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OFFICIAL NOTICE TO ALL OKLAHOMA LIONS CLUBS

Voting on Proposed Redistricting Resolution at the April 25-26, Oklahoma Lions State Convention in Tulsa

On October 18, 2014, the Council of Governors approved (4-1) the following to be placed on the ballot for the Lions of Oklahoma:

Redistrict Multiple District 3 into 3 sub-districts to be named O, K and L (to stay with the naming convention used previously). A map showing the redistricting

lines and updated numbers of clubs and members will be presented with the ballot.

To vote on this resolution, Oklahoma Lions need to be in good standing with a Lions Club in good standing, and there may be one Lion certified for every 10 Lions (or greater portion thereof) of a club. In other words, a club with 37 members may have up to 4 certified delegates for voting at the state convention. A club should elect (or the club president appoint) the delegates

plus an alternate in case a delegate is unable to vote. District Certification and Election committee members will be on hand near the Registration area at the state convention to certify delegates. A majority of the certified delegates voting at the convention is required to approve this resolution and send it then to LCI for approval by the Board of Directors.

Focus on: Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank

The Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank moved from their temporary location to their new building Nov. 1, 2014, and held their Open House for Lions on Sat., Jan. 31, 2015. Lori, the interim director, is pictured with Lion Russal Brawley who was instrumental in the new building project. Lion Scott Corson, OLEB Board President, is pictured with Lion Lynda Cummings. The turnout for the Open house was good considering the cold, wet weather. And thank you, OLEB staff, for the wonderful home made cookies!

The new lab is expansive and state-of-the-art, a vast improvement over the former lab!



Top Right: Interim Director Lori Miller and Lion Russal Brawley



Choctaw-Nicomma Park Lions Club Charter Event

Saturday, March 7, 2015, 2-4pm
First National Bank, 15801 NE
23rd St., Choctaw 73020-8428
Light refreshments and lots of fun!



Cowboy Cadillac Success!

By Marie Burns, OLSF Executive Director



The final numbers are tallied, reconciled, and confirmed for the winners! The Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation is so thankful and proud to have such wonderful Lions who support our state projects through the Cowboy Cadillac fundraising efforts. Every club that participated is appreciated and we want to recognize the top ticket sellers.

The **top district** in the state was **3-A** with a total of **\$25,667**, meeting **94.12%** of their goal.

The remaining district numbers according to percentage of goal and the number of members in each district were:

2nd place - 3-H with total sales of **\$14,938**,
59.92% of their goal

3rd place - 3-K with total sales of **\$16,217**,
57.32% of their goal

4th place - 3-L with total sales of **\$12,570**,
52.24% of their goal

5th place- 3-O with total sales of **\$13,399**,
6.57% of their goal

The **top selling club** in the state was **Ponca City Noon (3-A)** with **\$7,997**. They were \$3 from 8K! They will receive a check at the MD-3 State Convention for 15% of their total sales: \$1,200 to go towards their

club's service projects! **Garber Lions Club (3-A)** was in **second place** with **\$5,752** and **Guymon** was in **third place** with **\$2,513**.

The **top selling clubs in the following districts** will also receive a check for 10% of their total sales, as listed below (i.e., Muskogee Noon 10% of \$1,288 or \$129)!

3-O: Muskogee Noon (first place) \$1,288;
Wagoner (second place) \$1,010; **Tulsa Downtown (third Place)** \$942

3-K: Atoka (first place) \$2,150; **Seminole (second place)** \$1,727; **Ardmore (third place)** \$1,700

3-L: Altus (first place) \$2,865; **Lawton Noon (second place)** \$2,112; **Anadarko (third place)** \$761

3-A: listed in top selling clubs paragraph above

3-H: OKC Northwest (first place) \$1,987;
OKC Downtown (second place) \$1,450;
Edmond (third place) \$1,212

In addition to the clubs already reported, the following clubs also sold at least \$1,000 and eligible for a club patch are: North Enid (3-A) \$1,896, Fairview (3-A) \$1,503, Ada (3-K) \$1,314, Idabel (3-K) \$1,297, Stillwater Noon (3-H) \$1,080, OKC West Side (3-H) \$1,061, and Shawnee (3-K) \$1,024.

Many times we don't realize how much of a blessing Lions are during the Cowboy Cadillac Campaign however, the stories of the winners tell a different version. First Place Winner's Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Hoggard and little Houston won the Grand Prize for the Cowboy Cadillac Fundraiser! They chose the cash option which will certainly bless their family this year for Christmas! Houston was born early and they are still recovering from the medical expenses. Aaron was elated and almost didn't believe me when we talked on the phone. What a blessing this was for their family. Oklahoma Lions should know how blessed their family was celebrating the Holidays thanks to their generosity!

Thanks to all the OLSF board members, MD-3 Governors, District Zone Chairs, Muskogee Lions Club, Ok Lions State Office, and all Lions who worked so tirelessly to push the campaign. You all are a wonderful blessing to Oklahoma!

Cowboy Cadillac Drawing Winners



1st Prize Aaron Hoggard from Cherokee, OK
Sold by his father father George Hoggard.



3rd place Dale & Diane Mullins
from Ada, Oklahoma Sold by Ron Batey

2nd Place (not picture) Randy Orman from Wagoner, OK
Sold by Monica Medley



Memorials

Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation

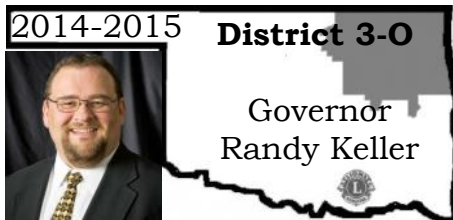
In memory of :

Randy Forst, from Jim & Sherry Keisman

Oklahoma Lions Irrevocable Trust

In memory of

2014-2015 PDG's, from Oklahoma Lions Boneyard; **Pat Lalicker**, from Bill & Yolanda Middleton



Hello, fellow Lions! I hope this newsletter finds you doing well and your Lions Club on course to have an incredible 2015!

President Joe Preston has challenged us to increase our service to our communities in honor of our upcoming Centennial...to the tune of impacting 100 MILLION people before the end of 2017! It's going to take a lot of work, but it is certainly within our reach...we're LIONS! Look around your community for greater ways to impact others. How about serving others by scheduling our Mobile Health Screening Unit at a community event? Or maybe a park beautification project? Survey your community and solicit their input...and then solicit their involvement! People want to be a part of a group that is active...and when people see your Club doing great things, they will want to be involved!

100 million people impacted....and there are only 1.36 million of us Lions? That means we will EACH need to impact 74 people on average! Do you know what would help make this task a bit easier? MORE MEMBERS! The more hands we have available, the more we are able to do!

Consider holding a membership drive this month! Divide your Club's members into two teams—have your President and Membership Chair be team captains—and see which team can bring in the most new Lions in a set period of time. Make it fun...the team with the least new members has to cook a potluck meeting for the team with the most new Lions...or some other nice touch that will add to the bragging rights! Some Clubs offer a prize for the Lion who brings in the most new members...be creative and start recruiting!

I want to share a special story this month. I had the incredible opportunity to induct two new members to the Grove Grand Lions Club a few months ago...Lions Jim and Nancy Keller. These great Lions, originally hailing from Dewey and Nowata, then arriving in Grove via Borger, Texas, are my family! I remember asking Dad if they might be interested in joining this new Lions Club that we were forming...and he shared some of his great memories of Lions—when my grandfather was a Dewey Lions Club member decades ago! My first position in my Lions Club was Tail Twister...and Dad shared with me that Grandma Ruby was a Tail Twister back in the day! Dad told me all about helping his dad collect donations during White

Cane Day, and participating at other Lions events. I thought I was a "first generation" Lion...now that my father has joined, that makes me a THIRD generation Lion! So...don't overlook those closest to you when you're looking to Strengthen the Pride!

Speaking of White Cane Day....it will be here before you know it...start making plans for YOUR event today!

Another event quickly approaching is our State Convention! With a location in TULSA (Wyndham hotel, located on 41st street, just east of Highway 169), it will be easily accessible for all of our 3-O Clubs—so we should all have great representation there! While you're there, remember to check out the presentation on Leo Clubs that will be given by no other than 3-O's own South Grand Lake Lions Club's Leo Club from Ketchum! The Committee has worked hard to keep costs low...so make plans to attend!

Club News

Barnsdall Community: Worked with the school for the Feb. 11 blood drive. Worked with local technology center to develop community sign; cleared area, laid gravel foundation and purchased storage unit for the community center; also purchased and installed more playground equipment for the community center. Held successful Feb. chili cook-off. Helping community prepare for Bigheart Days May 22-24, 2015; acquiring bids for fireworks and bands, coordinating entries for parade, and getting vendor booth commitments/event sponsorships. *[Include picture with following caption: Bigheart Day in Barnsdall is a time for residents and visitors to get together to enjoy good food, entertainment and fun. This family event includes a fishing derby, games, arts and crafts, vendor booths, live music and a parade. Named after Chief Bigheart of the Osage Tribe, Bigheart Day is a citywide event. Friday events include a golf luncheon and outing. On Saturday morning, a fishing contest for kids will be held at Lake Waxhoma. Stick around for the parade down Main Street, concession booths, the annual car and motorcycle show and the popular Bigheart Day Idol Search, featuring local talent competing on stage for the top prize. Other events include tricycle race, frog and turtle races and a hula hoop competition. Don't miss the festival's fireworks, featuring a stunning display of lighting, sound and pyrotechnics after the sun goes down. On Sunday, there will be a Veterans memorial service at 2pm.]*

Beggs: Donated \$250 to assist in high school baseball team's trip to Tennessee to participate in national invitational tournament and tour of Vanderbilt University's baseball program.

Coweta: Purchased eyeglasses for 2 citizens in need.

Muskogee: Provided eye care and eyeglasses for 4 citizens in need; thank you, Lion Dr. Richard Creed for your donated services. Collected 264 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling, including several thank you notes commending this service to the community. One Lion is helping out in the high school cafeteria as a volunteer monitor

Pawhuska Lions donated funds to their fire department to provide Fire Safety Training materials for local students, and assisted a neighbor who had an accident!

Sapulpa Lions held their annual Bean and Chili Day, with 30 students and personnel from the Oklahoma School for the Blind helping out during the meal!

South Grand Lake of Langley: Provided food for 36 people for a month.

Tulsa Metro-McCullough: Sold carved wooden birds made by Tulsa M-M Lion at Eagle Watch event.

Vinita: Has sponsored over 30 eyeglasses recipients so far this Lions year.

Wagoner: Donated 1,000 pounds of product from Simmons Foods to local food banks.

Future Events

Mark your calendars for March 25-6:30am-1pm, and come join the Muskogee Lions for their annual Pancake Breakfast, featuring Blue and Gold sausage!

As always...if you want your information in the newsletter, be sure to send me an email...and pictures!!

It's GREAT to be a LION!



2014-2015

District 3-K

Governor
Don Shaw



Our District, 3-K, has a new and updated **Facebook** page built and maintained by PDG Russell Wright of Coalgate. Check it out and join the group! Every Lions Club needs a current **Facebook** page to keep members and prospective members updated on events, projects, new members and programs.

It is time for elections for 2015-2016. Please report all Club officers for 2015-2016 to donshawoffice@sbcglobal.net, or fax to 580-286-7570. Also report them on-line at LCI: MyLCI website. Absolute deadline is May 15, 2015!

Let me know if you are having an officer installation and I will try to attend. District Governor Elect Stephanie Pettett will take office immediately following the LCI Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii or on July 1, 2015; First Vice District Governor Elect Greg Walker will also take office on July 1. Shawnee Lion Nancy Cook-Senn has the endorsement of her club, and will be elect at the next cabinet meeting in Atoka on April 4 at 10am.

Spring is here and every club is encouraged to participate in a cleanup project around town, park, or main road into town; help show your pride in your community.

Get ready for the Oklahoma Lions State Convention, April 24-25 at the Wyndham Tulsa Hotel.

District 3-K Club Reports

Ada: **Shoot-for-Sight** raised about \$5,000, mostly spent on eyeglasses for children in Central America (4 trips per year). This is a great program to help foreign children with eye exams and eyeglasses.

Atoka: Donated \$500 to OK Lions Boys Ranch Foster Care community, \$100 to Atoka Little Angel Program, \$250 to Regional Feed the Children, and \$50 to Senior Student of the Month. Completed fruit and pecan sales fundraiser. Presented OLSF CC 2014 pins to Cowboy Cadillac ticket sellers. Purchased 3 pairs of eyeglasses for local residents in need.

Ardmore: Participated in the Festival of Lights as a club fundraiser and are now selling flowers and flower bulbs as another fundraiser. On March 29, Lions will help with A2A Arbuckles to Ardmore Marathon which benefits the Mercy Cancer Center. Ride for Sight Poker Run is April 11, and club is hosting the OK Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit (MHSU) on April 25.

Awarded 2 scholarships. Recognized Lions Warren Blackmon and J. R. Polzien for 10 years of service.

Broken Bow: Following LCI's theme of planting trees, planted red-leaf maples around town. Bought eyeglasses for youth and adult, and recognized the Senior of the Month. President Gordon was a First Timer at the 3-K Convention in Poteau. Club donated to the OK Lions Eye Bank and Boys Ranch, and made an inter-club visit to the Idabel Lions.

Coalgate: Did several Christmas programs and events, partnering with the Girl Scouts. Awarded 3 scholarships.

Durant: Continues buying eyeglasses as well as collecting used eyeglasses, cell phones, printer cartridges, and hearing aids.

Gore-Webbers Falls: Donated \$1,000 to Lions Clubs International Foundation to honor long-time member Lucky McCray with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Purchased a pair of eyeglasses for resident in need.

Heavener: Is very active in community affairs. Recently long-time Lion Eddie Freeman was recognized as the Heavener Citizen of the Year for 2014. He has served Lions and Heavener for many years. Congratulations, Lion Eddie! Both the Heavener and Poteau newspapers featured his picture and story.



Holdenville: Partnered with the local Masonic Lodge to buy school supplies for teachers and students. Lions are working to recruit new members.

Idabel: Honored 2 students of the month with \$25. Donates \$100 per month to food bank and purchased 2 pairs of eyeglasses for residents in need. The third annual chili supper made \$500, and club is getting ready for Kelly-Miller Circus. Presented OLSF Cowboy Cadillac 2014 pins to Lions who sold at least \$30 in tickets. Currently club is accepting scholarship applications.

Lindsay: Held very successful BBQ dinner (Nov.); and stew/chili dinner fundraiser (Feb.); special guests for meal were senior football players, coaches, and managers. Local groups sang for us in Dec. In Jan. donated to help train new drug dog. Club took first place in the Relay-For-Life Chili Cookoff. Continuing collection of used eyeglasses, cell phones, hearing aids and

printer cartridges, and delivery to state office. Biggest club service project is the Lindsay Seniors Ride Free on the Delta Bus (third year); fundraisers help cover costs for this program.

McAlester: Second highest 3-K Club with 52 members and growing. Normally there is a weekly newspaper story on Lions Clubs speakers/programs. Will have entry in the Armed Forces Parade.

Pocola: Members and cubs partnered with Poteau Lions to sponsor and conduct our District 3-K Convention. Congratulations to Katie Williams, seventh grade, for the winning Peace Poster, and to Shawna Wright, tenth grade, for first place in the youth speech contest. Lions sold community celebrity calendars for \$2,200 profit and continue collecting and then selling aluminum cans.

Poteau: Lions worked long hours to make sure our 3-K Convention was a success; Lion Marshall Brence sponsored karaoke Friday night, and it was great fun; the *Hokey-Pokey* was the best music and dance.

Sallisaw: Sponsored a member to attend the 3-K Convention in Poteau. Welcomed new members OHP Trooper Jeremy Weedon, college professor Bryan Warner and compliance officer Jennifer Hancock.

Seminole: Biggest fundraiser is selling chances on a freezer full of beef; Festival of Lights had 4,000 people visit and tour; Lions transported visitors on trailers pulled by tractors.

Shawnee: Welcomed 2-new members for a total of 68 Lions—#1 club in 3-K. Four Lions attended the District 3-K Convention in Poteau, including Pediatric Vision Screening Program training. Collected 434 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling. Endorsed Lion Nancy Cook-Senn for the office of 3-K Second Vice District Governor 2015-2016. Held annual Chili Fest fundraiser and Valentine's Day sweetheart dinner.

Wanette: Ready for spring cleaning the 2 miles of highway from Hwy. 39 into town; huge sign recognizes Lions for adoption of this road.

Wewoka: Welcomed Lion Chris Baker. (Seven new Lions this year-Way to go, Wewoka!) Purchased 1 pair of eyeglasses; donated \$250 to OK Lions Boys Ranch, \$250 to a family who lost home to fire, and \$100 to Sheriff's drive for needy children; provided food and labor for community Christmas dinner. Profited \$500 from fruit sales.

Wilburton: Assisted Eastern OK State College with Spring Livestock Show. Lion Bobbie Vinsen received membership advancement key. The Club sadly announces that long-time member PDG Rev. Robert Cocke died.

2014-2015

District 3-L



Governor
Kristi Fields

Hello, Fellow Lions!

Those who know me know I'm usually very talkative. I very rarely run out of things to say. In fact, when I was in the first grade, my teacher nicknamed me "motor mouth." So, you can imagine how shocked I was when I sat down to compose my newsletter for March and realized I didn't know what I was going to talk about. Yes, it's true. They say there's a first time for everything. Because we turn our newsletters in around the middle of the previous month, I couldn't really talk about the district convention because it's still 2 weeks away. You can rest assured, however, next month I will have plenty to talk about, complete with pictures from the convention.

With no ideas for the article, I went to the LCI website for ideas. I found an article on marketing ideas for Lions Clubs, maybe something worth sharing with the district. So, if you already do a great job of marketing, you can skip this part of the article, or you might read on, as there could be mention of your club.

Many of the clubs in our district have a website. I think you would agree, having a website is pretty much a must if you want to reach the community. However, if your club does not have a website, you can easily create one by going to e-clubhouse.org. *Lion Al Granger* has done an excellent job as the webmaster for the district website and is in the process of setting up a **Facebook** page as well.

Another wonderful way to promote your club is to contact your local newspaper whenever you perform a service project or do something good for the community. Remember, a picture is worth a thousand words. Believe it or not, people do still read the paper. In fact, I don't start my day without it. However, if you want to reach those younger members, you might need to set up a **Facebook** page. I think every club has at least one member who is familiar with **Facebook**. Enlist that Lion, with their permission of course, to assist in setting up the page. Put pictures on your page that show your Lions having fun serving the community.

One idea mentioned in the article that was actually used by my home club, is to sponsor a booth at a special event, using information about your club and how you serve the community. The *Lawton Noon* club had a booth at a Chamber of Commerce event as well as at a cooking show. It's just a way of getting your name out there, and that's what it's really all about. You can also partner with other organizations in the community during one of their events, but make sure you wear your vests or Lions attire.

If you have already utilized these ideas, try putting an ad in a school or community publication, with the ad detailing what your club has to offer. This would be a great idea for the *Cache Lions* club (hint hint) as most of their members are educators with the *Cache* schools.

A simple but effective way of promoting your club is to have business cards printed with your club information listed; give a few to each member of the club so that they will always be prepared. This is an idea that was presented by *Lion Jennifer Robinette* at our officer training last Aug., and has been used by the *Chickasha Lions*.

One of the most creative marketing ideas I have seen is the one crafted by the *Elk City Lions*. Each year, they have a concession stand at the rodeo. So, they enlisted a local bottler, and had bottles of water labeled with *Elk City Lions Club*. I can honestly say that our club plans to borrow this idea before we have our concession stand in May. For information on this idea, contact *VDG Karen Blanton*. [Editor's Note-check LCI trademark and logo rules.]

There are probably many wonderful marketing ideas that I haven't mentioned. If you have an idea that you would like to share, please email me at kristi.fields@sbcglobal.net. Sharing ideas is how we grow.

Welcome New Lions!

Altus : Edward Abell sponsored by Mel Rader and Wiley Birmingham sponsored by Gayle Culberson

Chickasha: David Johnston sponsored by Michael Day

Clinton: Justin Marshall

Mangum: Kelcie Burns sponsored by Roberta Williams

Lions Doing Great Work!

If you would like to see your clubs activities in the newsletter, please encourage your secretary to

submit reports either through monthly reporting with LCI or by emailing the information directly to me. I love sharing the wonderful things going on in our great district.

Duncan Evening: Purchased 2 pairs of eyeglasses, one for a needy adult and the other for a very young child.

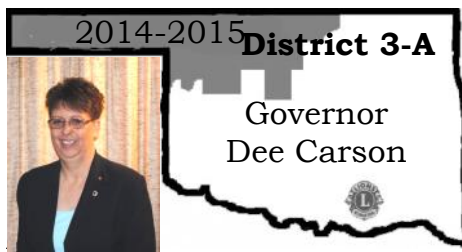
Lawton Noon: Partnered with a local business to donate over \$500 in school uniforms to Tomlinson Middle School to help them stock their clothes closet. The clothes will benefit a specific group of children who may not have a permanent home or who are in transition with their living arrangements. School officials say the uniforms will help boost the children's confidence. The Club's Education Committee donated 100 Lions Quest student workbooks, **Skills for Adolescents**, to Central Middle School, Lawton. Daniel Farrell, District Lions Quest Chair and a member of the Noon Lions, says that Lions Quest is going strong at 3 of the 4 middle schools in Lawton and the club is happy to support educators in creating safe learning environments and teaching life skills to navigate the young adolescent years.

Union City: Each official holiday, the Lions display flags in yards for donations. They currently have 79 flags that they put out and pickup. Nine of the flags are at a Lions Club Veterans Display.

Velma Alma: Donated to the local food bank and collected aluminum cans.

State Convention Silent Auction

Items are still needed for the state convention silent auction. Items can be re-gifted items, lion items, just use your imagination! Please contact Lynda Cummings at (H) 918-225-2721 (M) 918-285-6587, llc0728@gmail.com or Dawn Miller at (W) 405-947-6540 (M) 405-946-4212, liondawn@cox.net for more information. Items may also be dropped off at the state office.



Hello, District 3-A Lions

It's March and time is really flying by; spring will be here soon. District Convention was great. District 3-A Hal Long Rookie of the Year is Dana Cowan. She is from the Nash Club and is on the Board of the Dr. Briggs Scholarship and also serves as District 3-A Secretary/Treasurer. Garber Lion Warren Dell received LCIF Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition; he is in charge of the Garber EMT and on the board of the ambulance service; he does a lot for the community of Garber. The Spark Plug Award went to Lions Mike Schram and Wendell Knouse, both from Covington. They can "spark" any meeting! The Golden Nail was presented to PDG Bill Middleton and Lion Jerry Carson for their dedication and service on the State Building Committee. Olivia Parrish, 3-A's District Peace Poster winner, received a plaque and a check.

This article is being written before convention and there will be pictures and information in next month's column.

Thanks again to PVCC Arlene Shore as convention chair and Harold. Thank you also to the Garber 4-H Club for serving on Saturday night, to PDG Karl Youngers for the hospitality area, to North Enid Lions for the registration desk, and to the speakers, pin traders and to each of you for attending.

We have lost 2 dedicated Lions in our district. PDG Chester Jech and Lion Lanora Donahoo. PDG Chester was District Governor for 3-A 1966-1967 and past president of the OK Lions Eye Bank. Lion Lanora was the wife of PDG Don Donahoo (3-A DG 2007-2008). Lion Lanora was a new Lion with the North Enid Lions Club, but she devoted much time and effort supporting Lions and Lions' activities over the years.

Hope everyone saw "By the Numbers" on page 16 in February issue of the Lion magazine. PID Hal Long shared the Garber Lions project of putting U.S. flags in the community on July 4. The town of 850 displayed 109 flags. Thirteen is the percentage of American flags displayed per population.

Fairview: Honored Student of the week, eating dinner with the Lions Club. Lions Dr. Don and Linda Klinger are on a medical mission trip to Uganda. Club purchased eyeglasses for individuals.

Garber: Honored a non-Lion volunteer in the community for her service to the Alumni Association and to the school. Four members attended District K Convention and 7 members attended the Open House at the new Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank; the Club and members donated to the new building construction fund. Donated and served the community a lunch on Sat.; all food was donated and cooked by members. One Lion conducted a certified CPR class. Club paid sponsorship fee for a boy to attend Boys State.

Guymon: Had their 47th annual Chili and Stew Supper which was open to the community; many people showed up for great food and even better fellowship.

Kremlin: Honored student of the month for Aug-Jan 2014-2015.

Laverne: Donated \$100 to the Rwanda project. Laverne citizen was in need of a white cane and the club purchased it. They have a food distribution on the fourth Monday of the month. Planning on having the MHSU come to Laverne. Club also donated to the Stock Show.

Lomega: Held Lions Ladies Night where District 59 House of Representative Mike Sander's wife, Nellie Sanders, spoke about her great grandmother Nellie Tayloe Ross. Club also honored Lomega high schools students of the semester Haley Duffy and Derick Clayton.

North Enid: Worked at the Commons pond. Delivered clothing to Crisis Center. Transported disabled to and from doctor appointments. Did blood glucose screening at Agri Fest. Collected donated used eyeglasses from drop boxes; sorted them for shipment. Purchased eyewear for 2 applicants. Donated to the Dr. Briggs Scholarship, Heartland Diabetic Alert Dog, OK Lions Eye Bank, World Services for the Blind, Hearing Dog, and Salvation Army.

Ponca City Noon: Child Site-they are making good progress on the trailer and house. Lions Vision Support Group-8 lions provided monthly meeting support and transportation to the 23 members. Collected 167 pairs of used eyeglasses and 17 cell phones. Cubbies program (ages 4-12) meets monthly on the fourth Thursday. They constructed Val-

entines cards for the Nursing Home. NOEL, their branch club, meets with school nurses to give more water and snack supplies for students. They are also working with the foundation in Blackwell on matching funds for area kids to go to diabetes camps, etc.

Wakita: Lion L. D. Rapp awarded the Lion **add member** pin. Lion Lisa Anderson assisted at 3-A Mid Winter Convention. Fundraising Soup Lunch to be held at the Catholic Hall for Community playground equipment and other community needs.

Welcome New Lions

Covington: Cutter Joe Heddleston Sponsor Donald Boynton.

Kremlin: Jeremy W Brashears Sponsor John Voth

Tonkawa: Jeremy Owens and Ricardo Soto Sponsor Rod Reese; John W Whitham Sponsor Glenn Cope

Vici: Joshua D Thompson Sponsor Travis Dennett

Dates to Remember

March 28th Pioneer Pleasant-Vale will host their Pancake Supper and auction at the PPV High School from 5-7.

NORTH ENID LIONS

PANCAKES & SAUSAGE SUPPER & AUCTION

CHISHOLM MIDDLE SCHOOL

INTERSECTION OF CARRIER ROAD & NORTH OAKWOOD

APRIL 11, 2015 - 5 TO 7 P.M.

AUCTION STARTS @ 6:00 P.M.

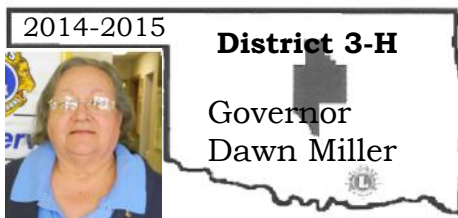
HANDICAPPED PARKING AVAILABLE

Cost: Freewill Donation at the door

The net proceeds will be used for club projects in the community!

Please Note

The Pediatric Vision Screening Cameras are at the state office. Please call the state office at 405-947-6540 to reserve a camera. The cameras can only be signed out to trained lions. Please make sure that your name has been turned into the state before scheduling an event.



With 75-80 participants, the District 3-H Mid-Winter **LionCon** on Feb. 7 was successful, thanks to the 3-H Leadership Team and the support of many clubs and Lions throughout the district. Special thanks go to the West Side Lions who helped with all facets of the event; it would not have happened (very well) without you all! There were Lions who had never attended a district convention before this one, and hopefully you all are favorably impressed and will return to the convention next year for now District Governor Elect Jacque Mooney. Troy Jenkins advanced to First Vice District Governor, and Lion Tom Mulligan will be Second Vice District Governor for 2015-2016. PID Pat Shurley was elected for a second 3-year term for the OK Lions Eye Bank board. CC/PDG Tom Cummings will serve his first full 3-year term on the OK Lions Service Foundation board next year, and 2nd VDGE Tom Mulligan will serve a 2-year term on the State Convention Planning Committee and 1st VDGE Troy Jenkins will serve the remaining 1 year of DGE Jacque's term on the SCPC. Open are 3-year terms on the Board of Directors for the OK Lions Boys Ranch and the Dr. Eugene S. Briggs Memorial Scholarship Foundation. District 3-H shares an eyeglasses recycling project with District 3-L, and Lion Ken Perry will serve a 3-year term on that administrative committee. The 2014-2015 District 3-H "PID Pat Shurley" Rookie of the Year award had 4 nominations this year, with 2 co-winners: Lion Sec. Chad Denison of Choctaw-Nicomma Park Lions Club, and Lion Sec. Ron Hancock of Midwest City Lions Club-CONGRATULATIONS! Others nominated and recognized with certificates were Lion Ray Sorise of OKC Northwest and Lion Meleah Montgomery of Newcastle Community Lions Clubs. PID Pat Shurley awarded 2 Presidential Certificates of Appreciation from LCI President Joe Preston to 3-H upcoming leadership Lions Jacque Mooney and Troy Jenkins. (Convention pictures are included in the electronic edition of this newsletter; be sure and check them out!)

District 3-H Club Activities

Cashion: PDG Tommy Eaton and PCC Russ Adams attended 3-H Convention in OKC on Feb. 7.

Choctaw-Nicomma Park: Choctaw-Nicomma Park Lions will be celebrating their Charter on March 7.

Edmond: Lions continue to collect used eyeglasses. They donate the cases to Skyline Ministries of OKC who give them to homeless or others who need them. Some Edmond Lions attended the OK Lions Eye Bank open house on Jan. 31. It is a wonderful building and the lab is top notch; we should be proud of it. On Feb. 14 several Lions worked to build a much needed ramp for a resident's house. "Way to go Lions; always there with a helping hand! Club's annual chili supper will be Mar. 24 at the Nazarene Church; \$6 for adults and \$4 for children.

Langston City: Four Lions attended the 3-H Convention in OKC, providing wonderful homemade gumbos!

Midwest City: Welcomed new members (Jan. 27) Sara Cleveland, sponsored by Bob Ard, and Judy Beck, sponsored by Jacque Mooney. Four Lions members attended the Mid-Winter 3-H Convention in OKC; the Club won Best Table at the Convention. Lion Ron says, "Our members take great pride in the work they do." He also reported that "one of the best parts of the Convention was CC Tom Cummings' training on the Pediatric Vision Screening program. This is the best training I have received since becoming a Lion and rest assured the training will be put to good use over the next several years. This equipment is possibly the best thing to ever come to the Lions in their effort to help kids with their eyesight."

Mulhall-Orlando: Donated \$500 to school for playground equipment. Lion J. D. Koch attended 3-H Convention Feb. 7 in OKC.

Newcastle Community: Three Lions attended the 3-H Convention; their "Superman" table won a prize as did Meleah Montgomery. Lion Meleah was recognized as a nominee for Rookie of the Year 2014-2015. New Lion Jeremy Keith is making sure members stay informed with a weekly newsletter.

Norman: PR Chair Don Stevenson attended the 3-H Convention in OKC. The Lions' Feb. International Student of the Month is Oluwatobi "Tobi" Olorunsola of Lagos, Nigeria; he is a graduate research assistant in the School of

Geology and Geophysics. Tobi is familiar with the work Lions Clubs have done in Lagos that includes providing clean water to residents, free health care, and donating scholarship money to high school students. Club also honored Feb. HS Student of the Month Evan Johnson.

Perry: Welcomed new Lion Larry Fry sponsored by Jim Thompson.

Stillwater Noon and eBranch Club: Welcomed new Lion Edwin Wilson sponsored by William Dohmann. Purchased eyeglasses for 2 people (\$85 each), and donated \$100 scholarship to Distinguished Young Woman of Payne County for this year (she helps with vision screening at county fair). Several Lions, including Super Lion Mike Banks, and Friar "Tuck" Troy Jenkins, attended the 3-H Convention in OKC on Feb. 7. Great food was donated to convention participants. Lions screened 15 special needs children with the OK Lions Pediatric Vision Screening program.

Stroud: Club started planning their health fair for April 11, with the OK Lions MHSU, and may include the new OK Lions KidsSight USA (pediatric vision screening) as well. They've had good programs from the new local Walmart store, a local nursing home with information on Medicare and Medicaid, and a wonderful history program from the Pawnee Bill Ranch.

The Village: Mourned the passing of Lion Pat Harrington. Welcomed a new Lion very recently.

Lions-Quest Ada workshop draws 103 participants.

By PDG Tony Dowell,
MD-3 Lions Quest Chairperson

East Central University hosted a one-day *Skills for Adolescence* workshop for graduating education majors and Education Department professors. Lions International provided 3 Lions-Quest instructors to run 3 simultaneous workshops of 36 students each.

This was each education major's first look at an SEL style curriculum that has shown to reduce bullying along with drug and alcohol use and higher test scores for students taking the *Lions-Quest* classes.

We received overwhelming positive feedback from students and staff that this workshop and *Lions-Quest* curriculum will be extremely helpful as they start their teaching careers.

I challenged all the participants to seek out Lions Clubs in the community where they are hired and join us to help continue to provide programs like this.

District 3-K 2015 Convention



1st VDG Stephanie Pettett and District 3-K Speech Contest Winner.



DG Don Shaw, 1st VDG Stephanie Pettett, 1st VDGE Greg Walker.



Brian Larison of the OKLBR.



3-H DG Dawn Miller conducting Pediatric Vision Screening training.



First Timers under the direction of 1st VDG Stephanie Pettett..



Judy Elliott



Karaoke to the "YMCA"



PDG Jim Keisman & Lion Sherry Keisman



Lion Sherry Keisman and PID Pat Shurley performing at Karaoke night

District 3-H 2015 Convention



LCIF State Chair/PCC Kent Clovis



"Old Robin" CC Tom Cummings and "Old Batman" PCC Marvin Ainsworth



"Friar" Troy Jenkins & PID Pat Shurley



Lion Chad Denson, Co Winner of the PID Pat Shurley Rookie of the Year



2nd VDGE Tom Mulligan



Lions Lynda Cummings & Lou Griffin, Cushing LC



PDG Jim Barnett



Wonder Woman VCC Sue Thompson and DG Princess Dee Carson



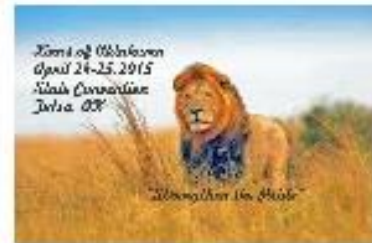
"Old Cat Lady" DGE Jacque Mooney



Lions of Oklahoma (MD-3)
2014-2015 State Convention
April 24-25, 2015
 Wyndham Tulsa Hotel
 10918 E. 41st St., Tulsa OK 74146
 Lions Rate \$89 plus taxes
 918-627-5000



"Strengthen the Pride"
Registration Form



Please complete and mail with check payable to: Lions of Oklahoma, 4123 NW 10th St., Oklahoma City 73107. Note: All persons attending must register

Email _____

Phone _____

Club _____

District _____

First Timer? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Registration Fees:

Name Lion # _____ at \$ 15.00 _____
 Postmarked after April 10, 2015 or at door # _____ at \$ 20.00 _____

Name Spouse (Lion?) # _____ at \$ 15.00 _____
 Postmarked after April 10, 2015 or at door # _____ at \$ 20.00 _____

Name LEO # _____ n/c

Name Youth # _____ n/c \$ -

Meals:

Friday Noon (Boneyard)-chicken fried steak # _____ at \$ 20.00 _____

Friday Evening cookout (hamburgers/hotdogs) # _____ at \$ 20.00 _____

Saturday Noon (Awards)-steak entrée # _____ at \$ 25.00 _____

Saturday Evening (Council)-chicken entrée # _____ at \$ 26.00 _____

Alternative Meal Selection-please indicate: Vegan _____ Gluten-Free _____

LEOS Saturday Noon - lunch off site # _____

TOTAL PAID

NOTE: Meals will not be available for those persons whose registrations are received after April 20, 2015! Local restaurants are close.

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

Pin Traders: Tables are available in the Pin Trading/Auction room; please contact the state office.

Parking: Ample free parking is available at the hotel.

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March 2015

Continue involvement in LCI's tree planting campaign and Reading Action Program Membership Focus: *Women and Eye Donor Awareness Month*

March 7 Pocola LC Community Breakfast, 6:30-10am, High School Cafeteria

March 7 Choctaw-Nicoma Park Lions Club Charter Event

March 7-9 Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Calgary, Alberta, Canada

March 13-14 OK Lions Boys Ranch Board of Trustees Retreat/Strategic Planning, Tulsa

March 21-22 MD-3 Governors School, OKC West Side Lions Town Hall, 4135 NW 10th, 73107

March 24 Edmond LC Chili Supper

March 25 Skills for Growing Lions Quest Workshop for Elementary School Teachers/Counselors, District 3-H, OKC West Side Lions Town Hall, Lion Ken Perry, 3-H LQ Chairperson

March 28 Pioneer-Pleasant Vale LC Auction, 5-7pm

April 2015

OLSF White Cane Fundraising Campaign, Family and Friends Month, Lions Membership Growth Month, Leo Club Awareness Month and Protecting Our Environment Global Service Action Campaign

April 5-13 Family Week

April 11 Ardmore LC Ride for Sight Poker Run (rain date 18th), tgraham@sotc.edu to register

April 11 N. Enid LC Pancakes & Sausage Supper and Auction, 5-7pm freewill donation, Chisholm Middle School, intersection of Carrier Rd. & N. Oakwood, Enid

April 17 OK Lions Boys Ranch annual Golf Benefit

April 18 Stillwater Noon LC Made in OK Showcase, 10am-6pm, Community Ctr., 315 W. 8th

April 22 Earth Day

April 24-25 MD-3 Oklahoma Lions State Convention, Wyndham Tulsa Hotel

April 25 Ada Lions Club March of Dimes Golf Tournament, 8am, Oak Hills Golf and Country Club; Lee Bahner 580-421-3331 for more information

April 26 Lions Worldwide Induction Day

Contact OK Lions State Office to add Calendar items
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