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The Governor's Ramblings by DG Dawn Miller

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Since the newsletter is a little late coming out this month, I am including some updates on the up-and-coming Lions Club in Newcastle. The organizational meeting was held Tuesday, September 9, and everything is in place to send in the charter application to LCI except for the name of the new club. In considering the definition of the two "names" presented, it seems appropriate to share the following as it all applies to Lions in Lions Clubs as part of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

COMMUNITY: A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common; particular area or place considered together with its inhabitants, e.g. "a rural community;" public, general public, residents, inhabitants, citizens; a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals

PRIDE: A feeling or deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's own achievements, the achievements of those with whom one is closely associated, or from qualities or possessions that are widely admired; the consciousness of one's own dignity; person or thing that is the object or source of a feeling or deep pleasure or satisfaction; best, finest, top; a group of Lions forming a social unit

Both lead us to International President Joe Preston's theme for this Year: **Strengthen the Pride**. So as we ponder our role as a community and serv-

ing as a pride and with pride, let's commit to strengthening our pride through service and through love!

August was a very busy month for most of us. Please let me know if your club is sponsoring a Youth Speech Contest, an Adult Speech Contest, and/or a Peace Poster Contest. Also, please let me know of your other club service and fundraising activities, both past and future!

We are looking for a Lions Club to host our District 3-H Cabinet meeting in October. It could be on Saturday, October 4 or Saturday, October 25. If we don't have a host club soon, it might be here at the state office, but that's okay!

Remember, our annual Mid-Winter Convention is Saturday, February 7 at the OKC West Side Lions Town Hall! It is, as advertised, a LION CON! - Where all Lions are superheroes or a science fiction hero or a fantasy hero. I believe all Lions are HEROES! We're going to have a lot of fun as well as do some business. There will be little cost and (hopefully) lots of home-cooked Lions food for the lunch. More details coming!

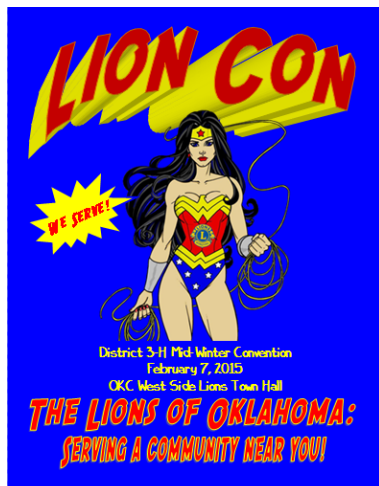
Speaking of business: If you have been President of your Club and have served as a Zone Chair or District Cabinet Secretary or Treasurer, you are eligible to run for Second Vice District Governor for 2015-2016. Contact me if you are interested and want more information. We are also looking for caring Lions to be

board members for three years for our outstanding state organizations: the Boys Ranch, the Eye Bank, the Service Foundation, and the Dr. Briggs Scholarship Foundation.

Now for the financial stuff: Paying bills is not pleasant but ignoring them will not make them go away, so please be sure to pay your club's International, state and district dues. We have three clubs as of September 11 who still owe dues to LCI and in less than a month could be put on status quo.

Also necessary: federal tax returns. Lions Clubs are 501 (c)4 organizations and are typically income tax exempt, but every club must file the IRS 990 tax return every year to keep this exempt status! For most clubs the treasurer can simply go online to the IRS and file the 990 ePostcard return, taking less than five minutes. Have you checked your club's tax return filing history and non-profit status?

Sell those Cowboy Cadillac tickets! And report the accurate sales for each Lion when you turn in your stubs and monies to the OLSF. They will be recognized for their sales achievement, from the unique Cowboy Cadillac pin for selling three books of tickets, to the enviable honor of being a Dr. Bob McCullough Fellow for selling \$500 in tickets.



3-H Extension: On the Move in Newcastle!

By PCC Marvin Ainsworth
3-H Global Membership
Team District Coordinator

Our first Newcastle meeting on August 28 was very informative, with CC Tom Cummings, DG Dawn Miller, 1st VDG Jacques Mooney, and myself as the presenters. We were able to cover a lot of ground in this Informational/Orientation session. Guiding Lion Mary Ainsworth arranged for the lunch. Next meeting (in about two weeks) we will elect officers and select the full club name. What a great group of Newcastle's

finest! We filled the room with 16 in attendance.

At this point the new Newcastle club has 26 Charter Members and is still growing. The response to the new club has been tremendous.



It all started just a few weeks ago, on August 12 when our Extension team met for the first time. The team members that helped bring us to this point are Darnell Williams (Langston City Lions), J. D.

Koch (Mulhall-Orlando Lions), Jim Stabler (Stroud Lions), Governor Dawn (OKC West Side Lions), CC Tom (Cushing Lions), 1st VDG Jacques (Midwest City Lions), PDG Hal Griffin (LCI New Club Consultant and GMT-Area Leader), and me. Note: Lion Tom Mulligan (OKC Northwest Lions) met with us on the afternoon of August 14 to receive updates on what had been accomplished.

We hit the streets in Newcastle for three days that week and made some follow-up calls the following week. The net result is we have a new club that is just chomping at the bit to get going. The enclosed picture is compliments of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce.

Thanks to all who helped and thanks to the fine citizens of Newcastle.

It's Cowboy Cadillac Time!

Support the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch and the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank! Contact the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation to get your tickets!



2nd VDG Jacques Mooney, accompanied by many other MWC Lions, presents Lion (and Past State Secretary) Louis Lackey with his 55-year chevron and Lion Irene Parrott with her 10-year chevron.

Name the News!

Congratulations (and thank you) to Lion Kenny Perry from the OKC West Side Lions for submitting the name of our 3-H Newsletter!

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Schedule of Events

- 1st—Labor Day Holiday—State Office closed
- 5th—OK Lions State Office Work Day—All volunteers welcome
- 8th—International Literacy Day
- 9th—New Newcastle Area Lions Club Organizational Meeting (see article on page 3)
- 10th—OK Lions State Office Work Day—All volunteers welcome
- 11th–13th: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum; Puerto Rico
- 20th—OK Lions State Office Work Day—All volunteers welcome
- 27th—OLBR Board of Trustees Board Meeting—Perkins
- 30th—LCI Deadline for Club and District Excellence Team Awards

Club Spotlight: Cashion Lions Club



Then DG Robert McMasters recognizes longtime Cashion Lions at the 50 year anniversary dinner: Roy Smith, Jim Beutler and Warren Harman

Chartered May 8, 1963, the Cashion Lions Club started their life of service to the community with an event featuring Dr. Eugene S. Briggs, Past President of LCI and renowned Oklahoma educator and Lion. The Kingfisher Lions Club sponsored the new Cashion club, and two charter members are still active: Lions Roy Smith and Jim Beutler.

Cashion Lions Club has contributed leaders to the district and state organizations:

Lee Gillilan—District Governor, 1985-86; Ken Coy—District Governor, 1992-93, Russ Adams—District Governor, 1993-94 and Council Chairperson, 1994-95, and Tommy Eaton—District Governor, 2000-01.

Cashion Lions have also served diligently on state boards and projects through the years.

The Club's continuing annual projects include giving food baskets to those in need at Christmas (they have provided about \$9,500 in 13 years), providing an annual \$500 scholarship, serving as a Cashion Achievement Day Booster, providing a scholarship for a student to attend Camp Goddard, providing a Girls State and a Boys State scholarship, hon-

oring a High School Boy and Girl Student of the Semester, hosting a Teachers' Appreciation Breakfast, providing eye care and eyeglasses to students in need, as well as contributing to the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch, Eye Bank, Service Foundation, and the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

They have contributed significantly to the community through their support of the schools, and by making improvements to the cemetery and city park.

The Cashion Lions Club is a wonderful example of a small club serving a small, largely rural community with extraordinary longevity and viable



Lions Jim Beutler, Russ Adams, Gerry Danley and Tommy Eaton are installed as club officers in June 2013.

(and visible) projects. All Lions, both the long-in-tooth and the young-in-spirit, serve!

Goddard Youth Camp

Located in the Arbuckle Mountains of south central Oklahoma, **Goddard Youth Camp** was started in 1967 and became one of 18 programs located within a national park to offer hands-on environmental education. It is the only program of its kind still in existence today, according to the program's website. Visiting classrooms of elementary-age students learn about the environment. Cashion Lions Club's annual scholarship to help a student attend the camp each year is therefore a good contribution to the LCI service area: **Caring for the Environment.**

Bridging the line between Kingfisher and Logan Counties, and only three miles south of the Cimarron River, Cashion had a junction of two major railroads (circa 1900) and was a thriving community with two grocers, two saloons, a dry goods store, livery and feed stable, a dozen other retail businesses, as well as the First National Bank. By 1909 it supported four churches, two banks, two telephone exchanges, a weekly newspaper, and two mills and gins.

Cashion was named for Roy Cashion of Hennessey, Oklahoma, who passed through the area on his way to join Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders in the Spanish American wars. On July 1, 1898, Cashion was killed in the famous charge on San Juan Hill, and is believed to be the first Oklahoman to die in battle on foreign soil.

Like many farming communities, Cashion suffered through two agricultural and financial depressions, and when the railroads abandoned and removed their lines in the mid 1930s, Cashion's future was uncertain. However, citizens reportedly financed the construction of a large cooperative grain elevator in 1946 and did the same for gas, water and electric systems from the 1930s through the 1950s. Long-time Mayor E. S. Stoner is memorialized with the eponymous naming of Oklahoma State Highway 74F in Cashion.

One historical account states that Cashion was known as the "town too tough to die."



District 3-H

District Governor: Dawn Miller--OKC West Side Lions
1st Vice District Governor: Jacque Mooney--Midwest City Lions
2nd Vice District Governor: Troy Jenkins--Stillwater Noon Lions
Immediate Past District Governor: Tom Cummings--Cushing Lions

Editor—Troy Jenkins—Stillwater Noon Lions



Check out our group on Facebook (Lions District 3-H)



W e S e r v e !

District 3-H

Lions District 3-H is one of five districts in Multi-District 3 (Oklahoma). Located in central Oklahoma, the district covers Cleveland, Logan, Lincoln, Noble, Oklahoma, and Payne Counties, and includes one club in Kingfisher County. 3-H includes the following Lions Clubs: Carney, Cashion, Chandler, Crescent, Cushing (and the Yale branch club), Davenport, Edmond, Guthrie, Harrah (and the Choctaw/Nicomma Park branch club), Langston City, Midwest City, Morrison, Mulhall-Orlando, Norman, Norman Sooner, OKC Capitol Hill, OKC Downtown, OKC Northwest (and the OKC Community Helpers branch club), OKC West Side, Perkins, Perry, Prague, Stillwater Noon (and the Stillwater eLions branch club), Stroud, and The Village, as well as the yet un-named Newcastle Area Lions Club.

Disaster Relief Update—Moore Schools



On September 4th, Moore Public Schools hosted a donor appreciation event; the Lions of Oklahoma were invited (along with other agencies) to celebrate their support in response to the May 2013 tornados.

Along with food and fellowship (that sure sounds like a Lions event), the event included tours of four facilities damaged or destroyed in the storm: Briarwood and Plaza Towers Elementary Schools, Highland East Junior High School, and the Technology Center for Moore Schools.

At Briarwood, we had the opportunity to visit the Music Room where the Lions of



Musical Instruments courtesy of the Lions

Oklahoma, through our LCIF funds, funded the refurbishment of the Music Program.

At Plaza Towers, we visited the Plaza where the memorial for the seven children killed in the storm will be located. The Disaster Relief Committee has



This wall was the only thing standing after the tornado hit Plaza Towers. Thanks to a campaign by the students, the wall was saved and included

proposed a plan to LCIF to cover part of the cost to complete this memorial.

This event was a fantastic opportunity to see how our service helps others. While there were

many moments that served as reminders of the tragic events of the storms, mostly this was an upbeat reminder of the importance of being a part of a community. It brings into sharp focus why **We Serve!**



This flag from Briarwood Elementary was recovered some distance away, and now resides in the new office.



The Plaza Towers Memorial Site



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