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## **Oklahoma Lions meet in Tulsa and approve redistricting proposal**

The Lions of Oklahoma met in convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with 184 Lions, Leos, youth and guests in attendance. The OK Lions State Convention Planning Committee sponsored the convention, chaired by PCC Larry Wibben and assisted by DGE Mike Fritz. Tulsa area Lions Clubs assisted with the hospitality room, registration, and volunteers to serve as Sergeant at Arms. International guests were Past International Director Ed and Lion Linda McCormick from Kansas.

Friday sessions included the afternoon formal Opening, annual Memorial Service honoring Lions who died during the past year, the Governors' Adult Speech Contest, and educational sessions on the Pediatric Vision Screening Program (Lions KidsSight

USA), Lions University, Lions Quest, and Strengthening Lions Membership. The Lions who were attending for the first time at a state convention met and had fun activities and prizes for the two days.

Saturday's business included annual and board meetings for the OK Lions Boys Ranch, OK Lions Eye Bank, OK Lions Service Foundation (where a revised Constitution was approved), and the Dr. Eugene S. Briggs Memorial Scholarship Foundation as well as the fourth Council meeting and the annual Lions business meeting with voting on the redistricting proposal. The redistricting proposal, approved by the Council in Oct. 2014 from a recommendation by the Redistricting Task Force (chaired by PDG Terry Woodruff), asked the Oklahoma Lions to

approve to redistrict from five (5) current districts to three (3) districts; the proposal was voted by secret ballot; 90 certified club delegates voted and 48 approved while 42 disapproved. The proposal was passed by simple majority.

The Governors' Youth Speech Contest was held with 2 participants this year (3-K and 3-L). A welcome addition to the Saturday activities were the new Leos from Lawton with two of their sponsors, Lions Robert and Patricia Phillips.

Many awards and recognitions were made. To see the complete list, please go to the Lions of Oklahoma website: [www.oklahomalions.org](http://www.oklahomalions.org). It also has a complete convention report.

### **THE BONEYARD NEWS**

(Oklahoma Past District Governors' Club)

By PCC Yolanda Middleton

The Boneyard's annual luncheon was Friday, April 24 at the OK Lions State Convention in Tulsa. It was well attended and the program lively under the direction of Headbone/PCC Larry Wibben.

The Governors of 2004-2005 celebrated their 10-year reunion with PDG Larry Bailey recognizing each Governor and relating a few stories from their year as Governor. PCC Verne Ekstrom

was the 2004-2005 Council Chairperson.

PDGs Gary Taylor and Billy Thompson "rattled the Bones" for some additional funds for the treasury and PDG Carobelle Carson inducted the 2014-2015 Governors into the Boneyard as they will soon be known as PDGs. Headbone Larry Wibben awarded the newly redecorated "traveling skull" to PCC Tom Cummings who will add his

fine touch and present it to a deserving Bone at next year's annual luncheon.

After duly electing officers for next year, the meeting was adjourned with singing the Boneyard theme song led by PDG Kent Ryals.



## OLSF Awards/Special Recognitions at OK Lions State Convention

Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation

Executive Director Marie Burns



Lions perform service through humanitarian projects all over the state with dedication and fervor. Every gift of service helps those in need by offering hope to others. Whether it is a monetary gift, a gift of service, or the gift of prayer, they are given with the hopes of having an eternal effect.

Lions across Oklahoma celebrated "Lionism" at their **State Convention** in Tulsa April 24-25. The Service Foundation thanks everyone who donated to the state projects, to OLSF, and to eternal gifts through the Legacy Campaign. OLSF recognized two special people this year who have made a tremendous difference in their own community and throughout the whole state of Oklahoma: Past District Governors Elmo Castle and Cloye Thompson.

Thanks to the dedication of **Elmo Castle** throughout the last 10 years, Cowboy Cadillac has been able to bring in thousands of dollars to help support the OK Lions Boys Ranch and the OK Lions Eye Bank. OLSF recognized Lion Elmo for being the top Cowboy Cadillac seller in Oklahoma for 10 years. This 2014 year he sold over \$3,530 all on his own! His exemplary service and support have helped many young men receive a family home environment through the OK Lions Boys Ranch. In addition, the fundraiser helped support the OK Lions Eye Bank which provides many Oklahomans with renewed eyesight through corneal transplants. Lion Elmo's love and dedication for service is proven through his local club as well as on district and state levels. His faithful service as a member of the OLSF Board of



Directors for many years has been a motivator for many Lions to work towards bringing in donations for OK Lions state projects. As a *Leader among the **Pride**, Elmo's love and dedication as an Oklahoma Lion have set an example for others to follow.*

**Cloye Thompson** was also honored as a "Champion of OLSF" through her countless hours as the OLSF State Treasurer. She has worked for several years to ensure the integrity of the OLSF books and is one of the primary individuals responsible for the exemplary audits resulting in "no findings." Cloye also donates personally and always makes sure the staff has what they need to perform their job duties. She is always positive, diplomatic, and encouraging. Leading by example through her service as an outstanding contributor and Board Member FY 2014-15 year is her greatest strength. OLSF recognizes Cloye's service as Treasurer and contributor as making a significant impact on the OLSF as it moves forward as an exceptional non-profit organization. Cloye will definitely be missed as the bar is set very high for the incoming Treasurer. OLSF thanks you for your exemplary service!

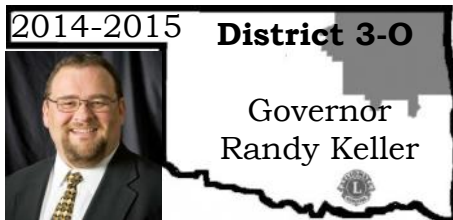


**McCullough Fellowships for 2014:** Each year this fellowship goes to individuals who have contributed, or had contributions made in their name of at least **\$500**. The fellowship honors Dr. Robert D. McCullough who began his association with Lions Clubs in 1941 when he joined the Muskogee Lions Club. In 1943 he transferred to the Downtown Lions Club

where he had perfect attendance. Dr. Bob was elected Third International Vice-President in 1967 the International Convention in Chicago, and as International President in Atlantic City, New Jersey in 1970. His history of dedication to Lions includes his service as District Governor and two-year term on the International Board of Directors where he served as a member of the Executive Committee. He was the recipient of a Master Key Award, 6 International President's Awards, and the Ambassador of Good Will Award.

**Louis B. Lackey Fellowships:** Each year the OLSF awards this fellowship to individuals who have contributed, or had contributions made in their name, of at least **\$250**. The Lackey Fellowship honors Past District Governor Louis B. Lackey for his 50 years of service in both district and state Lionism. During his years of dedicated service, he received 3 International President's Awards, 4 Presidential Citations, 8 Extension Awards, and a Senior Master Key. For list of names contact Marie Burns

At the state convention, OLSF also recognized the **Cowboy Cadillac Fundraiser \$1,000.00 selling clubs** with a Certificate and a 2014 \$1,000 patch. These were: Ponca City Noon (\$7,897), Garber (\$5,752), Altus (\$2,865), Guymon (\$2,513), Atoka (\$2,150), Lawton Noon (\$2,112), OKC Northwest (\$1,987), North Enid (\$1,896), Seminole (\$1,727), Ardmore (\$1,700), Fairview (\$1,503), OKC Downtown (\$1,450), Ada (\$1,314), Idabel (\$1,297), Muskogee Noon (\$1,288), Edmond (\$1,212), Stillwater Noon (\$1,080), OKC West Side (\$1,061), Shawnee (\$1,024) and Wagoner (\$1,010).



Hello again, my dear friends and fellow Lions! I pray that this month's newsletter finds you enjoying great health and blessings, and your Lions Club doing incredible things!

I can hardly believe that my year serving the Great District 3-O as Governor is coming so quickly to a close! It seems like it was just the other day when I was standing at our International Convention in Toronto and was officially inducted as District Governor. Now, many miles, meetings, and emails later and this Lion year is coming to a close. I hope you'll take a few minutes and do what I'm doing now...evaluating the effectiveness of this year. Was it all you hoped for? What things should you do more of? What things should you do less of? How can you make our next year even better?

We often develop metrics to help us determine when we're successful and when we've missed the mark. Our work is no different. From membership numbers to Lion hours served, we all keep track of numbers and use them to help us measure our work and to help us continue to increase the impact our Clubs have. I'd like to share some metrics with you today that show how much our Lions are doing for their communities!

### By the Numbers:

**Barnsdall** Lions hosted their Zone meeting, are a major part of "Big Heart Days" in the community, and are getting ready for their STEP (shotgun training for youth and adults) on June 20!

**Bartlesville Tuxedo** Lions gathered brush, mowed, and replaced the swingset chains at their park, utilizing 3 Lions and one volunteer to get the work done!

**Beggs** Lions donated their time assisting with the community "Trash-Off" day, loading 30-yard containers!

**Dewey** Lions gave a \$500 scholarship to a Dewey High School senior!

**Jay** Lions increased their scholarship giving this year to include all of Delaware County, giving six scholarships totaling \$1,000; funding came from the proceeds of their "Lion

Burger" hamburger sale. They also collected a box full of frames and used eyeglasses!

**Muskogee Noon** Lions collected 328 pairs of used eyeglasses, provided 4 eye exams and eyeglasses to needy neighbors, and have 16 more individuals that have been approved for exams and glasses!

**Pawhuska** Lions collected 200 pairs of used eyeglasses, increased their scholarship program by 50% this year to give two \$750 scholarships to high school seniors, held a raffle for a quarter of a beef, and donated to a local group that helps with home repairs for the impoverished and elderly!

**Porter** Lions donated \$350 to support their Porter High School girls' basketball team!

**Sapulpa** Lions donated \$350 to sponsor two teams in the local spelling bee-one team was from the Oklahoma School for the Blind! From their concession stand proceeds, the club donated \$7,000 to the Sapulpa athletic department and \$300 to the OK Lions Boys Ranch to sponsor a golf tournament team. They did all this while collecting 100 pairs of used eyeglasses and providing an exam and a pair to a senior citizen!

**Tulsa Brookside** Lions fed pancakes and sausage to 295 residents of the Homeless Shelter!

**Vinita** Lions collected 185 pairs of used eyeglasses and took them to the NSU School of Optometry in Tahlequah!

**Wagoner** Lions held their bowling tournament to raise funds for FFA, OK Lions Service Foundation, Girls State, and Blue Star Mothers....and donated TWO THOUSAND pounds of chicken to local food banks!

...and these are just the activities that were turned in via the LCI website for program reports, or were sent to me personally! I KNOW each of your Clubs is doing even greater things...keep up that incredible work!

As I sign off on my last newsletter article, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve our great District as Governor. Thank you for your prayers and support. Thank you for your great turnout and participation at our District Convention. Thank you for the incredibly warm welcome that you showed to me as I visited your Club. Thank you for your great help with the State Convention, and for joining us for informative sessions and for taking an active role in the event. Thank you for the great work you've done in your community and for your willingness to help out your neighboring Clubs.

Zone Chairs, thank YOU for taking such good care of your Zone, and for being a conduit of information! District 3-O Cabinet, thank YOU for your unbelievable support, your tireless efforts, and your uplifting, positive attitude!

To each and every member in 3-O....THANK YOU for being a Lion! Countless lives have been impacted because of your great work...and countless more will be impacted in the years to come as we continue to serve, side by side!

May God bless each and every one of you....and may God continue to bless our great work!

### 2015-2016 Dr. Eugene S. Briggs Memorial Scholarships by District

The following were selected by each District's Briggs committee (board members plus Governor) to receive the \$1,000 scholarships for the next school year (2015-2016). There is also an alternate selected for each district in case one of the selected recipients does not use the scholarship award. There were a total of 136 applications actually completed and submitted through the online process with the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. Thank you to all the Lions who helped with this process, and to Anna-Faye Rose for her help with the entire process for each district!

**District 3-O** (14 complete applications submitted) recipients are: Andrew J. Keller (Vinita) and Kiera Parker (Talala); alternate: Dalton Markes (Beggs)

**District 3-K** (14 complete applications submitted) recipients are: Heather Wieldt (Atoka) and Cash Forster (Purcell); alternate: Kelsey Chambers (Atoka)

**District 3-L** (14 complete applications submitted) recipients are: Lauren N. Landoll (Lawton) and Trenton Julian (Gotebo); alternate: Morgan Strawn (Duncan)

**District 3-A** (16 complete applications submitted) recipients are: McKinley Hodges (Enid) and Jeffrey Trout (Kingfisher); alternate: Arthur Schwab (Forgan)

**District 3-H** (78 complete applications submitted) recipients are: Mackinsey Archer (Choctaw) and Kaycie Carroll (Guthrie); alternate: Kennedy Stephens (Newalla)

2014-2015

## District 3-K

Governor  
Don Shaw



Henryetta Lions emailed me their May 2015 e-newsletter, with photos; if every club would start a monthly e-newsletter to all local members, we would all be better informed and have better club attendance. Henryetta Lions also have an adult Lion suit for a member to wear at all Lions functions/projects—Another great idea!

Plan to send at least 1 member from each club to USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Grand Rapids, MI, September 2015. Some employers have assisted Lions to attend this event because of the quality training: 2 days of great fun and learning!

Lions Serve 1.4 million strong in 210 countries.

My new job is Zone F Chairperson for the Hugo, Broken Bow and Idabel Clubs. Zone chairs can be a great asset to 2015-2016 3-K Governor Stephanie! Club reporters and secretaries, please email your club reports and activities/projects to DG Stephanie at stephaniepettett@firstbank-ok.com or P.O. Box 960, Atoka, OK 74525; she needs these by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month.

I bid 3-K Lions farewell—thank you for a great year—training, fun, memories, travel and everlasting friendships—a special thank you to Lions, PDGs Billy and Cloye Thompson, Ardmore Lions, for pulling Don Shaw, out of Idabel.

## District 3-K Club Activities

**Ada:** Is now the #3 club in district and working to make Sulphur a new club; thank you Lion Tony Dowell.

**Atoka:** Is the home club of DGE Stephanie Pettett. The club awarded scholarships.

**Ardmore:** Honored Lion Leslie Walker for 15 years of service; members attended Ardmore Earth Day Expo, selling flowers for fundraiser. They are continuing to collect used eyeglasses, printer cartridges and cell phones for recycling. Lions cooked and served at Soup Kitchen in April. They also honored students of month from Ardmore and Plainview high schools.

**Broken Bow:** Lions are planting trees for environmental project. They completed their golf tournament fundraiser, and selected 3 \$1,000

scholarship winners. They also collect used eyeglasses/cartridges/cell phones. Club purchased 2 new eyeglasses and donated prize money for BBHS beginners wood turners class (great publicity for Lions).

**Gore-Webbers Falls:** Had their official visit by DG Don Shaw who presented the club's Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Lucky McCrary.

**Hugo:** Held membership recruitment/family night fish fry at Hugo Lake. Their new Leo club is doing great with 1 meeting per month and 1 service project per month. Hugo Lions presented scholarships.

**Idabel:** Honored 2 students of the month with \$25 prize each; donates \$100 per month to food bank; installed new officers at spring banquet.

**McAlester:** Is the #2 Club in 3-K with 52 members and growing. They did an Armed Forces Day Parade float and presented scholarships.

**Pocola:** Welcomed new Lion Arif Chaudhry. They continue to pickup trash as an environmental project. Pocola sponsored Katie Williams, the OK Lions state peace poster winner, and Shawna Wright, runner-up in the OK Lions state speech contest. The club also honored their Lion of the Year, PDG Jim Keisman.

**Poteau:** Presented scholarships.

**Sallisaw:** Lions hold their weekly meetings and are recruiting new members, now at 41 members strong. They keep active in the community, and recently presented scholarships.

**Seminole:** This is the home club of First Vice District Governor Elect Greg Walker. The club made front page of newspaper soliciting White Cane funds for Eye Bank; they raised \$1,500 in one day; good work.

**Shawnee:** This is the #1 club in 3K with 68 MEMBERS AND GROWING. It is also the home club to Second Vice District Governor Elect Nancy Cook-Senn. They gave a \$1,000 gift to Pottawatomie County Historical Museum building fund; several members served as directors. Also donated \$100 to Project Safe, a shelter for domestic abuse victims. Shawnee Lions stay busy in community, and have regular newspaper stories with photos of projects and activities.

**Wanette:** Is ready for spring cleaning their 2 miles of highway from Hwy. 39 into town.

**Wewoka:** Selected scholarship winners.

**Wilburton:** Purchased 7 pairs of eyeglasses and presented a scholarship; collected 18 used printer cartridges for recycling; made \$1,000 from Alumni pancake breakfast. Club welcomed

new Lions Jeannie Hamilton, sponsored by Sue Hardcastle, and Terry and Trisha Wilson, both sponsored by Lion Walter Hammers. Lion John Shero was presented Master Key for sponsoring 2 new members. This club only meets 1 time during June, July and Aug.



Shawnee Lions Club Pres. Chris Thomas who welcomes new Lion Brittney Fields, center, along with her sponsoring Lion Jeanine Shaw

**Vian:** new members inducted on April 6; pictured left to right are Pres. Joe Haraway, Jerry Caughman, Allen Cotner (sponsored by Carol Armstrong who is not pictured) and Terri Green (sponsored by Betty Curtis).



Lion Dawn Emanuel who was inducted Mar. 26; she was also sponsored by Carol Armstrong but Betty Curtis is standing in for her.



## Hello, Fellow Lions!

I can't believe that this will be my last newsletter. Yes Lions, it's true, my term as district governor is coming to an end. It seems like just yesterday I was having a conversation with my father, a Lion of 35 years, about me having the opportunity to serve as district governor. His words to me were, "shouldn't you be retired to be a district governor?" Well dad, to answer your question, no. You don't have to be retired, but it probably helps.

For my last newsletter, I want to reflect on the past year. I would first like to say thank you to the Lions in our district for allowing me to represent them at the International Convention in Toronto. It was such an awesome experience that I will never forget. I loved being able to bond with the other Governors and Lions from Oklahoma. I especially had fun in class with DG Randy Keller, who was my comic relief. DG Dawn Miller and DG Dee Carson were my tour buddies and girlfriends at the hotel. Last, but certainly not least, DG Don Shaw from Idabel, you are one of a kind and I am so glad I had the chance to serve with you.

As much fun as it was at the convention, it was even more rewarding spending time with Lions from this district. During my club visits, which I really enjoyed, I've been fined, been the recipient of a blonde joke or two, and even had sugar packets thrown in my direction (I won't mention any names Duncan Noon) It was all in fun though. I was honored that those Lions felt comfortable enough with me to treat me as one of their own. I just can't believe how fast this year has gone. I have had so much fun and met so many great people.

I want to say thank you to all who have helped me this year. I would like to give a special thank you to: Lion Marge Williams who served as my secretary and whom I have enjoyed having as a friend; DG Dawn Miller of 3-H, my number one person to go to with a Lions related question; all my zone chairpersons for your detailed reports at our cabinet meetings; Lion Al Granger who did a great job keeping our district

website updated; PDG Sue Thompson who always offered help anytime I needed it; all who helped at the infamous district convention, that almost didn't happen; and to Lion Renee in the state office, who received my newsletter late on a monthly basis. Sorry Renee. I know that I have not done all that I had hoped to do this past year, but I know the district will be in good hands with the incoming DG Karen Blanton. She is a great Lion with many years of experience. Please give her the warm welcome you always gave me. I will say bye for now but not forever. Keep doing your wonderful work Lions!

## Lions Doing Great Work!

**Binger:** The Binger Lions donated \$100 to be used for the annual Easter egg hunt. They also selected 7 scholarship recipients, each to receive \$250.

**Frederick:** The Frederick Lions Club recognized the top 10 sophomores of the Frederick Public Schools at the Academic Awards Assembly held May 5, 2015, at the Fine Arts Facility. The winners were awarded a duffel bag that included a Lions monogram as well as personalized embroidered name of each recipient. This year the annual memorial Lion A.B. Gattis Golf Tournament will have a special meaning with a portion of the funds going towards the recovery of Lion Gary Sanders, who was injured in an on-duty accident while working for the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. Sanders is a member of the Frederick Lions Club. The proceeds from the annual fund raiser typically go to assist those in need with eye exams and eye-glasses, as well as for scholarships and academic excellence recognition.

**Hobart:** Hobart Lions cooked hotdogs and served them for attendees of the Hobart Children's Fun Fair. The fair is an annual event where kids are exposed to crafts, taught life skills, and educated about health issues. Hobart Lions gave \$100 to the Hobart Public School System to help provide an end of year Luncheon in appreciation for all Hobart school teachers.

**Lawton NE:** On May 2, 2015, Lawton NE Lions club and online branch club joined together for the annual White Cane fund raiser.

**Lawton Patriots:** The Patriot Lions help facilitate a support/educational service group for the visually impaired. The group meets monthly.

**Magnum:** The Mangum Lions met at the Lions Club Picnic area east of Mangum on Highway 283 on Saturday morning, April 18th to clean up the area by picking up trash, cleaning dirt from

the floor of the pavilion, mowing around the area. The Lions also held an "all you can eat" pancake breakfast at the Mangum American Legion Building on Saturday, April 4th from 7-11 am.

**Marlow:** The Marlow Lions honor one student of the week each week during their meetings. The Lions also provided eyeglasses to three people in need. On April 29, FCA Director Drew Beard was the program and presented 3 special FCA All-State awards to 3 of Marlow High School seniors.

**Pocasset:** The Pocasset Lions have been very busy. In April they participated in trash pick-up. On May 7, they awarded 6 scholarships for Amber-Pocasset seniors. Also receiving an award was Kevin McComas who was presented with the silver membership award. In June, the club will celebrate 48 years. Congrats!

**Surrey Hills:** The Surrey Hills Lions hosted their semi-annual pancake breakfast on April 18.

About 200 neighbors from the surrounding communities enjoyed food and fellowship and helped the Lions raise \$1125 to improve and maintain the Surrey Hills Lions club park.

## Welcome New Lions!

**Duncan Evening:** Mark Reynolds, sponsored by Ann Hazelbaker

**Lawton Noon:** Mark Malone, sponsored by Yasmine Malone

**Rush Springs:** Bill English, sponsored by Merlene Rust

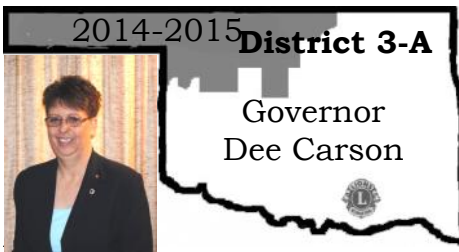
**Surrey Hills:** Mark Hummerding, sponsored by Larry Shenold

**Velma Alma:** Tonya Wilson, sponsored by Raymond Rice

**Watonga:** Jerrett Sanders, sponsored by Joy Rhodes

## Congratulations!

I would like to congratulate 3 Lions for their hard work and dedication: 2VDG Daniel Farrell, recipient of the District 3-L Lion of the Year award; VCC Sue Thompson, recipient of the Leadership Award; and Lion Jennifer Robinette, recipient of the Presidential Award.



This is a sad time, my last newsletter as Governor. I appreciate all your support. The highlight of my year was visiting your club and fundraisers. Thank you for your attendance at officer training and cabinet meetings.

Our District is the leader in donations to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Lions will be headed to Hawaii for International Convention. Joe Chandler will be installed as District Governor. I wish him and his team success in the coming year.

I am honored to have been your Governor and I have special memories of each and every one of you. You have made the early mornings, the late nights, and the many miles worthwhile.

Do the best you can in your community, both in service and membership growth.

### **District 3-A Club Activities**

**Burlington:** Gave out two \$500 scholarships. Talking about what they are going to do for Alumni.

**Covington:** Hid 1,000 eggs for 100 children to hunt; in some eggs there were special slips that were worth money (total \$40 this year). Put 123 pairs of used eyeglasses in the North Enid Lions Club's donation box. Had annual bake sale to raise funds for OLSF White Cane.

**Fairview:** Honor Student of the week at every regular meeting. Did vision screening of pre-school kids.

**Garber:** Ten members and 2 guests attended State Convention in Tulsa. Belinda Rowell won Adult Speech Contest. PDG Elmo Castle received an award as best top sales Lion for 10 years in the OLSF Cowboy Cadillac. Lion Jerry Carson received a Melvin Jones Fellowship. PDG Eldon Hugaboom received the District 3-A Lion of the Year award, and PID Hal Long brought Warren Dell to be honored as State Humanitarian of the Year. Dee Carson received a plaque for being Governor and was elected as State Council Chairperson for

2015-2016. PVCC Arlene Shore presented a seminar on Lions University. 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Harold Shore gave an invocation, PDG Carobelle Carson inducted the Council into the Past District Governors Association and conducted the Youth Speech Contest. Lions Jim and Belinda Rowell were First Timer's at State Convention. Shirley Castle was a guest. Club helped with MS walk activities; members helped cook hamburgers/hot dogs and served; provided a bouncy castle for as an activity for the children.

**Laverne:** Had the OK Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit (MHSU) and screened 47 people. Donated \$1,000 to the ministerial alliance to help maintain community garden. Lion David Cook presented scholarships to Jacob Marr and Kandi Shuman at the high school Awards Assembly. Had food distribution May 27 and are having July 4<sup>th</sup> breakfast fundraiser.

**Lomega:** Held the Lions' Easter Egg Hunt and gave away \$700 dollars in money to local kids. Also gathered White Cane and then donated \$250 to the OK Lions Boys Ranch and OLSF White Cane.

**Newkirk:** Lions paid to have the local Post Office lawn sprayed to cure a bad weed problem and improve the looks of the community. Awarded an \$800 college scholarship to a Newkirk high school student. Lions cleaned a designated section of town. Also helped a local individual purchase eyeglasses.

**Pioneer Pleasant Vale:** Honored 2 Pleasant Vale students as cubbies of the month. Six Lions collected canned goods for the Horn of Plenty and one Lion attended the North Enid Lions pancake supper. Club approved purchase of eyeglasses for a student, and scholarship committee met to select Pioneer student to receive the scholarship. Two Lions attended the OK Lions Convention in Tulsa and one Lion attended the Garfield Co. Lions meeting.

**Ponca City Noon:** Lions finished Child Site trailer and set up both at club meeting for Lions to view and at the recent Les Gilliam concert. The trailer now includes a ramp for access that can accommodate both wheelchairs and strollers. Its first use was at the YMCA Healthy Kids Day to do eye screen-

ings. Eight Lions provided transportation and support to the monthly Vision Support Group. With state funding reduced, club is looking at a project to replace current low vision monitors with newer technology; there are 9 units currently deployed. Peckham School is still using their monitor and the Ponca City High School is evaluating the need for their unit. Club raised over \$10,000 at recent Les Gilliam concert, and club present Mr. Gilliam with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Club sponsored Ryan Hazlet for Boys State.

**Ringwood:** Held 2 successful fundraisers, a pancake supper and a spaghetti dinner and auction. Club provided gatekeepers for all home football and basketball games, and monetarily supported a number of school activities, including a scholarship to a graduating senior and support of the Ringwood Education Foundation. Club continues to support those in need of eyeglasses and provides certificates for needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

***OK Lion Editor's Note:*** Apologies to the Ringwood Lions Club for forgetting to include the announcement of their recent spaghetti dinner fundraiser in an earlier edition!

### **Welcome New Lions:**

**Cherokee:** Max Boothby sponsor David Collins; Joseph Thomasy sponsor Billy Thomasy  
**Medford:** Tyler Flaherty sponsor Michael Payne

**Ponca City Noon:** Jessica A Kozarevich and Brian E Lebeda sponsor Debbie Woodruff

### **In remembrance :**

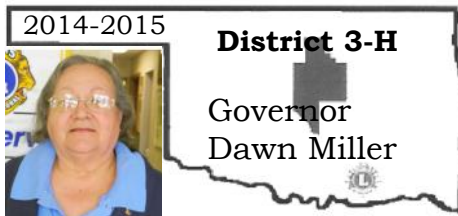
**Guymon:** Norman C. Wilmeth 45yrs. of service

### **Dates to Remember:**

June 6: State Board Meetings and Council Meeting, OKC

June 26-30: International Convention, Hawaii

August 8: Officer Training and Cabinet Meeting Garber EMS Building 9am



On July 1, or when she gets back from Hawaii, please welcome your new District Governor Jacque Mooney! Her district governor team includes First Vice District Governor Troy Jenkins and Second Vice District Governor Tom Mulligan. I'll show up now and again to help as needed. Club secretaries, please continue to send your club activity reports to me but also to DG Jacque (mooneytunes@cox.net); the articles are due before the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month so they will appear in the next month's Oklahoma Lion newsletter.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve District 3-H Lions and Lions Clubs. It is truly a warm and wonderful service experience.

### District 3-H Club Activities

**Carney:** Awarded \$250 scholarships to one senior boy and one senior girl. They held their second annual golf tournament at Chandler. They are helping the local police department in funding computers for the students at the school. Check out their new **Facebook** page-thank you, Lion Karla! Lion Joe Simon continues to be involved in the Lincoln County Long Term Disaster Recovery/Resilience Committee.

**Chandler:** Annual spring Pancake Dinner raised over \$1,300 for Chandler Fire Department's new office and training facility. Club also donated \$7,500 to the Chandler Little League Ball Park lighting fund to install professional lighting at the baseball fields. Hopefully the rains will end soon so the lights can be installed for next year's games. In addition to awarding 4 \$1,000 scholarships to Chandler High School Seniors Lions have been very active in supporting the local food pantry that serves many families in Lincoln Co.; it was forced to relocate when the building was sold. With help from the City of Chandler and the local fairgrounds the Pantry has a temporary home; the Lions donated \$3,000 to help with the move and have pledged \$20,000 next year for the construction of a permanent facility that will help serve community members for years to come.

**Edmond:** Lions had good programs for last 2 meetings: Edmond Animal Control and the other about a small research company doing research on Sickle Cell Disease with results to be available March 2016. Club completed end of 2014-2015 budget with donations to OLSF White Cane and to the OK Lions Eye Bank. There is still money for eye exams and eyeglasses and for sponsoring the upcoming Edmond fishing derby at Lake Arcadia

June 6; Lions provide donuts and coffee concessions, trophies, and help with baiting and casting.

**Harrah:** Lion Ray Kerchee delivered 333 pairs of used eyeglasses to the state office, and Lion Jonita Thomas delivered several more pairs. Harrah Lions sponsored a hole (\$100) at the OK Lions Boys Ranch Golf Tournament.

**Midwest City:** Continues to sort and prepare used eyeglasses for shipment to the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center. Lion Gerald and DGE Jacque Mooney attended the OK Lions state convention in Tulsa. Congratulate Lion Ron Hancock on his election to the office of Exalted Ruler (President) of the MWC Elks Lodge. DGE Jacque Mooney also assisted with district disaster relief efforts.

**Morrison:** Sponsored community Easter egg hunt, donated to the high school prom event, and offered high school student scholarships through the Community Development Association and Morrison Business Professionals of America. As a Lions Club in a mostly rural community, they annually help with the local FFA livestock shows. Welcomed new Lions Rhonda and Robert Inselman, sponsored by Rick McSwain; Shalon Reynolds, sponsored by Jerry Cotton; and Tammy Will, sponsored by Randy Will. **Way to go, Morrison Lions!**

**Mulhall-Orlando:** Gave out pencils to elementary school students for Easter. Donated \$25 each to OLSF White Cane, LCIF, Leader Dogs, and Dr. Eugene Briggs Memorial Scholarship.

**Newcastle Community:** Held first annual community trash-off on May 2. Pictured: Jacque Mooney, Dean Atkinson, Pat Atkinson, Stephanie Keith, Fletcher Erskine, Allison Erskine, Miranda Taliaferro, Shannon Christian, Jeremy Keith, Meleah Montgomery, Lacie MCElvana. Not pictured Mike Fullerton and Troy Duncan



**OKC Northwest:** Displayed the array of flags along the drive to the Oklahoma Lions Children's Park at Lake Hefner on May 25 (Memorial Day); Armed Forces Day display had to be cancelled due to stormy weather.

**OKC West Side:** Held semi-annual Pancake Day fundraiser. Continued work with a local church for mobile meals preparation and delivery. Continued

furnishing eye exams and eyeglasses to people in need in western OKC, Bethany and Warr Acres. End of year awards banquet and installation of officers will be June 9. Five Lions helped with recent district disaster assistance.

**Perry:** Welcomed new Lions Dean Stubbs and Freddy Wisdom, both sponsored by Connelly Wade. Lion Wally Schieffer delivered more than 250 pairs of used eyeglasses to the OK Lions state office in OKC. Club helped 2 citizens purchase their eyeglasses. Perry High School Seniors of the Month were Mariah Ewy and Garrett Beier. Held fundraising annual gun raffle, yielding \$1,400 profit. The Perry Lions held a community Easter Egg Hunt, hiding approx. 600 eggs for children to find after the shotgun start by Lion Sheriff Charlie Hanger. It only took 5 minutes for the kids to find all the eggs. Prizes within the "captured" eggs totaled nearly \$2,500. The Easter Bunny was Karlie Wade, former student Lion and daughter of Lion Connelly Wade. Perry Lions hosted the annual Farmer/Rancher Day on April 16; this event helps recognize and thank the 37 farms and ranchers who attended for what they do to produce food for our community.

**Prague:** Lions manned the Chamber of Commerce booth at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Kolache Festival; they sold kolaches and teeshirts.

**Stillwater Noon and eBranch Club:** Of 9 requests for eyeglasses, 3 were approved and purchased. Honored a high school senior and teacher from Lincoln Alternative Academy at a recent Lions Club meeting. Four Noon Lions helped serve, wash dishes and clean up at the Community meal to feed the hungry from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at First United Methodist Church. Six Lions helped fill 250 weekend food sacks for children in need. Eight Lions helped serve flapjacks to raise money; over 104 tickets were sold. New member Ed Wilson was inducted into the club. Four Lions attended OK Lions state convention. First VDGE Troy Jenkins helped with the district's disaster relief efforts.

**Stroud:** Purchased a pair of eyeglasses for a child in need. Sponsored an ad in the local football program. Sponsored a community health fair with the OK Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit, including pediatric vision screening.

**The Village:** Lion President and PDG Robert McMasters helped with disaster assistance for flood victims.

# 2015 Lions of the Year



3-O Billie Been

This Lion joined nine years ago and believes the key to having a successful club is setting goals so that everyone knows where the club is headed and how they can individually help. This Lion served as club president for the first time in 2005, asked that the club focus on image, entering parades and doing things to make themselves more visible, and thus the club won the community's Best Civic Float award.

Serving again as president this year, this Lion gave a new set of goals to the club: member retention and increasing member involvement. As a result, the club has almost doubled meeting attendance. Another goal was to recruit four new members, and so far they have doubled that. Goal three continued the focus of increased visibility in the community; so far a Facebook page has been established, a monthly newsletter published and Lions are wearing newly designed club tee-shirts to display Lions pride.

This Lion believes good leaders are only as strong as the group that supports them.

Raised in the Henryetta area and graduated from Eastern Oklahoma State College (Wilburton) with a degree in mass communication, this Lion has worked at East Central Electric in Okmulgee for 14 years and is active in several organizations in addition to Lions. She and her husband Kerry are the proud parents of daughter Chelsea who attends the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

The District 3-O Lion of the Year for 2014-2015 is Billie Been of the Henryetta Lions Club

This Lion has served her club as President for two years, and as Vice President two years; she has helped her Lions Club with many projects including the LCI Peace Poster contest, OLSF White Cane, and bringing the circus to town. Her club awarded her Lion of the Year and LCI awarded the Membership Growth Award to her club during one of her terms as President. This Lion served the district as zone chair for two years and was an adult speech contestant for one year. She helped with disaster relief in the district in 2007, and again in 2013 in Moore. This Lion is a strong supporter of the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch.

This Lion is a great convention go'er, attending four district and two state conventions so far. She has attended two USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums as well as a few LCI webinars for the Lions University. She has served the district leadership through the Vice District Governor ranks for two years and is currently the District Governor Elect. The District 3-K Lion of the Year for 2014-2015 is Stephanie Pettett of the Atoka Lions Club.



3-K Stephanie Pettett



3-L Dan Farrell

This Lion retired in 2007 from the U. S. Army after 24 years of honorable service. A Lion since 2008, he originally hailed from Englewood, Colorado, received his undergrad. degree in Management from Troy Univ., Alabama, and is currently working on his MBA from Cameron Univ. in Lawton. After serving a few years as Outreach Director of the Armed Services YMCA, in 2012 he began working at the American Red Cross Great Plains Service Center, where he is currently serving as Volunteer Services Specialist for six counties. This Lions truly lives and breathes service to others on both a professional and personal level.

This Lion is a past president of his club and is concurrently serving as district zone chair, Lions Quest chair (for the second year), and Second Vice District Governor. He is a certified Guiding Lion. He is a volunteer in many other organizations including his church, and in January 2015 was honored by the Lawton Public Schools for his work with their annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

Married to Lion Cyndy, they have three sons between them and three grandsons. The District 3-L Lion of the Year for 2014-2015 is Daniel Farrell of the Lawton Noon Lions Club.



# 2015 Lions of the Year

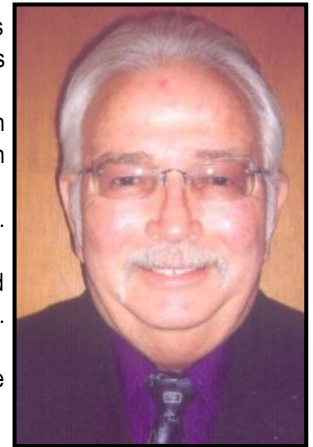
This Lion transferred into his current club in 2003. He is former member of the U. S. Navy, and has helped with the Boys Scouts of America for many years. Professionally, this Lion is a physician's assistant, a valuable asset to the local community's clinic and hospital.

This Lion served two terms as his club's president, served three years on the board of the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation (one year as president), and served District 3-A as Governor in 2011-2012, making many of his club visits with his lovely wife Lion Delores (she died before receiving a heart transplant in 2012).

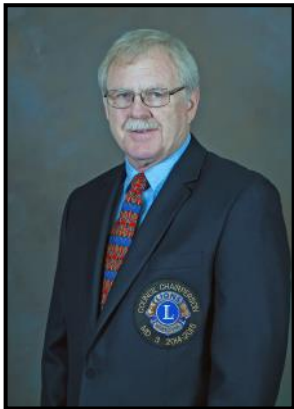
This Lion is current president of the Garber Lions Club and helps with the free diabetes screenings at the Garfield County Fair. He also helps with the Memorial Day services at Woodring Air Field in Enid.

This Lion has attended several USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums, district, state and international Lions conventions, and is very committed to the Oklahoma Lions state projects as well as to Leaders Dogs for the Blind and World Services for the Blind. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow, a Gold Contributing Member of Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Unwavering in his dedication to service through Lions, this year's District 3-A Lion of the Year is Eldon Hugaboom of the Garber Lions Club.



3-A Eldon Hugaboom



3-H Tom Cummings

This Lion is an Oklahoma native son and is also the son of a long-time Lion. Graduating from OSU with a degree in education, he served many years as an administrator and corporate trainer. He retired in 1996 to pursue his nature/wildlife photography career, which has been interrupted by his service to others through Lions and for Lions. This Lion started his Lions' service in 2004, rising quickly through the offices to where he is serving now as Council Chairperson of Multiple District 3, Lions of Oklahoma. His team-building, leadership development and recruitment/extension skills are well-known both in the district and throughout Oklahoma. He recently added to that phenomenal Lions resume the hard work in starting a new state-wide service project: the Oklahoma Lions Pediatric Vision Screening Program, now also known as a "charter" member of the Lions KidsSight USA program. His wife, Lion Lynda, and their combined family of 6 children and 11 grandchildren sometimes vie unsuccessfully for this Lions' time but he is unwavering in his devotion to them as well as to community. The District 3-H Lion of the Year for 2014-2015 is Tom Cummings of the Cushing Lions Club

## Humanitarian

## and Bob McCullough Award

(Top Right): Warren Dell recipient of the humanitarian award along with DG Dee Carson and PID Ed McCormick. (Bottom Left) Elite Repeat of Stillwater also recipient for the humanitarian award along with PID Ed McCormick and DG Dee Carson. (Bottom Right) Karl Youngers recipient of the Bob McCullough Award along with his wife Terry. Present by Elmo Castle and PID Ed McCormick.



**"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."**  
***Special Olympics Oath***

The American Optometric Association and the Oklahoma Association of Optometric Physicians has taken an affirmative role in promoting quality eye care for people with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics Lions Club International Opening Eyes (SOLCIOE) is a comprehensive vision and eye health program put on by Special Olympics in conjunction with the AOA and supported by Lions Clubs International.

The mission of Opening Eyes Vision and Eye Health Program is to provide quality eye health care to Special Olympics athletes, to assess the integrity of the athlete's visual system, to prescribe and dispense appropriate prescription and safety eye wear, to educate athletes, parents, and coaches about the importance of vision for sports, education and vocational performance, and to gather and publish data regarding vision, visual skills and eye health of the Special Olympic population.

The screenings consist of visual acuities, retinoscopy, ophthalmoscopy, color vision, depth perception, cover test, motilities, biomicroscopy, tonometry, and auto refraction. Any athlete failing the screening is given a complete eye exam on site, and prescriptions for dress glasses and sport goggles are fabricated on site and given to the athletes free of charge. Lenses are donated by Essilor, frames are donated by Safilo and sports goggles are donated by Liberty Optical.

The Lions of Oklahoma Pediatric Vision Screening Program (Lions KidSight USA) set up 2 Spot Vision cameras and printers at the Thursday,

May 14 Health Day for Oklahoma's Special Olympics Games on the OK State Univ. campus in Stillwater. PVSP Project Chair Tom Cummings, District 3-H First Vice District Governor Elect Troy Jenkins, and other Stillwater Noon Lions (Doug Emde, Gordon Sloggett and Shelley Gladden, actually Pres. of the eClub) screened 450-470 young athletes. Lion Dr. Wes DeRosier headed up the volunteers mainly from the Tahlequah School of Optometry to do the Opening Eyes exams and eyeglasses. Dr. DeRosier was very impressed with the Spot Vision camera screenings and would like to have 4 or 5 "kits" set up and manned by Lion volunteers at next year's Oklahoma Special Olympics Health Day.

