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District Governors vote (4 to 1) to postpone redistricting until 2017-2018; ask that Lions vote at district convention on choice of two names for each district. Task Force will be formed.

From DG Joe Chandler, District 3-A

Redistricting was approved by LCI and the Council of Governors are requesting that it would not go into effect until 2017-2018. The Governors will be presenting at their conventions the opportunity to vote on the name of the Districts; you have two options: And they are as follows: 1) O, K, L or 2) E, NW, SW. The votes from all the District conventions will be counted; in case of a tie vote, then vote will also be held at the State Convention in May 2016. The majority votes between the

two options will be turned into LCI. We know everyone will not be happy but all the Governors turned in the way that they wanted to name the district, and the two presented were the ones with the most votes. Let's not get hard feelings with each other but work together in making the Oklahoma Lions proud.

From DG Jacque Mooney, District 3-H

Lions Club International Board of Directors recently approved our request to redistrict into three stronger

districts. The Council voted October 10 to request an effective date of July 1, 2017. This will give each district time to look at the individual District Constitution and Bylaws, district budgets in order to combine them and plan for new officer elections for upcoming District Governors for the 2017-2018 term. The current First Vice District Governors will remain in line for the next year. Keep a positive attitude as exciting changes are ahead.

*Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch *Meadows of Hope
Annual Christmas Party!*



*December 5th, 2015 at the Perkins High School Commons
Begins at 11:00 AM*



OKLAHOMA LIONS SERVICE FOUNDATION

By Lion Marie Burns, OLSF Executive Director



We have had a lot going on lately!

Between visiting clubs and learning more about the local work of the Lions of Oklahoma, getting ready for Cowboy Cadillac, preparing for the audit, scheduling the Mobile Health Screening Unit, attending outreach events, working on social media, and fundraising it has been a whirlwind!

Fundraising News!

Cowboy Cadillac

Cowboy Cadillac is off to a great start! Almost all of the tickets are distributed with club support being very positive even with the increase in ticket prices to \$5.00! Many are re-ordering tickets so if you need additional ones please call asap; they may not be available soon! If you are not going to sell the tickets you have please return them to the office asap so other clubs have the chance to sell them.

Cowboy Cadillac Challenge!

The Edmond Lions Club is challenging all clubs to show their appreciation to their local law enforcement by buying each one a CC ticket for a chance to win the truck! Wouldn't that be wonderful if we were able to show our appreciation to Oklahoma law enforcement officers and one of them actually won? Please consider meeting this challenge; Wewoka Lions Club is already working on the challenge.

Grant work

I recently completed a grant application for the Mobile Health Screening Unit with the Oklahoma City Community Foundation for their Access to Healthcare iFund Grant. If approved and awarded, I hope this will be beneficial for the expansion of services for central Oklahoma. There is a great need to reach out into local communities and offer screenings to those that are unable to get this service otherwise. Without your help many Oklahomans will continue to have serious health concerns that will go undetected. You may be a part of saving a life!

Used Printer Cartridges

We are so appreciative of the work many Lions go through to collect and bring used printer cartridges to the state office. Last

quarter we received \$865 from the sale of used cartridges.

Legacy Campaign

As many of you know we have been working on raising money for the endowment and have only received a few gifts. We are focusing on raising funds for the OLBR Meadows of Hope endowment this year and will focus on the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank next year.

Building the Foundation

I am speaking to clubs about BTF and how each Lion can be a supporter of BTF. Some members are re-joining the campaign and we are excited to add new members.

Website and Facebook

The OLSF website is being updated periodically and new items added often. I have added the Cowboy Cadillac on the Current News page with the link for the forms we use for Cowboy Cadillac. I encourage Lions to post information to the OLSF FACEBOOK page to increase the traffic flow. This brings awareness and attention to the work Lions do locally and is great information for OLSF.

The addition of the Judge Edgar

S. Vaught Fellowship

This honor was approved and added at the OLSF board meeting in August 2015. It is now the OLSF top recognition, with a platinum look pin. The fellowship is named after the Lions sixth International President (1922-23). A native Virginian he moved to Oklahoma in 1901 to become head of an Oklahoma School system (*The LION*-January 1960). He served as the superintendent of Oklahoma City schools from 1902 until 1906. In later years he was admitted to the Oklahoma Bar and began the practice of law. Until his death his interest in Lions and service was one of his greatest personal joys. Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation presents the Judge Edgar S. Vaught Fellowship to individuals who have contributed, or had contributions made in their name of at least **\$1,000**. Cowboy Cadillac ticket sales will also be counted toward this total.

Mobile Health Screening Unit

September was an extremely busy month. The unit visited the Grady County Fair in

Chickasha, Langston University in Tulsa, Payne Co. Fair in Stillwater, Purcell Fair, Shiloh Baptist Church/Langston University, Garfield County Lions Clubs with the Patriot Guard Riders, Wyandotte, Miami, Kansas (OK), Newkirk, North Enid, Sunnyside Baptist Church/Midwest City LC, and Idabel LC.
total screened 564 total volunteers 176

Upcoming Events: November-OPEN, 12/5/2015-BCBS and Crossings Community Church, 12/12/2015-North Enid LC (CC Drawing), 12/19/2015 Garber parade

MHSU Scheduling Reminder:

The Lions Mobile Unit serves the Oklahoma communities through the sponsorship of Oklahoma Lions Club(s). Only local Lions Clubs in Oklahoma can schedule the MHSU and must have at least two Lion Members present who are responsible for basic operation. Lions clubs may also partner with other service agencies to provide even more assistance to communities through special events such as health fairs. The restriction is however that an Oklahoma Lions Club must sponsor and call to schedule the event for policy and insurance purposes. Many Lions Clubs obtain assistance from local nursing schools as well as volunteers to operate the unit event. The volunteers are trained on the testing machines and are bound by confidentiality waivers. Statistics are maintained by the Driver/Manager and forms remain locked at the State Office. The Driver also must keep the screening forms on site unless a waiver is signed for HIPPA regulations. OLSF publishes a MHSU calendar of events on the website at: <https://calendar.yahoo.com/olsfed/7519a564e144f88ed3006c7ea6692a6d?od=257>.

As the 3-H Zone A Chairperson I have enjoyed the training and learning more about Lions activities and duties. I visited Broken Arrow (cookout for all clubs), Muskogee Noon Lions Club, Carney LC, and Cashion LC. These clubs are super active in their community. There is so much being done locally with just a few people! It is truly amazing.

2015-2016



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Here it is the first of November and our 3-O Convention is only a couple of weeks away. I hope you have made your room reservations and sent in your registration form (along with a check) to Secretary Wayne. You can always register when you show up but if you want to eat with the Lions, you need a reservation. I promise we will have good weather this year and who wants to stay at home and watch "loser Sooner" anyway. There will be a Silent Auction set up by Lion Dollie Wooddell and all proceeds will go to the Oklahoma School for the Blind. Please bring items for this project.

As you can see by the front page article, redistricting is under way. The Council of Governors chose 2 forms of identifying the new Districts. These 2 options will be voted on at the District Conventions and the one garnering the most votes will determine what the names of the new districts will be. This will not be known until after the last District Convention in late winter. More information will be presented at our convention on Nov. 14 so be there for the latest updates.

Some of the Lions in our district will have heard me, once or twice, talk about the Centennial Celebration (Centennial Service Challenge and Centennial Awards). Get ready for more as there is another 2-1/2 years before the big party. I recently volunteered to be the District Centennial Coordinator for the remainder of the celebration. I will work with Arlene Shore, the Multiple District Coordinator and the International Coordinators to try to keep the clubs up to date on activities and any new awards International may have to offer. Each club will be asked to enlist a volunteer to serve as

Club Centennial Coordinator for the next 2-1/2 years. I will be sending out via email the duties and job description for that position and hope that every club will take a few moments to consider this important position.

Overall, our District was holding its own through September. We managed to show a net gain of 2 members to date, thanks in big part to the South Grand Lake Lions of Langley who brought in 11 new members while losing only 2. I heard they have a challenge with an out-of-district club to see who finishes as the largest club in the state. Sounds like a little competition may be good for what ails *your* club. Pick out a club in the district your size and challenge them to a membership dual. Have some fun and watch your club grow.

On a similar note, keep your eyes and ears open for a good location for a new Lions club. No better way to grow the district than to bring in 20 plus members at once. Also, you can start a branch club whose members belong to your club until they reach the minimum of 20 to form a true Lions club.

However you and your club want to do it, let's grow, **grow, GROW!**

District 3-O Club News

Dewey: Donated \$200 to Ben Hamm Memorial fund; held a chili fundraiser and participated in Trunk or Treat in downtown Dewey on Halloween.

Okmulgee: In Sept. welcomed new Lion Andrew Balint. The club had a float in the Homecoming Parade and passed out \$60 worth of candy; will have an information tent set up at the Harvest Moon Chili Festival.

Pawhuska: Collected 236 pairs of used eyeglasses and turned them over to Zone Chair Dollie. Donated \$100 to Calvary Baptist Church for their feed the hungry campaign.

Porter: Donated a 1250 watt microwave to the Porter Civic Center.

Sapulpa: Donated \$400 to the school golf tournament, \$200 to Day Springs Villa for Abused Women and they con-

tinue working the Little League, Junior Varsity and Varsity football games.

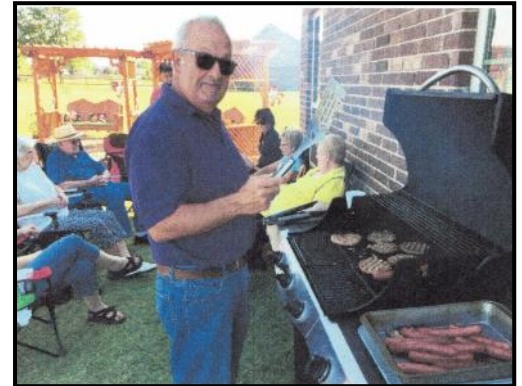
Dates to Remember

Nov. 7: Bartlesville Downtown Lions annual Pancake Breakfast, 7-11am, B'ville Community Center

Nov. 13-14: 3-O Convention, Sequoyah State Lodge

Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Day--Be Thankful!

Dec. 5: OK Lions Boys Ranch-Meadows of Hope Christmas Party, 11am, Perkins HS Commons



The Tulsa DT Lions held their annual Lion Fred Campbell Picnic. Held at the home of Lion Patti Bryant, Lion Steve Wilkerson cooked up the dogs and burgers for the hungry Lions.



Five new Lions inducted into Okmulgee Club. L-R Kenneth Kern, Leroy Parker, sponsor President Beth Flud, Thomas Parsons, District Governor Mike Fritz, Christie Baldrige, sponsor PDG Dean Craig and sponsor Raymond Kennedy.

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District 3-K

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Read Governor Stephanie's exciting report on the recent USA/Canada Lions Forum in the online edition of the Oklahoma Lion newsletter for November 2015!

Remember: January 22-23, 2016 is District 3-K's Mid-Winter Convention in Shawnee

Websites and Facebook Pages to Visit:

Facebook Pages: District 3K, Meadows of Hope a project of the OLBR, Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank, Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation

Websites: www.lionsclubs.org,

www.oklahomalions.org,

www.LionsUniversity.org

3K Club Activities

Ada: Partnered with March of Dimes to conduct successful golf tourney in Aug. Partnered with 4-H for annual Shoot for Sight Skeet and Trap Shoot in Sept. Welcomed new Lions Joshua Edwards on Oct. 13. With a goal of increasing our club's visibility in community, several Lions purchased Lions caps from the LCI Store recently. Club news is regularly reported in the Ada newspaper and on the club's Facebook page.



Atoka: Held barbecue fundraiser on Oct. 8; over 500 meals were sold and club cleared \$2,096. The club also selected and awarded \$50 to a Student of the Month. (Pictures below)



Broken Bow: Lions helped the Idabel Lions with pediatric vision screening at their fall festival; about 33 kids were screened. Honored High School Seniors of the Month.

Shawnee: Helped 9 new people get eyeglasses; collected and recycled 401 pairs of used eyeglasses, 102 cases and 1,041 lenses. Prepared and served breakfast to about 70 participating pilots and Civil Air Patrol cadets during the Shawnee Air Show, raising \$446. Second VDG Nancy Cook-Senn attended the Heart of Oklahoma Volunteer Organizations Assisting in Disasters 2-day training. Past President Gordon Richards was awarded the

Thursday October 15, 2015 was White Cane Day. Beginning Tuesday October 13th the Ada LC, for a suggested minimum \$1.00 donation, gave out white cane stickers. All proceeds benefit the needs of the blind. Everyone was encouraged to wear their stickers on White Cane Day.

Bowl of Hygeia from the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association and the American Pharmacists Association for his outstanding record of community service, including Lions Club leadership. Lion Mitch Wolf and his band, Nasty Weather, performed a benefit for Music4Water, which raised \$11,000 to build water infrastructure in developing countries through Disciples4Water.

Wilburton: Members of Eastern Expressions music group entertained Wilburton Lions at a weekly meeting.

A collection for White Cane takes place at each meeting and the club provides eyeglasses for 2 citizens each month.



Wanette LC (Top picture) new member inductions. Sheryl Jordan, with new Lions Ryan Jarvis, Derek Royce, Desarea, Elizabeth Weatherford and President Brian Jordan

(Bottom Picture) VP Shane Jordan with new members John Gilmore, Annie Gilmore and President Brian Jordan

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Grand Rapids, MI September 2015

By 3-K Governor Stephanie Pettett

At the time of my last newsletter, it was just days before I left for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Grand Rapids, Michigan. As I expected, it was truly a great experience. One thing I have learned about Lions is, we like to fellowship. I have met some wonderful Lions and made some great friends. For starters, I had two awesome roommates, Jacque Mooney and Arlene Shore. We shared some great laughs while visiting in our room. At the pin traders table, I had fun looking at all the pins and learning about the history behind some of the pins. Of course Kent Clovis was there to give me pointers on trading.

As always the seminars were so valuable. The seminars covered a wide range of topics, from "Planning an Amazing Convention" to "Putting the Fun in Fundraising" and more. There are so many to choose from that it was difficult to decide. Of course the beauty of that is all the seminars are available for review later on the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum website. That way, forum attendees can review videos and materials for the seminars they wanted to attend but couldn't squeeze the time available.

I have to mention how much I liked Grand Rapids. It is hard to describe in words, but for a city, it was quite beautiful with the river flowing through town and the atmosphere was comfortable and safe. Lots of people were walking their dogs and riding bicycles. Not to mention, we arrived just prior to a huge art festival, "ArtPrize" and the town was sprinkled with all sorts of art. The art ranged from a "rabbit family" in front of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum to a patriotic flag art piece titled "Heroes" located inside the amazingly gorgeous hotel where we stayed. The Amway hotel was very beautiful with giant chandeliers, a water fountain (not the drinking kind) and a glamorous staircase.

On our first evening eating together, we arrived at our "Fun Festival" meal to find a Ferris wheel, yes a Ferris wheel! We also had clowns who made balloon animals for us and we were treated to hilarious and high energy entertainment by Buckets N Boards. This was a two-man show full of percussion (on buckets and boards) and crazy songs. I definitely let loose with several belly roll laughs!

One of my favorite activities at the Forum was the Leader Dog experience. I had the opportunity to meet Holly, a leader dog and her han-

dlar. I was blindfolded and walked through an obstacle course by the dog. Holly's handler walked along and instructed me to give her commands. He pointed out how she would not obey my command if it led me into a dangerous situation. He also noted that during one point in the walk through a narrow walk way that Holly actually crowded him to make more room for me! Besides the Leader Dog experience, I also attended the Leader Dog Seminar and learned all about how the dogs are raised and placed with a person in need.

Well, the fun continued throughout the Forum and on the final night, Lions were treated to a spectacular fireworks show.

Besides all the fun, we did have a graduation at the forum. I am proud to say we had three 3-K Lions graduate. Both First Vice District Governor, Nancy Cook-Senn and Barry Fogerty of Shawnee received their Lions University Bachelor's degree for completion of 15 Bachelor's webinar courses and by attending a USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. Yours truly received a Master's degree from the Lions University for completion of the 15 Bachelor's webinar courses and 15 Master's webinar courses and by attending two USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums. Graduates received a very beautiful pin for their accomplishment and had the opportunity to have their picture made with International President Dr. Yamada.



Next year the Forum will be in Omaha, Nebraska. Sign up early and get a discount. I can't promote these enough. The Forums are designed to give Lion leaders the resources they need to make our Lions clubs and Lions leaders the very best! Go to www.lionsforum.org for more information and to register.

Wilburton: Members of Eastern Expressions music group entertained Wilburton Lions at a weekly meeting



Poteau Evening Lions: members are shown cooking funnel cakes, making caramel apples and making cotton candy in their efforts to support the Poteau Band Boosters. The Club sells items at each home football game throughout the season and then donates one half of the proceeds to the Poteau Band Boosters providing approximately \$1,000 annually to the organization. Shown (starting at the middle table and going left to right: Lions D'leisa Graves, Mike St. John, Randy Graves, Dr. Randolph Stokes, Nina Bowen (Club President) and partially hidden by the cotton candy machine, Stan Garland

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District 3-L

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November is here and is a time to be thankful for all we have. I was reading an article about a young lady who cancelled her wedding at the very last minute as the groom got cold feet. The family decided to turn the \$35,000 extravagant event into a feast for the homeless. Rather than cancel the reception they invited homeless for a once in a lifetime meal Saturday at the Citizen Hotel, one the city's finest venues. Even though they were feeling very sad for their daughter, it was heartwarming to see so many people be there and enjoy a meal. The family said they had already paid for the reception that would have hosted 120 guests. About 90 homeless single people, grandparents and whole families with newborns showed up and enjoyed a meal with all the trimmings. Some even dressed up for the occasion. One family commented, "To lose out on something so important to yourself and then give to someone else is really giving, really kind." The parents said, "We hope that when she looks back at this, she knows she was doing something good with a bad situation."

I further read on about how much food is wasted from restaurants as well as families. This year think about our services to others. Give to a food basket; ask a friend who might be alone to join you for Thanksgiving or you just might hostess a great Celebration. Your talents are unlimited. Lions are ordinary people who do extraordinary things to help others and support good causes. You will discover interesting stories and see the many different ways that Lions make a difference in local communities wherever you see our Lions symbol. Every Lions Clubs supports a range of good causes and projects in its area where you can get involved. Every day Lions are having fun by organizing remarkable and memorable fundraising activities, with every penny raised going direct to good causes.

Our District Convention will be held March 4-5, 2016, in Elk City at the Clarion Inn. At that time we will discuss the re-districting which will be effective July 2017. We will also vote on what the districts will be called: Option 1) **O-K-L** Option 2) **E-NW-SW**. Please send your delegates to the convention plus come to enjoy a great time. More information is to come.

REMINDER – PEACE POSTER ENTRIES DUE TO DISTRICT GOVERNOR BY 11-15-15. Don't forget to come to Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch "Meadow of Hope" Foster Care Community Christmas Party on December 5, 2015, at the Perkins High School.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Altus: Lion Hannah Ames sponsored by Lion Danny King; Lion Brandon Taylor and Lion Patricia Blackman sponsored by Lion Sue Thompson

Cache: Lion Corey Holland sponsored by Lion Rellon Sampler, Lion Nolan Watson, Jr. and Lion Janice Watson sponsored by Lion Patricia Hollander

Hobart: Lion Amanda Thompson sponsored by Lion Stephen Boyd

Lawton N E: Lion Paul Barry and Lion Mandy Harris sponsored by Lion Allen Granger

Marlow: Lion Jared Head sponsored by Lion Bradley Boles

LIONS WORKING TOGETHER

Altus: Altus Quarterly Family and Friends gathering

Cache: Hosted Red Ribbon week by selling wooden red ribbons to the community.

Canute: Hosted annual stew supper on Oct. 23 and will put out American flags for Veterans Day.

Chickasha: Starting annual nut sales.

Elk City: Honored 2 sixth graders (Lions cubs), will put out American flags with assistance from FFA for Veterans Day and moved club meeting place to Church of God with meetings twice a month.

Lawton: Participate in the annual David Pope Memorial ASYMCA Fish Fry.

Lawton Leos: Participate in the Annual David Pope Memorial ASYMCA Fish Fry and design, decorate and riding in float during Lawton Holiday Park Parade. Run concession stand for the Blue Event. Will be designing a Leo pin to submit at the state convention.

Lawton N E: Will put out American flags for Veteran's day.

Lawton Patriots: Screened 53 children with 3 referrals with Lions KidsSight.

Marlow: Honored a student of the week from High School each week and provided eye glasses to a patient in the community. Had a successful hamburger fry for the first football game of the season and several programs from the high school coaches.

Mustang: Mowing at the Lions Club Building

Pocasset: Hosted a Community Thanksgiving Dinner fundraiser on Nov. 1 as well as cleaning up the bar ditches. They honor three students of the month, and will also have a Veteran's Program with the Baptist Church on November 8th

Surrey Hills: Hosted their semi-annual pancake breakfast on Oct. 3; about 150 neighbors and friends of the Lions were served pancakes, biscuits and gravy, bacon and sausage with coffee and juice. The Surrey Hills Home and Garden Club joined with the Lions by having their bake sale funds from the pancake breakfast used for improvements and maintenance of the Surrey Hills Lions Club community park. Plans are already in the place for a chili supper and raffle on Jan. 30, a spring pancake breakfast on Mar. 5, and a garage sale on Apr. 29. The Lions say: "Our group is small but mighty."

Union City: Will put out American flags for Veterans day and honor students of the month.

2015-2016 Boneyard Field Trip



**District 3-A**

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Food for Thought for this Season

The Chimes of Time are ringing in the second quarter of this Lion year and early fall is changing the weather and the landscapes around us. The green leaves will soon be changing to the beautiful colors of fall that we all enjoy. Along with that comes the season of Lions Conventions. Here in District 3-A the convention is scheduled for Feb. 12-13, 2016, at Redeemer Lutheran Church Family Event Center, 215 S. Cleveland in Enid. My committees and I are planning a convention with fun, learning and awards for deserving Lions. I do need your help: please hold your Speech Contest and send the results to me so that we can plan on speech contestants to compete at the Convention, with winner (1 youth and 1 adult) going to the state contest in Lawton late in May 2016.

You will also need to check with your Lions of 5 years or less for Rookie of the year. This choice needs to be sent to me no later than Dec. 31, 2015. There should also be your club's choice of Lion of the Year, and it too should be sent to me by Dec. 31. These are just 2 of the many awards that can be presented and if you have visitations to report, these need to be sent to me by the date, also.

Please send the choice of candidates from your club to me by email or mail as follows: mrjrchandler@suddenlink.net or mail to 3513 Whippoorwill Ln., Enid, OK 73703.

I appreciate your help in making these choices and also appreciate your

attendance at the Convention in February 2016.

3-A Club Activities

Fairview: Lions Bruce Boehs and Brother Randall donated a 8' x 20' trailer cooker to Lions. Held chicken and noodles supper on Oct. 9, with funds to go to scholarships. Will assist FRMC with their 5K run and walk on Nov. 14. The club's annual Christmas Dinner is Dec. 3.

Garber: Worked the OK Lions MHSU at the Cherokee Strip Parade.

Kremlin: Lion Gina Zaloudek had her Wild Horse Gang following the horses in Cherokee Strip Parade to clean up.

Laverne: Welcomed new Lions Victor Terbush, sponsored by David Cook, Salvador Echevarria, sponsored by Merle Swineford, and Scott Vaughn, sponsored by Lion Steve. Rev. Mark Layman spoke about his missions efforts during the last few years and what his fellow missionaries have been doing at a school in Uganda. The club had their nuts and bake sale on Oct. 23 and food distribution on Oct. 28.

North Enid: On Oct. 3 had the Lions antique power show at Garfield County Fairgrounds. They worked blood glucose screening at the Garfield county fair, purchased eyeglasses for the needy and the club turned in 484 pairs of used eyeglasses. Lion Harold's Reo fire truck was driven in the Cherokee Strip Parade; Lion Willy and other Lions rode along. Lion Willy and other Lions also rode the fire truck in the Chisholm homecoming parade. Club honored Tabor Kvansnicka as Student of the Month. Had special guest speakers Krista Hendricks and Iretta Pepper with NextEra Energy on the progress of future energy for Oklahoma and the World. Held their annual bean and cornbread supper on Oct. 17; sponsored the OK Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit (MHSU) on Oct. 24;

and helped with the United Way Chili Cook-Off on Oct. 30.

Pioneer-Pleasant Vale: Worked with other Garfield County Lions doing blood glucose screening at the county fair. Worked football gate for 2 Pioneer football games and donated \$40 to Pioneer Year Book. Held annual club picnic. The club's annual Chili and Soup Supper will take place on Nov. 17 from 5-7pm at The Grace Place.

Ponca City Noon: Worked at October Fest to provide free blood glucose screening to over 400 people. Participated in DORADA Foods health fair, where projects and services were explained to over 200 members of the community and 25 membership applications were handed out.

Northern Oklahoma E Lions held the annual Lions Strides Walk for Diabetes on Oct. 17; funds raised will go to help with juvenile diabetes needs and concerns.



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**Spring is definitely in the air.
I hope it is putting a little
“pep in your step.”**

Several of us attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Grand Rapids, MI in mid-Sept. There were a lot of classes and seminars to attend. I even had the opportunity to be blindfolded and walk with a leader (guide) dog. It was a great experience.

One of the more interesting topics was the Lions 100th Birthday Celebration being planned right now. Each club has a great opportunity to receive recognition and patches for their accomplishments in 4 KEY areas. They are *Protecting our Environment, Relieving the Hunger, Sharing the Vision, and Engaging our Youth*. Many clubs already have projects that will qualify them receive a banner patch. But, club secretaries, you just MUST, MUST, MUST enter your service projects when you do your monthly report on-line at MyLCI. It is so very easy and will only take an extra minute or two. There are many service ideas on the LCI website; just check out Centennial Service Challenges.

I have made 4 official club visits so far but our District Governor Team would really like to visit all of the clubs. We love the “team concept” so if you prefer one district leader over the other, no problem - just let us know. We are ready to make Official Visits to the club so just drop me an e-mail at mooneytunes@cox.net. We are here to serve YOU.

Our next Cabinet meeting will be Sat., Nov. 7 at OKC West Side Lions Club. They are having a Pancake Day, so come early and come hungry. Their event begins at 8:00 a.m. and we will start at 9:30 a.m.

District 3-H Club Activities

Carney: Will have pancake breakfast in near future. Have raised about \$3,000 to help police department purchase new computers. They are helping families who lost loved ones or suffered damage in recent floods. They helped with OLBR Meadows of Hope playground installation.

Cashion: Club continues to be very active in their community. OLSF Director Marie Burns delivered Cowboy Cadillac tickets to the club. They plan to distribute turkeys and hams for the holidays and help local teachers with school supplies. Russ Adams challenged their members to 100% participation in supporting OLSF's Build the Foundation. Held special dinner to honor 2 of their founding members, Jim Beautler and Roy Smith.

Edmond: Lions are busy selling OLSF Cowboy Cadillac tickets. Donated to Leader Dogs for Blind and to Edmond's Hope Center. Sponsored Lions Kidsight USA at Nazarene Church, testing 23 children, 6 mos.-6yrs. of age. Will be scheduling more vision screenings for kids. They turned in 365 pairs of used eyeglasses to the state office and collected 220 pairs of used eyeglasses.

Guthrie: Lions helped the OLBR-Meadows of Hope by buying school shoes for the children. They continue to help with scholarships and school supplies for local schools

Langston City: Lions sponsored the OK Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit several times. They also partner with Families with Sickle Cell Inc. Donate funds and free books to children in the Langston and Coyle communities.

Midwest City: Lions are selling OLSF Cowboy Cadillac tickets. Sponsored OK Lions MHSU on Sept. 25 for seniors. Will hold Lions Kidsight USA event Oct. 20. During Sept. MWC Lions delivered checks to 16 Mid-Del Elementary Schools in the amount of \$150 each to school counselors for discretionary expenses. On Oct. 13 they sorted 62 banana boxes full of used eyeglasses with record turnout of 13 volunteers at OK Lions state office.

Newcastle Community: On Oct. 17 they held a cleanup event at Newcastle Lions Park. They are working on a U. S. flag display project and ask any resident or business to contact them to get on the list.

Norman: Lions have a wonderful group of speakers scheduled for the next couple of months.

OKC Northwest: On Labor Day Lions participated in their wonderful flag raising along drive to the OK Lions Children's Park on the east shore of Lake Hefner.

OKC West Side: Continue to help people with eye care and mobile meals. Annual Strides Dog Walk for Juvenile Diabetes Research was Oct. 24.

Perry: Provided glasses for a local citizen; hosted Seniors Dorothy Walton and Braden Baird as Student Lions and provided fan parking to 3 Perry football games. Donated \$100 to OK Special Olympics and held annual pancake fundraiser serving 200. Will purchase/display plaques honoring service of deceased Lions.

Stillwater Noon and eBranch Club: Provided 2 pairs of eyeglasses. Eight Lions helped conduct a SpotVision screening at an elementary school. Served community meal at FUMC and also held fundraiser to benefit food sacks for children. Helped with MHSU at health fair, with information/security at Cowboy Cross Country Jamboree, and with parking cars for Stillwater High School football games.



MIDWEST CITY LIONS - Pastor Lynne O'Shea has taken a new church in Pennsylvania to be closer to her family. Lions Gayle Cochran, Judy Beck, Dianna Hancock, Dave Kerr and DG Jacquie Mooney reluctantly say farewell. She actually called the State Office to find out about a club she could join in MWC. She is already looking in Johnstown, PA for a new club. Lion Lynne has been such a blessing.



HOPE

By Colleen Fowler, Communications Director
Meadows of Hope-Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch



Where did the name **Meadows of Hope** come from? I asked our Executive Director Bryan Larison and he said that the Development Committee was meeting to talk about the Foster Care Community in its infancy and they kept referring to the geographical location as the "Meadows" tract of land, because the existing group home on that 160 acres was called the "Meadows" house. As the plans came together, the idea of a name that inspired a positive outlook for the families and children was needed. He said he just "threw it out there" one day in an e-mail to the other committee members and they liked it, so **Meadows of Hope** Foster Care Community was born. It is a place that inspires **hope**! If you come on our campus you will see not perfect homes or showplace yards. You will see tricycles and basketballs and geese and dogs, trampolines and chicken coops, plus a beautiful playground and flowerbeds hiding toys and rabbits! You will hear laughter and music and joyful living that goes on here. The acreage is a place of beauty with wildflowers and wildlife. Our newest house sits up on a hill and it should be finished by January. The love and hope

growing there is palatable. It is a spot that will stay in your heart...It is home.

On Sep. 17, 50 volunteers came to help build our new playground and put in 5 flower beds! The response was overwhelming. People kept coming and coming. The United Way brought breakfast for the workers and Lowes Home Improvement store provided the materials. It was a beautiful, sunny day with a little breeze and a little warmth. Spirits were high and noise filled the air: tractors, trucks, hammering, laughter and the voices of the children as they set up a little table to give water to the volunteers and say thank-you! It was a long, hard day, but the result is a beautiful, safe place for the children to play and some lovely greenery to give even more life to the landscape. Jim Erwin came from Elk City Lions and brought his trailer so he could cook burgers and hotdogs for all of the folks. Many Lions showed up to help and the bonds were made even stronger by joining together in this project. The Perkins United Way Day of Caring volunteers joined in and worked very hard! This was another chapter in the

amazing story of the Meadows of Hope Foster Care Community.

Our annual Christmas Party is Sat., Dec. 5 at the Perkins High School Commons. We will serve a catered lunch at 11am and the program will begin at noon. Please plan to attend to meet the families and children and tour the campus! You will be receiving invitations and announcements, but even if you have not been coming, please come this year. Our OLBR heritage is not gone! It is the foundation on which we are building a new future for boys and girls, babies and teens! The new vision comes from the same hearts and the ideas are for growth, stability and family.

As we share our programs throughout the state and world one truth is clear to me: if you don't know the story or believe the story then you cannot successfully share the story. Please join us in learning about the **Meadows of Hope**, a project of the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch. There is **hope** for children and youth, **hope** for family structure and **hope** for the future.

Auction Items needed for OLBR-Meadows of Hope Christmas Party

By First VDG (3-H) Troy Jenkins

We need 20 to 30 high-quality and unique items for the live auction portion of the annual Christmas Party in Perkins on December 5. Items like signed Thunder/OSU/OU paraphernalia or vacation getaways could bring interest and the big money, even from people who are not associated with the Lions, the Boys Ranch, the Meadows of Hope, etc. Keep on the look out for news about a possible online bidding process for the Silent Auction. Again, we need your help and your donation of items that will appeal to non-Lions as well as Lions.

Please feel free to contact me by email at any time: troyfecta@yahoo.com if you have questions or concerns about the annual Boys Ranch auction this year.



From 3-O Governor Mike Fritz:

Listed below is the proposed agenda for the Nov. 13-14 Convention. Of course, listed on the registration, the Friday night hayride starts at 6pm.

Sat., Nov. 14

- 9:00am** Flag Salute, Prayer and Opening Remarks by Gov. Fritz
- 9:15am** LCIF by PDG/LCIF Coord. Kent Ryals
- 9:40am** Lions KidSight USA/Spot Vision Camera by PCC Tom Cummings
- 10:10am** OLSF by Exec. Dir. Marie Burns
- 11:00am** OK School for the Blind by Supt. Christine Boone
- 11:30am** Speech Contest (if entries present)
- 12:00pm** Lunch with guest speaker PID Hal Long
- 1:10pm** Redistricting Update
- 1:30pm** Questions and answers
- 2:00pm** Cabinet Meeting and 3-O elections for 2016-17

We will have a silent auction so please bring something worthwhile or send it with someone who is coming. All proceeds will be going to the Oklahoma School for the Blind, designated to the area of greatest need. Lion Dollie Wooddell is in charge of the auction (dolliew@sbcglobal.net). Don't forget to get those registrations in as soon as possible!

Oklahoma Lions State Calendar

Contact OK Lions State Office to add Calendar items
405-947-6540 or liondawn@cox.net

November 2015:

Membership Focus-Family; Lions Diabetes Awareness Month

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| Nov. 1 | Wanette LC annual Turkey Shoot , 2pm, Hwy. 39 2 miles west of Hwy. 102 | Nov. 14 | World Diabetes Day |
| Nov. 1 | Pocasset LC Community Thanksgiving Dinner fund raiser | Nov. 14 | Fairview LC assist FRMC with 5K Run and 1K Walk |
| Nov. 5 | 3-H Lions Quest Workshop, West Side Lions Town Hall | Nov. 15 | Wanette LC annual Turkey Shoot , 2pm, Hwy. 39 2 miles west of Hwy. 102 |
| Nov. 7 | OKC West Side LC Pancake Day , 8am-1pm, West Side Lions Town Hall | Nov. 15 | Postmark deadline for Lions Club to send winning Peace Poster to district governor |
| Nov. 7 | District 3-H Cabinet Meeting , West Side Lions Town Hall | Nov. 15 | Leo October Membership Growth Award nominations due |
| Nov. 7 | Pioneer-Pleasant Vale LC annual chili and soup supper , 5-7pm, Grace Place | Nov. 22 | Wanette LC annual Turkey Shoot , 2pm, Hwy. 39 2 miles west of Hwy. 102 |
| Nov. 7 | Bartlesville Downtown LC annual Pancake Breakfast at Community Center, 7-11am | Nov. 26-27 | Thanksgiving holiday, OK Lions state office closed |
| Nov. 8 | Wanette LC annual Turkey Shoot , 2pm, Hwy. 39 2 miles west of Hwy. 102 | Nov. 29 | Wanette LC annual Turkey Shoot , 2pm, Hwy. 39 2 miles west of Hwy. 102 |
| Nov. 11 | U. S. Veterans Day-many Lions Clubs put out U. S. flags in their community | | |
| Nov. 13-14 | District 3-O Mid-Winter Convention , Sequoyah State Park, east of Wagoner and west of Tahlequah on Fort Gibson lake. | | |
| Nov. 14-16 | LCI Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, Chicago IL (appl. deadline Aug. 31) | | |