

THE

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LION

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WHY DOES AN OKLAHOMA LION WANT TO GO TO STATE CONVENTION?

Fun: First and foremost a Lions convention should be fun! And the 2014 convention in Norman will be both exciting and fun!

Fellowship: Get to know Lions from other clubs around the state. Share ideas and interests.

Honor: Youth and their service and ideas. Our Oklahoma Native American Indian Heritage. Our Oklahoma Veterans who served in U.S. military operations both stateside and abroad. Oklahoma Lions who give exemplary service in their clubs, districts and state. Oklahoma Lions who served but died during the past year. Oklahoma's Lion District Governors for their service to their clubs, districts and state Lions for 2013-2014. Lions Clubs International and its Foundation for its leadership and service to clubs and in humanitarian efforts around the world

Learn: Bullying-the social problem that affects both youth and adults, and how Lions can help raise awareness and directly impact the effect of bullying on our youth. Gain respect for other cultures and the diversity of our people by attending the Native American Indian Culture/Heritage seminar. Learn what Lions are doing to serve and

honor U. S. Military Veterans by attending the Project New Hope seminar and visiting displays concerning services for veterans. What World Services for the Blind in Little Rock, AR has done to revitalize and modernize its employment training programs for severely visually impaired persons in several states, including Oklahoma, and what Oklahoma Lions can do to help Oklahomans in need of this type of training. What local organizations are doing to assist persons in need by training dogs for multiple service areas

Service: The Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch to severely neglected and abused youth. The Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank to restore vision by collecting/supplying tissue for corneal transplant surgeries and research. The Dr. Eugene Briggs Memorial Foundation which provides scholarships to post-high school students statewide. The Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation for its work in raising funds for Oklahoma Lions state projects. Youth – the future of our communities, our state, our country and our world – what Lions are doing and can do to help.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Oklahoma Lions State Convention which will be

April 25-26, 2014, in Norman! Registration form is available on-line at www.oklahomalions.org or by calling 405-947-6540 or emailing lionadmin@coxinet.net or liondawn@cox.net



Patrick Redbird

Why do District Governors make "official" club visits?

The International Association of Lions Clubs (LCI) requires every District Governor or other member of the DG team under the Governor's supervision to visit each Lions Club in their district once every year to facilitate successful administration of the club. The visiting district officer must submit a District Governor's Meeting/Club Visitation Report to LCI for each visit. The purposes of a club visitation are to:

- Ensure the visited club is functioning within the rules and policies of the association (LCI) and are conducting meaningful humanitarian service on a regular basis.
- Convey messages from the LCI president and board of directors as well as the district.
- Promote membership growth, leadership development and service activities within the club.
- Explore, together with club members, the club's future growth plan and improvement.
- Discuss difficulties, if any, and possible solutions. *Taken from the International Association of Lions Club's Board Policy Manual (revised 10/13)*

Council Chairman Corner

Lion Larry Wibben

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MD3 MEMBERSHIP

3-O 949, 3-K 935, 3-L 816, 3-A 969, 3-H 833

178 CLUBS 3-O 41, 3-K 36, 3-L 38, 3-A 37, 3-H 26

	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	4,511	4,563
Added Members	16	327
Dropped Members	25	388
Closing Balance	4,502	4,502
Net Gain/Loss	-9	-61

History a look back Beginning in 1917, [Melvin Jones](#), a 38-year-old Chicago business leader, asked a simple and world changing question – “What if people put their talents to work improving their communities?” Many of the original Lions clubs (Founders club) are still serving their communities. Just three years after our founding, Lions became Lions Clubs International when we established the first club in Canada. Mexico followed in 1927. In the 1950s and 1960s international growth accelerated, with new clubs in Europe, Asia and Africa. Almost 100 years later, Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest service club organization, with 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs.

Our History, Oklahoma has been part of the Lions clubs since the early beginnings. We have several Founders clubs serving their communities. Starting with the 1947-1948 term the districts of O, K, L, A, came into existence. This district configuration existed until membership increased, redistricting and introduction of Districts H, and M in 1963-1964 term. The membership continued to grow and starting with the 1979-1980 term, redistricting created District N, making a total of **seven** districts in Oklahoma. The seven districts would remain until membership had dwindled and redistricting became necessary once again.

Oklahoma went from seven to five districts. The start of the five districts would be the 1994-1995 term. We have remained with the five districts as membership continues to decrease. Unless we dramatically increase our state wide membership, the possibility of redistricting is looming over our state, and once again dropping to four districts O, K, L, A the original 1947-1948 four districts, maybe even dropping to three, in order to have 1250 members per district. If the rate of the losses continue we will drop into the 4400 range for total membership by the end of 2013-2014 term. Are we willing to let membership decrease?

How do we fix this? First a THANK YOU to the Lions responsible for the 327 new members this year. Retention has to be part of the membership effort. It seems that we can bring in new members, but retaining members is not a priority. Starting at the club level we need to do a better job of retention working hand in hand with recruiting new members. By working together, communicating, let the other clubs know about your club upcoming activities, talk about Lions to others (people know about Lions, **just ask**) and it is up to members to be active. Together we can make a difference. Start today. Keep yourself and other members informed. Who has visited LCI web site lately? How many clubs have web site? Do other clubs know about your web site? Has your membership committee initiated a plan for increasing membership, and shared it with your club? Is your club active in the district and state activities, Zone meetings, conventions, etc.? Is your club actively participating in other club functions and activities? Somewhere along the way I feel we have lost the club interaction, and communication up and down the chain. We have cell phones, email, texting, web sites, social media, and snail mail. Yet the information about club activities seems to remain in the clubs corner of the world. Family time is important, why not make Lion activities part of that family time, let the next generation know the importance of giving back to the community, family time can also be time for children to see the benefit of belonging. As we are starting the last six months of the Lion year., we continue to loose members. A look back over the last 20 years (1994-2014) reveals a drastic and disturbing trend. It is the responsibility of each Lions member to help increase membership. If history was to repeat itself let it be the part pertaining to membership growth and increase in the number of districts.

Guidelines for the Oklahoma Trading Pin Contest for 2014-2015

1. Only Lions may enter; each Lion may submit only **one entry**. The Club may submit an entry as a group effort, or hold a club contest of individual designs selecting the representative design.
2. All entries must be received no later than March 1, 2014; mail all entries to Lions of Oklahoma, 4123 NW 10th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73107-5801
3. The pin must represent Oklahoma Lions and not an individual area or region.
4. The design (drawing) will be submitted on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper or art board.
5. The design will be no smaller than 3" x 5" or larger than 4" x 6"- this will provide the pin company with an adequate sample to produce the pin. Actual size will be determined by the designing company and pin coordinator,
6. A short narrative will accompany the design explaining the meaning and color representation.
7. The initial design will be selected by the state pin committee and be submitted to the incoming governors at the state convention or at their March training.
8. The winning design will be announced at the State Convention.
9. The winning design will be given to the appropriate pin committee member and sent for final art development and production. Upon receipt of the finished pin the Lions of Oklahoma State Office will have them available (following the 2014 International Convention).
10. Any questions or clarification of these guidelines may be directed to PDG Bill Middleton, 580-233-1771 e-mail lionbill@swbell.net.

Guidelines for Oklahoma Leo Trading Pin Contest 2014-2015

1. Each Club may submit only **one entry**. The Club may submit an entry as a group effort, or hold a club contest of individual designs selecting the representative design.
2. All entries must be received NLT March 1, 2014. Mail or give all entries to PDG Bill Middleton, 2106 Constitution Ave., Enid, OK 73703
3. The pin must represent Oklahoma Leos and not an individual area or region.
4. The design (drawing) will be submitted on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper or art board.
5. The design will be no smaller than 3" x 5" or larger than 4" x 6"- this will provide the pin company with an adequate sample to produce the pin. Actual size to be determined by the designing company and pin coordinator,
6. A short narrative will accompany the design explaining the meaning and color representation.
7. Only Oklahoma Leos may enter the contest.
8. The initial design will be selected by Leos at the State Lions Convention. Judges (Leo's) will be selected at random from registered Leos at the State Convention. Lions from the Oklahoma Pin Trading Club will be selected to **assist and advise** the judging. The winning design will be announced at the State Convention.
9. The design will be given to the appropriate pin committee member and sent for final art development and production. Upon receipt of the finished pin the Oklahoma Lions Pin Trading Club will forward the pins to the Oklahoma Leo Clubs on consignment with suggested selling price and method to reimburse the trading club.
10. Any questions or clarification of this guideline may be directed to: PDG Bill Middleton, 580-233-1771 e-mail lionbill@swbell.net.

2013-2014



District 3-O

Governor
Elmer Enyart

Hello from District 3-O

Today I want to speak about **Family**. As Lions we are part of a different kind of family. Our family doesn't require any biological relationship to one another. We are family because we share a common belief that by working together we can accomplish great things and change the world through **Service**.

It is important we value our club members as family. The strength of our organization, our family, lies within the base of our clubs and our members. By keeping members involved, instilling pride and treating them with mutual respect as we would our own family, our clubs will be successful. Our philosophy should be **MY CLUB, MY FAMILY**. Give others the opportunity to be a part of your LIONS family.

As of the last day of December 2013 we no longer have our Tulsa Red Fork Lions Club. We want all of them to know how much we appreciate all the years of service they gave and pray they all find another club to call home. We do not want to lose members of "our family" just because they disbanded their club!

3-O Club Activities

Barnsdall Community: Held a breakfast on Dec. 14 in which they lost money but have already decided to try again next year but to make some changes on how they advertise and where it will be held in order to save money on this project. The club thanks everyone for their at the Nursing Home for their Christmas celebration; it was a great gathering. Barnsdall Community Lions' Chili Cook-off will be held Feb. 22, 5-7:30pm at the Barnsdall Community Center on the west side of Wells Feed Store on Birch Street. On Mar. 29 the club will help with the STEP and Daisy B. B. Gun Program at Pharaoh Ranch.

Bartlesville Tuxedo: Had a successful four week sale of Christmas trees. They constructed a small building to use since their trailer had fell into disrepair. They also finished a tenth sponsorship of eye screening for children in local daycare centers.

Coweta: Visited the Carriage Crossing Retirement Community at their Christmas party with fruit baskets and other gifts.

Muskogee County: Presented their annual awards, including Lion of the Year Tara Strandridge, Recruiter of the Year Mark Yanz, and Past Presidents Greg Sorenson and Dale Swaidner. Also on Jan. 20 Zone Chair Jim Marsh presented a Lions Chevron for 15 years of service to Robert Warren. On Feb. 8, Lions will help build house parts for Habitat for Humanity at the Muskogee Civic Center.

Muskogee Noon: Hosted the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation's Cowboy Cadillac drawing on Nov. 23, 2013. Even though the District 3-O Mid-winter Convention was going on they still managed to have a very good drawing event. There was a lot of appreciation from those who attended. The club members strongly supported this project and even donated some refreshments. Muskogee Noon Lions want everyone to know they are "still alive and kicking!"

Okmulgee: Lions rang bells for the Salvation Army. "We do this in competition with the Rotary Club and WE WON!" Club helped 2 adults buy eyeglasses. Donated to Open Gate to help pay for food for the needy and bought Christmas gifts for 16 angels from the Angel Tree. One Okmulgee Lion organizes and collects coats for those in need. Okmulgee Lions Club is proud to still be getting new members and having great programs. Welcome new members Kitty Horn and Heather Sumner from all of us in District 3-O!

Pawhuska: Bought a gas card for \$75 for a man in town who has been driving for months to go see his sick wife in the hospital out of town. Gave a food card from IGA for \$75 to a family in town whose son just died.

Porter: Bagged 246 bags of candy and fruit for the Porter Christmas parade held on Dec. 20.

Tahlequah: Working on funding methods for their proposed 501(C)(3) account. Planning on bringing in more of the community to the Lions as opposed to having only college students

Tulsa Metro-McCullough: Donated \$200 to Meals On Wheels and \$150 to OK Lions Boys Ranch at their Christmas party. Awarded \$500 PIP Bob McCullough Scholarship to OSU medical student. Raised \$828 for the OK Lions Service Foundation through the sale of Cowboy Cadillac tickets. Collected \$580 with club fundraiser of selling pie tickets for Village Inn pies. Club held annual Christmas Party.

Wagoner: The annual Bowling Tournament at Wagoner Bowl will be Sat., Feb. 22, starting at 10:00 am. The cost is \$80 for a 4- person team and lane sponsorships are \$100 each; rules 9 pin no tap and eligibility is open to all. There will be prize for High Team, 2nd High Team, High Man and High Woman. During Dec., the club paid for 3 eye exams and 4 pairs of eyeglasses (total \$330). In calendar year 2013 club purchased 34 eye exams and 40 pairs of eyeglasses for a total of **\$3,440**.

Wyandotte: Took December off after the club's Christmas Party but are now back and already working on their only fundraiser which is the North South Senior Football Game held every year in May. Definite date will be announced in a later issue.



2013 Pin Traders Convention. Top Picture Kent Clovis, Charles Michael Jr. and Scott Corson. Bottom Picture Charles Michael Jr. and Travis Cummins.

FORTY YEARS A LION

Lion Jim Marsh of the Wagoner Lions Club received a chevron award from Lions Clubs International for his continuous years as a Lions Club member. Lion Marsh was a Charter member of the N.E.W. Lions in District 5M-2 in Minnesota before moving to Wagoner in 2004. At the November District 3-O Convention held in Vinita, the old guy was given an International President's Certificate of Appreciation by International Director Donal Knipp, especially for Lion Jim's work this year as zone chair. During his time with the Lions, Marsh has held all offices at the club level, many more than once, along with Zone Chair, Region Chair, LCIF Chair and News Editor at the District level.

2013-2014

District 3-K



Governor
Daryl Pults

Charge!

Football season has just finished, and I can imagine that before the players entered the Super Bowl game they were ready to **charge!** That is the cry often heard when teams meet in a game, and that is the challenge I am giving our Lions Clubs in District 3-K.

The past half year, our clubs have done a good job bringing in new members. The last time I checked our membership reports we had added 67 new members and dropped 65 members, giving us a net gain of 2 members so far this year. It has been over 10 years since our district has had a net gain in membership. We are now in a position to finish this year in the gain column, so let us take up the challenge and **CHARGE** to the goal line with a net gain!

I am facing knee replacement surgery Feb.. My doctor wanted me to do this last fall, but I told him I was too busy. He told me I had better get it done soon, or I will have some unwanted complications. I pray that it goes well and I have a speedy recovery; however, I realize the rehab takes a few weeks or even months. I hope I am doing well by state convention time. I ask you to keep me in your prayers during the surgery and rehab. Thank you.

Club Reports

Frankie Minton, Lindsay Lions Club

The Lion honored at the 3-K convention Sat. luncheon, January 25, joined Lions March 1, 1995 and comes from a family of dedicated Lions: husband Dr. Kermit Minton, a Lion since 1958, and daughter Dr. Tammy Minton who joined Lions right after she graduated from high school.

Lion Frankie loves working the Lindsay Lions Club service projects which are many: holding bake sales for **Relay for Life**, serving stew and chili suppers to raise scholarship money for Lindsay High School seniors, and walking the Christmas parade route handing out candy. She volunteers at the **Joy Store** sorting food and toys to help provide Christmas for local children, but one of the most amazing things this 19-member Lindsay Lions Club does is **every year** they raise over \$8,000 to provide free rides for senior citizens on the Delta Transit Buses.

Every Tuesday – yes, every Tuesday, Lindsay Lions Club members are treated to a hot, home-cooked meal. Lion Frankie prepares the meal, sets

Ardmore: Lions greeted visitors as they entered and exited the Ardmore Festival of Lights. This event was a great opportunity for the Ardmore Lions to give back to their community. Ardmore Regional Park was transformed into a winter wonderland and is one of the largest holiday light displays in southern Oklahoma.

Holdenville: Lions held their Potato Bar fundraiser during the holiday season. This is an annual event and a good fundraiser.

Marietta: Lions Youth Speech Contest winner was Jessie Sanchez.

Pocola: Lions Peace Poster winner was Katie Williams. The City thanked the club for their donation to the City Park. The "Spiro Graphic" mentioned the Pocola Lions Club for their contribution to Pocola School to help purchase a marquee. The OK Lions Boys Ranch thanked the club for their donation.

Seminole: Lions have started their "Where's the Beef" fundraiser. The drawing is March 5 and tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. First prize is a quarter of beef and a freezer. There are 10 other prizes that were donated by businesses. This is their major fundraiser for their service projects.

Wilburton: Lions' big project for the year is the Oklahoma Southeast Livestock show. The members worked January 23-24-25 getting ready for the show.

Welcome New Members

Ardmore: Kipp Crutchfield

Healdton: Terry Hix

Heavener: Carl Lee

Idabel: Joe Hoskins and Curtis Mxdanie

Lindsey: John Noblitt and Richard Worley

Pauls Valley: Brad Frizell

Seminole: Cassdee Landry

up a buffet line at the Lindsay Scout Hut, and after the meeting adjourns she washes dishes and cleans the building. Of course, she always has Lion Kermit at her side to help.

International President Barry Palmer's logo this year is "Follow Your Dream." This Lion has been "Following Her Dreams" and along the way has helped provide a few dreams to others. (Story provided by PDG Cloye Thompson)

District 3-K Governor Daryl Pults and 3-K Lions expressed their appreciation to Lion Frankie with a beautiful gift box containing a bronze-style Lion statue plus a certificate. As the above descriptive piece was read, and her name was going to be announced, she jumped up from her seat and expressed joyfully, "It's me, it's me." In her acceptance speech she told the Lions present that this was better even than receiving the Oklahoma Teacher of the Year award.

Our dream: that Lions like Frankie Minton could be cloned! However, her example is not unique. There are countless Oklahoma Lions like her working quietly in their communities and in their clubs.

Shawnee: Brent Royal, Lacy Conley and Kile Furr

Stigler: Jim Cross

District 3-K Calendar

April 24-26: OK Lions State Convention, Norman
May 17: District 3-K Cabinet meeting, Atoka (a change due to grandson's wedding)
June 14: Ok Lions Council and Board meetings, OKC

Closing Words

Due to the dead line on getting the newsletter ready, I do not know the results of the officer elections. I feel like we will have a great 3-K Convention, and that we will elect dedicated Lions to serve our district. They will soon be filling various committees, so I ask you to step up and let them know if you are interested in serving on a committee.

Now, as I stated earlier, let us finish this Lions year with a membership gain and be ready to serve our new officers in the coming year. May the Lord bless each of you and your families.

3-K Elections 2014-2015

District Governor Elect - Don Shaw, Idabel LC

First Vice District Governor Elect-Stephanie Pettett, Atoka LC

Second Vice District Governor Elect -No one at this time

3-Year terms on the following state project boards

OK Lions Boys Ranch-Mile Elliott (Atoka LC)

OK Lions Eye Bank-Larry Bailey (Wewoka LC)

OK Lions Service Foundation- Christi Wieldt

Dr. Briggs Memorial Scholarship-no one at this time

2- year term on the State Convention Planning Committee-Sherry Keisman (Pocola LC)

Another dream: that we could recognize all those hard-working Lions in a very public and spectacular way!



PID Larry Dicus Present Lion Frankie Minton with a District 3-K special recognition.

2013-2014

District 3-L



Governor
Sue Thompson

Total members 815, Clubs 37, 1 Branch, 2 Leos
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Love and Chocolate!

I just heard on the news that dark chocolate and red wine are good for you! Now that's what I call *GOOD* news! It just so happens that the Altus Lions are going to be sponsoring a booth for the first time at the Chocolate Festival in support of the ASYMCA at Altus Air Force Base. The purpose of this venture is to raise money for the Y, an event at which people pay a fee to indulge in chocolate, wine and other goodies which are furnished by those who set up booths. Altus Lions decided to try this method of reaching younger members as well as more women. Further, we voted to use the contacts we make to promote an on-line branch club! This is a huge step for our club and it was brought to our attention by one of our newest members and also our base liaison, Master Sergeant Chris Lauderback. It was a perfect storm of Chris' suggestion, my praise of the Lawton on-line branch club and a few forward thinking members who are willing to donate their chocolate making talents and time to try something different! Now there's a new idea—step outside the box! (*the box of chocolates?*) I am excited about this project and if anyone is interested in attending, please call or email me for info. It is Feb. 8 from 6-8 pm and would make a great Valentine outing, guys! What more could you want? Chocolate, wine, other delicious non-alcoholic drinks and a chance to

support a great cause! Add a nice card and maybe a rose and your sweetheart will think you are a true romantic! *You're welcome.* Again, I am excited about this project and hope it is a huge success and results in new members. At worst, we will have a good time and eat some chocolate. I call that a win-win!

The other project I want to talk about is our 3-L District Convention. It is Feb. 28-Mar. 1 at Quartz Mountain Resort and we will have as our guest Past International President Al Brandel and his wife, Dr. Maureen Murphy. You will have a chance to ask questions, learn some things, see our young people's talents, be entertained and generally have a good time! Our Zone I host clubs, Mangum, Granite, Lone Wolf and Hobart and, of course Altus are working hard to make sure everything is just right. Please all District 3L clubs ask for Silent Auction donations, large and small from your local businesses and members. Host clubs, be gathering donations for goodie bags. Please let me or co-chairs Judy Forehand and Diana Thompson know what you have. If you have ideas or suggestions as to what you want to see at convention, we welcome them. It is **YOUR** convention. Let's make this the best 3-L convention ever and show our New York guests some Oklahoma hospitality!

We also need candidates for Second Vice District Governor, the Eye Bank Board, the Boys Ranch Board, the Oklahoma Service Foundation, and the Briggs Scholarship Foundation. Please nominate someone from your club for the **Rookie of the Year** award who has been a Lion less than 5 years and has really contributed to Lionism. Also need nominations for the **George Hazelbaker Lifetime Service Award** which is for a Lion who has been a member at least 20 years and has consistently served Lionism on the local, district and state levels. Mostly we need YOU to attend to help make our convention a success!

3-L Club Activity Reports

Altus: In addition to the Chocolate festival, Altus had their second After Christmas family get together and exchanged **Dirty Santa** gifts; a 15-year chevron was presented to Diana Thompson and a 35-year charter chevron to Gayle Culberson. (picture attached)

Binger: Donated to the OK Lions Boys Ranch and Caddo-Kiowa Votech gifts for Foster Kids. Also bought one pair of eyeglasses and discussed scholarships.

Duncan: Donated for Christmas dinners for the needy elderly, donated to the OK Lions Boys Ranch, and bought one pair of eyeglasses.

Frederick: Hosted students of the quarter.

Lawton N E: Planning the annual Pizza Valentine party for special needs students at MacArthur Middle School on Feb. 14. The club will sponsor the annual Past District Governors Breakfast on the Feb. 15, and put out flags for Presidents Day. The branch club had their annual meeting to celebrate and give out awards. They had as their guests the District Governor and the Vice District Governor. This is their only *in-person* meeting all year. They say if they see each other in person any other time it is in service to others. They are doing very well and certainly could serve as an example to other clubs thinking of starting an on-line club.

Marlow: Hosted student of the week, bought one pair of eyeglasses, and held their annual pancake breakfast in connection with the Christmas parade. Marlow is our largest club with 66 members; we need to ask them how they do it!

Pocasset: Donated food baskets, helped with a water bill, provided Christmas gifts for needy children and hosted students of the month.

We ended December with +ONE more member than we started the year with! Thanks to all of you! Your Governor's club pins are on the way! I still need to visit several clubs, so if you have a time you want me to come, please let me know. I wish you all **Love and Chocolate!**



(Left) Altus Lions delegating! Bruce Davis, Tim Rabalais, Mel Rader, and Gayle Culberson at Breakfasts with Santa. High School Leo Jannah Ames and two Jr. High school Leos
(Right) Congratulations to Lion Starr Cannon Lion of the year for Lawton N.E. On-Line Branch club.



2013-2014



District 3-A
Governor
Terry Woodruff

February is an exciting month in District 3-A as we hold our convention in Ponca City with the theme "Growing Your Club through Women and Families." Did you know that LCI President Barry Palmer has appointed a Women and Family Task Force? Our guest International Director Cindy Gregg is currently serving on this task force and will share the latest from LCI.

Growing our clubs and our association must be built on expanding our reach to more women. We need to remove the excuse that young people use that they are busy with their kids and other activities. Lions need to form new clubs that make it their focus to have activities and projects that include the families and help pass on the value of service to others. It really is our responsibility to pass on the value of serving our communities through Lions Clubs.

The next stage for growth in our state is reaching out to the 20's and 30's age group. We

wonder why they don't join our existing clubs. Well it's because they need their own. They want to socialize with other members of their generation. Many of our existing clubs just do not appeal to this age group.

Now is the call for your help! Can you identify 3 dynamic young people in your community to become the core for a new club? We have teams ready to come to any community where we can identify this important starting point. Every successful club has this core that becomes the attraction for others to join the excitement. Take the time to look around your community and consider those who could become the real leaders in the future. Perhaps they are still diamonds in the rough. That is okay as we have the tools to polish them into the jewels your community deserves.

Don't be offended if these young people don't seem interested in your club. They're the future New Generation Lions Club members! It really is our responsibility to pass on these values and help them understand the importance of being part of something more than just a group of local people working on a few things in your city. There is so much value in operating under the umbrella of Lions Clubs International. We are ready to show these young leaders how these

values can help them and your community for years to come.

Every community has dynamic young Lions and potential Lions. This month I would like to spot light the **Fairview Lion of the Year-Chad Eldred**. Lion Chad has jumped into Lionism with both feet. Joining Fairview in 2012 he has taken on responsibility for leading 3 major fundraising projects in their club including a very successful OLSF Cowboy Cadillac ticket sale this year. He joined the leadership of this great club as third Vice President in July 2013! Congratulations to Chad on being selected as Lion of the Year for your club and congratulations to Fairview for ASKING Chad to join! What a difference that little question can make in any club.

Now for more breaking news. The Club Excellence Award has been achieved by 2 clubs in District 3-A and have been recently received from LCI. Congratulations to **Okarche** and **Fairview** Lions Clubs! You are both shining examples of what Lions Clubs are really all about and continue to go above and beyond for your communities and our state. We are very proud of both of your clubs.

OK Lions State Calendar

February 2014

- Feb 1** District 3-H Convention: *It's a Jungle Out There*, Cushing
- Feb 7-8** District 3-A Mid-Winter Convention, Ponca City
- Feb 8** Altus LC booth at Altus Chocolate Festival, 6-8pm, Altus AFB
- Feb 12** LCI Webinar: The Dream Continues-Lionism as a Past District Governor, 12:00pm (www.lionsclubs.org to register)
- Fri 14** Lawton NE LC annual Pizza Valentine Party for special needs students at MacArthur Middle School
- Fri 21** Okla. School for the Blind Open House/Tour, 9am-12noon, Muskogee 918-781-8200
- Feb 22** Barnsdall Community LC Chili Cook-Off, 5-7:30pm, Community Center
- Feb 22** Wagoner LC annual Bowling Tournament, 10am; \$80 for 4-person team
- Feb 25** OKC Northwest LC special presentation of play "The Lion in Winter," 8pm, Jewel Box Theatre, 3700 N. Walker, OKC; tickets \$10. Event includes raffle and silent auction.
- Feb 28-1** District 3-L Mid-Winter Convention, Quartz Mountain Lodge, Lone Wolf register)

March 2014

- Eye Donor Awareness Month
- March 1** OK Lions Trading Pin Design Contest deadline, lonbill@swbell.net
- March 5** Seminole LC "Where's the Beef" drawing; tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10
- March 7** LCI Webinar: You've Been a Club President-What's Next?, 7:00pm (www.lionsclubs.org to register)

2013-2014



District 3-H

Governor
Tom Cummings

I trust all 3-H Lions had a great Christmas/holiday season and have a great start to 2014. Mine was treated with family time together and it doesn't get any better than that!

So here I am half way through my term as your governor. Your governor team met several times before July to plan and prepare for the 2013-2014 year. I thought we had the year all mapped out and we could just click it right off-one project, one new club, new Lions-all scheduled and ready to follow our blueprint for success. Well, that got scrapped even before the term started with the series of tornadoes. My "plan" back in April called for establishing a new club in Moore in July/August. I also didn't plan on the situation with the Belle Isle club and then the loss of that club. We also lost the OKC Metro club but most of those members are transferring to other clubs. Even with all the "surprises" we still ended the first 6 months in good shape, although we now have only 26 clubs. Our district added 62 new members, reinstated 2, and had 5 transfer for a total of 69 members added. We lost 81 members from our rolls. So, as of 12/31/13 our district lost a net of 12 members. But, a look behind the numbers reveals that of those lost 81 members, 12-14 were with the Belle Isle club and another 12-15 were with the OKC Metro club whose transferring members have only been counted as dropped and have not been added back to our rolls as transferred yet. If those transferring members had been processed in December we would have shown a "plus" membership for the district.

So we have really done a great job of reversing our national trend of losing many more members than we add. I still have many more

Governors One pins that I want to hand out. Keep looking for those new members and let's finish the year strong.

I also didn't realize what a great personal opportunity I was given as governor to meet all our clubs and members (I'm still working on the list). WHAT A GREAT DISTRICT! I have so enjoyed interacting with our clubs and members and seeing what great service events and fundraisers they have in their community. I will put our 3-H Lions up against any district. Thank you, 3-H Lions.

Our clubs were very busy during December meeting the needs of their communities and in particular those who might be less fortunate than many of us. This was a great time of the year to show others what Lionism is all about, and as that song goes, "nobody does it better" than 3-H Lions. Almost every club has some project or event reaching out to those in need.

Most of January has been spent preparing for our District 3-H Convention. As I write this, we have had a great response to preparing for the convention. I thank the clubs and members in advance for helping us make this a success. I certainly hope you were able to attend.

I had the honor and privilege of inducting 5 new members into our newest branch club, the OKC Community Helpers eLions, and then installing the officers. I am very encouraged by this newest club and these new members, an extension of the OKC Northwest Lions Club. I challenged them to become active in our district as well as their community....and I do believe they will accept that challenge and we will be hearing from them soon and often.

On January 17, Lynda and I were in Prague for their Lions Chili Dinner. They traditionally serve 300-400 meals. This was some of the best chili I have ever had. I already have my calendar marked for next year. PCC Marvin Ainsworth and wife Mary were there as were Lion President Raymond Valdez and Lion David Kerr, both of the Midwest City Lions Club.

Club News

Edmond Lions have a Chili Supper on March 11. They collected 197 pairs of used eyeglasses and bought eyeglasses for one adult and one student. They had a speaker from the OKC Redhawks who presented new insights on the baseball team and how they function.

OKC Northwest Lions donated \$2,000 to the Hilldale Elementary School **Reading is Fundamental** program. They inducted 5 new members to the new OKC Community Helpers Cyber

Club. They also collected 150 pairs of used eyeglasses.

Stillwater Noon Lions: There were 5 requests for eyeglasses and 2 pairs of eyeglasses were purchased. They continue to recycle eyeglasses to send to other nations. Fifteen SNL Lions took 15 low-income children Christmas shopping at a local store; the club raised \$750 to buy the gifts. Seven Lions helped ring bells for the Salvation Army on a Saturday. Eight members helped prepare and serve a meal to people in need at a local church. Used printer cartridges and hearing aids continue to be recycled. A club member presented a program on her recent mission trip to the African Congo. Staff members of the Stillwater Medical Center discussed the hospitalist program.

Mulhall-Orlando Lions sold fruit as a fundraiser and gave treats to school children. They took extra treats to Payne County Youth Shelter and the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch.



Choctaw/Nicoma Park Lions event of taking 18 kids shopping before Christmas. Choctaw/Nicoma Park club president Colby Parsons in the Lions suit.

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Pictured above: First-timers at a District 3-K Convention. First Vice District Governor Elect Stephanie Pettett, Atoka Lions Club, led the first time attendees on a scavenger hunt of Lions learning. Lion Jackie Minton, Lindsay Lions Club, won a prize for being the first to turn in her results. All the First-timers received goodie bags including a gift certificate good for a Lions trading pin purchase from the Oklahoma Lion Pin Traders. Note: Included in the picture is PDG Hal Griffin, Regional Global Membership Team Chairperson, who attended the convention on his way back to Texas from Grove, Oklahoma, where he helped District 3-O in their efforts to form a Lions Club in Grove which has not had one now for a few years. PID Larry Dicus, (far right) is also featured with all the First-timers.

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