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## **Changing Lives, One Pair at a Time: Oklahoma Lions Recycle for Sight**

In just about any dresser drawer, one can find a pair of eyeglasses that are no longer being used. That same pair of eyeglasses can change another person's life. That is why Oklahoma Lions participate in the **Lions Recycle for Sight** program.

Throughout the year, Lions collect used eyeglasses and either deliver them to the OK Lions state office in OKC, or sort them themselves for recycling. In OKC, the Midwest City Lions sort through the accumulated sacks and boxes, and pack the good, used eyeglasses to deliver them to the Texas Regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (TLERC) in Midland. There, the TLERC volunteers clean, sort by prescription strength and package the glasses. Most of the recycled glasses are distributed to people in need in developing countries where they will have the greatest impact.

Several years ago a few 3-L Lions approached the Lions of Oklahoma Council of Governors, asking to form a multiple district eyeglass recycling program that would utilize the help of prisoners at a contracted prison site to do much of the work that the Texas volunteers did at the regional center. However, only two districts (3-L and 3-H) approved the project and so the Central and Southwest Oklahoma Eyeglass Recycling Project was born, and partnered for a few years with the Hinton Great

Plains Correctional Center. However, when the prison was taken off-line, that part of the operation was put on hold, the equipment stored except for the transportation trailer, and the CSOERCP went into partial hibernation, only handling the transportation of the sorted eyeglasses to Midland. The project is voluntarily funded by donations of the 3-H and 3-L Lions, and governed by a committee of 3 Lions from each of the 2 districts.

## **Eyeglass Recycling—How You Can Help**

Donate used eyeglasses and change someone's life. Imagine if you could help a child read, or an adult succeed in his/her job, or a senior maintain independence, and thus provide a community with more opportunities to grow and thrive. Every day, our recycled eyeglass programs do all of this and more.

You can help by encouraging people in your community to drop off good, used eyeglasses at Lions-sponsored collection boxes in libraries, schools, community centers, churches, coffee shops, and optometrist offices to name a few. The Lions from your Club will help place and service these collection boxes.

## **How the recycled eyeglasses help people in need**

Internationally, Lions host 18 Eyeglass Recycling Centers in the USA and around the world: Australia, Canada, France, Italy, Republic of S. Africa, Spain, and 11 USA locations.

People needing eyeglasses for mission trips request quantities of recycled eyeglasses from a LERC and are responsible for: 1) Assuring the LERC that the eyeglasses will be given to needy people at no charge. 2) Providing shipping instructions and paying the cost of shipping. 3) Arranging customs clearance. 4) Reporting results of the mission within two weeks of completion (number of people served and number of people fitted with glasses).

**Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (TLERC)**, 2550 Flynt Ave., Midland, TX 79701. Please contact prior to sending large quantities of glasses (more than 1,000 pair). Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm; email [txlerc@gmail.com](mailto:txlerc@gmail.com); phone 432-683-3611; fax 432-684-7674. PDG Carolyn Keskitalo is the main TLERC contact person. If you do not get an answer when you first call, please call back at a different time. The TLERC organizes optical training teams composed of Lions, doctors and opticians to work with Lions of multiple districts in developing countries, and has developed training programs that may be useful to you, your Lions Club, or mission trips personnel: 1) How to create/operate an optical clinic with used eyeglasses; 2) How to create and operate a new/used eyeglass distribution center; 3) How to create/operate a finishing lab; 4) Photo-screening, Pedivision Screen, and Low Vision screening.

## **OLBR: Meadows of Hope Update**

by Colleen Fowler, OLBR Communications Director

The Meadows of Hope now has 3 operating homes with a total of 16 children, both boys and girls, ages 2 to 17 years of age; 14 of the 16 kids are in school this year. Back to school help would be great; we suggest gift cards for shoes, clothes and school supplies.

The great folks at the Stillwater Lowe's have chosen us for a great project! They will provide the materials and expertise needed to build an amazing playground for our kids.

But OLBR needs to match their volunteer employee effort on the playground build with Lion volunteers to help from 8am to 5pm on **Thursday, September 17**. If you can come out and give an hour or two of work or encouragement, we would welcome your help and enjoy working together! Please contact us at [info@olbr.org](mailto:info@olbr.org) or call us at (405) 547-2462 so we will know you or your group are coming! Great and exciting things are happening every day in the lives of our foster

care children, and we welcome you to come and be a part of it!





## Update: OK Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit (MHSU)

By Lion Marie Burns, OLSF Executive Director



The Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation operates the Oklahoma Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit (MHSU) when requested and sponsored by local Lions Clubs throughout the state. Many of the people tested live in rural areas with little or no access to a physician; many others are unwilling to seek regular medical care. The screening tests are totally free to the public; sponsoring local Lions Clubs pay a small fee and there are some corporate sponsors that also help a little with operational expenses. The OK Lions MHSU is equipped to screen for some of the most critical health concerns such as: glaucoma, diabetes, visual acuity, high blood pressure, cholesterol, obesity (body mass index), basic pulmonary (lung) functioning, and bone density. Glaucoma and diabetes are two of the leading causes of blindness, which is a major concern for Lions internationally. The vision screening test is especially important for quality of life. High blood pressure and cholesterol levels, if left undetected and untreated, can cause many heart-related problems and are most often void of apparent symptoms. Osteoporosis is a significant health threat, especially in women over forty years old, and the MHSU bone density screening machine helps detect possible problems in this area.

In continuous operation since 1997-98, the OK Lions MHSU has helped detect life-threatening issues for many Oklahoma citizens. However, the OK Lions MHSU purpose does not include actual diagnoses, so those people failing one or more screening tests will need to pursue follow-up medical care. Sponsoring Lions Clubs are therefore encouraged to offer resource options through a local medical service guide for those needing follow-up medical care, especially needed for those who do not have health insurance.

Scheduling the OK Lions MHSU may sometimes be difficult; i.e., some clubs want the MHSU on the same date and only the first club to reserve gets the MHSU. It would be best to schedule the event far in advance to insure you have the opportunity to offer services to your community.

The OK Lions MHSU serves Oklahoma communities through the sponsorship of Oklahoma Lions Clubs.

**Only local Lions Clubs in Oklahoma can schedule the MHSU and are responsible for having all volunteer positions manned during the visit, but at the very least have two Lion members present for insurance purposes.** Lions Clubs may need to partner with other service agencies to provide volunteers needed for a MHSU event, or to provide even more assistance to communities through special events such as health fairs. All Lion and non-Lion adult volunteers are trained on the testing machines and are bound by a confidentiality waiver. Statistics are maintained by the Driver/Manger and forms remain locked at the State Office.

To schedule the OK Lions MHSU a Lion must contact OLSF Executive Director Marie Burns at 405-947-6540 or by email: [exdir@oklionsfoundation.org](mailto:exdir@oklionsfoundation.org). Lion Marie is the only person doing the MHSU scheduling.

The Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation publishes a MHSU calendar of events on the website at: (copy and paste the following in your browser address box) <https://calendar.yahoo.com/olsfed/7519a564e144f88ed3006c7ea6692a6d?od=257>.

### MHSU August and September Events

**September 5, 2015:** Families of Sickle Cell Inc. Tulsa Ok-Langston LC

**September 10, 2015:** Payne County Expo September Fest -Stillwater Noon LC

**September 11, 2015:** Purcell LC for County Fair

**September 12, 2015:** Greater Shiloh Baptist Church OKC- Langston LC

**September 15, 16, 17, 2015:** Vinita LC

**September 18, 2015:** Newkirk LC

**September 19, 2015:** Garber LC

**September 25, 2015:** Midwest City LC

**September 26, 2015:** Idabel LC

### Cowboy Cadillac!

Well it is on! OLSF has begun the race to see which clubs have the highest sales this fall! More importantly this is the largest fundraiser for OLSF to support the Oklahoma Lions State Projects. While there have been a few changes, it is our hopes that this year it will be easier to promote the event and to track ticket sales. The 2015 new pickup winning ticket will be drawn at Stevens Ford in Enid on December 12, at 1:00 PM on the showroom floor. There will also be a prize drawn for each district so each District will be on a winning team!

**Remember tickets are only \$5** and this gives each person a **1 in 25,000 chance of winning**. Our goal is to raise \$115,000! We will still be honoring the \$30 sales for a Cowboy Cadillac pin and also buy 6 tickets and get 1 free.

If you have not received your packet for Cowboy Cadillac please let me know so I can send out your club information ASAP. (OLSF Executive Director Marie Burns, 405-947-6540 or cell 405-760-0904, email: [exdir@oklionsfoundation.org](mailto:exdir@oklionsfoundation.org))

Please remember this is to SERVE! While honors will still be given to the highest selling club "Per Capita" in each district, and to the top selling individual in the state, we have fun with this campaign to help others. It is an honor to serve and give to others in need! Each donation and ticket sold counts! Through your generosity and hard work many lives are changed..... forever!

### OK Lions Eye Bank

**New website:**

**[www.oklahomalionseyebank.org](http://www.oklahomalionseyebank.org)**



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**District 3-O**  
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A great group of leaders was present at our District 3-O officer training and first cabinet meeting on August 1 in Tulsa. We had a great time and some great presentations by some of our own. In the general session, First Vice District Governor Leanne Davis enlightened us on how to access and use the Lions University degree program. Zone Chairperson Billie Been gave a presentation on getting new members and how her club succeeded in that area last year. PCC Larry Wibben went into leadership with Presidents, Vice Presidents and Membership Chairs. District Secretary/Treasurer Wayne Middleton led his group in the do's and don'ts of those offices and PCC Linda Hughes apprised the Zone Chairs of their duties for the year. A big thank you goes to each of these 3-O leaders.

**CENTENNIAL SERVICE CHALLENGE AWARDS** and **CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION MEMBERSHIP AWARDS** should become a part of everyone's meetings. The Challenge Awards started last year and the Membership Awards started April of this year. If you do not know what these are, you still have some time (Centennial is 2017) to qualify for both individual and club awards from LCI. Find a computer, go to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org), go to Member Center and, then put the items listed above in the search box. It's like magic as the programs appear and the website explains all about them. If your club leaders haven't talked about it, you need to bring it up. It's too good to pass up.

A question all Lions need to answer this year is: Am I a conformer, a reformer or a transformer? We all fit into one of the categories. Here is a brief definition of each. **CONFORMER** acts in accordance with a group's prevailing standards, attitudes and practices. In other words, the conformer goes along with the crowd. **REFORMER** seeks to improve on the prevailing standards, attitudes and practices, especially by correcting abuses and trying to steer things back to the norm. **TRANSFORMER** looks to start over, to do a complete inside-out

change, so that, in effect, a new person or group with new standards, attitudes and practices emerges. What category do you and your club fit into? Don't be afraid of change!

Some great leaders over the last century have managed to **TRANSFORM** our once meager association into the largest service organization in the world. Those of you in leadership roles today need to be experimenting with ideas that will **TRANSFORM** your club into a district leader. I quote our International President Dr. Yamada on his thoughts for success. "Our club presidents have the power to succeed. They have the power to affect change. They have the power to **TRANSFORM** the way we do business. So I am asking club presidents to **TRANSFORM** the atmosphere of their club. **TRANSFORM** the club to one in which members feel confident and to one which works in unison with the community it serves, thereby garnering respect. Wouldn't it be wonderful if new members came to us instead of the other way around?" My thoughts exactly—it's amazing how great minds think alike!

## Dates to remember

**Zone A Meeting:** Sept. 29 at Golden Corral, 21<sup>st</sup> and Memorial, Tulsa. Meal is at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:00 with guest speaker Jim Stovall.

**District Convention:** Nov. 13/14 at Sequoyah State Lodge, east of Wagoner.

## Club News

**Dewey:** Held a cookout in the park on July Fourth.

**Muskogee Noon:** Collected 480 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling, furnished 4 pairs of new eyeglasses to those in need, and received \$5,000 from the John Rogers Trust to be used for scholarships at Hilldale, Muskogee and Parkview schools. The club honored long time member James Gross with a LCI Life Membership.

**Pawhuska:** Donated \$100 to the school supply program ran by the First United Methodist Church.

**Porter:** Collected 49 pairs of used eyeglasses (34 of which came from the Long Grove, IL Lions Club). Donated 13 eyeglass cases to a retirement center and will donate 2-1/2 bushels of peaches to the Wagoner Lions Golf Outing. The annual Peach Festival netted the club over \$12,000 this year!

**Sapulpa:** Purchased a club ad with the Sapulpa Chamber of Commerce (\$300).

**Tulsa Brookside:** Held their annual President's Dinner and installed officers presided over by PCC Linda Hughes. Long time Lion Dennis Foegen was honored with a LCIF Melvin Jones Fellowship.

**Tulsa Downtown:** Were honored to have PDG Gene Redford install officers at a recent club meeting. Held their annual President's Dinner and presented Jim Little the Dewey Hodges Lion of the Year Award and also honored Terry Rosenthal with a progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship.

**Wagoner:** Paid for 8 eye exams and donated \$200 to Wagoner Area Neighbors for school backpacks. Held annual Golf Outing on Aug. 7.

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## THE BONEYARD NEWS

(OK Lions Past District Governors' Club)  
By PCC Yolanda Middleton

On May 16, the OK Lions Boneyard held its "Spring Fling" with a trip to *The Castle* in Muskogee to attend the Renaissance Fair. Thanks to PDG's Billy and Cloye Thompson who made all the arrangements; we met at I-Hop for breakfast and then on to The Castle. From the time we entered the parking lot until we left, we (and a lot of other people) were surrounded by Knights in shining armor, Ladies in waiting, and many costumed attendees. In the afternoon we attended the Queen's Tea for little canapés, crumpets and hot tea served by the Queen's Stewards and Ladies. Oh yes, the Queen was there in queenly attire complete with tiara and jewels. Kent Ryals was 'volunteered' to assist with the entertainment and did us proud. Thank you again, Billy & Cloye! It was a great day even though we had to detour on some of the paths due to water puddles, but where was my Sir Galahad?

We are still taking orders for pavers to be placed in the Plaza in front of the Lions State Office. An order will go in late Sept. or early Oct. The order forms are at the State office or I will email you one ([yjmar@enid.com](mailto:yjmar@enid.com)). The Plaza pavers are for all Lions and friends/relatives who are great Lion supporters, not just Past District Governors. Also, a number of Lions Clubs have purchased a paver with the Club name and Charter date on it. I will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

The Fall 2015 Boneyard get-together is Sept. 26. We will meet at Eischen's in Okarche at 11:30am for lunch and then go to Kingfisher (just a few miles north) for a tour of the TG&Y Museum. TG&Y used to be the "go to" store before the days of Wal-Mart. It will be fun to see its history.



# LIONS OF OKLAHOMA DISTRICT 3-O CONVENTION

November 13-14, 2015

Sequoyah State Park Lodge  
(formerly Western Hills Lodge)

17131 Park 10, Hulbert, OK 74441 (8 mi. East of Wagoner on Hwy. 51)

918-772-2545



Please make your own reservations and mention that you are with the Lions Convention.

Room Rates vary from \$90 (room) to \$150 (suite) not including tax.

Reservations should be made prior to November 1st

by calling the lodge at **800-368-1486**.

## REGISTRATION FORM

LION/LEO: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Lion: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ First-timer??: \_\_\_\_\_

### Each Attendee Must be Registered

**Registration** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 each Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**6:00 pm Friday Hayride & S'mores**

**followed by Chuckwagon Style Dinner** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 each Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**at the Lodge (hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, and fixings)**

**Saturday Breakfast—On your own at the restaurant**

**Saturday Noon Buffet (brisket, fried** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 each Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**chicken, and trimmings)**

**Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*Please make check payable to District 3-O.*

*Mail with registration form prior to **November 1st** to:*

*Lion Wayne Middleton, District 3-O Secretary*

*2916 Kingston Dr.; Bartlesville, OK 74006-5822*

*Dress is casual—dress warm for hayride.*

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## District 3-K

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Wow, a month goes by fast! But, our district is off to a good start. We had our first quarterly cabinet meeting and club officer training on Sat., Aug. 8. A great big thank you goes out to Lions Les Walker and Russell Wright for conducting our secretary and treasurer training, to Lion Tony Dowell for conducting the zone chair training, to Lion Judy Elliott for preparing lunch for us and to Lion Mike Elliott for setting up the room and electronics. We had 27 Lions attend from: Ada, Ardmore, Atoka, Broken Bow, Coalgate, Hugo, Idabel, McAlester, Poteau, Shawnee, Seminole, Wanette, and Wewoka. I considered it a great success and I appreciate the dedication of everyone that gave up their Saturday to attend.



Our District Convention will be in Shawnee Jan. 22-23, with the Shawnee Lions hosting us. Lion Chris Thomas reports there is already a block of hotel rooms reserved for convention goers, so go ahead and call the Holiday Inn Express for your reservations now (405-275-8880); be sure and tell them you are with the Lions Club. The convention itself will be held at the Gordon Cooper Career Technology Center. We have big plans to introduce some new programs at this year's convention, so if you know someone that does a great workshop, please get with me or Lion Chris. We value your input to make our convention great.

We also viewed 2 videos at the cabinet meeting, both a great resource to be shown at a club meeting. One is about the founding of Lions Club International (download from [lionsclub.org](http://lionsclub.org)>News & Media>Videos>Lions Quarterly Archive>LQ-January 2015>"The Founding"); watch for the Oklahoma clubs listed. The other video was "ReMoved," and you should get a tissue before you hit the play button on this one that is shown in conjunction with the current Meadows of Hope foster care community at our OK Lions Boys Ranch. View this video by going to "YouTube Removed" or con-

tact one of our OLBR trustees.

If you missed out on the officer training on Aug. 8, be sure to view the webinars located on the [www.lionsuniversity.org](http://www.lionsuniversity.org). There are some awesome webinars for every officer position, including but not limited to President, Treasurer, Secretary, Zone Chairperson, and Tail Twister. I have personally watched all of these webinars and they are excellent; I especially like the Tail Twister. And if you haven't heard, Lions University has their webinars set up into different educational levels. So if you are the type of person that likes a challenge, check into getting a "Lions" Bachelor's or Master's degree. At the upcoming USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Grand Rapids, MI, the very first graduates will be receiving their diplomas. I will be there to collect mine!

This month I had the opportunity to visit Pocola and install officers, the first of many 3-K club visits I am looking forward to this year. Pocola is a small group, but we had a good time; we enjoyed pizza and Lion Ronnie Smith kept us laughing all night. Thank you for your hospitality!

Speaking of club visits, I have several scheduled but will continue to schedule more. I do, however, want to introduce all my clubs to my District Governor's Team. My right hand



My right hand woman is Second VDG Nancy Cook-Senn.

Our district consists of 35 clubs located all over the south-east corner of the state, from Pocola to Idabel to Haledton to Blanchard. I tell you this because our team has been encouraged to use the entire team to make official club visits. Our area of coverage is big now, but with the upcoming redistricting, it will become even more important for the entire DG team to be used to make visits.

Don't forget! The Leadership Forum is right around the corner: Sept. 17-19 in Grand Rapids, Michigan; it's not too late to sign up, but it's getting really close. For more information go to <http://lionsforum.org/> or email [registrar@lionsforum.org](mailto:registrar@lionsforum.org) or phone 605 723-4007.

**Dates to remember:** Playground Build @ OK Lions Boys Ranch on Sept. 17, and Club Excellence Award Application Deadline of Sept. 30. Future 3-K Club events: Talihina Lions will

have their 84<sup>th</sup> annual Street Carnival on Oct. 3. Ardmore Lions will assist DOT Foods in the Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's on Oct. 24. Wanette Lions will hold their annual Turkey Shoot in October, and the Shawnee Lions will hold their annual Chili Feast in February.

**Facebook Pages to visit:** District 3K facebook page and the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch

**Websites to visit:** [www.lionsclub.org](http://www.lionsclub.org), [www.oklahomalions.org](http://www.oklahomalions.org), [www.LionsUniversity.org](http://www.LionsUniversity.org).

## 3-K Club Activities

**Ardmore:** Assisted with the Ardmore Cities in Schools Summer Program, a literacy based program for children Pre-K through fifth grade. Each day the Lions enjoyed serving lunch and interacting with over 400 children. Installed new officers for 2015-2016 with Gay Celcer as President. Lion Lori Linney was honored with the Lion of the Year Award. The club honored Lion Lynnette Barnes for 15 years of service and Lion Gay Celcer for 10 years of service to Lionism and to the community.

**Atoka:** Charles McCall III presented the first C.A. "Barney" McCall Community Service Award to Alice Withrow for over 45 years of service to the Atoka County community as librarian.

**Pocola:** Held their Spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Aug. 16. (pictured below)



**Sallisaw:** They just finished their big fundraiser, the annual Sallisaw Lions Rodeo. Don't have the final numbers yet, but things appeared to have gone very well.

**Shawnee:** Check on **Facebook** for the picture of Lion Shawn Hatch greets author Alton Carter, who shares his childhood story in his book **The Boy Who Carried Bricks**. "Abandoned by his father, neglected by his mother, shuttled between foster homes and Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch for most of his formative years, a young man refuses to succumb to the fate that the world says should be his."



2015-2016

## District 3-L

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By the time most of you receive this newsletter Labor Day weekend has just started or finished up. Hope all District 3-L Lions are rested up for all the service projects and activities coming up.

With school underway and Children's Dignity Week just finishing up (and hope to hear all the great things that happened during this week), I found a little story that I share: *The teacher said, "Take a pencil and paper and write an essay with the title 'If I Were a Millionaire.'" Everyone but Joe, who leaned back with arms folded, began to write feverishly. "What's the matter," the teacher asked. "Why don't you begin?" "I'm waiting for my secretary," Joe replied. Kids say the darndest things.*

Our newly appointed Zone and Region Chairpersons are busy working on meeting with clubs in their zone and assisting in anyway needed. It is that time of year to make sure you order your LCI Peace Poster kits and getting with your local school. We have decided on the theme for this year's Governors' Youth Speech Contest open to all ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade students including home-schooled students: "How can I bring peace through dignity and harmony to others through humanitarian service?" The Governors' Adult Speech Contest topic is "Bringing dignity and harmony to others through humanitarian service."

### Welcome New 3-L Members

**Duncan Noon:** Lion Summer Treece sponsored by Lion Phyllis Daughtrey

**Hobart:** Lion Peata Eugene Jackson

**Waurika:** Lion Robert Cleveland sponsored by Ruby Benson

### LIONS WORKING TOGETHER

**Canute:** Helped worked the Rodeo of Champions Lions concession stands and put up flags for Labor Day.

**Duncan Evening:** Sponsored a Ride for Sight Poker Run, purchased eyeglasses for 1 adult and collected 125 pairs of used eyeglasses.

**Elk City:** Honored 2 sixth graders from Grandview School. Flags were put out with our partnership with Elk City FFA for Labor Day.

**Elk City Lioness:** Helped worked the Rodeo of Champions Lions concession stands.

**Frederick:** Lion Ralph Heap was presented his 60-year chevron by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG JP Williams and Lion Ralph gave a brief history of his Lion's experiences. Lion Marge Williams gave a Kids Sight First program and training session.

**Lawton Noon:** After accepting the challenge

to be Helen Keller's "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness" in 1925, the Lions have worked ever since on sight programs that take aim at preventing blindness. Lions Dined (lunch) in the Dark on Aug. 21, experiencing a bit of what those who are blind deal with on a

daily basis. The prospect of eating in the dark while blindfolded was intimidating and members had mixed feelings about it; however, the Lawton Leos were there to assist those who participated. The program was presented by Lions Tom and Kay Love of Lawton Noon. Lion Kay, one of our most courageous Lions who has been blind for some years due to diabetes, gave an inspirational talk on her personal experience with blindness, which made the meal even more memorable. The Lawton-Fort Sill community sponsored another annual Back-to-School Bash at Elmer Thomas Park to give away backpacks, school



supplies and school clothes; the Lawton Noon and Patriot Lions withstood the Oklahoma heat to screen kids using the Kid-Sight USA

Spot Vision camera, just in time for the beginning of school. Lions also provided vision screening for ASYMCA childcare facility and at the Armed Services YMCA; 29 children between the ages of 6 months and 5 years received screenings. Their parents were given a printout of any vision abnormalities, such as near- or far sightedness or lazy eye, to take to an eye care professional for further evaluation. District 3L First Vice District Governor, Daniel Farrell, who is from the Lawton Noon Lions Club, says that even before children go to school, it is critical for them to get their eyes checked. "It is important that any

problems be identified at the earliest possible time as some things cannot be fixed after the age of 7." Farrell said.

**Lawton Patriots:** In addition to helping with the above reported vision screenings for children, they purchased eyeglasses for 2 adults referred by Salvation Army, and recycled 25 lbs. of tin cans, 25 lbs. of plastic, 25 lbs. of newspaper and 50 lbs. of shredded paper.

**Mangum:** The LCI Peace Poster Kit has been issued to Mangum Middle School for their submission to the contest. Purchased headphones for the third grade classes at Edison Elementary.

**Marlow:** Had a very successful raffle for a Gator (ATV).

**Mustang:** Lion Bob Jennings has been club treasurer for 30 years and club secretary-treasurer for 15 years.

**Rush Springs:** First VDG Dan Farrell attended his first Watermelon Festival and we heard the Lions car show was a success.

**Waurika:** Second VDG J. P. Williams made an official visit on my behalf and learned the club has 4 fundraisers a year and 3 service events; main ones are the golf tournament and rattle snake festival.

### Dates To-Remember

Sep. 26: Duncan Evening Lions Ride for Sight Poker Run

Oct. 3: District 3-L cabinet meeting to be hosted by the Chickasha Lions; place to be announced

Oct. 15: Frederick Lions will host the OK Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit as well as having a BBQ Brisket Dinner

Oct. 15-18: Watonga Cheese Festival; Lions will flip hamburgers for October fundraiser.



3-L Cabinet meeting and training pictured above.

**District 3-A**

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**Greetings to all 3-A Lions**

We had our first training for officers of our Clubs at Garber EMS and first Cabinet meeting at the Methodist Church following a great meal. We had 3 great instructors at the training: PCC Charles Michael, Jr. had a great program on the Club Excellence Program (CEP); we will be following up at club meetings this year. PDG Terry Woodruff trained the Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers along with teaching all Lions about Lionism and their duties. PDG Darlene Schulz trained the region and zone chairs, updating them on their duties this year and reminding them that they are the ones to help the Clubs with their programs and help me to know more about all the 3-A Clubs, and how we can work together to improve our communication and be able to help each other.

I plan on this "helping each other" in asking someone to join us in our Clubs so we can be on the right track to keep our Clubs active and to keep growing. It has been a problem with most Clubs as we get older. We need to remember the newer members have good ideas and we need to listen, but we need to keep in mind the older members have kept the Clubs going in the past. So, let's work together in projects and try out some new ideas and not just the same ones over and over. Let us all try together and we might be surprised at the good outcomes.

**3-A Club Activities**

**Fairview:** Vision screening with free individual eyeglasses to students of the week, and hamburger fry and golf tournament fundraiser to help Ministerial Alliance and school supplies for

children

**Garber:** Purchased and installed air conditioner for a man with terminal cancer. Hosted 3-A training and cabinet meeting.

**Laverne:** Four Lions helped with monthly food boxes and fed 75 adults and 81 children. They also put up new Lions sign on the highway (*pictured at the bottom of the page*).

**North Enid:** Put out flags at Lions Park and North Enid Park, and had Christmas in July for YWCA Women's Crisis Center. Fed the teachers at Chisholm Schools. *Pictured to the above right is the North Enid Lions' concessions trailer.*

**Ponca City Noon:** Had Kids' Eyesight trailer at **Crazy Days**, and screened a total of 115 with 13 referrals in 3 hours. *Pictured below.*

**Northern Oklahoma E Lions**

**branch:** Did concessions at MOTX track in Ponca City.

**Ponca City Cubbies and Leos:** Held fundraisers at Papa Murphy's Pizza and Schlotzsky's with 20 Cubbies and 6 Leos. *Pictured below with Lion Jerri Barnes.*





2015-2016



## District 3-H

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**Langston City:** Lions served beverages to 300 attendees of the annual Langston City Juneteenth Celebration.

**Midwest City:** Lions took a load of sorted, used eyeglasses to the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Midland.

**Newcastle Community:** Several members utilized the OKC West Side Lions' Wheel game in a booth at the "Fill the Bus Event" in Newcastle. Several hundred kids came to play the game at the booth again and again, winning prizes such as note pads, pencils, bouncy balls & Finger Cuffs.

**OKC Downtown:** Donates \$500 monthly each to New View for low vision aids and to Skyline Urban Ministry to help residents in need get eye exams and eyeglasses.

**OKC Northwest:** Collected 874 pairs of used eyeglasses and 52 pairs of lenses for recycling. Held Officer Installation Dinner with PID Pat Shurley as installing officer. Donated to OLSF in honor of speakers and \$1,000 to LCIF. Several members attended 3-H cabinet meeting and officer training.

**OKC West Side:** Continued to purchase eye exams and eyeglasses for people in need; continued Mobile Meals.

**Perry:** Sponsored an elementary school Track Meet, served watermelon at the lake on July 4<sup>th</sup> and picked up trash on their designated 2-mile stretch of highway. They also presented scholarships, helped with the Soup Kitchen, recycled eyeglasses and printer cartridges and purchased eyeglasses for those in need. Donated \$100 to the Cherokee Strip Historical Society museum and \$50 to the high school cheerleaders to help them produce their annual calendar.

**Prague:** Continues to do well with their Flag Fundraiser and had a great response for the Fourth of July. Prague Lions also continue to support students with scholarship money and are looking forward to the Jan. Chili Supper.

**Stillwater Noon and eBranch Club:** Are recycling hearing aids, promoted Lions with photos in local newspapers and their own Facebook page. They presented scholarships, recycled used eyeglasses and printer cartridges.

**Stroud:** Club has been a leader for the OK Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit; they just finished a successful July 9<sup>th</sup> Health Fair and plan one for Oct. in conjunction with the Stroud Medical Center. They are currently giving away box fans to elderly community members in need and are looking forward to their Dec. Pancake Dinner.

**The Village:** Held their Pat Harrington Memorial 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show on Aug. 22; 127 classic cars entered and gross profit was over \$2,500. Collected and delivered to state office over 200 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling.



Newcastle Community Lions Jeremy Keith, Meleah Montgomery, Stephanie Keith & Allison Erskine at "Fill the Bus."



SIXTY FOUR YEARS of LION service in 97 or 98 years. He's not telling. Cushing Lions wished PDG R. G. "Hoppy" Haufeisch Happy Birthday recently and thanked him for his service.

**OKC Capitol Hill:** Pres. Jim White and VP Travis Yadon inducted 2 new members on Aug. 20. Lions are selling \$5 raffle tickets to win 2 tickets to the OU/Texas football game; drawing Oct. 1.



Pictured above are Lion Nancy Russell, sponsor of new Lion Gloria Lopez, Lion Jim White, Lion Travis Yadon, sponsor of new (and former) Lion

### Greetings, fellow 3-H Lions.

I hope you have survived another Oklahoma Summer. Cooler weather is on its way. Our district started the month with our first Cabinet Meeting at OKC West Side Town Hall on Aug. 1. We had a great turnout with several club officers coming to present their club reports personally. That was exciting. A big Thank You to OKC West Side Town Hall and Lions Marvin and Mary Ainsworth for getting things set up and for the hospitality. Officer Training, hosted by Cushing Lions at the Cushing First Methodist Church was Aug. 8; a big THANK YOU for the 21 Lions who took time out of their weekend to attend. A second Officer Training is being planned in the OKC area. I had the honor to make an Official Visit to the OKC Northwest Lions Club and to OKC Westside Lions Club.

The OLSF Cowboy Cadillac campaign is underway with the drawing in Dec. in Enid. If you do not have your tickets let me or Marie Burns at the state office know and we will get them to you. Remember it is for the benefit of the Meadows of Hope at the OK Lions Boys Ranch and the OK Lions Eye Bank.

I am ready to make Official Visits to your Lions Club so just let me know when I can visit. Drop me an e-mail at [mooneytunes@cox.net](mailto:mooneytunes@cox.net). I am here to serve YOU.

### District 3-H Club Activities

**Carney:** Purchased school supplies for the Carney School teachers to benefit the students.

**Cushing:** Held their golf fundraiser on Aug. 22.

**Edmond:** Lori Bowman told 15 Lions about the Harold Hamm Diabetes Center (OUHSC-OKC) on Aug. 11. After the meeting, President Shurley showed the Lions Wheels Patch that was awarded to the club at the State convention. Special recognition was given to Carl Breazeale for his outstanding 2014 OLSF Cowboy Cadillac tickets sales.

**Guthrie:** Presented \$1,000 college scholarships.

**Harrah:** Helped sponsor a S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) workshop for Eastern Oklahoma County teachers. The club also provided each Harrah teacher that attended the workshop a \$100 stipend. The Club awarded a \$500 scholarship to a graduating Harrah High School student, and also gave each Harrah elementary school \$500 to help with their education needs. Lions continue to enroll Harrah residents in their USA Flag project and now have over 100 subscribers.





Pictured, Council Chairperson Dee Carson (right) presents 3-H First Vice District Governor Troy Jenkins (left) with a Certificate of Appreciation for the Lions of Oklahoma from the Oklahoma Disaster and Recovery Project (ODRP). Lion Troy is the chairperson of the Oklahoma Lions Disaster Relief (Lions ALERT) Committee. The certificate, dated June 18, 2015, cited extraordinary efforts working in partnership with ODRP and the local Long-Term Recovery Committees in helping Oklahomans recover from the 2013 Spring Storms.

### Frederick Lions Club has 60-year member (from Press-Leader.com, Lion Cheryl Orr)

Pictured is District 3-L Second Vice District Governor John P. Williams presenting a certificate of achievement to Frederick Lion Ralph Heap.

"Sixty years ago on May 23, 1955, a much younger Ralph Heap was working on cars in a local automobile garage when a respected friend Roy Emenhiser showed up around lunch time. Heap recalls Emenhiser said, "Come on, go with me." Heap was not sure where they were headed, but followed his friend to the Grand Hotel. They entered the Blue Room and Heap found himself joining the Frederick Lions Club. The same club where he actively attends today and holds the longest tenure of any Lion." Heap, who is 91 years old, summarized his philosophy about community service: "I always thought, if you can help a young kid up, you was doing what the Lord told you to do." **We Serve.**



Pictured to the left: District 3-H Governor Jacquie Mooney presents a framed copy of her winning Environmental Photo Contest for Lions Clubs International to Lori Miller, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank. Mooney's photo not only won in her category of landscapes but also won Best of Show and is featured on the cover of the 2016 LCI Environmental Photo Calendar that is available for purchase for \$5 from LCI ([www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)).

The photo is entitled "The Eye of the Needle" and was taken by Mooney on a trip to South Dakota. "When viewed from the right perspective, the moon centered in the rock opening makes a perfect "human" eye, representing the importance of sight conservation to Lions," said Mooney.

Mooney encourages Lions to enter this year's LCI Environmental Photo Contest. Information is available online at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) or by contacting the OK Lions state office.



2015-2016 Multiple District 3 Lions of Oklahoma Council: left to right, Council Chairperson Dee Carson, 3-O Governor Mike Fritz, 3-K Governor Stephanie Pettett, 3-L Governor Karen Blanton, 3-A Governor Joe Chandler, 3-H Governor Jacque Mooney, and Vice Council Chairperson Sue Thompson; all at the Council meeting held August 15, 2015, at the OKC West Side Lions Town Hall in OKC

### Dr. Eugene S. Briggs Memorial Scholarship Foundation OKC Community Foundation Matching Grant Opportunity

As announced at the Briggs Board meeting on Aug. 15, the OCCF is doing a 2015 Scholarship Match, an opportunity to increase an endowment fund balance.

There will be a one-for-two dollar match up to \$5,000, and if \$10,000 is contributed, the OCCF will match it with \$5,000, increasing the endowment by \$15,000. Partial amounts will be matched.

Contributions should be made directly to the OCCF and in the Memo Line put that it is for the Dr. Briggs Scholarship fund. Mail to OCCF, Dr. Briggs Scholarship Fund, PO Box 1146, Oklahoma City OK 73101-1146. You may also donate by credit card online at [www.occf.org/onlinegiving](http://www.occf.org/onlinegiving).

Individual Lions and Lions Clubs, this is an excellent opportunity to grow this endowment. Growth may help fund more or greater scholarship amounts in the future.

## Oklahoma Lions State Calendar 2015-2016

Contact OK Lions State Office to add Calendar items

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Get a current calendar online at [www.oklahomalions.org](http://www.oklahomalions.org)

### September 2015

#### Membership Focus on Students and Leo Lions

<b>Sept. 4-6</b>	Elk City Rodeo of Champions, <b>Elk City Lions/Lioness and Canute Lions Clubs' Concession</b>	<b>Sept. 19</b>	<b>Fairview LC pulled pork</b> at FRMC fundraiser
<b>Sept. 5</b>	<b>Fairview LC Burger Fry</b> at Gloss Mtns. Car Show	<b>Sept. 26</b>	<b>Duncan LC Ride for Sight Poker Run</b> , 8:30am, free lunch, first 25 registered get free tee-shirts; Lion Debi Tate 580-252-9007 or Lion George Hazelbaker 580-252-1241
<b>Sept. 7</b>	Labor Day holiday, OK Lions state office closed		
<b>Sept. 8</b>	International Literacy Day	<b>Sept. 26</b>	OK Lions Boneyard Outing: 11:30am lunch at Eischen's In Okarche then T.G.&Y. museum tour (Kingfisher)
<b>Sept. 10-12</b>	Garfield County Fair at Fairgrounds; Lions do blood glucose screenings.	<b>Sept. 30</b>	Deadline for Club and District Team Excellence Awards
<b>Sept. 12</b>	<b>OLBR Board Training</b> Day, 10am-2pm, OLBR Campus south of Perkins		
<b>Sept. 12</b>	<b>District 3-H Club Officer Training</b> , 9am-noon, OKC West Side Lions Town Hall, 4135 NW 10th St.		
<b>Sept. 12</b>	<b>Barnsdall Community LC Fun Night in the Park/ Fireworks</b>		
<b>Sept. 17</b>	<b>OLBR Playground Build in conjunction with Lowe's Heroes</b> , 8am, Meadows of Hope campus just south of Perkins. Lion volunteers are needed to help with land scape and grounds work to fulfill the Pledge for Lowe's to provide the playground equipment and labor to build it. Come on out and join the work detail for a fun day helping the new families and kids!		
<b>Sept. 17-19</b>	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Grand Rapids MI		

#### MD-3 Governors' Speech Contest for 2015-2016

Youth: *How can I bring peace through dignity and harmony to others through humanitarian service?*

Adult: *Bringing dignity and harmony to others through humanitarian service*

Details online at [www.oklahomalions.org](http://www.oklahomalions.org)