

# THE OKLAHOMA LION

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## Lions of Oklahoma Disaster Relief/Recovery Update

By Lion Troy Jenkins, MD-3 Disaster Relief Comm. Chair

As we approach the first anniversary of the May 2013 tornadoes, the Disaster Relief Committee continues its work in helping with the long-term recovery efforts.

Currently, our committee members are attempting to attend as many LARC and VOAD meetings as possible to ensure awareness of possible needs we might serve. Through the donations and grants from LCIF, we funded the music program at Briarwood Elementary (\$25,343), and just received the funding to replace the Redcat Audio devices and two-way radios at both Briarwood and Plaza Towers Elementary (\$60,310). In the past week, we also submitted a request to fund the building of two safe rooms at Canadian Valley Technical Center in El Reno. The request was to cover the cost to build the safe rooms exceeding the normal building cost per square foot (estimated at \$53 per square foot). We requested to cover the Daycare safe room in Building 100 and the sole safe room in Building 200 for a total cost of \$77,009.

Beyond the long-term recovery efforts, we are still putting together the final touches on the Disaster Relief plan for the committee. We hope to have a tentative plan in place by May 15, 2014. As the new storm season approaches, we refuse to be caught unprepared. The purpose of the committee is to put together a trainable, repeatable plan of action so we do not find ourselves

attempting to figure out what to do after the fact. It is imperative that we know our roles and responsibilities and perform them to the best of our abilities.

Please reach out to your clubs and ask them to start thinking about a Disaster Relief Liaison that would essentially serve as our local contact in the case of an emergency. If they can identify somebody now, they could likely serve in that role for the upcoming year. Also, please ask your clubs to let us know if they have Optometrists and/or Ophthalmologists and could provide contact information. From there, we can reach out directly to these Lions to see if they would be willing to help with our Focometers to determine eyeglass prescription in our future relief response.

Also, please think about what other skills/professions would be important to identify within our membership (e.g. CDL drivers, contractors, electricians).

Finally, we continue to feel our way on how our response will fit in with other agencies to avoid duplication of services, etc. Our membership application to OK VOAD was submitted about nine months ago. Understandably, the organization has a full plate and has taken no membership action in that time. However, they know who we are and what we offer, so we should be in the loop for the next event.

Thank you to everybody who has worked so diligently in these efforts. We will continue to refine the process, the plan, and the committee.

### Council Chairman Corner

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#### MD3 MEMBERSHIP

3-O 935, 3-K 938, 3-L 811, 3-A 942, 3-H 836

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

	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	4,458	4,563
Added Members	14	445
Dropped Members	10	546
Closing Balance	4,462	4,462
Net Gain/Loss	4	-101
Worldwide	1,384,630	

The Lion year 2013-2014 is nearing a close. This year continues to be busy, There were new clubs formed, and we continue to add new members. All the District Conventions have been held and were successful; at each district convention new district were elected and began their training. Soon the District Governors for 2014-2015 will be on their way to Toronto for the International convention and will be officially installed as District Governors. The State Convention was a success. A special thank you to the Convention committee for a wonderful convention venue.

The District Governors Elect and the staff in the state office are diligently working on the new state directory. In order to make the directory accurate each club must submit a PU101 to LCI. The deadline for filing your club PU101 is May 15.

Congratulations to all the newly elected State, District, and Lions Club officers.



# Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation

Executive Director, Marie Burns



## OLSF Thanks You!

First of all, there are so many people to say "thank you" to for the service and dedication towards humanitarian efforts and "Lionism" across the State of Oklahoma. Every gift that is given to help those in need serves an additional purpose 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 have dedicated their lives to serving others through acts of kindness that have everlasting value. White Cane is one of the fundraisers that OK Lions Clubs participate in every year. The history and purpose of White Cane began October 6, 1964, in an effort to make Americans more aware of the meaning of the **White Cane** and the need for motorists to exercise special care towards the person who carries it. The United States Congress approved a resolution authorizing the President of the United States to annually issue a proclamation designating **October 15 as National White Cane Safety Day**. Each spring, usually in April, The Lions Service Foundation encourages every Lions Club in Oklahoma to be a part of this tradition and host a specific White Cane project. The Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation is keeping the tradition alive by encouraging clubs to raise awareness and funds through the **White Cane Campaign**. Many Oklahoma Lions Clubs have already raised funds toward helping with this effort.

**Seminole Lion** Secretary Les Walker, PDG, sent the OLSF an excerpt from the local newspaper. The Club is challenged to raise at least \$2,000 each year for White Cane. The club mails out letters to businesses and conducts a White Cane auction. This year the club collected over \$1,200 from the letters and \$647.29 from the auction. Other OK Lions Clubs that have sent in donations are: Lawton Noon \$1,000, Ardmore \$250, Nash \$25, Altus \$1,000, and Langston City \$200. A much deserved thank you to those clubs

that have taken charge to raise awareness and funds to give eyesight to others.

**Used Printer Cartridge Recycling** has also brought in over \$646.05 for the month of March. A big "Thank You" to all the clubs who save and bring by used cartridges for recycling. Thanks to Tinker Federal Credit Union as well for their faithful donations. The total amount this fiscal year is \$3,735.95 from used printer cartridge recycling.

**The Cowboy Cadillac Fundraiser** results have been calculated for each of the districts. In 2013, the OK Lions Service Foundation Cowboy Cadillac campaign raised over **\$72,000** for State projects. **Note: Results are still pending audit, so may change.** Congratulations to top selling Lions Club member Raymond Valdez from Midwest City Lions Club. A big congratulations also goes to the top selling club overall: Garber from 3-A. Thanks also to the top selling clubs in each district: 3-O Tulsa Downtown, 3-K Ardmore, 3-L Lawton Noon, 3-A Ponca City Noon, and 3-H Midwest City. **The award** recognition was at the State Convention April 26. The planning session with OLSF Cowboy Cadillac Committee will take place soon after the State Convention. The OLSF will need a vehicle donated; therefore, if anyone knows a contact for this event, please call the State office. This year we must raise our goal to \$120,000 to assist our state programs as they continue to grow. If each of the 173 clubs and 4,458 members would commit to raising at least \$700 per Club or only **\$27 per member** this could make a significant contribution towards sustaining that growth.

In an effort to assist the **OK Lions Boys Ranch**, Lions can participate in the fundraisers to help with much needed operating costs. The Boys Ranch is growing and will need increased support to subsidize funding for expenses not covered through state or agency contracts. The capital campaign for the foster care community was a huge success; however, the Boys Ranch is in need of unrestricted funds or general operating funds.

The OK Lions **Mobile Health Screening Unit** is also very busy attending Lions Club spon-

sored functions with 3 events in March screening over 337 people and 7 events scheduled in April. Additional funds will be needed to continue this project for next year. The OLSF goal is to continue to research foundational and funding support for this unit to continue activities and meet the growing needs of Oklahomans.

The OK Lions Service Foundation is proud to represent the Lions of Oklahoma and continues to raise funds for gifts that keep giving. In an effort to continue this task, OLSF-in partnership with the Oklahoma City Community Foundation-would like to remind Lions of the OLSF Legacy Club. Planned giving provides Lions Legacy members with a variety of gift and estate planning services to make charitable giving simple and flexible. The Oklahoma City Community Foundation has knowledgeable staff that works alongside OLSF staff to help each member determine the best personal giving option. This service provides maximum tax advantages, the greatest long-term charitable benefit, and best meets individual needs. OLSF currently has an endowment at the Community Foundation that brings support to OLSF each year even after the donor has passed, leaving a lasting memory of each Lion Legacy Club member. Please call the OLSF (405-947-6540) if you would like more information regarding the Lions Legacy Club.

Gifts that touch and bring hope to others are funding for the MHSU, selling tickets for the Cowboy Cadillac raffle, raising monies for the OLSF White Cane Campaign, or signing a donor card that brings sight to the blind. The **OK Lions Eye Bank** recovers corneas from donors who wish to give the gift of sight to others even after death. The Lions Legacy Club provides support year after year, providing a long-lasting memory to others. The OK Lions Boys Ranch provides hope to youth that alter the course of their lives forever. The Mobile Health Screening Unit helps detect abnormalities in screening that direct individuals to obtain much needed medical attention. Lions are serving others by changing the course of lives and providing hope to the hopeless. Thank you!

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## District 3-O Governor Elmer Enyart

Here we are already with another state newsletter. Seems we were just doing this. I guess the old saying of time flies is correct.

We had a Guiding Lions class; all 12 participants are now Certified Guiding Lions. I am very proud of the participation of these Lions and give PCC Delbert King another special thank you for teaching all of us and for the use of his time. Thank you to PCC Linda Hughes for securing the place to meet and the great food we had for lunch.

It takes a lot of Lions to make a successful district. The District Governor alone cannot do all that has to be done. Through the year I have mentioned many different Lions that have been involved in many different functions of District 3-O. DGE Randy Keller is going to need the help of all of us.

We are in need of filling a few positions in our district. The most needed at this time is the 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG position. If you have the qualifications that position takes and if you have ever thought of moving up in the state please step up. We want you. We need you. You will not be thrown out without any kind of training or anyone to help you. Think about it and let someone know if you are interested. Also DGE Randy is asking for Lions of District 3-O to let him know where you might like to have our district convention. He wants all of us to know how much we are needed and that our opinion counts. WE are District 3-O not just him. If you have preferences of place contact DGE Randy with your ideas.

Spring is finally here, the trees and flowers are in bloom along with the allergies. Life is happening. We need to get out there and help it happen. God bless from District 3-O.

Just a quick reminder that all clubs need to have their PU 101s submitted by May 15, EVEN IF you have the same members in the same positions.

**Barnsdall Community:** Main Street Auction will be June 21, 10am. Will host zone meeting on May 16 at 6pm. Lions will pour concrete pads for 2 more benches along the Main St. sidewalk and will work on getting bench donors. Will pay at least half the cost of the Victims Impact Assistance program at the school, tentatively on May 12. The March 29<sup>th</sup> STEP went well. The crowd was small (8-10 shotgun shooters and 15 BB gun shooters). Daisy Outdoor Products has agreed that they will provide, at minimum, 2 Daisy BB guns for next year. Event may be held first week in June 2015.

**Bartlesville Downtown:** Worked Special Olympics on April 12 and will have a team in the **Just Plane Fun** Campfire Green Country fundraiser in Tulsa on June 7.

**Bartlesville Green Country:** Held the Don Tyler Easter Egg Hunt on April 19.

**Bartlesville Tuxedo:** Did a pancake breakfast on April 26.

**Chelsea:** Lion Jenan Alderman was selected as 2013 Citizen of the Year, receiving the award on Mar. 20 at the annual Chelsea Chamber of Commerce banquet. Lion Jenan will be club secretary for 2014-2015, and is also Chairperson for the Peace Poster contest.



**Dewey:** Preparing for 2 car shows on back-to-back weekends in early May. Will be sponsoring the *Victim's Impact Panel* at Dewey Public Schools before prom night.

**Jay:** Annual Membership Drive brought in 3 new members. Club held fundraising cookout on April 22; monies raised will be used for scholarships. DGE Randy Keller and Lion Jacob Wiese attended training in March and are now certified Guiding Lions. Annual White Cane Day is May 15 at the stoplight in downtown Jay from 11am-1pm and May 17 at the Jay Wal-Mart from 10am-6pm. Club will sponsor new Grove Lions Club. Lion Forrest Hinderliter is the mentor to the new President, Lion Jacob Wiese is the mentor to the new Secretary, and Lion Chastity Cochran is the mentor to the new Treasurer.

**Muskogee County:** Donated \$500 and competed in the Junior Achievement Bowling fundraiser.

**Muskogee Noon:** Dr. Richard Creed stepped up to the plate one more time and will serve the club as president. His primary goal this year was to refine/reform the annual Pancake Breakfast so it can run with more volunteer help outside of the club. First time in over 5 years that 100% of the pledges made were collected. Club held auction this year and raised an additional \$300 while giving away \$300 as cash prizes. One of club's newest partners was Dal-Tile and they donated tile as a prize valued at over \$600. Total funds raised: \$11,063.00. Club collected 389 pairs of used eyeglasses, provided 5 pairs of new eyeglasses to Muskogee citizens, and gave left-over pancake supplies to the Ark of Faith Foundation (who feeds the homeless). Reportedly the club's donations were enough to provide meals for 14 days. The John Rogers Trust Fund has increased by \$20,923.00 since Lion Wayne Wilburn has been on the board as Trust Advisor.

The club and District 3-O welcome new Lion Sandra Waldroup, who seems to have a very strong volunteer work ethic, serving at both the Public Library and the Chamber. Marie Burns, OLSF Director has agreed to emcee club's Installation Banquet June 11. At that time club will present 3 scholarships (\$850

each), and give away over \$9,000 to our long-time benevolent partners.

**Porter:** Donated \$1,500 at the Wagoner County Junior Livestock Show premium sale and \$1,000 at the Muskogee County Junior Livestock Show premium sale. NOTE: Porter will meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm at the Porter Civic Center from April thru July.

**Sapulpa:** Donated \$7,000 to Sapulpa High School athletic dept., \$500 to LCIF, \$210 to Creek County Literacy Spelling Bee to sponsor a team from Oklahoma School for the Blind, and supplied eye exam and eyeglasses to 1 person. Welcomed a new Lion for the month.

**South Grand Lake:** Third Annual Grand Dam Run, held on April 5 across the historical Pensacola Dam was a huge success. A total of 676 runners took part and raised \$8,882, which creates scholarships for Ketchum High School students and provides maintenance for the Veterans Honor Park in Langley. Next will be the Grand Lake BBQ Festival to provide funding for the Ketchum Warrior Backpack Program; it will be held May 16-17 at the Langley Ball Fields. This hugely popular event will bring Kansas City Barbecue Society Grillmasters from all over the country to compete for the title of Grand Champion, with a total purse of \$10,000. Friday night will be Adult Night with Don White performing from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Saturday (Family Day), during the competition, the Darrel Lee Band will perform from 11:00 to 2:30. The Lions will serve BBQ meals 11-2. Tickets can be purchased at the gate. Everyone is invited to come out and support this worthwhile project. If you would like to compete, contact Darrel Hicks at 918-261-5422.



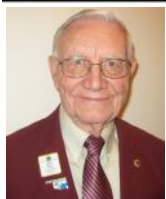
**Tulsa Metro-McCullough:** Welcomed a new Lion and took part in All-City Garage Sale, earning \$511. Continue to collect used prescription bottles and used eyeglasses, and to recycle drink cans.

**Wagoner:** Paid for 4 eye exams and 2 pairs of eyeglasses (\$290), making a difference in those people's lives. Donated \$100 to Wagoner Family Fun Day (Sat, May 17), and Aug. 1 will be the annual Golf Tournament at Western Hills Golf Course.

**Wyandotte:** The 46<sup>th</sup> annual Senior Bowl Football Game is May 19; kickoff is 7pm.. All clubs are invited to attend the best game of the season. Welcomed 2 new members last month and did not get the 3<sup>rd</sup> new member's name in in time. District 3-O welcomes Nikki Leemasters to the Wyandotte Lions Club and appologizes for not getting her in last month's issue along with her spouse's name.



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## District 3-K

Governor  
Daryl Pulis

### Down Hill Run

We are on the downhill run. We are in the last quarter, and there are many activities to keep us busy. As I am writing this, we have not yet held our Lions State Convention, but with the great job of planning that the Convention Committee has done, I am sure it will be a success. It is always one of the highlights of our Lions year. This is the time a lot of clubs have special projects, such as golf tournaments, marathons, cookouts, and other activities.

Our district is still working on placing a club in Sulfur. We have a reception at the Sulfur Chamber April 17, inviting interested individuals and advertising the event. We feel like we have a good chance of getting this club started. If we do not sign 20 or more, we will try for a branch club of Ada which requires a minimum of 10 members. By the time you get this newsletter, we hope our district has a new club.

Talking about membership, we have just received the Dream Achiever Silver Award for period 3 of the contest. This is our second time to win this award, which recognizes district overall membership gain. If we can achieve this award for period 4, we will have a membership gain for the year. It is a combination of starting new clubs, getting new members, and retaining our existing members. We have May and June to reach that goal. It would be our first time to end the year with a gain in over 10 years.

A couple of other things we need to take care of as we race to the end of our year are our International and State dues. I received a letter from Lions International that a couple of our clubs are 120 days past due on payment. Pay this soon! If you can't pay at once, call International and work out a payment schedule. On the State level, we have some clubs that have not paid their state dues. Please do this at once!

You should be through with your elections for the new year. I hope all our clubs have filed their New Officer Report (PU101) with LCI; if not, deadline is May 15! Our district and state need the information to put together a directory for

2014-2015, and to communicate all the exciting upcoming events to the correct club officers.

We have a District Cabinet meeting May 17 at Atoka. I urge you to invite your new club officers to the cabinet meeting so we can get them involved in the district as soon as possible. I had to change the original date for the meeting, as I have a grandson getting married June 1 in Malibu, California.

### 3-K Club Activity Reports

**Atoka:** Awarded \$50 to the student of the month. The club served a meal at the 4-H and FFA Livestock Show Premium Auction and donated \$5 to each exhibitor at the Atoka County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show. They served donuts at the area firemen's school and paid for eye exams and eyeglasses for 3 individuals.



**Ardmore:** Provided a water stop for the A2A Marathon. The proceeds for this race went to the Ardmore Cancer Treatment Center

**Broken Bow:** The annual Broken Bow golf tournament was held April 26.

**Hugo:** Approved 3 pairs of eyeglasses. Donated \$301 to the annual Lt. Governor's Invitational Turkey Hunt; \$500 and \$571 to Fort Towson High School Technology Student Assoc. and Hugh Middle School TSA, to assist them in going to their state convention; \$300 to Boys and Girls Club charity golf tournament. The club awarded \$500 each to 12 high school seniors from across Choctaw County, a total of \$6,000. Hugo High School boys and girls basketball teams made the state quarter finals, so the Lions gave the Superintendent a "blank" check to cover their food costs on their trips. Other donations: \$300 to Hugo Beautification Committee and \$600 to 12 Middle School students to go on a science trip. The Hugo Lions Green-Keepers Revenge Golf Tournament is Sat., June 14; one of their biggest fundraisers of the year.

**Wilburton:** Purchased 2 pairs of eyeglasses and turned in 102 used printer cartridges and 63 pairs of used eyeglasses to the state office for recycling. They worked the Latimer County Livestock Premium Sale and served BBQ and pop.

### Welcome New 3-K Members

Heavener: Carl Lee

Idabel: Joe Hoskins, Curtis Mxdanie

Marietta: David Brown, Misti Kirk

Seminole: Cassdee Landry

Wilburton: Christian Henry

### District 3-K Calendar

**May 17:** District 3-K Cabinet meeting, 9:30am in Atoka.

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

**June 14:** Hugo Lions Golf Tournament (call 580 326-3926 for information).

This Lions year is winding down. The State Convention is over and our new District Governors are putting together their cabinet and committees. If you would like to serve on the cabinet or on a committee, be sure and let them know. I know the new Governors are looking forward to the new year, so let's get onboard with them and help them kick off a good year.

I thank all the clubs in our district for a good effort in increasing our membership. We achieved two Dream Achievers Awards and are just two months from achieving the third award, so let's put a final push to bring in new members. We are so close to reaching our goal of a gain in our district membership for this year - WE CAN DO IT!

### Memorials

#### Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation

##### In Memory of:

**Bonnie Drechsler** (Lion Mike Drechsler mother) from the Chickasha Lions; **PDG Travis Cummins** from PDG Jim and Sherry Keisman; PDG Ferril and Phyllis Williamson; **PDG Al Williams** from DG Sue Thompson; **Oliver Holderread** from the Cushing Lions Club; **Nick Harroz** from the Midwest City Lions

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## District 3-L



Governor  
Sue Thompson

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811 members 7 new, 11 dropped

## FINALLY-APRIL SHOWERS!

So here we are at the end of April-a season of re-birth and April Showers! In fact it is raining right now! It also means that the Lions year only has TWO months left! How did that happen? I just realized that I have only made it to about 2/3 of my clubs and have several more scheduled. If you have not heard from me yet, you will! I truly want to touch base with all of you!

I have decided that the clubs who sing the most have the most fun! They all sing different songs, but always with great enthusiasm! I have visited Lawton Noon, Weatherford, Canute, Frederick and Lawton NE this month. Most of them sing, all use a written agenda and Canute has a wonderful calendar they put out at the first of their Lions year so everyone knows what to expect and—they all have new members! The sponsors have received the Governors +1 Club pin!

I was very happy this month to hear from President Palmer that our district qualified for the "Dream Achiever" award for this quarter! I was feeling a little down because it seems that no matter what we do, we keep losing members. That really inspired me to stay focused! That means we lost fewer members than at this time last year and that at least 50% of our clubs had at least one new member! We only lost 2 more than we gained for the quarter! If any of you have new members you have not added to your MMR yet, PLEASE do it now! It really does make a difference! April is also the last membership growth month for which your club will get a banner patch if you add new members!

## NEW MEMBERS

: **Altus**-Dr. Harold Hayes and Sgt. Benji Roberts, **Chickasha**-William Graves, **Clinton** - Doyle D.Kinney and Dave T. Miller

**Cordell** has FIVE!-Weldon Dobbs, Devin Humphrey, Rebecca Law, McKinsey Lynch, and Micki Thompson. **Duncan**-Cyndi Crook, Anita Johns and Stephen Wren, **Duncan Evening**-Harold Feltman, **Elk City**- Wanda Robinson, **Frederick**-Kimberly Morrow, **Lawton Noon**-Rebecca Diaz, Patricia Phillips, Kerry Richard, Sandra Smith, William Wilson, Jr., **Marlow**-Lynn Bailey and Dustin Lorenzen, **Surrey Hills**-Jon Pembroke, **Union City** - David Landry, Terri Landry, David Stewart and Lisa Stewart. **Watonga**-Katie Currell and Steve Davis. Congratulations to these new Lions and Thanks to their sponsors!

## ACTIVITIES

**Altus** had Friends and Family event for the World Wide Lunch Relay and had 17 non lions, also planning a "Chair-ity Fun-Raiser" and had White Cane Day on April 12, raised \$1,000 with the help of some of our Leos.

**Frederick** hosted a Health Fair with the MHSU on April 30 and will have a Golf Tournament on May 23. They awarded two scholarships to graduating seniors and recognized outstanding students in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades.



Frederick LC

**Lawton N.E.** helped with Special Olympics, Had White Cane Day on April 5 and with the help of the Local Boy Scout Troop #175 (led by Lion Joe Wotring) and Radio JAMZK98 raised over \$500. Also started renewals for their Flag Service and elected officers.

**Canute** raised over \$3,000 with their annual pancake breakfast and held their annual Easter Egg hunt with over 5,000 eggs! (I bet that Easter bunny is tired!) Took applications for scholarships, reorders for their flag service and planned a cemetery cleanup.

**Cache** gave money for all the Cache Special Olympics participants to have ice cream at Braums, paid for a Cache high school student to

attend the Hugh O'Brian Leadership conference, and assisted four Cache students in application for the Briggs scholarship.

**Lawton Noon** with their Community and Marketing committee helped to sponsor Taste of Home Cooking. Had a Membership drive and inducted six new, transfer and returning members. Worked on their annual carnival which is their largest fundraiser; awarded scholarships; collected 477 pairs of glasses for recycling.

**Lawton Patriots** donated to the Therapeutic Dog program which trains dogs to help Veterans suffering from PTSD.

**Hinton** served soft drinks at the Chamber of Commerce Barbecue during Hinton Customer Appreciation Days.

Please remember to elect your officers for next year and get your PU-101s in by May 15. Please help DGE Kristi get a head start next year so she won't have to spend time getting YOUR paperwork in! If she asks you to serve on a committee please say yes! If you have any suggestions for the team next year please let us know! We are here to serve YOU, the members! Also, remember that we will need new leaders on the District and State level—please consider helping where you can! It is very interesting to learn more about how Lions Club International works and is VERY rewarding!



Weatherford LC



Canute LC



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## District 3-A

Governor  
Terry Woodruff



Want to enter the Lions Club's Annual BBQ cookoff? The Hennessey Lions Club annual Smokin' Hot BBQ Contest & Feed is Saturday, May 3 at Memorial Park and you can sign up now to compete in the contest. The \$100 entry fee gets you and your team the meat and beans for the competition, and you do the rest. Contact Zach Hardin to get rules and to enter at 405-853-1277. Pick up the meat and beans at 6:30pm, Friday, May 2 at Memorial Park. Judging is Saturday, May 3 at 6:00pm at Memorial Park, then the BBQ feed is open to the public at 6:30pm for \$7 a plate. Meal includes meat, beans, slaw and drink.

Lions sponsored Community Easter Egg Hunts in **Nash** and **Covington**! April was an exciting time for kids around District 3-A as several clubs held community Easter egg hunts. Covington and Nash are great examples where Lions really make a difference for kids in their communities.



**North Enid** held their annual White Cane Day April 18 with funds designated to the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch. This is one of two main fundraising events this year to support our statewide projects. Thanks to all the businesses who allow Lions to use your store fronts for our White Cane Days! Congratulations to the North Enid Lions for another successful Pancake Day fundraiser

**Ponca City Cubbies** Club is growing fast: The new program sponsored by the Ponca City Noon Lions has quickly grown to 15 members! Parents are always looking for quality programs for their children. The Lions Cubs program in Ponca City is providing another great service to the community.

**Wakita** canvassed their community supporting the Eye Bank. They also collected 71 pairs of used eye glasses for recycling.

May is Nominating Committee Time! Our Lions year is drawing to a close and with that time for new officer elections. We encourage every club to complete their new officer election report (PU 101) by May 15th as we start working on the new state directory.



## Big Steps

By Colleen Fowler

It's a happy sad time at the Cedars Lodge at the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch. In just a few short days 2 of our residents will graduate from high school. These two guys have been with us over 2 years and have grown from boys to fine young men. Those first days of settling in and finding their place in the family, learning about each other and themselves, are tough. Each of our guys who succeeds here, has come to a point in their lives at one time or another where THEY had to make the decision to change and do things differently. The cycle is hard to break; habits become lifestyles and some are defined by bad decisions and their own actions. But some decide on a different path. We all need to learn that what circumstances have been does not have to determine who we are! We determine our future and though it is not easy or at times pretty, it is worth the work and time. Our two graduates have come so far. I see them in social situations proud and walking tall, being polite and compassionate. We can only take credit for developing guidelines, enforcing some boundaries, and giving encouragement and security; they are the ones who have made the changes. I'm so proud of the men they have become. It is always a bonus when we can maintain a relationship with them after they leave here. It's not necessary and sometimes it takes a while, but it is a joy when they call or come back to visit. One of our guys is transitioning to a family he met at church and will try working in the oilfield over the summer, with the husband of the family. The other is moving to Stillwater into his own apartment, working this summer and going to Tech in the fall. How exciting is that! They will live life on their own terms, as we all experienced. They will stumble and have to adapt and work hard, but they can do it! It's exciting getting announcements made and picking out senior pictures and helping prepare for moving out day, but for us House-parents it is bittersweet. We cannot be clinical in our approach to them! They have had enough therapeutic care and programs and such. We have to be vulnerable, transparent, loving, and firm but compassionate. We have to be willing to extend our family, our hearts, our patience and mostly our arms, to comfort and care for them. They see us at our best and worst: they know if we are being real or faking it! So as we see them walk across that stage in a few weeks it will be with a loving heart, a proud spirit and the knowledge that none of us can touch the lives of the other and not keep a part of them in our hearts. One day they hopefully will bring back their families to see us, to show them where they grew up, to come back to a place we hope will be home for them. If home is where the heart is then our home is always in the hearts of every guy who comes here as a boy and leaves as a man of honor, a man of integrity and a man who knows how to give and receive love. Is this a great job or what? Thank you, Lions for all you do to make this possible!

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## District 3-H

Governor  
Tom Cummings

Good Morning Lions! Here we are in May and only a couple of months before we finish this year. Soon your new officers will be taking office and a new Lion's year will begin. As it nears time for the clubs to pay international, state and district dues on their membership, most clubs also begin reviewing their club rosters for members that should be removed. And that is a good thing. We certainly don't need to be paying dues on members that no longer pay their share.

But, before we just drop these lions, we need to ask ourselves; have we gone the extra mile to make sure we couldn't save a member. Do we really know why they no longer attend our meetings and have stopped paying dues? Before we just drop them because we haven't seen them and they are behind in dues, assign someone to make contact and find out why this lion no longer is active and look for ways to salvage this membership before it is lost. We all know how hard it is to gain new members, so let's put a little extra effort in before we just drop them. It just might be as simple as letting them know they have been missed.

Keep pushing to become one of the Governors 1 Team. Let's make a strong push these next 2 months to see how many members from each club we can add to the Governors 1 Team. Ask someone. Give them a reason to join and belong.

I have finished all my official visits but I still have a few clubs to revisit to present 1 Team pins and membership Chevrons. For those, I will be contacting you soon.

**Special Note:** One of our new e-clubs, **OKC Community Helping Hands**, completed their first project with 100% membership by helping reconstruct and install playground equipment at the Yukon Family Service Center which was damaged by last year's May tornado. I have met all these members and I look for continued great things from this club.

## Club News

**Cushing Lions**-preparing for the 88th edition of our Jr. Olympics (5th & 6th grade track & field events). Due to Cushing's track being redone and not ready, the event is being moved this year to the Drumright track facilities and we have invited the Drumright 5th & 6th graders to join this event and the Drumright Lions to also assist and perhaps sponsor this event for their school in future years.

**Edmond Lions** - collected 245 eyeglasses; had a successful chili fund raiser in March and making plans for the Mobile Health Screening Unit for the Senior Golf Tournament in July.

**Guthrie Lions** - helped 31 local people with eye exams & glasses this year; had their annual Pancake Feed in the dark due to loss of electricity, but the Lions pushed on and thanks to a portable generator and gas grills, were able to pull off a successful event. Proceeds help Boys & Girls State attendees, YMCA scholarships, United Way Pace Setter and high school students of the month.

**Midwest City Lions**-Midwest City Lions Club have turned in 10 cell phones and 435 pairs of eyeglasses. They held their Annual 89er Day BBQ Dinner Fundraiser on April 19

**Perry Lions** - \$175 donation in honor of Lion Mike Doughty to American Legion for sponsorship of a boy to Boys State; 4 hours service for Meals on Wheels; a Melvin Jones donation in the name of Michael Doughty; They held their Perry Lions Gun Raffle April 26.

**OKC Northwest Lions** - collected 453 pairs of eyeglasses, made donations to Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church and Birth Church of Norman; working on the Parade of Flags - 13 flags displayed 6 times a year at entrance to the Lions Park at Lake Hefner.

**OKC Westside** - spent 61 man hours cooking and delivering Mobile Meals in March. They will have for their pancake feed May 3.

**Prague Lions** - collected 489 pairs of eyeglasses and 120 lenses.

**Stillwater Noon** - Nine Lions spent 18 Lion hours helping to serve the hungry at the community dinner at First United Methodist Church in Stillwater and clean up afterward.

**Stroud Lions** - Fed lunch to students from St. Benedict, St. Johns, and Creighton Univ. that were in town working on a Habitat home.

**District 3H Lions;** Keep up the good work! You are doing a great job. Be sure and send me emails on your service projects and fund raisers, especially the ones involving food!

## FRIENDS OF NW 10TH STREET COMMUNITY FAIR



The West Side Lions attended the Friends of 10th Street Community Fair on Saturday and brought our "Lions Wheel of Projects". The kids would spin the arrow and get a prize for the project that they landed on.

## District 3-H Spotlight Club of the Month

**Midwest City Lions Club** recently donated \$200 and 8 volunteers to assist in the Youth Golf Skills Challenge in Midwest City. The event is an annual event that is put on by the Elks Lodge in Midwest City.

The Golf Challenge took place at the Hidden Creek Golf Course on April 5th and was highly publicized. Midwest City Mayor Jack Fry, presented the Awards to the winners after the contestants and their families were treated to hamburgers and hot dogs.

Mayor Fry is a staunch supporter of the program and stated that the Lions Club of MWC is a vital part of this wonderful program. The Lions provided Score Keepers and Judges for the event.



Pictured above from left to right are; 1<sup>st</sup> Row: Pete Clements and Gerald Mooney. 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Dianna Hancock, Gayle Cochran and Jacque Mooney. 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Ron Hancock, John Oliver and Mike Brown.



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## 2013-2014 MD-3 Oklahoma Lions Calendar

Contact OK Lions State Office to add Calendar items 405-947-6540 or [liondawn@cox.net](mailto:liondawn@cox.net)

### May 2014

Continue involvement in LCI's tree planting campaign and Reading  
Action Program

Recycle for Sight Month

**May 2-3 Lawton Noon LC annual carnival**

**May 3 OKC West Side Lions Pancake Day**, 8am-1pm, West Side Town  
Hall, 4135 NW 10<sup>th</sup>

**May 6 OKC Downtown LC "On Course for Sight" Benefit Golf Tour  
nament**, Coffee Creek Golf Club, Edmond; 405-735-0797 for more  
Information or Peter Bradford, Asst. Tourney Director 405-272-  
5722

**May 14-16 Special Olympics Oklahoma Summer Games**. Stillwater. In-  
cludes Opening Eyes (LCI). Volunteers needed! Go to:  
[www.sook.org](http://www.sook.org)

**May 15 OKC Northwest LC Bowling Fun Raiser**, 6-8pm, Windsor AMF  
Bowling Ctr., OKC; \$100 Per team of 5 bowlers-shoes and balls  
provided. Send names and check to Lion Doug Schultz, 1114  
Larchmont Ln., Nichols Hills OK 73116.

**May 16 District 3-O Zone F Meeting**

**May 17 3-K Cabinet Meeting**, Atoka

**Stillwater Noon LC Flapjack fundraiser**

**Norman Sooner LC Ride for Sight fundraiser**, 9am, Norman  
High School West parking lot for a 10 mile bike ride through Nor  
man and OU Campus. Fun for the whole Family. Bike shirt, goody  
bag, coffee, juice, and doughnuts provided at start. Entry Fee \$25  
per person or \$40 per family. Proceeds go to providing eyeglasses

to Norman School children who would otherwise not have eye  
glasses available

**Mon 19 Wyandotte LC 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Bowl Football game**, 7pm

**Mon 26 Memorial Day Holiday USA** – OK Lions Office Closed

**North Enid LC Wall of Honor** at Woodring Field, Enid

### Lions Club Parade of U.S. Flags Lions Children's Park Lake Hefner

The NW Oklahoma City Lions Club is seeking Lion Clubs, individuals,  
or corporate sponsors for its Parade of Flags.

Thirteen removable flag poles will be erected at the east entrance to the  
Lions Children's Park on Lake Hefner. The poles consist of a heavy duty 25  
ft telescoping aluminum pole with a 4'x6' American flag. The poles and flags  
will be placed in existing concrete ground sleeves six times a year on Na-  
tional holidays. The poles and flags will be raised at 8:00am and removed at  
5:00pm on the designated dates.

Your club has an opportunity to become a feature sponsor. A plaque  
honoring your club will be placed on or near one of the flag poles.  
If interested in becoming a sponsor or would like more information, please  
contact:

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