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OKLAHOMA LIONS
BOYS RANCH

*Meadows
of Hope*

Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch Christmas Party

11:00 Saturday December 13th at Perkins Elementary Gym

You are invited to our annual OLBR Christmas party. Each year about 250 friends of the boys ranch gather for some good food and good fun right here in Perkins. Lion and supporters from across Oklahoma are encourage to bring unique and fun items to be auctioned off at our live auction that is ran by professional auctioneers. The boys will host the tables and this gives you a chance to get to know some of the boys that call the OLBR their home.

We will also have the "Parade of Checks" where representatives from Lions Clubs and other organizations present their gigs and are recognized by those present.

Last year the auction and parade of checks raised about \$60,000 for our programs. We have about 200 Lions clubs in Oklahoma and if each gave \$500 to our Christmas Campaign we would easily raise \$100,000. However, not all clubs can make that type of gift. That is why we are reaching out to each Lion this year to ask you to consider a tax deductible year end gift.

We have successfully raised the \$500,00 for the first two foster homes on our Meadows of Hope campus and are within \$10,000 of meeting the matching challenge by Paul Milburn for the third home. You will see the beginnings of construction of the

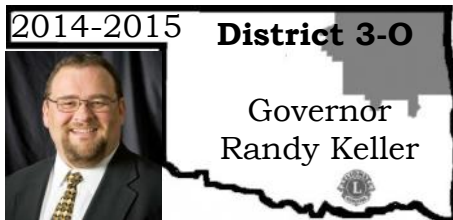
first two homes by the Christmas Party on December 13th.

These two homes will allow us to serve brothers and sisters for the first time in our 62 years of operation. These children will grow up right here on our campus in safe and loving families. Their lives will be changed forever because of the generosity of you and others just like you. When you are deciding what cause to support this holiday season, please consider the impact that a group of people can have on the lives of children right here at the OLBR.

Please RSVP to info @olbr.org or call 405-547-2462

You can send your gift to PO Box 400, Perkins Ok, 74059-0400 or give online at www.olbr.org

Like us on Facebook for updates on the boys ranch and the foster homes



3-O Convention

Successful-thank you, Lions!

Thank you to everyone who attended the district convention Nov. 14-15 in Claremore. Friday night was a little crowded (and that's a good thing), the food was great, and the site (Will Rogers Memorial and Museum) was awesome. The Will Rogers *interpreter* entertained and educated us all.

Thank you also to the following Lions who presented training and programs during the Saturday morning sessions at Rogers State University Student Center: CC Tom Cummings (Pediatric Vision Screening Program), PDG Dean Craig (Best Practices Roundtable), Lion Billie Been (Club Excellence Process), PCC/GLT-D Delbert King (Guiding Lion training), Successful Service Projects Roundtable, Lions Virginia Gibson and Becky Moore (Successful Fundraiser Roundtable), Lions Joe Shveima, Dennis Sagely and Tom Cummings (District Projects), and PDG Terry Woodruff (Town Hall Meeting on Redistricting Issue).

District 3-O elections for 2015-2016 were held with the following results: District Governor Mike Fritz, OK Lions Boys Ranch Board Trustee for 3 years Bob Hoppe (Glenpool), OK Lions Eye Bank Board Director for 3 years Alan McKee (Tahlequah, OK Lions Service Foundation Board Director for 3 years Dennis Sagely (Broken Arrow Noon), and Dr. Eugene Briggs Scholarship Board Director for 3 years Kristi Smith (Beggs).

With no nominations for a 2-year position on the State Convention Planning Committee, DGE Mike Fritz will appoint a Lion for that spot.

Thank you to all our wonderful zone chairpersons for their club reports at the cabinet meeting. I will include some of the club activities from those reports in the January edition of this newsletter. New membership is doing very well with some clubs reaching 20% growth already this year.

District 3-O Club Activities

Bartlesville Downtown: Welcomed new Lions Deborah and James Rutherford, sponsored by Leanne Davis.

Bartlesville Tuxedo: Welcomed new Lion Debbie Reid, sponsored by Kevin Reid. The Tuxedo Lions picked up tree limbs, mowed and trimmed the park.

Bristow: Lions are selling OLSF Cowboy Cadillac tickets. They welcomed new Lions Christala Davis and Tonya Pitts, both sponsored by Emily Ailey.

Broken Arrow Noon: Lions cleaned up trash along a one-mile stretch of Aspen Ave.

Chelsea: Welcomed new Lions Kenny Blair and Gene McNutt, both sponsored by Timothy Stalcup.

Coweta: Through Lion Dr. King, the club provided eyeglasses to 1 person in need. Lions welcomed new member Virgil Mobley, Jr., sponsored by Tim Kelley.

Grove Grand: Welcomed new Lions James and Nancy Keller and Peggy Steed.

Henryetta: Welcomed new Lion Brooklyn Furer sponsored by Jeanda Spurlock. Lions held their

pancake breakfast in October, and will be working hard in November and December to ring bells and put together food baskets for needy families and toys for children, all to be delivered close to Christmas.

Jenks: Lions held their annual pancake breakfast on Nov. 22.

Miami: Welcomed new Lions Misty Reints sponsored by Alice Hunt and Nancy Slyman sponsored by Mike Slyman.

Muskogee Noon: Welcomed new Lion Carolyn Waldroup sponsored by Sandra Waldroup. Lions are ringing the bell for Salvation Army. They have collected over 341 pairs of used eyeglasses, and provided exams and eyeglasses for 4 people.

Okmulgee: Welcomed new Lions Lacey Azbell sponsored by Robert Bible, Cassandra Northington sponsored by Raymond Kennedy, and Sheridan Pickering sponsored by Donna Thomas.

Pawhuska: Lions held pancake day fundraiser on Nov. 1.

South Grand Lake-Langley: Welcomed new Lion Valerie Jones sponsored by Becky Moore. Lions donated \$300 to Meals on Wheels, held Chili Cook-off and proceeds will to the backpack program that feeds 115 students weekly.

Tulsa Brookside: Welcomed new Lion Mercedes Dowd sponsored by Ronald Olsen. Lions cooked a pancake breakfast for the Halloween BooHaHa event in Brookside, raising \$500, and also had a float in the parade.

Tulsa Metro-McCullough: Lions award their annual OSU medical school scholarship (\$500) and did vision screening for 20 lower-income persons.

Canadian Valley Technology Center Groundbreaking

On a blustery but sunny Thursday, the Canadian Valley Technology Center in El Reno held their official groundbreaking for the campus that was literally blown away on May 31, 2013. The Oklahoma Lions Disaster Relief Committee, chaired by Lion Troy Jenkins, was represented by Lion Troy, Vice Council Chairperson and 3-L Past District Governor Sue Thompson, State Secretary and 3-H District Governor Dawn Miller. From Lions Clubs International Foundation, KaSondra Byrd and Wesley Gathings were making a site visit to Oklaho

ma and so also were in attendance. The funds gathered and donated by LCIF for disaster recovery are paying for 2 safe rooms at the new CVTC facility. More information on the LCIF site visit will be found on the Oklahoma Lions website: www.oklahomalions.org.

(Left to Right) Dr. Greg Winters, Superintendent/CEO of CVTC, VCC/PGD Sue Thompson, and 2nd VDG Troy Jenkins



3-0 2014 Convention



2014-2015

District 3-K

Governor
Don Shaw



Attention, all 3-K Lions!

Our District 3-K Mid-Winter convention will be January 23-24, 2015, at the Days Inn and Suites in Poteau. Thank you to Poteau Evening and Pocola Lions Clubs for hosting this important event for us. Registration form is available online at www.oklahomalions.org or by calling the OK Lions State Office 405-947-6540. Friday evening, have dinner on your own and then participate in the fun karaoke session hosted by Lion Marshall Brence at the hotel from 7-9pm. Saturday's meetings and trainings start at 9am and will include the speech contest. At the noon Awards luncheon, Past International Director Pat Shurley will be our guest speaker. There will be a silent auction, so bring your items to contribute plus your checkbook (or we will take cash) so you can purchase that special auction item you cannot live without! At approximately 2pm the required District 3-K cabinet meeting will occur, with elections of our 2015-2016 district governor team and representatives for our state project boards, plus those important reports from each club will be given. Immediately following the cabinet meeting and elections, PID Pat will be able to answer any questions or concerns you have about the Lions of Oklahoma or Lions Clubs International.

Let's make an effort to have at least 1 member from each of our 36 clubs represented at the district convention. Your club may want to consider a "scholarship" to help a Lion or Lions attend the convention.

One very important issue that will be discussed during this convention is the plan to redistrict from 5 districts to 3 districts in Oklahoma. Those 3 districts would basically be eastern Oklahoma, northwestern Oklahoma, and southwestern Oklahoma. The official vote on redistricting will take place at the MD-3 Lions of Oklahoma state convention, April 24-25, 2015, at the Wyndham Hotel in Tulsa. I ask that every 3-K Lions Club send their certified voting delegates to the state convention.

District 3-K Club Activities

Blanchard: Lions are parade marshals for Veterans Day Parade and also the Christmas Parade, providing assistance to get entries lined up in correct order, and to issue numbers and write down the name of the organization sponsoring the floats. The club collects used eyeglasses and used cell phones for recycling, delivering them to the state office in OKC. They club awards scholarships, buys eyeglasses as needed, and helps distribute Christmas food baskets.

Durant: Lions will hold their spring spaghetti lunch and supper. They help with Toys for Tots in December, with meals on wheels throughout the year, and award 3 scholarships every year in May. They also collect used eyeglasses, hearing aids and printer cartridges to recycle and purchase eyeglasses as needed. The Lions are selling OLSF Cowboy Cadillac tickets.

Holdenville: Welcomed 3 new Lions-Michael Dockery, Martin O'Donnell and Jerry House. The club sponsored the OK Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit for the back-to-school health fair, and they are selling OLSF Cowboy Cadillac tickets. The club will partner with Holdenville Fire Department for Toys for Tots. They donated \$200 to the OK Lions Boys Ranch and awarded \$600 scholarships to 2 Holdenville HS seniors.

Idabel: Lions donate \$100 per month to food bank, and are giving out Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets as well as participating in the DHS Adopt An Angel program.

Lindsay: Collects used printer cartridges, hearing aids and eyeglasses for recycling. They award at least 2 scholarships each May to graduating seniors. The annual fundraiser BBQ dinner is at the school, 5-7p.m., just before the football game. All the Lions Club members and volunteers of the community assist with this BBQ dinner; normally, 300 tickets are sold.

Sallisaw: Has 39 active Lions and are selling OLSF Cowboy Cadillac tickets. Lion Matt Bauer sponsored a new member-welcome, Jud Maxwell.

Shawnee: Lions welcomed 6 new members. They are Justin Beaver, Matt Miller, Mason

Wilson, Oz Mitchell, Steve Matthews and Courtney McLaughlin. Note that 4 of these new Lions were sponsored by Lion Tom Hennigh. Club held a chuck wagon special cookout with about 70 family, friends and potential members. Lion Jerry Ball received his 45-year membership pin; Lions Paul Milburn; Katie Landes, and Tom Hennigh were recognized for their recruiting efforts. Shawnee Lions are selling OLSF Cowboy Cadillac tickets. They collect used printer cartridges, eyeglasses, and cell phones for recycling. A Shawnee Lions recently delivered about 450 pairs of used eyeglasses to state office in OKC.

Vian: At the last home football game, Vian Lions put on an Indian Taco Dinner at the school cafeteria. Lion Sharon DiGennaro said, "This was the first time for us and next year will be better. We made \$300 after expenses. Good times were had by all who participated."

Wilburton: Club purchased 2 new pairs of eyeglasses and donated \$200 donation to Mike Potter, missionary to Thailand, helping orphans with food and nursing care. DG Shaw visited the club and awarded longevity certificates. Five new members have joined since July 1. The club sponsored a dinner for the high school football team.



Oklahoma Lions Pin Traders

PCC Yolanda Middleton received her William Smith Fellowship from fellow pin trader Steve at the Reno Pin Swap. This is similar to a LCIF Melvin Jones Fellowship and is related to the International Lions Pin Traders Scholarship Program. PDG Bill Middleton reports, "We now have 3 Smith Fellows in Oklahoma."



DISTRICT 3-K MIDWINTER CONVENTION

Friday, January 23, 2015 – Saturday, January 24, 2015
Early Registration Deadline: Friday, January 09, 2015



Days Inn & Suites

1702 N. Broadway, Poteau, OK 74953

Lions will receive special room rates of \$83 per night plus tax; Suite \$119 per night plus tax
For reservations call 918-647-3510 and request Lions Convention discount.

Schedule: All of these events will be held at Days Inn & Suites (all under one roof.)

Friday	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Karaoke (Dinner on your own)
Saturday	8:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast (Complimentary Continental included with room rental.)
	9:00 am – 12:00 am	Meetings, Training, Speech Contest
	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Luncheon, PID Pat Shurley, International guest speaker, Awards
	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Cabinet Meeting, Nominations, Officer Elections
	3:00 pm – til	Q&A with PID Pat Shurley

Silent auction will end following adjournment of lunch and before cabinet meeting.

CONVENTION

Early Registration Deadline: Friday, January 09, 2015

Please Print

Lion: _____ Club: _____ First Timer: ____ Yes ____ No

Spouse/Guest: _____ First Timer: ____ Yes ____ No

Email: _____ Phone (____) _____

EVERY ATTENDEE MUST REGISTER

Credit cards are accepted but please add \$2.50 processing fee to your total.

Registration Fee (Postmarked on or before 1/09/15) _____ @ \$10.00 Amount Due \$ _____

Late Registration Fee (Postmarked after 1/09/2015) _____ @ \$15.00 Amount Due \$ _____

Saturday Luncheon _____ @ \$15.00 Amount Due \$ _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____ Credit Card Fee \$ **\$2.50**

Card Security Code (3 digits on back of card): _____ Total Due **\$** _____

Deadline to guarantee meals Friday, January 16, 2015

Please make checks payable to District 3-K Lions Convention and mail to:
Lion Sherry Keisman, PO Box 85, Pocola, OK 74902
Email: sherry55K@yahoo.com Cell: 479-719-4804

2014-2015

District 3-L



Governor
Kristi Fields

Hello fellow 3-L Lions. I hope all is well and that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I don't know about you but this is my favorite time of year, not because my birthday is in November, (it's ok if you missed it J), but because this is the time of year when families come together. I feel blessed that I am part of a very loving and close family. Even though I work with several of my family members on a daily basis, it is nice to spend the holidays with them. It's not often that we take time out of our busy schedules to get together and show each other how much we care. It is also a time that we can count our many blessings. At this time of year, when we are stuffing ourselves with Turkey and dressing, and shopping for things like Nu Wave ovens and Keurig coffee makers, we sometimes forget that there are those less fortunate. This is why it is great to be a Lion! We have the chance to make a difference in the lives of so many. For instance, we can make Christmas food boxes like the **Pocasset Lions** will be doing; we can help out with supplies for homeless children as the **Lawton Noon Lions** have done; or we can do something on our own such as picking a name from the Salvation Army Angel Tree to insure that a child has a great Christmas. Those are just a few examples. I know there are many Lions out there doing great things for others, not only during the holiday season, but throughout the year. So, when you are out shopping this holiday season, buy an extra toy or a warm blanket and donate it to someone in need. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a fulfilling holiday season!

District 3-L Club Activities

Thank you Lions for the many club activities submitted.

Cache: Donated \$500 to the Lawton Community Foundation, to be matched, for the Cache School Educational Foundation. This will give graduating seniors the opportunity to receive scholarships. The Lions also sponsored the Cache kindergarten students (110) plus 7 teachers to go to the Lawton Public Library for the LARC presentation of Jim Moran and his puppet show and storytelling on Oct. 28.

Duncan Evening: Purchased eyeglasses and exam for a needy adult and collected an estimated 100 pairs of good, reusable eyeglasses.

Frederick: Lions competed in the chili cook-off during the Frederick Chamber of Commerce's seventh annual Cotton Festival.

Granite: Lions continue to put out holiday flags. They are planning to provide a hot dog lunch for the annual Hometown Christmas activities on Dec. 6 in downtown Granite.

Hobart: Lions participated in the annual Pumpkin Palooza in partnership with many other Hobart groups.

Hollis: Lions held bingo at the Hollis Band Carnival to help raise money for the school band. The carnival had a profit of approximately \$1,300. The Lions also held their annual broom sale during the Hollis Fall Festival.

Lawton N E: Lions braved the cold and wind to put out flags at 6am on Veterans Day.

Lawton Noon: Lions volunteered their time for the annual Armed Services YMCA Y-Fry; proceeds go to help soldiers and their families throughout the year. They also donated over \$2,000 for the purchase of Mimeo classroom equipment for Gateway Success Center, approved the purchase of 100 books to be used with the Lions Quest program and donated \$1,000 to help homeless children with school supplies and clothing.

Lawton Patriots: Lions showed their dedication to the environment by cleaning up downtown Lawton on Make a Difference Day. They also prepared a meal for a disadvantaged family through the Family Promise program. Monthly, the Lions help facilitate/support educational service group meetings for those visually impaired in the Heartland Council for the Blind.

Lone Wolf: Lions continue to put out holiday flags.

Mangum: Lions had their Pancake Breakfast on Nov. 1 at the American Legion Building. They hosted a forum for the 2 candidates for District Judge, Eric Yarborough and Tabitha Mills. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Museum and then afterwards go to a local restaurant for dinner-a different restaurant each meeting to publicize and draw new members.

Marlow: Each week, Lions host a high school student of the week as their guest of honor at the noon luncheon. In October the Lions provided funds for an eye exam and eyeglasses for one recipient through the local eye doctor, Lion Dr. Wes Walker. Some of the recent club programs included a presentation by the City Manager, Stephens County United Way, the Marlow High School "Entertainers" and a presentation about archery safety and contesting. The annual pancake breakfast coincides with the Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade, to be held Dec. 6.

Pocasset: Lions recycled 10 pairs of eyeglasses and 2 used cell phones. They co-sponsored, with

the First Baptist Church of Pocasset, a breakfast for the Veterans memorial dedication. The event had a great turnout with 60 people and 6 veterans in attendance. For the holidays, the Lions will be putting together Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes as well as helping a family with Christmas gifts.

Surrey Hills: Lions served 200 neighbors and supporters during their semi-annual pancake breakfast. The Surrey Hills Home and Garden Club joined the Lions for their bake sale. Surrey Hills Scout Pack 375 helped with the event by greeting and serving attendees, as well as bussing tables. What a great example of working together. Proceeds from the pancake breakfast will be used to upgrade and maintain the Lions Community Park located next to Surrey Hills Elementary.



Lion Bill Vaughan of Lawton Noon Lions presenting a \$1,000 gift card to Andrea Winstead. The money will be used to buy clothing and school supplies for homeless school children

Still Growing! Welcome New Lions!

Canton: Carl Baker sponsored by Gayle Hajny and Marcus Chapman sponsored by Carl Baker

Granite: Kyle Coats, Tabitha Mills, David Zachary

Lawton Noon: Martel Walker sponsored by Nicole Beverly and Lindsey McCuiston sponsored by Jennifer Robinette

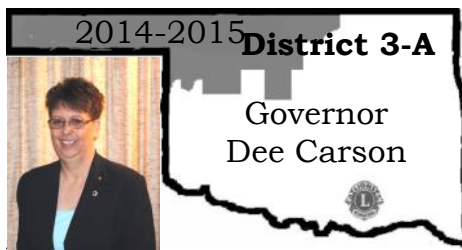
Velma Alma: Joseph Edwards sponsored by Zachary Pogue and Zackary Layn sponsored by Julie Gilby

Watonga: Dalten Brewer and Kari Cox, both sponsored by Leroy Lage

Dates to Remember

Sat., Dec. 13: OK Lions Boys Ranch Christmas Party, Perkins Elementary Gym

Sat., Feb 28: District 3-L Convention in Lawton



Can't believe it is December already and the year is almost gone. The clubs are really doing a great job on **Just Ask One**.

There is still time to send in your nomination for the Hal Long Rookie of the Year; cut off is January 15, 2015. Please send it to DG Dee Carson at PO Box 582, Garber 73738.

In November I visited Ringwood, Buffalo, Balko, Woodward, Vici, Kingfisher and Goodwell Lions Clubs. They are very active clubs in their community and do great things. Total Clubs visited to date: 20 by me and 6 by 1st VDG Joe Chandler.

If you would like your activities in this state newsletter, please do your activity report to LCI or send it to DG Dee Carson by email: liondee@pldi.net. I will be very happy to include your club's news in the January issue.

The **District 3-A Mid-Winter Convention** is Feb. 20-21, 2015, at Central Christian Church, Enid; host hotel is the Comfort Inn, about 1-1/2 blocks north of the church on Van Buren. International Director Linda Tincher and her husband Vern are confirmed as our International guests at the district convention.

I attended District O's Convention and completed my re-certification (class and test) as a Certified Guiding Lion. We will be offering the Certified Guiding Lion training on Friday afternoon at our District Convention.

Congratulations to Lion Judge Robert "Bob" Lovell of the Hennessey Lions for being honored with the 2014 Army Legacy Veteran of the Year. He was honored as part of Enid's Veterans Day program and the Legacy Ball. Lion Lovell is a retired associate district judge and ended his service in the Army as a sergeant first class during World War II. He wrote a book "Unlikely Warrior" in 2010, recalling his memories of WW II. At age 88, he made the Honor Flight in June to Washington, D.C. Also honored was former Lion George Bellmon, who was the 2014 Marine Corps Legacy Veteran of the Year. Each received a medal, certificate and award for their military service.

I hope to see a large group of Lions from District 3-A at the OK Lions Boys Ranch Christmas Party in Perkins on Sat., Dec. 13. Thank you for your participation in the OLSF Cowboy Cadillac ticket sales.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Enjoy the holidays.

District 3-A Club Activities

Balko: Donated \$600 to LCIF with \$200 each to the Measles Initiative, area of the Greatest Need and to Sight Conservation programs.



Lion Marty Adams and DG Dee are at the Buffalo Community Trailer they help people in need and community origination's. It has 2 refrigerators, paper goods and chairs.

Fairview: Had a Health Fair with utilization of the OK Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit. They honor the Student of the Week at each regular meeting.

Garber: Members visited the Tonkawa Chili fundraiser and Covington's 50th Anniversary as well as meetings of Medford, Helena, Jet, Laverne, and Ponca City after 5 Lions Clubs. Club helped residents with tree removal, and helped with the United Way Chili cook off and with the pumpkin contest at the elementary school.

Laverne: Helped with local food distribution and did their trash pickup with 10 children and 2 adults from SPOT that joined the Lions. They also congratulated **Lion Aric Alley** who was elected Harper County Judge.

Newkirk: Newkirk High School has a new course called Success 101 that every freshman takes. The Lions Club was asked and provided 3 speakers on the subject of Successful Retirement, including paying yourself first, and saving for retirement from youth until that happy day.

North Enid: Chili Cook off, Peace Poster, cleaned and cared for local pond, purchased eyeglasses for individual, collected eyeglasses from drop box, and had a float in the Chisholm High School homecoming parade. At the Antique Engine & Power Show, they helped set up and feed the community and others. Five members visited another club project to support them. They keep gate at the football games and Cross Country meets.

Ponca City Noon: Collected cell phones for soldiers and give them to Pioneer Sprint who will sell the phones and use them to buy phone cards for our soldiers who are currently deployed. Club provided eye exams and eye glasses to underprivileged children and adults in the Ponca City area. Lions set up a booth at Oktoberfest and provided diabetes and blood pressure screening with help of local nursing students. Lions also provided children's vision screening in conjunction with Prevent Blindness Oklahoma.

Pioneer Pleasant-Vale: Collected 200 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling. Participated in United Way Chili Cook off and donated \$100 to Waukomis Christian Church in memory of Arlene Bachman. The Lions will hold their Chili and Stew Supper on Jan. 17, 2015, at the Grace Place in Enid. They will now hold their club meetings at Braums, 312 W. Garriott St., Enid, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (their former meeting place the Dutch Pantry closed).

Wakita: Contributed \$1,000 to the Wakita Cemetery Fence Fund. They set the date for the Wakita Old Settlers Celebration: September 19, 2015.

Welcome New Lions

Laverne: Shelby W. Batman sponsored by Terri Wheeler; Timothy A. and Karen S. Harrison, both sponsored by Barbara Swineford

North Enid: Kathleen E. Reeves sponsored by Bill Middleton

Wakita: Jerry L. Biby sponsored by L. D. Rapp

In Remembrance of these Lions and to thank them for their years of service

Kingfisher: Herald Hogan-18 years of service and Don Lawrence-47 years of service



DG Dee presented Lion George Maly North Enid Lions Club his 45 yr Chevron. Lion George is also DG Dee's Uncle and it was a honor to be able to do this.

2014-2015

District 3-H

Governor
Dawn Miller



*May your holiday season be
happy and bright!*

Edmond: Lion Carl Breazeale recommends to local Lions Clubs 2 excellent program presenters with an emphasis on Veterans and patriotism; call the state office for more information. Edmond Lions have already turned in over \$500 in OLSF Cowboy Cadillac ticket sales. Club purchased eyeglasses for 3 people, and Lion Warren Smith is still leading club's efforts to recycle used eyeglasses, turning in 150 pairs this month. Two Crescent Lions visited recently. Lion Burchie Smith recommends another good program presenter: Jennie Rodgers, Cavett Kids Foundation (helps seriously ill children get through a rough time in their lives).

Cushing: Sponsored a LCI Peace Poster Contest.

Guthrie: Donated \$1,000 to Logan County Sports Museum and purchased \$25 gift certificate for an outstanding Guthrie teacher and for an outstanding employee. Purchased eyeglasses for 2 individuals. Will finish fruit sales fundraiser soon. Sponsored a LCI Peace Poster Contest.

Langston City: Lions celebrated another homecoming with Langston University by partnering with the Town of Langston to provide 10 recycle and trash containers along the homecoming parade route to help keep the town clean. Club purchased 3 Thanksgiving boxes with items to prepare a full Thanksgiving dinner for 4 families in the town of Langston. Lions are selling OLSF Cowboy Cadillac tickets.

Midwest City: Many Lions attended the Memorial Service for Lion Raymond "Ramon" Valdez held Nov. 2 at the MWC Elks Lodge; Lion Ramon is missed! Club is renovating sign for MWC and was honored to meet their Mary Lou Hawkins Scholarship winners at a recent Rose State reception. More information and pictures in District 3-H newsletter.

Newcastle Community: Held Charter Event, a delightful and entertaining evening on Nov. 8. (Facebook links) They are selling OLSF Cowboy Cadillac tickets.

Norman: Honored International Student of the Month Ricardo Palma Fraga from Venezuela, and High School Student of the Month Wen "Annie" Yin. Lions are selling OLSF Cowboy Cadillac tickets.

Norman Sooner: Lion President Mark Adair spent 2 days in Moore recently helping the district's New Club Development/Membership team. Thank you, Lion Mark!

OKC West Side: Donated \$200 each to Langston City Lions Club and to eastern Cleveland County Disaster Recovery, c/o Hilltop Church-Stella for holiday food baskets for people in need in those areas. Held semi-annual Pancake Day and hosted the 3-H Cabinet Meeting on Sat., Nov. 1. Hosted check-in site for Friends of NW 10th St. annual Fall Litter Blitz on Oct. 30. Continues to provide eye exams and eyeglasses for persons in need. Several Lions continue their service every month in helping prepare and deliver meals to the elderly and homebound in 2 church programs. West Side is sponsoring the new Newcastle Community Lions Club and donated \$500 for needed club supplies such as the club banner. Lions Marvin and Mary Ainsworth are dedicating the next 2 years to the new club as Guiding Lions. Due to excessively high winds on Veterans' Day, the US flag display is postponed until Dec. 7 (Pearl Harbor Day). Sponsored a LCI Peace Poster Contest.

Perkins: Meeting with city officials to finalize the current street sign project. Collected and delivered to state office about 500 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling.

Perry: Two Student Lions attended Oct. club, reporting on activities of Perry High School. Lions parked cars for 4 Perry HS home football games, and donated \$50 to the Perry HS Tip-In Club for promotion and support of the girls and boys HS basketball teams. Club also donated \$100 to local March of Dimes Campaign to use in their fight to protect newborn and premature babies. Lion Gerald Stewart continues to serve in the Meals-on-Wheels program (4 hours Oct. 2014).

Prague: May be sponsoring a youth speech contest this year. This is a very active club that does not often "brag" about their community services.

Stillwater: Two pairs of eyeglasses were purchased at a cost of \$85. Collected 7 bags of used eyeglasses for recycling. Selected 2 high school students of the month who attended weekly meetings and reported on high school activities. Helped serve, wash dishes and clean up at the Community meal to feed the hungry at United Methodist Church. Selling OLSF Cowboy Cadillac tickets, and selling fruit as a club fundraiser. Club program speakers: senior counselor at Domestic Violence Center and staff members for Healthy Steps Program for Young Children.

Stroud: Welcomed new Lion Zachary Privott. Collected and donated \$63 for Kids Against Hunger. Lions fed college students who worked on the Habitat for Humanity home. PCC Kent Clovis

conducted a Lions orientation program for new Lions. Club continues to serve youth with needed eye exams and eyeglasses.

The Village: Lion President/PDG Robert McMasters spent 2 days recently helping the district's New Club Development/Membership team. Thank you, Lion Robert!

Governor's Note: *If I missed getting your club report in this newsletter, please forgive me. Hopefully 2nd VDG Troy Jenkins and I will get out a district newsletter with much more information very soon!*



Stillwater Noon Lions helped with the second test of the OK Lions Pediatric Vision Screening Program for 35 Pre-K students. From left to right: Juanita Phelan, Richard Hawkins, Keith Disney, John Mills, Troy Jenkins and Sheila Stone Dixon. (Gladeen Allred, not pictured)



How Many Lions Does It Take to "Post" the Colors? Fifteen OKC Northwest Lions (including volunteers from VFW Post 9265) braved the severe cold and extremely high winds, doing the battle to put up their flag display along East Shore Hefner Drive on the way to the Oklahoma Lions Children's Park. Now including flags for all the U. S. Military branches as well as a POW flag and the LCI flag, the display is amazing and moving (and not just from the 50mph north wind).

Merry Christmas to Oklahoma Lions from the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation!

By Marie Burns, OLSF Executive Director

Many of us have special **holiday memories** of being with family, getting that special gift, or singing carols around the fire. We all remember enjoying the Holiday movies with our favorite stars like Jimmie Stewart and Natalie Wood. I am sure we can all remember a special Holiday that lifted our spirits when we were not up to our best.

One of my special memories as a child was when we were moving from one house to another, which we did often. My brothers and I didn't expect anything for Christmas. We had disabled parents; my father was disabled in WWII and our mother had cerebral palsy. While we did not grow up with monetary valuables, we received much more than money could buy. We learned not to expect to be given things, we worked hard for what we had, and we didn't have entitlement attitudes. Many times we didn't have much food or clothing, but if we were in need, somehow we were always provided for. Gift giving was from the heart which came not only once a year, but all year long. All of us were content to go to our grandparent's farm and be with family, and eat. VERY well! That day we were all surprised! Each one of us received exactly one gift, the one we asked for, from a special person who loved us. We never really knew who it was.... Mom just said it was from "Santa"!

Sometimes we forget what the Holidays are for and we lose sight of living in the moment, just enjoying our family. "Black Friday" and spending money seems to gain the attention of the Holiday Season instead of loving each other and giving to the less fortunate.

My hope this year is that each one of us will focus on the fortune we **do** have and be thankful for each blessing, no matter how great or how small (from **Grinch who Stole Christmas!**). No One can Steal Your Christmas unless you let them!

Oklahoma Lions have given much to the needy this year through the Cowboy Cadillac Campaign. It is wonderful to see so many celebrate the Oklahoma Lions State Projects by supporting the Eye Bank and the Boys Ranch. My hope is that the Cowboy Cadillac winners of this year's prizes are abundantly blessed by the wonderful work of the Lions of Oklahoma!

Cowboy Cadillac going strong!

Cowboy Cadillac ticket stubs and monies are starting to come in the State Office by the bundles as we move closer to the date of the drawing. Remember the date when one individual will be the lucky winner of a new Ford F150 truck. Please support Lions projects and come to James Hodge Ford in Muskogee at 1:00 pm on Sat., Dec. 6 to volunteer or just have a good time! Muskogee Lions are sponsoring the event with snacks, balloons, music and fun! Who knows? **You** might be the lucky **WINNER!**

We will announce the lucky Winners in the next newsletter!

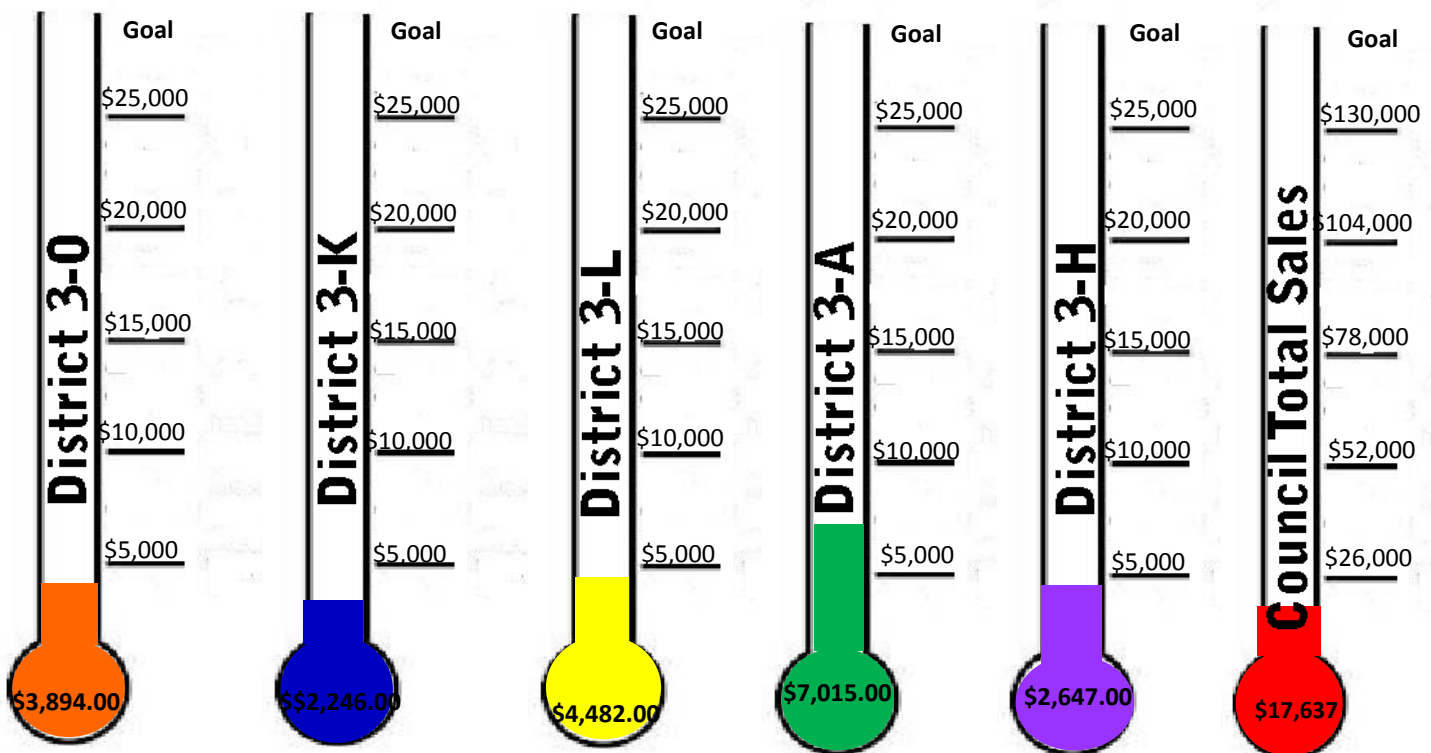
MHSU

Our **Oklahoma Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit** has been busy the last few months, out on visits all across the State thanks to local Lions Clubs who sponsor visits. **Since October there have been over 500 individual screenings!** Thanks to the following clubs who have given of their time and money to support screenings in their local area since October 2014. Thank you, Lion Keven Cody and Tony Swinney for making the MHSU events special We appreciate you!

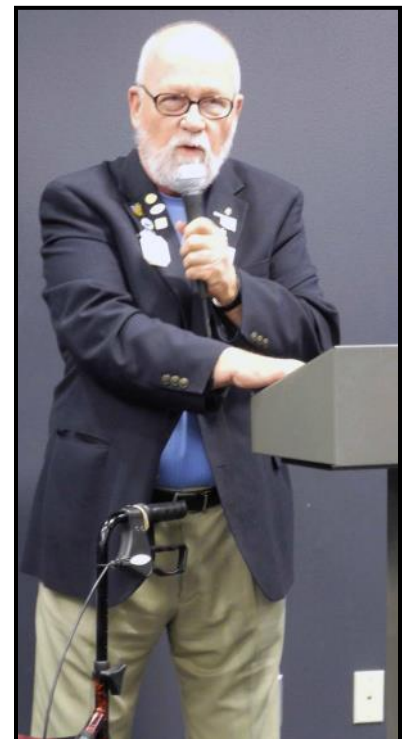
Legacy Giving!

The OK Lions Boys Ranch, the OK Lions Eye Bank and the OK Lions Service Foundation are working together on **The Legacy Campaign**. This campaign is to increase the principle endowment at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. The interest from the principle helps support various items that may not otherwise be covered for the Eye Bank and the Boys Ranch. By supporting eye care and humanitarian needs through our state projects, OLSF plans to increase the amounts given as well as raise support for program longevity. The end of the year is fast approaching and we look forward to end of the year gifts. This year, please consider a future gift of a bequest to the OLSF endowment fund. Your donation and name will remain as a contributor for these well-deserved projects forever. You will be building a Legacy of Hope for those in need for many holidays to come!

Remember, many memories are built by special Lions like you who give from the heart! Someone will have you to thank for a special memory and a long lasting legacy!



Newcastle Lions Charter Night



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December 2014

Membership Focus: Family and Relieving the Hunger Global Service Action Campaign

- Dec. 1** Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning **Peace Poster** to CC Tom Cummings (Note: Important to make a copy for the district!)
- Dec. 1-7** Lions Eye Bank Week
- Dec. 5** District 3-H Lions Quest workshop; Lion Ken Perry, Kenneth.m.perry@gmail.com
- Dec. 6** OLSF Cowboy Cadillac drawing, Muskogee
- Dec. 13** **OK Lions Boys Ranch Christmas Party**, 11am, Perkins
- Dec. 15** Postmark deadline for CC Tom Cummings to send one winning Peace Poster to LCI-PR/Communications Division (Note: Important to make a copy for the multiple district!)
- Dec. 22** Deadline to apply for the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (Mar. 7-9)
- Dec. 25-26** Christmas Holiday-OK Lions State Office Closed
- Dec. 31** New Year's Eve-OK Lions State Office Closes 1:00 p.m.

January 2015

Membership Focus: Target Markets and Relieving the Hunger Global Service Action Campaign

- Jan. 1** New Year's Day Holiday-OK Lions State Office Closed
- Jan. 1** Beginning of Period 2 for Lions Pride Awards
- Jan. 3-4** 1st VDG/DGE training by LCI GLT Area Coordinator Aubrey Cherry, Ft. Worth, TX
- Jan. 9** VDG Training, 4pm, OK Lions State Office
OK Lions Council Agenda meeting, 7pm, State Office, OKC
- Jan 10** OK Lions Board/Council Meetings, West Side Lions Town Hall, OKC
7:45am OK Lions St. Conv. Planning Comm. Meeting
8:15am OLEB Executive Board Meeting, OK Lions State Office
9:00am OK Lions Eye Bank Board Meeting
9:45am Briggs Scholarship Board Meeting
10:30am OK Lions Boys Ranch Board Meeting
11:15am OK Lions Service Foundation Board Meeting
12noon Lunch by 3-O Lions; Boneyard Meeting
1:00pm OK Lions Council Meeting, followed by clean-up