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The Roaring Lion

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The Governor's Ramblings by DG Dawn Miller

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Happy 2015 and Thank you for everything in 2014!

Dear District 3-H Lions:

When you look at the January edition of the *OK Lion* newsletter either online by Dec. 30 (or Jan. 5) or in the print edition you receive from the US Postal Service, please note that the 3-H page is not my ramblings but notes of all the service you do in your clubs for your communities! THANK YOU.

Although I did not get a Merry Christmas wish out to you in a timely manner, I do hope you and your loved ones had a warm and wonderful holiday season!

My New Year's resolution is to work harder to get more news out to you all, either through *Lion Troy Jenkins* and the 3-H newsletter, or by emails or even regular mail to some Lions. Don't be reticent in telling me I'm not doing a good job in this communication area after January 1; sometimes I need a reminder or two, and never resent them.

Your District Leadership team has taken a bit of a break around the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, but will be back meeting in January, working hard to plan and carry out a wonderful, fun, and meaningful district convention for all of you! They will also be back on the road in Moore to establish that new Lions Club, and doing club visits to help you in any way you request. We are here to serve you.

Thank you to the clubs who've invited me to visit this past six months; I need to contact many of you to set up official visits for the first three to four months of 2015.



The Newcastle Community Lions Club participating in Newcastle's Homecoming Parade

New 3-H Lions Clubs

Thank you to the clubs who helped our new Newcastle Community Lions Club at their charter night event on November 8th. Several clubs contributed and/or sent representative Lions to attend. We all had a great time, right? Thank you to the Fabulous Five from Newcastle (Lions Meleah Montgomery, Allison Erskine, Karen Olson, Stephanie Keith, and Jeanette Lore) for your hard work, enthusiasm and drive to make this one of the best Lions Clubs in the district. This is not to say the other Newcastle Lions are not working, but that these five are exceptional, even when compared to older, wiser Lions.

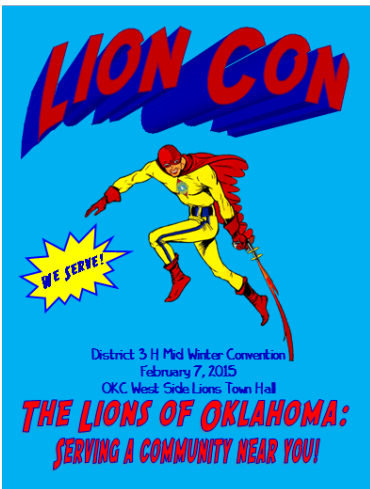
I am not purposefully leaving out the new Choctaw-Nicola Park Lions Club which converted from a branch of the Harrah Lions Club to

a fully chartered Lions Club in September 2014. As soon as I receive confirmation on their charter event, I will let you all know. They opted for a possible January date since they were busy in November and December with their Blue Lion project to help children in their area have a better holiday.

OK Lions Pediatric Vision Screening Program

The PVSP is up and running thanks to the hard work of our own Council Chairperson and District 3-H GLT Coordinator Tom Cummings. Stillwater Noon, OKC Northwest, and OKC West Side Lions have been involved with screenings already. Cashion Lions are eager to get on the schedule for January. Remember that at least one Lion from your club needs to be trained on the equipment, and that you need to schedule with Lion Renee here at the state office (who also maintains the list of trained Lions in the state). Just call 405-947-6540 to schedule.

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The 3-H Mid Winter Convention Lion Con

will take place on Saturday, February 7th at the OKC West Side Lions Town Hall. Come dressed as your favorite character, and have some fun! Registration forms are available on the district and state websites, in the OK Lion, and at the State Office.



The Governor's Ramblings continued...



"Peace is something that keeps a person calm and feel relaxed."

If you still need training, a session will be offered at the convention on Feb. 7, or you can ask for a special training session for your club or clubs in your vicinity.

LCI Peace Poster Contest 2014-2015

"Love, Peace and Understanding"

The district winner (poster, left) was sponsored by the Cushing Lions Club: Jade Osborn, 13-years-old and in the eighth grade at Cushing Middle School. Her poster was selected from entries from Guthrie and OKC West Side Lions Clubs, in addition to those from the Cushing club. Thank you to all three clubs who sponsored local Peace Poster contests this year. All three entries will be featured in a display at the 3-H convention, along with the winning posters from the

other four Oklahoma Lions districts, including the state winner.

Starting January 1 the Peace Poster kit for 2015-2016 is available through LCI Club Supplies. I hope every club in the district will consider asking a local school or student group to participate next year.

Timeline and Information on Awards

3-H Pat Shurley Rookie of the Year for 2014-2015:

Established in February 2009 to honor Past International Director Pat Shurley and the service she has given to the Lions of Oklahoma and the Lions of the world (Lion Pat served on the LCI Board of Directors from 2001 to 2003). To qualify for this award, a Lion will hold membership in a Lions Club in District 3-H for one (1) to three (3) years, be in good standing, and have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the home club. The club needs to send a letter of nomination and a resume of the Lion's achievements to the current District

Governor in time for the award to be ordered/ received to be presented at the District Mid-Winter Convention. Deadline for nominations will be January 15, 2015. The 3-H leadership team will select the winner from all nominations received. The award will be presented at the District 3-H Mid-Winter Convention on Saturday, February 7, 2015.

LCI Presidential and Leadership medals for 2014-2015:

Nominations are due to me no later than January 8, 2015. Please include with your nomination a resume of the Lion's accomplishments and service to the club, to the community, and beyond the club to the district, state or International levels. Nominated Lions should be supportive of the Lions Clubs International Foundation and should have sponsored at least one new Lion during this year. Additional consideration will be given to Lions who have contributed to the reduction of member-

ship losses. For the Leadership medal, the nominated Lion should have made significant contributions to leadership development not only in the club but also in the district. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Chosen nomination(s) will be forwarded to PID Pat Shurley who, as our immediate Past International Director, will submit district nominations to LCI. Medals will be presented at the State Convention

3-H Lion of the Year for 2014-2015:

The award will be given to a member considered an outstanding Lion; the identity should remain confidential until presented. The recipient of this award must be an active Lion in good standing. District Governors are excluded from consideration of this award. A recipient may receive this award only one time within a District. Nominations, with picture, are due to me no later than February 7, 2015. The award will be presented at the State Convention.

USA/Canada Forum—1st VDG Jacque Mooney

In September Lion Jacque braved the jungles (and beaches) of Puerto Rico along with over 1550 other

Lions looking for new insight and ideas.

There were nearly 100 seminars and opportunities from which to choose.

Meeting with President Joe Preston was high on my list and was delightful and motivational! I also selected a session with 1st Vice President Jitshiro Yamada. He will be the President during my year. This is going to be an interesting year since

he speaks VERY, VERY LITTLE English. He had an interpreter help him with his session.

I selected a Guiding Lions seminar; with two new clubs in the district it seemed appropriate. I also attended a "Just Ask" (for someone to become a Lion) seminar as well as Eye Screening Demonstrations for KidSight USA. There were about six youngsters screened; if you blinked, you might have missed it. LCI has kicked off the campaign, and with our five SpotVision units the Lions of Oklahoma look forward to

the opportunity to screen children aged six-months to six-years: "SIX TO SIX."

Another session was "Public Speaking – You Can Do It," presented by PIP William "Bill" Boggs. One key point made during this informative session was the importance of listening and hearing what people are saying. A big part of communication is the ability to be an active listener. Important messages often come in a whisper, including the inner voice that encourages us all to serve. We need to listen to that voice as it keeps us on course.

Boggs also emphasized knowing your audience, gave hints about overcoming stage fright, and encouraged lots of practice!

I shared a room with 1st VDGs Karen Blanton and Stephanie Pettett. Between Karen's recent and my upcoming knee surgeries and Stephanie's Plantar Fasciitis, we looked like the walking wounded. Despite that, this was a fun and informative trip!



Club Spotlight: Stillwater Noon Lions Club



The Stillwater Noon Lions Club was chartered on June 3, 1965 with 40 members. Robert Farmer served as the first president of the club. As the club approaches its 50th anniversary, it is pleased to look back on the legacy of service it has provided to Stillwater and beyond.

Over the years, the Stillwater Noon Lions have been involved in a number of projects, including providing the 4th of July fireworks for the city for a number of years. Initially, the members not only provided the funding for the fireworks, they also set them off.



Among the favorite fireworks memories are the year that the stands at the OSU stadium (where the show was held for a number of years) started to fill rapidly. At first, nobody knew why; they

eventually learned that some country singer had agreed to give a free concert. Once the concert was over, some of the members had a chance to hang out with the relatively unknown performer, Garth Brooks.

Another big project of the Stillwater Noon Lions was providing the street signs for all of Payne County. Lion Duane Horton led the efforts for this project, which can still be seen today on any street corner in the county.

The Stillwater Noon Lions proudly sponsored the Stillwater Morning Lions Club in the fall of 1981. More recently, the club has launched the Stillwater eLions Branch Club.

The Noon Lions have been active at the district and state level. Among other positions, the club has produced three District Governors (Lions Camilla Riley, Mike Banks, and Paul Anderson). Lion Paul also served as Council Chair. Three members (Lions David Fairbanks, Steve Hanan, and Mike Banks) were named District Lions of the Year. In addition,

many of the Stillwater Noon Lions have served on state boards and in state committees.



Currently, the Stillwater Noon Lions are involved in a number of projects around the community. They work extensively with Lincoln Academy, where they provide an annual scholarship to a Lincoln Student and an annual cookout for the teachers. The club also planted trees and flowers on the campus.

The club provides two memorial scholarships: the Rick Darlington Memorial Scholarship goes to a fourth year student at the NSU College of Optometry in memory of dedicated Lion and optometrist Rick Darlington. The Victor Van Hook Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a student at Meridian Tech-

nology Center in memory of charter member and OK Career Tech Hall of Famer Vic Van Hook.

Other projects include helping feed the hungry at the Thursday Night Community Dinner held by the First United Methodist Church. The club helps once a month (alternating with the eClub). Members also help feed the hungry through this church by putting together food sacks for children in need.

In addition, the club hosts an annual Christmas for Kids shopping trip for 15 to 20 underprivileged children, help ring bells for the Salvation



Army every year, provide many health and vision screenings to local children and to the community, and help park cars for a number of community events.

As the Stillwater Noon Lions wrap up their first 50 years, they look forward to the next 50, and the opportunity to continue to say "We Serve!"



Extension—Let's start a club in Moore! Ask 1

District 3-H is off to a fantastic start this year! Let's keep it going. Our District Global Membership Team (GMT) Coordinator PCC Marvin Ainsworth and CC Tom Cummings will continue to recruit new members on the 7th and 8th of January, and again the following week. If anybody is interested in helping, contact Marvin at 405-819-1045.

District 3-H

District Governor: Dawn Miller--OKC West Side Lions
 1st Vice District Governor: Jacque Mooney--Midwest City Lions
 2nd Vice District Governor: Troy Jenkins--Stillwater Noon Lions
 Immediate Past District Governor: Tom Cummings--Cushing Lions

Editor—Troy Jenkins—Stillwater Noon Lions



Check out our group on Facebook (Lions District 3-H)



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District 3-H

Lions District 3-H is one of five districts in Multi-District 3 (Oklahoma). Located in central Oklahoma, the district covers Cleveland, Logan, Lincoln, Noble, Oklahoma, and Payne Counties, and includes one club in Kingfisher County. 3-H includes the following Lions Clubs: Carney, Cashion, Chandler, Choctaw/Nicoma Park, Crescent, Cushing (and the Yale branch club), Davenport, Edmond, Guthrie, Harrah, Langston City, Midwest City, Morrison, Mulhall-Orlando, Newcastle Community, Norman, Norman Sooner, OKC Capitol Hill, OKC Downtown, OKC Northwest (and the OKC Community Helpers branch club), OKC West Side, Perkins, Perry, Prague, Stillwater Noon (and the Stillwater eLions branch club), Stroud, and The Village.

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Schedule of Events

- 1st—New Year's Day—State Office closed
- 7th to 8th—Extension—Continue recruitment in Moore
- 10th—MD-3 Oklahoma Lions Council Meeting
- 10th—Choctaw/Nicoma Park Lions Club Charter Event
- 11th to 17th—LCIF Week
- 13th—Melvin Jones Birthday
- 14th to 15th—Extension—Continue recruitment in Moore (tentative dates)
- 16th to 17th—Oklahoma/Texas Lions Pin Trader Swap Meet
- 19th—OKC Northwest Lions Jewel Box Theater Fundraiser