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LIONS ANSWER THE CALL

On a weekend several years ago Lions all over Oklahoma rendezvoused to Oklahoma City's Lake Hefner as they did in 1996 to build a brand new, state of the art and handicap accessible playground. It glitters today as a crown jewel symbolic of what Oklahoma Lions always do for their community. It embodies what Lions represent in the world.

This playground had its roots in the horrific bombing of Oklahoma City Murrah Federal Building in 1995. Donations from Lions around the country and the world poured in for disaster relief. The office of Lions Club Oklahoma City Downtown just across the street from the explosion was heavily damaged. The administrative assistant was shaken but otherwise not hurt.

Then District Governor Judge Leamon Freeman led a Lions committee to administer the disbursement of relief fund. A senior VP of Fleet Mortgage in Boston rallied his employees and raised fund for a set of playground equipment. PDG Freeman and his team worked with Oklahoma City Water Trust for a piece of prime lake front land as the site of the first Oklahoma Lions Children Memorial Playground. On a weekend, an army of Lions built the playground.

Lions kept alive the memory of those that perished in the bombing. OKC Downtown's Russal Brawley added two pavilions for shelter from the sun and picnic. Children enjoyed the facility for years. Visitors marveled the accomplishment of Oklahoma Lions. However, time and wear and tear took its toll. It had to be replaced. OKC Downtown team advanced seed money and

spearheaded a fund drive to build a second one, a better one than the first. Again, Oklahoma Lions showed their support for this project by donating large sums of money. Many individuals and Lions Clubs donated money for playground benches that memorialize the contributions of Lions Clubs. We planted trees that will provide needed shade. Paved parking further spruced up this unique recreation area.



Alas! Good things do not always last. Vandalism destroyed the soft flooring of the playground. The City estimated a cost of \$90,000 to replace. It is a specially concocted synthetic material tailored to fit the equipment. It would be a pity to allow this mishap to mar the overall beauty and endanger the utility of the playground.

The leftover fund and donation from OKC Downtown Club currently stands at \$50,000. The Council of Governors was made aware of this need and supports a statewide campaign to raise the needed fund. We call upon individuals and Lions

Clubs to pitch in to help make this playground whole. Please send your generous donations to The Lions Club of OKC Downtown Foundation, Inc. earmarked for this project. The Downtown Club will fully account for receipts and expenses as it always did. The address is Lions Club Oklahoma City Downtown, PO Box 138, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-0138. For more information, please contact alwin.ning@sbcglobal.net.

Two Friends in The Meadow

By Colleen S. Fowler

The following is a true story. In order to tell it I must change the boys' names to Andy & Mike...

There was a beautiful rolling meadow in Oklahoma where cows grazed beyond the fence and large houses dotted the landscape. Purple flowers were blown in the breeze by soft Oklahoma winds swaying as rabbits, birds and other creatures foraged for food. In a house in the meadow lived a 10 year old boy named Andy. He was new to the house, he lived there with his brother who was older and two other older teens who themselves were brothers. They lived with foster parents who seemed to be OK and the food was always yummy and plentiful. A few yards away around the bend and up the hill lived another 10 year old boy names Mike. Mike was a foster kid too and lived in a house in the

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OKLAHOMA LIONS SERVICE FOUNDATION

Oklahoma Lions State Convention a Celebration



of Dignity, Harmony, and Humanity!

By Lion Marie Burns, OLSF Executive Director

The Oklahoma Service Foundation plans to **celebrate** with fellow Lions at the **Oklahoma Lions State Convention** and honor those who have contributed significantly towards the efforts of Lions state programs. This time is dedicated to honor Lions who many times **SERVE** without recognition and to share lifesaving program activity results.

The Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank, Meadows of Hope, and the Mobile Health Screening Unit have been the primary state level programs. While the Pediatric Eye Screening Unit is also a state project it is managed by Ok Lions. Thanks to **Tom Cummings** who has been instrumental in launching this program!

The **Mobile Health Screening Unit** (MHSU) performed well the last few years. From July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, a total of 2344 individuals were tested with 7217 total tests performed. The average failure rate was 32.49%. From July 1, 2015 to April 18th, 2016 a total of 2161 individuals have been tested with a total of 7281 tests (more than the total for last year). The average failure rate for this period is 29.47%. It has surpassed last year and we still have May & June of 2016 to go.

OLSF has been honored to have a wonderful Driver, **Keven Cody**, to manage, train, and keep the unit up to date. Keven takes the time to make everyone feel comfortable as well as visit with those who come in for testing. He stresses the importance of lifesaving tests and listens to many heart breaking stories. He also listens to the success stories of those tested after visiting their local physicians.

Linda Bennett is another Westside Lion who has given countless hours to help fellow Oklahomans. She travels to almost every trip with Keven without pay and works on events with honor, integrity, and professionalism. The MHSU had over 177 volunteer hours last year, many are

Linda's. The MHSU was honored in the **Oklahoma City Community Foundation's (OCCF) annual publication featured here.** Volunteers have tested countless people who did not know they had serious health issues. ***Thank you to all the Lions Clubs who sponsored the unit this year!***

The **Ok Lions Boys Ranch Meadows of Hope** have major donors (1000K or over) who have encouraged others to support the Foster Care Program and establish an endowment at OCCF. This includes *Paul Milburn, Deane Wymer, John Bode, and Kinder Dozer* have all been instrumental in launching this forward.

The **Ok Lions Eye Bank** has also been blessed to have had Jeanette King launch the progress on the new building on Lincoln. Now, Lori Miller is pushing the Eye Bank forward with new in-house technology to advance techniques forward and gain funding streams. Supporters like: *Ana-Faye Rose, Russel Brawley, Nicolas Martinez-Lopez, and the Estate of Charlene Nall along with OKC Downtown LC and other Lions Clubs* have been instrumental in the growth of OLEB. We are anticipating Oklahoma Lions supporting this effort throughout the next year!

OLSF has started a new incentive with the Edgar S. Vaught fellowship award, with the help of the Board of Directors and PDG Russ Wright. We have 10 new members this year! *Marvin Ainsworth, Elmo Castle, Kent Clovis, R. Hal Long, Charles Michael Jr., Jim Rice, Billy & Cloye Thompson, Steven Wisdom, and the Jackson State Annuity.* The Foundation has been blessed to have so many willing to give of their hearts, lives, time, and money to support others who desperately need help. It should be and is an honor to be included as a Lion in the State of Oklahoma.

Committed to Helping the Community for Years to Come



The Oklahoma Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit offers free blood sugar, bone density and general health screening statewide.

As the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation looks to the future, planned giving has become essential to ensuring that the organization's support continues for generations. Through the organization's legacy giving program, they are encouraging members to consider giving to the organization's endowment fund and work with the Oklahoma City Community Foundation on their estate plans.

"Planned giving is one of the most important fundraising activities we can do," says Marie Burns, executive director. "Through planned giving, we can start building a solid foundation for the future. Our goal is to continue building our endowment so it can fund operations and free up donations to go directly to the state projects."

The Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation provides assistance and funding for the charitable and benevolent services of the Oklahoma Lions Clubs. Since 1974, the organization has supported two state projects: the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch Meadows of Hope and the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank. For more than 15 years they have also operated a mobile health screening unit.

In 1992, a permanent endowment fund was established at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation and is an annual source of income for the organization. In 2015, the organization established a sub fund to help build a long-term funding strategy for operations of their two state projects.

"By partnering with agencies and nonprofits, the work that the Oklahoma City Community Foundation does within the community helps more people with better results," Burns says. "I can't say enough about why this partnership is so important."

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District 3-O

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Spring has definitely sprung here in Green Country (District 3-O). The trees are leafing out, flowers are blooming and the Lions activities are picking up. Hopefully the club secretaries are reporting these activities to International and getting them registered as Centennial Activities so the clubs can be rewarded.

Spring is also a reminder that new club officers should be elected and the PU101's should be sent in to International as soon as possible. This information is vital, not only to International, but to the State and District leaders as well. We need to know who and how to reach club leaders for a variety of reasons and a current up to date PU101 is the only way to achieve this.

The following statement should not be read by everyone, especially a certain Ponca City club. I overheard that a challenge was made as to who would have the largest club in the state by year end. I want to congratulate the South Grand Lake Club of Langley for a strong recruiting year to date. recent new members has put their total membership at 102, a plus 15 for the year!! By the time this article goes to press I have been assured the total will go higher. Way to go Lions!

CLUB NEWS:

Bartlesville Downtown-Held a Pediatric Vision Screening at the CONCERN Day Care Center. Screened 55, with 6 needing follow up. Collected 40 used eye glasses and several hundred pair of reading glassed



which are donated to shelters in the area. Participated in the 19th annual Energy Days where over 1,000 5th graders are given the opportunity to see the production, exploration

and uses of energy including solar, wind, electric, oil and gas.

Coweta-Purchased eye glasses and eye exam for a needy person.

Drumright-Gave a \$250 scholarship to a student demonstrating commitment to community service. Held a membership drive that netted 8 new members.

Henryetta-Participated in the Henryetta tennis court dedication. Sponsored the summer golf program and held annual Easter egg hunt.



Muskogee County-Had 289 people attend their annual chili fund raiser that supports Oklahoma School for the Blind, Junior Achievement and the 4-H. Members participated in the City of Muskogee cleanup event.



Muskogee Noon-Collected 324 pair of used glasses and provided four pair of glasses for individuals. Held their annual Pancake Day cooking up 3,800 pancakes and 300 pounds of Blue and Gold sausage. They auctioned off a Hasty Bake grill and sold sausage and bacon for additional income at the event

Okmulgee-Helped 6 individuals with eye glasses, donated \$100 to "Safe after Prom Party", had a successful pancake day fund raiser and helped build a ramp for a handicap citizen.

Pawhuska-Collected 13 pair of eye glasses and donated \$100 to the National Fire Safety Council in Pawhuska to help educate children about fire safety.

Porter-Donated \$400 to the 5th and 6th

grade Academic Team at Porter Elementary going to state meet in Norman

Sapulpa-Sponsored a team from the Oklahoma School for the Blind in the Literacy Spelling Bee. Held an eye screening at a local daycare and sponsored a team for the Boys Ranch Golf Tournament.

South Grand Lake of Langley-Held their 5th annual Grand Dam Run April 2nd which raises funds for the Veterans Park and Ketchum High School scholarships.



Tulsa Brookside-Donated \$500 to The Little Light House, children with special needs, and approved \$500 to go to Happy Hands, children that are deaf or hard of hearing. Club meetings have changed to 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 5:30 PM at Southminster Presbyterian Church, 3500 S. Peoria.

Tulsa Metro-McCullough Meeting times and place have changed. 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:00 am at McIntosh Mechanical, 4640 S. 83rd E Ave.

Wagoner-Welcomed new member Gary Phillips.

Dates to remember:

May 12- Zone F Meeting to be held at Dewey Adult Center, 300 Angus Rd. beginning at 6:00 PM for dinner.

May 13-Pawhuska will hold beef raffle drawing at the fairgrounds.

May 20-21-Langley to hold annual KCBS BBQ Cook Off.

June 11-Last 3-O Cabinet meeting, site to be determined.

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District 3-K

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Time sure flies by fast when you are busy and having fun visiting clubs. However, May means we are getting close the end of another Lion Year. There are few things we need to be considering as this year ends and another begins.

1) **ELECT NEW OFFICERS** - It is time to elect new club officers. Once the officers are elected, a PU101 Form needs to be completed and submitted to LCI by May 15th.

2) **TRAIN NEW OFFICERS** - Once you have your officers selected, be sure to give them the resources they need to fulfill their new position. There are several resources available but nothing is better than a personal training from someone who has filled the office you are about to fill. DGE Greg Walker has scheduled officer training at our first cabinet meeting of the year, scheduled for July 23rd at First United Methodist Church in Atoka. Be sure to have your new officers attend. Other options for training include manuals, webinars, power points and workbooks (check out the Leadership Resource Center pages at www.lionsclubs.org).

3) **CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD** Your club needs to be planning on receiving their club excellence award. To receive a club excellence award your club has to meet seven different requirements to be eligible. Several of these requirements, clubs do all the time...like have service projects. However there are two items that need a little more planning to qualify. 1) You need to make a donation to LCIF...in any amount before year end (6/30/16). 2) You need to have a positive growth in your club at year end...so plan a membership drive! All you need is a plus one at year end.

NEXT...you need to complete a Club Excellence Award Application and send it to me to sign off on. I will review the form, sign off on it and send it to Lions Club In-

ternational. DGE Greg Walker will receive your award sometime around September. The club excellence award application found at www.lionsclubs.org. Just type "club excellence award application" in the search window.

4) **CENTENNIAL SPONSOR PIN** - Dr. Yamanda has asked me to remind all Lions that we want to finish the year strong. Be sure to invite family, friends and neighbors to join our Lion family (and receive a centennial sponsor pin).

5) **100 YEARS OLD DESERVE A LITTLE CELEBRATION!** Lions Club International will turn 100 years old soon. Plan to celebrate by sharing Lion history with your community. Also, plan a Centennial Community Legacy Project.

Let me know if I can help with any of these items

Shawnee-Participated in the Community arts festival where Lions provided information and collected eyeglasses for recycling and helped children create silly sunglasses. Held their Bowling tournament to raise funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring organizations.



Ardmore Lions Club
held their annual Poker Run

Coalgate-All seniors from Coalgate and Tupelo High Schools were fed, and Coalgate Lions Scholarships were announced.

Poteau Evening-Lions provided free cotton candy for the grand opening of Dobson Technology in Poteau on April 2nd 2016. The Oklahoma City Thunder Girls were on hand for the grand opening and took time to visit with the club members manning the cotton candy machine. Also on hand was Rumble, the OKC Thunder mascot. It was a fun day with Dobson Technology and the Thunder girls and Rumble.



2015-2016

District 3-L



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Well it is that time of the month again a the year has just flew by and in just three weeks we will be having our state convention down in Lawton in the District 3-L area and we are very excited. Also May is the month we celebrate our dear Mothers so I wanted to share with all this lovely prayer.

"A Mother's Day Prayer"

"Our Father in Heaven whose love is divine, Thanks for the love of a Mother like mine-

And in Thy great mercy look down from above, And grant this dear Mother the gift of Your love-

And all through the year, whatever betides her, Assure her each day that You are beside her-

And, Father in Heaven, show me the way, To lighten her tasks and brighten her day, And bless her dear heart with the insight to see, That her love means more than the world to me."

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

ANADARKO – Lion Debbie Oxley sponsored by Lion Brett Stephens.

CHICKASHA – Lion Ellen Hopgood sponsored by Lion Jack Hudson

CLINTON – Lion Paige Poeling sponsored by Brenda Salcido

DUNCAN NOON – Lion Destiny Ahlfenger sponsored by Lion Phyllis Daughtrey

LAWTON PATRIOTS – Lion Hali McGowan sponsored by Lion Lauren Mounts.

SURREY HILLS – Lion Todd Clark sponsored by Lion Lynn Wilson

CLUB NEWS

ALTUS - They lost a great Lion member who has done a lot for this club PDG Danny King.

CANUTE - They lost two Lions this past month one Lion was a non-active member Warren McKinney and active Lion James Kos who was in a plane accident. Canute

had their annual Canute Lions Easter Egg Hunt and they had over 800 kids and hid over 6000 eggs which was filled with candy and gave 140 prizes valued at over \$2800. This event gets bigger every year. They had their Easter Bunny and Lion arrive in a Model A Ford. The Canute Lions have purchased a Lions bench for the Canute City Park and a Lion Water Fountain. They purchased two more Lion benches which are on back order and will arrive in January 2017.

CHICKASKA- Annual biscuit and gravy breakfast was held on March 19th with a good crowd and a great fund raiser.

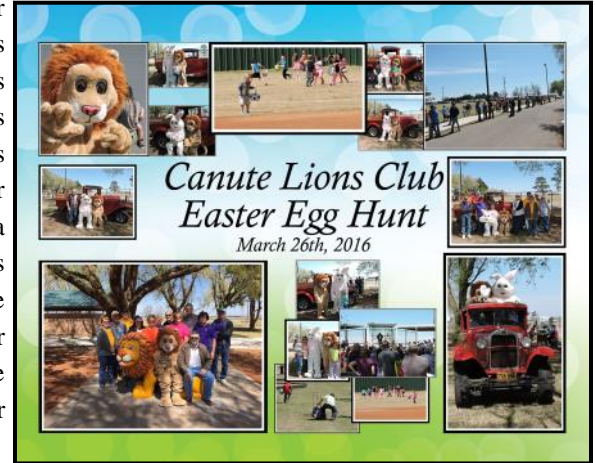
ELK CITY-DG Karen Blanton presented the other "DeRoy Skinner Rookie of the Year Award" to Lion Linda Durland. She also presented two District Governor's awards to Lion Jim Irwin and Lion Quenton Elliott for their support during her three years during governorship.



HOBART – They lost one of their awesome Lions Scott Tompkins this last month.

MARLOW-also lost a great Lion the last month with the loss of Lion Leon Alexander. They continue their weekly noon meeting with honoring the student of the week and during these noon meetings we have had fantastic programs which were enjoyed by all members.

MUSTANG-Continue to have their monthly meeting and work on activities in the various categories of; sight services, hearing services, environment services, youth services, community services, diabetes awareness, international relations, health services and other services. We also rent our building and keep up the yard.



POCASSET – They were awarded the OK Electric Coop Foundation grant for \$2,500 for their eye vision screening and eyeglasses. They will do another eye screening for Pre-K and Kindergarten enrollment. We will be awarding five scholarships at \$250. Will be having a trash pick-up on highway area, and will have a Lion's award night and installation of new officers on May 5th.



Second and Third place peace poster winners with their sponsors from the Mangum and Canute club along PID Mark Hintzman and DG Karen Blanton

**District 3-A**

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Greeting's Lions of 3-A:

This has been a busy month for all clubs; to have there elections of officers for next year. I expect that all clubs will have their PU 101's sent in to LCI and the state office before May 15, 2016.

I had the opportunity to participate in inducting new members at Kremlin Lions 50th anniversary.

All our clubs could appreciate what Kremlin Lions have done this year. They are a club which has been active in their community but had stopped growing and were getting older as many of our clubs are but, their membership decided to have a push to get new members and has made a great achievement. It shows what all cubs can do if you just ask and get out and try instead of just setting and looking at each other and saying we are getting old and

cannot get any new Lions in our clubs. Congratulations Kremlin Lions! The Garfield Lions have cleaned up the NORCE Cemetery and will put in flowers for Memorial day on May 26, 2016.

The last cabinet meeting will be held on May 7, 2016 at 11.00am with registration to begin at 10:30am in Garber at the EMS building.

Club News

Covington: participated in the Meadows of hope gold tournament.

Fairview: New member Lion Michael O'Brien sponsored by Lion Steven Randolph, and Lions honor student of the week with Dinner with the Lions. The Fairview Lions will hold their annual club auction May 21, 2016.

Garber: participated in the Meadows of hope gold tournament, and also helped clean up the NORCE Cemetery.

Guymon: had their first season of activity of Boats and trains at their park.

Helena: participated in the Meadows of hope gold tournament.

Kremlin: just celebrated their 50th Anniversary and they also participated in the Meadows of Hope golf tournament.

Laverne: participated in monthly food distribution, and joined in with other community members to repair an elderly persons home.

Lomega: Held their annual Easter egg hunt and handed out over \$500 in prizes.

Medford: Hosted the MHSU in their community.

North Enid: Worked on eye glasses distribution and clarification of those the club could help out in the community. There is a great demand for eye glasses in the Garfield county area. They also held their student of the month recognition. Participated in the Meadows of Hope Golf Tournament. Cleaned up the NORCE Cemetery. They also cleaned up the Lions park in Enid.

Pioneer-Pleasant Vale: held their annual pancake supper.

Ponca City Noon: held a concert fund raiser.

Ringwood: The club held their pancake fundraiser and raised over \$2,000. They have donated to the Ringwood high school for deserving graduates, and have participated in the Meadows of Hope golf tournament. They will also be actively involved as gatekeepers at all sporting events in Ringwood.

Two Friends in The Meadow

By Colleen S. Fowler
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meadow with his sister and brother and some other foster kids. He liked his cool foster parents but still he was lonely. He was a different looking kind of kid from the rest, always leery of those who criticized his race or size or situation. He kept pretty quiet and tried to be still and watched. Down the hill where Andy lived, the house was pretty quiet. The big guys were playing video games and it seemed his turn would never come...life was ok but he too was kind of lonely. Everyone was too grown up to play with him. There was no one to explore or play ninjas or hunt for bugs. One day on the bus he talked to the quiet kid that lived up on the hill. The next day and the next day they sat together and slowly spoke in hushed tones.

One day after school Mike's Foster dad called Andy's Foster dad and asked if Andy could come over and play? Zoom zoom went the old red truck and so began

a wonderful adventure. Andy came home that evening tired and little boy dirty and smiling. He asked if he could go again to the house on the hill. The answer was yes! Mike was having the same conversation on the hill. His FP's slowly drew out the fact that he had a good time with Andy and would like to play again! How happy the FP's were! They had been concerned that Mike needed a friend and it had been slow in coming. A few days later Andy invited Mike to his house. It was smaller but comfy and even though it was a bit awkward at first, they played Basketball and video games and talked and talked. Andy served him Kool-aid and he used his best manners to not spill any. The two boys were slowly becoming friends. Each had hurts and struggles in their past and hurdles to cross in the future, but for right here and right now they had each other and it was a happy day for two friends in the meadow. This is the legacy of the Lions Meadows of

Hope. We are a community of families involved in each other's lives, loving each other's children and giving them the opportunity to not only survive, but to learn to live and love and give and make friends. We watch them grow in self-esteem and learn self-discipline and develop self-worth. Its more than just a family caring for a child here, it is growing up in a community learning the social skills and ways of the world so that they can be free and happy and know how to love and allow themselves to be loved.

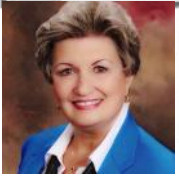
That my friends, is the HOPE in the Lions Meadows of Hope.



2015-2016

District 3-H

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It is down to the wire regarding our CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS. They must be entered on line with LCI by May 15. Please make sure all of the information for your officers is current and accurate. There will be Club Officer Training about July & August. Please encourage your officers to attend. As the weather turns to spring it seems like clubs are renewed. Lots of events are being held or are on the calendar for the near future. There are still a very few Club's to which we have not made Official Visits. We (our team) would really like to visit each club before the end of our term which is June 30. So just drop me an e-mail at mooneytunes@cox.net. We are here to serve YOU.

District 3-H Club Activities

Carney: Carney Lions Club recently welcomed 5 new members. Carney Lions purchased 5 new computers for the community – one for Sheriff's Department in Chandler, 2 to Carney PD and 2 for Carney Schools. They will have their annual golf tournament fundraiser scheduled for June 3, 2016 in Chandler, OK.

Cashion: Cashion Lions Club provided a Cashion HS Student with a \$200 scholarship to Girls State. They were a \$100 sponsor for a 5K run for Kat's on the prowl. They were a \$100 Hole Sponsor for the Cashion Alumni Golf Tournament and also a \$100/hole sponsor for the OLBR Golf Tournament. On March 30th they conducted its first Kid Sight Program for Cashion preschool students and screened 31 children.

Cushing: PCC Tom Cummings and Lion Jim Pickard assisted two MWC Lions with a Kidsight Eye Screening at the Stanley Haupfeld Academy, approximately 75 children were screened.

Edmond: has held several KidSight programs this year with dramatic results. Recent guest speakers were Bryan Larison from the Lions MOH Foster Care Community and Greg Westermeir from the City of Edmond Fire Department.

Guthrie: donated \$1,000 to Guthrie YMCA Programs for the second year. OLSF Director Marie Burns and 1VDGE Troy Jenkins both visited the Guthrie Noon Lions Club recently giving pins and updates various events.

Langston City: will be sponsoring the MHSU on April 30 and has donated \$200 to the Meadows of Hope @ the OK Lions Boys Ranch.

Midwest City: Two members volunteered at the Elks Lodge Golf Skills Challenge and Lion Judy Beck goes down each month to the Veteran's Center in Norman to continue to offer Bingo for the Residents. Lion David Kerr assisted the Mid Del Schools by monitoring testing. Lions David Kerr & DG Jacque Mooney assisted PCC Tom and Lion Jim Pickard with a Kidsight eye screening at the Stanley Haupfeld Charter School, approximately 75 children were screened.



Lions Sorting glasses Left from Dave Kerr (standing), Gayle Cochran, Judy Beck, Sandy Marler, Ray Marler, Donna Green, Cody Kerr, Gerald Mooney and DG Jacque Mooney

Mulhall-Orlando: donated pencils to elementary students for Easter. They were also a Hole Sponsor for the OLBR Golf Tournament in the amount of \$100.

Newcastle Community: will be involved in the Great American Trash-Off April 23@ 8:30am. Also their first Pancake Breakfast fundraiser is on April 30th from 7-10 am at Ribs-n-More.

Oklahoma City Downtown: Three longtime Lions addressed the District Governor Team during our Agenda Meeting for our Council Meeting this month. PDG Alwin Ning, PDG Gary Rhodes and Lion Russal Brawley requested the council support for Lions state-wide to raise approximately \$40,000 to replace the special flooring/base at Lions Park on Lake Hefner. They already have about \$50,000 pledged for this project, total cost is \$90,000. It has been damaged by vandalism and must be replaced. Its condition makes it difficult to use for special needs children.

OKC Northwest: raised \$2,500 with their annual Jewel Box Theater fundraiser. They also donated \$100 to Calm Waters in honor of Justin Hill for February Speakers, donated 475 pairs of glasses. Plans are underway for the 26th Annual

Charity Golf Tournament scheduled for June 6, 2016 at Fairfax Golf Course in Edmond.

OKC West Side: hosted the Friends of 10th Street Mini Community Fair. They had a DJ, free food, balloons with 20 different organizations represented. MHSU was on site doing health screenings and Kid Sight Vision Screenings were held inside. They continue to deliver Mobile Meals and delivered 150 meals in April.

Perry: Provided eyeglasses for one individual. Two High School Seniors were asked to give a report on the local activities at Perry High School. On March 26 the club hosted the annual Gene Wood Easter Egg Hunt at the Courthouse Square in Perry. Twenty lions volunteered to hide the eggs and oversee the gathering of the eggs by about 200 children under the age of 12. With the help of local banks and other donations, they were able to give out over \$3,200 in prizes to these children. They also voted to support one boy and one girl for the American Legion Boys State and the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State event next summer. Lion Gerald Stewart helped the Community Meals on Wheels program in March to help feed 10 local elderly home-bound citizens. They also donated \$100 to the Perry Humane Society.

Prague: The annual Kolache Festival will be May 7, 2016, parade starts at 11 am.

Stillwater Noon and eBranch Club: This active club provided two pairs of eyeglasses along with free exams. They continue to collect hearing aids and eyeglasses to be recycled. Also volunteered to help with the vision screening at Open Eyes on May 12 as part of Special Olympics in Stillwater. In April this club had a membership drive with two teams: Star Trek & Star Wars competing. They got three new members in April.

The Village: They sponsored the MHSU on MLK Day at the OKC Langston University Campus on N. Lincoln. New Flyers are already prepared and being distributed regarding the Village Lions Club Pat Harrington Memorial 11th Annual Car Show, Saturday, August 20, 2016 at Duffner Park.



Lion Jim Pickard, PCC Tom Cummings,
Lion Dave Kerr & DG Jacque Mooney.

Three Generations

Written by Dean Craig

When does nostalgia begin or end-- maybe with the induction into the Okmulgee Lions Club of Tim Walker (OSUIT instructor), a third generation new Lion member, sponsored by his mother (Latresa Walker), and inducted by his father, Vice-District Governor Greg Walker (District 3-K, Seminole). Three other new Lion members were inducted: Lion Chris Tiews, sponsored by Lion Kyle Brooks; Lion Thomas Taylor, sponsored by Lion Raymond Kennedy; and Lion Latorsha Baldwin, sponsored by Lion Donna Thomas. Adding a bit more nostalgia is the fact that Lion Tim's grandfather, Past District Governor Les Walker, joined the Okmulgee Lions Club in July 1966 but, shortly thereafter, moved to Seminole. He served as 3-K District Governor in 2005. Quite a legacy for the Walker family as the local club has never had a third generation induction nor have we seen one in person. We're sure that more will occur because we are coming up

on the 100th year celebration of Lionism in 2017. The Okmulgee Lions Club was among the original seven clubs in Oklahoma to have chartered shortly after the Lions Clubs began in 1917.

One of the "early" members of the Okmulgee Lions Club was Eugene S. Briggs when he was Superintendent of Okmulgee Public Schools, moving to Enid to become President of Phillips University. Dr. Briggs was one of three Oklahomans to ascend to the President of Lions International, quite an honor for a "local" Lions Club member. When I was District Governor in 1975-76, the Okmulgee Lions Club and the Creek Capital Lions Club hosted the District 3-O Conference on the campus of "Tech" (as OSUIT was known then) and I had the privilege to have both Dr. Briggs and Dr. Robert D. McCullough (one of the other Oklahomans to have been a President of Lions Interna-

tional) in my home, along with numerous other Lions Club dignitaries throughout Oklahoma.

Another special guest was Lion Lee Ann Bercher, District 3-0 Vice District Governor, Bartlesville. As a side-note, Lion Kyle Powell was awarded a 15-year chevron for 15 years of service. We certainly appreciate members like Kyle who give unselfishly of their time, money, and efforts in keeping with our motto: "WE SERVE".

