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WHAT IF?...

by 3L-DG Sue Thompson

I recently heard a quote: "What if you woke up in the morning and all you had were the things you had thanked God for the night before?"

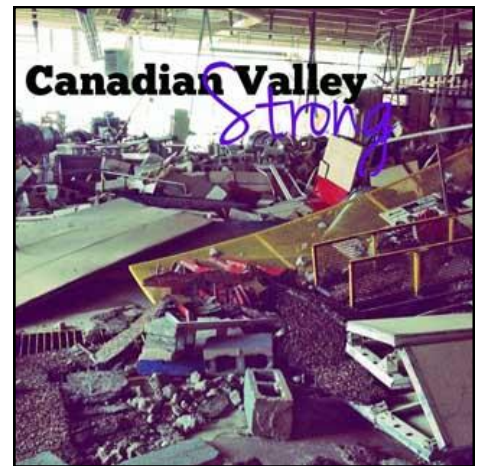
Pretty sobering thought for the most of us I imagine. Most of the time we tend to take the blessings we have in life for granted and complain about the things we don't have.

Until we don't have them! That's something the people in our state have found out more than once: most recently in Carney, Little Axe, Bethel Acres, Moore and El Reno. We in 3-L are wrapping up the emergency grant from LCI and the disaster committee is working to see how we can best help with longer-term needs

The hardest hit club in District 3-L was El Reno Canadian Valley which met and worked at the Canadian Valley Vo-tech in El Reno.

Their building was completely destroyed along with whatever personal items they had at work. But like the phoenix, they have risen from destruction and will rebuild better than before. The club, thinking like Lions, wanted to have a luncheon for all the staff at the Vo-tech who had been working hard the last few weeks to show

appreciation and teamwork before school started again. Yes, this is correct! They did start school! ON Time in a temporary facility! (Continued page 5)



Left The F5 tornado that brought devastation in El Reno. Top Canadian Valley Vo-tech.

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Council Chairperson's Corner

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All the District Leadership/Officer training sessions have been completed. Unfortunately, not all the newly elected club officers were in attendance. At the end of each month I access LCI's club activities section on-line and only a fraction of the clubs have submitted reports. It is obvious that the clubs not reporting are the very clubs not in attendance at the training. Sometimes we need to be reminded that as club members and club officers there are responsibilities. Leadership in a club plays a large part in attracting new members and retaining current members. Proper club administration and

accountability must be maintained.

The Lions **Code of Ethics** must be incorporated into the operation and functions of each club. Total transparency is important for a club; all members should know how and where the club money is being spent, and all financial information must be available to each member upon request. It is the Club President's responsibility to insure that the club complies with the Lions **Code of Ethics** and the **Constitution and By Laws** as set forth by Lions Clubs International. Every Lion in a club is entitled

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Missouri Lion Lends Oklahoma a Helping Hand

On Sat., Aug. 10, Past District Governor Debbie Whittlesey Cantrell from Missouri visited the Lions of Oklahoma. The purpose of her visit was to support and share information to Oklahoma's Lions Disaster Relief Committee. She also had a brief reunion with LCI Governor School classmates PDG Mark Gibson (3-L) and DG/PDG Daryl Pults (3-K). Accompanying Lion Debbie was husband and Lion Kevin Cantrell, M-6 ALERT Chair. Both are members of the Lebanon Host Club. Lion Debbie also has a very personal connection to Oklahoma since she lived in Moore for several years.

PDG Debbie was serving as District Governor of Multiple District 36, subdistrict M6 when the EF5 multiple vortex tornado hit Joplin, Missouri, on May 22, 2011. The storm killed 158

people, injured 1,150 others, and caused over \$2 billion in damages. Lion Debbie led the Missouri Lions' relief efforts and continues to guide those efforts today. It was through her leadership and grant writing efforts that approximately \$70,000 in grant monies was sent to help with the cleanup efforts, purchase children's shoes, supply emergency food and drinks in Joplin and much more.

She developed a partnership with First Response Team of America to cleanup homesites. In addition to other service projects related to the disaster, Lion Debbie obtained a LCI Public Relations grant and arranged for large billboards that proudly displayed information about all the work done by Lions at the various home sites destroyed during the tornado.

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What are You Waiting For??!!



Troy Jenkins, Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation Executive Director

"Today's greatest labor-saving device is tomorrow."

Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the United States of America

As many who know me might tell you, I am a bit of a procrastinator. While I normally accomplish what is needed in a timely fashion, starting too early has never been a priority for me. During my junior year in college, I once completed a 10-page paper, accompanied by a 20-minute presentation, even though I started it only a few hours before it was due. (One little aside – I did actually graduate from college, despite the fact that many sentences in this article, as well as the title, end in prepositions.) To drive the point home, the writing of this article is taking place two days after my deadline. While I would not normally complete a project late, I can usually gauge whether or not I am holding up the publication of the *Oklahoma Lion* by how frequently (and how loudly) Lions Dawn and Renee ask me if I remembered my article. With that said, sometimes procrastination just doesn't work.

There is a lot happening with the Lions of Oklahoma, both on the positive side and on the challenging side. We are the home of two fantastic state projects in the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch and the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank. We are working to expand our service at the Boys Ranch with the creation of the Foster Care Community and the Independent Living Facility. We are working to replace the old, dilapidated Eye Bank building with a new facility. All of this, in addition to the support currently needed to run our programs, is now in the hands of roughly 60% fewer Lions than were in the state just a quarter of a century ago. Procrastination is no longer an option. We need to make a difference today! **What are you waiting for?**

Let's start with the decline in membership. We all know the problem in front of us – membership is declining. Members are dropping out or aging out, and we are not replenishing the ranks. There is a lot of hand-wringing, a lot of talk, and a lot of theories, including the common comment that "Young people just don't care about their community." Anybody that heard 3-A DG Terry Woodruff's passionate report at the last Council meeting should know that is not the case. So maybe the answer is that we need to try some new things. Maybe we need to revamp our meetings. Maybe we need to start a branch club, be it a cyber-club, an activity- or interest-centric club (e.g. cycling, professional women, etc.), or whatever. Maybe we need to start inviting our prospective members to our fantastic service projects to infect them with the warm, fuzzy feelings that come with the service we do. The bottom line is that we need to do something different, because the decline in membership is just not going to fix itself. **What are you waiting for?**

It takes a lot to support the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch and the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank, and there are a number of options to do so. The entire purpose of the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation is to do just that – support these fantastic state projects. The OLSF is made up of every member of the Lions of Oklahoma, and we need the support of every member to make this possible. The easiest way to do this is to participate in the state-wide projects. Did your club participate in White Cane? Did you? Is your club participating in Cowboy Cadillac? Are you? These two programs are the cornerstone of our fundraising efforts, and really rely on the support of the Lions of Oklahoma. If you are not participating, **what are you waiting for?**

Another avenue available to support our state projects is the Lions license plate program. Everybody needs to have a license plate on their car. With this program, you can get a personalized plate that will show everybody that you are a Lion. At the same time, you are sending \$10 to the OLSF to help support the Boys Ranch and the Eye Bank. You can order your license online or you can go into a tag agency and order one. That's all it takes! If even half the Lions in the state would do this, we would raise an additional \$20,000 annually to support our projects! Do you drive? Do you renew your tag every year? Have you considered getting a Lions plate? **What are you waiting for?**

Perhaps the easiest way to support the Boys Ranch and the Eye Bank is through participation in Building the Foundation. Building the Foundation was created with a very simple philosophy: if all of the Lions in the state gave just a little bit, we could accomplish great things. With our current membership, a small contribution of \$5.00 a month – just 17 cents a day – from all of the Lions in the state would result in over \$250,000 raised each year. More than likely, you would never miss 17 cents a day. You can even have this amount taken automatically from your checking account at whatever interval you would like (monthly, quarterly, or whatever suits you). This is done at no charge by our friends at the First National Bank in Wewoka. A little bit from all of us goes a long way! Unfortunately, we currently have less than 10% of our membership contributing. It is really easy to do – there is a form in this newspaper that you can complete and mail to the office. You can also do it online at www.oklionsfoundation.org. You can even mail a check for Building the Foundation if you prefer. It does not matter which way you participate, it only matters that you do! **What are you waiting for?**

It really boils down to this: we are members of the greatest service organization in the world! As Oklahoma Lions, we have two of the greatest state projects to be found anywhere in the nation with the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch and the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank! We provide amazing service to our community at the local, district, state, national, and international level! None of this matters, though, if we do not get others to join us in our service. None of it is possible if we do not support it. The time to act is now! Let's get off the sidelines. We can do this! **What are you waiting for?** Tomorrow is now today – what a perfect time to show everybody that **We Serve!**

Missouri Lion

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The LCIF **Helping Hands Award** was given to PDG Debbie Whittlesey Cantrell for her emergency grant administration and exemplary volunteer service assisting Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Thank you, Lions Debbie and Kevin, for visiting Oklahoma and sharing your invaluable insights and experiences with us.



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District 3-O

Governor
Elmer Enyart

Good Day, 3-O Lions

We completed our first District Training, on July 27, and we have more to come. We had a good turn out and I am looking forward to all the clubs and members that didn't make it to be able to make the next one as well as those who were present at this one. Following is a recap of the training attendance to the training: Bartlesville Downtown 2, Bartlesville Green Country 2, Bartlesville Limestone 1, Bartlesville Tuxedo 6, Barnsdall 3, Broken Arrow Evening 2, Dewey 2, Jay 1, Okmulgee 5, Sapulpa 2, Tulsa Brookside 3, Tulsa Downtown 1, Tulsa Metro-McCullough 4, Wagoner 1, and Wyandotte 6; total Lions in attendance 43 and total Lions Clubs represented 16. This is the best attendance we have had for a few years. Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend. I plan to get the schedule for the next trainings out soon.

I have a new **Governor's Membership Contest** for this year, and we want to get the message out to all of our clubs. The contest is divided into 3 divisions: 1. Clubs with 18 or less members; 2. Clubs with 19-33 members; and 3. Clubs with 34 and more Lions. The winner of each division will receive a \$100 check, from District 3-O, to use as the club desires. This will be awarded on the net membership gain for the year.

District 3-O Convention is November 23, 2013, at the Cherokee Indian Health Center in Vinita. More information will be published next month.

3-O Club Activities

Bartlesville Downtown: Helped with the Sandy Koufax World Series and with the Pack the Backpacks for students of the Washington County School District. President Joe Shveima and Treasurer Jim Grillot attended the Lion training. Donated \$100 to Morton Clinic.

Bartlesville Green Country: Several members spent time on Oak Park Village park maintenance; 6 members volunteered for the Sandy Koufax Tournament in Bartlesville. Dates to remember for Green Country are: Sept. 28 Grand Opening for Oak Park Village playground along with a Bike Rally in coordination with the Oak Park Community Association; Oct. 12 "Soup for Service" fundraiser at the Nazarene Church.

Chelsea: Held its annual Officers Installation Dinner and silent Auction on July 18 at the Chelsea Senior Center. Guest Speaker for the

dinner was Stephanie Hoskin, wife of Rep. Chuck Hoskin. President's appreciation award was presented to Teacher Adam Anderson at Chelsea Middle School for his leadership and guidance during the Peace Poster contest in 2012. Lion Kent Ryals, Vinita Lions, was present to perform the new officer installation ceremony. The donations plus dinner and silent auction totaled \$2,481.

Dewey: Two Lions transferred from the Wann Club. Took school supplies to the school for students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Fairland: Donated \$500 to the Moore, OK tornado relief fund administered by the Lions of OK, and \$300 to the program to help with expenses in Ottawa County.

Muskogee County: Planning a pancake breakfast for Oct. 8.

Porter: Has 4 new members since July 1: Christy Mccollough sponsored by Lion Jim Terrill, Jenri Guinn and Jill White, both sponsored by Lion Christy Mccollough, and Brian D. Jones sponsored by Lion Scott Schaufler. **Way to go Porter - keep those numbers growing.** The club has been very busy: held annual peach festival and realized \$17,290 at the peach auction; held annual peach pageant. Miss Peach 2013 is Rebecca Willhite, Miss Peach Blossom is Hayley Bobbitt, and Miss Peach Bud is Karlie Guinn. Donated \$1,660 to Porter Schools VoAg towards the purchase of an ironworker, and 2 gift certificates for half bushel of peaches each to Wagoner Lions Golf Tournament for door prizes. Working on Peach Festival appreciation dinner for all the volunteers who helped with this year's peach festival. Congratulations to Lion Gentry Guinn who is one of 12 finalists for Oklahoma Teacher of the Year.

Tulsa Metro-McCullough: Three members assisted one Sat. in OKC with the distribution of all types of donated items from Lions Clubs across the nation to help the tornado victims.

Vinita Club Secretary Lion Ray Claggett, reports: "the club will be working at the Will Rogers Memorial Rodeo in the North Concession Stand each night beginning Aug. 28-31. They have this concession for the Rodeo for the last several years. We invite all our fellow Lions to swing by and check this out. For several years, Vinita Lions sponsored several Vinita High School graduates, giving scholarships to help with their and other necessities. This last year, they sponsored 2 individuals with a \$500 scholarship each, towards their education. Vinita Lions recycle used eyeglasses and sponsored countless eye exams and fittings as well. This year under our new President, Lion Pete Hiseley, we have great momentum to build our membership. We have had 4 new members join this last month. Exciting times!"

Some of our clubs are still on summer vacation but will be back meeting next month. I need all clubs to get their reports and news worthy information in to me by the 15th of every month.

Send your information, pictures, future projects, etc. to poppy_nanny_e@yahoo.com (in between poppy and nanny and e are under-scores). We want Oklahoma Lions to know District 3-O Lions are alive and serving.

Always remember to "FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS" and **Make A Difference Every Day.**

2013-2014 OKLAHOMA LIONS YOUTH
SPEECH CONTEST

"How Can I Make a Difference Every Day?"

Speech to be 5 to 7 minutes in length. Open to all ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students, including home-schooled students of those grades. Any District winner who has qualified for and/or competed in the state contest is ineligible for subsequent Lions Youth Speech Contests. At each level of competition each contestant must submit an unsigned manuscript. All quoted material within a manuscript must be referenced by source. A member of the school faculty or the sponsoring Lions Club's liaison must approve the manuscript. The manuscript may be amended, but not rewritten between competitions up to the District level, at which time it shall be "frozen" for the state level. A manuscript and prompter may be used at the Club and Zone level. Three (3) 3x5 cards may be used at the Region level. One (1) 3x5 index card (both sides) may be used at the District and State levels.

For more information, contact your local Lions Club, District Governor, or the Oklahoma Lions State Office at 405-947-6540, email liondawn@cox.net. Note: *Sponsoring Lions Clubs should pay any applicable costs of their contestant attending any zone, region, district or state contests and count it as youth speech contest donation under LCI rules. Prize monies awarded at the District and State Conventions are paid through the State Convention budget.

ALL LIONS CLUBS: PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND OK LIONS STATE OFFICE AS SOON AS YOU START A SPEECH CONTEST FOR YOUR AREA.

Adult Lions EXCEPT prior contest winners, District Governors and Past District Governors can enter the 2013-2014 OKLAHOMA LIONS ADULT SPEECH CONTEST: **How Can I Make a Difference Every Day?"** Speech should be 5-7 minutes in length. Competition will be held at the District Convention with the winner eligible and encouraged to compete at the State Convention.

YOUTH AND ADULT SPEECH CONTESTS ARE SPONSORED BY THE 2013-2014 DISTRICT GOVERNORS OF THE LIONS OF OKLAHOMA

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District 3-K



Governor
Daryl Pults

Serve and Grow by Governor Daryl Pults

It has been a busy summer. I was able to attend the Lions International Convention in Hamburg, Germany, and enjoyed a great convention. The sessions contained good information that will help the District Governors with this year's challenges. We were challenged to "Follow our Dreams" that lead us to grow and serve those in need. However, dreams are only of value when we put them into action. So let us dream and then put those dreams into action.

We had our first 3-K Cabinet and Training meeting on Aug. 3. We had good attendance and our trainers did a great job of giving the various officers the information that will help them do their jobs this year. Everyone seemed to enjoy the meeting, and the clubs' reports contained helpful ideas for projects and membership growth.

One of the key areas we talked about is our need to serve our communities. By seeing Lions helping in our communities, people are much more apt to want to be a part of the Lions club. This then becomes a good way to grow our membership. Another way to increase membership is for each Lion to invite a potential member to meetings. Contests can also stimulate growth. Intra-club contests are good, or you might want to challenge another Lions Club in your area to a membership contest.

Retaining members is also a challenge. We know that we will have some loss of members every year, but we can reduce that number by keeping them informed about local, state, and international projects. Try to get members involved in projects. This makes them feel a part of the club and gives them the satisfaction of helping others.

We need to be developing leaders. Mentor your new members and encourage your members to strive to help lead on the local, district, and state levels. Many good training materials are available on the LCI website and some good training seminars can be attended such as the USA/Canada forum in Overland Park, Kansas, September 19-21.

We can achieve our goals! But first we must set goals and then plan to reach them!

Club Visits

During August I plan to visit Ardmore, Lindsay, Pauls Valley, and Wewoka. In September, October, and November I plan to visit most of the

other clubs in the district. I am starting to set September dates now, and after those dates are set, I will set dates for the rest of our clubs. If you have not been contacted and you have a date you would like me to visit, e-mail the date that you prefer and another date that is available in case the first date is already booked. My e-mail is dcpults@gmail.com. I look forward to visiting with each club. It is always a pleasure to meet with Lions and to hear about the good work being done. Keep up your wonderful community service; I hope to see all of you soon.

Welcome New Members

Michael Pineda, Ardmore; Vickie Lynn Griffin, Chelsea King and Linda Page, Atoka; Bryan Hallmark, Durant; Craig Frappiea and Timothy Wilkinsen, Holdenville; Guy Dale, Hugo; Gary Wansick, McAlester; Kathy Hall, Pauls Valley; Barbara Boise, Andrew Curby, Ed Hurt, Greg Reid and Randy Thomas, Shawnee

Our 3-K clubs have added 15 new members already this new year. Thanks 3-K Clubs. Let's keep it going!

Club Reports

Ada-Gathered up 106 pairs of eyeglasses. On Sept. 21 they will hold a Shoot for Sight (sneak shoot) contest. Put together a team of 3 shooters and join the fun. Contact the Ada club for details.

Ardmore-In June 3 members traveled to Moore to assist with disaster relief efforts; Lion Dr. Bonnie Rigney is featured in the LCIF video. The club also recycled 350 pairs of used eyeglasses and assisted 3 individuals with new eyeglasses.

Atoka-Donated \$50 to LCIF. Presented the Brown Wyrick Lion of the Year award to Daniel Ramey. Hosted the District 3K Cabinet Meeting 8/3/13. Second VDG Stephanie Pettett and family assisted with Moore clean-up efforts in June; Lion Stephanie is featured in the LCIF video.

Checotah-Recycled 57 pairs of used eyeglasses.

Idabel-First Vice District Governor Don Shaw performed officer installations for the Shawnee Lions and the Broken Bow Lions. He is also assisting the OK Lions Service Foundation to secure Cowboy Cadillac vehicle.

Marietta-Finished the best baseball season in many years; preparing for the fall PeeWee football season. Recycled 220 pairs of used eyeglasses.

McAlester-Celebrated their 95th Anniversary; special guests PID George and Lion Ann Hazelbaker from Duncan attended.

Muldrow-Recycled over 100 pairs of used eyeglasses; preparing for their annual Old Settlers' Day Celebration to be held Oct. 15, 2013.

Pocola-Completed their annual calendar fundraiser. Donated school supplies.

Poteau Evening-Picked up trash for the club's adopt a highway commitment. Placed flags on Veterans' graves for Memorial Day 2013, an annual service project of the club.



Checotah Lions (L-R) Everett Dunn 35 yrs, Tom Wood 10 yrs.



Lindsay Lions Club (L-R) Gene Jones 25 yrs, Barbara Kelly 25 years, Mike Somers

Sallisaw-Held their annual rodeo Aug. 1-3, 2013.

Shawnee-Collected 718 used pairs of eyeglasses and 7 used toner cartridges. Had First VDG Don Shaw install their new officers and induct 5 new members for the club.

Vian-Lions Tom Lewis and Sharon DiGennaro attended the June 15 Council Meeting in OKC.

Wilburton-Purchased 2 pairs of eyeglasses, and donated \$200 to Eastern State graduate's family tornado relief fund.



McAlester Lions 95th Anniversary Celebration

Reports

Club Secretaries: Please be sure and get your Membership reports in each month (on the new My LCI website: www.lionsclubs.org) and also fill out an activity report so we will know what is happening in our district.

Cabinet Meeting

Our next Cabinet Meeting will be Sat., Nov. 2 in Atoka. Put it on your calendar so we will have a good turnout. We have a good year started. Let us build on that start and finish with a great year for Lions!

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District 3-L

Governor
Sue Thompson



WHAT IF?..

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Their story is quite remarkable and I wish we had been taping while they telling it. First, they are very grateful that when the tornado hit, there were only a handful of students in the building and a few workers. No one was hurt. It could have been so much worse if it had hit in the middle of the afternoon when the building would have been full of students. Within 72 hours after the tornado hit, Dr. Greg Winters, the superintendent and his staff including Lion Gayla Lutts as well as others had signed a lease for an empty building in Yukon and they set to work (with no air conditioning)! They have all worked long hot hours in order to get the building up and running and they DID start school on August 15th! Every single person who worked there still works there. They all may be a little more crowded than before and they may not have each and everything they had before but they have worked wonders! It will be about two years before they get the building rebuilt but in the meantime, they are working with what they have! VDG Kristi Fields, Disasters Team Chairman Troy Jenkins, VDG Dawn Miller and I met with them to see how we can best help them long term with some of the donations that have poured in from all over the world. Lions are truly amazing! A huge thanks to PDG Wes Williams and 3-L District Secretary Marge Williams for administering the emergency grant and doing the mountains of paperwork that goes along with it. I hope at some point we can go to one of the meetings of the El Reno Canadian Valley club and give recognition to all who worked so hard.

Club News



Altus club meeting at "Dusty Covers" L-R Mel Rader, Treasurer, Gail Miller, Secretary, James Molledahl, Pres. New member Betty Shumaker, DG Sue Thompson, Charlene Davis, Jim Doner, Betty Price, Idell Culberson, 1st VP Gayle Culberson Working on a joint project to provide children's books to a headstart program or day-care

Rush Springs Lion Club held their annual Watermelon Festival and I had to be at the Council meeting and missed it!

Lawton NE Lions Club: Put out flags in honor of the city of Lawton birthday and Rodeo.

Lawton NE Online Branch Club sponsored a Fitness Fundraiser in partnership with Atomic Annie's Functional Fitness Center. They had lots of donations for auction items, sold T-shirts, and anyone who brought eyeglasses to recycle got a free workout. I understand that this was a wonderful success and will be an annual event! Thanks to new Lion Starr Cannon (what a great name!) for organizing this event. (Your DG would request that you not have fun and good eating events when she cannot come!)



Lion Starr Cannon (pictures second from the left with some members of the 580 Roller Girls and their kids) organized a fundraiser with Atomic Annie's Functional Fitness that was held on August 24, 2013. (Photo courtesy of Lion Al Granger)

Lawton Patriots Lions Club has adopted the Patriot Park in Lawton, OK. The City of Lawton provides the needs to clean up the area parks and will provide cool t-shirts for the participants. The clean up is scheduled the Saturday after the General Meeting, Lawton Patriots collect supplies for local food bank food bank. Card board boxes, egg cartons and grocery sacks collected by club members were delivered to the

Briggs Scholarship Fund News

There are some match Challenges for the Briggs Scholarship Fund. Up to \$50.00 match for a personal contribution! Ask your District Governor for more details.

Council Chair Corner

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to ask for financial accountability, and a say in how the club functions.

Communication about club activities to other clubs helps promote Lionism, and can possibly inspire other clubs to think outside the box. I encourage clubs to work together, share ideas, and share projects. A great way to do that is

Lawton food bank to help in their distribution of food and other items.

Marlow Lions Club sponsored a Student of the Week, bought a pair of eyeglasses in July sponsored the fourth of July celebration which was great success.



District 3-L training & cabinet meeting was held August 24, 2013 in Chickasha! The event was well attended and a lot of very useful information and training was provided

Future Events

September 28, 2013 Weatherford Wind Fest. Lions will be selling hotdogs and chili.

October 1, 2013 Walters Lions club will be hosting the Merriweather and Culpepper circus at 7:00pm, at Sultan park one mile north of Waurika.

February 28-March 1, 2014 District 3-L convention.

If your events are not listed, please forward any club news or any other club information so that it will be announced in the next newspaper. DG Sue Thompson. Phone 580-482-8602, sueok@swbell.net

I did not list the total of members for the district this month. It keeps dropping every month. We simply MUST increase our membership to survive! Our president Barry Palmer is putting the emphasis on recruiting women and family members this year. Remember the second family member will only pay half the national dues. Invite your family, friends, in-laws and outlaws! And remember it is not just another member but TWO more hands to SERVE!

Special Shout Out

Thank you, OK Lions St. Bldg. Committee—Richard Schiver, Jerry Carson, Cloye & Billy Thompson, Doug Garren and Bill Middleton for work at the state office on August 20, 2013. The next work day is September 6.

attending Zone, District Cabinet and Council meetings, and supporting other club fundraisers and projects.

A club that does not grow will die a slow death. A club that refuses to change will suffer the same fate. Don't be one of those clubs. Through the guidance of your District Governor, your club can grow, and as a result so will the Lions of Oklahoma and Lions Clubs International.

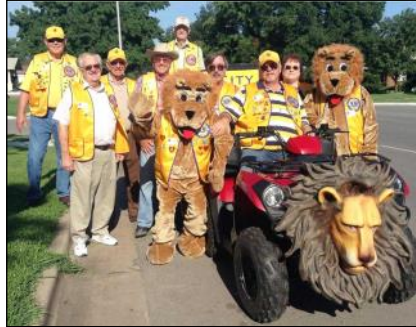
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District 3-A



Governor
Terry Woodruff

Ponca City Noon Lions had a great time taking part in the Ponca City Rodeo Parade August 10. They were really dressed up for this one as you see in this photo.



Garfield Lions Clubs will be at the Garfield County Fair starting September 5 to provide Blood Glucose Testing

The new Reading program at **Garber** is very exciting. Students will be reading to Senior Citizens! Now that is the way to encourage our youth to read and we know our seniors will appreciate exciting. Students will be reading to Senior Citizens! Now that is the way to encourage our youth to read and we know our seniors will appreciate the visit and time with the youth. There is a win-win program!

This will be the first year the District Governor Team uses the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors for many of the Official District Governor Club Visits. Don't be surprised if VDG Deanna Carson or VDG Joe Chandler is in contact with your club to schedule the visit. LCI is encouraging all districts to share these visit duties more with the Vice Governors to help grow the future governors and make travel a little easier with today's high fuel costs. We have a great District Governor Team.

District 3A News

These summer months have been a great time to get tuned up and ready to serve in the year ahead. We have now held 3 Club Officer Training sessions in District 3A and seen several new faces. Many thanks to the leaders attending the sessions in Ponca City, Guymon, and Garber. A total of 37 Lions were at these sessions. More training sessions will be scheduled as needed for any clubs not able to make it to the first three. Strong leaders are the key resource to health clubs. Too many times our officers do not realize just how many tools and help are available.

August 17 Cabinet meeting was very well attended. We really had a great day thanks to the hospitality of Garber EMS organization and the Garber Lions Club.

Excitement is growing for our November 2 Lions Strides Walk day in District 3A. If you haven't starting talking about it in your club, ask your Club President about this great LCI project to increase your club's visibility and support for Diabetes. We can touch many lives in our communities through Diabetes Support Programs.

Goodwell Lions Picked up trash and trimmed the Goodwell Lions Club Park.

Guymon Lions held their Lions Family Picnic at the Sunset Park pavilion August 20th. There is nothing better than events that welcome the whole family to Lions time! What does your club do to welcome your families to meetings or events?

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, 5:30 pm 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.

Welcome 3-A New Members

- Gary Combs – Fairview
- Jonathan Gilliland – Medford
- Linda Kiser – Jet
- Tammy Clark (TJ) – Northern Oklahoma E-Lions Branch Club
- Bruce Ratzlaff – Jet
- Brian Humphries - Woodward

Club News:

North Enid Lions held their "Teacher Appreciation Day" at Chisholm Middle School August 14. Look at the great attendance at this event



Lions are **Knights of the Blind**, since Helen Keller's challenge in 1925. As such, the editor/staff of the **Oklahoma Lion** newsletter are committed to bringing Oklahoma Lions the latest news, developments, and service ideas/reports in the field of sight conservation. This new regular column needs a "catchy" name, however. Can you help by suggesting a name? Email your suggestions to liondawn@cox.net. The creative winner will get to see the new name reflected in each monthly edition of the **Oklahoma Lion** newsletter.

Vice District Governors visit World Services for the Blind in Little Rock, Arkansas

See the on-line edition of the September Oklahoma Lion newsletter for this report: www.oklahomalions.org.



2013-2014



District 3-H
Governor
Tom Cummings

HEY! What happened to the last 30 days....they were just here and now they're gone and it's time for another newsletter article! I didn't get everything done I wanted to do. I was going to bring in another new member but....well, my grandkids had some ballgames, and Lynda and I went up to Lake Carl Blackwell one morning to photograph, and we had cabinet and council meetings, and....and....and....

Is it just me? When did my life and the world speed up? I thought when the kids left home (if they ever truly leave) things would slow down. I would be able to get all those "little" things done that I never had time before. I was going to organize my workshop, clean and straighten my out buildings (I said out buildings not out house), get all my camera gear in order. You know what....I don't think any of that will ever happen as long as I keep thinking about it and don't act upon it.

It's the same with our clubs. No matter what our goals are....they are just goals until we act upon them.

Does your club need more help in getting your goals or service activities accomplished? New members mean new blood, new excitement and new beginnings. For every new member, you have two new hands to help in you service projects or new ideas to share. Sounds like a win win doesn't it. So what's keeping us back. 90% of the time it's because we just haven't asked someone to become a Lion. We let opportunities slip by without inviting that person to your meeting or asking them to join.

So, I wanted to do something that, hopefully, would help us keep our need and desire to grow our clubs on our minds. I have started a Governor's 1 Team. All you have to do to become a member of the Governor's 1 Team is to bring in **one** new member. When you do, I or one of our team will come to your club and present you with the Governor's 1 Team pin. We have 7 members so far. Who's next. Just one new member to earn you place on the 1 Team and to add those extra hands and inspiration to your club.

It gets better. The Governor's 1 Team will be active until June 30, 2014. But, in addition to the 1 Team, Lions Club International has designated the months of October and April as Membership Growth Months. If you bring in a new

member in October or April you will receive LCI's Silver Membership Growth Award pin. Of course, if you haven't already brought in a new member you would also become a member of the Governor's 1 Team. If you bring in a new member in October **and** one in April, you will also receive the Gold Membership Growth Award Pin. If your club brings in a new member in October and also a new member in April, the club will receive the Growth Award Banner Patch.

As of Aug 20, the following Lions are members of the Governors 1 Team for a total of 14 new members.

- Tony Jarvis - Chandler
- Terri Blevins - Cushing
- Stewart Arthurs - Cushing
- David Donaldson - Norman Sooner
- Beverly Allen - OKC Belle Isle
- Troy Jenkins - OKC Westside
- Mike Webb - OKC Westside



Congratulations to the new Governors 1 Team members. Where is your name? Let's double our list by next newsletter. These are very achievable awards. Let's see how many of District 3H can become members of the Governor's 1 Team and also qualify for the Membership Growth Awards in October. Let's make it happen!



Governor Tom Cummings, (center) presented Mike Webb (left) and Troy Jenkins (right) as the first members of Governors 1 Team

This is such a great district. I really enjoy traveling to the clubs and meeting Lions that are new to me. Each club may be just a little different but they all have that common thread. Every club is serving their community and trying to meet the individual needs of their neighbors. That's what it's all about. WE SERVE! Thank you District 3H for serving. It's great to be a LION!

Club Reports

Carney: Carney Lion continue to be a resource for the citizens effected by the May 19th tornado. Club assistance includes labor, necessary items and cash assistance to help our citizens rebuild and recover. Footings and slabs are

being poured in anticipation of the families returning soon

Norman Sooner: The Norman Sooner Lions will have one more "Bikes for Tornado Kids" give away to Briarwood Elementary School in Moore, on back to school night. The club will also be providing "Bikes for Tornado Kids" in Little Axe. A special thanks to all who made this project possible.



(Left to Right) CC Larry Wibben, PCC Marvin Ainsworth, PDG Billy Thompson

OKC Metro: Collected 54 pairs of eyeglasses

Stillwater Noon: There were eight Stillwater Noon Lions who help serve meals to people in need at the First United Methodist Church and clean up afterward. This is a bi-monthly service project for our club



Governor Tom Cummings presented PDG Frank Davis with the Melvin Jones from the Guthrie Club



DG Tom Cummings with Harrah Lions Club 2013-2014 president Gary Fitzgerald

From around the Council



3-H DG Tom Cummings installing Ray Kerchee as secretary/treasurer who was unable to attend



3-H MWC LC sorting and loading up eyeglasses at the state office, getting them ready to take to the Texas recycling center



3-H (Harrah LC) DG Tom Cummings and Jonita Thomas as tailtwister



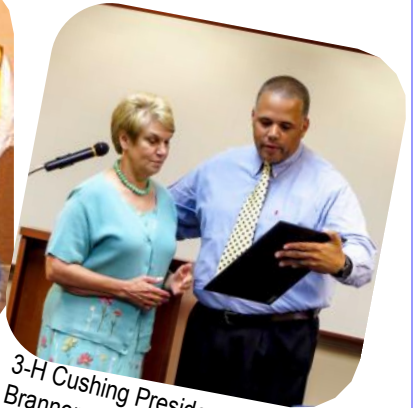
3-H (Prague LC) DG Tom Cummings installing President Jack Cox



SS Dawn Miller presenting the Secretary report at the August Council meeting



3-K Broken Bow Lions Officer Induction



3-H Cushing President Terry Brannon presenting zone chair Lou Griffith with Cushing Lions "Lion of the Year" award



3-H DG (Cushing) installing President Terry Brannon



3-H DG (Guthrie) Tom Cummins installing Cheryl Tarter as president



Our District Governors participating in the LCI parade at the International Convention



3-L Lawton NE Online Branch Fitness Day at Atomic Annie's



3-L Sec and Treasurers training August 24, 2013. Left to Right are Sec Judy Forehand, Mangum, Sec Pattie Holland, Granite, Sec Elaine Keir, Lawton NE, Treasurer Pia Bauer, Mangum and Sec. Carolyn Buser, Surrey Hills



ordinary people
amazing things

Announcing the Ada, OK LIONS Club
White Cane 17th Annual Shoot For Sight
Help your local LIONS give the gift of
sight to others



TEAM SIGN-UP SHEET

DATE: Saturday morning, September 21, 2013

TIME: Check in at 7:30 - Shotguns Start at 8:30

WHERE: Ada Trap and Skeet Club

FUN: Door Prizes and Individual and Team Awards

ENTRY FEE: \$ 250.00 per Team (includes tasty lunch, shells and all targets)

AWARDS: High overall team. High Trap Team. High Skeet Team.

DOOR PRIZES: Oldest Shooter. Youngest Shooter. Oldest Gun Used. Lowest Score

REGISTER NOW AND PRACTICE FOR THE BIG DAY

CHECKS OF \$250.00 ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE "Ada LIONS Club"

MAIL CHECK AND FORM TO: Ada Lions Club P.O. Box 1729 Ada, OK 74820

Shoot For Sight 2012

COMPANY OR TEAM SPONSOR: _____

TEAM NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON TELEPHONE #: _____

3 SHOOTERS PER TEAM

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

THANKS VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF ADA LIONS CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES
AND PROGRAMS BENEFITING THOSE IN NEED OF THE GIFT OF SIGHT.

For additional information contact: Donnie.moore@adaok.com

Vice District Governors Visit Little Rock

By 3-H VDG Dawn Miller

On Saturday, August 24, four of the five First Vice District Governors from Oklahoma took advantage of an invitation and visited World Services for the Blind in Little Rock, Arkansas. PDG Carobelle Carson chaperoned VDGs Dee and Dawn. Past International President Bill Biggs greeted us and telephoned PID Hal Long in Garber to tell him we "had arrived." VDG Don took extensive notes and some pictures; he also won a handmade quilt done by a 90-year-old supporter of WSB. And VDG Kristi drove from Lawton, with permission of DG Sue-since she missed her own district's cabinet meeting. (pictured) We're sorry that VDG Randy did not get to attend.

Started with funds from the Little Rock Founders Lions Club, WSB has undergone several transformations in its history, and several important ones in the past few years. Although it is still housed on the same campus adjoining the Univ. of Arkansas-Little Rock, the administration, board and programs have changed to meet current needs of clients, including changing vocational programs to more information technology courses rather than manual labor courses, making jobs for graduates easier to come by.



The buildings are hard to navigate, with lots of stairs and hallways, presenting all of us with a challenge to follow our guides. Our group (S) guide was Harold, a native of Oklahoma City. (pictured) Lion Dee presented him with a 2014 Oklahoma Lions trading pin.

We learned in 30-minute sessions about the evaluation and counseling programs, and about the daily independent living skills program, (where Mark, student baked us chocolate chip cookies and demonstrated how to thread a needle). Pictured.



The basement classrooms housed several of the IT programs, including MS Server Administrator, Desktop Support, MS Office Specialist and Programming.



Vice District Governors Visit Little Rock

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Upstairs, again, we learned first hand in the Assisted Technologies classroom: low vision readers from primitive magnifying glasses to state of the art computer cameras/readers. And downstairs, Lisa, the Orientation/mobility class instructor and student Amber helped us all realize the challenges visually impaired and blind people face in just getting around.



Lunch was southern style fried catfish and delicious. We listened, many of us tearfully, to an account by Ashley, a former student. You can find his moving story on the school's website: www.wsblind.org. Other current students recounted their experiences at WSB.

A picture of part of the group was posted on Facebook the day following the visit: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldServicesfortheBlind>.

A large and rousing group of Lions from Texas as well as Lions from Arizona, California and Missouri attended. On Saturday morning, we listened to Lee Giurlanda (Arizona) who retired from the IRS after 35 years of service

and promotions, and who now serves on the WSB Board of Directors. WSB and the IRS have a long-standing partnership. One of WSB's newest partnerships is with Microsoft.

WSB's current fundraising focus is renovation and refurnishing the old dormitory rooms (they reminded me a lot of my old dorm room at Cate Center at OU in 1968). For more information on WSB, please feel free to contact any of the First VDGs, the Oklahoma Lions State Office, and of course, World Services for the Blind itself .



BUILDING THE FOUNDATION

The OLSF serves individuals through the Boys Ranch and Eye Bank. Your pledge provides the *foundation of support* to meet the needs of these individuals. A pledge of \$5 per month is suggested, but any contribution will help and is appreciated.

Say YES to supporting our Projects with a:

Monthly Contribution Amount: _____ Quarterly Contribution Amount: _____

Semi-Annual Contribution Amount: _____ Annual Contribution Amount: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____ Lions Club Name: _____

OLSF Fellowships are awarded to individuals who make a donation at either of the following levels:

Louis B. Lackey Fellowship (\$250.00)

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Pay By Check:

Recipients receive Pins and certificates recognizing their contribution. Please make your check payable to Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation

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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: _____

Return this form along with your check or with a voided check/deposit slip if choosing the automatic withdrawal to: Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation; 4123 NW 10th St.; Oklahoma City, OK 73107-5801.

The Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation is a non-profit corporation that serves individuals through the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank and Boys Ranch. Contribution are tax deductible under 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Lions State Calendar

September 2013

September 2- USA Labor Day Holiday – OK Lions State Office Closed

September 6- LCI Webinar: Managing Service Projects, 7:00pm (www.lionsclubs.org to register)

September 6- State Bldg. Committee Workday at the State office.

September 11 LCI Webinar: Managing Service Projects, 12:00pm (www.lionsclubs.org to register)

September 19-21- USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Overland Park KS

September 21 Ada LC **Shoot for Sight**, 7:30am, Ada Trap and Skeet Club, \$250 per team; door prizes and individual/team awards; contact Donnie.moore@adaok.com for more information.

September 21 OK Lions Boys Ranch Board meeting, Perkins

September 28 OK Lions SCPC Passport: A day of visitation to the OK Lions State Office and Projects. 9:30am-State office, OKC; 10:45-11:45am, OK Lions Eye Bank, OKC; 1:00pm OK Lions Boys Ranch-Perkins for tailgate lunch/tour and watch OU/Notre Dame football game with boys; MHSU will be at the OLBR for visitation. Co-chairs Harold and Arlene Shore 580-402-4244, 580-402-4247580, ionarlene3a@suddenlink.net

September 28 Bartlesville Green Country LC Grand Opening for Oak Park Village playground along with a Bike Rally in coordination with the Oak Park Community Association

September 28 Weatherford Wind Fest. Weatherford Lions will be selling hotdogs and chili.

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 5-7 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 Country LC "Soup for Service" fundraiser at the Nazarene Church

October 14 **Lions Quest** Counselor Staff Development **Workshop**, Lawton

October 15 **Lions Quest** Counselor Staff Development **Workshop**, Ada

October 15 Muldrow Lions Club Old Settlers' Day Celebration

October 16 **Lions Quest** Counselor Staff Development **Workshop**, OKC West Side Lions Town Hall

October 17 **Lions Quest** Counselor Staff Development Workshop, Ponca City

October 18 LCI Webinar: Ethics and the Role of the Leader, 7:00pm (www.lionsclubs.org to register)

October 18 Okarche Lions Club Annual Fundraiser, 5:00pm-7:00pm, Holy Trinity School Auditorium

October 25 (tentative) VDG/Leadership Training, 4pm, OK Lions State Office, 4123 NW 10th St., OKC 73107 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