

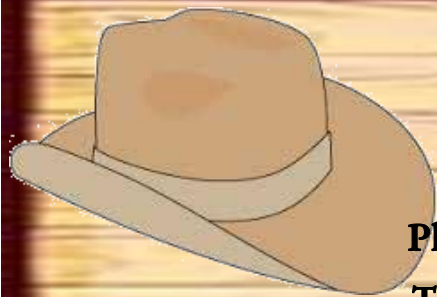
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NOVEMBER 2013

Oklahoma Lion online: www.oklahomalions.org



Cowboy Cadillac Drawing

November 23, 2013

Place : James Hodge Ford, 1200 North Main Street, Muskogee

Tickets are still available. Get yours now while supplies last!

PARTY!!! PARTY!!! PARTY!!!

By Colleen Fowler
Lions and friends,

Please mark **December 14th, 2013** down on your Calendars!

The Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch Annual Christmas Party will be held at the Perkins-Tryon Elementary School this year. The address is 1008 E. Kirk Street Perkins, OK 74059.

Please call the OLBR Office at (405)547-2462 for directions if needed. You will be receiving other invitations to this party, but I know that the Social Calendars fill up fast and there is so much to do, so I wanted to get a reminder in early! We will start

servicing the meal at 11:00am and the Program/Auction will start at 12:00 Noon. This is such a fun time together to meet the Boys and the Staff, to fellowship with other Lions and friends and to be a part of the Auction and help raise money for the Ranch. Our Goal each year is to provide the best we can for our young men and help them on their journey to independence and success. The boys will again this year wait on tables for tips and have the opportunity to serve YOU as you serve them throughout the year. I urge every Club to come and enjoy the Food, Fun and Joy as we celebrate the year here at the Ranch. You can also Tour the houses! This is our largest fund-raising event of the year. Even if you can't attend the party you can still support us by sending in a donation and by

challenging your Club to send in a donation. If each Club were to send in \$500 we would raise almost \$100,000. Let's work together and make an impact that reaches into generations! Feel free to post on the Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/olbr.org if you have any questions or call us here.

We look forward to seeing each of you on December 14.



Making a Change

Lion Troy Jenkins

"We leave something of ourselves behind when we leave a place; we stay there, even though we go away. And there are things in us that we can find again only by going back there."

Pascal Mercier – Night Train to Lisbon

As many of you have probably heard, my time as the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Lions

Service Foundation came to an end on the 15th of October. As I am moving on to new adventures, I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve in this role for the last 20 months. I will be moving back to the "for-profit" world, but will continue serving in all of my volunteer roles, including chairing the Oklahoma Lions Disaster Relief Committee and the Oklahoma Lions IT committee. As I leave, I want to leave you with some parting thoughts.

For regular readers it should come as no sur-

prise that two of my favorite topics are service and the need for change. As Lions in Oklahoma, we have a heart for the former, but often show a fear of the latter. I have met so many great Oklahoma Lions over the last couple of years; the passion to serve is evident in every service project held throughout the state. It seems, however, that the fear to try new things might be keeping a lot of potential members from sharing in that passion.

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Council Chairman Corner

Lion Larry Wibben

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MD3 MEMBERSHIP

181 CLUBS

	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	4,554	4,563
Added Members	39	184
Dropped Members	34	188
Closing Balance	4,559	4,559
Net Gain/Loss	5	-4

Protocol—is about respect; some say it is just good manners, and others say it is just doing the right thing in a logical manner; these are all correct. All the leaders in Lions have devoted a great deal of time, and effort in achieving an office in the Club, District, State, and International levels. As volunteers we are just that: volunteers. It should always be remembered that honor should be given where honor is due, and since we Lions are a service organization and we receive no compensation for our service,

the only public reward for our service is proper recognition, and that is a way of compensation for a job well done.

Our Lions emblem (membership) pins should be worn on the left side, above your heart and should be the highest pin in placement. Always wear your name badge on your right side so that when greeting people they will be able to read your name.

Always stand to recognize the current District Governor, International Director, or International President when they are introduced. When a Lion holds more than one office, they should be recognized by their highest title. Whether you are preparing a meeting, conducting a meeting, or just greeting a fellow Lion, protocol is in action.

All meetings should be conducted with a well-planned and thought-out agenda. It is also a good idea to send your guest a copy of the agenda so they can strive to keep you on schedule. The more detailed the agenda the better, but it should allow for some flexibility. You must also make sure that everyone on the agenda is aware that they are on the agenda as far in advance of the meeting as possible and to be sure they are willing to serve in that capacity.

Never leave your guest(s) alone to fend for themselves; have someone introduce them around the room and escort them to their seat. Always ask for proper pronunciations of names, if you are unsure, before introductions. It is recommended every Lions club and District put in writing a simple, common sense protocol manual. This manual could well make a dignitary's visit as pleasant and worry free as possible.

Oklahoma Knights for Sight

Ponca City is very lucky. That community has 2 Lions Clubs along with an on-line branch club and a very active Leo Club. All four organizations work hard and innovatively in the area of sight conservation.

For many years the Ponca City Lions Club has helped persons with macular degeneration with transportation to and from group support meetings and by checking out magnifying readers to them.

Lion Ted Matson has led a relatively new effort to partner with Prevent Blindness Oklahoma in screening the vision of very young children. The incidence of lazy eye in children, if caught before about ages 7-8 years, can be corrected, but if not diagnosed and treated early, can cause permanent blindness in one eye. Add to that how much better a child with corrected vision will perform in the early school grades, when typically many vision screenings by school nurses do not catch vision problems

before the second grade.

Governor Terry Woodruff not only spearheaded the effort to start the Northern Oklahoma E-Branch Lions Club, but initiated the Lion STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness Walks in the Ponca City area. The event raises funds for Juvenile diabetes research. He has communicated the program to the Lions of Oklahoma, hoping the effort will spread to other clubs.

Ponca City After 5 Lions Club consistently sponsors the Oklahoma Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit, which provides visual acuity and glaucoma screenings in its menu of health screening tests.

Ponca City Leos help with all sight conservation efforts as they are able.

Is your community as lucky as Ponca City in the amount of sight conservation services provided?

Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation Executive Director

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation reports to the Board of Directors, and is responsible for the organizations consistent achievement of its mission and financial objectives. A brief description of Responsibilities is as follows:

*The Executive Director manages the financial activities of the Foundation.

*The Director prepares the OLSF Budget and financial reports with support of the OLSF Treasurer.

*The Executive Director will assist the OLSF President prepare meeting agendas, recommend committee assignments & tasks and make organizational goals & new project suggestions.

*Solicit Grants on behalf of the Foundation.

*The Executive Director coordinates and oversees the fundraising activities of the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation, Inc. which includes, but not limited to: Build the Foundation, White Cane Drive, & Cowboy Cadillac raffle.

* The Executive Director will promote OLSF awareness through presentations at conferences, conventions and club visits. He/She will submit informational articles to the Oklahoma Lion newspapers and other publications.

*The Executive Director oversees and manages the Mobile Health Screening unit,

solicits financial support and is the liaison with MHSU drivers, financial entities & supporters.

* He/She will need to attend all OLSF board & committee meetings; attend meetings of the Council of governors; state and district conventions as required; attend board and trustee meetings of the OK Lions Boys Ranch & Ok Lions Eye Bank as required; represent OLSF at meetings and conferences as requested by the OLSF President. Plans and conducts annual OLSF board training.

*The director will work with the OLSF board, committees, donors, attorneys, individual Lions and others concerning pledges, gifts, wills, royalties & trusts. A record of all gifts and pledges will be maintained.

*If requested, the Executive director will attend meetings of the irrevocable Trust Committee. He/She will maintain a file containing original copies of investment documents and monthly statements at the OLSF office.

**At no time will the duties and responsibilities conflict with the constitution and bylaws of the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation and Irrevocable Trust.

To request a detailed list of responsibilities or to submit your resume, please contact Lion Jacque Mooney, Secretary OLSF at mooneytunes@cox.net. Resumes must be **received** by November 15, 2013.

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District 3-O

Governor
Elmer Enyart

I am so thankful to have the opportunity to meet so many wonderful, caring, serving, ordinary, fun, and good, good people.

My husband may be the District Governor but I am the one receiving the blessings of getting to meet some of the most inspiring people on earth. I am so proud to be a part of District 3-O. We have some really interesting, hard working, devoted Lions and I get to enjoy learning what and how they have done so many things "serving". The answer to all my questions is simply YES.

Thank you District 3-O Lions for all the hospitality and encouragement you have given us in our visits to you. God bless you all.

Club News

Barnsdall Community (BCLC): Held Their Halloween event Oct 31st, serving hotdogs and holding a costume contest with prizes of \$25 for First, \$15 for Second and \$10 for Third. Held the 50 + Dinner on Oct 17th at the Community Center. Asking for donations for park playground equipment improvements. Held the 50+ Dinner on Oct 17th at the Community Center.

Bartlesville Green Country: Prepared to help Oak Park with Park Dedication Sep 28 but event was cancelled; it will be reschedule. Held a successful **Soup for Service** fundraiser on Oct 12th, with great participation from not only Green Country Lions but from Dewey Lions and Tuxedo Lions as well. Thanks to all for helping. Green Country Lions will host the Zone F meeting on Nov 5th, so plan now to attend. The time is 6:00pm at the Oak Park Methodist Church.

Fairland: Mourning the Passing of Lion David Livesay, the owner of Livesay Orchards. The memorial service was held Sep 19th. Celebrating one new Lion, Richard R. Keck, the mayor of Porter, sponsored by Lion James E. Terrill. Welcome Lion Richard.

Tulsa Downtown: Hosted their fourth annual Lions Picnic at Hunter Park in Tulsa, with over 60 in attendance, including not only Tulsa Downtown Lions but also Lions from Broken Arrow, Tulsa Metro/McCullough, Tulsa

Brookside, Sapulpa, Bartlesville Green Country and Sand Springs. There was food and good fun for all! This year's annual picnic was dedicated to the memory of Lion Fred Campbell, who initiated the first annual Lions Picnic. It was his dream that Lions from all the surroundings areas would come together in friendship. Unfortunately Lion Fred was laid to rest earlier this year. Fortunately his spirit will always be with the Lions of Oklahoma. The TDLC board accepted 6 applications for membership for Oct. 2013: martin and Amber LaPointe, Edwin and Kayla Rivera, and Steve and Amber Burke. TDLC hosted the OK Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit.

Tulsa Metro-McCullough: Ten members attended Tulsa Downtown Lions annual picnic. Club sponsored the Zone A meeting and 13 members attended. Collected 38 pairs of used eyeglasses and 6 cases; they were donated to Neighbor for Neighbor. Club members are selling Cowboy Cadillac tickets for OLSF, and also selling pie tickets for club fundraiser.

Wagoner: Held a food drive on Oct 19th at the Wal Mart stores in Coweta and Wagoner. The food will benefit the food shelves in Wagoner and Coweta. Club members have already collected over 1,600 pounds of frozen chicken and \$275. On Oct 26th Lions served hotdogs, chips and a pop, all for \$2 at the Wagoner's Trunk N Treat event. This is a community awareness event for the Lions, not a fundraiser. Club approved and paid for four eye exams and five pairs of eyeglasses for residents in need.

Wyandotte: Lions President Gary Moody passed away Oct 10th. DG Elmer and Lion Trudy will miss this good friend, fellow Lion and church pastor. Lions partnered with the Wyandotte Nation Senior Citizens Title VI Program to sponsor the OK Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit on Oct 2nd. Clun donated \$250 to Sycamore Chapel United Methodist Church for their Veterans Appreciation Day. Club held their annual community appreciation event; the Wyandotte Days on Oct 31st with free food, drinks, entertainment and Halloween costume contest.

District 3-O News

At my request, Lion Spouse Trudy is sharing a lot of what's been in her heart with all of you; consider it coming from both our hearts.

What is a District 3-O Lion? As my husband and I travel from one club meeting to another and we meet so many wonderful people I have time ponder on exactly what is a Lion.

Is a Lion a fairly well to do business man as it was in the beginning? Is a Lion an 80 year old widow who only wants to help her fellow Lions, who take friends to chemo treatments and sits with them during the procedure instead of just dropping them off then picking them up when it's over? Maybe it's a 48 year old father of 3 who has a quadriplegic child; a citizen who is a volunteer fireman, but who is "giving" back to the community for all their support with his child? The parents of a grown child who takes them and their children in and gives them the love and attention they need when all the thought they wanted to do in their "golden" years is to do their Lions club meetings, go to church and relax?

Possibly it's that retired policeman that has already put his life on the line for years working the narcotics or other dangerous divisions, serving the community while his wife is home worrying and raising their children. Could it be that wife; not only is she raising the kids, writing and having her books published while they together try to keep a club going as they and all their members get too old to do all the long hard hours it takes to have a successful club and be able to "serve" the community like they had done for so many years?

Good times will take flight in Vinita District 3-O Convention November 22-23.

By District Governor Elmer Enyart

We are having a Friday night social in a hanger at the Vinita airport. Although we are calling it a Fly-In which usually means all types of airplanes, in this scenario we are expecting all types of transportation. Chili will be the main dish but there will be something for those who can't eat chili. There will be musical entertainment and the dress casual. We are going to have fun and become better

acquainted with each other and with International Director Donal Knipp and his wife Betty from Auxvasse, Missouri. Should you not be able to stay at the Holiday Inn Express in Vinita, are other close motels. Prices do not include taxes.

Park Hills Motel: Highway 60, 69 and old Rt. 66, 2 miles west of

Vinita. \$37.50 single, \$47.50 double and RV Park \$20 per night. Phone 918-256-5511

Relax Inn in Vinita: \$40 single and \$55 double. Phone 618-256-6492

Western Motel: Three miles SW of Vinita on Highways 60 and 66

\$40 single and \$45 double. Phone 918-256-7542

Arrive early-leave later. Visit Eastern Trails Museum in Vinita; tour Grand River Dam, and Summerside Winery in Vinita where you may taste wine and mead free. And, there are many other tourist attractions. For further information contact Vinita Chairperson-PDG Kent Ryals, phone: 918-256-2274.

Get your convention registration forms in soon. (Convention Registration Forms are available online at www.oklahomalions.org or from the OK Lions state office: 405-947-6540

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District 3-K



Governor
Daryl Pults

Fall is Here

It is hard to believe that November is already here. In one sense it seems like my term as District Governor just began, but in another sense, it seems like I have been busy at this for a long time. Maybe it is because this is my second time to serve.

I have been busy visiting Lions Clubs in our district. I have visited 24 clubs so far, and I hope to visit most of my clubs before December. I have enjoyed my visits, and I have found that most of the clubs are very enthusiastic and active in their communities. I have particularly been pleased to see how many clubs have taken up the challenge of having a net membership growth in our district. As most of you know, our district has been honored for having a net growth for the first quarter, and we have a good start in this second quarter. Let us keep it going!

This fall has been a warm one, and the trees have been slow in taking on their fall colors. It looks like the peak for the fall colors will be the first part of November. One of the benefits of traveling in this district is that I get to view the beautiful fall colors, especially when I travel in the eastern part of the district. In the fall we also seem to have more energy as the weather is cooler and invigorating. It is a time when our clubs have a lot of activities in their communities.

Reminder: We have a Cabinet meeting on Saturday, November 2, at Atoka. Try to have some members from each club attend. It is good to get together and see what other clubs are doing. We also get to know Lions from other clubs and keep up with what is going on in our district and state concerning Lions. We will hold our 3-K District Convention on January 24 at the Lake Murray Lodge in Ardmore. Be sure to watch for more information, and plan to attend.

Club Reports

McAlester: The High School Pom Pom Squad held a Zombie Fun Run in which the Lions participated by donating water and manning three water stations. McAlester Lions will participate in the downtown's Trick or Treat event. They will also be selling tickets for a drawing that includes

100 gallons of gasoline, seven \$100 cash prizes, and \$75 in ink cartridges.

Pocola: They have an ongoing project of collecting aluminum cans. They have a container in a central location, and when it is full, they sell the cans. The funds are then used to help with school projects.

Shawnee: They collected 100 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling and provided eyeglasses to four individuals. They had a work day at the Lions Park to mow, cut weeds, and pick up trash. They donated \$200 to a County DHS Retreat concerning Child Welfare. Lion Marilyn Bradford and Lion John Gardner were asked to join this Retreat.



District Governor Daryl Pults with 45 year member Bob Seikel of the Shawnee Lions Club.

Tishomingo: They run the Little League Football program for fourth, fifth and sixth graders. They have 84 boys in the program and at the end of the season they have a banquet for the boys and their families. This club also provides dictionaries for all third graders in the county.

Welcome New Members

Atoka: Estella Alvarez, Brooke Burnett, Pricilla Gilbert, Melisa Mayo, and Mary McClendon; **Checotah:** Lucas Faires and Elisabeth Tate; **Durant:** Justin Scott; **Heavener:** Valerie Martin; **Idabel:** Triston Brown and Emily Herron; **Pauls Valley:** Grant Johnson; **Poteau Evening:** Kevin McGee; **Shawnee:** Lacey Conley; **Stigler:** Jim Cross; **Tishomingo:** Robert Jemison and Robin Jemison; **Wilburton:** Dan Marsee and Robert Marsee

What a great start for our second quarter! Let's keep it going!

Monthly Reports

Club Secretaries Please, try to file your MMR reports each month. These are very important in getting the information to LCI and to me. Be sure to put your membership data, activities, and service projects on this report. I also need pictures

of your club serving. You can e-mail your pictures to me at dcpults@gmail.com. Another important item is that you must file your 990 EZ postcard form with the IRS before November 15. It is on the IRS website.

Meeting Calendar

Please, put the following date on your calendar and make plans to attend these functions if possible.

Nov. 2: District 3-K Cabinet meeting, United Methodist Church, Atoka

Dec. 14: OK Lions Boys Ranch Christmas Party, Perkins

Jan. 11: OK Lions Council meeting and board meetings, OKC

Jan. 25: District 3-K Convention, Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore

Apr. 24-26: OK Lions State Convention, Norman

May 31: District 3-K Cabinet meeting, Atoka

Jun. 14: OK Lions Council meeting and board meetings, OKC

Youth/Adult Speech and Peace Poster Contests

Postmark deadline is Nov. 15 for all clubs to send their winning Peace Poster contest winner to their respective District Governors. The Governors will arrange for the entries to be judged for the district level contests and then forward each district winner to the Council Chairperson no later than Dec. 1. Council Chair Wibben will then forward the state winner to LCI no later than Dec. 15. LCI decisions/notifications will be made in February.

Remember that the Council of Governors is sponsoring this year's speech contest. Hopefully your club is working with a local school to have students working on this contest. Please notify your Governor that your club does have a speech contest in a school so they can include this in their agendas for the respective district conventions. Refer to the official speech contest flyer for more details.

OK Lions State Office Update

Lions, please help us out when you deliver used eyeglasses and used printer cartridges and cell phones to the state office. Lion Renee and Lion Dawn are not physically able to lift heavy boxes and materials, so please make sure an able-bodied Lion is delivering the materials. Thank you very much.

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District 3-L

Governor
Sue Thompson



Neither cold, nor dark gloom, nor wind chill will keep dedicated runners from the finish line! The Lawton Patriots held their third annual 5K Vision Run on Oct. 19 and it was once again a huge success. In spite of many sleepless nights, the event has grown each year and this year had over 100 runners (and walkers) of all ages. I was lucky enough to be waiting at the finish line to greet the runners and help event Chairperson John P. Williams and Club President Kenny Watts hand out medals. (photos below) It turned out to be a beautiful, sparkly day and they raised a lot of money for the Parkview School for the Blind in Muskogee and for Oklahoma Therapy Dogs. They received wonderful coverage in the Lawton newspaper and on KSWO TV-7; the video is on-line at www.lionsclubs.org.

Nov. 15 is the deadline for 2 important LCI contests that I hope your club is sponsoring in your community and schools. First is the Peace Poster Contest and winning club contest entries have to be sent to me postmarked no later than Nov. 15. Did you know there is also a LCI essay contest for blind or visually impaired students? This is a fairly new contest and I think it is a wonderful addition. You can access the information on-line at www.lionsclubs.org along with a very inspirational story, *Pieces of Peace*.

Club officers: please make sure your International, state and district dues are paid up-to-date. Contact Lion Marge Williams if you have questions. Also, please remember to report your club's activities to me or on the **MyLCI** website. Please start thinking about nominations for District 3-L Rookie of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Awards, plus nominations for other special recognition.

Important Upcoming 3-L Events:

The second 3-L Cabinet Meeting and training will be at the beautiful, vintage Frederick Hotel on Nov 9.

We will have lunch at noon, then the meeting, and then will tour the wonderful restored theatre and museum. All zone and region chairs, club officers, club members and other interested persons are invited to attend.

Our convention will be Fri.-Sat., Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2014, at Quartz Mountain Resort in Lone Wolf. Our special guest will be Past International President Al Brandel, and you will have a chance to visit with him and ask him anything about Lions Clubs International you have always wanted to know!

Membership:

District 3-L gained many new members the first quarter and barely more drops-only 2 to be exact! Just think: our district missed out on the LCI President's **Dream Achievers** Award by just 3 members! I know we can do it for the next quarter. Remember, to get a new Lion, just ask! There is a lot of helpful material on membership on the LCI website, plus I will have it available for you when I visit your club.

Governor's Official Club Visits:

Speaking of club visits, I have made several but certainly have room in my schedule for more. I also have a bunch of Milestone awards to hand out, so please contact me to schedule that important official visit!

District 3-L Club Activities:

Altus Lions Club has a very active Junior High School Leo Club and I was privileged to install their officers. (photos below)

Binger Lions had one application for eyeglasses. They plan to distribute 6 Thanksgiving baskets in Nov., and will also be selling pecans.

Cache Lions bought a pair of eyeglasses for a student, donated \$500 to Cache Schools Education Foundation for scholarships, and purchased 2 Cardiac AED units and cabinets for Cache Schools. This makes 6 defibrillators purchased by the club to date, and it's a great idea for other Lions Clubs to consider. Cache club also sold and displayed 132 giant red bows for Red Ribbon Week (drug awareness).

Duncan Evening Lions held their fourth annual Ride for Sight poker run, assisted by the community's Red Hat Ladies. They raised \$3,000 and collected 200 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling.

Hollis Lions joined the Young Brothers and Sisters to clean up the basketball court at the city park. They swept, repainted lines, and put new nets on the goals. The club donated \$40 to the pre-K and kindergarten teachers to help them restock their classrooms for the start of school. The club also sponsored the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus on Sept. 29 as a fundraiser. Members held a poster contest for elementary school students to win free tickets to the circus, and recognized the winners at a school assembly. This is another wonderful idea for other Lions Clubs to consider; this circus gets around!

Lawton Noon Lions collected and sent to the OK Lions state office 428 pairs of eyeglasses and 4 used printer cartridges for recycling. They donated \$200 to the Great Plains Special Olympics, \$1,000 to Gateway Alternative School as well as making/installing a new sign for them, \$230 to Crosby Park Elementary for tinting the kindergarten classroom windows, and gave a \$1,000 scholarship to a Cameron University student. The Lions held an end-of-summer get together. Lion Dan Farrell, District 3-L's Lions Quest chairperson in cooperation with PDG Tony Dowell, scheduled a counselor/teacher workshop for Nov. 21. There is a lot of interest in Lions Quest in the schools, and if this workshop fills up, then another one can be scheduled as well. What a great problem to have! Good job, Lion Dan.

Lawton Northeast Lions put out flags for holidays, one of their main fundraisers.

Marlow Lions continue to honor students of the week. They provided 2 pairs of eyeglasses and exams, and held their first annual football game fundraiser, a potato supper which was well attended.

Pocasset Lions will hold their annual turkey dinner on Nov. 3 at the elementary school from 11am-1:30pm. They also donated used eyeglasses/sunglasses and did a trash pickup service event on Oct. 12.

Velma-Alma Lions donated to the local food bank and continue to recognize students of the month.

This is the largest and BEST service organization in the world and it is YOURS!

It cannot exist without YOU, the members.

Be Proud and ROAR!



Lawton Patriots Lions 5K Run . 1st Picture: Lion Dr Jean Hausheer helping VIP contestant Brittany Donley prepare to run together in the Oklahoma Vision 5K; **2nd Picture:** Lawton Patriot Club President Kenny Watts, 5K race chairman Lion JP Williams and 3L DG Sue Thompson present 5k medal to Aubry Weatherly, a student from the Oklahoma School for the Blind ; **3rd Picture:** Lions are joined by DG Sue Thompson, 5K racers Aubry Weatherly and Brittany Donley (VIP contestants) for a "job well done" picture after the successful 5k race on Sat. Oct 19.



Governor
Terry Woodruff

when another club reaches out to recognize other Lions for their work in service work. Thank you Virginia and Franny for all the work you do for the Boys Ranch and projects throughout the district.



Welcome District 3-A New Members

- Christi D Hawk – Hennessey Lions Club
- Albert G Gleichmann – Okarche Lions Club
- T J Mosher – Pond Creek Lions Club
- Mack W. Miller – Seiling Lions Club
- Lisa L Anderson – Wakita Lions Club

District 3-A News Input

November is Diabetes Awareness Month! I am sure it will not get noticed as much as Breast Cancer Awareness month was in October where we saw pink around every corner. This should be our month as Lions given the fact that diabetes is the #1 cause of blindness in the world. Does your club offer diabetes screening events? Are you hosting a Lions Strides walk this fall for Diabetes Awareness? Perhaps your community is like mine with children as young as 6 months old are being diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. Reach out to the kids and you will touch the lives of many families!



Lions at the Ponca City Oktoberfest offered not only diabetes screening but also vision screening through their partnership with Prevent Blindness Oklahoma!

October was a big month for club activities around District 3-A. Okarche held their Okarche Deutches Fest. North Enid held their Beans and Cornbread dinner.

Newkirk Lions installed a new specially designed swing for handicap students at the Newkirk Elementary School this month. What a great project for the Newkirk community. It was also a real treat as District Governor to visit this club with several new members and prospects visiting during their meeting.

Covington Lions Club recently recognized the many years of dedication of Lions Franny and Virginia Rodriguez to the Lions Boys Ranch. The club made a \$200 donation to LCIF in their honor during the meeting. That is very special



rently waiting for organ donation, You can make a difference.

Disaster Relief Committee moving forward with plans to provide prescription eyeglasses to Oklahomans hit by natural disasters

Disaster Relief Committee Chairperson Lion Troy Jenkins and optometrist PDG Mark Gibson met with the Board of Examiners in Optometry for the state of Oklahoma in Tulsa on Thurs., October 17 (at their quarterly meeting) to discuss Oklahoma Lions providing temporary prescription eyeglasses to Oklahomans affected by natural disasters. The Board was very supportive of the idea, and had a few questions and suggestions for Jenkins and Gibson, the OK Lions Disaster Relief committee representatives. It was agreed that the process would be overseen by an eye care professional, and optometrists involved in the relief effort would apply for volunteer licenses through the Board of Examiners. Dr. Gibson is in the process of researching the purchase of equipment that could be used to facilitate the effort and allow any Lion to be involved in providing this service. We are also looking for corporate sponsors to aid in the effort, by providing frames and lenses, at no cost. We will

also be able to use recycled glasses, which could be dispensed on site.



3-H DG Tom Cummings (far left) and Lion Ken Perry (far right) delivered portable basketball goals and other physical education equipment to the temporary location of Briarwood Elementary (Moore) on Mon., Oct. 21. Also pictured are Briarwood PE teacher Kevin Hixson (middle right) and his assistant. Equipment was purchased with OK Lions Disaster Relief funds from LCIF.

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District 3-H
Governor
Tom Cummings

Your 3H Leadership Team has been very active in new club formation. DG Ronnie Martin from Texas and Tamara Ivetic, Department Manager of Membership & New Clubs Development, from Lions Club International joined us for two days of canvassing the Choctaw area and one day of canvassing at Moore for new members to start clubs in each of those communities. Currently, we have 14 members signed up in Choctaw and have started that club as a branch club. We have selected leadership for the club and I anticipate having the 6 additional members needed to convert to a charter club by the end of the month. I would like to thank the Harrah Lions for stepping up and volunteering to be the sponsoring club for Choctaw.



New Branch Club - Choctaw Lions officers. L-R. Chad Deniso ; Secretary/ Membership, Colby Parsons; President, and Tracy Burton; Treasurer

We also have started on Moore and have two members signed up at the current time and again anticipate having this club established by the end

of October as well. Thanks to the Midwest City Lions for volunteering to be the sponsoring club for the Moore Lions.

We have been working the community of Yale and by the time of this newsletter, we should have a branch club established in Yale. Thank you to the Cushing Lions for volunteering to sponsor this club. The Yale middle school has decided to compete in the Peace Poster contest as well. How cool is that!

We have plans to get back to Newcastle Lions in the next 45 days to reestablish this club. This club is down to just a few members. Again, if anyone has friends/family in this community, please contact them to encourage them to become part of this club.

We have been meeting with the Metro Lions as they have changed their name to Bethany Lions and will concentrate their efforts in that community. We will do a canvassing event in that community in the near future to help establish this club. My thanks to the current members for their desire to keep the fiber of this club going.

I must say it has been a hectic first 4 months but we are not finished yet....we have 2-3 more clubs that we would like to look at forming after the first of the year. We will keep you informed and will be looking for sponsors.

My wife Lynda and I did attend the USA/CANADA Forum in Overland Park, KS. A great learning forum and great place to interact with lions from all over the US and Canada. I picked up several ideas that I would like to incorporate in the next few months. I was able to attend a couple of meetings with our International President Barry Palmer who seemed very impressed and amazed about meeting me (I threw this in to see if anyone reads my report).

CLUB VISITS. Why didn't someone tell me how much fun it would be visiting our clubs in District 3H. We have a terrific group of dedicated individuals working to improve their communities....and having fun together as they do it. And I thank all

those I have visited so far for allowing me to come and share in your club and fun. I have made 28 club visits (some multiple times) in the past couple of months. I got to eat pancakes with Perry Lions, Chili with Cushing Lions (long trip), several official visits, formation meetings, awarding pins, visiting Briarwood Elementary teachers/staff about disaster relief andmore to come.

I am still setting up meetings for visits and official visits for the next few months and we will also have our 1VD Dawn Miller and our 2VDG Jacque Mooney doing some official visits as well.

We currently have 18 members of the Governor's One Team.....thank you all.....I still have a few that I must get to their meeting to present their pin.....and I'm looking for more. All it takes is bringing in one new member to become a One Team member and earn your pin. I am anxious to come and present you with your pin.....let's make it happen.

Thank you District 3H for your efforts and for serving your community. Be sure to send an email or phone call to let me know your upcoming events.....Whew! I gotta go lie down.



Midwest City LC installed four New Members. Ramon Valdez, Tom Cummings, Stan Mills, Pastor Lynne O'Shea, David Kerr, Pat Felock, Dianne Hancock, Ron Hancock. Stan Mills, Lynne O'Shea, Pat Felock & Dianne Hancock are the new members

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Let's face it – times are changing. Even LCIF admits that today's volunteers do not feel the same way about titles or administration or protocol as they did in the past.

I would encourage each of you to try something new in your role as a Lion. There is no reason that every Lion in the state could not bring in one new member this year, and reverse the membership decline. Maybe your new thing is just to ask somebody to join. This is the most important step, but many of us have trouble doing it. What do you have to lose? Maybe people that you know would love to serve, but have no idea how to go about it. Maybe your new thing is to invite prospective members to a service project rather than your meeting. I would venture to guess that for the majority of you, your

favorite Lions memory is not of one of your meetings, but rather your time working on a project with your fellow Lions. Let your prospective members experience that same feeling.

Maybe your new thing is to let some of the newer members of your club have a voice. Maybe your new thing is to accept that your fundraiser is no longer working. Maybe your new thing is to reach out to your community to see if your service is still relevant. Maybe your new thing is to stream your meetings so members that can't attend can keep up if they would like. Maybe your new thing is to step up into a leadership role in your club, or at the district and state level. The choice is yours, but you must make it. No organization can survive if it does not change with the times. Not even the greatest service organization in the world.

So as I change roles, I ask you to make some changes as well. Let's take the Oklahoma Lions to the next level by trying some new things and bringing in some new members. Let's take our state projects to the next level by pledging our financial support. These are, after all, our projects, and each and every one of us should be stepping up to help where we can. I thank you for the opportunity to work with you and look forward to continuing my life as a Lion. Please consider making some changes in your life as a Lion, and remember our motto is not "We administer." It is not "We meet." And it is certainly not "We eat." (We do seem to do that quite well, though!) As you move forward in your life as a Lion, please remember that our motto is, and always will be, "**We Serve!**"

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Lions State Calendar

November 2013

Lions Diabetes Awareness Month

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Applications available for LCI Advanced Leadership Institute
(www.lionsclubs.org)

Nov 2 3-K Cabinet Meeting, Atoka
Nov 2 Northern OK E-Lions Strides Walk for Diabetes, 9am, Fifth St. Park, Ponca City
Nov 2 OKC West Side Lions Pancake Day fundraiser, 8am-1pm, 4135 NW 10th St., OKC
Nov 2-3 Harrah LC Turkey Shoot
Nov 5 District 3-O Zone F meeting hosted by Bartlesville Green Country
Nov 6 LCI Webinar: Leadership Resources on the Web, 12:00pm (www.lionsclubs.org to register)
Nov 7 OKC Capitol Hill Lions Bean Dinner, 11am-3pm, 3800 S. Robinson, OKC; \$5 ticket
Nov 7 Davenport LC bean lunch 11am-3pm
Nov 9 Pioneer-Pleasant Vale LC Chili & Soup Supper, 5-7pm, The Grace Place, S. Cleveland and Indian Dr. (south of Hobby Lobby), Enid; admission by donation and proceeds go to community projects.
Nov 9 OKC West Side Lions Fun Strides Dog Walk for Diabetes, 9am-12noon, OK Lions Children's Park, east side of Lake Hefner off Britton Rd.
Nov 9-10 Harrah LC Turkey Shoot
Nov 11 Lions Quest 1-day counselor staff development workshop, OKC area, West Side Lions Town Hall, 4135 NW 10th St., OKC 73107; & Capitol Hill Lions bldg., 380 S. Robinson. OKC contact Tony Dowell for more information.

Nov 12 Lions Quest 1-day counselor staff development workshop, Ponca City; contact Tony Dowell for more information.
Nov 15 LCI Webinar: Leadership Resources on the Web, 7:00pm (www.lionsclubs.org to register)
Nov 21 Lions Quest 1-day counselor staff development workshop, Lawton area; contact Tony Dowell for more information.
Nov 22 Lions Quest 1-day counselor staff development workshop, Ada; contact Tony Dowell for more information.
Nov 22-23 District 3-O Convention, Vinita (registration form attached at end of this document)
Nov 23 Cowboy Cadillac Drawing, James Hodge Ford, Muskogee
Nov 28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday USA – OK Lions State Office **Closed**

December 2013

Feeding the Hungry LCI Global Action Campaign

Dec 1 Postmark deadline for District Governor to send winning Peace Poster Contest entry to MD-3 Council Chairperson
Dec 14 OK Lions Boys Ranch Christmas Party, Perkins
Dec 15 Postmark deadline for MD-3 Council Chairperson to send winning Peace Poster Contest entry to LCI
Dec 24 Deadline to apply for Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (LCI)
Dec 24 Christmas Eve – OK Lions Office **Closes at 1pm**
Dec 25 Christmas Holiday – OK Lions Office **Closed**
Dec 31 New Years Eve – OK Lions Office **Closes at 1pm**