**Fairland:** Honored Senior Taylor Pryor and eighth grader Nicole Dingle as Feb. Students of the Month. Donated \$200 to Boys State and \$325 to help with car show expenses. Haskell May welcomed new Lion John Fuser. Club had update on city water improvements. Events: Apr. 19 Lions Golf Tournament at Peoria Ridge; \$70 entry fee; Jess Robinson at 918-540-4541; City-Wide Garage Sale May 3; Fairland Car Show June 14.



**Muskogee Noon:** DA Larry Moore gave an update on legal problems in Muskogee County. Held Fellowship meeting to recruit prospects for evening Branch Club. Provided 4 pairs of eyeglasses for adults; collected 4 boxes of glasses (from a company who went out of business), plus 436 pair from Lions Collection box at mall. Held annual Pancake Breakfast Mar. 5; fed over 900 people, and raised \$10,783 for benevolent projects; Lion Kent Edwards won sponsor sales contest.

**Porter:** Sponsored Zone D zone meeting on Feb. 11; Jim Burroughs-Fisheries manager-east central region-Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation spoke; door prizes were provided by the Porter Lions Club and assembled by Lion Dawna Livesay. Club sponsored Porter HS basketball game Feb. 11; residents had ½ price admission, so club paid for 60 adults and 70 children; manned Lions information booth at the event. New member committee planning an event night for this year's Porter HS seniors; coordinators are Lions Gentry Guinn and Christy McCollough. Planning for the



Chelsea LC Chicken Noodle Dinner

Porter Peach Festival has begun; festival will be July 17-29, 2014, and is chaired by Lion Roy Es-sary.

**Pryor:** For many years in Pryor, the name Lucy Belle Schultz meant things were getting done. She did her best work as first woman mayor, serving from 1991 to 1997. Sadly the city and Lions Club lost their friend in 2013. In her honor, the Lions Club dedicated a bench at the Senior Nutrition Center, a place dear to Lucy Bell's heart.



Pictured are Lucy Belle Schultz's sons, Bill and Kurt, and their spouses with Pryor Lions President Curtis Bales at the dedication of the bench, Jan. 31, 2014, the first anniversary of Lucy's death.

**Sapulpa:** Donated \$500 to OK School for Blind, \$950 to OK Lions Boys Ranch; gave 2 pairs of eyeglasses to needy people and collected 100 pairs of used eyeglasses; had new OK Lions Service Foundation director at club meeting.

**South Grand Lake-Langley:** Grand Lake BBQ Festival, May 16-17 (KCBS Sanctioned); live music Fri. night and Sat. Lions Chili Cook-Off Sep. 27 in conjunction with the City of Langley's 75th Birthday Party Sep. 26-27.

**Tulsa Metro-McCullough:** Collected/donated 200 pairs of used eyeglasses and 50 cases to Neighbor for Neighbor. Assisted Tulsa Downtown Lions with their annual Tulsa Boats, Sports and Travel Show; club received \$1,235 for their part of the fundraiser.

**Wagoner:** Another bowling tournament has come and gone. Six teams competed and Lions gave out several great door prizes, including tickets to the Cher concert in Tulsa, donated by Lion Jeanne Portello. First p team won \$80 (Miranda Brunson, Misti Sparks, Colby North and Wesley Call); Miranda and Wesley won \$35 each as high female and male bowlers. Eyeglasses program chair Monica Medley received a call from a man who tearfully thanked the Lions for helping him see again. Unexpected happenings like this make one proud to be a Lion. Club spent \$280 in Feb. for 2 eye exams and 4 pairs of eyeglasses.

**Wyandotte:** Welcomed 2 new members: Kete Evans and Josh Leemasters. Word has it that Josh'srking hard preparing for their big community project, the 46th annual Senior Bowl football game on May 19, 2014, 7pm. All Lions and guests are invited!

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## District 3-K

Governor  
Daryl Pults

## Grow a club!

Spring is finally here, and I hope the cold weather is gone. Now is a great time to start a new club. Spring is the time we like to get out and do things. We feel good, and we are excited about the new year we are facing. It is a time when we can get out and, and working together, establish a new club in our district. It is also a good time for all our clubs to reach out to potential members— JUST ASK!

As a district we have done well in bringing new members into our clubs, but to attain our net member goal, we still need to charter a new club. Our district is working the city of Sulphur the last week of March. By the time you get this newsletter, I hope we can announce that a new club has been established there. I thank all of our Lions who helped work in Sulphur. We have good leaders in our district, and I not only look forward to a strong finish this year but also for great progress next year.

The past few weeks have been a difficult

time for me. I have been confined to my home where I spend about eight hours a day rehabbing from knee replacement surgery. Then I go to a rehab center three times a week and spend two hours each time with a physical therapist. I am slowly gaining some strength and flexibility, but it looks like a long haul before I will get out much or start driving. Continue to pray for my recovery and for Carolyn as she is confined to taking care of me.

## Club Reports

**Atoka:** They awarded \$50 to the student of the month. Purchased four pairs of eyeglasses for limited resource individuals. Donated \$1,000 to the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch Foster Care Community.

**Shawnee:** Their Chili Feed raised over \$6,000 to be used on local, state, and international projects. In January they staffed the Shawnee High Basketball Boosters concession stand, and donated \$1,000 to the municipal swimming pool park.

**Wilburton:** Donated \$250 to middle school math team, \$250 to Jim Sullivan Scholarship Fund, and \$300 to Main Street Green Frog Festival.

## Welcome New Members

**Ada:** Gerald Breen and Megan Slate

**Clayton:** Sue Harris, Jack Hill, Jaime Johnson, and Sam Jones

**Pocola:** Mark Fuller and Trisha Fuller  
**Shawnee:** Barry Fogerty and Ronald Gillham  
**Wewoka:** Raymond Cain  
**Wilburton:** Jerod Rose

## District 3-K Calendar

**April 24-26:** Oklahoma Lions State Convention, NCED Conference Center, Norman

**May 17:** District 3-K Cabinet meeting, Atoka. This date change is due to a grandson getting married June 1 in California.

**June 14:** Oklahoma Lions Council and Board meetings, OKC.

## Closing Words

Our Oklahoma Lions State Convention is this month. It is a time to enjoy and meet Lions from throughout our state. It is a time to learn about new opportunities and projects of Lions of Oklahoma. It is a time to honor exceptional Lions.

Try to attend this great event. You will be glad you did!

There is a special tour of a diabetes facility on Thursday April 24, and the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> are full of interesting events. It is a good time to be motivated and to carry that motivation back to our clubs. There are a couple of months left in this Lions year.

**LET US MAKE THE MOST OF IT !**



Craig Hadley 25 yr chevron, Lee Roseberry 20 yr. Chevron, Dr. Loree Gaines and Pres Jennifer Robinette both 10 yr. Chevrons-Lawton Noon Club

(District 3-L)



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April 25-26, 2014

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## District 3-L



Governor  
Sue Thompson

DG Sue Thompson, sueok@swbell.net  
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### Finally!

### The First Day of Spring!

I only hope someone remembers to tell Mother Nature! As I write, the incoming DGs, VDGs and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs are having training at the state office. We started the team concept last year with the whole team working together to have good leadership into the future. As with the other areas of Lionism, we need to identify future leaders and provide them with the necessary training to lead us into the future. One idea that might help would be for a club to provide some funds for their officers to attend training as well as the District and State conventions. I have observed that some very capable people may not advance due to budget concerns. Please consider setting aside some funds to help.

Our Fabulous District 3-L Convention is one for the books! I hear it was great! I do hope that those who attended had a good time and learned some things. The weather almost cooperated: 70 degrees on Friday and 7 on Sunday! Those of you who missed it missed a fabulous presentation by the "District 3-L Players" who did a perfect performance based on the Wizard of Oz. It was even better than I imagined, and we may take the show on the road! You may want to get autographs now before they become even more famous!



We had elections and Kristi Fields is now District Governor Elect, Karen Blanton is Vice District Governor Elect and Dan Farrell is 2<sup>nd</sup> District Governor Elect. Thanks to them for stepping up to lead us! We had 2 of our District Peace Poster winners with us and 3 speech contestants. They all did a great job, and will be representing us at the State Convention. We were also privileged to have our Altus High School Leos and their sponsors with us. They were thrilled to be included and 2 of them said they wanted

to do the speech contest next year! If nothing more that this was accomplished, it was worth it! The **Governors +1** pins have arrived and I am handing them out as I visit. I have visited several clubs but certainly have room for more! As of today we have 67 new members this year but 70 drops! I hope we will still have some membership reports with new members come in before the end of March.

### Club Activities

**Altus:** Participated in the ASYMCA Chocolate Festival which provides assistance to military families at Altus AF Base. Also recruited new members. Donated to Great Plains Literacy Council for their "Grate" Altus Spelling Bee but so far no Lions have volunteered to participate! Sponsored High school Leos to attend the District 3-L convention and also helped host. Altus also had a peace poster contest.

**Binger:** Donated \$100 to the OK Lions Boys Ranch and to the Caddo-Kiowa Votech Christmas Drive for Children. Discussed scholarships.

**Cache:** Sponsored three Poster Contests for three different ages.

**Chickasha:** Donated \$500 to the Food for Kids program. Sold various kinds of nuts. Donated to OK Lions Boys Ranch Building Fund, OKDHS Christmas fund for kids, and the Chickasha High school Robotics team. The Chickasha Lions Band played for the Grady County Historical Society Fund Raiser. (Could it be because they remember so much history??) There are rumors that they may play for the District convention next year! They also hosted the District Governor.



**Duncan Evening:** Donated to the local Christmas Dinner for the elderly, to the local food bank and to the Boys Ranch; purchased eyeglasses for needy children and collected 125 pairs of used glasses.

**Elk City:** Held their annual Valentine Banquet.

**Frederick:** Participated in the Christmas Parade and provided a chauffeured limo ride for the Most Useful Citizens (what a great idea). Donated to Toys for



Tots. Provided eye exam for a needy citizen. Foreign Exchange student presented a program. He is Marvin Kroemer from Germany and his host parents are Lion Jennifer Grice and her husband Stephen.

**Mangum:** Had Peace Poster Contest and helped host the District 3-L convention.

**Hinton:** Held their annual pancake supper.

**Hobart:** Sold pecans and helped with District 3-L Convention. They provided our guests from New York (PIP Al Brandel and Dr. Maureen Murphy) a tour through the General Tommy Franks Museum and also gave them a personally autographed copy of his book.

**Hollis:** Had citizenship awards for the second 9 weeks and held speech contest. Participated in Christmas Parade and brought gifts to the local nursing home.

**Granite and Lone Wolf:** Both helped host District 3-L Convention and provided food for hospitality room. Lone Wolf brought wonderful cinnamon rolls which I never got to try!

**Lawton Patriots:** Collected egg cartons and boxes for Food Bank.

**Lawton Noon:** Helped with District 3-L convention. Making plans for their annual carnival, their biggest fundraiser, that will be May 2-3. Hosted District Governor.

**Marlow:** Continues to honor student of the week, and provided eyeglasses for one citizen.

**Mustang:** Continues with their Building upkeep and rental to support their local projects.

**Pocasset:** Had their annual Turkey dinner and raised more than \$2,300. Looking into building a Veterans Memorial. Awarded student of the month for elementary, jr. high and high school; planned statewide trash pickup and planned the "Lions Award night" formerly known as "Ladies night Out!" HMMMMMM!! Discussed scholarships and want to participate in the speech contest next year. Hosted District Governor.



**Union City:** Collected funds for the state Lions projects, awarded two students of the month, and had annual pancake supper.

**Velma-Alma:** Donated to local food bank and hosted two students of the month.

**Watonga:** Held annual brisket dinner and raised \$3,000 to go toward local school equipment and scholarships. YUM!

**Don't forget the Family and Friends activity for April and the Lions World Wide Lunch Relay! The LCI website has the details on how you can participate! Lets all pray that April brings showers!**

2013-2014

## District 3-A



Governor  
Terry Woodruff

## Get'em Young!

Our newest "Cubs" Club has started in Ponca City sponsored by the Ponca City Noon Club. Youth ages 4 through 12 are invited to the monthly fun meetings. Lion Rick Shields drove the idea for this project and it is already a hit. The cubs meet once monthly. Several Lions are working with Lion Rick to make this a success. Remember these Cubs have parents in the prime age range we are looking to recruit as new Lions.

Sometimes you have to reflect how young some people were when they joined Lions. Congratulations to Leland Pratt for 65 years as a Lion. Lion Leland has served in many roles over the years, most recently as District Treasurer in the 2012-2013 year. Here is PDG and President Deane Wymer presenting a plaque to Lion Leland at a recent meeting of the Fairview Lions

## Social Media Eye Catchers

Are your posts and reach working on social media? Some posts are just too cute and will get lots of "likes." Pictures of kids and pets are often real eye-catchers like this one recently on Facebook. Thanks Polly for modeling a Strides Shirt!

## April is Election Month!

This is the month for clubs to consider holding annual Club Officer Elections. Since LCI, the district and the state all need your 2014-2015 club officer report (PU101) by May 15, please, consider holding elections soon! And Club Secretaries – Thank you for getting that club officer report for next year into LCI by May 15 at the latest!



## Club Officer Training Spring-Summer-Fall

This year we will hold Club Officer Training in May, August and September. Several sessions are going to be scheduled so contact your District Governor Team or Zone Chairs to let us know what your club is interested in attending. These sessions will be held in each Zone where requested.

## Don't forget

North Enid Pancakes and Sausage Supper will be Saturday, April 5, 5-7 pm, Chisholm Middle School, Carrier Road and N. Oakwood; auction starts at 6pm; freewill donations accepted at the door.

## Council Chairman Corner

Lion Larry Wibben

IPDG/CC 2013-14

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## MD3 MEMBERSHIP

3-O 932, 3-K 941, 3-L 814, 3-A 957, 3-H 833

175 CLUBS: 3-O 40, 3-K 36, 3-L 37, 3-A 37, 3-H 25

	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	4,474	4,563
Added Members	17	416
Dropped Members	14	502
Closing Balance	4,477	4,477
Net Gain/Loss	3	-86
Worldwide 1,372,203		

The election of new officers for your club should be soon (April). Hopefully your club has a nomination committee in place. Serving as a club officer is very rewarding. Many of your club members would be willing to serve if they are asked. It's time to step up and be actively involved as it is important that we grow our leaders. Encourage members to utilize the leadership courses offered by Lions Clubs International (LCI). LCI has some of the best seminars and training to help you become a better leader.

Clubs that allow the same members to serve year after year are less likely to envision new projects and new ideas, and often the club becomes less effective

in growing new leaders. A healthy club's vision for the year belongs to all members, combining talents and individual efforts, so that all members feel ownership in the club.

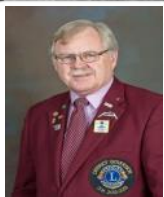
I encourage the new leadership to embrace the Club Excellence Process (CEP), and LCI provides a good club evaluation tool called, "How Are Your Ratings?" ([www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)) which is used as part of the CEP. Clubs that utilize these resources increase membership and are able to better serve their community. Like the living organism that a club is, every club would benefit from an annual check-up. Most clubs are comprised of Lions with varied professional backgrounds who each bring a broad base of expertise and experience to the club. CEP Pro utilizes an outside, unbiased facilitator working with the club during this CEP, allowing every club member to be an active participant and voice their opinions.

All officers should be fully trained in their upcoming new positions. It is amazing how many clubs get a new member and in the next year they are talked into being the President or Secretary and do not fully understand what they are going to be doing. The new officers may be trained by experienced members. Some offices will take more than one session. Here again, LCI has some of the best material that you can get in training the new officers. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of making sure that all officers are fully trained at the beginning of the new Lions year.

Keeping members involved is very important, and for larger clubs members can work on committees or as board members to work and grow as Lions and as leaders. An involved member will want to invite prospective new members into the club.



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**District 3-H**

Governor  
Tom Cummings

Is it April already? I am glad that we are out of winter but where has this term gone? April means OLSF White Cane campaign, our Oklahoma Lions state convention, individual club elections, and spring service projects. Be sure you let me know what you have planned for the next 3 months and when your events are so I can try and make them. I really enjoy interacting with our members especially at their events, either fundraising or service projects.

The Oklahoma State Lions Convention is April 25 and 26 at the NECD Conference Center and Hotel in Norman. We have a great schedule of information, business agenda items, interacting with other Lions from all over the state and we'll just have a good, fun time. Check out the agenda and try to make even a part of the convention.

My wife, Lion Lynda is helping with the **silent auction** and is trying to gather items to be auctioned off to help support our state projects. *If you or your club has something you think would be great for the auction, please*

*let her know by calling her at 918-225-2721 or email her at [llc0728@gmail.com](mailto:llc0728@gmail.com).* She would like to make this one of our very best auctions.

Thank you to our 3-H clubs for a great year of service. As I write this newsletter, our year-to-date numbers show that we are at **minus 13** members from July 1, 2013. As much as I wish that this was a positive number, in many ways it is good. Our trend over the past several years has been down and usually at this time the numbers might be in the minus 30-60 range. So, minus 13 is pretty good and I am optimistic for the remainder of the term.

Don't forget about **membership** in April. For every Lion that brings in a new member in April, they will receive a membership pin from LCI - and if it is their first new member of the year, they will become one of the Governor's **1 Team** and receive one of my **1 Team** pins. But best of all, your club will have 2 more hands to help with fundraisers and service projects and perhaps new ideas for your club. Can't beat a deal like that. Let's make April a new member busting month.

**Stillwater Noon Lions:** Purchased 2 pairs of eyeglasses and gathered used eyeglasses to be recycled. They will sell ribs in May as a fundraiser. Members donated to **Stillwater Makes a Change**, a high school program that raises

money to donate to Turning Point Ranch, which helps developmentally challenged children.

**OKC Northwest Lions:** Donated to Dale Rodgers Training Center and OK Lions Service Foundation; collected 170 pair of eyeglasses; held fundraiser at the Jewel Box Theater, raising over \$1,900.

**Morrison Lions:** Donated 38 pairs of used eyeglasses.

**Midwest City Lions:** Turned in 372 pairs of used eyeglasses, 33 used printer cartridges and 3 used cell phones; 7 Lions spent 4 hours sorting 56 boxes of eyeglasses to ship to TX Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Midland.

**Norman Lions** sponsors their annual carnival April 24-27, 2014, by the Amtrak Station in downtown Norman along with the Norman Music Festival. The Lions will have a concession stand at the carnival. Hours are typically afternoon/evenings, Thursday through Sunday. Attend the Oklahoma Lions State Convention and bring the family: Native American Indian heritage on Friday, music and carnival after dinner Friday night or after dinner on Saturday night!

**Perry Lions:** Eight Lions volunteered in cooking, serving and cleaning up at our local Soup Kitchen; 55 citizens were served and 24 meals were taken out for later use. Donated \$143.83 for groceries. Lion Gerald Stewart served "Meals on Wheels" to 10 homebound senior citizens.

# Edmond Lions Chilli Dinner



# COUNCIL NEWS

## Advanced Lions Leadership Institute aka ALLI – “THE WINDS OF CHANGE”

On March 7-10, I attended the LCI ALLI workshop in Chicago, IL. A tour of the International Offices was offered and was very impressive. I even sat in International President Barry Palmer's chair and had my picture taken. I tried to meet up with Wesley Gathings of LCIF who has been on some of our OK Lions Alert disaster recovery conference calls, but he was out in meetings.

This workshop was very well put together with excellent instructors. You never knew who instructors were and who attendees were. Instructors made a conscious effort to blend in with us, making us feel we were all part of the same team. A nice notebook was presented to us on arrival. Over 150 Lions from all over the United States, Canada and even Trinidad/Tobago were in attendance. They had pre-assigned us with a group of 5 people for a task; we were in contact prior to the Chicago trip via e-mail with that small project to complete. They really wanted us to network because they had us meet together at first, eventually grouping some tables together as a “team” to choose a name for this particular workshop. Our “team” won with The Winds of Change. Next they had us go into 3 or 4 groups alphabetically by first names. Then they would move us around within our group so we would meet new people. The

next day we met according to our pre-arranged group number and we worked on our project in person. Each day was a new attendance schedule.

They offered great workshops on Leadership Fundamentals, Teamwork: Building Relationships, LCI Programs & Resources, Project Management, Delegation, Conflict Resolution, Promoting Lionism, Presentation Preparation, LCIF, and Developing Lions Leaders of Tomorrow. It showed us we have so many resources at our fingertips. There are Webinars available through the website. They encouraged us to call if we had any questions so someone can point us in the right direction. There was basic information that many of us have had in our work life, but I really enjoyed learning more about specific Lions related resources. As Lions living in various parts of the US/Canada we had a lot of similarities. During the LCIF portion we learned about various grants available with guidelines associated with each. They were most interested in hearing about our efforts with our Lions Alert Team here in Oklahoma. I always tried to stress our great working relationship with LCIF. During one workshop they had a LIONS JEOPARDY GAME with questions and answers relating to Lions and what programs and resources were available. I was very impressed with the caliber of our instructors and fellow Lions. Everyone was very friendly, eager

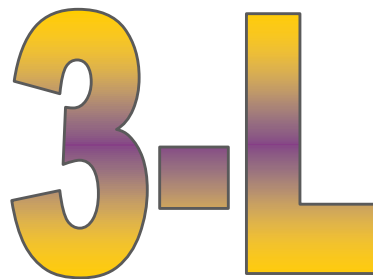
to learn and eager to share information. I look forward to Toronto and USA/Canada Forum in September. I highly recommend this ALLI training opportunity to any Lion interested in serving at the district and state levels. You just have to get there; meals and lodging is courtesy of LCI, and dress is Lions Business Casual.



3-H 1st VDGE Jacque Mooney and 3-L 2nd VDGE Dan Farrell at Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, Chicago March 2014



Top (Left) **Altus Lions** attend the Chocolate Festival, Msgt Chris Lauderback, Vicki King, Dg Sue Thompson, 1st VP gayle Culberson, Pres. James Molledahl. (Right) **Hobart Lions**



(Left) DG Due Thompson and DGE Kristi Fields presenting 40 yr Chevron to Jimmy Martin. DGE Kristi also presented him with a state pin because he gave her her first state pin in 2004 when she first became a Lion ( Right) **Lawton Noon** Lions Club members





# District Convention 3-L



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## April 2014

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### Leo Club Awareness Month/Protecting the Environment *LCI Global Action Campaign*

**April 5 Barnsdall Community LC** Main Street Auction and dinner/bake sale; 10am with the dinner/bake sale 11am to 1pm

**April 5 North Enid LC annual Pancake Day and Auction**, 5-7pm, Chisholm Middle School, N. Oakwood & Carrier Rd.

**April 5 OKC West Side LC** helps with Friends of NW 10<sup>th</sup> St. Community Fair, 11am-2pm, OK DHS-West Rockwell

**April 17 OK Lions Boys Ranch** annual Golf Benefit

**April 19 Barnsdall Community LC** helps with Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt, 10am, City Park

**April 19 Midwest City LC annual 89er Day BBQ dinner**, 4:30-7pm, MWC HS Cafeteria, 211 E. Elm, MWC 73110

**April 21** Worldwide Induction Day

**April 22** Earth Day

**April 25-26 MD-3 OK Lions State Convention**, including State Board and Council Meetings. *Celebrating Our Oklahoma American Indian Heritage* and *Honoring our Military Veterans*, NCED Hotel and Conference Center, Norman

**April 25** Oklahoma Lions State Office Closed for State Convention

**MIDWEST CITY LIONS CLUB**  
**89'ER DAY CELEBRATION**  
69 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Rose State Scholarships  
Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank  
Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch  
Eyeglasses for Needy Students  
Youth Sports Programs  
Contribute to Mid-Del Food Pantry  
Collect Used Eyeglasses

**Saturday**  
**April 19, 2014**  
**4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**  
**\*\$8.00 per person\***

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