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OK Lions at USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum In Overland Park, KS, Sept. 19-21, 2013

3-O (3): from Tulsa Brookside LC-CC Larry and Lion Elaine Wibben; from Tulsa Downtown LC-Lion Pres. Debra LaPointe

3-K (12): from Atoka LC-2VDG Stephanie Pettitt, and PDG Mike and Lion Judy Elliott; from Shawnee LC-Lions Kirk Hoster, Patti Fisher and Mike Simmons, Tom Hennigh, 1st VP Katie Landes, Neal and Debbie Martin, and Pres. Chris and Brenda Thomas

3-L (4): from Altus LC-DG Sue Thompson; from Lawton Noon LC-1VDG Kristi Fields; from Elk City LC-2VDG Karen Blanton, and from Law-

ton Patriots LC-Lion Marge Williams
3-A (10): from Garber-1VDG Dee Carson, IVCC Arlene Shore, PDGs Eldon Hugaboom and Carobelle Carson; from N. Enid LC-2VDG Joe and Marjorie Chandler, PDG Bill and PCC Yolanda Middleton; from Guyton LC-PCC Charles and Lion Colleen Michael

3-H (5): from Cushing LC-DG Tom and Lion Lynda Cummings; from Stillwater Noon LC-Lion Troy Jenkins; from OKC West Side LC-1VDG Dawn Miller and Phil Hendrick Former OK Lion Steve Hanan, now 1VDG for Indiana 25b

Oklahoma Knights for Sight

Texas Lions
Eyeglasses Recycling Center, (TLERC)
Midland Texas



Lions Jacque and Gerald Mooney (Midwest City LC) delivered a trailer load of eyeglasses (93 filled "banana" boxes) on 8/26/13 to Midland, Texas, and met with Carolyn Keskitalo, interim manager. PDG Carolyn has been in Midland for 2 months. They also met with PID Marshall Cooper (Lubbock, TX) who was volunteering for a few days. Lion Marshall had some interesting stories about PID George Hazelbaker and PID Pat Shurley at an International Convention. They also met Lion Frank Pickens from 2X1, also a good friend of PID Pat Shurley. PDG Ike Fitzgerald was there doing a bit of manual labor, helping build a deck. He is the FOUNDER of TLERC and a Lion since 1946.

Over the front windows are framed photographs of 6 people known as the Platinum Knights-people who have donated or had donated in their name \$10,000 or more to the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center.

Lion Carolyn gave the Mooneys

a tour of the facility; it is filled to the brim, and recently received 15 skids of new frames from Eye Works and 25 skids of eyeglasses that blocked up their warehouse. There are shelves that go to the ceiling. Many boxes of eyeglasses were on the loading dock and unfortunately, there was rain which destroyed those boxes so they will now have to re-box it all when they can be moved into the warehouse. **THEY REALLY NEED A COVER FOR THAT DOCK.** With so many eyeglasses being delivered, VDG Jacque asked her if there was a lot going out. Carolyn replied "Oh My, Yes."

There is a room full of uncut lenses that are used to make eyeglasses, probably more raw lenses than most eyeglass companies have in stock. TLERC can make eyeglasses but it seems to be rather sporadic. They have a great laboratory to do this work.

Midland has 5 Lions Clubs and someone comes out nearly every

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I'm Not in Kansas Anymore! (But I was...)



Troy Jenkins, Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation Executive Director

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

Benjamin Franklin

I just attended my first USA/Canada Forum in Overland Park, KS (essentially, the south side of Kansas City). Not really knowing what to expect, I was delighted to find that some of the seminars were fantastic, and all of them were good. Greater yet was the interaction with Lions from all over North America. I met Lions from British Columbia (about an hour-and-a-half from where I grew up), from Nebraska (where I was born), from Eagle River, Alaska (where one of my uncles lives), Puerto Rico (who will host the Forum next year) and from just about everywhere else in North America.

I had my first "I must have that pin!" moment when I saw the Nebraska pin from the convention in Hamburg, which features Herbie Husker (the University of Nebraska mascot). In the true spirit of Lion giving, the gentleman wearing it (from Norfolk, home of Johnny Carson) immediately gave it to me when I asked about the pin. I gave him one of my OLSF pins in exchange. I met a lot of fantastic individuals, and had a lot of fun. Most importantly, I heard a lot of good ideas and had the opportunity to learn some new techniques and methods in serving as Lions and spreading the word of Lionism. While it is still fresh in my mind, and my excitement is peaked, I want to share some of these items with you.

My first session addressed keeping members involved. Some ideas have been mentioned before, and some were new to me. Most of us have members that do not get around as well as they once did; their physical limitations limit their attendance and involvement. Consider using Skype to broadcast your meetings to these members (www.skype.com). Members can still be active in your club even if they cannot attend physically.

Another important aspect of keeping members involved is making sure you have projects that are both appealing and functional for your membership. For your members with physical limitations, consider getting them involved with a project that does not depend on mobility, etc. One example was mentioned in this paper over a year ago – get involved with the Oklahoma Library for the Blind (www.library.state.ok.us or 405-521-3514). They have a program that involves reading and recording various publications to be made available to the visually impaired. The best part about this program, aside from the fact that it fits perfectly with our Lions' commitment as "Knights of the Blind," is that it can be done from your home. All of the recording is done over a telephone line.

Your club should not stop there! Try performing a club assessment to see if your current service projects (or fundraising projects, for that matter) are still relevant in your community, and are of interest to your membership. If your club members are not really interested in your projects, it will be very difficult to keep them engaged, and you run a greater risk of losing them; you may never know this is an issue until the member leaves if you do not evaluate your club from time to time. Take advantage of the resources available through LCI (www.lionsclubs.org). There are many great ideas and programs that will help you take a deeper look at your club, such as the Club Excellence Process, etc. The tools are there; you need to use them.

Another topic mentioned during a number of seminars was the need to bring in younger members. We hear this frequently – If we do not bring in the next generation of volunteers and keep them involved, the Lions Club is doomed. I saw a graph that showed our membership decline. If we do not turn around our trend, there

may be no more Lions Clubs in North America by 2050 or so. If we follow a few basic rules, though, we need not fear this trend. The common thread of all of these rules is this: Keep your new members involved.

To be clear, this does not mean that once you get a new member, you turn all of the work over to them. This can lead to burn-out, dissatisfaction, and ultimately, resignation. What it means is that these younger members provide fresh ideas, new perspectives, and a lot of energy, and we need to give them the freedom to utilize all of it! The single greatest quote I heard at the seminar was "Young people don't know it can't be done!" This is true, and a fact that we should harness in growing and rejuvenating our clubs. How many times do they need to hear things like "We've always done it this way," or "We tried that once and it didn't work," before they lose their enthusiasm, and eventually leave the club.

When discussing this concept, one Lion told us, very frankly, that these new members are not here to help us! We are here to help them! Our duty as Lions is to serve our community. Part of that duty is to ensure that our legacy of service succeeds us. That commitment to service means that we are planting the seeds for future generations to have the tools, knowledge, and support to continue the Lions' thread that began nearly a century ago. Do not fear change! Embrace it!

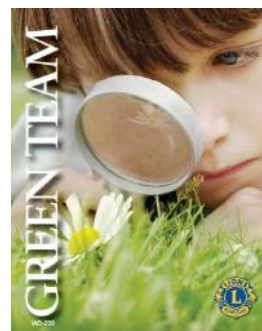
So, my first USA/Canada forum was an absolute success! It was refreshing and uplifting to see that the enthusiasm for Lions has not waned. Times have changed. Communication has changed. Traditions have changed. Prediction toward formality and protocol has changed. The Lions have changed. What has not changed is the reason we became, and continue to be Lions, and it still stands as our motto: **We Serve!**

Missouri Lions Planting Trees at Irving Elementary in Joplin

October 19, 2013 - 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
3001 S. McClelland Blvd. Joplin MO 64804

Oklahoma Lions are welcome to come help the Missouri Lions plant these trees. Please wear Lion Logo shirt as media will be there and they need to know that Lions are STILL helping Joplin recover! Hotel available: Holiday Inn Jop-

lin, 3615 Range Line Rd, Joplin MO 64804, at \$79.00 plus tax, per night; phone 417-782-1000; Room Block is under: Lions/Irving. Contact PDG Debbie Cantrell 417-664-2885 or dcantrell@central-bank.net. Note: Joplin is less than two hours from Tulsa and only three and a half hours from OKC. Hopefully, Oklahoma Lions will be planting trees sometime this year in the Moore, Oklahoma area. This will give you some experience!



Reduce

Reuse

Recycle

Replant

2013-2014



District 3-O

Governor
Elmer Enyart

Hello fellow Lions,

What a fantastic year I am having. I have visited 10 of our Lions Clubs at this point and we have 41 clubs in our district and without a doubt we have some of the nicest people in the world right here in District 3-O.

Our district Lions are out and about visiting shut-ins, putting on thank you dinners for the community helpers on different functions, and trying to get funds together for city sign projects. We are Lions Clubs on the move.

Remember, in order to help increase the membership in our district we first have to just ask someone if they would like to be a Lion. You might be surprised at how many people are just waiting to be asked. I would like to see all the clubs in our district increase their membership by three new Lions and retain all their current members at the same time. That, my fellow Lions, is **growth**. That is more hands to do the work that needs to be done in serving our communities.

I am proud to be a Lion!

District 3-O Club Activity Reports

Barnsdall Community: The Sept. 7 Main Street Auction and dinner/bake was a success. The event netted the BCLC \$320 and the auction netted \$237 for a total of \$557. The next auction will be April 5, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. with the dinner/bake sale from about 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The club has another community get together on Halloween night, Thurs., Oct. 31, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Lions provide free hot dogs and will have a costume judging contest at 6:30 p.m. with the following prizes: First Place-\$25, Second Place-\$15 and Third Place-\$10. The LEO Club has met and elected officers for the coming year; Club liaisons are Misty Farber, Dean of Students, and Tara Price.

Bartlesville Green Country: Attended the Tulsa Downtown Lions Club's fourth annual picnic held at Hunter Park in Tulsa. Had a good crowd with several clubs represented. **Reminder**-selling Soup for Service tickets, the Oct 12 (Sat.) fundraiser to be held at Nazarene Church in Bartlesville, 11am to 2pm. Members will participate in park grand opening/car show/bike rally at Oak Park Village on Sept 28.

Chelsea: Club donated \$500 to the Lions Clubs International Foundation and approved 2 eyeglass applications; collected eyeglasses for recycling. Members will sell OLSF Cowboy Cadillac tickets at Chelsea Jamboree day Sat., Sept. 28. Lion Jenan Alderman is chairperson for the club's 2013 Peace Poster contest underway at Chelsea Middle School.

Dewey: Club will donate chips for the OK Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit to serve to the workers for lunch.

Fairland: Donated \$500 to the Fairland Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry and \$100 to the Fairland Merchant's Pool for Youth Livestock Sale Premiums at the Ottawa County Fair. The club collected 90 pairs of used eyeglasses to be sent to the Oklahoma Lions office in Oklahoma City, for recycling.

Henryetta: Lions were out "hunting" for new members at the Henryetta's Annual Labor Day Parade.



Jay: Held their annual Awards Meeting (Sept. 2013), honoring, for the 2012-2013 year, Lion Jana Haynes as Lion of the Year, Lion Jacob Wiese-President's Appreciation Award, Lion Forrest Hinderliter-President's Award, Lion Randy Keller, President's Award for 2011-2012, and Lion Chastity Silva-Attendance Award. The Jay Lions Club is very proud of the hard work and dedication that the Jay Lions do for their club and community. To celebrate LCI *Engaging Our Youth Campaign* in August 2013, Jay Lions entered a float in the Jay National Kids Day for Boys & Girls Club Parade, winning the award for "Most Unusual Float." Jay Lions collected 167 pairs of used eyeglasses and 76 cases; these were taken to the Cherokee Nation Indian Clinic to be sent off to be recycled! The Club has 6 drop off locations in Jay and Grove to collect used eyeglasses.

Miami: Celebrates the membership of new Lion Clint Holland. **Welcome Lion Clint**, from District 3-O Lions!

Porter: The Lion President attended the Wagoner Lions Club meeting on 8/7; President and Secretary attended the Zone D meeting. Club held its annual peach festival appreciation dinner to honor those who helped Lions put on this year's **Peach Festival**. There were over 90 in attendance. At this dinner Lion and Oklahoma Representative Wade Roussel presented the club with an Oklahoma House Resolution signed by the Oklahoma Speaker of the House and the Governor of Oklahoma. Club celebrates one new member, Lion Darryl W. Jay. **Welcome Lion Darryl**, from District 3-O Lions!.

Wyandotte: Wyandotte Days event is October 31, with free hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks and candy, and including a Halloween Contest with prizes for 3 separate age divisions plus entertainment. This is the Wyandotte Lions Club's annual appreciation occasion for the community.

Dear District 3-O Lions Clubs:



This is a special invitation to all Lion members of District 3-O to attend our district convention that is being held in, and sponsored by, the Vinita Lions Club. It will be **Saturday, November 23, 2013**.

This year we will have either a seated LCI Director or a Past International Director, arriving on Friday, so it was decided to have a social event that evening, to meet and greet them. We are having **Fly-In** at the **Vinita Airport**. Don't worry if you don't have an airplane, you may arrive in your car or on motorcycle or whatever. There will be a Chili Fest that evening in a hanger and we will have a great time. The airport is beside the parking lot on the east side of a long-time historical restaurant that, until recently, covered the Will Rogers Turnpike.

If you would like to spend the night, there is a lovely Holiday Inn Express on the west side of the Turnpike that is just down the street from where we will be holding the convention on Saturday. The hotel serves a full breakfast.

The convention is being held at the Cherokee Indian Vinita Health Clinic, a beautiful building with lots of photographs, pictures and other art work. Since our District Governor Elmer is a member of the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe, our convention will have a Native American Indian theme, as they share their culture with us fellow Lions to appreciate and enjoy.

There will be organizational/educational meetings in the morning to be presented by PCC Delbert King and 3-O First Vice District Governor Randy Keller. After lunch, DG Elmer will hold the important 3-O district cabinet meeting.

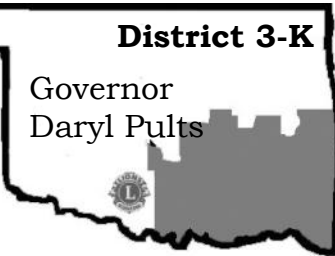
We are excited about the plans and expect to see many of our Lions and other guests on Friday and Saturday, November 22-23.

District 3-O Club Presidents and Secretaries: please spread the word your club members, as soon as possible. The Registration form is available on the Oklahoma Lions website: www.oklahomalions.org.

Linda Hughes, Past Council Chairperson
District 3-O Convention Co-Chairperson



Governor
Daryl Pulis



District 3-K News

Membership Month

October and April are designated as membership months. Each member who brings in a new member during October will receive a Silver Membership Growth Award pin. Lions who bring in a new member during both of these months will receive a Gold Membership Growth Award pin for the April new member. Each club that brings in a new member for these months will receive a Membership Growth Award patch for their banner. This is a great opportunity to grow our clubs. Each club is challenged to add at least one new member in October. Clubs might consider having a special guest day where each member brings a guest and the program focuses on our local and world wide projects such as the Eye Bank, Boys Ranch, Disaster Relief, fighting River Blindness and measles in Africa. Be sure to enter the new members on your MMR.

Great News! Our district just received an e-mail "Congratulations on earning your Dream Achievers Awards Gold pin and Silver Star in Period 1." We will also receive four Silver Pins and four Silver Stars to be awarded to our leadership team. What a great way to start this year. Let's keep it going for the next three quarters and end the year with a membership gain in our clubs and our district.

The hot weather should be over now and the cooler weather seems to give us more energy. It

is a good time to look at our service projects and ask ourselves whether or not we are serving our community? Most clubs do a good job of raising funds, but are we visible in our city? Do they see us as money raisers or as servants of our city? We need to seek out ways we can help our communities, so put on those Lions vests and get busy serving. This will put us in a good light with our fellow citizens, and they will be more willing to join our clubs.

By the time you get this newsletter I plan to have visited at leased fifteen clubs. I have enjoyed the visits. It is always good to meet new Lions and to see old friends. Lions are great people, and each club needs to do its best to serve. In visiting these clubs I pick up new ideas on serving, and I try to share some new ideas and challenges to serve and grow.

Welcome New Members

Allen Vickers, Heavener; Kevin Merritt, Poteau Evening; Justin McGrew, Sallisaw; Kendra Hawkins, Jennifer Justice, Linda Isenberg, Tishomingo; Steve Harrison, Marlene Reed, Vian; Ann Cocke, Wayne Vogt, Carolyn Stanford, Wilburton.

Our 3-K clubs have now added 26 new members the first two months of this year.

Way to go! Let's have a great October!

Club Reports

Ada-They held their annual Shoot for Sight contest on September 21. They had a booth at P.E.C. day to sell Cowboy Cadillac tickets, and hand out Lions information.

Broken Bow-Lion Oscar Wilkie was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellow by LCF. They are holding their annual Broken Bow Rifle raffle and the winner will be drawn November 8 at the half time of the football game.

Holdenville-They had the Lions Mobile Health Screening unit for the Holdenville Health Fair.

Idabel-They had Lt. Governor Lamb speak at

one of their meetings. Some from the Rotary Club and Masonic Lodge were present at that meeting. Sold Cowboy Cadillac tickets at the McCurtain County Fair. Presented the Student of the Month award to Idabel High School student Reva Ott

Madill-They sponsor the Little League Football program which includes a concession stand at the games.

Marietta-They sponsor PeeWee Football, which keeps them busy in the fall.

Shawnee-They purchased seven pairs of eyeglasses for residents in need.

Wilburton-They purchased three sets of eyeglasses. They gave \$250 to Relay for Life cancer fund and \$250 to the Children's Back Pack fund.

Meetings

Put these meetings on your calendar and make plans to attend them if at all possible.

October 26 Lions Council OKC Lions State office.

November 1 Lions District 3-K Cabinet meeting 1st United Methodist Church, Atoka.

December 14 Lions Boys Ranch Christmas Party, Perkins

We are excited about our opportunity to increase membership in our clubs and district.

Let us Follow our Dreams to Serve and Grow!



Holdenville LC

Council Chairperson's Corner

CC Larry Wibben

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The Art of Recognition invites us to use skill and imagination to find ways to recognize the accomplishments of others. As Lions, we know there are many occasions for recognition. Formal recognition is an important tool. Recognition can also be a more personal reinforcement to let someone know you have noticed something they have done, and you appreciate it. This type of recognition can take many forms, like saying "Thank You!," or sending them a note. While formal recognition is usually planned and awarded after a set of criteria have been met, informal

recognition is usually "unexpected" and is most effective when it is presented in a "timely" way. Use the Club Supplies on the LCI website, or one of many catalogs available offering motivation and recognition gifts, purchase a few small items to have on hand for timely

recognition. You can reward small achievements with ballpoint pens or notepads personalized with a message of thanks or congratulations for a job well done. Use your own hobby to recognize others. Find out the dates of meaningful events, acknowledge and celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions.

Diversify! Don't get in a rut use a variety of verbal acknowledgements, written commendations, awards, gifts, etc. Keep a camera on hand to record special events and special people. Post the pictures somewhere that everyone can see

them.

Introduce them! Use every opportunity to introduce deserving Lions to the district governor, the mayor, etc. It sends the message that "You are important...and I want people to meet you." Encourage your club to create its own certificates to recognize special service, etc. Use club or district newsletters to honor good works. But it's hard to replace an honest and sincere "Thank You."

MD3 MEMBERSHIP 181 CLUBS

	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	4,525	4,563
Added Members	28	66
Dropped Members	21	97
Closing Balance	4,532	4,532
Net Gain/Loss	7	-31

2013-2014

District 3-L



Governor
Sue Thompson

We have just returned from the USA-Canada Forum in Kansas City and it was exciting, exhilarating, and extremely inspiring! The speakers were excellent, the sessions were informative and we were able to get a lot of information and ask questions of the International President, Directors and all the departments of LCI that keep this organization going! If you have never heard of Patrick Henry Hughes, please look up www.iampotentialbook.com on the web and you will never feel sorry for yourself again!

We had over 30 Lions from Oklahoma attend which was amazing. The Leading Ladies of Lionism (the current District Governor and the First and Second VDG's) were able to attend and in fact took quite a road trip and had lots of time to discuss the district business and a lot of other topics also!

I want to focus on the positive this month and I'm happy to report that so far this year, there are 26 new members. I hope there will be more before the end of the month. The new members, their clubs and sponsors are as follows. **Altus Lions:** Leona Denning sponsored by Jim Doner, Christopher Lauderback sponsored by Mel Rader, Betty Shumaker sponsored by Sue Thompson. **Canute Lions:** Mandell Greteman, Jr. sponsored by Lana Merz, Stephanie Greteman sponsored by Lana Merz, James Kos sponsored by Patrick Welsh, Julie Kos sponsored by Patrick Welsh, Ronda Strobel

sponsored by Craig Strobel. **Chickasha Lions:** Lisa Hatchett sponsored by Dan Hanson.

Clinton Lions: Jeromy Brush sponsored by Clyde Duerkson, Benjamin Dobbs sponsored by Lee Gregg, Greg Hill sponsored by Lyle Lubbers, Anthony Moore sponsored by Christopher Kelly, Jim Schmidt sponsored by Clyde Duerkson. **Elk City Lioness Lions:** Carie Dew sponsored by Sandy Bledsoe. **Frederick Lions:** Dharmesh Bhakta sponsored by Vinson Orr, Paula Carpenter sponsored by Paul Carpenter. **Hinton Lions:** Beverly House sponsored by Beverly Ball. **Hobart Lions:** Tyson Allard sponsored by Jerry Levine, Tom Smith sponsored by Marshall Fite, Dave Okelly sponsored by Stephen Boyd. **Lawton Noon Lions:** Israel Roseno sponsored by Bill Vaughn. **Waurika Lions:** Trey Clinkenbeard sponsored by Amy Watkins, Faith Kennedy Smith sponsored by Melicia McFadden, and Dana Williams sponsored by Thomas Bryan. WAY TO GO!!! All of you who sponsored new members are now members of the District Governor's +1 club and will receive a special pin! I hope we will have many more to add.

I would love to help install these new members, or if I am not available, either First Vice DG Kristi Fields or Second Vice DG Karen Blanton would. Just give me an email or a call and we will set it up. We are moving in the right direction so lets keep it up! There are new materials to help you recruit new members, just look at the LCI website membership page. There is nothing that compares to the feeling of richness you get from helping others. Don't you want to share that with others? PID A.P.Singh, in one of the seminars I took this past weekend, pointed out that most of us have many contacts on our cell phones. If we know people well

enough to have them on our cell phones, don't we like them enough to want to share Lionism with them? I know that a lot of times people say they are too busy. That is code for "It's not a priority." We make time for things we value. We can reassure people that they will only need to donate as much time as they feel they can spare. If they can't make every meeting, that is Okay too. I think we will see more branch clubs that don't meet regularly. If new members don't know where to start, tell them about your projects and help them get started. If they think they are not qualified, point out that there are all kinds of ways to volunteer and most of them only require a caring heart! If they say they can't afford to donate money, let them know that it is not necessary. They can donate time. It's easy! I have resolved to start carrying membership applications with me all the time and a small card that tells about Lionism so I will be prepared when someone asks me, "What do Lions do anyway?"

Club News

Altus Lions voted to have a family night meeting once a quarter (which would be an excellent time to invite prospective members!) The first one was Sept 19. It was at the Salvation Army facility and was called "Supper and Service in a Shoebox." Each Lion brought potluck and a box with small items for the Salvation Army to donate to the people they help. The club will help Ring Bells November 30th and will have "Breakfast with Santa" December 14th.

Elk City Lions ran the concession stands at the Elk City rodeo on August 30-31. It proved to be the club's largest fundraiser.


Walters Lions will have their circus on October 1st at Sultan Park. See district 3L Website for more info. They will also have a Car Cruze on October 5 that sounds like a lot of fun!

Weatherford will sell hotdogs and chili at the Windfest October 19. They had a garage sale August 24.

Lawton Patriots will have their 3rd annual Vision 5K Run at 8:30 October 19th at Elmer Thomas Park.

Pocasset will help with a trash pickup October 12 and will have a Turkey Dinner November 3rd. They had 3 students of the month, and gave \$100 to the Eastgate foundation and collected eyeglasses and cell phones from the Salt Creek Casino.



Our District Secretary says a Big "Thank You" to those clubs who have paid their dues. There are still a few who have not paid. If you did not get a bill in August, please check to see if she has the correct information .




WIN 2 TICKETS TO
Texas Tech vs Oklahoma
Saturday, October 26, 2013
Norman, Oklahoma

For each donation of \$3, you will receive a chance to win.
For each donation of \$10, you will receive 5 chances to win.
The drawing will be held on Wednesday, October 16.
You do not need to be present at the drawing.

Sponsored by Chickasha Lions Club
405-222-5421 405-623-2076

LIONS CLUB
ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE
October 26th, 2013 RIVERBEND GOLF COURSE



8:00am SHOTGUN START
lunch provided afterwards

HOLE SPONSORSHIPS FOR \$100
TEAM SPONSORSHIPS = \$260
4 man teams
(\$65 PER PLAYER)

PLAYERS
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Awards: 2 Flights
Flight One, 1st place = \$500 2nd place = \$150
Flight Two, 1st place = \$300 2nd place = \$150

TEAMS MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE SEND PAYMENT TO:
CHICKASHA LIONS CLUB
PO BOX 2, CHICKASHA, OK 73023
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CHICKASHA LIONS CLUB MEMBER:
Brook Lister 918-504-3657 or Ken Robinson: kbrinson@psn.net

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District 3-A



Governor
Terry Woodruff



Our Ponca City Noon Lions were also at the Kanza Health Fair with the mobile health screening unit.



Our famous Lion twins were also at Carter's Run for Autism Awareness in Ponca City helping to cheer everyone on at the finish line.



WELCOME NEW LIONS IN DISTRICT 3-A

- Roy L. Chaney - Newkirk Lions Club
- Jason B. Orr - Newkirk Lions Club
- John E. Jacobs - Ponca City Noon
- Sandra G. Kirkpatrick - Ponca City Noon

District 3-A News

What a great month in District 3-A. Two of our club visits by the District Governor team saw new members joining their clubs. Newkirk has two new members this month to lead the District. Here is another benefit of being an active club making a difference - more people want to join the fun!

Excitement is growing for our Lions Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness scheduled for November 2. Let all Lions consider that November is Diabetes Awareness Month! Ponca City holds their walk starting at 9 am in the 5th Street Park. Where is yours?



Great job, Garfield Lions working at the county fair testing glucose levels for free to the community.

Lions were out being noticed in parades in their communities this month. Here is a nice group photo from the North Enid Lions Club with a little help from a couple of Ponca City Noon Lions.



FAIRVIEW LIONS are holding their Chicken and Noodle supper for homecoming night October 4. All hungry lions are more than welcome to a great meal and fundraiser feeding community projects.



OKARCHE LIONS CLUB ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

- WHAT:** Okarche Deutches Fest- German dinner of sausage, sweet and sauerkraut, potatoes, green beans, drink and dessert.
- WHERE:** Holy Trinity School Auditorium, Okarche, OK (just off Hwy 81 in Okarche look for signage)
- WHEN:** Friday, October 18th, 2013, 5:30pm to 7:30 pm, ADULTS: advance \$10, at door \$11, CHILDREN UNDER 12: advance \$5, at door \$6
- WHY:** Proceeds support other Lion and local area needs.

Next 3-A

Cabinet Meeting

October 12 in Nash at the Nash Lions Building starting at 10:00 am.

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District 3-H
Governor
Tom Cummings

THANK YOU!

Thank who? You! You may ask "What are you thanking me for?" If you are a Lion and are reading this I am thanking you for being a Lion and for donating your most prized possession to Lions-your time.

None of us know when that fateful hour may come-but come it will. That means that each of us has a set number of hours left in our life. No bank to go take out a loan for extra or "do over" hours. And some undoubtedly have more hours left than others but the facts are still clear. . . . we each have a set number of hours left in our life to do with what **we want** (that is, unless we're married). Some married folks might say fewer hours and no control over how they're spent. But, that's another story.

As a Lion, every time you volunteer for a project or fundraiser, you have chosen to give one or more of your remaining hours to Lions and your community. We all have been involved in projects that we really had other things that we really needed to do or, perhaps, would rather do, but we **chose** to give our time, some of our remaining hours, to others. How cool is that?

So a big **THANK YOU** for being Lions and sharing your time. It makes you special!

How about a few odds n ends in District 3-H?

The OKC Metro Lions have decided to change their name to **Bethany Lions** and concentrate in the Bethany area. Jenna Mariani wrote a very nice article in the **Bethany Tribune** about it. If you know someone in the Bethany community, give them a call and let's get them involved in the new Bethany Lions Club.

We are in the process of starting a new club in Choctaw. We lost our Choctaw club a few years ago so we made an effort to canvas the town and by the time you read this, we should have the club chartered. A special thank you to Ramon Valdez (Midwest City Lion) for participating in chartering this club. We want to have a Charter Party for this club in the near future and we will be letting you and your clubs know so we can get together and welcome our newest club in District 3-H.

I had the opportunity to meet some of the **Norman Sooner Lions** a few Sundays ago at an Academy Sports store in Norman, to hand out bikes to some of the kids that lost theirs in the tornado. What a neat program.



Pictured (Left) is Norman Sooner President David Donaldson, Valerie Adair, and Logan Richardson, the young boy who thought of the idea of replacing bikes for children who lost theirs in the May 20th tornado in Moore/South Oklahoma City. (Right) Nathan Johnson, age 6, with Norman Sooner President David Donaldson



Zone Chair Lou Griffin and I enjoyed pancakes with the Perry Lions a few Saturdays ago as they participated with their town's Cherokee Strip Celebration. What a turnout of town folk and Lions, and good pancakes

Preliminary work has started as of this writing on a new club in Moore. So far, reception has been fantastic and we hope the Moore Lions charter will be just a couple of weeks behind Choctaw.

We should have a branch club in Yale by the end of September. The Yale Middle School principal is excited about the Peace Poster contest and they plan to enter.

We made a trip to Briarwood Elementary (Moore Schools) in far south Oklahoma City. They lost their school and are now meeting in a church in South Oklahoma City. Lion Dawn Miller sent out an email asking them how we could help and what did they need. The reply was for staplers, scotch tape, a small refrigerator for kids medicine, small ice machine for boobies, an assortment of balls for the PE class and a couple of portable basketball goals. The music teacher asked for a few student violins as

well as some "boom whackers." Attend the next cabinet meeting to find out what a boom whacker is.

My wife, Lynda, and I have made several Official Visits and Officer Installations over the

past 3 months. What a great group of Lions Clubs we have. It has been a blast to meet all of you and interact with your club. We have some of the best Lions and just good folks out there. Thank you for your kindness and for making us feel so welcomed. For those clubs I haven't visited yet, I'm on my way-so look out!

Second District 3-H Cabinet Meeting Oct. 19

Next Cabinet meeting is October 19, 2013, at the Oklahoma City Capitol Hill Lions Club building in Draper Park, 3800 S. Robinson in OKC. Fellowship starts at 8:30am and the meeting starts at 9:00.

Your District 3H Team is working hard and we appreciate your support.

Club News

Davenport Volunteers collected tickets at two home Pee-Wee football games

Norman Sooner On September 22nd the Norman Sooner Lions gave away bikes at the Academy to the tornado kids from Little Axe. The club was also visited by DG Tom Cummings, he spoke to the club about the importance of getting new members

OKC Capitol Hill will hold its annual OU/Texas ticket raffle. Two tickets and \$100 spending will go to the lucky winner. The cost of the tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Drawing will be held October 3rd at 12:00 noon. Proceeds will support eyeglasses, scholarships, Christmas baskets and other causes.



Oklahoma Knights for Sight

Texas Lions Recycling Center,
Midland Texas



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volunteers come from other clubs outside of Midland; the Mooneys were invited to stay and work. Also, anyone who is assigned to community service through the courts is frequently assigned to the Center. They are able to utilize an organization called Experienced Work Groups, which are people trying to re-enter the work force. Some work out, but others do not.

Once eyeglasses are received they are sorted into bifocal, single vision and reader groupings. They are then re-boxed and sent to the prison in Big Spring, TX to be cleaned, graded and bagged. They are then placed into white boxes and shipped back to the center where they are re-sorted again into like prescriptions and boxed into small boxes marked with the prescriptions, and then stacked on shelves. Overflow is boxed into larger boxes for bulk shipments.

New information Lion Jacque: all the eyeglass cases are tossed. In OKC the Midwest City Lions were already doing that, for convenience. TLERC throws away all eyeglass cases because eye disease is easily passed through the cases. Makes us look at those cases a bit differently; Lion Jacque says she may start wearing gloves to sort eyeglasses.

Only one distribution center is allowed per state BUT Texas has as many as 15 satellite locations. TLERC has 1 full time employee and 1 part time employee; all others volunteer.

They furnish eyeglasses to anyone requesting them, mostly to foreign countries. They have a map of the world with pins marking locations the Texas facility has supplied. They regularly go to clinics in Rio Bravo, MX and Chihuahua, MX. They also have shipped to several locations in South America, Mexico, Europe and Africa, just to name a few. They can ship to US locations but there must be a doctor in attendance and the prescriptions are identified as "near prescription match." They can only be ¼ +/- from the actual prescriptions. If someone picks up a load there is no cost. If delivery is required, they ship UPS to the club or to a border town and the requesting entity has to pay the freight.

TLERC took 5 16-to-18 foot trailer loads of eyeglasses and set up "shop" after Hurricane Katrina. They were up and ready to go in less than 24 hours. These trailers are all painted bright yellow/gold and marked as TEXAS LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING CENTER. Teams came from various Lions Clubs to work. Several doctors volunteered their services. They were there about 8 weeks. When bigger companies (LensCrafters, EyeMart, etc.) saw what was happening, they brought in their BIG busses and also worked. There was an enormous need. Once the publicity subsided, the commercial companies pulled out but the Lions stayed.

They also have training available on how to use the equipment. It is the third Saturday of each month at the TLERC facility. This might be something we need to look at if we add this service to our LIONS ALERT Disaster Relief efforts. Also, they may be a source for auto refractors.

Lastly, TLERC has a new "Pride & Joy," a "Bunkhouse" like an oilfield housing trailer. The cost is \$20 per person. It is used to house visiting Lions who might be there to work or delivering eyeglasses. They also use it for the Experienced Work Group employees, community service workers, or Lions Club volunteers who might need a place to stay. It is very clean but pretty basic with 4 bedrooms, each having 2 sets of bunk beds. Two rooms are on one end and two rooms are on the other end; they are joined by a common area with kitchen, washer and dryer, and large dining room table. There is a bathroom with shower on each end and a large closet on each end. If a group of workers show up with both men and women, they ask that the men stay at one end and the women at the other. A couple can stay together if there are not other occupants. It does not have living room furniture or a television. Lion Carolyn is staying in one end and Lion Marshall is on the other end. All motels stay full, and with the oil boom, housing is at a premium price. The Mooneys stayed at the Hampton Inn/Suites in Big Springs, about 40 miles from Midland; \$110/night includes breakfast.

****Of interest: Lion Carolyn lived in Cushing, OK in 1992-1993 when her husband was assigned there for his job. She did not join the Cushing Lions Club because they did not admit women. Lion Jacque says, "Just look at her record; what a loss that was."**

Lions State Calendar

October 2013

Working with the Blind and Visually Impaired LCI Global Action Campaign

- October 1** Deadline to purchase Peace Poster Contest kits from LCI Club Supplies
- October 1** Walters Lions club will be hosting the Merriweather and Culpepper circus at 7:00pm, at Sultan park one mile north of Waurika
- October 5** OKC Westside Lions MHSU screening 10am-2pm
- October 5-7** LCI Emerging Lions Leadership Institute, Quebec, Canada
- October 8** Muskogee County Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
- October 9** LCI Webinar: Ethics and the Role of the Leader, 12:00pm (www.lionsclubs.org to register)
- October 12** Bartlesville Green County LC "Soup for Service" fundraiser at the Nazarene Church
- October 12** District 3-A Cabinet meeting 10am, Nash Lions Bldg.
- October 15** Muldrow Lions Club Old Settlers' Day Celebration
- October 18** LCI Webinar: Ethics and the Role of the Leader, 7:00pm (www.lionsclubs.org to register)
- October 18** Okarche Lions Club Annual German dinner Fundraiser, 5:00pm-7:00pm, Holy Trinity School Auditorium
- October 19** North Enid LC annual Beans and Cornbread Dinner, 5-7pm. North

Enid Community Center, 220 Redwood, Enid

- October 19** District 3-H Cabinet meeting 8:30am-Capitol Hill LC building, OKC
- October 19** Missouri Lions Adopting Trees for Education tree planting work day, 10am-3pm, Irving Elem, 3001 S. McClelland Blvd. Joplin, MO
- October 25** VDG/Leadership Training, 4pm, St., MD-3 OK Lions Council Agenda meeting, 7pm, OK Lions State Office, 4123 NW 10th St., OKC 73107
- October 26** MD-3 Okla. Lions State Board and Council Meetings, West Side Lions Town Hall, 4135 NW 10th St., OKC 73107
- October 26** Chickasha LC Annual Golf Scramble, 8:00am Shotgun Start
- October 26** Win 2 tickets to the **Texas Tech vs OU game**. Sponsored by the Chickasha LC
- October 31** Barnsdall Community LC community Halloween, 5-7pm, free hot dogs and costume Contest
- October 31** Wyandotte Days appreciation event from Lions, free hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, candy plus a Halloween costume contest.

From around the Council



3-A Fairview LC at the 16th Annual Gloss Mountains car show



3-A North End Lions participating in the Cherokee Strip parade



3-L Ladies that attended the US Canada Forum- 1st VD Kristi Fields, DG Sue Thompson, 2nd VD Karen Blanton



MWC Lions Jacque & Gerald Mooney with PID Marshall Cooper



3-A North End Lions participating in the Cherokee Strip parade held on September 14th



(3-H) Dr. Shelley McMillin, Principal, Briarwood Elementary School (Moore Public Schools) meets with DG Tom, and VDGs Jacque Mooney and Dawn Miller to discuss school needs



North End Lions at the Cherokee Strip parade.



2A3 Cabinet Secretary Carolyn Keskitalo



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 November 2, 2013 9:00 am
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 E-mail _____

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