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OLBR's Meadows of Hope Begins Volunteer Program!

By Colleen Fowler –Communications Director

I have always loved the Lions motto "WE SERVE!"- (usually shouted with gusto and sincerity.)

It is because of this example of service to the community that we have begun to develop our own volunteer program. This is NOT to say we don't want Lions to volunteer....oh my NO! It is the example of **your** clubs that lead the general public to return to a heart of service to their fellow man. President John F. Kennedy spoke of doing for others and in turn serving our country and this is our philosophy also. It's wonderful to support far away causes and back foreign projects....but how about the 11,000 kids within our state borders who are in DHS custody?

Foster-parents as a general rule are over worked and over stressed and get burned out sometimes too soon. Simple things like having one-on-one reading time, bringing a meal, doing yard work etc; are all areas that someone of any age, skill level or economic status can do!

Last Thursday night we had a Volunteer meet & Greet. We had previously been contacted by Life Church in Stillwater and have developed a relationship with them to glean from their volunteer base. We scheduled our first get together and it was a great success! Around 20 people showed interest and the group that came out had a chance to meet our families and children. Bryan Larison our Exec. Director spoke about the development of the foster care community and the needs of children we serve. He briefly discussed the different levels of involvement and the requirement at certain deeper levels for background checks, fingerprints etc. The folks were given an application and an interest inventory to help us know where would be the best place to "plug them in". It was a wonderful evening and relationships are already being built with people from college freshman to great grandmas. I was able to share with them from a foster parent's perspective. There were many whose desire was evident on their faces, and want to proceed on with the program. Thank- you Lions for being such an outstanding example of service and love for our families and children. If any of your clubs or members are looking for a project, please let us know and we will get you started!

This past week The Lions Meadows of Hope received an award from the Perkins Chamber of Commerce as the "Best Organization" and Bryan personally received the "Delmar Niles Community Service Award". We have been busy traveling and sharing the message with Lions Clubs, church, civic & school groups who may have had questions about the transition. Last week I was with the Westside OKC Club and Bryan was with the Stillwater noon club. We (Bryan or I) also will be with Norman (Sooner) Club, Newcastle Club, Harrah Club, Perry Christian Women's Fellowship, Pawhuska Lions, a Zone Meeting and all of the mid-winter conventions. If your club needs a program speaker or wants to come to the Lions Meadows of Hope, Just call us and we will get you on the Calendar.

Family is the medicine to help heal a broken child.... You are good medicine!





Oklahoma Lions White Cane & Vision Programs!

By Lion Marie Burns, OLSF Executive Director

Throughout the world, the long white cane is used by people who are blind or visually impaired as a tool for safe and reliable navigation. The white cane is a symbol of the user's skills and talents, mobility and independence. It also allows the sighted person to recognize that the user is visually impaired. Several countries have traffic laws designed to protect the person using the white cane. International White Cane Safety Day (October 15th) gives Lions an opportunity to increase awareness of the white cane traffic safety laws. "White Cane Day is observed worldwide to recognize the movement of blind people from dependency to full participation in society." (Lions Club International. 2016. *White Cane Safety Day*. Retrieved 2016-01-15 from <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/events/white-cane-safety-day.php>).

While White Cane Safety Day nationally is October 15th however, Oklahoma Lions have traditionally observed this effort in April. The Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation strives to bring awareness to fellow Oklahomans

regarding the issues visually impaired individuals face as well as raise funds to support Oklahoma Lions vision programs.

SPECIAL NEED: This upcoming year we have a special need at the **Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank (OLEB)** for a new Laser machine. This project could potentially save the eye bank processing fees over time freeing up funds to assist more individuals. The total project cost is roughly a little over \$171,000. This includes items needed to begin the process through two phases. Currently, OLEB pays \$750 per cornea for this service resulting on over \$66,000 processing fees for last year. The project would pay for itself in approximately two and a half years. This is not only exciting but beneficial for the self-sustainability of the Eye Bank.

Endowment grant for OLEB: Beginning in June, 2016 OLSF will also be raising funds for the matching grant to the Kirkpatrick Family Fund to establish an endowment for the Eye Bank. We will need to raise a minimum of \$25,000 from clubs and individuals

for this matching amount. It is vital that we as Lions recognize this effort and show strong support for the sustainability of this much needed program.

Oklahoma Lions Vision Programs: The Oklahoma State Office receives **several phone calls** a day from fellow Oklahomans desperately needing assistance with vision needs. While we have several agencies and clubs that support this effort, we need to improve our ability to provide services. This year OLSF would

like to increase awareness of this need and organize a growth strategy for increasing services. OLSF recognizes and appreciates Lions Clubs that provide services in cooperation with local health care providers. It is our goal to increase these services with the help of Lions all over the state.

Personally, I have had a scare with almost losing an eye to a serious infection. I was completely blind and could not see anything for over a week. I am still not able to see well yet. I could not believe how much of my life was affected. It was not only painful physically, but difficult because I had to rely on others for assistance. As an independent person, this was very difficult. Everything we go through is a learning experience, and for this reason I am grateful. I have small understanding of what it is like to those who are visually impaired and cannot get help.

As Lions, we need to remember our challenge by Helen Keller, to be "Knights for the Blind". We need to focus our energy on making this year's "White Cane", the best year yet!

Cowboy Cadillac Update: While we have the winners posted on Facebook and on the website, we will be gathering, calculating, and presenting the award information next month for the newsletter. Thank you to every single person who made this year successful!

Memorials

OK Lions Service Foundation

In Memory:

Hap Lowry, from the Sapulpa Lions Club

OK Lions Service Irrevocable Trust

In Memory:

Robert "Bob" Alwert, from Bill & Yolanda Middleton; Don Jones, from Bill & Yolanda Middleton

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Another cold month is behind us now, just think, spring is less than two months away. Time to start digging out those shorts and tennis shoes-- just to be prepared. Speaking of being prepared, everyone needs to be thinking about club elections and who will fill your officer slots for next year. This always sneaks up on a lot of clubs and the PU101's will be due before you know it!!

An item that needs immediate attention is nominations for Lion of the Year for District 3-O. This Lion must be a member in good standing and one who has demonstrated our motto "WE SERVE" to the fullest. This award is a one time only award so previous winners will not be considered. I know there are several Lions out there deserving of this award but unless they are nominated, they can't be selected. Bio information and a recent photo is required to be considered and the winner will be announced at the State Convention. Selection is done by previous winners with last years winner heading up the selection committee. Please send me your nominations as soon as possible.

By now most of you have heard the election results from the special State Convention concerning redistricting. The vote

to delay the start of the new districts carried by a 45 to 23 vote. The new districts being called E, NW and SW carried by a 44 to 23 vote. Now the State and Districts along with the State Boards need to get started revising their constitutions and bi-laws. Of course, the above delay is assuming that International will approve MD3's request at its March Board meeting.

Club News:

Chelsea-Playing catch-up for the year, had the District Peace Poster winner, sold \$320 in Cowboy Cadillac tickets, donated \$500 to OLSF(White Cane), \$1175 for eye glasses, \$200 to Chelsea Public Library reading program, \$200 to Special Olympics, \$310 Chelsea Schools for Kindle Fires, \$500 to the Paula Stalcup Scholarship, \$400 to Chelsea Schools for back to school supplies, \$100 to Claremore Veterans Center, \$100 to Boys Ranch Christmas party, \$100 to Meadows of Hope Golf Tournament, \$100 to Chelsea Senior Citizens Center, \$250 for Kids Back Pack Program and \$1200 to Senior Citizens as donations and meals.

Broken Arrow Evening-Purchased 8 pair of glasses and collected 130 pair of used glasses, delivered hand sewn and stuffed Christmas stockings to Cedar Crest Nursing Home.

Wagoner-Presented \$750 checks to Wagoner Area Neighbors and Wagoner Community Outreach for food.

Coweta-Made their annual visit to an assisted living center where they sang songs and gave out fruit baskets. Purchased two pair of eyeglasses.

Muskogee Noon-Held their annual Christmas party and invited two disadvantaged families with a total of six children. All were given Christmas presents at the dinner.

Porter-Bagged over 225 sacks of candy/oranges and 50 sacks of candy only for the Porter Christmas parade. Provided \$100 for two angles on the bank angle tree.

Pawhuska-Purchased two \$75 food cards for needy families and donated \$100 to Pawhuska Helping Hands.

Tulsa Downtown-Held Christmas parties at 21 schools with 36 classrooms involving 324 students providing gifts and supplies exceeding \$8,000 in total costs.

Barnsdall-Purchased 8 park benches at \$1200 and had members install them in the city park.

Dates to Remember:

Feb. 16th-Zone B Meeting

Feb. 20th-Barnsdall Chilli Cookoff

Feb. 23rd-Zone D Meeting @ Charlies
Chicken in Wagoner

Feb. 27th-Wagoner annual Bowling Tournament

Feb. 27th-3-O Cabinet Meeting-time and place to be announced

Feb. 11th - Zone F Meeting at Barnsdall
Community Center

Special State Convention Update

A special State Convention, as requested by Lions Club International, was held on January 9, 2016. The purpose was to determine the names of the three districts in MD-3 and for the date which this redistricting was to be implemented.

PDG Russell Wright, Chair of the Credentials and Elections, along with the rest of the members of the committee, conducted the election. There were 68 delegates registered.

The results of the vote for Multiple District 3 Redistricting Plan to be implemented on July 2, 2017 was Yes 45 votes and No for 23 votes.

The results for the names of the three new districts was:

Option 1: District E (East) District NW (Northwest) and District SW (Southwest) received 44 votes.

Option 2: District O, K, and L received 24 votes.

A letter to Lions Club International along with this information is in the process of being prepared and will be sent to the LCI Board at their meeting in March for approval.

A special thanks to ID Bill Phillipi and PID Ed McCormick, from Kansas, who attended the State Council meeting and answered questions about the proposed redistricting.

CC Dee Carson

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District 3-K

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Lions,

This year is moving too fast. It's February already and love is in the air. Let's take some time this month to reflect on the Love of being a Lion. 1. Don't you love being a Lion and serving others.? I know Lions do not serve others to feed their own need for love, but it is certainly part of being a Lion. If I have visited your club, you probably have already heard this. I believe my "real Lion" moment came when we had a tornado in Atoka County and Atoka Lions Club were given a \$10,000 grant to give to the victims of the tornado. My job was to write out money vouchers to the victims (keep in mind these victims are people in my small community, people I know). It was during this time that I received hugs and thank you's for the donations Lions were giving. So, receiving love is definitely part of being a Lion. 2. Of course giving Love is part of being a Lion, it is neatly disguised behind the words, We Serve! Certainly those that receive our contributions have a renewed faith in mankind and know that Lions love others enough to give of their time and money. 3. Share your Lion experience with others. People want to be part of something amazing. This type of love is what you need to share to get new members. Remember to invite non-Lions to your service projects. This may be all you need to persuade them to become a member.

Lions: Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services

Happy Valentine's Day.....I love you all
and hope your Valentine's Day is great

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU Lions, I am the recipient of a silver crane pin from our International President, Dr. Yamada for the growth experienced in District 3K. Our membership is up a NET 16!!! I am the lucky one that gets to keep the pin, but you all deserve one. Keep up the

good work and keep recruiting (and sharing the love)!

And now these three remain: ...faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is LOVE.
1 Corinthians 13:13

Club Activities

Ardmore Lions: celebrated the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Lion Club Members Johnnie and Kipp Crutchfield.



Linda Logan during her induction ceremony. (L-R) Don Henn, Tim Green, Linda Logan.

Atoka Lions:



Clayton Lions :



The club enjoyed a Christmas feast and played dirty Santa.

Gore-Webber Falls Lions:



Idabel Lions: honored the December Senior of the Month. Had a fun filled Christmas party complete with a game of dirty Santa and celebrated a very special birthday for Billie Tomlinson! She has been a lion since

2004 and will be a very young 90 turned a very young 90 on December 29th.

Lindsay: Held a successful BBQ dinner in November 2015 and held their 40th annual Stew and Chili Supper in January.



Poteau Evening Lions:



Poteau Lions: turned 55 years old 1/17/16!

Sallisaw Lions:



Shawnee Lions: February 26th will be holding their annual Chili Supper at the First Baptist Church on 10th & Union St. Chili Feast hours are 11:00-2:00 and 4:30-7:00.

Wilburton Lions:



Members of the Wilburton Lions Club participated in "Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader". Proceeds benefit the annual Pick A Star program. Left to right; Don McClain, Wayne Vogt, Nils Raunika, Chris Henr, and Bobbie Vinson.

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District 3-L

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We always write our newsletter the middle of the month before it comes out and for some reason I just could not get motivated and I am sure Lion Renee and Marvin were ready to tie me up but maybe there was another reason. This morning when I woke up and told myself you have to get your article in to the state office then I got on Facebook and receive notice we lost one of my most favorite Lions. PDG Ealmer Klippel passed on January 20, 2016 after a stroke. He loved his family more than anything especially his dear wife, Wanada. Lion Ealmer would do anything to help someone out as he was "a giant among men" and one who truly fulfilled the motto, "We Serve". Now Lion Ealmer has received his angel wings and singing in the heavenly choir and as his daughter said he always closed with "clear". Clear for now Lion Ealmer we will all see you again someday soon with the rest of our Lions.



Our District Convention will be held on March 4-5, 2016 in Elk City at the Clarion Inn. PID Mark Hintzmann and wife, Jayne from Wisconsin will be our guest. Mark Hintzmann, from Watertown, Wisconsin, USA, was elected to serve a two year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 94th International Convention, held in Seattle, Washington, USA July 4-8, 2011. Past Director Hintzmann owns and operates a special needs school bus company. A member of the Watertown Lions Club since 1992, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, region chair, district membership chair, vice district governor, district governor and council chair. He also served as District Convention

Chairperson, MD 27 Convention Chairperson, MD 27 Leadership Chairperson and Host Chairperson, 2010 USA/Canada Forum. In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including Club Lion of the Year, three Governor Appreciation Awards, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the International Leadership Award and two International President's Awards. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Hintzmann is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including being a member of the Wisconsin School Bus Association. Past Director Hintzmann and his wife, Jayne, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have a son.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Frederick Lions Club- Lion Travis Stroud sponsored by Lion Cheryl Orr

Lawton Patriots Lions Club- Lion Laura Alexander and Lion Thierno Diallo sponsored by Lion 2nd VDG JP Williams. Lions Hazel Stelpflug sponsored by Lion Marge Williams

Mangum Lions Club-Lion Charlotte DuBose Sponsored by Lion Pia Bauer. Lion Joe DuBose sponsored by Lion Ralph Bauer.

Lions Working Together

Cache Lions - Donated \$500 to the scholarship fund in which each qualifying senior receives scholarship money at the graduation; and donated \$100 to OLBR Meadows of Hope Christmas.

Chickasha Lions- Gave vision screenings and eyeglasses to four individuals; donated \$100 to the Angel II Angel for Christmas gifts for children; donated \$500 to OLBR Meadows of Hope; donated \$100 to OLSF in memory of Lion David Johnson and donated \$250 to OLBR Meadow of Hope in memory of Lion Gale Thorsen.

Duncan Lions-Purchased eyeglasses for seven needy adults and collected 133 used eyeglasses. They also contributed to the community pancake dinner.

Elk City Lions – Honored their Lion Cubs of the Month which PDG started this program in 1995 and the Cubs name has been

on the school marquee every month all year long.



Hobart Lions -donated \$200 to Great Plains Youth and Family Services to give Christmas gifts to local disadvantaged children. GPYFS gave books, school supplies and clothing only as gifts to the children. They also funded an Eagle Scout Project for a scout from Troop 4241. The Scouts are clearing trees and brush along a walking path at the Hobart City Park and repairing a chain link fence around the lake. The club bought 32 feet of chain link fence so the scouts could replace a section that could not be repaired.

Marlow Lions- Honored 4 students for the month as "Students of the week" from the High School; continue with their community eyeglass program with local eye Doctors and had several very interesting programs for the month.

Mustang Lions- are serving their community as well as the up keep on their building.

Pocasset Lions – fixed and donated six Christmas baskets for local families and awarded their Amber-Pocasset Student of the Month. The club was awarded the year round growth program for 2014-15 and membership satisfaction award for 2014-15. Lion Kevin McComas was awarded the membership key.

Velma-Alma Lions - Donated 264 gloves to the elementary students at Velma-Alma School. It has been a tradition since 1952 for their club to donate either candy, gloves, hats, socks, etc. to the students during the Holiday Season. Also two high school students were chosen as Velma-Alma Lions Club Students of the Month. Each month we donate money to the local food bank, 368 families in December. (127 children, 241 adults).



Lions of Oklahoma
2015-2016 District 3-L Convention

March 4-5, 2016

CLARION INN AND SUITES
101 Meadowridge, Elk City, OK 580-225-6637
Lions Rate \$69 plus taxes



DIGNITY, HARMONY, HUMANITY



PID Mark Hintzmann and wife, Jayne from Wisconsin will be our guest .

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and mail with check payable to: DISTRICT 3-L, % Elk City Lions Club, PO Box 413, Elk City, OK 73648

Note: All persons attending must register. Hospitality Room available plus a lot of fun events.

Contact Information: DG Karen Blanton 580-303-0188

Email _____

Phone _____

Club _____

District _____

First Timer? ____Yes ____No

Registration Fees:

Nan Lion	# _____ at \$ 15.00 _____
Postmarked after February 20, 2016 or at door	# _____ at \$ 20.00 _____
Nan Spouse (Lion?)	# _____ at \$ 15.00 _____
Postmarked after February 20, 2016 or at door	# _____ at \$ 20.00 _____
Nan LEO	# n/c
Nan Youth	# n/c \$ -

Meals:

Friday Evening Supper Buffet(2 meats)(casual/lion attire)	# _____ at \$ 15.00 _____
Saturday Noon (Awards)-steak entrée(business/lion attire)	# _____ at \$ 20.00 _____
Saturday Evening Supper Buffet (2 meats)(business/cocktail dress/lion attire)	# _____ at \$ 15.00 _____
Alternative Meal Selection-please indicate: Vegan _____	Gluten-Free _____
LEOS Saturday Noon - lunch off site	# _____

TOTAL PAID

Breakfasts: Complimentary breakfast for room guests; others must pay for hotel breakfast.

Tables are available for Pin Trading/Tables available for Silent Auction

Parking: Ample free parking is available at the hotel.

SERVICE PROJECT FOR THE CONVENTION

LET'S FEED --- 'BOOMER OR PISTOL PETE' WITH THINGS NEED FOR LOCAL FOOD BANK AND
LINCOLN TEEN CENTER - SEE MY ARTICLE FROM JANUARY NEWSPAPER. ITEMS: RICE, SOUPS,



**DISTRICT 3-A LIONS MID-WINTER CONVENTION
FEBRUARY 12-13, 2016**

**All activities are at the Redeemer Lutheran Church-Family Life Center
215 S. Cleveland, Enid**

**Host Hotel: Ramada Inn, 3005 W. Owen K. Garriott Rd., Enid
580-234-0440**

ROOM RATE: \$98.00 PLUS TAX HOTEL CUTOFF DATE Feb. 6, 2016



Registration Form

Lion Name _____

Spouse/Guest (Lion?) _____

Home Lions Club _____ District _____

Leo Name _____ Leo Club _____

Address/City/State/Zip _____

E-mail address _____ Phone # _____

Please register and remit payment by Feb. 6, 2016, to guarantee meals.

Registration is in foyer of Redeemer Lutheran Church: Friday 3-5 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m. -12:00 noon.

Pre-Registration Fee for Lion/Spouse/Guest Number _____ X \$ 8.00 = _____

Registration at the door Number _____ X \$10.00 = _____

Registration Leo Number _____ X \$ 2.00 = _____

First Timer?: Yes _____ Name _____ Club _____

Friday evening buffet: casual dress Number _____ by donation

Meal is at 6:00 p.m. Spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, green salad, dessert, coffee/tea/water

Saturday noon buffet Number _____ by donation

Soups: white and brown beans, vegetable soup; relish plates, crackers, dessert, coffee/tea/water

Saturday evening meal: suits and casual dress Number _____ X \$21.00= _____

I.D. Reception: 6:00 p.m. in church foyer Meal: 6:30 p.m. in Family Life Center

Catered and served by Raymie's of Enid: Prime rib, baked potato, broccoli with cheese sauce, corn, ambrosia and strawberry fluff salads, cucumber and onion, tossed green salad, white and wheat rolls pecan pie, strawberry shortcake, coffee/tea/water

GRAND TOTAL REMITTED _____

Please note special diet needs: _____

Please complete registration form and mail with check to:

Lion Darlene Schulz, c/o District 3-A Convention, 326 Asbury Circle, Enid, OK 73703

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Greetings to all my fellow Lion's in District 3A:

Our special state Convention meeting is over now and the voting results are in; The Vote to delay changing from 5 to 3 districts was approved. The Vote on naming the three districts approved to be named East, Northwest, and Southwest. The results will be mailed to LCI and they will either approve delaying 1 year of tell us we will have to change by July 1st of this year.

They will also let us know if they are going to approve the changing the names of the districts. Whatever the vote is by LCI; The districts in Oklahoma will abide and continue to be good servants.

In your service,
DG. Joe Chandler

Club News

Fairview:- On December 18th, 2015 they delivered Christmas Baskets for 65 needy families. They also honored the students of the week.

Garber: Hosted the MHSU and 30 people were screened.

Jet: On November 21st, 2015 the club held a Deer hunt. December 3rd they had a bird hunt and for both of the hunts the club served breakfast and lunch; to a total of 127 men and women hunters. Both of the hunts had tickets sold and were presented to the Jets Lions Club. Honored Lion Cecil Reinhart with a Plaque and DG Joe Chandler awarded him with a Chevron for 60 years of service in the Jet and Nash Lions Clubs. Lion Jerry Lagrow was recognized for 35 years of service. The following is in regards to the deceased members of the Jet and Nash Lions: Deceased members are as follows, E. L. Metcalf, Ray Stern, had Chevrons presented to their families for their Lions service, and Cecil Reinhart passed away on January 5, 2016.

Laverne: Sold Cowboy Cadillac tickets for the Boys Ranch and Eye Bank. Collected food and distributed it to 43 families who had 81 adults and 73 children. Lions are working with Local Citizens on refurbishing a home for Person in need. Lion Steve received Certificate for selling over \$1,000 worth of Cowboy Cadillac tickets. Certificates of appreciation were presented to Lions Scott and Bill for work on Box for eyeglasses collection.

Lomega: Distributed 185 sacks of Christmas Candy for Lomega grade school children.

NewKirk: On December 17, 2015 purchased eyeglasses for a person in the community. The club also held a pancake day and raised \$600.

North Enid Lions: December 19, 2015 purchased 5 pair of eyeglasses for those in need a total of \$740. The club rang bells for salvation Army, collected used eyeglasses from drop boxes, and worked sports gate at the Chisholm school for the Wheat Capital basketball tournament. The club hosted the medical screening at Agri Fest in Enid, and finalized committees of Host Club for the District 3-A Convention.

Okarche: Welcomed New Members Ryan Haggins, Clark Rother and Carl Schroder. Sacked and delivered candy to elementary students at Okarche public schools, Holy Trinity School, St. Johns school and residents of center of family Love and St. Catharine assisted Living.

Pioneer - Pleasant Vale: Provided two Christmas Baskets for needy families. Sold Cowboy Cadillac tickets with the proceeds to OLSF

Ponca City Noon: As of December, 2015 the club has collected 1,060 Eye Glasses and 109 Cell Phones, 87 people have been helped with eyeglasses and a total of \$10,365 in invoices have been paid. The club donated \$100 to Student Volunteers in Optometric Service (SVOC) at Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, TN. The student is Haley Kincannon of Duncan, OK. The mission location will be in Central or South America. Volunteers helped with the Festival of Angels and Ringing of the bell with the Salvation Army and a Community Blood Drive.

The Cubbies donated stuffed animals to the Domestic Violence Shelter. Two (3) new members were inducted, Gary Nelson and Terry Waggoner and Deb Venus

Wakita: Had Santa Claus Day, and sponsored the Annual Santa day and gave sacks of candy along with Hams and turkeys to people in their community.

2016 USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum Omaha, Nebraska Sept. 15-17, 2016

*Leadership ? Service ?
It's what Lions do !*

"Leadership for Service", the theme for the 2016 Forum, reflects our goal of equipping our Lions to meet the Centennial Service challenge in performing 100 million acts of service.

Saturday afternoon will have three large service projects that every attendee will be able to participate in. Corresponding seminars have been added, teaching the skills and organization needed to better prepare service projects at the Club and District level.

Opening night, Thursday brings master illusionist and motivational entertainer, Billy Riggs. On Friday, Lion Jay Blake brings his drag race car "Follow a Dream" to the Forum, along with his amazing story of overcoming a blinding accident to follow his racing dream.

Saturday we look forward to the inspiring words of our then International President, Cahnccellor Bob Corlew. We finish the evening with Retired General Dick Abel, who after a long career of military, private sector and public leadership will be talking about the leader within each of us.

Register now via our website:

www.lionsforum.org

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Burr.....It's been kind of cold outside but so warm at all of the Lions Clubs I have visited in our district. FINALLY, decisions have been made at the emergency State Convention held on January 9 in order for each of your clubs to have a say in the future of MD-3. A vote was taken and it has been decided the new three districts will be named Northwest, Southwest and East. In MD 3-H, Oklahoma County and South will become a part of the new Southwest district. The rest of 3-H will become part of the Northwest District. This will be effective July 1, 2017. This is the vote of our Oklahoma Lions, and will be presented to Lions Club International Board of Directors for final approval at their next board meeting of March 5. There are so many talented Lions in our state, I look forward to working with those who were in other districts -many of them I have met at state events. We all have great opportunities ahead. I am kind of excited about the new direction for Oklahoma Lions. Our 3-H team is continuing to visit clubs and attending club events.

We still want to make Official Visits to the club so just drop me an e-mail at mooneytunes@cox.net. We are here to serve YOU. **PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE MD 3-H MID WINTER CONVENTION 2/6/16**. It will be a Luau.

District 3-H Club Activities

Cushing: Lions donated three boxes of fruit to the Lions Meadows of Hope. They also gave them a \$500 check at the parade of checks. They have started collecting canned food items for Love, Inc. in Cushing and will continue through the month of January.

Edmond: Their annual Chili fundraiser is set for March at the Nazarene Church. A great Christmas party was held and 18 guests had a wonderful time with special music by Lion Mary Collins. Hosting the party in their home was Ted & Jo McCarley. The club made a decision to "carpool" to the State Convention in Lawton.

Langston City: Lions supported the community-wide Christmas Party hosted by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. It was open to children from Langston, Coyle & surround-

ing areas. They provided more than 40 items, including gifts, boxes of greeting cards and decorations. The club also presented Christmas Dinner Boxes to six families. Langston City Lions donated \$200 to the OK Lions Boys Ranch.

Midwest City: Lions provided food baskets in conjunction with MWC Elks Lodge for 15 families, providing enough food for a family of four for a week. MWC Lions Sponsored a Kidsight USA Screening at the annual Elks Food Basket/Santa event, and screened 67 children. Three Lions helped with the Hoop Shoot with 45 boys and girls participating.



Lion Jose just before he returned to Puerto Rico. He was such a big help and so supportive to Oklahoma Lions. He attended several meetings and activities throughout the district.

Morrison: Welcomed a visit by their Zone Chairman, Kirk Ward.

Mulhall-Orlando: Lions just concluded another successful fruit sale fundraiser. Brought Santa to the school Christmas Program and gave treats to the children. They also gave treats to Payne County Youth Services and Wings of Hope.

Oklahoma City Capitol Hill: March 24 was set for their Annual Pancake Day. During the month of February they will temporarily move their Thursday meetings to Wednesday. They are now offering a meeting on the 3rd week of the month to the Grill on The Hill on SW 25th Street in Capitol Hill.

OKC Northwest: will again be sponsor another Jewel Box Theater show on Tuesday, March 1 with Dinner at 7 and the play starts at 8:00. On Golden Pond will be the featured play. Silent Auction and raffle items available.

OKC West Side: Lions welcomed Colleen and Bob Fowler as guest speakers in January. They continue to do Mobile Meals every week. They are planning their first Flag Day installation on President's day. plan.

Four of their members came early to get the Town Hall set up for They had two eye exams and provided 2 pair of eyeglasses in January. They collected over 400 used eyeglasses and 8 toner/printer cartridges.

Perry: put on the annual Perry Christmas Pet Parade, where children bring their pets, dressed in holiday costumes and parade around the town square. At the end of the parade, they met with Lions who rewarded them with dollar coins and then the kids got to meet Santa. They also donated to MOH & provided eyeglasses for a local citizen. Lion Gerald Stewart helped with Community Meals on Wheels program and helped feed 10 local elderly and home bound citizens. The BOD voted to donate \$50 to the Perry Wrestling Foundation Monument Park.

Prague: Had a great fundraiser with a delicious Chili Supper held on January 15.

Stillwater Noon and eBranch Club: Provided 3 pairs of eyeglasses after free eye exams. Four Stillwater Lions helped serve the community meal at First UMC. Two Stillwater High School Students were honored as Students of the Month. Eleven Lions rang bells for the Salvation Army in December. The Salvation Army Captain spoke to the club this month and reported we raised \$1,100. Stillwater High School concert choir presented a concert for the club the end of December. Executive Director, Brian Larison spoke to the club January 14 and we donated \$750 to help repair the roof on a shed at the MOH.

Stroud: Lions assisted a young lady with an eye exam and glasses, donated to the local food pantry to help local families. They also donated to Wounded Warriors



DG Jacquie Mooney and MWC Lion Gayle Cochran, visited Past State Secretary, Louis Lackey, at the Veteran's Center, Norman, OK. He is very sharp but has a little difficulty speaking. He loved the visit.

District 3-H Mid-Winter Convention

February 6, 2016

Del City Community Center

4505 S.E. 15th Street; Del City, OK

ALOHA!



Dignity.
Harmony.
Humanity.



Come to our Hawaiian Luau!

Time: 8:30am – Registration and Hospitality

9:00 am – Opening

At Noon – We will have a wonderful Luau Luncheon prepared by YOU, our fellow Lions

Entertainment and contests – wear your craziest Hawaiian Shirt – Decorate your table

Guest Speaker – our very own Past International Director – Pat Shurley

District 3-H Lions Mid-Winter Convention Registration

Please complete this form and send it with a check made out to:

District 3-H Lions to District Secretary, Gladeen Allred – 2026 S. Iba Street – Stillwater, OK 74074

Lion Name: _____ Title: _____

Spouse/Guest name: _____ Lion?: _____

MD-3 District: _____ Lions Club: _____

E-mail address: _____ Phone number: _____

Circle what food are you bringing? Main Course Vegetable Dessert Specialty

Registration is ONLY \$10.00 per person

In an effort to conserve cost, we ask that all District 3-H Lions/Lions Clubs contribute with dishes for this Hawaiian Luau potluck meal. This keeps us from charging for the noon meal and more fun with a variety of foods to share from other Lions and Lions Club.



Oklahoma Lions Pin Traders made a donation to the Ardmore food-bank funds were collected by donation from the Pin Traders at the southwest pin swap.

February, 2016

Membership Focus: Women

- Feb. 1** LCI will notify Peace Poster Contest winners
- Feb. 6** **District 3-H Mid-Winter** Convention, Del City Community Center, Luau theme
- Feb. 10** Deadline for OK Lions clubs to submit for the Dr. Robert "Bob" McCullough Meritorious Service Award
- Feb. 11** **3-O Zone F Meeting**, Barnsdall Community Center
- Feb. 12-13** **District 3-A Mid-Winter** Convention, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Enid
- Feb. 12** Standard, Core 4 and IAG grant application deadline For board review in April 2016
- Feb. 15** Deadline for Dr. Robert "Bob" McCullough Meritorious Service Award nominations from each DG to the Selection Committee Chairperson (last year's recipient)
- Feb. 15** Deadline for the OK Humanitarian of the Year Award nominations to Council Chairperson
- Feb. 16** **3-O Zone B** Meeting
- Feb. 20** **Barnsdall LC** Chilli Cookoff
- Feb. 23** **3-O Zone D** Zone Meeting, Charlies Chicken , Wagoner
- Feb. 26** **Shawnee LC** Chili Supper, First Baptist Church 10th & Union St., Hours-11am-2am and 4:30pm-7:00pm
- Feb. 27** **3-O Cabinet Meeting**, time and place TBA



Next Council Agenda Meeting:

April 1, 2016

Oklahoma Lions State Office

4123 NW 10th St., Oklahoma City

Next Council Meeting:

April 2, 2016

OKC West Side Town Hall

Oklahoma City