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OK Lion Newsletter Costs

Each active, dues-paying Lion in Oklahoma has \$3.00 of their state dues go to the production/printing/ mailing of the **Oklahoma Lion** monthly newsletter. It now costs \$4.53 per year to just print and mail each newsletter, and production costs add another \$1.60 per year, making the total cost of getting a mailed copy of the OK Lion newsletter to an individual Lion \$6.13 per year, \$3.13 more than paid in dues by each member for this service.

Over the years many cost-saving measures have been taken.

1) Combining the July-August issues into one or 11 issues instead of 12 per year.

2) Going through the mail lists and only mailing one copy per household, not per Lion.

3) Reducing the size of the newsletter and making printed copies only black-and-white.

4) Also, asking Lions if they prefer to be emailed a copy of the newsletter each month, which will be in color and many times will include more pages.

Constitutionally, the Lions are entitled to their newsletter; however, the Lions in Oklahoma need to know that the \$3.00 per year included in their state dues no longer covers the cost of producing and delivering a printed/mailed newsletter. Additionally, printing, paper and mailing costs will continue to increase, so even a dues increase effective July 1, 2015, would not help for very long. Oklahoma Lions, please discuss this within your clubs and with your district governors; change is needed.

Lions Diabetes Awareness and the Harold Hamm Diabetes Center

Lion Brent LaGere, Chandler Lions Club, serves on the Board of Directors for the Harold Hamm Diabetes Center (Oklahoma Health Sciences Center-OKC campus). He recently gave the Lions of Oklahoma the opportunity to visit the HHDC and have dinner, on the evening before the state convention. Thank you, Lion Brent, and the HHDC for making that April 24th evening pleasant, informative and meaningful to our LCI approved program of Diabetes Awareness.

Chandler Lions were out in force for the evening's event, as were Oklahoma Lions leaders- District Governors, past and

present, and Vice District Governors, as well as Past International President Clement and Jeanne Kusiak from Maryland.

Mr. Harold Hamm, a native Oklahoman and consummate oilman, is Chairman and CEO of Continental Resources originally based in Enid but now headquartered in OKC. His philanthropic efforts are many, but most relevant to Lions is his involvement with the Diabetes Center bearing his name. He, staff and board members gave informative and moving presentations as well as a tour of the

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Council Chairman Corner Lion Larry Wibben

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By the time this goes to print there will be very few days until June 30. Remember, there is still time to bring in new members. I'm impressed with the overall quality of our Districts. As I look back upon this year I feel like our clubs really want to serve and to grow. We have great Lions and the future looks good. We've done a good job of adding over 475 new members, but we have also lost over 475 members, so we need to add a little over a 100 more new members to have a gain for Multiple District 3. There's still time and we need to give it our best effort!

I hope that by this time all clubs filed their new officer report forms listing your 2014-2015 officers and that your Monthly

Membership reports to LCI, the OK Lions state office and a copy to your incoming Governor are up to date. It is especially important to have this information so we have current figures to begin the new Lions year on July 1. Let's finish this year with all clubs in all 5 Districts up to date.

I can't believe my year as your Council Chair has flown by so quickly. This is my final newspaper article. I'm not sure who asked me to apply for Council Chair but I said I would. It's been another learning experience, and I'm glad the Council of Governors said "yes." I won't say that I know everything now, but I have gained a little more knowledge and a little more wisdom.

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MD3 MEMBERSHIP

3-O 944, 3-K 936, 3-L 808, 3-A 945, 3-H 826

173 Clubs: 3-O 40, 3-K 36, 3-L 37, 3-A 35, 3-H 25

	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	4,465	4,563
Added Members	14	479
Dropped Members	20	583
Closing Balance	4,459	4,459
Net Gain/Loss	6	-104
Worldwide	1,390,851	



Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation

Executive Director, Marie Burns



April was a very busy month with many items on the agenda. Fundraising for White Cane is fast underway amidst the OK Lions State Convention and the busy club service activities of all the Oklahoma Lions! The convention was a huge success thanks to all who worked tirelessly on preparation throughout the year! It was nice to meet new Lions and put faces with names that I have become acquainted with at the convention. I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know everyone and becoming more familiar with the structure of Lions Clubs in general. The history of Oklahoma Lions was fascinating and the amount of service including the disaster relief efforts was commendable.

White Cane in April

White Cane fundraising and awareness efforts by Oklahoma Lions Clubs who participated were successful. Thanks to all the clubs who raised money to support vision awareness for White Cane and support the work of the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank. Following are the White Cane donations as of May 20, 2014: District 3-O-Bartlesville Tuxedo \$300, Miami \$277.33, Pawhuska \$200, Tulsa Downtown \$1,500; District 3-K-Ardmore \$500, McAlester \$200, Pocola \$438, Seminole \$2,000 plus Lions Club Junior Livestock Show \$210; District 3-L-Altus \$1,000, Cache \$100, Lawton Noon \$1,000; District 3-A-Guyton \$1,313, Nash \$25, Okarche \$250, Wakita \$557; District 3-H-Langston City \$200. A special thank you to the Director and staff at the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank for all the work you do to aid fellow Oklahomans with sight. You are the heart of what Oklahoma Lions stand for!

Cowboy Cadillac

***** PDG Elmo Castle (Garber Lions Club) was discovered to have the top sales in the State of Oklahoma. Thank you Lion Elmo!**

Cowboy Cadillac 2014 is fast approaching and the office has received several questions regarding ticket availability and event planning. The Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation (OLSF) Cowboy Cadillac (CC) committee will be meeting the last week of May to review the plan for this

year's fundraising event! OLSF is planning to get tickets out as soon as possible this summer. The Cowboy Cadillac (CC) numbers from 2013 are still in the process of auditing, but these are the fellowships we have so far, for a **combination of total OLSF 2013 donations and CC ticket sales**. If your name is on both lists, there is a combined total of more than \$750. If you do not see your name on either list for the Dr. Robert D. McCullough and Louis B. Lackey Fellowships and you believe you should be on the list, please contact me as soon as possible so we can make the adjustment. We will be sending out the pins as soon as possible.

Louis B. Lackey Fellowship

(for donations/ticket sales from \$250 to \$499)

Frank Gomes, Lloyd Looper, Stella Wright, Marvin Ainsworth, Kenneth Cales, Fred Clarke, Kent Clovis, Kent Ryals, Doyle Bisbee, Janice Edwards, Elmo Castle, Mike Sexton, Richard Kelley, Deborah Major, Troy Jenkins, Geneva Dawley, Charles Michael, Jr., Patrick Halsey, Doug Garren, Marshall Ward, James Kelly, Jerry Pearce, Raymond Valdez, Mike Drechsler, Russell B. Brawley, Carl Breazeale, Dawn Miller, Fred Clark, Leamon Freeman, Ron Gaines, Kimberly Furrh, Carri Bell, Mike Graham, Robert Hahn, William and Hulda Hamilton, Jacque Mooney, Rick Shields, Jane Harmon, Bill Hassler, George Hazelbaker, Phil Hendrick, Ray and Donna Kerchee, Charles L. Lackey, Mike Lindsey, Ernest and Mildred Moore, Thomas P. Mulligan, Ronald L. Pennington, Cheryl Powell, Richard James Family Foundation, Camilla Riley, Anna Faye Rose, R. Hal Long, Dennis Scheffe, L. John Schmidt, Sam Sheehan II, Hank Sookne, Billy Thompson, Ray B. Whitmore Jr., and Karl Youngers.

Dr. Robert D. McCullough Fellowship

(for donations/ticket sales of \$500 and up)

Troy Jenkins, Geneva Dawley, Charles Michael, Jr., Patrick Halsey, Marshall Ward, James Kelly, Jerry Pearce, Raymond Valdez, Kent Clovis, Doyle Bisbee, Mike and Judy Elliott, Doug Garren, Mark Hill, Bill J. Horne, Richard James

Family Foundation, John Lester, R. Hal Long, Rollene B. McCormick, Rick Shields, Jacque Mooney, Joseph E. Robinson, Kent Ryals, and Marshall Ward.

These donations make it possible to continue to fund Lions projects throughout Oklahoma. Thank you all for your tremendous support!

OK Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit: Scheduling Events

By OLSF Director Marie Burns

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The MHSU is experiencing some issues with scheduling for the summer months due to driver availability. The Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation (OLSF) office is working tirelessly to develop scheduling processes that will result in effective reservations and adequate operations. Personnel and volunteer issues continue to need attention in an attempt to rectify the problems. We desperately need Lion volunteers to be trained in operating the screening devices as well as CDL drivers to transport the unit. We have not had an adequate response from the professional driving agency for the need to provide drivers and need your patience with scheduling the unit.

We are seeking to form a team of drivers that can manage the unit and help Lions Clubs with MHSU scheduling. Please consider stepping up to drive and support the MHSU needs if you have a Class A CDL and would like to drive. In the mean time, **please call OLSF Executive Director Marie Burns if you need to schedule the unit**. In an effort to minimize cancellations it may take your patience in securing the reservation so Lions, please do not publicize a MHSU visit until it has been confirmed. Your suggestions are welcome as we move forward to provide services to those in need.

Thank you very much for your patience.

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District 3-O

**Governor
Elmer Enyart**

If you did not attend the state convention April 25-26 you missed a very good one. This is not just a time to learn and do necessary business, but a time to get together with our Lions family: to visit, laugh and sometimes cry when we remember those that have gone on before us.

Our District 3-O Lion of the Year for 2013-2014 is Jim Marsh of the Wagoner Lions Club and he is also a Zone Chair. Jim has done a great job for Lions. Anytime we have called on him in need he has been there to help. Jim is one of those Lions who go above and beyond and we just want to let him know he is appreciated and we thank him for his service.

Trudy and I went to Quapaw to spend the week with 3 of our grandsons while our daughter was traveling for her work and were there about 3 hours before the tornado hit. The skies were not all that cloudy, no rain, no hail. The wind on the south end of Quapaw was not all that extreme either. Mother Nature did not show any of the signs of a deadly tornado about to hit. God puts you where he wants you and we were put in a place where we could step up and help do some good. We could serve the citizens of Quapaw; I applied for and received the \$10,000 LCIF Emergency Grant. Trudy and I had the opportunity to meet and assist some wonderful people and we still have more to do but we both thank God for Lions and the opportunity they have given us to be able to financially assist in the recovery of a community with a big heart.

Seems my year as District Governor is going out with a bang. I was actually approached by a

few people from Quapaw who said they need a Lions Club in Quapaw. I cannot get that done in my term but maybe I have been able to set things up for DGE Randy next year. Quapaw is busy healing right now but by late summer or fall things will be looking much better and this will be a good project.

If I did not get your club information in this month's issue please forgive me. My secretary aka wife is having open heart surgery this month and she is getting this article done before that surgery. I will work with DGE Randy to get any news missed into the combined July/August issue to be published Aug. 1.

The last cabinet meeting of 2013-2014 is scheduled for June 21 in Tulsa. If you have any questions please contact Lion Wayne Middleton, Cabinet Secretary.

Barnsdall Community (BCLC): STEP Shoot profit was \$427.18; next year's STEP will be in late May/early June.. Main Street Auction will be June 21, 10am and the Chicken & Noodles Dinner and Bake Sale in the American Legion Building will be at 11am. Concrete pads for 2 more benches along Main St. are available. The bench cost is \$258.03 and a replacement seal is \$23.26. The Victims Impact Assistance program at the school has been cancelled for this school year and may be rescheduled for next fall. Held Zone F meeting on May 16.

Bartlesville Downtown: Two new members joined, bringing total Club membership to 20. Club participated in the Special Olympics by helping coordinate several races.

Bartlesville Tuxedo: Mourned the passing of Lion Art Byers. Club had successful pancake breakfast and donated half the proceeds to the OLSF. Finished the eye screening at 10 daycare locations (325 children).

Chelsea: Honored Chelsea HS Senior Amber Robinson (pictured right) with the first scholarship awarded by the club. Lion Pres. Timothy Stalcup (pictured far right) presented Amber a certificate

and check for \$1,500 at the school's Awards Day on April 30.

Dewey: Club worked 2 car shows, and will award \$500 scholarship to a Dewey HS senior.

Muskogee Noon: Bryan Larison from the Boys Ranch visited and provided a very clear vision for the future success of the program. The club was very excited to become part of the fundraising program for the new foster homes community, donating \$250. The evening fellowship meeting that President Creed is promoting was attended by 11 members, and there were 4 guests; purpose was to provide an opportunity for members, or potential new members who cannot attend noon meetings to have a connection with the activity of Lions in the community. Three expressed interest in forming an evening branch club. Muskogee Noon Lions are happy to let District 3-O leaders, and the state organization know they continue to shoulder their load to make Lions relevant in their community.

Porter: Donated \$700 to Porter HS Grad night. Being the first, it is being run as a Lions project with Lions Jentri Guinn and Christy McCollough as co-chairpersons. Over 30 young ladies have signed up for the Porter Peach pageant which is in 3 sections; Bud, Blossom and Queen. This event is co-chaired by Lions Jill White and Jentri Guinn. Anyone desiring info on the Porter Peach Festival may go to their website: porterpeachfestivals.com.

Sapulpa: The club entered a team in the OK Lions Boys Ranch Golf Tournament; donated \$100 to Sapulpa High School softball team for hole sponsor; sponsored Sarah Parham for the Oklahoma Free Wheel Ride.



OK Lions State Convention Report By State Secretary Dawn Miller

The Lions of Oklahoma met for their required convention April 25-26, 2014, at the NCED Conference Center and Hotel in Norman. Attendance overall neared 200. Friday's programs were received very well: thank you to presenters Tony Woodell, World Services for the Blind; Dale Johansen, Project New Hope-Minnesota; Patrick Redbird, Kiowa culture and NA Indian traditions; Oklahoma Lions Disaster Relief Update/video by Lion Troy Jenkins. Two Lions competed in the adult speech contest: Lion Judy Echenrode from Vinita and DGE Dee Carson from Garber; Lion Judy won the trophy with Lion Dee close behind. Four of the five district youth speech contestants competed:

first place-Jessica Flynn (Lawton Noon LC), second place Madison Deeds (Garber LC), third-Aubrey Snider (Cushing LC), and fourth-Jesse Scott (Marietta LC). Lions of the Year were recognized for each district: 3-O Jim Marsh from Wagoner, 3-K DGE Don Shaw from Idabel, 3-L VDG Karen Blanton from Elk City, 3-A Kathleen Long from Pioneer-Pleasant Vale, and 3-H Richard Schiver from OKC West Side. The Humanitarian award went to DVM Gary and Rosalind Detrich from Cushing for their work in providing a community Thanksgiving meal to not only those in need but to those who just do not want to spend the holiday alone. Oklahoma Lions highest recognition for a Lion serving on the club, district and state level, the Dr. Bob McCullough Lions Meritorious Service Award was presented to Past District Gov-

ernor Elmo Castle (Garber LC).). LCI Leadership medals were awarded to VDG Stephanie Pettett (Atoka LC) and DGE Dawn Miller; Presidential medals, one of International's highest recognitions, were awarded to PCC Marvin Ainsworth (OKC West Side LC) and DGE Don Shaw (Idabel LC).

Saturday's Memorial Service movingly honored those Lions who passed away since the last state convention. Saturday was also the time of the annual (general membership) meetings for all the OK Lions state boards and the fourth Council meeting. PDG Tony Dowell addressed the serious social issue of bullying, especially as it can be remediated by use of the Lions Quest program in schools. OK Lions state officers for 2014-15 are:

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District 3-K

Governor
Daryl Pults

What A Year!

This Lions year is in its last month. All in all it has been a good year for District 3-K. We started our first quarter with a nice gain in membership and received the International President Palmer's **Dream Achievers** award. The second quarter we slipped a little and did not have a positive growth in membership. The third quarter we came back with a gain in membership and another **Dream Achievers** award. We are now finishing the fourth quarter, and it will be close. We still have a chance to win another award and end the year with a district gain in membership. That would be a great accomplishment for our district. I am very proud of our clubs for making this effort to grow our membership and challenge all clubs to keep growing in the coming year.

I did most of my club visits before the holidays in fall 2013. I wanted to get into our clubs as soon as possible to get the message of our membership growth challenge to them. Visiting the clubs is always one of the best parts of serving as a District Governor.

As usual the clubs were very gracious and a lot of fun to visit. Lions are the cream of the crop in our communities. I not only enjoy the visits, but I also learn about what they are doing and about projects that I can suggest to other clubs. I also thank my wife, Carolyn, for traveling with me. As you know she is very outgoing and connects well with the club members.

The last couple of months we have been busy with the Oklahoma Lions State Convention and our District Cabinet meetings. What a great State

Convention! I thank those who worked so hard to set up and run the convention, especially the convention committee. Congratulations to District Governor Elect Don Shaw of the Idabel Lions Club on receiving the District 3-K Lion of the Year Award, and to First Vice District Governor Stephanie Pettett of the Atoka Lions Club on receiving the LCI Leadership Medal. Now let us get behind these two leaders and have a great year for the district in 2014-2015.

3-K Club Activity Reports

Ada: Celebrated it's 95th Birthday as a Lions Club on May 20. The Ada Air Expo is Saturday June 7, starting at 12:00 noon. The Ada Lions will have a drink booth. It is always a good Air Show.

Atoka: Awarded \$50 to the Student of the Month. They ran a concession stand at the local talent contest. They sponsored 2 holes at the Boys Ranch Golf Tournament. Five Atoka Lions attended the State Convention in Norman.

Ardmore: Received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation in recognition of outstanding continued support of the Foundation's Fundraising Programs; the club was the top seller of Cowboy Cadillac tickets for District 3-K.

Broken Bow: Held the Lions Broken Bow Open golf tournament which was a good fundraising event. Their officer installation banquet will be in June. The club honored the Broken Bow Senior of the Month Taylor Pratt. Club presented \$1,000 scholarships each to Jade Mitchell and Josh Patel at the High School awards ceremony.

Holdenville: Awarded two \$300 scholarships to graduating seniors.

McAlester: Lions collected 156 pairs of eyeglasses for recycling. They held an OLSF White Cane fundraiser; 12 volunteers collect \$170 in donations and used eyeglasses. They also handed out mints and Lions information.

Seminole: Club sends out letters to businesses and has an auction to promote the OLSF White Cane fundraiser. So far they have collected \$1,200 from the letters and \$647 from the auction. They usually collect over \$2,000 each year for White Cane.

Wilburton: Lions purchased 3 pairs of eyeglasses, gave \$250 to the School Art Show winners, and sent 5 used cell phones and 85 pairs of used eyeglasses to the state office for recycling. The club members worked the High School Alumni breakfast and made a profit of \$1,003.

Welcome New 3-K Members

Pauls Valley - Greg Lucas; **Shawnee** - Kathleen Birch, James Bridges, Zack Metheny, Jamie Powell, Cynthia See and David Spires; **Tishomingo** - Corey and Ruthanne Darr, Robert Holliday

District 3-K Calendar

June 7: Ada Air Expo. Air Show starts at 12:00 noon.

June 14: Oklahoma Lions Council and Board meetings, 9:00AM, OKC

Closing Comments

This is the last newsletter for this Lions year. I have had some health problems this year, so I have not been as active as I would like to have been. I thank our district cabinet for stepping up and helping me through my time of recovery. Thanks to our clubs in this district for making a good effort to have a membership gain for the year.

Finally, be sure to get your international, state, and district dues paid and keep your membership information and club information up-to-date with LCI through the My LCI website. Make a final push for a membership gain, and be ready to give your best to our incoming cabinet officers. It has been a joy to serve as your district governor this year. The district has a great bunch of clubs. Thank you!

Council Chair Corner

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It has certainly been a pleasure to work with the Council of Governors, and to serve on the various committees. Thanks to my wife Elaine for her support, and of course, for all the help given by our state secretary Lion Dawn Miller (3-H DGE), state treasurer PDG Mike Banks, 3-O District Governor Elmer Enyart, 3-K District Governor Daryl Pults, 3-L

District Governor Sue Thompson, 3-A District Governor Terry Woodruff, 3-H District Governor Tom Cummings and all committee members.

Passing of the Gavel: the Council Chairperson for 2014-2015 is Tom Cummings, Cushing Lions Club and currently District Governor for 3-H.

"It's Great to be a LION"

Lions Diabetes Awareness and the Harold Hamm Center

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of the beautiful yet highly functional facility.

The HHDC is a state-of-the-medical-arts research, treatment and education center. The scope of the HHDC cannot be covered in this brief article.

Club Presidents: check your mail in the coming weeks for Lion Brent's letter and information packet for your Lions Club. Included

will be a CD with a video of the Center and its work. Copies will also be sent to named Diabetes Awareness district chairpersons and the District Governor teams for each district.

If you want to be on the mailing list for this packet and video, please contact your state office at 405-947-6540, or email liondawn@cox.net.

2013-2014

District 3-L



Governor
Sue Thompson

Déjà vu!

Well, here we are—the last newsletter of this Lions year; it hardly seems possible! It seems like it was just yesterday that I was racking my brain for something to talk about! Oh wait! It was yesterday! Some things never change!

I am not fading away into the sunset, however; I hope to stick around and help our District 3-L for many years to come. I appreciate so very much those who helped me this year, not only in the district but others as well. I will do my best to help those coming up.

We always need new leaders! If you are interested in serving on a district or state level committee, but no one has asked you, please call Kristi or me. I am always looking for leaders but I may not have seen you yet so speak up! We will find a place for you.

Lions is a wonderful organization full of wonderful, caring people! We need more Lions, so please share our organization with everyone you know! Speaking of members, as of today, we are down another 5 members: 3 new Lions but 8 dropped. If you know anyone thinking of joining, please send in their paperwork this month or next for sure. I really hope to end the year with +1!

We had a great state convention; thanks to everyone who helped, especially Arlene and her committee chairs. As soon as we return from Toronto, we will be ready to hit the ground running so be ready to help when you are asked—it really does take a village! I will have the best job next year—Vice Council Chair, which means I won't have to write a column and I am sure Tom will chair all the meetings, which will mean I just have to show up and listen!



Altus Lions "Hunting for Lions" in the Armed Service Day parade.

I have visited a lot in our district and we have some wonderful clubs. I still have 6 or 7 to visit in the next few weeks and I'm looking forward to each of them. I visited **Cordell** last week and one of their projects was building what may be the coolest playground ever! It is in Lions Park and they help with the upkeep also. If you have a chance to see it, please do—it is unique! They are also planning a golf tournament later this month. Many of our Lions Clubs do scholarships but **Elk City** outdid themselves with \$4,750 awarded. They also honored Cubs of the month. Other club news follows:

Altus: Had a float in the Armed Services Day parade and helped with the City Cleanup May 30. Club presented the **Bill Luderson** scholarship to a student from Blair. Club will have the Friends and Family quarterly event in June: a picnic and also 2014-2015 officer installation.

Anadarko: Lions held their annual fun yet safe after-prom party for Anadarko High School students at the Wichita Tribe's Iscani Community Center on Fri., May 16.

Binger: Club presented 4 scholarships and held a golf tournament May 17 at Ft. Cobb golf course. Binger's baseball team won state in their class, so congratulations to them! (Gov. note: They have had a few pretty good players there! I will be visiting them in June.)

Chickasha: Donated to Food for Kids, Project Graduation, Christmas in August, and to optometry students for a mission trip.

Clinton: Lions run the Little League in their town and do a great job.

Duncan Evening: Purchased eyeglasses for 2 people and collected 150 used pairs of eyeglasses for recycling.

El Reno: Had a young lady speak about reopening the YMCA there because the May 2013

tornado damaged the building. This may be something the Disaster Relief committee can help with. The club decided donate \$500 to LCIF to acknowledge the help the area received last

Lawton N E On-Line Branch: Lion Starr Cannon, sponsor, looks on at Lion Ray Polk inducts new Branch Club Member Dr. Laura England on Sat., May 17. (insert picture +plus picture of white cane day Troop 20)

Union City: Club honored 2 students of the month and placed a premium for all students' livestock shown at the County Stock Show. They installed a flag pole at the elementary school and sponsored a hole at the Boys Ranch golf tournament. They hosted the DG for installation of officers.

Watonga: Club awarded six (6) \$500 scholarships; the scholarship program is in its 32nd year.

Velma-Alma: Donated to the local food bank and honored 2 students of the month. A golf tournament will be held in the near future.

Remember our Guiding Lion training and Cabinet meeting is in Weatherford at 1709 Lyle Rd. on Sat., June 7 starting at 9 am.

Thanks to all of you—it's been a great year!



The playground **Cordell Lions** built—quite possibly the coolest playground ever! (and it is in Lions Park)



Cordell Lions Club

2013-2014

District 3-A

Governor
Terry Woodruff



Our Lions year is drawing to a close. Please make sure you get your PU101 Officer List turned into the District Governor and the state office. We must get our directories ready very soon.

Two of my last club visits asked me the same question: "Governor, do you have the secret ingredient to help grow our club? We try but just can't seem to get new members." My answer has been the same all year long and I hope to keep preaching it long after I pass the title of Governor to DGE Deanna. GO AFTER THE KIDS! When you get the kids, you get the parents and the grandparents!

We always hear stories that young families are too busy with children's activities from ball games to dance. But we never seem to realize the message that parents are taking their kids to activities they think are worthwhile and nurturing.

Not many of the clubs I have visited have any projects or activities that directly involve youth. Only a few have the "Cubs" program active and I have only visited one that had a family night club meeting. I am very proud of my home club starting a Cub Club for the youth. It is just starting but at least it is a start.

When will we stop competing against family time and become a part of it? When will we align our "service" activities to those that interest the whole family? When will we start making it our mission to help families teach their children the

value of service to others in their community? And above all, when will our clubs stop being the biggest secret in town when you ask "What is a Lion and what do they do (besides make good pancakes)?"

I am a Lion and a District Governor because Lions touched my life as a young person. They made a very positive impression on me; I saw they made a real difference for my small town. In short, they planted a seed just that was just waiting for someone to come by with their watering can to ask "would you like to be a Lion?"

It is very obvious that we have a lot of caring people in each of our communities. It is time to get out there and make our case of why we are important to the community and why THEY should be a Lion. Caring people will quickly join a cause that really makes a difference and doesn't waste their time. Give them that compelling reason to be a Lion.

If you need ideas for youth just visit the Kingfisher Lions Club Turtle Race this summer. I am sure it will be more fun than the Mangum Rattlesnake Derby (sorry snake lovers)!



Lion Rick Shields offered to cut off his prized pony tail as a fundraiser for the Ponca City Noon Lions Cubs Club. He raised over \$200 for project money.



OK Lions State Convention Report

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Council Chairperson Tom Cummings (Cushing LC), Vice Council Chairperson Sue Thompson (Altus LC), State Secretary Dawn Miller (OKC West Side LC), State Treasurer Sharon DiGennaro (Vian LC), and Parliamentarian PCC Bob Austin (Edmond LC).

Lions raised funds for OK Lions service projects and others through the silent auction (thank you, Lions Lynda Cummings and Elaine Wibben) and through the door prize/50-50 raffle by PCC Charles and Lion Colleen Michael. Just the Michaels-led raffle netted \$364.33 each to the OLSF, OLEB and OLBR. The auction raised between \$1,700 and \$1,800, depending on sold items not paid for yet. The final count on the auction is not quite done yet, so will be reported later.

Other highlights included: Lion Veterans Wall

of Honor), pin trading, scavenger hunt by Lion J. P. Williams, New Leash on Life (OKC), vendor Plus Optix, First Timers, Chickasaw Honor Guard, Anadarko Redstone Baptist Church young ladies doing two hymns in American Indian Sign Language, Music Teacher Amy Mann from Briarwood Elementary School, Norman Sooner Lions honoring Logan Richardson for his project to get new bicycles to the children from Briarwood who lost their homes and belongings in the May 20, 2013 tornado, and last, but not least, PIP Clement Kusiak with his valuable input in several sessions as well as his keynote address for the convention.

The Veterans Wall of Honor, thank-you-IVPCC Arlene Shore, will be on display at the state board/council meetings on June 14 at the West Side Lions Town Hall in OKC. Programs from the convention are available upon request from the OK Lions state office. The Lion of the Year brochure is posted online at www.oklahomalions.org.



Midwest City Lions put on labels designating items as donated by Lions, and then delivered the 28 Redcat audio systems and several 2-way radios to Briarwood Elementary School (Moore) as part of the May 20, 2013 disaster recovery program coordinated by OK Lions and LCIF.

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District 3-H

Governor
Tom Cummings

Is my time up already? Yes, and this will be my last newsletter as Governor of District 3-H. I offer my sincere and whole-hearted thank you to all of the Lions of 3-H. District 3-H clubs and members have made this a wonderful year and we have really accomplished so much.

At the start of the year, I challenged our clubs and members to make a real push to increase their membership. We talked about how we must keep pushing forward with new members to keep our clubs vibrant and energetic. I challenged you to become part of the **Governors One Team**. District 3-H stepped up to that challenge. At the end of April 2013, we had 62 new members. As of April 2014 we have added 100 new Lions. That is fantastic! You all have done a great job of growing our clubs and our district. Let's keep the forward progress going as we enter the new year and push for an even larger increase.

In addition to our new members, District 3-H clubs have been doing unbelievably good things for their communities. Your projects showcase what Lionism is all about. You are making a difference in the lives of your neighbors. I've had the opportunity to visit all our clubs this year and I enjoyed each visit. Even though each club is a little different in makeup and personality, we have a common thread through our district: just everyday folks doing great things for our communities and having fun doing it. So, District 3-H not only serves, but we serve with smiles on our faces!

A special thank you to each club for making me feel so welcome on my visits. You made me feel like part of your club, sometimes a little too much a part of your club. (I was fined in Guthrie!) All in good fun! I value the friendships I have made and I hope I am invited to return for future club visits and events.

We had a great year but our work is not done. I encourage you to join me as we follow the leadership of our new District 3-H Governor Dawn Miller, as she leads the way this next year for continued growth of our clubs and district as we interact together. We have several new branch clubs and hopefully one converting to a charter club that will need our help and attention this year. We will be reaching out for district 3-H Lions to help nurture these new clubs.

New Presidents: let us know how we can help you and your clubs. We have a great leadership team that is willing to help you rise to your challenges. Call or email your dates and times for your service projects, special programs or events and any questions or needs you might have. Let's

continue to work together as clubs and a district to continue the goals we have set forth as Lions! I have given my commitment to incoming governor Dawn Miller to help her wherever I may serve and I make the same offer to you. If I can help, let me know. I may not be able to always say yes, but I certainly will try.

District 3-H Lions - Thank you for a wonderful year and for your friendship and support. I didn't accomplish every goal I set out a year ago but being able to meet and develop friendships with Lions from our 3-H clubs has certainly overshadowed the short comings of any goal achievements. And for that, I am very grateful to each and every one of you.

3-H Club Activities Reported

Cushing Lions completed their 88th annual Junior Olympics for fifth and sixth graders. This year's event was held in Drumright and the Cushing Lions partnered with the Drumright Lions and invited Drumright students to participate as well. Club is preparing for annual Pancake Breakfast for Cushing Alumni and residents.



Edmond Lions collected 200 pairs of used eyeglasses and purchased eyeglasses for 1 adult and 1 student; 2014-2015 officers will be installed by PID Pat Shurley; club will sponsor MHSU for the Seniors Oak Tree Golf Tourney July 10.

Midwest City Lions hosted their 67th annual BBQ brisket fundraiser with over 600 dinners cooked and served. Donated 385 pairs of used eyeglasses, 25 used printer cartridges and 12 used cell phones.

Mulhall-Orlando Lions gave pencils to elementary school children for Easter and donated \$25 each to several State International projects. They held their annual end-of-year Ladies' Night Out dinner and 2014-2015 Officer Installation at Stables Restaurant in Guthrie on May 22. First project for the 2014-2015 year will be their annual 2-day feed the teachers and staff at both the High School and Elementary School in August.

OKC Capital Hill Lions will have their annual Hot Dog fundraising lunch on Sat., June 14 from 11am

-3pm at the Lions Bldg. in Draper Park, 3900 S. Robinson, OKC; \$5 per person to eat.

OKC Northwest Lions donated \$100 to OLSF; completed successful bowling fun-raiser with 75 participants; collected 197 pairs of used eyeglasses.

OKC West Side Lions helped cook and deliver Mobile Meals for the elderly on Tuesdays and Thursdays, still utilizing the Town Hall while the church kitchen is renovated. Club is starting a new flag program that is both a fundraiser and a community service project, following the example of the Harrah Lions Club. Club held its semi-annual Pancake Day fundraiser May 3. Club continues to help people get eye exams and eyeglasses, in at least 5 zip code areas of the greater OKC metro district. Eleven Lions and a Cub attended the State Convention in Norman; congratulations to Lion Richard Schiver for his Lion of the Year award from District 3-H and to President/PCC Marvin Ainsworth for his Presidential medal through LCI.

Perry Lions presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Sherry Doughty in honor of her late husband Lion Mike Doughty. Lions Jon Alexander and Connolly Wade were presented **Governors One Team** pins for their new members. Club held annual Easter Egg Hunt and annual Farmer-Rancher Appreciation Day. Lion Steward served Meals-on-Wheels to 10 homebound senior citizens.

Stillwater Noon Lions purchased 2 pairs of eyeglasses and collected 256 used eyeglasses to recycle; 5 Lions served 27 Lion hours helping **LCIF Opening Eyes** during the Oklahoma State Special Olympics. Club had a successful Apple-

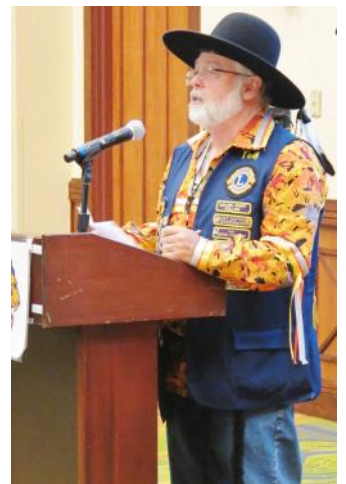


bee's Flapjack fundraiser (pictured above) and sponsored a new branch Stillwater E-Club.



Pictured above: Mulhall-Orlando Lions Ladies Dinner Out at Stables in Guthrie.

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June 2014:

- June 6 Carney LC Golf Tournament**, Chandler Golf Course, Lion Joni 405-240-0965
- June 7 3-H Cabinet Meeting** 8:30am and 2014-2015 Zone Chairperson Training Session 9:30am, West Side Lions Town Hall, 4135 NW 10th St., OKC 73107
- June 7 3-L Certified Guiding Lion Training** 9am, followed by 3-L Cabinet Meeting, Life Fellowship Church gym, 1709 Lyle St., Weatherford
- June 7 Ada Air Expo**, 12 noon, with Lions Club Concession booth.
- June 13 VDG/Leadership Training**, 4pm, OK Lions State Office, 4123 NW 10th St., OKC 73107
- MD-3 OK Lions Council Agenda meeting**, 7pm, OK Lions State Office
- June 14 MD-3 Okla. Lions State Board and Council Meetings**, West Side Lions Town Hall, 4135 NW 10th St., OKC 73107
7:45am OK Lions St. Conv. Planning Comm. Meeting
8:15am OLEB Executive Board Meeting (tentative), OK Lions State Office
8:55am OK Lions Council Meeting Opening
9:00am OK Lions Eye Bank Board Meeting
9:45am Briggs Scholarship Board Meeting
10:30am OK Lions Boys Ranch Board Meeting
11:15am OK Lions Service Foundation Board Meeting
12 noon Lunch by 3-L Lions (tentatively); Boneyard Meeting
1:00pm OK Lions Council Meeting, followed by clean-up and Disaster Relief meeting

- June 14 Hugo LC Green-Keepers Revenge Golf Tournament** (call 580 326-3926 for information)
- June 14 OKC Capital Hill LC** annual hot dog lunch, 11am-3pm, Lions Bldg.in Draper Park, 3900 S. Robinson, OKC;
- June 16 OKC Northwest LC annual golf tournament**, Coffee Creek Golf Course
- June 21 3-A Cabinet Meeting**, 10:30am, EMS building, Garber
- June 21 3-O Cabinet Meeting**, 9:30am, Stovall Theater of University Retirement Center, 8555 S. Lewis Tulsa
- June30-July 9 DGE School/LCI Convention**, Toronto Canada

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- July 4** Independence Day Holiday-OK Lions State Office Closed
- July 4-9** LCI Convention, Toronto, Canada

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Wagoner Lions Club Sixth Annual Lions Golf Outing- 4 Man Scramble



This year's event will be Friday, August 1, 2014 at the Sequoyah State Park Golf Course near Wagoner, Oklahoma.

Registration begins at 8:00 am, with tee-off at 9:00 am.

The cost for this grand event is only \$300 per four-person team. This price includes entry into all events, 18 holes of golf, riding cart, and lunch. If your company is also sponsoring a hole, please add \$100 to the total due.

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