

OK Lions Eye Bank Update

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The year 2015 is very busy so far! We've already had 66 donors through February, about a 12% increase over 2014. Of those, 36 corneas have gone to Oklahoma recipients in Jan.-Feb.

Our two non-certified eye bank technicians are taking the EBAA certification test in April. They've been diligently studying and we are very excited about the possibility of having two more Certified Eye Bank Technicians on our staff in the very near future. This will help in many ways; the most important is that they will be able to release tissue for transplant (in lieu of our Medical Director or me), resulting in a faster turnaround time from retrieval to availability for transplantation.

I've had the privilege of speaking to the OKC West Side Lions, a high school bio-med program and the nursing program at SWOSU within the last month. I always enjoy explaining how our eye bank operates and to further the perception of eye donation. Please let me know if you'd like a speaker at any club meeting or other Lions event; I'll be happy to be there.

I am working on getting quotes from Moria (the company that produces the equipment for DSEK processing). With this equipment, we will be able to cut a cornea horizontally, thereby allowing a surgeon to only transplant the posterior 1/3 of the cornea. This results in a faster healing time for the patient as the incision is much smaller than with a full-thickness cornea. More and more eye surgeons are utilizing this method. In fact, the need for these corneas increases every year. Currently, we work with an eye bank in Kansas City to have our corneas pre-cut for this surgery.

In closing, if you weren't able to attend the open house on Jan. 31, please feel free to stop by and see your new eye bank. We are here Mon-Thurs., 8:30am to 4:30pm, and on Fri. from 8:30am-4pm.

Please Note Scott Corson, Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank President announces that Lori Miller has been appointed as Director of the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank.

STATE CONVENTION

The Oklahoma Lions will meet for the state convention April 24-25 at the Wyndham Tulsa Hotel.

Friday's agenda includes the annual Memorial Service, adult speech contest, Boneyard luncheon, and the opening session at 4:30pm followed by a cookout on the patio.

Saturday's agenda includes the youth speech contest, state board and Council meetings for all Oklahoma Lions plus voting on the important issue of redistricting. Saturday noon is the Awards Luncheon honoring each district's Lion of the Year among other awards, and Saturday's banquet is the opportunity to hear our International Lions guest speaker Ed McCormick, Past International Director from Kansas, USA.

The silent auction will feature many items, so plan to come shopping at the convention!

The hotel has both indoor and outdoor pools; the indoor pool is family friendly, designed for kids!

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Cimarron Trails Golf Course Perkins, OK



Looking forward to the OK Lions State Convention Awards

By Marie Burns, OLSF Executive Director



On behalf of the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation (OLSF) I thank everyone who participated in all the fundraising campaigns this last year. We appreciate every effort you and your club made towards supporting the Oklahoma Lions state projects.

For the 2014 OLSF Cowboy Cadillac campaign we asked every Oklahoma Lion to sell at least 3 books of tickets or \$30 worth. This set a goal for 4,458 Oklahoma Lions to **raise \$133,740** towards service projects! All 5 Oklahoma Districts participated, and while we didn't reach our overall goal, we made a jump in funds by more than \$10K this year over last year; I am proud to report that this year's sales total was \$83,355.85. District Governors were very supportive and helpful in getting clubs involved as well as Zone Chairs and Club Presidents. I am so very grateful to you all.

Lions who sold (or purchased) \$30 or more earned a 2014 Cowboy Cadillac pin to honor their efforts. These pins were handed out at some of the District Conventions; however, for those I missed I will also hand out pins at the State Convention. If I miss your club at the State Convention I will mail them to your club's Cowboy Cadillac Chair or Club President.

Building the Foundation

I also want to recognize those Lions who give annually to OLSF Building the Foundation (BTF). At the State Convention OLSF will have a table to give out BTF pins and recognition year bars. Your diligent support is appreciated; please wear your pin proudly.

Louis B. Lackey and Robert D. McCullough Awards

Thanks to previous leaders who set the example of giving, we have two additional awards to hand out at the State Convention. The Louis B. Lackey and Robert D. McCullough Fellowships recognize Lions with a combined contribution to the OLSF fundraisers and individual donations of \$250 or more (Lackey) and \$500 or more (McCullough). Please make sure that I give you the correct year bar if you have previously earned one or both of these fellowship honors.

Club Awards

The OLSF recognizes Lions Clubs that continue to support our state projects through their yearly White Cane and Cowboy Cadillac campaigns. At the State Convention, I will hand out \$500 White Cane patches and \$1,000 Cowboy Cadillac patches. It is such an honor to have so many Oklahoma Lions supporting Lionism through service and giving. Oklahoma is a great State!

The Oklahoma Lions State Convention will prove to be a time of celebration, strengthening the pride, and reaching for the stars with next year's goals! I am one who is excited about the Lions State Projects' growth and encourage everyone to remember to leave a lasting legacy through the Oklahoma City Community Foundation endowment. Please specify the allocation for the OK Lions Service Foundation, OK Lions Boys Ranch, or the OK Lions Eye Bank, to support these projects.

How do you prepare for power outages?

Here are a few tips from Ready.gov.

- Follow energy conservation measures to keep use of electricity as low as possible, helping power companies avoid imposing rolling blackouts.
- Freeze water in plastic containers to use to keep food cold during a power outage.
- Most medications that require refrigeration can be kept in a closed refrigerator for several hours; however, check with your physician.
- Keep your car tank at least half full; gas stations rely on electricity to power their pumps.
- Know where the manual release lever of your electric garage door opener is located and how to operate it. You may need help in manually lifting a heavy garage door when electricity is out.
- Keep a key to your house with you if you regularly use the garage as the primary means of entering your home (in case the garage door will not open).

Added note: Remember those flashlights and batteries! They are much safer than open -flamed candles. http://www.community.fema.gov/connect.ti/readynpm/ messageshowthread?threadid=51150

Memorials Oklaboma Lions Service Foundation

In memory of:

J. E. Cordell, from the Duncan Noon Lions Club; LeRoy Martin, from Elmo & Shirley Castle, Joe McGehee; E. L. Metcalf, Jr, from Elmo & Shirley Castle; Frank A. Rackett, from the Midwest City Lions Club

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Spring has sprung around 3-O, with trees starting to bud out and flowers emerging from their long winter's nap. As we shake off the weariness of winter, we look forward to the liveliness of spring and it reminds us to wake up and make a difference in our communities. Many Clubs have been working on community beautification projects, such as planting flowers and trees, and cleaning up parks and areas. Look around your community and see what positive things your Club can take part in!

It's that time again, time for JUST PLANE FUN! This is our third year as a District to participate in this great fundraiser for Camp Fire Green Country, and District JPF coordinator Joe Shveima is hoping that the third time is the charm to win the division title! At JPF, teams of 20 get on one end of a tug-of-war rope and there is a 100,000 pound AIRPLANE on the other end! And yes, it CAN be done as has been evidenced by our teams the last two years, and by many other area teams from businesses and other civic groups. The FIRST challenge is to pull the plane 12 feet; the SECOND challenge is to pull the plane 12 feet FASTER than the other teams in your division! This year's event will take place on Saturday, June 6, at Tulsa Technology Center's Riverside Campus, with registration beginning at 8:30am and the pull starting at 9am. The event runs until 2pm, with plenty of things to do for spectators and teams waiting on their turn to pull the plane, including the Family Fun area and the Food Truck Festival. Lions always have a booth at the event as well as a team participating. The cost to register is \$65 per "puller" and any Lion, OR FRIEND of a Lion, is eligible to pull! SO ... recruit that super-strong person you know and get involved! Whether we have the fastest pull time or not, we will still be winners because we've impacted the lives of young people through our support of Camp Fire! If you need a new registration form, drop me a note and I'll send you one promptly. Registrations are due to Lion Joe Shveima no later than May 1!

State Convention is April 24 and 25! That's not very long from now, and you are only guaranteed meals if your registration is received by April 20, and the "early-bird" discount applies to those postmarked by April 10! This is going to be a great convention, filled with interesting sessions and, of course, great fellowship with each other! The location is fantastic for 3-O Lions, too; the Wyndham hotel is located on 41st Street, just east of Highway 169 in Tulsa! There will be many important things discussed and some voted on during this convention. If your Club is in good standing with LCI and the State, your Club will be able to name delegates to vote in these matters. Don't surrender your right to participate; register, name delegates, and vote!

I've neglected to wish some of our Clubs a "Happy Birthday!" January: Bartlesville Limestone-62 and Morris-54; February: Coweta-75 years young, Okmulgee-96, Tulsa Metro-McCullough-59 and Jay-13; March: Broken Arrow-28, Broken Arrow Noon-12, Drumright-79 and Miami-94. AND...coming in April...Beggs, Glenpool, Pawhuska, Porter, Vinita and Wyandotte will all be celebrating! CONGRATULA-TIONS for your longevity and great impact for your communities!

Bartlesville Tuxedo: Hosted the zone meeting which had training for the OK Lions Pediatric Vision Screening Program, with Spot Vision cameras to be used with children. Eleven Tuxedo Lions attended, 21 from other zone clubs and 7 guests...that's 39 folks altogether, making a difference for pediatric vision!

<u>Bartlesville Downtown:</u> Served as ushers, ticket takers, receptionists and hosts at the GAC Tournament in Bartlesville on March 6! The Club is boasting a 30% membership increase this year!

Barnsdall: Doing pediatric eye screening in 3 child care facilities, and a second event the next day for children who are not in daycare settings! **Broken Arrow Noon**: Eleven Lions and family members visited the BA Nursing Home to distribute slip-proof socks and Girl Scout cookies to the residents!

<u>Ketchum Leos</u>: Hosted a Forestry Program for fourth graders in their school!

<u>Miami</u>: Sponsored a local high school girl to attend Oklahoma Girls State!

<u>Muskogee Noon</u>: A member is donating time to help observe the activity in the Muskogee High School cafeteria. The school asked for volunteers to come and be present during the 2 lunch periods at the school, not for authority purposes, but simply observing the students and being an adult presence in the cafeteria. Lions Serve! South Grand Lake-Langley: Will have their "Dam Run" on April 4 at 8am to support the Veterans' Honor Plaza and the Club's scholarship program! Go to: www.Facebook.com/DamFunRun <u>Tulsa Metro-McCullough</u>: Donated \$300 to OK Lions Service Foundation for the support of the OK Lions Eye Bank, the OK Lions Boys Ranch, and the Mobile Health Screening Unit! It's GREAT to be a Lion!

Ponca City Noon Lions feeding the hungry









The next District 3-K Cabinet meeting is Saturday, April 11, 10am, in Atoka. And don't forget to regularly check our 3-K Facebook page (again, thank you, PDG Russell Wright). I encourage all clubs to have their own Facebook page and keep it updated with events, projects, members and programs.

As mentioned last month, all Lions Clubs should be having their officer elections for 2015-2016, and reporting their officers to LCI and to me no later than May 15. My contact information: donshawoffice@sbcglobal.ne or fax 580 -286-7570.

Please plan to send at least one of your club's Lions to our state convention April 24-25 at the Wyndham Tulsa Hotel. Clubs may also want to consider helping that delegate pay for registration and meal(s).

As Lions, WE SERVE: 1.35 million strong in 210 countries!

3-K Club Activities

Atoka: Home club of DGE Stephanie Pettett! Sponsoring the Harlem Ambassadors Comedy Basketball Team on Thursday, April 9, 7pm at the ECU gym.



Lions serving doughnuts to the firemen at training school,

<u>Ardmore</u>: Awarded 2 scholarships and helped with the A2A Arbuckles to Ardmore Marathon Race benefiting the Mercy Cancer Center. They will have a *Ride for Sight* Poker Run on April 11; email tgraham@sotc.ed for more information or to register.

<u>Coalgate</u>: Past District Governor Russell Wright helps with the business and activities of the district.

<u>Durant</u>: Continues to purchase eyeglasses for persons in need and collecting used eyeglasses, cell phones, printer cartridges and hearing aids for recycling.

Gore-Webbers Falls: Donated \$1,000 to LCIF for a Melvin Jones Fellowship for long-time Lions Lucky McCray. Also purchased a pair of eyeglasses for a person in need.

<u>Holdenville</u>: Working to recruit new members, and helped with school supplies for teachers and students.

<u>Hugo</u>: Donates to local school projects and are now in the selection process to award 5 scholarships to students from area high schools. Lion Steve Haribson organized a Leo Club which has started service projects. OLSF Executive Director Marie Burns presented a program to a packed house, and the information was very well received.

Idabel: Continuing projects include honoring 2 Students of the Month with \$25 each and donating \$100 per month to food bank. Their third annual chili supper netted \$500. They are getting ready for the Kelly-Miller Circus. OLSF Cowboy Cadillac ticket sellers received their pins/awards for 2014. Purchased 2 pairs of eyeglasses and are now accepting scholarship applications.

<u>McAlester</u>: With 52 members and growing, still the #2 club in 3-K. They will enter a float in the Armed Forces Day parade.

Pocola: Just completed their 2015 Lions White Cane-MJF pancake/sausage breakfast with the help of students volunteers and Lions including new members Trish, Mark and Kim.

Poteau: Past Council Chairperson Marshall Brence keeps this club active. The Academic Team from the middle school challenged the Lions to a meet but the students prevailed and are now off to state competition with support from this Lions Club.



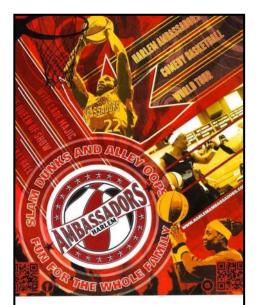
Sallisaw: Recruiting new members and holding weekly meetings; they are 41 members strong. Seminole: Home club to First Vice District Governor Elect Greg Walker. Their big fundraiser is selling chances to win a freezer full of beef. Shawnee: Provided new eyeglasses for 6 residents and donated \$200 to Pottawatomie County 4-H Robotics Team for their trip to the state competition. Also donated \$200 to high school's project graduation and \$400 to Big Brothers/Big Sisters for Kids' Sake. Annual Chili Feast, organized by Lion Katie Landes, was a success.



<u>Wanette</u>: Ready for spring cleaning the 2 miles of Highway 39 into town.

<u>Wewoka</u>: PDG Larry and Lion Denise Bailey help with all 3-K meetings and activities and also help on the state level.

<u>Wilburton</u>: Purchased eyeglasses and donated \$250 to middle school team to help with expenses going to state contest.



APRIL 9, 2015 7:00 PM EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY GYMNASIUM PRESENTED BY THE ADA LIONS CLUB SPONSOR: ADA DODGE



.Well, I've got to hand it to Mother Nature, two years in a row she has tried to put a damper on the district convention but with no success. Yes, she gave us a little snow and ice but she couldn't take away our spirits. It kept some away but those who were able to attend thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I was worried that it would be the worst convention ever but everyone took it in stride and had nothing but good comments about the entire event. We had very informative presentations by Lion Dr. Jean Hausheer with the Lawton Heartland Council for the Blind; Lion Bryan Larison of the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch, who spoke about the new Meadows of Hope foster care community; an update on the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank and Service Foundation by VCC Sue Thompson; and last but certainly not least, a presentation and training on the new spot vision camera by the always entertaining CC Tom Cummings.

At the luncheon, emcee Lion Bill Vaughan did an excellent job as I knew he would. The videos he put together were very humorous and entertaining. Despite the technical difficulties, he kept on trucking and was able to put together an excellent program. He definitely kept us laughing. What do I say about our keynote speaker? Bravo, PID Pat Shurley. I knew she would not disappoint. She is so graceful, such a wonderful speaker, and gave a very heartwarming speech that left no one with a dry eye. Many in the audience were very impressed by PID Pat, as was I.

For me though, the highlight of the convention was when I had the privilege to give out awards to deserving Lions. That's the best part of being a District Governor. The awards were as follows: PDG Pat Halsey, Melvin Jones Fellow; Lion Jerry Burrow, George Hazelbaker Lifetime Achievement Award; and Lion Starr Cannon, DeRoy Skinner Rookie of the Year. In addition to those, PID Pat Shurley presented Presidential Certificates of Appreciation, signed by International President Joe Preston, to Lion Cyndy Farrell, convention chairperson; Lion Marge Williams, cabinet secretary, and Lion Dianne Philips, who was instrumental in starting the new Leo Club in Lawton.

I couldn't close without saying thank you to VCC Sue Thompson, Lion Marge Williams, and to the members of the Lawton Lions clubs who helped with the planning and execution of the convention. A convention takes many people pulling together to make it work and we had just that. A **very special thank you** goes to **Lion Cyndy Farrell**, my convention chairperson. I could not have done it without her. She worked tirelessly for several months getting this event together, so much so that I think she is now avoiding my phone calls, and who could blame her. I don't think you all know how much I appreciate all that you have done. I am very grateful to be associated with such great Lions. Hope to see you all at the state convention in April.

Welcome New Lions!

Altus Tina Ishcomer – sponsor Betty Shumaker Cache Jackie Green – sponsor Barbara Parker

Jeremy Hogan – sponsor Randy Batt

Clinton Matt Jett – Brett Brittain

Duncan Corey Ahlfenger – sponsor Tommy Daughtrey

Hobart Keith Gray – sponsor Stephen Boyd Lawton Noon Maria Becerril – Jennifer

Robinette

Lone Wolf Brad Wenk – sponsor Danial Rogers Pocasset Elizabeth Dye – sponsor Rufus

McMahan

Watonga Jerret Sanders - sponsor Joy Rhodes

Lions at Work Again

Altus: The Altus Lions Club participated in the chocolate festival, making homemade candies and other sweets. The chocolates and the display were the hit of the festival. A red and white handmade wreath was given away in a drawing.

Binger: The Binger Lions will be awarding scholarships in April.

Cache: February 19-25, Cache Lions teamed with Prevent Blindness of Oklahoma to vision screen approximately 900 students Pre-K through 6th grade.

Frederick: DG Kristi Fields paid a visit to the Frederick Lions Club on Thursday, February 19, at the Frederick Golf & Country Club. She was the guest program of Lion Joe Orr, a 55 yr. member of Lions. DG Fields informed the club of both district and state news and about the upcoming District 3-L Convention.

Hobart: The Hobart Lions do many projects each year and have an RV park in Hobart. Selling pecans is just one of their fundraisers.

Lawton Noon: The Lawton Noon Lions have been very busy. Numerous members of the club helped at the district convention and were instrumental in its success. Lion Diane Phillips and Lion Nikki Beverly helped start a new Leo club in Lawton. The Leos put together the goody bags for the convention and a few of them helped sell 50/50 tickets. The planning has begun for the annual carnival held the first weekend in May each year. The money

raised from the carnival helps fund many projects during the year.

Marlow: The Marlow Lions continue to honor students of the week at their meetings. The Lions recently provided 2 pairs of eyeglasses for those in need. Planning for the July 4 Community Celebration has begun.

Mangum: PDG Sue Thompson inducted three new members on Feb 19. She also presented a 15-year pin to Lion Robert Garton. The Mangum club is planning three fundraisers in the next few months to include the Ken Higgins Memorial Pancake breakfast, a drawing for a Yeti cooler, and snow cone sales during the Mangum Rattlesnake Derby in April. The funds will help finance the Edison Elementary school project which helps teachers with out-of-pocket expenses.

Watonga: Watonga Lions served BBQ brisket, hot dogs, and Frito chili pies at the annual Watonga Trout Derby at Roman Nose Lake. People came from all over the state to compete in the three-day event.



Lion Jerry Burrow received the George Hazelbaker Lifetime Achievement Award at the District 3-L convention.



Members of the new Leo club sponsored by the Lawton Noon club



Hello, 3-A Lions

Spring is here. Club Elections are here. Club Officer Reports for 2015-2016 (PU101) are to be filed with International by May 15, 2015. Let's be 100% on our reporting. This will help DGE Joe Chandler and the OK Lions state office put together the OK Lions Directory.

Looking forward to seeing you at the State Convention in Tulsa April 24-25.

We enjoyed LCI Director Linda Tincher and Vern at the District 3-A Convention. She wrote, "Thank you so much for the great weekend with the 3-A Lions. The tours were fantastic (Eye Bank, Boys Ranch, State Office) and the Lions even better! We are so pleased with the Oklahoma book. I'm glad so many of our new friends signed it! The Frankoma Oklahoma dish and the **End of the Trail** statue were great! "

District 3-A Club Activities

<u>**Covington:**</u> Held the annual pancake supper in cooperation with the American Legion; served 140 people.

Fairview: Purchased eyeglasses. Honored Student of the Week at every meeting. The following Lions were honored by the Fairview Chamber of Commerce: Lee Eitzen Citizen of the Year, Cosette Wymer Volunteer of the Year, Todd Smith (Jensens) Business of the Year, and Max Jordon Lifetime Achievement. Congratulations to these Fairview Lions!

Garber: Four members attended 4-H and FFA Chili Supper and purchased a banner for the local livestock show. Four members also attended the Marshall Lions Club 79th Anniversary as well as the District 3-H Mid-Winter Convention. Eleven members attended the District 3-A Mid-Winter Convention. Lions cut and trimmed trees locally as a service project.

Laverne: Will have the OK Lions Mobile Heath Screening Unit (MHSU) on Tuesday, April 28. They served 40 families and distributed 54 boxes that helped 72 children and 81 adults. Donated \$100 to the Harper County Stock Show. Lomega: Completed a very successful Lions Club raffle where members donated their time. Also had Lomega students give speeches. Medford: Annual peanut sales raiseed funds for new pool benches.

Nash: Will host a Eater Egg hunt, April 5, 2015. Will have 5 age groups. Special prizes for finding the Golden Egg in each group. Every child will receive a Golden Dollar and lots of fun. Any questions or for directions, please call 580-984-1265.

<u>Newkirk:</u> Had a Pancake Day fundraiser. Donated the trophy for the Grand Champion Lamb at Kay County Junior Livestock Show. Made a donation to NHS after prom for this year's activity.

North Enid: Collected used printer cartridges from businesses and collected used eyeglasses from drop box. Kept Gate at 3 basketball games at Chisholm. Awarded \$1,000 scholarships to each of 3 Chisholm Seniors. Donated to send 2 boys to Boys State and 2 girls to Girls State. Members attended the District 3-A Mid-Winter Convention.

Pioneer Pleasant Vale: Hosted 4 cubbies and their guest. Collected 275 pairs of used eye-glasses for recycling. Provided hospitality booth for the District 3-A Mid-Winter Convention; 4 members also attended the convention.

Ponca City After 5: Have given 2 pairs of eyeglasses; paid \$300 for the second half of a scholarship for last year and will give a \$500 scholarship for 2015-2016.

Ponca City Noon: Eyeglass program has paid for 62 pairs of eyeglasses with 35 more approved for purchase and 16 in backlog awaiting further information on their applications, for a total cost of \$7356.80 year to date. For the Child Sight program, the house has been set on the trailer, roof work is being done and inside needs to be decorated; lights are here and both lights and railings need to be installed. Steps and possibly a ramp still need to be built. Club is looking at Crazy Days for first screenings. Seven Lions provided monthly meeting support and transportation to the 17 members of the vision support group. Club has 2 electronic visual aids (EVAs) available for use. The Cubbies now meet at the 4th Street Clubhouse on the fourth Tuesday of each month. They passed out flowers they made to residents of the nursing home and sang at the District Convention, enjoying a great lunch with the Lions. Cubbie pins are on order. Cubbies will sell ribs as a fundraiser. The NoeL (on-line branch club) delivered diabetic supplies to the school nurse.

<u>Wakita:</u> Voted to recognize an outstanding student from Wakita Schools each semester. Sponsored a fundraising soup lunch to support the playground equipment project; \$1,490 was donated. Club voted to pay the Reserve Grand Champion Premium at the annual Grant County Stock Show Premium Sale.

Welcome New Lions

Fairview: Timothy Bailey and Dana Baldwin, sponsored by Eldon Edingfield; Lucille Dykes and Todd Smith, sponsored by R Deane Wymer **Guymon:** Kimberly K. Wadley, sponsored by June Wadley

Lomega: David Hansen, sponsored by Brad Uhlenhake

<u>Ponca City Noon:</u> Randy Dailey; Michael R. Vanderberg, sponsored by Homer Nicholson



Ponca City Noon Cubbies at the 3-A District Convention.

<u>Seiling:</u> Amy Briggs and Jennifer Jones <u>Vici:</u> Cory L Mitchell, sponsored by Scott Kuper <u>Woodward:</u> Sara Kate Loughlin, sponsored by Gary Stanley

In remembrance of these Lions-to Thank them for their

Years of Service

<u>North Enid:</u> Lanora Donahoo (many years of service but official became a Lion 1/12/2015) <u>Ponca City Noon:</u> Jimmie Elenburg (21 years of service)

Vici: Richard R Dryden (36 years of service)

Dates to Remember

April 11: North Enid Lions Pancakes & Sausage Supper & Auction, Chisholm Middle School, 5-7pm, intersection of Carrier Rd. and N. Oakwood Rd., Enid

April 18: Les Gilliam Stage Show, 7pm, Poncan Theatre, fundraiser by Ponca City Noon



District 3-H Club Activities

<u>Cashion</u>: PDG Tommy Eaton and PCC Russ Adams attended 3-H Convention in OKC on Feb. 7.

Choctaw-Nicoma Park: Choctaw-Nicoma Park Lions will be celebrating their Charter on Mar.7 **Edmond**: Collected and turned in 355 pairs of used eyeglasses. Recent programs on the restoration of Oklahoma's Capitol building and on landscape design were well received by Lions. Chili Feast fundraiser was help Mar. 24, and the fishing derby will be in June.

<u>**Guthrie**</u>: Has new PR Lion Steve Gentling who reports the club honored two Feb. Students of the Month Abby Chad and Derek Luster.



Langston City: Four Lions attended the 3-H Convention in OKC, providing wonderful homemade gumbos!

Midwest City: Welcomed new members (Jan. 27) Sara Cleveland, sponsored by Bob Ard, and Judy Beck, sponsored by Jacque Mooney. Four Lions members attended the Mid-Winter 3-H Convention in OKC; the Club won Best Table at the Convention. Lion Ron says, "Our members take great pride in the work they do." He also reported that "one of the best parts of the Convention was CC Tom Cummings' training on the Pediatric Vision Screening program. This is the best training I have received since becoming a Lion and rest assured the training will be put to

good use over the next several years. This equipment is possibly the best thing to ever come to the Lions in their effort to help kids with their eyesight."

<u>Mulhall-Orlando</u>: Donated \$500 to school for playground equipment. Lion J. D. Koch attended 3-H Convention Feb. 7 in OKC.

Newcastle Community: Three Lions attended the 3-H Convention; their "Superman" table won a prize as did Meleah Montgomery. Lion Meleah was recognized as a nominee for Rookie of the Year 2014-2015. New Lion Jeremy Keith is making sure members stay informed with a weekly newsletter.

Norman: PR Chair Don Steverson attended the 3-H Convention in OKC. The Lions' Feb. International Student of the Month is Oluwatobi "Tobi" Olorunsola of Lagos, Nigeria; he is a graduate research assistant in the School of Geology and Geophysics. Tobi is familiar with the work Lions Clubs have done in Lagos that includes providing clean water to residents, free health care, and donating scholarship money to high school students. Club also honored Feb. HS Student of the Month Evan Johnson.

<u>OKC Downtown</u>: Collected and sorted 2,000 pairs of used eyeglasses, and delivered them to the State Office. Club earned the first Centennial Service patch.

<u>OKC West Side</u>: Club earned the first Centennial Service patch.

Perry: Donated \$75 to local citizen for eyeglasses. Sponsored High School seniors Matt Jones and Summer Stevens , who reported to the club on the activities at the school. Donated \$50 to HS Baseball Diamond Club to support the team and \$310 to Perry students competing in the 2015 Noble Co. Livestock Show (\$10 add -on premium to each of 31 youth). In continuing service of feeding the hungry, a Lion donates 4



Frank Davis presents the Melvin Jones Fellowship to the family of Bill Wagoner

hours monthly to the Meals-on-Wheels program, and 9 Lions helped a day in Feb. with local soup kitchen (in addition to a Lion donating meat and club donating \$126 in groceries). Lion Kirk Ward attended the District 3-H Convention in OKC, and was recognized for his service to Lions as Zone Chairperson for this year. Club earned their first Centennial Service patch.

Stillwater Noon and eBranch Club: Welcomed new Lion Edwin Wilson sponsored by William Dohmann. Purchased eyeglasses for 2 people (\$85 each), and donated \$100 scholarship to Distinguished Young Woman of Payne County for this year (she helps with vision screening at county fair). Several Lions, including Wonder Woman Gladeen Allred, Super Lion Mike Banks, and Friar "Tuck" Troy Jenkins, attended the 3-H Convention in OKC on Feb. 7. Great food was donated to convention participants. Lions screened 15 special needs children with the OK Lions Pediatric Vision Screening program.

Stroud: Club started planning their health fair for April 11, with the OK Lions MHSU, and may include the new OK Lions KidsSight USA (pediatric vision screening) as well. They've had good programs from the new local Walmart store, a local nursing home with information on Medicare and Medicaid, and a wonderful history program from the Pawnee Bill Ranch.

<u>The Village</u>: Mourned the passing of Lion Pat Harrington. Welcomed a new Lion recently.



Lion Russ Thomas of the Cushing LC screens children at the Small Miracles Child Development Daycare in Cushing.

District 3-L Convention



DG Kristi with friend Brenda Lee who did all the decorations and centerpieces for the convention



PDG Pat Halsey received a Melvin Jones Fellowship



Heather Bryant, from Cache 1st Place in the Peace Poster Contest



Lion Diane Phillips receiving the Presidential Certificate. of Appreciation.





Starr Cannon, recipient of the DeRoy Skinner Rookie of the Year award.



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Cimarron Trails Golf Course Perkins, OK

Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch 23rd Annual Golf Benefit FRIDAY, APRIL 17th, 2015. 10:00AM SHOTGUN START. CIMARRON TRAILS

SPONSOR REGISTRATION

You can register now by mail, fax or email. Some sponsorship levels include 1 or 2 teams

Name:

Address:

Email address:

Telephone:

Sponsorship(s) Desired: ____

_____Fax: _____

Cost \$

Club, Company or Individual Name as you want it to appear at the Tournament:

PLAYER/TEAM REGISTRATION

All golfers are encouraged to register with their partners. If you plan on registering separately, but would like to play with a specific player please indicate this when registering. By submitting your name and contact information you are reserving a spot in our tournament. We are unable to hold a spot without name and contact information.

\$75 per Player/ \$300 per Team

Player 1	Player 2
Information same as last year: Yes No	Information same as last year: Yes No
If no, please complete form	If no, please complete form
Address	Address
City/Zip	City/Zip
Phone Fax	Phone Fax
Email	Email
Player 3	Player 4
Information same as last year: Yes No	Information same as last year: Yes No
If no, please complete form	If no, please complete form
Address	Address
City/Zip	City/Zip
Phone Fax	Phone Fax
Email	Email

□Payment Enclosed □Invoice me □ I will pay on site			Total \$
Check or Credit Card I	Payment: VISA MC		
Card #:	CVV#	Exp.Date	2
Signature	I	Date:	

Phone: 405-547-2462 Fax 405-547-2058 email: info@olbr.org Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 400 Perkins, OK 74059



Please complete and mail with check payable to: Lions of Oklahoma, 4123 NW 10th St., Oklahoma City 73107.Note: All persons attending must register

Email	Phone	
Club	District	
First Timer? Yes No		
Registration Fees:		
Name Lion	# at \$ 15.00	
Postmarked after April 10, 2015 or at		
door	#at \$ 20.00	
Name Spouse (Lion?)	#at \$ 15.00	
Postmarked after April 10, 2015 or at		
door	#at \$ 20.00	
Name LEO		
Name Youth Strengt	then the # n/c s	(12)
Meals:		
Friday Noon (Boneyard)-chicken fried		
steak	#at \$ 20.00	
Friday Evening cookout (hamburgers/		
hotdogs)	#at \$ 20.00	
Saturday Noon (Awards)-steak entrée	#at \$ 25.00	
Saturday Evening (Council)-chicken entrée	#at \$ 26.00	
Alternative Meal Selection-please indicate: V	egan Gluten-Free	
LEOS Saturday Noon - lunch off site	#	
	TOTAL PAID	

NOTE: Meals will <u>not</u> be available for those persons whose registrations are received after April 20, 2015! Local restaurants are close.

<u>Breakfasts</u>: Complimentary breakfast for room guests; others must pay for hotel breakfast. <u>Pin Traders</u>: Tables are available in the Pin Trading/Auction room; please contact the state office.

Parking: Ample free parking is available at the hotel.

April 2015

OLSF White Cane Fundraising Campaign, Family and Friends Month, Lions Membership Growth Month, Leo Club Awareness Month and Protecting Our Environment Global Service Action Campaign

- April 4 Midwest City LC annual 89er Day Brisket Dinner, 5-7pm, Midwest City High School
- April 5-13 Family Week
- April 9 Ada LC sponsors the Harlem Ambassadors Comedy Basketball Team, 7pm, ECU Gym
- April 11 3-K Cabinet Meeting, 10am, First United Methodist Church, Atoka
- April 11 Ardmore LC Ride for Sight Poker Run (rain date 18th), tgraham@sotc.edu to register
- April 11 N. Enid LC Pancakes & Sausage Supper and Auction, 5-7pm freewill donation, Chisholm Middle School, intersection of Carrier Rd. & N. Oakwood, Enid
- April 17 OK Lions Boys Ranch annual Golf Benefit
- April 17 Ringwood LC Spaghetti Supper and Auction, 5-7pm, Ringwood School Cafeteria
- April 18 Stillwater Noon LC Made in OK Showcase, 10am-6pm, Com munity Ctr., 315 W. 8th
- April 22 Earth Day
- April 23-26 Norman LC Carnival
- April 24-25 MD-3 Oklahoma Lions State Convention, Wyndham Tulsa Hotel

- April 25 Ada Lions Club March of Dimes Golf Tournament, 8am, Oak
 Hills Golf and Country Club; Lee Bahner 580-421-3331 for more information
- April 26 Lions Worldwide Induction Day

May 2015

Strengthen Membership Month and Recycle for Sight Month

- May 2 OKC West Side LC Pancake Day, 8am-1pm, West Side Lions Town Hall, 4135 NW 10th St., OKC 73107
- May 2 District 3-H Audit Meeting 1pm, OK Lions State Office
- May 2 Prague LC helps with the Prague Kolache Festival
- May 9 OK Lions Boys Ranch Board of Trustees Meeting, Perkins
- May 9 District 3-A Cabinet Meeting

May 15 DEADLINE FOR CLUBS TO FILE THEIR OFFICER REPORT FORM (PU101)

OK Lions State Projects: General Meetings April 25, 2015

The Lions of Oklahoma who are active in an active Lions Club are members of the following state projects and are therefore invited to attend the annual general meetings to be held Sat., April 25, 2015, at the Tulsa Wyndham Hotel, during the OK Lions State Convention.

> OK Lions Eye BankOK Lions Service Foundation OK Lions Boys Ranch Dr. Eugene Briggs Scholarship Foundation.

Call the OK Lions state office for more information (405-947-6540) or email <u>liondawn@cox.net</u>