

Thank-You Lions

Colleen Fowler, Communications Director Lions Meadows of Hope

This year I have had the pleasure of attending most of the District Conventions and it has been a blast!

Each District and its' Governors are so individual, different styles, atmospheres, different programs and priorities. One thing though, has been consistent in every club, convention, meeting I have been able to attend and that is the compassion for your communities and the desire to make a difference. In numbers it seems the Lions organization has had a decrease in memberships and some clubs have dissolved. More often than not though, I am reading of clubs welcoming new members and reaching new goals for service and funds raised. Times are different and the way we did things in the past doesn't always translate to the present...trust me, we here at the OLBR-Meadows of Hope are living the changes every day! The ways you relate to your community have changed, pancake events are still successful, but maybe the way you reach young people has changed. The opportunities to become Leo's is amazing, the Leos I have talked to are energetic visionaries with a sense of adventure and respect. The mentoring your clubs do is solid and strong. Our schools are in crisis and who reaches out to help...Lions. Hospitals need volunteers...call a Lion. Youth sports teams need parking help, concessions, uniforms,

you the Lions Clubs of Oklahoma step up and step out. As I read on Facebook and the other newsletters and papers about all you do and who you are, it makes me so proud to be a part of your heart here with our foster kids. During the last six months, we have tried to spread the word. Over and over we have gladly traveled throughout the state to come speak about the circumstance and legalities that prompted such a drastic change to our program. As we anticipated, once folks had knowledge and could see our success and progress, attitudes began to change and the Meadows of Hope once again shared your heart and love. The majority, have hung on with us trusting Bryan and the Board to make the right decisions and as someone who lived through it, it was a turbulent fearful time. In the last 6 months we have grown from the remnant of boys and parents (Bob & I) who came from the group homes to 4 (2)-parent families with 25 kids on our campus! Four homes provide safety and security for 19 foster kids, and 2 who were fosters, but were adopted by one of our families February 1st, 15 of our kids are in sibling groups, (3) sets of 3 and (3) sets of 2. We are working on certifying our first community based foster home in Drumright with the desire of the Drumright Lions to be there as supporters and friends. Some folks have said to me

that 19 kids don't make a difference in a sea of 11,000 + who need homes...but it makes a difference to those 19! When one of our sets of three siblings finally were all together at the Payne's foster home, mom Pauletta said these little ones just sat together on the sofa with their arms around each other with happy tears. Just think...this absolutely would not happen anywhere else but the Lions Meadows of Hope. It's not about long-term placements or short-term stays, it's about finding joy in the journey.

There is a line from one of my favorite musicals that says..."Don't let it be forgot... that once there was a spot...for one brief and shining moment that was known as Camelot." My prayer is that these children will remember as the years go by that "once there was a spot" where I was safe, loved and allowed to grow and thrive.

Our folks may not share the same blood, but we share the same heartbeat...living it every-day as the families of the Lions Meadows of Hope!

Thank you Lions for your consistent love and support!



OKLAHOMA LIONS SERVICE FOUNDATION

Fellowship Awards

By Lion Marie Burns, OLSF Executive Director



Oklahoma Lions Top 2015 Fellowship Awards

Each year during the annual State Convention, the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation awards the following fellowship awards to members who have partnered with the foundation to support Lions projects within the preceding year. The following Fellowship Awards recognize members who have contributed, or had contributions made in their name. Cowboy Cadillac ticket sales are counted towards the total.

Platinum -Judge Edgar S. Vaught \$1000 Award



Lions sixth International President (1922-23), Judge Edgar S. Vaught was a native Virginian but moved to Oklahoma in 1901, to become head of the Oklahoma School system (The LION,

January 1060) He served as the superintendent of Oklahoma City schools from 1902 until 1906. In the latter year he was admitted to the Oklahoma Bar and began to practice law. He became a United States District Court Judge appointed by President Coolidge in 1929 retiring in 1956. He was the only appointed District Judge until Alfred P. Murrah, 1937. He was involved in various civic clubs, however Lions held his greatest and deepest interest. He served as President of the Oklahoma City Lions club for the term 1921-22 and was a delegate to the annual Lions International Convention at Oakland. His personal capacities were well attested by the circumstances that surrounded the "political upset" election honoring him as the 1922-23 Lions Clubs International President without serving in the prior capacity, as senior Vice President. To his death his interest in Lions and service was one of his personal greatest joys. The Lions club Health Camp for youth in Northeast Oklahoma City brought him abiding pleasure (Shirk, George H., Year unknown. The Chronicles of Oklahoma. Judge Edgar S. Vaught).

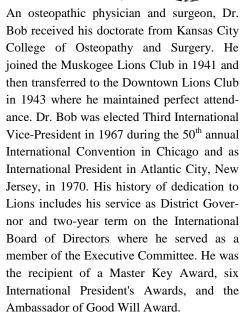
The OLSF is proud to present our first year Vaught Platinum recipients listed below. Congratulations to these very special Lions!

2015 Judge Edgar S. Vaught PIP Fellowship

Elmo Castle Jackson Estate Annuity
Marvin Ainsworth Jim Rice
Charles L. Michael, Jr. R. Hal Long
Stephen Wisdom

Gold-Dr. Bob McCullough \$500 Award

Dr. Robert D. McCullough Fellowship award is given to individuals who have contributed or had contributions made in their name of at least \$500.



2015 Dr. Robert D. McCullough Fellowship

Mr. J. G. McGehee Mike Elliott Carl Breazeale
Lisa Dickson James R. Doner
Pat Halsey Mr. Wm. Kent Clovis
Troy Jenkins Donald R. Shaw
Deborah Major Kent Ryals
Mr. Ronald L & Laree B. Gaines
Shannon A Martin

Silver-Louis B. Lackey \$250 Fellowship Award

Louis B. Lackey began his association with Lions Clubs in 1960 when he joined the Midwest City Lions Club. In 1979, he became the first District Governor of the newly formed District 3-N. In 1982, he was elected as both the State Secretary of the Lions of Oklahoma and the Executive Director of the OLSF. During his over 40 years of dedicated service, he has received three International Presidents Awards, four Presidential Citations, eight Extension Awards, and a Senior Master Key

Louis Davis Kerwin Alexander Robert Hahn Curtis Bradley Gregory Arbuckle Ray Kerchee Bruce Miller Mike Dreschsler Paul Bibiak Gordon Slogget Rick Castle Richard Giles Thomas Mulligan Ray Whitmore Charles Michael Russal Brawley Kenneth Farley Mildred Moore Coleen Michael Kimberly Furrh Mr. L.A. Guest Phil Hendrick Cheryl Powell Ronald Pennington Camilla Riley Oral Sizemore Lisa Smith Ferril Williamson Mr. J. B. Flowers David Pittman Sarah Ventris Ealmer Klippel Bill Fowler Homer Hildabrand Mary Butler Terry Woodruff Carobelle Carson Karl Youngers Kenneth Cales Rick Jones Jay Hogan David Kerr W. Irene Brinkler Sharon Claybrook William Hamilton Stephanie Keith Raymond Thornton Dwight Unruh Kevin Cody

Cowboy Cadillac Top 2015-16 Ticket Sales per capta

3-A Garber Total \$6,735.00 Per Capita \$396.18

3-H Edmond Total \$2,376.00 Per Capita \$118.80

3-K Talihina Total \$965.00 Per Capita \$56.76

3-O Dewey Total \$900.00 Per Capita \$45.00 3-L Anadarko Total \$680.00 Per Capita \$45.33



By the time this reaches you we will be down to about 90 days left in this Lion year. I hope it has been a rewarding year for your clubs thus far. One thing that would brighten up your outlook is to bring in a few new members before the end of the year.

Should you want to join the fun, I had two nice plaques made up for the club that has the most NET new members for the year and one for the club that has the largest PERCENTAGE GAIN in membership. I will use the numbers that will come out the first week of June from International and compare that to the July 1, 2015 numbers. The awards will be presented during the last cabinet meeting for the year in mid June. Every club still has an opportunity to have their name put on a plaque, so get out there and ask someone!

Speaking of awards, the Centennial Service Challenge is a good way for your club to be recognized by International. The challenge is to serve 100,000,000 (that's one hundred million) people around the globe before the 2017-18 year is over. If your club has a service activity related to youth, vision, hunger or the environment, and if it is reported to International by the secretaries, your club will receive a nice colorful banner patch with one to four gems indicating the number of areas your club served in. Every club has service activities. Why else are we Lions?? Check and make sure your club is reporting to International and get the reward you have earned.

Club News

Barnsdall: The club netted \$135 from their Chili Cook-off in February and \$244 serving the meal in conjunction with the Zone meeting in February. Club agreed to participate in the Great American Cleanup through ODOT. They will purchase three more park benches in a continuing effort.

Bartlesville Downtown: Installed two new members, Holly Daniels and Christie Johnson. Welcome new Lions!!

Broken Arrow Evening: Donated \$100 to Special Olympics and \$300 to Meadows of Hope. Purchased 5 pair of glasses and provided ushers at the Broken Arrow Playhouse.

Dewey: Held a chili and bean fundraiser on March 19th.

Fairland: Collected about 800 pair of used glasses, gave out awards to Sr. and Jr. High students of the month.



Fairland President Jody Ostrander presenting checks and certificates to the Sr. High Student of the Month Madison Miller and to the Jr. High Student of the Month Sarah Birscoe



Ketchum Leo's know how to have fun. This is just part of their 50+ members sponsored by South Grand Lake of Langley

Muskogee Noon: Purchased four pair of glasses and collected 426 pair of recycled glasses. Club will hold a silent auction for a Hasty Bake Grill at the March 30th pan-

cake day this year at the Muskogee Civic Center. Need interested clubs to work as volunteers at the new GFest Muskogee April 16-18. Willie Nelson will head line with many other bands performing. Contact Howard Potts (918-869-1203) to participate.

PORTER: Sponsored the Zone D meeting in February. Welcomed new member Melanie Warren.



Tulsa Downtown Lions Cynthia and Mary presenting Colleen Fowler with Meadows of Hope a \$2,000 check.

Dates to Remember:

April 2-5th- Annual Grand Dam Run, South Grand Lake of Langley

April 9th- Tuxedo Lions Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-11:00 Tuxedo Lions Community Bldg.

April 16-18th- Muskogee Gfest

May 13th-Pawhuska Lions booth at AG Bldg. Fairgrounds selling \$5 raffle tickets for a side of beef to be given away May 26th

May 20-21st- South Grand Lake of Langley KCBS BBQ Competition

June ?- Last 3-O cabinet meeting of the year.



Spring is in the air and Lions are as bees serving their communities. I have so many great pictures to share I will be a lady of few words this month and let the pictures speak for me and our District.

But first I must brag a little on our District! District 3K is currently at a net gain in membership. This is a great accomplishment. Keep up the great work and keep inviting friends and family to your meeting and service projects.

Ada-Instructor Steve Dunn teaching a Lions -Quest curriculum workshop with 80 of this year's ECU senior education major.



Ardmore-I had the honor of presenting a Lions Club International Lifetime Membership to Martin Dyer. Lion Dyer has been a member of the Ardmore Lions for 60 years. Thank you Lion Dyer for your service to Lionism! I also had the honor of inducting three new members, Stephanie Choate, and Vance Porter, sponsored by Tina Graham and Scott walker, sponsored by Tim Green.

Durant Lions Club and other volunteers showed the true meaning of the Christmas spirit Saturday, December 19th, by handing out toys to approximately 1,500 children.



Idabel Lions



McAlester Lions collected numerous pairs of socks to be donated to the warm Fuzzies Foundation, which was started by a young high school student to collect warm item to be donated to the local shelters and the Youth Emergency Shelter. The McAlester Lions also enjoyed the company of students from McAlester High School selected as Good Citizens each month. These Good Citizens helped draw the winners of the prizes in connection with our club's annual fall fundraiser. Proceeds go to the club's local eye care assistance program.





Seminole-presented awards to their Students of the Month.



Wewoka-Lions took 72 print cartridges and 55 pairs of glasses to the state office. Spent 48 hours registering children for their upcoming baseball season. We are donating a Melvin Jones Fellowship to one of our members at our 90th anniversary in June We donated \$250 to Wewoka school students who are going to New York City as finalist in THE STEM contest.

Wilburton -EOSC Baseball visited the Wilburton Lions, and talked about the upcoming spring season and the players involved. Left to right: Brett Akins, Kent Keeling, coach Craig Price, and club president Wayne Vogt.





Hugo Leos made and presented origami cranes to ID Ed Farrington at the 3-K Convention in honor of International President Yamada's theme: Harmony, Humanity and Dignity.

2015-2016 District 3-L Governor Karen Blanton (C) 580-303-0188 blanton_specialk@yahoo.com

Thank you to all the District 3-L Lions and Lions of Oklahoma that attended our convention which I thought was a great success and lots of fun. We enjoyed PID Mark Hintzmann and Lion Jayne and hope to see again in our many Lion travels. One of the greatest treats for me was all the Leos from Lawton that came to the convention and the awesome presentation they gave at lunch and hope they can share at the state convention plus I joined in on their meeting with PID Mark and we just have amazing Leos and future Lions. I received a letter from one of their advisors about the desire to go to International Convention in Chicago. I hope to see a big



PDG Lora Blanton receiving the George Hazlebaker Award from George and PID Mark Hintzmann.

group of Lions and Leos going to Chicago for the Centennial.

I want to give a big thank you to Elk City Lioness Lions, Canute Lions, Elk City Lions and PDG Lora (plus all of Lora's personal helpers) as I could not have got through the weekend with all of the help. If you were in attendance I want to thank you because you made a difference and helped with the convention and made it a successful event. I will share the convention in pictures.

While at the convention PID Pat Shur-

ley receive a message from ID Bill Phillipi

that our re-districting request extended to July 2017 was approved by the board. Here is the election results: DGE Dan Farrell; 1st DGE John P. Williams; OLBR – Gerald Lacy (Altus); Dr. Eugene Briggs Memorial Scholarship Foundation - Verdana Toyekoyah (Anadarko); OLSF – John King (Altus); OLEB – PDG Sue Thompson (Altus); OK State Convention Planning – Vicki King (Altus); and SW&



Lawton Leos with PID Mark Hintzmann at MD3-L Convention

Center OK Eyeglass Recycling Project Committee – PDG Pat Halsey (Anadarko). Good Luck to all Lions.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

ELK CITY – Lion Juan Lopez sponsored by Lion Quenton Elliott

LAWTON PATRIOTS – Lion Guy Eugene sponsored by Lion John Williams

RUSH SPRINGS – Lion Brenda Presley sponsored by Lion Renee Payton.

Club News

Altus- Collected 27 toner cartridges and 139 eyeglasses and delivered to State office.

Duncan – The Duncan evening purchased eye glassed for four adults. They also screened 43 pre-school children under the Lions KidSight USA program. They found three that needed further testing by an eye doctor.

Watonga- The Watonga Lions presented \$2,250 to the TB Ferguson Museum and \$2,250 to the Ferguson Chapel with their recent brisket feed and cake auction.



PID Mark Hintzmann giving a International Presidents pin to a Lion for the short time. Lion Juan Lopez one week.



Rookie of the Year-Robert Phillips



From left to right: Lion Bill Vaughan, Lion Tom Love, DG Karen Blanton, Lion Dennis Foster, and Lion Jerry Burrow-Presenting Milestone Chevrons.



Watonga President Steve House presenting checks to TB Ferguson Museum and Ferguson Chapel.

District 3-L Convention Pictures



1st VDGE John P. Williams receive the President's Certificate



DGE Dan receives the President's certificate.



District Secretary/Treasurer Diane Phillips receive the President's Certificate



Lion Bryan Larison talking to a group



Getting ready for speech contest Speech contestants Carol Ambriz and Corey Bell.



District MD3-L Appreciation Award to George Hazelbaker

District 3-K



Broken Bow LC

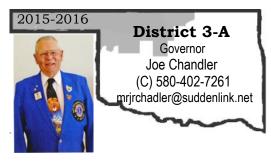


Gore-Webber Falls LC



Sallisaw LC





Hello Lion's of 3-A

This year is three fourths over and it is time for al to have you election of officers for next year. This has to be done now where you can get you PU 101's into the State Office by May 15th. This information for LCI and State Office where can make up directory for next year.

Congratulations to the Clubs that have already accomplish this task.

I want to say Good Work to Guymon Lions on working on New Club in Texhoma, I also want to say thanks to all the Clubs in district working on getting new members. Just remember to just ask and you never know what may happen.

I want to congratulate Kremlin Lions on there 50th anniversary on April 4th, 2016.

Club News

Fairview:- honored the Student of the Week by having them eat dinner with the Lions. The club sponsored a Holocaust survivor to present a program to Fairview Schools. The club is planning a auction for May, 2016.

Garber: Sponsored the Mobile Health Screening Unit

Guymon: The club held its 48th Annual Guymon Lions Chili & Stew Supper. Everyone did a great job. We served 357 people, and raised over \$2,800. We had 21 Lions bring 48 pies, 2 cobblers and more than 3 dozen cookies. The club donated \$200 to the YMCA, \$200 to the Dr. Eugene S. Briggs Memorial Scholarship. Lion Si Perkins is the Guymon Lions Newest "Melvin Jones Fellow". Lion Si has over 45 years of service to the Guymon Lions Club. Lion Patricia Book is our Guymon Lions "Rookie of the Year", Great Job Lion Patricia! Welcomed in several new members: George Lambert, Hillary Lee, Nedra Sandels, Jeff Johnson & Chance Dean.

Kremlin: Will celebrate the club 50th anniversary April 4th, 2016

Laverne: Lions served at the Harper County Junior Livestock Show in February . Lions are helping refurbish homes for local residents and have participated in the local community food distribution program.

Lomega: Will host the annual Easter Egg Hunt

Nash: Will hold a Easter Egg hunt.

North Enid: The club has worked at the Commons Pond. Volunteered at the Enid Library, Greenbriar Skilled Nursing Center. Worked with the City Commissioners on a crosswalk project, and watered shrubs around the Town Hall. The club is still continuing collecting eye glasses and ink cartridges. Hosted the Student of the Month from Chisholm High school, transported persons to church, appointments, etc. Purchases 1 pair of eyeglasses for a needy individual. Donated \$250 OK Lions Eye Bank, \$225 Briggs Scholarship , \$125 World Service for Blind , \$100 Leader Dogs, \$100 Hearing Dogs, \$200 Salvation Ar-

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NE President Richard Burris gives a certificate OLEB Executives Director Lori Miller for speaking at the club **Okarche:** The Okarche Lions Club had a booth at the Okarche Community Fair. We welcomed guest, raised money for White Cane Program, explained the Lions Club and encouraged people to join the Lions.

Pioneer-Pleasant Vale: Honored 2 Pleasant Vale Elementary cubbies. Planned Pancake supper and Auction for April 16, 5-7 pm at Pioneer cafeteria. Three members attended District 3-A Lions convention. Sponsored hospitality area. Donated to YMCA Back a Youth.



Ponca City Noon welcome Lion Debbie Chizek with her sponsor Curtis Bradley

Memorials

Oklaboma Lions Boys ranch/Meadows of Hope

In Memory:

Morris Foraker, from the Garber Lions Club; Ealmer Klippel, from Pocasset Lions Club, Delores Kennedy, Chuck & Marie Knapp; Margaret Williams, Michelle Hightower, Karen & Lora Blanton, Sue McComas, Nancy Calhoun; David Brockelbank from Betty Long, Ken & Karen Dye; Kevin Thompson; Kevin W. Thompson, from North Enid Club; Melton Rowell from North Enid Lions Club

2015-2016

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Well, it IS official. We received approval from Lions Club International to go forward with the redistricting with an effective date of July 1st, 2017. Finally we have a firm target date. No more changes. There is much to be done. New election criteria this year and combining five districts to three. Most of the upcoming District Governors are working it out among themselves. District Constitution and By-Laws will need to be combined -lots of decisions to be made. The next Council meeting is scheduled for April 2nd at the OKC West Side Town Hall. All lions are invited as this is always an open event. The Oklahoma Lions State Convention will be May 20th & 22nd in Lawton at the Hilton Garden Inn. Since it is Armed Services week-end, the theme is Proud to be an American. Lawton will be having a parade and the Oklahoma Lions will participate.

We are ready to make Official Visits to the club so just drop me an e-mail at <u>mooneytunes@cox.net</u>. We are here to serve YOU.

District 3-H Club Activities

<u>Crescent:</u> This wonderful club just celebrated their 81st birthday. 1stVDGE Tom Mulligan and I were guests at their celebratory dinner.

<u>Cushing:</u> Cushing Lions Club graciously accepted a proclamation from the city of Cushing that celebrates and recognizes the 95th anniversary of the club.

Edmond: Edmond held a successful Chilli supper this month.

Midwest City: Plans are underway for our yearly BBQ dinner fundraiser to be held April 23rd from 4:30-7:00 at the MWC High School Cafeteria.

Morrison: DGE Troy Jenkins visited this strong club. They have a large number of projects which include sponsoring an Academic Team, hosting an annual Easter Egg Hunt, hosting an After-Prom party and a new club project Lend-a-Crib program.

Newcastle Community: April 23rd marks the date for the Newcastle LC Great American Clean-up Trash-off day, 9am until noon. All volunteers welcome. Each teenager that participates will get a shirt. April 30th from 7am-10am at Ribs N Moore will be their first ever Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, \$5 each. Their first Flag project this year started with 30 businesses and 40 residences participating. Plans are underway for the Newcastle Community Lions Club Concert in the park series-2nd Saturday of the month starting June 11th. Concert, food trucks, crafts, and fun.

Norman: Below photo features their International Student of the Month, Harris Nkhata Jr from Liongwe, Malawi.



Harris Nkhata Jr and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Harris Nkhata Sir along with Lion Claude Duchon and Lion B. Don Steveson

Oklahoma City Capitol Hill: 1st VDGE Tom Mulligan visited this club and they are growing nearly every month. They are interested in forming a branch club.

OKC Northwest: OKC Northwest held their annual Jewel Box Theater fundraiser March 1st, complete with Chili and silent auction items. 2nd VDG Tom Mulligan was elected to serve next year as 1st Vice District Governor at the 3H Mid-Winter Convention.

OKC West Side: Continue with their Meals on Wheels event and eyeglass recycling.

Perry: I had the great opportunity to visit Perry this month and gave out nine chevrons honoring Lions for 15 - 60 years of service. I was delighted to give out Lion James Thompson Sr. a 60 year chevron.

Prague: Prague annual Kolache Day is May 7and the Prague Lions will have their

float in the parade. Top is \$250 and fingers are crossed once again. On May 10 the Lions will host a luncheon for the High School students to celebrate their achievements. Later that evening at the Scholastic Assembly and will give a \$1,000 scholarship at the high school.

Stillwater Noon and eBranch Club: This great club continues with their Sight Services providing two pairs of eyeglasses this month and recycles used glasses. They continue to recycle hearing aids. Lions helped serve the community meal at the First United Methodist Church. They always take a picture of the guest speaker and president and publish it each week in the Stillwater News Press & Stillwater Journal. It is also on the Stillwater FB page. Their e-club helped with a second Operation Catnip, which spays and neuters feral and stray cats.



Cade Newman Cade received a \$500 check from the Disaster funds to help him attend the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, DC in June. Cade showed fine leadership skills during the events of May 2013 Tornado event in Moore and continued leadership skills afterwards.

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LIONS OF OKLAHOMA: State Board/Council Meetings Saturday, April 2, 2016 West Side Lions Town Hall, 4135 NW 10th St., Oklahoma City OK 73107

Opening/Welcome Council Chair Dee Carson 8:55 a.m.

Invocation	District Governor	
Pledge of Allegiance	District Governor	
OK Lions Eye Bank Board Meeting	President Greg Walker	9:00 a.m.
Dr. Eugene Briggs Board Meeting	President Mary Fultz	9:45 a.m.
OK Lions Boys Ranch Board Meeting	President Dan Blankenship	10:30 a.m.
OK Lions Service Fndn. Board Mtg.	President John King	11:15 a.m.
Recess for Lunch	(PDGs-Boneyard Mtg)	12:00 p.m.
Reconvene (Council Meeting)		1:00 p.m.