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A New Year

By PCC Virginia Rodriguez State Secretary

It seems the more mature we get the time sure flies faster. I do hope that all Lions in Oklahoma did have a Good Christmas and that the New Year will bless us with a lot of new Lion members.

I hope that you have filled out your registration forms, which have been in previous issues and some in this one, for our midwinter conventions and the 1st Southwest Pin Swap. The dates of the conventions are as follows: January 19th-1st Southwest Pin Swap, Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore. (For further information call PDG Bill Middleton, 1-580-747-1158. January 25-26 is the District K Mid-Winter Convention and will be held at St. Crispins Conference Center in Seminole. DG Billy Thompson has a very impressive Convention planned, (See information on his governors page.) District 3-A (DG Deane Wymer) will hold their convention February 2nd at the First United Methodist Church in Fairview, OK (See their convention registration on his governors page in this paper. February 9th will be the

convention of District 3-H (DG Robert McMasters). They will be having a Mardi Gras

Wild convention. February 15th is the date for District 3-L Convention (DG Wes Williams) and it will be held at the Apache Casino Hotel located at I-44 and Gore Blvd, Lawton, OK.

The conventions are a good time to meet new Lions and renew Lion Friendships of the past. The second half club state dues billing will be sent to all of the Oklahoma Lions Clubs the first part of January. Return in a timely manner is most appreciated.

If your club has not paid your first half dues you will be billed for that in this invoice, too. In closing, a great quote from Helen Keller, who played an important part in the history of Lions International.

"Happiness cannot come from without. It must come from within. It is not what we see and touch or that which others do for us which makes us happy; it is that which we think and feel and do, first for the other fellow and then ourselves" -Helen Keller.

the programs to be held: 2012-2013 Reading Action Program, Backpack Program-providing essential needs for children removed from their home by **Lion Mary Ainsworth**; Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness by **1st VDG Terry Woodruff**; Walk for Blindness -Oklahoma Vision for Blindness, **Lion John P. Williams**; Mobile Health Screening, **Exec Dir. OLSF Troy Jenkins**; Environment-ways to protect and save our environment, **Lion Paul Babiak**; Recognition of Women in Lions 25 years, **PID Pat Shurley and PDG Carobelle Carson**; Prevention Blindness OK-Children's Prevent Blindness, **Lion**

You Are Invited
Mark Your Calendar!!
MD-3 Lions of Oklahoma
State Convention, April 26-27, 2013
Marriott Hotel
3233 Northwest Expressway,
Oklahoma City, OK
By VCC Arlene Shore-Convention Chair

It will soon be **State Convention** time and here is a sampling of what you might experience!! Our invited guest will be **Past International Director Scott Storms**. **Governor Mary Fallin** is also an invited guest. The following is a draft of

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As you read this another calendar year has come and gone. We hope you had a Happy Holiday, and wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year. I am amazed how true the saying; "My how time flies". It seems only yesterday that I became your Council Chair. Everyone said the physical demands would be less than when I was Governor. They were right that the physical stress is less; but I do miss seeing all the clubs; so I have tried to attend the District Cabinet meetings throughout the State. I am excitedly looking forward to all the District Conventions coming up in January and February. I do enjoy being with Lions as they go about the work of making the World a better place to live.

We are all Lions but how we "Serve" as Lions is as different as the Communities we "Serve". What works for your Club and Community may not work for another Club or Community. And that's what makes being a Lion so inter-

esting. Our primary goal of "We Serve" is the same but the journey each of us takes to get there is so different.

We can always learn from other clubs...that's why it is so important for your Club to make visits to other Clubs. Not only do you get to stay close with your neighboring Lions but you learn new and fresh ideas that will benefit your Club and keep the spark alive. I hope to see you at your District Convention and at our next Council Meeting on January 12th.

Ted Matson; Lions Quest-K-12 grade positive youth development and prevention program to cultivate capable and strong young people, **PDG Tony Dowell**; Lions Clubs International Foundation, **PCC Kent Clovis**; USA/Canada Forum-Overland Park, KS, **Kansas Lions**; Entertainment, **Ms Oklahoma-Vicky Rose and Alyssa Danley**; Parade of Banners, Memorial Service to honor our departed Lions. There will be scrumptious food, Good Fellowship, Fun, Recognition of Dedicated Lions, Youth Speech Contest and well as an Adult Speech Contest. Recognition of 25 years of Peace Poster and this year's winner. Silent Auction

items are needed for items to buy and Pin Traders will be present. In support of IP Wayne Madden's Reading Program, **please bring children's books, color books to give to a day care in Oklahoma City**. We need your Presence-The committee and I are looking forward to seeing you there. More to come in February issue about the Passport - A day of visitation to the Oklahoma Lions State Projects, April 25. The Redhawks will be playing the New Orleans Zephyrs on April 25, which we will be able to attend. Tickets will be \$11.00 apiece. Thank You, VCC Arlene Shore, Convention Chair.

A New Year for a New Lion

Troy Jenkins, Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation, Executive Director

"Yesterday, everybody smoked his last cigar, took his last drink and swore his last oath. Today, we are a pious and exemplary community. Thirty days from now, we shall have cast our reformation to the winds and gone to cutting our ancient shortcomings considerably shorter than ever."

Mark Twain

During this time of year, it is customary for many of us to participate in the traditions of the holiday. Ideally, we stay up late to see the New Year arrive, often buoying our spirits with spirits and celebrating the arrival by kissing the one we love. We spend the first day of the New Year recovering from the night before and watching parades and football. And dramatically, we make resolutions of all the ways we are going to improve ourselves in the coming year. In reality, however, these traditions look a lot different for some of us, especially as we get older. Some of us (me) need to set the alarm for 11:55 to ensure we see the year change, at which point a quick peck is exchanged and sleep resumes. While the tradition of watching parades and games usually remains intact, the resolutions typically go by the wayside before January comes to an end. So this year, let's make a change! Let's resolve to have resolve! Let's step up and do our best to serve as Lions!

So what, exactly, will this entail? Well, that answer is going to be different for everybody. Every one of the Lions of Oklahoma has a different set of circumstances that affect the amount of time and effort that can be devoted to Lionism. Between family, work, and other obligations, time to spare is a precious commodity. With that in mind, there are a lot of actions that require very little time, but can have a tremendous impact. For example, you might set aside a single day during the year to tour the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank or the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch. This is a very small portion of your year, but could have a very large impact on your understanding of, and attachment to, our state projects. Any time you can make a personal connection to a project or a cause, you will likely find it more satisfying (and easier) to continue working to support it.

There are a number of ideas like this that you can implement at the community as

well as the state level. The quickest and easiest way to provide support, however, is also the most impactful – donating to Building the Foundation, or directly to the Boys Ranch or the Eye Bank. This has been discussed many, many times in this publication, but the importance of this simple action cannot be stressed enough! The service that is provided at both the Boys Ranch and the Eye Bank should be a source of pride for each and every Lion in the state. With very little effort from each and every one of us, we could easily support and expand these efforts!

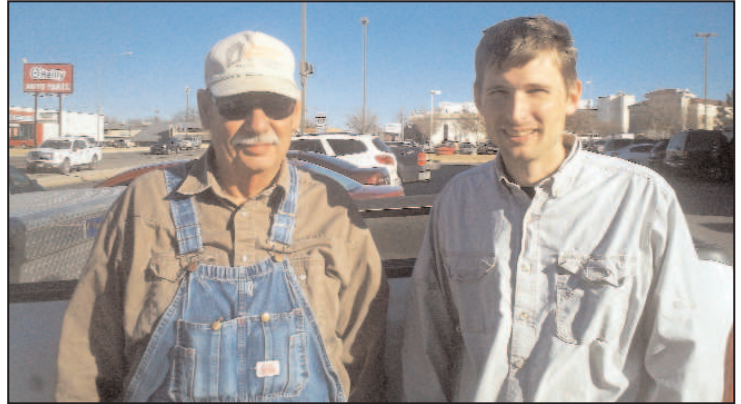
As a reminder, the underlying concept of Building the Foundation is very simple: we would like every Lion in the state to give five dollars a month (though more would be fantastic!). Five dollars a month works out to about 17 cents each day. Would you miss it? Five dollars is about the cost of a single Starbucks Latte. Would you miss it? With about 4,700 Lions in the state, that 17 cents a day from each of us would turn into about \$277,000 a year. \$277,000 would fund all 12 boys at the Boys Ranch (above what is paid by DHS and the Irrevocable Trust) for an entire year, with enough left over to fund almost a third of our goal for the new Foster Home community project, which will allow the Lions of Oklahoma to serve even more children, including girls.

Five dollars is about the cost of a Quarter Pounder combo meal at McDonald's. Would you miss it? \$277,000 would cover over a third of the cost of the entire new building fund for the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank. Replacing the building, which is over 60 years old, and too small for our current needs, would allow us to expand our service. The Eye Bank processes all of the corneas donated in Oklahoma; the corneas processed have been involved in more than 20,000 successful cornea transplants since the inception of the Eye Bank in 1957. Imagine what could be accomplished with room for more staff and more equipment?

So, as we roll into the New Year and make our resolutions to live our lives better, why not consider making our service as Lions a big part of that plan? Why not consider giving 17 cents a day? Will you miss it? Why not consider taking five minutes to fill out the form for an automatic monthly (or quarterly, or semi-annually, or annually) withdrawal from your account to sup-

port Building the Foundation (you can find the form right here in this newspaper!)? Why not consider taking five minutes to write a check and mail it to the OLSF, the OLBR, or the OLEB? Why not consider making and keeping a resolution to do more for Lionism? Let us all give just a

little more of ourselves and give an even deeper meaning every time we say "We Serve!"



Terrill Unruh (right) was the grand prize winner of this year's Cowboy Cadillac. Pictured with him is Lion Dwight Unruh from the North Enid Lions Club, who sold the winning ticket.

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****Lions present that evening were 100% organ donor.****

Atoka Lions Club: Donated \$200 to the Atoka Little Angel Tree Program to provide presents to children of limited income families; Donated funds to provide Thanksgiving dinners for four limited income families; Sold Cowboy Cadillac tickets; Awarded \$50 to an Atoka County high school student for academic achievement and community service.



Special K "In A World Of Service"

District 3K Convention Is Right Around The Corner!

You will be electing your new 3K District Governor, 1st VD Governor, and 2nd VD Governor. You will also be electing Lions to serve on the Boys Ranch, Eye Bank, and Service Foundation board of directors. If you are interested in serving on the board of directors for one of our state projects please notify DG Billy Thompson, 1st VDG Daryl Pults, or 2nd VDG Don Shaw. Please consider becoming involved in our state projects.

Help me welcome our new members!

Michael Mitscher (Blanchard) Sponsor Brian Wells; **Marvin Stuckey** (Broken Bow) Sponsor Oscar Wilkie; **Kathy McGilberry** (McAlester) Sponsor Tom Crowl; **Jimmy Jones** (Pauls Valley) Sponsor Jeff Paine; **Mark Norman** (Pauls Valley) Sponsor James Frizell; **Darren Girdner III**, (Sallisaw) Sponsor Tom Mitchell; **Treva Kennedy** (Wilburton) Sponsor Trish McBeath

December Spotlight Clubs

- Durant 1/02/1920 – 93 years
- Heavener 1/30/1923 – 90 years
- Poteau Evening 1/17/1961 – 52 years
- Stigler 1/19/1940 – 73 year
- Vian 1/18/1979 – 34 years

Club Activities

Ardmore Lions Club: Inducted and welcomed new member Debbie Rizzo; Donated \$1000 to OLBR Christmas Party; Presented 13 sports bags containing socks, camouflage t-shirts, and flashlights as a Christmas gifts to each boy; Donated \$50 and participated in the Toys For Tots Christmas Parade.

Antlers Lions Club: Monday, Dec 3rd VDG Don Shaw presented the evening club program discussing State Lions Programs of recycling eyeglasses, cartridges, Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank, Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch, Service Foundation, and Lions Clubs International Foundation and their assistance with Oklahoma disasters.



Holdenville Lions Club: DG Billy presented International President Letters of Appreciation and 25 year chevrons to Lion Dale Turner (L) and Club President Lion Leon Barrett (R); Held their annual Potato Bar fundraiser; Donated \$100 to Boys Ranch Christmas Party; Donated \$100 to Holdenville Fire Department Christmas Toy fund.



Hugo Lions Club: On behalf of International President Wayne Madden, DG Billy Thompson presented a letter of appreciation and 10 year chevron to Lion Shan Spillman. Photo (L-R) DG Billy, Club President Dwight Kos, and Lion Shane Spillman.

Lindsay Lions Club: Purchased 3 eye exams and eyeglasses for local grade school students; Walked parade route handing out candy during their annual Christmas Parade; Held a barbecue dinner fundraiser Dec. 7 during the Lindsay/Pauls Valley basketball game; Hosting a stew and chili dinner Jan. 18 during the Lindsay/Tuttle basketball game; Club members are donating their time working at the Joy Store sorting toys and food; Club president Matt Souttee and Lion Frankie Minton participated in a KBLP radio interview to promote their Lions Club and community service projects.

Muldrow Lions Club: Donated 21 pairs of used eyeglasses to Recycle for Sight, and 3 eyeglass cases; Dec. 8th held their annual Christmas Parade, 1500 gift bags containing apples, oranges, and a candy bar were handed the parade route; DG Billy and PDG Cloye were privileged to ride in the parade.



Muldrow Club president Thomas Christopher (L) and Lion George Jones were honored with International President's letters of appreciation and chevrons for their 25 year commitment to Lionism.



Muldrow Lions Club: After the Lions Christmas parade, everyone gathered for some fun, fellowship and an amazing dinner at the Long Run Diner.



Pocola Lions Club: Raised \$500 for the J L Swink Municipal in Pocola. Presenting the check are (L-R) PDG Jim Keisman, Lion Jo Hayes, Mayor Gaylon Freeman, Lion Linda Brown.

Seminole Lions Club is making the news with their Snowman Wonderland from local newspapers to a television feature on NewsOK. They built 3 Santa Claus donation boxes, a tram ride and have scheduled events from Nov. 26 through Christmas; Dec 13th boys from the Boys Ranch were treated to dinner at Western Sizzling and tour of the Snowman Wonderland light display along with other events scheduled for that night.

Shawnee Lions Club: Collected and donated 317 pairs of used eyeglasses to Recycle for Sight; Planning their annual Chili Feast January 24th, Awarded \$350 in US Savings Bonds to three winners of the local Peace Poster contest. 58 entries were submitted by area students. Entries were judged by high school art teacher and her advanced students.

Wilburton Lions Club: Purchased 3 pairs of eyeglasses; Sold \$360 Cowboy Cadillac tickets; Donated \$200 to Pick-A-Star to purchase Christmas gifts for Latimer County children; Donated \$200 to Salvation Army Christmas drive; Planning for the Oklahoma SE Livestock Show January 24-26 at Eastern State College.




Vian Lions Club honors Lions for their service. (L-R) Vernon Lawrence (10 years), Loraine Lawrence (10 years), and Seth (Bud) Reed (15 years) each received anniversary chevrons and letters of congratulations from our Lions International President. Club donated 18 ink cartridges, 38 eyeglasses and 12 eyeglass cases for recycling.



Vian Lions Club (L-R) Bud Reed, Tom Lewis, Carol Armstrong, Betty Curtis, and Faye Sanders are decked in Lions vests, Santa hats, lined up and ready for their annual Christmas parade. DG Billy and PDG Cloye were privileged to participate as two of the parade judges. Children were treated to a visit with Santa and each child received a gift bag filled with peanuts, candy, and fruit. Prizes were awarded to each category winner. After the parade, members gathered at Cazadores' for dinner. A "Christmas Angel" named Lion Faye Sanders graciously and privately paid for everyone's dinner. Thank You Faye!




Wanette Lions Club: Held their annual Christmas party and served the best home cooked food in the state. DG Billy Thompson was guest speaker at the Christmas dinner. They just finished another successful Turkey Shoot fundraiser; Sold \$400 Cowboy Cadillac tickets.



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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all and a prosperous and bless 2013 To all individual members of District 3-L I am hoping all is well with you. Some clubs do seem to be experiencing issues regarding activity reports. Activity reports can be sent by (snail mail) to DG Wes Monthly Membership Reports must be sent by e-mail to Lion Headquarters. Some clubs are woefully tardy in submitting activity report.

Following are some activities throughout the district:

Altus- Purchased 2 pair of eyeglasses at a cost of \$190.00 for the needy Continue to collect used eyeglasses Paid \$ 50.00 to OKLSF as an honorarium for a deceased Lion member Delivered 10 pair of eyeglasses to OKLSF recycling Added a new member to the club Raised \$1000.00 to support the Lions Eye Bank and the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch Honored 8 'Students of the week' Paid \$ 8.00 in support of LEO club expenses Contributed \$200.00 for Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch Christmas Party Continue planning for the creation of a High School LEO Club Rang -the Bell for the Salvation Army (20 members 2hr shifts). Provided a 'Lifeline for the Jackson Memorial Hospital (JCMH). Provided copies of the local newspaper for patients at JCMH. Environmental Services: Continue to collect ink cartridges to be donated to the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation (OLSF). **Cache** - Cache Schools Educational Foundation: Provided three (3) Peace Posters from Cache school to be judged by the District Governor Wes Williams/ Committee **Frederick** Made a \$110.00 donation to the Army/Frederick Oklahoma National guard for Christmas Party. Approximately 450 soldiers and family will be gathering in December for a party at Fort Sill, Oklahoma with a visit from Santa. Frederick published a newspaper requesting recommendations citizen of the year **Lawton Northeast** - Help local children for Christmas. Provide aid to disadvantaged children

Donated to the JRoy Dunning Shelter, for children to with the purchase for items they need and also toward Christmas. Participate in the local community Holiday in the Park lighting. **Lawton Northeast On-Line Branch Club** Sponsored Lions VA Christmas Party, local VA Center. Club Birthday Lunch, Friday, January 4, 2013 Mike Sports Bar and Grill, east Gore just across RR Tracks **Marlow** Weekly noon meeting and luncheon continue to be well attended with very good community type programs Student of the Week from High School honored each week by being the Club Guest of Honor. We continue with our perpetual program of buying eye glasses for needy children, referred to us through the area schools and our local optometrist. Continue with our on going program of providing Eye Examination and Eye Glasses for needed members of our community through our local eye Doctor and Lions Member Dr. Wes Walker. Plans are finished, the grill has been moved into place, and all is ready for the Annual Pancake Day-and Christmas Parade - to be held on December 1st.. **Velma-Alma** Donated \$ 200.00 to Local Food Bank Club had Fundraiser -Golf Tourney (Still collecting ADS).


Report from Governors Desk

Club visits: **Canton**, is a community club though small in number yet the club is very active in the community. **Fredrick**: I was accompanied by Lion Callie Driver on that visit. We had a good visit. A large number of club members were in attendance. They had a good meeting. We were well received. **Lawton Noon**: Club had a good meeting. The president of the club inducted his wife into Lions. That alone was worth the visit, to have another family join Lions. **Marlowe** Added one (1) new member

We discussed the MD3L District convention at the 360 Hotel at the Apache Casino on East Gore Boulevard in Lawton Oklahoma. The social is February 15 at the hotel. Convention activities will take place February 16, 2013. We are looking forward to seeing all of you with great anticipation. Here is hoping all will have a good time.

Yours In Service,
 DG MD3L
 John Wes Williams
PS Let us begin 2013 with a great big

bang! I will be seeing you around the District.




DISTRICT 3-L CONVENTION

Friday, Feb 15, 2013 – Saturday, Feb 16, 2013

Early Registration Deadline: Feb 1, 2013

Apache Casino Hotel
 I-44 and Gore Blvd, Lawton, OK



Schedule:

Friday	6 pm – 8 pm	Reception (with cash bar)
Saturday	8 am – 9 am	Breakfast (included in registration)
	9 am – 11 am	Opening, Meetings, Speech Contest
	12 pm – 2 pm	Luncheon / Awards Banquet (cost \$20)
	2 pm – 4 pm	Cabinet Meetings

There will be a silent auction that will end after the cabinet meeting.

Should you wish to stay at the new Apache Casino Hotel Lions will receive special room rates of \$79 per night (available Fri and Sat) For reservations call 855-248-5905 and mention it is for the Lions convention Apache Casino Hotel website: www.apachecasinohotel.com

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Early Registration Deadline: February 1, 2013
 Please Print

LION: _____ Club: _____ First Timer: Yes No

Spouse/Guest: _____ First Timer: Yes No

Email: _____ Phone () _____

Each Attendee Must Register. All who register will receive \$10 free play from Apache Casino.

Registration Fee (breakfast included) _____ @ \$15 **Luncheon:** _____ @ \$20
 (late registration – after Feb. 1, 2013 - \$20)

We ask that all Lions bring a children's book for donation to a local charity.

Please make checks payable to District 3-L Lions and mail to:
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GREETINGS,

A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY 2013 WISH:

Congratulations to the **BLACKWELL LIONS CLUB**; you are now in the good graces of our International Lions Organization as well as our Lions of Oklahoma!. We look forward to your monthly activity reports which we need by e-mail not later than the 15th of each month for inclusion in the monthly publication.**WELCOME BACK!**

FAIRVIEW LIONS made a donation to the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch and our own District Governor Deane Wymer matched this amount. Recognized our latest "Melvin Jones" fellowship by awarding our Club President Darrel Jantz at our annual Christmas dinner. The Lion's Club recognize our Club's 50 year members with a certificate at the Annual Christmas Dinner. These Lions are Lion Clay Clinesmith, Lion Lealand Pratt and Lion Wes Eitzen. Lion Darrell with the assistance of our neighboring club from Canton, OK judged the Christmas Lights and the following families and business will be honored at a regular Club meeting in December with a dinner and a plaque. For residential: 1st place David and Kelly McNabb, 2nd place Bill and Cheryl Hasty, 3rd place Sid and Nancy Niles. For Commercial 1st place Moose and Stewart, 2nd place Farm Bureau, 3rd place Pinkey Toes. The club will deliver the Annual Christmas baskets to needy families/ individuals in December. This years list of names is about 65 families.

JET LIONS report that they have had two more successful hunts earning money for their many projects during the year to make Jet a better place to live and also to help the youth in the community. They held the Lion's Club Annual Deer Hunt before Thanksgiving with 78 hunters registering early in the morning for breakfast and then to be taken out by members to different locations in the community. Local farmers volunteered their land to the Lion's Club for one day of hunting. Many of the hunters came back about 10:30 to eat lunch that had been prepared by Lion's club members and to brag about their trophies of deer that had been killed. One of the hunters, Larry Lipe from Eufaula, who comes back every year donated a high quality hand-made hunting knife

that he makes and sells so the club could sell chances on it to help out the club with their income. The knife was made from 440C stainless steel. The handle had antler handles. Hershel Kiser was the winner of the one of a kind knife. Mr. Lipe donates half of the profit from the selling of his knives to buy Bibles for third world countries. The second hunt was held the first Saturday after

Thanksgiving which they refer to as the "bird hunt." Fifty-four hunters registered for the day of hunting, breakfast, and lunch. A few of the hunters that come from all parts of Oklahoma are also women and young boys. Again for the second year the Four Corners Quilt Retreat donated a quilt to sell chances on. The blocks had been made by attendees of the 2012 quilt retreat and then was sown together by Randy Leek and quilted by Callie Noonan to be raffled off to the lucky winner. The winner of the pieced quilt this year was John Paxton of Bixby

PONCA CITY NOON LIONS have paid for 18 pair of eyeglasses at a cost of \$1980 and scheduled screenings for eighty-six children, of which eleven were referred for vision problems. They have three more testing screenings scheduled. Four Lions attended the Lion's Boys Ranch Christmas Party/Auction and donated \$748 for their fund raising event. Along with their LEO LIONS CLUB members they provided "bell ringers" all day Saturday for the Salvation Army, then manned the gate every Tuesday for the Festival of Angels holiday Lighting display, passing out candy canes and taking donations. The Club added three new members in November.

PIONEER-PLEASANT VALE collected four-hundred pair of eyeglasses and lens, then purchased two pair for needy individuals. They participated at the United Way Chili Cook-off, then held a Chili and Soup supper later. They purchased four food baskets for the Thanksgiving service efforts, purchased an ad for the Lions in the Pioneer yearbook, then donated to the Pioneer Band fundraiser. A donation to the Food-4-Kids

project and also, a \$650 donation to the Lions Boys Ranch. They honor two students, fifth or sixth graders, each month from the Pioneer Vale elementary school as their Cubbies, then invite them and their families to attend a Lions meeting and speak about themselves. The Governor attended the meeting when the Cubbies were invited. The Governor presented chevrons to Lion John Williams for ten years; then to Lion Dean Hedges and Lion Gene Bachman for thirty-five years as Lions members. The collected \$746 for the Cowboy Cadillac sales for the Boys Ranch and the Eye Bank.

ENID BRIGGS LIONS CLUB continues to collect eyeglasses and have an annual budget of \$3200. for purchase of eyeglasses for those in need. They are scheduled to ring the Salvation Bells on December 15th from ten until two at the K-Mart store. Their program in December was presented by a new non-profit "Loaves and Fishes of Northwest Oklahoma" which will operate a Regional Food Resource Center in Enid. A grant of \$250,000 was received to purchase and renovate a building for this distribution effort. A \$1.00 donation will provide five meals. This month's Student of the Month was Hope Frisbee from Enid High School. **NEWKIRK LIONS CLUB** reports a donation of \$150 for eyeglasses needed by a local man. They also donated \$100 as travel expense for a woman who needed to go to Boston to help in the care of twins, one of who has a serious heart defect. After dropping one member for non-attendance they have 29 members. The Governor will officially visit on January 17, 2013.

NORTH ENID LIONS CLUB collected 104 pair of eyeglasses and purchased one pair at a cost of \$150. They have four applications for assistance with vision issues. Members brought unwrapped gifts to be delivered to the YWCA Crisis Center for use by the battered women residents. They reported Cowboy Cadillac sales of \$1192 and one of their members held the Grand Prize ticket. First Vice Governor Terry Woodruff made a surprise visit to the Club on November 12. The Club held a bean supper which was well attended and with dona-

tions by three Lions they raised \$1550 to be used for scholarships. Lions are signing up to be gate-keepers at six basket-ball games plus tournaments. A "Thank You" letter was received from Alex Tyson, in appreciation for the Lions assistance of her trip to the Youth Leadership Forum on National Security in September. The Club had visitations to Kremlin Lions on the 13th by eight Lions and to Garber Lions on the 26th by four Lions.

FAIRVIEW LIONS CLUB volunteers served the 5-K RUN held on the 10th, with Lion PP Roger Knak hosting. The annual Christmas Parade was held on the 17th with co-hosts Lions Sharie Smith and Lindsey Knak lending oversight. The Lions Club float featured their member with spouse, DG Deane and DS Esther who tossed candy from the float. The Lions Christmas Dinner has been set for December sixth. A letter from the Lions Boys Ranch requesting each Club to budget the Boys Ranch into their Annual Budget. The DG challenged the Club to donate \$500 and if they would do so, he would match the Club's contribution.

EYE BANK WEEK: December 2 - 8 is Lions Eye Bank Week around the world. Lions are recognized worldwide for their work with the visually impaired and blind, a cause Lions have supported since Helen Keller's call to Lions in her address at the 1925 International Convention at Cedar Point, Ohio on June 30, 1925. "Dear Lions and Ladies: I suppose you have heard the legend that represents opportunity as a capricious lady, who knocks at every door but once, and if the door isn't opened quickly, she passes on, never to return. And that is as it should be. Lovely, desirable ladies won't wait. You have to out and grab'em. I am your opportunity. I am knocking at your door. I want to be adopted. The legend doesn't say what you are to do when several beautiful opportunities present themselves as the same door. I guess you have to choose the one you love best. I hope you will adopt me. I am the youngest here, and what I offer you is full of splendid opportunities for service." Lions became her "Knights of the Blind" and today, there are more than sixty eye banks, located in eleven countries. LCI is the world's largest service club organization with 1.3 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in 207 countries and geographical areas. In Oklahoma our Eye Bank, located on north Lincoln Blvd, is undergoing a "fundraiser" for the erection of a building at the same location, one that will not get a wet floor everytime it rains. Commenced in 1957 the Eye Bank was born by the Lions of Oklahoma. Do consider becoming a 'donor' - it's simple, you just have it placed on your driver's license.- we can all give someone else sight!

Deane Wymer DG 3-A



50 year Members Lealand Pratt, Wes Eitzen, Clay Clinesmith



Melvin Jones Fellow Darrel Jantz receiving plaque from District Governor Deane Wymer

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ROBERT'S REMARKS

We are at the half way point in our Lions Year. As of December 12th, we have 7 clubs which have gained in membership, 11 clubs which have lost members; and 10 clubs with neither any gains nor losses. With our District Goal of 150 new members from our established clubs, our gain of 24 new members is only 16 percent. At the same time we have lost twice as many as we have gained. A total of 49 drops. During November the same pattern held, a gain of 8 with a loss of 15 for a net loss of 7. So far in December we have gained 2 new members while only losing 1.

Last month I ask all of us in district 3-H to commit ourselves to ask at least 5 persons to join our Lions Club. We can grow our club if we are willing to ask individuals to join us in service to our communities.

Our seven clubs with a net gain are:

OKC Northwest	+3
Perry	+2
Cashion	+1
Harrah	+1
OKC Metro	+1
OKC West Side	+1
The Village	+1

DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 3-H District Convention is going to be Saturday, February 9, 2013. It will be at the Village United Methodist Church, 2501 W. Britton Road, The Village (Oklahoma City). We will start registration at 8:30 AM. Opening will be at 9:30 AM. We will have three training events from 10:00-10:40, and the same three training events from 10:45- 11:25. You will be able to attend two of the three. These events are Leadership I by 1st VDG Tom Cummings, Leadership II by 2nd VDG Dawn Miller, and "E Clubs" by Zone Chair Troy Jenkins and Lion Clark Williams. Then from 11:30- 11:55, Lion Pam Wright will present a program on Sight Conservation.

At noon we will join in a Pot Luck Dinner centered around the food of Louisiana. The various Clubs are asked to bring a dish which all might eat. You are asked to wear Mardi Gras Masks. A King and Queen will

be crowned. More activities are being planned. Of course, there will be a short District Cabinet Meeting (required) and election of District Governor, 1st VDG, 2nd VDG, and the members of the various boards.

NEW MEMBERS

Carney: Kimberly Lightfoot, 11/13/12 by Joni Nettles

OKC Northwest: Keaton C. Behrendsen, 11/08/12 by Eileen M. Tucker; and Sue Sookne, 11/29/12 by her new husband, Hermon S. Sookne.

Prague: Doyle F. Fouquet, 12/6/12 by Jerry Opela.

Stroud: Jason N. Smalley, 11/27/12 by F. Richard James

DEATHS

OKC Metro: Jack R. Moncreif, 11/1/12 Lion Moncreif was the Charter President of the OKC Expressway, which later became OKC Metro.

Stroud: Danny Ray Beltz, 11/27/12 Lion Danny had been a member of the Stroud Lions Club just over 46 years. He was Club President twice and Zone Chair once. He was the Lions contact with the local Scout Troop 36, serving as Troop Leader and Master Scout for over 20 years. During that time he assisted 29 Scouts to become Eagle Scouts. Among his numerous Scouting awards was that of Silver Beaver in 1978 and Outstanding Scoutmaster of Oklahoma by the National Eagle Scout Association. He served as municipal judge for 6 towns in Lincoln County, and became President of the Oklahoma League of Municipal Judges. He was a Youth Minister in his church and a nationally known artist.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 9, 2013: District 3-H Convention, Village United Methodist Church, 2501 W. Britton Road.

February 23, 2013: Edmond LC 50th Anniversary, \$18 per plate. Send Reservations to PCC Bob Austin by 2/19/13.

February 28, 2013: Harrah LC Disk Golf Tournament

April 19, 2013: OKC Metro LC Jewel Box Theater Fund Raiser

April 26-27, 2013: Lions of Oklahoma State Convention, Marriott Hotel, 3233 NW Expressway, OKC.

May 2013: Cashion LC 50th Anniversary

CLUB NEWS

Almost all of the Club News is taken from the Service Activity Reports submitted to LCI along with the Monthly Membership Report. Secretaries, if you want your news in the Lions Newspaper, please submit your Activity Reports.

Cushing: For the month of November, all members were encouraged to bring books for children of for the local nursing home, Linwood Village. The books for children will be matched to the child's reading level. A large box of books was collected for the month. On Saturday, November 10th, we cohosted the Annual Toy Run with the Drumright Lions Club, of 3-O. Bikers met at the Central Technology Center in Drumright to drop off one toy and then rode to the Cushing Lions's Den to drop off another toy. A trophy was presented to the biker who came the furthest distance to help children in the Drumright/Cushing area to have a better Christmas. The Toy Run is held on the Second Saturday of November each year. Cushing Lions sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest each year with the Cushing Middle School. Forty-two students participated, with the first place winner receiving \$50, the second receiving \$30, and third receiving \$20. The Cushing Lions Winner went on to become the District 3-H winner and then the Multiple District 3 Winner. Her poster has been submitted to LCI.

Edmond: Provided two eye exams and pairs of prescription glasses. Had Guest Speaker who informed the Club about a family counseling service for needy people, including counseling services for children. Gave a donation to the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch. Recycled ink cartridges.

Langston City: Lion Mathilda Hall attended Guthrie Noon Day's meeting November 16th and supported Langston City's sponsoring club's fruit sale fundraiser by purchasing 7 boxes of apples, oranges, and pears. Lion Alicia Sumlin attended the OLBR's Annual Christmas party and presented a donation of \$100 on behalf of Langston City. Also the Langston City Lions helped celebrate the 122rd Founder's Day of the City of Langston, by participating in a 3 day series of events to help commemorate the founding of our town back in 1890. The club has also purchased 2 Christmas Holiday food boxes to present to two families in the city of Langston. Lastly the club, in conjunction with the Friends of the Langston University Library, donated 221 brand new books to the Pre-K through 8th grade students at Coyle Elementary and Junior High Schools. The club will continue to

embrace and participate in Reading Action Program

Midwest City: Donated 12 printer cartridges, 375 pairs of eyeglasses and 4 cell phones. We donated \$75 to Midwest City Elks Lodge pancake breakfast, \$100 to Midwest City High School academic letter jacket program, \$2000 to the Mid Dell Food Pantry, \$100 to Leader Dogs for the Blind, \$100 to World Service for the Blind, \$100 to Dr. Eugene Briggs Memorial Scholarship, \$150 to Lions Clubs International Foundation, \$1125 to Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch, \$1125 to Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank, \$250 to Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation White Cane, \$400 to Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation, and \$750 to Rose State Mary Lou Hawkins Scholarship. Lion Dave Kerr received a Melvin Jones Fellow award at the Christmas Party on 12/11/12. Lion Ramon Valdez received an award for "Volunteerism-We Serve." Lt. Colonel Hawkins and his wife attended our Christmas party and was awarded a set of Tinker AFB Lions Pins presented to him by Lion Ramon Valdez for continuous support of our club by selling Cowboy Cadillac tickets.

OKC Downtown: Held a Christmas Party for handicapped teens and their families.

OKC Northwest: Made an Official Visit to the OKC Downtown Lions Club. Recycled 269 pair of eyeglasses and 9 cell phones. Sponsored the MHSU. Cleaned out the flower beds and planted 12 shrubs and bushes at the Putnam City Mayfield Middle School.

OKC West Side: Cooked and delivered Mobil Meals to homebound individuals in conjunction with Ridgecrest United Methodist Church. Helped the Friends of Tenth Street Neighborhood Association.

Stillwater Noon: As a part of our annual membership drive, ten Noon Lions helped to transport food donated by Walmart to Action, Inc., an agency which helps those in need.

Stroud: Made a donation to local kids Christmas gift program for 2 kids. Had a program from the local food pantry. Had a program from the founder of a local cancer support group, who told about the group and his own struggles with cancer. Made donation to the local Fire Pup program.

The Village: Made donations to the Lions Boys Ranch, Brit-Vill Food Pantry, Dr. Eugene Briggs Memorial Scholarship, and Lions Clubs International Foundation.



DISTRICT 3-A MID WINTER CONVENTION

**** Saturday --- February 2, 2013 ****

Fairview First United Methodist Church

811 E. Elm St, Fairview, OK 73737

The Lions of District 3-A invite you to join us for the 2013 District 3-A Mid-Winter convention:

Saturday, 7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Pancake and sausage breakfast sponsored by the Fairview Lions.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - Opening session followed by informative workshop.

Updates from District 3-A Clubs

Saturday, 12:00 noon - Chili and Dessert contest sponsored by participating clubs

Saturday, 1:00 p.m. - District cabinet meeting, nominations & Elections, Constitution & By-Law changes, etc.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Registration Deadline: January 14, 2013

Please Print

Lion: _____ Club: _____

District: _____ First Timer _____ Yes _____ No

Spouse/Guest/Lion: _____ Club: _____

District: _____ First Timer _____ Yes _____ No

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Each Attendee Must Pay the Registration Fee of \$15.00 per person

Registration Fee: (Meal included) _____ @ \$15.00 each - Total \$ _____

Breakfast: 7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Pancakes & Sausage: _____ @ \$5.00 Each - Total \$ _____

Lunch: Noon Chili & Dessert (Meal included with registration)

Would your club like to participate in District 3-A's Chili or Dessert Tasting Contest?

(Please contact Esther Wymer at 580-227-1266 leave a message on the answering machine)

Please make checks payable to: District 3-A Lions and mail with the registration form to:
PDG Lealand Pratt District 3-A Treasurer, 622 W Walnut St, Fairview, OK 73737

It's time!

Once a year **District 3-H Lions** gather to fellowship, have fun, do a little necessary business, and perhaps learn a thing or two. This year's District convention is **Saturday, February 9, 2013**, and we invite all Lions to come and party with us!

We're having a Mardi Gras wild convention.

The Village United Methodist Church, 2501 W. Britton Rd., OKC 73120

8:30am-Registration, 9:30am-Key Note
followed by choice of learning sessions
(Leadership Development, Sight Conservation and more)



At Noon, Mardi Gras: a wonderful, exciting 2 hours.

With Cajun, Creole and other Carnivale cuisine from expert Lion cooks and Lions Club chefs, plus a Mardi Gras mask contest, crowning of a Mardi Gras King Lion and Queen Lion, and a whimsical, musical parade.

Followed by speech contest (if any), Peace Poster recognition, and the 3-H Cabinet Meeting and General Meeting for 2013-2014 positions: District Governor Tom Cummings, First Vice District Governor Dawn Miller, Second Vice District Governor candidate(s) and 3-year terms on the boards for the OK Lions Boys Ranch, Eye Bank, Service Foundation and Dr. Eugene Briggs Memorial Scholarship, plus 2-year term on the OK Lions State Convention Planning Committee.

District 3-H Lions Mid-Winter Convention Registration



Please complete this form and send with check made out to District 3-H Lions to: PDG Mike Banks, Treasurer, 215 W. McElroy Rd. Ste. 4, Stillwater OK 74075

Lion Name: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____ Lion? _____

MD-3 District: _____ Lions Club: _____

E-mail address: _____ Telephone: _____

Registration is \$10 per person if mailed by Jan. 26, 2013, and \$15 per person if mailed later than Jan. 27, 2013, or at the door.

Meal contribution: _____

(Please list name of dish, such as gumbo, red beans and rice, fried okra, etc.)

We ask that all District 3-H Lions/Lions Clubs contribute a dish to this Mardi Gras potluck meal! This keeps us from charging for the noon meal and makes it more fun for all-getting to taste a variety of foods from other Lions and Lions Clubs.