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Council Chairman Corner

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What a whirlwind four weeks of District Conventions.

Each Convention provided valuable breakout sessions on various Lion activities and goals. Every attendee was treated like Kings and Queens. 3H actually had a King, PDG Perry Neel, and a Queen PID Pat Shurley. They looked great in their Crowns, Robes, and multi-colored beads.

Starting January 26 with 3K at St. Crispin's Conference Center in Wewoka. The setting is woodsy and cozy and great for networking. On Friday night we roasted marshmallows outside with Director Brian Sheehan and his wife Lori then we made smores. I have never had smores. They are now on my favorite food list.

The next Saturday February 2nd we went to the 3A Convention in Fairview. On the way up on Friday night we stopped and had pizza with the International Director Bob Corlew and his wife Diane at the new Lions EMT center and ambulance garage in Garber. The Convention in Fairview began with a pancake breakfast at the Fairview United Methodist Church.

On February 9th we were at the 3H Convention in the Village. They had a Madres Gras theme and all the food was cooked Cajun style by nine different 3H Clubs.

The 3L Convention was held on February 16th at the Apache Casino in Lawton. The Casinos around Oklahoma offer exceptional amenities with great service at a low cost. On Friday night PID David Fiandt and several of us went to Meer's, OK and ate at the famous Meer's Cafe. I had been promising Mary for 25 years we would go to Meer's...we now have that off our bucket list.

You might say that the only thing I mentioned was what we ate. Breaking bread with your fellow Lions is something we all need to do. Why? We have to slow down and interact with one another and then we learn about one another. And besides.....where there are Lions, there is food!



LAUGH FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

Carol Dean Schreiner

Laughter is one of the most needed commodities today. Laughter radiates a positive attitude, a winning personality, and stimulates alertness. Learn how to make daily situations laughable. Humor produces a twinkle in the eye, is non-fattening, and has no bad side effects. It is often exactly what the doctor ordered!

We are excited to have Carol Dean Schreiner to speak at this year's Multiple District 3 Lions of Oklahoma State Convention. Carol is a national known speaker/trainer/author/radio talk show host. She was the first Women President of the Oklahoma Speakers Association, a chapter of the National Speakers Association. She was awarded their Chapter Member of the Year twice. She has earned the Toastmasters International's Distinguished Toastmasters award and has spoken at the Toastmasters International Conventions three times. She's listed in the 1993 Oxfords Who's Who

Elite Registry of Extraordinary People. She's authored, ***Wonder Woman Doesn't Live Here Anymore, Laugh for the Health of It, Steps to Storytelling and Fabulous at Fifty, Sexy at Sixty and Sin-Sational at Seventy.***

Besides speaking she has conducted many workshops for speakers plus is a trainer for various companies. Carol has studied with some of the nation's top trainers in areas of motivation, injecting use of humor, and self-improvement. She shares her humor across the US, Canada and Europe, speaking from experience as a former cosmetics director, executive director for a non-profit organization, secretary, and even a truck drive on wheat harvest.. You will discover she is a forceful but gracious presence that is blessed with the kind of humor and down-home warmth that has rightfully had her referred to as the Erma Bombeck of Oklahoma. She is the mother of five grown children. Carol makes a living by what she gets out of life, but she makes a life by what she gives to others. She's real...She's funny...She's inspiring, She's motivating, She's exciting and energetic.



Can you spare some Change?

Troy Jenkins Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation Executive Director

"It is not necessary to change. Survival is not mandatory."

W. Edwards Deming – American statistician, professor, author, lecturer and consultant

Over the last month, I have had the pleasure of attending four district conventions. As always, this is a great time to catch up with Lions throughout the state, share in some recognition, and exchange ideas. Though there were a lot of great moments, a few really stood out to me.

The District 3-K convention provided a couple of these moments. International Director Brian Sheehan proved to be informative, enthusiastic, energetic, and entertaining. One point that he really emphasized was the fact that we are not the same organization we were 50 years ago, or 20 years ago. In fact, we are not the same organization we were even 10 years ago. He encouraged all of us to be "Agents of Change," a call to service that comes directly from our International President. Those in attendance were noticeably moved by Sheehan's presentation; the room was charged with excitement. The question before us, though, is whether we will fan the flames of this excitement and carry the torch for change or, instead, let the embers fade to black and continue to hope that our drop in membership will magically heal itself.

It is no secret that as Lions, we are part of the greatest service organization on the planet. At the District 3-L convention Past International Director David Fandt summed it up beautifully with this statement: "We Serve' is the simplest answer when people ask 'Who are you Lions and what do you do?'" As Oklahoma Lions, we do just that. **We Serve!** We serve in our local communities, at the state level with projects like the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank and the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch, as well as with Briggs Memorial scholarships and the Mobile Health Screening Unit, and at the international level. Where it seems we have the most ground to make up, though, is in being Agents of Change.

In another great presentation during the 3-K convention, it was recommended that when recruiting new members, do not take "no" for an answer. Stay on potential recruits and offer to personally pick them up and take them to meetings. While this is a fantastic idea, and shows a lot of enthusiasm, what if the meetings themselves are one of the reasons some of the younger folks are not joining? The general consensus these days seems to be that the younger generation has no interest in serving their community, or in giving of themselves for the betterment of others. Anybody who has ever witnessed the enthusiasm and sheer will on display when an organization of young adults attacks a service project can tell you that this is obviously not the case! So maybe the answer lies elsewhere. Maybe the traditional club model is not as enticing to some as it is to us. To be very clear, I love my club. I am very proud to be a member of the Stillwater Noon Lions, and enjoy getting together with great friends every week (when I am not speaking to another club in the state). I enjoy the fellowship and the camaraderie with other like-minded Lions (not to mention the eating – as most of you know, this is one of my favorite past-times). But, as a relatively young Lion, I have a lot of friends that do not feel the same way. There may be a variety of reasons for this. Some just do not feel they can take the time away from family or work to commit to attending regular meetings. Some just feel that meetings are a waste of time; anything accomplished at a meeting could be accomplished much more quickly and efficiently using email or social media. Whatever the case, this does not mean that they do not want to serve. It just means that they want to do it in a fashion that fits their lifestyle.

The bottom line is this: the membership of the Lions of Oklahoma has dropped nearly 60% over the past 25 years or so. Instead of decrying the lack of interest in the younger generation, why not be an Agent of Change

and offer them different ways to serve? In LCI's extension material, they point out that today's volunteer is focused on service, not administrative duties, titles, or protocol. Why not capitalize on this information, and try some outside-the-box thinking to bring in new members? This does not mean that you have to change your club. The Tulsa Downtown Lions Club (a Founder's Club) recently did something really simple: they added one evening meeting a month, and immediately picked up a number of new members who could not make it to their Tuesday noon meetings.

Ultimately, being an Agent of Change has nothing to do with age; it is a matter of being open to new ideas! Think about starting an online club. It only takes five new members to get it rolling. Most clubs could probably look at Lions that dropped over the last few years and find five members that enjoyed serving, but could not make it to meetings and dropped their membership. Think about starting a branch club in a community next to yours that does not currently have a club. Like any other branch club, this can be done with just five new members, which is a lot easier than finding 20 or 30 members and starting a club from scratch. Think about holding one meeting a month at a different time or day to open up your membership to potential Lions that cannot make it to your current meetings?

Being a Lion is an honor and a privilege! Let's make sure that everybody knows it! Let's get the next generation involved and excited and ensure that the long legacy of Lions in Oklahoma continues. Don't let the embers die! Let's fan the flames of excitement and join in the crusade as Agents of Change. This is an exciting time to be a Lion in Oklahoma; our future is wide open! Do not fear new ideas, but embrace change and encourage others to join us as **We Serve!**

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I hereby authorize the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation, hereinafter called the FOUNDATION, to initiate debit entries to my checking account indicated below at the depository named below, hereinafter called DEPOSITORY, to debit the same to such account.

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This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until the FOUNDATION has received written notification from me of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford the FOUNDATION and DEPOSITORY reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Name (Print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK OR DEPOSIT TICKET

Building the Foundation

The Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch and Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank need the help of every Lion. Your pledge provides the **foundation of support** for these projects. A pledge of \$5 per month is suggested but any contribution will help and is appreciated.

| YES! Count on my support with: | Amount |
|---|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A Monthly Contribution | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A Quarterly Contribution | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> An Annual Contribution | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I pledge to support my club's fund raising efforts for our state projects. | |

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_____ Louis B. Lackey Fellowship (\$250.00)
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Recipients receive pins and certificates recognizing their contribution. A list of all OLSF Fellows is on display at the Lions state office.

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| District 3-O | |
| Membership (current) | |
| Clubs | 43 |
| Members | 1007 |
| Leo Clubs | 4 |
| Dues are Due - for | |
| LCI, State, & District | |

Welcome New Members:

- Jay** Harlan M Moore
Karen Alexander
- Coweta** Tim Kelley,
C.A. Jones
- Jay -** Karen Alexander
Harlan M Moore
- Tulsa Downtown** Cynthia A. Campbell
- Vinita** Jim J Carrera

UPCOMING EVENTS/PROJECTS

To list your club -email upcoming event/project to lewib9355@aol.com

- 3-O Cabinet Meeting** March 2013
- Barnsdall** Celebrity Shooters Training & Education March 16, 2013
- Chelsea** Chicken Dinner March 17 2013
- Tulsa Brookside** Feed the Homeless April 2013
- Fairland:** – Golf Tournament April 2013
- State Convention** Apr 26-27 2013
- Broken Arrow Garage Sale** May 2013
- Just Plane Fun** June 1 2013
- 3-0 Cabinet Meeting** June 15 2013

“Congratulations on Completing”

- 10 years in service:** Norma J Kraus - Fairland
- 10 years in service:** Gwen M Nichols- Dewey
- 10 years in service:** Brad Powell—Bv Grn Cntry
- 15 years in service:** Jot Hartley – Vinita
- 15 years in service:** Nancy Calhoun - Muskogee
- 15 years in service:** Joseph W Kraus- Fairland:
- 15 years in service:** Ben T Harmon- Porter
- 20 years in service:** Craig D Legener- Brookside
- 25 years in service:** Rev T Howard Potts

“HELP WANTED”

Openings for the following positions:

- Second Vice District Governor for 2013-2014** Will train for position. Contact District Governor Larry email lewib9355@aol.com or District Governor Elect Elmer email poppy_nanny_e@yahoo.com
- Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch - Board Member for 2013-2016** Contact District Governor Larry email lewib9355@aol.com or District Governor Elect Elmer email poppy_nanny_e@yahoo.com

Club Reports:

Bartlesville Downtown: Donated \$250, to the Wounded Warrior Project and gave \$171.50 to Professional Optical for eye care. Planning is underway for another Disc Golf tournament fund raiser. Lion Randy Bluhm reports that 3 major sponsors have been lined up. President Joe reports that the Special Olympics will be held in Dewey in April which the Club has assisted in the past. Our Club has been approached by the Tulsa Drillers to learn if we wish to have a day at the ballpark. There is general enthusiasm for a Club outing in which all family members and perhaps potential members will be included. All Club day meeting was held, Club matters were discussed and members gave some of their history and background and why they are Lions.

Bartlesville Green Country: Started year off with a good meeting, enjoyed Master Gardener J. Finnes telling about community gardening. Working diligently to have all dues paid by end of the month; currently at 88% paid;

planning a potluck dinner Feb 19th, featuring Lions Organization history, Theme: We love lions. Next fundraiser for GCL will be March 9th, Chicken and Noodles, at the Nazarene Church on Adams Blvd, Bartlesville. Nomination for 2013 officers is underway.

Bartlesville Tuxedo: Donated \$500 to the annual Friends of Scouting fundraiser

Broken Arrow Evening: Donated \$500 to Broken Arrow Neighbors. Completed our annual holiday nuts & candy fundraiser. Donated a box of household goods to Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless, House Warming Project. Purchased one eye exam and one pair of adult eyeglasses. Recycled 60 plus pairs of eyeglasses.

Chelsea: Collected eyeglasses for recycling. Approved four applications for eye exams and glasses. Making plans for Chicken and Noodle dinner on March 17, 2013. Donated \$75 to Library for website. Collected and delivered books to the Veterans center

Fairland: Club donated \$100 to the Lions White Cane Drive. Slate Boyer was recognized as Fairland High School Senior Student of the Month for December 2012. Dillon McKinzie was recognized as Fairland Middle School Student of the Month for December 2012.. Alexis Wade, was recognized as Fairland High School Senior Student of the Month for January 2013 Molly McDugle, was recognized as Fairland Middle School Student of the Month for January 2013. Carolyn Ritchey, Immediate Past President of the Fairland Lions Club was presented a Crystal Pin for earning the International President's Membership Achievement Award for 2011-2012.

Miami Noon: Purchased 3 pair of eyeglasses for local citizens.

Muskogee County: Lions volunteering at the Muskogee Habitat for Humanity Chocolate Festival.

Pawhuska Donated to the Fire Pup Program which is sponsored through the Fire Department and they distribute fire safety materials to school age kids to help them be prepared in case they are in a fire. We voted to donate \$100 to the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch in memory of Paul Deyo, one of our oldest members, who died in January.

Pryor: The Kelly-Miller Circus arrived for two performances. The crowds enjoyed lions, tigers, zebras, camel rides and the two clowns shown here with the son of Lions Club Member, Shaun Barrett.

Sapulpa: Donated \$100 to Lions Service foundation for White Cane. Preparing to work concession stand for the Sapulpa soccer schedule.

Tulsa Downtown: Start of the annual Tulsa Sport, Travel and Boat Show this month. The show requires an extraordinary amount of labor and time from the Club members. It requires each Club member working several shifts. Other local Clubs send volunteers to help with the ticket taking and pays their Club an hourly fee. Continues to work with Neighbor for Neighbor of Tulsa to provide eye examinations and eyeglasses for area citizens that cannot afford the services.

Tulsa Metro-McCullough: Seven club members will be working 10 shifts with the Tulsa Downtown Lions Club's Tulsa Boat, Sport and Travel Show the last week of January and first weekend of February.

Wann: Donated \$50.00 to White Cane



Muskogee Lions (Left to Right) Stephen Kearney, Carol McBride, Hershel McBride, Erin Parman, Greg Sorenson



Governor Billy Thompson



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Very Important – We need your help!

It is not too early! Please begin the process of selecting your 2013 / 2014 slate of officers. Your club secretary will need to have club officer PU101 reports updated no later than April 15th. Lions Clubs International and the Oklahoma Lions State Office must have time to send login information, pass word information , and prepare the

Welcome Your District Governors Elect

Elections were held during the district convention and it gives me enormous pleasure to introduce your future 3K District Governors: DGE Daryl Pults, Ada

Lions Club, 1st VDGE Don Shaw, Idabel Lions Club, and 2nd VDGE Stephanie Pettett, Atoka Lions Club.

Special Thank You

What a remarkable district convention we had at St. Crispin's Conference Center. A special "Thank You" goes to all of the Lions who made the convention possible: Co-chair PDG Larry Bailey, Co-chair PDG Greg Arbuckle; Treasurer Lion Denise Bailey; Sponsoring Clubs Holdenville Lions Club, Seminole Lions Club, and Wewoka Lions Club; Instructor 2nd VDG Dawn Miller, Instructor Lion Bill Nicholson, First Timer Chair 2nd VDGE Stephanie Pettett, and Marion Hatter for acquiring the very special gifts presented to Lion Lori Sheehan. *Thank you to everyone who attended and helped us honor Lion Milton Courtney and Lion Cecil Sullivan for their 65 year lifetime of service.*



District 3K Convention Lions and guests enjoyed a visit to the Lions Park at Lake Hefner. At St. Crispin's Lions and guests enjoyed roasting marshmallows, making Smores at the fire pit, Friday night bingo, and watching Thunder Basketball in the living room. (Photos courtesy of Dawn Miller)

Welcome New Members

- **Robert Feagan** Hugo Lions Club
- **Aletha Morris** Idabel Lions Club
- **Troy Miller** Seminole Lions Club

March Spotlight Clubs

- Ardmore 3/12/1917 – 96 years
- Broken Bow 3/7/1929 – 84 years
- Tishomingo 3/4/1955 – 58 years

Memorials

- Bruce J. Henry**, Broken Bow Lions Club;
- James Hodge**, Idabel Lions Club;
- Gerald E. LeClaire**, Idabel Lions Club;
- Maurice Payne**, Checotah Lions Club;
- Albert Tate**, Checotah Lions Club

75th Anniversary Celebration!

Sallisaw Lions are planning their 75th Anniversary celebration that will be held Saturday, March 2, 2013.



Blake Accepts Peace Poster Award

CLUB ACTIVITY REPORTS

- Ada Lions Club** sponsored the Harlem Ambassadors on Tuesday, February 26th and also hosted a visit from DG Billy Thompson.
- Ardmore Lions Club** purchased one eye exam and eyeglasses for person in need; recycled and delivered over 3,000 pairs of eye glasses to the state office.
- Atoka Lions Club** will be sponsoring the Carson and Barnes Circus on Monday, 3/11/13.
- Clayton Lions Club** recycled and delivered 81 pairs of used eyeglasses and 13 cases; welcomed DG Billy and PDG Cloye to their March 7th meeting.
- McAlester Lions Club** has selected Lion Neal (Woody) Wood to chair their 2013 White Cane Campaign. Lion Jim McLeod is still recovering from his heart surgery and was greatly missed at the District Convention. Please keep Lion Jim in your prayers.
- Pocola Lion Club** Their 2012-2013 Club Excellence Award Application has been submitted to Lions Clubs International; Pancake Breakfast March 2nd from 6:30 am - 10:00 am.
- Seminole Lions Club** honored Rayshell Clapper as February 2013 Educator of the Month. Each month Seminole honors two students and one Educator of the Month.
- Wanette Lions Club** made donations to the White Cane Campaign and Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch in January 2013.
- Wilburton Lions Club** had their annual Southeast District Livestock Show Jan 24-26 and raised approximately \$2000. Purchased 3 sets of eyeglasses; selected Lion Bud Sandefur as their White Cane Chairman.



A big Thank You to all who donated Children's books at the 3-L District Convention! The box of books that was collected (approximately 50) were donated to the Success by Six program, that works to introduce preschoolers to the delights of reading with Mom and Dad. They also distribute books to children (and parents to read to the child) who then return the book so another child can enjoy it.

Club News

ALTUS Delivered 13 cartridges and 13 pairs eye glasses to the state office. Supported the Senior High School Leo Club and the Junior High School Leos with donations.

ANADARKO Sponsored speech contestant in District Contest at District Convention

LAWTON NOON Hosted District 3-L Convention Feb. 15, 16th. Nine members assisted at Mission of Mercy Free Dental Clinic held in Lawton February 9th and 10th. Donated to 3 local school PTA's from annual carnival proceeds. Sponsored speech contestant in District Contest



OLSF Director Troy Jenkins presenting a Louis Lackey Fellowship certificate to Lion Ron Gaines, of Lawton Noon Club

LAWTON PATRIOTS Worked 2 evenings at the Lawton Food Bank restocking and organizing shelves, broke down boxes, and organized the storage room. Donated a box of printer paper.

MUSTANG made repairs to club building walls.

UNION CITY Redlands College presented a program on how they are using Goats in a breeding program.



DG John W. Williams presenting the George Hazlebaker "Lifetime of Service" award to PDG Pat Halsey, of the Anadarko LC



1st Place District Peace Poster Winner Madeleine Cordray who also placed second in the state Contest



Past International Director David Flandt presenting banner to 2 VDG Karen Blanton (right) and PVCC Lora Blanton

CACHE Sponsored Peace Poster winners, their families and art teacher to attend the District 3-L Convention Luncheon.

CANUTE Annual Pancake Breakfast March 3, which supports their scholarship fund and other projects.

CHICKASHA Made donations to Food for Kids; 3 eyeglasses/exams; Chickasha High School robotics team. Working with Chamber of Commerce to host a Harlem Globetrotters basketball game to be held April 23.

DUNCAN EVENING Provided examinations and glasses for two needy adults Assisted at the local food bank and meals on wheels program.

Hobart Hobart Lions Club donated to the Hobart Softball Association to maintain softball fields in 2013. Donated to the "Gear Up" program to assist Hobart High School students to improve their ACT scores

LAWTON N E Sponsored a Valentines Pizza Party for handicapped children and held the annual Past District Governors Breakfast. Sponsored speech contestant in District Contest



1VDG Kristy Fields with Past International Director David Flandt

**Greetings:**

You will recall in the beginning of this fiscal year, July 1, 2012, the one thing I stressed is that we can be assured of "change." This January, we Governors and others, were informed of another "change" that is to take place July 1, 2013. We each have been aware that our terms as Governors will cease; however, an additional "change" will happen as well. Our long standing "Lions State Secretary" Virginia Rodriguez, will step down from her position. We Oklahoma Lions will miss this lady since we have come to depend on her for giving us guidance, steering us in our duties and patting us on the back when we most need that pat.

We have already had highly qualified applicants for her position. Our 2013/2014 Lions Governors will have the task of breaking in this "change" of a new State Secretary. We wish them well!

PONCA NOON LIONS CLUB has reported that their Club in conjunction with OK Prevent Blindness tested 617 children, from age six months upward, with 62 being referred for further testing by an optometrist. The Lion Vision Support Group provided transportation along with support materials for eighteen people to attend their meeting. Their "Leo Club" once a month serves meals to the needy at their weekly Friendship Feast. The Club has started a membership drive and have one new member to date. The Club continues a program of the recycling of eyeglasses, collecting 372 pairs in November and December. Also, they collected 35 cell phones for Operation Pioneer Spirit. Their Spring Fund Raiser Concert has been set for March 23, 7:30 p.m., to be held at the Ponca Theater in Ponca City.

The NORTH ENID LIONS CLUB helped man the booth at the 17th Annual KNID AGRIFEST held January 11 & 12, providing blood glucose screening. The Lions help man the gates at the Chisholm Schools BB Wheat Capital Tournament. The Club collects items for the Battered Women at the YWCA Crisis Center, good clothing, make-up, etc. The women with their children usually arrive at the Center with only the clothes they are wearing. Lion Marshall Ward received the "Rookie of the Year" award and Lion Chuck Osgood is the "Lion of the Year." Lion Mary Bailey received a Melvin Jones Fellowship for her efforts of always volunteering for the Clubs projects. There are seventeen "Melvin Jones" Fellows in the Club. The Club is attempting to raise \$3,000 for scholarships to be awarded in May 2013 to graduating seniors. They have donated \$500 to the Boys Ranch, \$250 to the Eye Bank, \$225 to Briggs Scholarship Fund, \$325 to the Leader Dogs, Hearing Dogs and LWSB.

LAVERNE LIONS CLUB has donated \$1,000 to the Laverne Centennial Committee for use in their upcoming Centennial celebration festivities. They are securing a date in April to bring the Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit to Laverne. They have an approval to park the Unit in the parking lot at the front of the Health Department. They have submitted the winning poster of 47 renditions to the District Peace Poster contest. The Club agreed to order additional nuts to sell: cashews, pecans, sweet and sour trail mix and spicy mix. This fund raising project continues. Their Lions Hwy Sign has been received and awaits being posted.

BURLINGTON LIONS CLUB again reports 21 members plus one honorary member. They added a new member, Josh Bellemy, but dropped Travis Bradshaw. They had a successful gun raffle and did make some profit. They continue to meet, greet, eat and adjourn.

OKACHE LIONS CLUB reports no change in membership numbers, still at 66. There were no substantial activities.

LOMEGA LIONS CLUB held a Ladies Night with the Honorable Judge Davis as their speaker. As a Fund Raiser they have started their Annual Cash Raffle.

FAIRVIEW LIONS CLUB'S First Vice President, Jimmy Rhodes, resigned his position, and has accepted a job in Enid. Your current District Governor, is the Second Vice President, and will move up July 1 to become President of the Club.. Lion Garen Martens brought in a new member, Paul Southwick, the new City Manager. Lion Dale Sides who was the City Manager, has retired, but plans to remain in Fairview. The Lions Board of Directors approved undertaking the project of raising funds for the purchase of Lunch-room Tables with attached stools, for the Fairview Grade School. The cost per table is just under \$1,100. One has been purchased and a donation has been received for a second. They plan to replace all of the twelve existing tables. Lions Butch Edingfield, President Darrel Jantz and Treasurer Al Stecklein assisted the Nazarene Church in their fundraiser for the former Lion Garen Baum who lost his wife recently. Over \$20,000 was raised. The Board approved a perpetual plaque listing all current Fairview Lions Melvin Jones Fellows, with space to add as more Lions are recognized. The Board also approved a motion to become involved in a Non-Denominational Chapel to be located in the Fairview Regional Medical Center facility. Several Lions are assisting the Governor in preparation for the Mid-Winter Convention to be held in Fairview on February 2nd, 2013.

NEWKIRK LIONS CLUB has assisted two individuals in obtaining eyeglasses. The Club has purchased the Grand Champion Lamb trophy for the Kay County Jr. Livestock Show. They have added one new member, and have scheduled an official visit in February for their Governor.

HOOKER LIONS CLUB has changed their Officers to Velma Smotherman as President, Linda Martin as Treasurer, and are in process of regaining a current status with LCI with the indebtedness cleared. This with a big "THANK YOU" to our DISTRICT 3-A Global Membership Person, PCC Charles Michael, our sponsor from the GUYMON LIONS CLUB.

BLACKWELL LIONS CLUB has been reinstated by LCI with their indebtedness cleared as well. Thanks to those sponsoring members from the PONCA CITY NOON LIONS CLUB for their efforts.

State Convention Entertainment

Ms. Vicky Rose

Vicky Rose, an Enid resident was named "Ms. Senior Oklahoma" "America in 2011. She placed in the top 10 in Atlantic City at the National competition of that year. Her program for the competition was: "I believe that we should teach the youth more about respect, lend a hand to our seniors, and support our veterans with more compassion. "

She is a singer, songwriter, musician both vocals, and on the keyboard, guitar bass and saxophone. She has performed in many states and locally at the Freedom Rodeo, Tumbleweed Club in Stillwater, Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge and many private parties and weddings. She has also performed with Little Jimmy Dickens, in Branson, MO, and with the Faith 7 workshop for the mentally and physically handicapped, and the Oklahoma Opry in Oklahoma City.

Ms. Vicky has written and recorded many of her own songs, which has aired on KEBC & WKY in Oklahoma City and Ponca City radio and TV Stations.

Plan on attending the 2013 State Lions Convention to meet Ms. Vicky Rose.



Roberts Remarks

Any 3-H Lions who did not receive last months copy of my Electronic Newsletter are asked to email me at reandlkmcmasters@sbcglobal.net so that I might add you to my email lists.

DISTRICT CONVENTION

We had a great District 3-H Convention on February 9, 2013. Just after Opening the Convention, a 40 Plus Year Certificate was given to one Lion who could not be present at noon. At noon, we handed out 40 Year Plus Certificates to another five Lions in attendance. The rest of the certificates will be taken to the various clubs to be presented. As they received their

certificate, the 40 Year Plus Lions led the rest of the attendees through the line to sample the various dishes clubs and individuals had provided for our lunch.

Lion Troy Jenkins presented Cowboy Cadillac awards to several Clubs and individuals. I presented three Presidential Certificates of Achievement to PDG Jim Barnett, PCC Kent Clovis and Lion President Joshua Busby.

That afternoon, we had election of Officers. Next year District 3-H will be led by District Governor Tom Cummings of Cushing, 1st VDG Dawn Miller of OKC West Side, and 2nd VDG Jacque Mooney of Midwest City.

Three year terms on the following Boards were also filled:

Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch-Lion Don Harden;
Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank-Lion Phil Hendricks;
Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation-Lion Joshua Busby;
Dr. Eugene Briggs Memorial Scholarship- Lion J. D. Koch.
Southwest & Central Oklahoma Eyeglass Recycling Project-Lion David Kerr.

NEW MEMBERS

Cushing: Roshaniben Patel, 01/15/13 & Sanuaykumar K. Patel, 01/22/13 by Terri Lynn Blevens; and Becky A. Taylor, 01/05/13 by Lewis C. Robinson III.

Davenport: Steve D. Marcus, 01/01/13 by Ronald E. Burden.

Guthrie: Gregory E. Rupert, 01/02/13 by Betty G. Wagoner.

Midwest City: Donald C. Bisbee, Tera C. Bisbee; Cheryl Robitaille, & David Robitaille, all on 01/28/13 by Raymond Valdez. Congratulations to Raymon on his great job.

Mulhall-Orlando: Johnathan Frakes, 01/01/13 by J. D. Koch

Norman: Duane L Winegardner, 1/29/13 by Jon G. Bredeson.

OKC Northwest: Matthew C. Stuart, 02/14/13 by Jack Andrews

Stroud: Allen Christopher Sylvester, 01/15/13 by Judith Ballard; and Christina G. McKnight, 02/05/12 by Carol A. Pearman.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 12, 2013: Edmond Chili Supper, 5-7 PM, Edmond Nazarene Church
March 21, 2013: OKC Capitol Hill Pancake Breakfast, 7 AM - 2PM, 3616 S. Robinson, OKC.

April 09, 2013 OKC Metro Jewel Box Theater Fund Raiser, 8:00pm, \$10.00 each, ***Dirty Work on the Trail, or...Go Slow with the Pony Express***

April 13, 2013: Midwest City LC 89er Day BBQ Brisket Dinner, 4:30 - 7:00 PM, \$8.00/person, Midwest City High School Cafeteria, 211 E. Elm, Midwest City, Bingo, Raffle, Silent Auction

April 25, 2013: Lions Tour of our projects leading to our Convention, Red Hawks Base Ball Game

April 26-27, 2013: Lions of Oklahoma State Convention, Marriott Hotel

May 2013: Cashion LC 50th Anniversary, Cashion School Cafeteria

CLUB NEWS

Davenport: 10 Members sold Tickets for the February 9, Chili and Bean Super we provided for the FFA.

Edmond: Collected used eyeglasses to be recycled.

Norman Sooner: Lion Clouston reported we processed 9 eyeglass requests and provided students with 5 eye exams and glasses. Lions Donaldson reported on the first steam boat expedition down the Mississippi. He provided details and history which was quite informative and interesting.

Prague: We held our Annual Chili Supper. We attribute the success to ticket pre sales. The funds raised will help fund a scholarship to a deserving Prague High School Senior.

Stillwater Noon: There were 4 requests for eyeglasses. Two pairs of eyeglasses were purchased at a cost of \$85 each. We continue to recycle eyeglasses to send to other nations for those in need. There were 45 Noon Lions and their guests who celebrated Valentines Day with a dinner, followed by attendance at a play produced by the Town and Gown community theater. Ink cartridges and cell phones and hearing aides continue to be recycled. Two Stillwater High School students are being honored by our club as January students of the month. They meet with club members report on activities in Stillwater High School. A program was presented on the history of the Stillwater Noon Lions Club and the service projects we have developed, including a bicycle safety program, road signs for rural areas and a community-wide July 4th celebration. A club member talked to members about his medical mission trip to Zambia, Africa. The Stillwater Medical Center Vice President explained new programs being developed by the hospital.

Stroud: One individual requested assistance with glasses. We provided the exam and it turned out he needed eye surgery that would be paid by medicare. Spent \$300 to provide eye exams and glasses for youth requested by the school. Had programs on the Lincoln County tax issue; the Red Cross and their newly donated vehicles for relief work; and a local PA on healthcare.

House Happenings

By Colleen Fowler

Only 3 weeks till spring break!!!!!! Twelve weeks till schools out!!! We are ready for summer!

We have one young man getting ready to graduate this year so we have been in the midst of caps & gowns, filling out his fafs, trying to find him a decent car to buy...plus the daily challenges he faces as a senior such as getting all his credits and planning for the future. We are very proud of him! Also we have had the opportunity at both houses to pick up trash on the Highway to earn some extra cash! We alternate every other month and although there is at first griping and complaining...It always ends up with the boys being proud of how it looks and taking ownership of "Their Road" It's hilarious to hear them fuss at another vehicle for throwing out trash and littering when a few months ago that could have been them! At the Cedars we are going to use the \$\$ to enhance our vacation fund! We are already looking ahead for vacations, hiking trips, fishing and Frisbee Golf. Trips to the lake and the zoo and the pool are part of our summer fun too. But for now we have Prom, finals and job searching as well as shopping for spring/summer clothes and anticipating summer camp. I guess because it's so cold and we have been inside so much, we've been talking a lot about summer plans and adventures. If and when we thaw out (in Oklahoma that could be a matter of hours) we will search for sunshine and just enjoy being together. Thanks for your love and support! Come Visit when you can! Blessings!

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MULTIPLE DISTRICT 3-LIONS OF OKLAHOMA
STATE CONVENTION
April 26-27, 2013
MARRIOTT OKLAHOMA CITY
3233 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK 73112
(405) 842-6633

Convention Room Rate: Standard King or Double - \$93.00 plus tax (currently 13.875%) - All reservations need to be made individually. The Cut off date for Lions group is: April 11, 2013. After cut off date reservations will accepted only if rooms are available. For Reservations call (405) 842-6633: You must report that you are with Lions of Oklahoma State Convention to receive the discounted rate.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

The sponsoring clubs are responsible for registration and meals of their "speech" & "peace poster" contestants and their guests.

Registration-Lion/Non-Lion (Postmarked on or before April 20, 2013) _____ @ \$15.00

Late Registration (Postmarked after April 20, 2013) _____ @ \$20.00

Leo Members/Youth _____ @ \$00.00

Registration Hours Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Saturday 7:30 a.m. - Noon

MEALS

FRIDAY NOON: PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS (BONE YARD) ANNUAL MEETING ALL LIONS WE LCOME

(Lions/Business Attire) Lion/Spouse/Guest _____ @ \$25.00 \$ _____

Classic Mixed Green Salad, Country Fried Steak and Gravy, Dessert, Coffee, Tea & Water.

FRIDAY EVENING: (Lions Casual) Lion/Spouse/Guest _____ @ \$21.00 \$ _____

Pasta Primavera: Caesar salad, penne pasta with herb chicken breast, mixed vegetables, Alfredo sauce, Italian

cream cake, rolls, coffee tea, water

SATURDAY NOON: (Casual/Lions/Business) Lion/Spouse/Guest _____ @ \$25.00

Rosemary and Black pepper crushed pork loin, mixed green salad, rosemary roasted potatoes and fresh

vegetable, carrot cake, tea, coffee, water and rolls.

SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET: (Business/Semi-formal Attire) Lion/Spouse/Guest _____ @ \$26.00

Chicken Piccata-chicken breast seasoned and seared, lemon Beurre Blanc, strawberry field salad, Yukon gold

potatoes and Julienne vegetables, amaretto almond cheese cake, rolls, coffee, tea, & water.

Meals guaranteed only if registration is received by April 22, 2013

Thursday NIGHT APRIL 25 REDHAWKS (ASTROS) VS New ORLEANS ZEPHYRS (MARLINS)

BALLGAME-7:05 P.M.

Tickets @ \$11.00

Pin Trader Tables @ \$20.00

Total: \$ _____

Name: _____ Home Lions Club _____ First Timer: Y N

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Name of spouse/guest/Leo: _____ Spouse/guest First Timer: Y N

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Recognition of 25 Years Women in Lions: Name _____ Date of Joining: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Leo First Timer: Y N

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SPECIAL NEEDS AND/OR SPECIAL DIET REQUESTS: _____

Mail registration form (with check payable to Lions of Oklahoma) Virginia Rodriguez 4123 NW 10th St.
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