

3-H Electronic Newsletter

Rev. Dr. Robert McMasters
District Governor

ROBERT'S REMARKS

DISTRICT CONVENTION

The theme for our District Convention is Mardi Gras. You are asked to wear Masks. There will be a contest for the best constructed mask. PID Pat Shurley will talk about 25 Years of Women in Lionism. Right before Lunch we will honor those Lions in the District who have been members for 40 or more years. We recognize that a good number of these 83 Lions being honored will not be able to attend due to health reasons. We will lift them up and give thanks for the years of service they have given to the Lions Clubs. Then they may be at the front of the line to eat. After Lunch we will have a parade led by our King and Queen. Then the Oklahoma Seniors Cabaret! will entertain us for about 30 minutes. Following that we will end with a Cabinet Meeting and Election of District Officers and Board members.

PEACE POSTER WINNER

Our District Peace Poster

Winner, Kyleigh Leverage, first beat out 41 other contestants from the Cushing Middle School. Then at the Boys Ranch Christmas party, her poster became the State Winner, and has been sent to LCI. A photo of her poster will be on display at the Convention. Her parents are Mike and Sonja "Leverage."

OKLAHOMA COUNTY LIONS GRANT

The Oklahoma County Lions Clubs have received a \$15000. grant to provide hearing exams and hearing aids to residents of Oklahoma County and the City of Moore aged 60 and above. The Grant came from the "Oklahoma Seniors Cabaret!", a group of semi-professional quality singers and dancers who perform for clubs, nursing homes, and senior centers.

We will be working with the John W. Keys Speech & Hearing Center at OU Health Sciences and Matt Campbell Audiology & Assisted Listening in Midwest City.

OKLAHOMA SENIORS CABARET!

The Oklahoma Seniors Cabaret! is the group providing our Grant. Ranging in age between 50 and into their 80's, this high

energy group puts on performances for all sorts of groups. Their major purpose is to "help older adults to fulfill their theatrical dreams." As a Charitable Non-Profit Organization, they have supported a different group of seniors each year of their five year existence.

Last year their 2 day performance consisted of 37 different selections within 2 Acts. Songs, Dance, Skits, Solo's, Duets, and Ensembles.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES FEBRUARY 15

Feb 15 is absolutely the last day to get in to the District Governor your Club Nomination of District Lion of the Year and your final District Governors Contest results. The Lions of the Year Nomination needs to include a Letter of Nomination telling why this Lion should be chosen; plus a picture of the Lion.

MEMBERSHIP HINTS

At the 3-K Convention on January 26, International Director Brian Sheehan, from Minnesota, gave us the following hint: When asking a person to join your club and inviting that person to attend a meeting, say "I will pick you up

and take yo to the Meeting." If they start to demur, then say, "You have to eat someplace. I will provide the place and food."

A second Membership Hint concerns your Community Based Service Projects. Do not be afraid to ask members of the Community to join you in working on the Service Project. The more they work with you, the more they become inclined to want to join your club.

DR. EUGENE BRIGGS SCHOLARSHIP

Good morning Lions,

1. I just received the finalized data on the 2012 Scholarship Match Program.

There were 33 gifts from Lions and friends for a total of \$4,351.

The Community Foundation's match amount will be \$2,176.

Total growth to the fund as a result of the match effort: \$6,527.

Congratulations. You did a great job and the students of Oklahoma will benefit.

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The Village:
Yvonne Pruitt, 2009, Just found out.

DATES TO REMEMBER

NEW MEMBERS

Cushing:

Lewis C. Robinson III, 12/04/12 by Marian Gilkerson.
Francis C. Seigle, 12/4/12 by Louis R. Blake.

Guthrie:

Richard D. Ineton, 12/3/12 by Lan Tontz.
Gregory E. Rupert, 1/2/13 by Billy G. Wagoner.

Langston City:

Alenzo F. Peterson, 12/12/12 by Darnell Williams,

Perry:

Curt R. Leach, 1/9/13 by Lavern A. Lansbury.

DEATHS

Chandler:

Glenn Nichols, 1/1/13; Lion Nichols has been a Lion for 52 years.

Midwest City:

Buford E. Meador, 12/1/12;

OKC Northwest:

Alvin W. Krings, 12/24/12;

February 9, 2013:

District 3-H Convention, Village United Methodist Church, 2501 W. Britton Road.

February 23, 2013:

Edmond LC 50th Anniversary, \$18.00 per plate. Send Reservations to PCC Bob Austin by 2/19/13.

February 28, 2013:

Harrah LC Disk Golf Tournament

March 12, 2013:

Edmond Chili Supper, Edmond Nazarene Church, 5-7 PM, \$6. Adults, \$4. Children

March 21, 2013:

OKC Capitol Hill Pancake Breakfast, 3616 S. Robinson, OKC

April 09, 2013:

OKC Metro LC Jewel Box Theater Fund Raiser

April 13, 2013:

Midwest City LC 89er Day BBQ Brisket Dinner, 4:30 - 7:00 pm, \$8.00/person, Midwest City High School Cafeteria, 211 E. Elm,

Midwest City, Bingo, Raffle, Silent Auction

April 26-27, 2013:

Lions of Oklahoma State Convention, Marriott Hotel, 3233 NW Expressway, OKC.

May 2013:

Cashion LC 50th Anniversary, Cashion School Cafeteria.

CLUB NEWS

Carney:

Dec. 15, handed out goodie bags to children visiting Santa.

Cushing:

Deep Rock Walks – 10/3

1. On Wednesday, October 3rd, students and faculty from Deep Rock Elementary School participated in the National Walk to School Day. They met at the Payne County Health Department, which is about a mile away, and walked from there to Deep Rock. Along with the students and faculty, parents, younger or older siblings, city officials, the high school football team, the high school cheerleaders, and even the high school mascot joined in. Lions Lee Denney & Evert Rossiter and Paula Jolley, wife to Lion Gerald Jolley, joined them too.

Lion Kateri Holbert was driving the bus from which the pictures were

taken. Don't worry though. She didn't take the pictures; her son Jake took them.

Peace Poster – Nov.

The club sponsors the Lions International Peace Poster Contest each year at the Cushing Middle School. The club awards \$50 to the first place winner, \$30 to the second place winner, and \$20 to the third place winner. This year forty-two students participated in the contest. The winning poster was then sent on to compete in the district 3-H contest and will now compete in the state contest.

Toy Run – 11/10

On Saturday, November 10th, we co-hosted the annual toy run with the Drumright Lions Club. Bikers met at the Central Technology Center in Drumright to drop off one toy and then rode to the Cushing Lion's Den to drop off another toy. A trophy was presented to the biker who came the greatest distance to help children in the Drumright/Cushing areas have a better Christmas. The toy run is held on the second Saturday of November each year.

Books Collected – Nov.

For the month of November all members were encouraged to bring books for children or for the local nursing home, Linwood Village. The

books for the students will be donated to Books for All. They will then be matched to the child's reading level... not their grade. A large box of books was collected for the month which included 100 children's books and around 25 adult books.

Boys Ranch Christmas Party – 12/1

The Cushing Lions had two members attend the Christmas party. They also presented a \$500 check to them from our club. The members who attended were Lions Lou Griffin and Tom Cummings.

Christmas Dinner – 12/18

The Cushing Lions had their Christmas Dinner on December 18th. There were 74 Lions and guest in attendance. The sax ensemble from Cushing High School was the entertainment. Lion President Terry Brannon presented CHS Band Director Danny White with a check to help the high school band raise funds for a trip to New York City this March during Spring Break. Not only will they get to see some sights in New York City, but they will also perform at Carnegie Hall!! The Cushing High School Band will not only be representing Cushing, but they will also be representing Oklahoma when they perform at Carnegie Hall.

Not only was a check presented on behalf of the club, but members also

made individual cash donations to the band.

A special guest even flew in from the North Pole to hand out gifts to the children.

Canned Food Collection – Dec.

All of the Cushing Lions were encouraged to bring a nonperishable food product to be donated to the local food pantry. Quite a bit of food has been donated. The Lions will continue to collect food until the end of January.

Eye Glasses – Dec.

In November a new sign was installed at the eye glasses collection site on the corner of Broadway and Steele in the downtown Dollar General parking lot. Cushing Lions President Terry Brannon had emptied the collection box in August and had the Deep Rock Elementary School student council help sort and count the collected glasses. By December 4th the collection box was full again. The Lions are going to see if another elementary school student council would be interested in helping to sort and count these glasses collected.

Fruit Donations – Dec.

After our annual fruit sales, extra boxes of fruit were donated to different organizations. Two large boxes of oranges and two boxes of apples were donated to the Oklahoma

Lions Boys Ranch. Around a dozen different boxes of fruit were donated to Love Inc.

Love Inc. – 12/4

Amy McCrackin from Love Inc. visited our club on December 4th. She told us around 422 people were signed up for help with Christmas. Included in the 422 were around 75 children. They had ordered 150-160 pre-made food boxes to hand out. The family size determines how many boxes of food they will receive. After the meeting Amy picked up the toys that had been collected... mostly from the Toy Run.

Davenport:

10 Lions are selling tickets for the Feb 9, FFA Chili and Bean Supper.

Edmond:

Delivered fruit with the help of Boy Scouts. Troy Jenkins spoke to us about White Cane. Dec 11 we gathered at the home of Ted and Jo McCarley for a potluck Christmas Dinner and meeting. Reservations for our 50th Anniversary must be in by Feb. 19. PID Pat Shurley is our speaker.

We had a good meeting with discussion about the anniversary dinner, pins, and inviting as many

people as possible to buy meal tickets for \$18. It will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23rd at 6:30 PM at the Edmond First Church of the Nazarene, 3001 S. Blvd. Edmond, OK. Speaker will be PID Pat Shurley. It was announced that our website is up and running. Our next fund raiser is March 12 a chili supper. More info later Treasurer reported that our annual contributions have been made to Boys Ranch (1000.), Eye Bank (200.), Leader Dog (300.), & Hope Center (400.). We collected 143 pairs of eyeglasses for recycling.

Langston City:

1 Lion attended the Boys Ranch Christmas Party, presented \$500.00. Gave 2 food baskets to 2 families in Langston. Donated 221 new books to Coyle Elementary.

OKC Capitol Hill:

We are having our annual Pancake breakfast 7 AM till 2 PM March 21st 2013. Everyone is invited. For more info contact Pres. Al Lindley at alofthehouse@sbcglobal.net or secretary Don Hamman @ bbcards@cox.net.

OKC Metro:

Gave 51 books to the Boys & Girls Club. Gave a food basket to a family of 6.

OKC Northwest:

food and delivered them to the Britt-Vill Food Pantry.

Donated \$1400. to Hilldale elementary School for library books and RIF books in memory of Al Krings.

Donated to Lions Boys Ranch, Oklahoma History Museum and Osteology Museum in honor of speakers.

OKC West Side:

Participated in Mobil Meals.
Recycled eye glasses.

Stillwater Noon:

12 Lions spent \$750.00 as they took 10 elem. school children on a Christmas Shopping trip.

Stroud:

Donated \$400. To Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation "White Cane" Campaign.

The Village:

DG McMasters and his wife Linda attended the Lions Boys Ranch Christmas Party and presented a check for \$250.

DG McMasters picked up 4 sacks of