

THE OKLAHOMA LION

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HELLO OKLAHOMA LIONS!

By OK Lions State Convention Chairperson Arlene Shore, Past Vice Council Chairperson

You are invited to join Lions from across our state to our State Convention April 25-26, 2014 at the NCED Conference Center and Hotel, 2801 State Hwy. 9 East in Norman; phone 405-366-4752.

We will begin our convention with a welcome for all Lions at 4pm on Fri., April 25. We ask each of you to wear your Lions vest or Native American Indian attire. Patrick Redbird is a member of the Kiowa Tribal Nation Ton-Kon-Gah, the Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society and Kiowa Gourd Clan. He will honor us with his flute playing. Our special guest is Past Lions Clubs International President Clement F. Kusiak and his wife Lion Jeanne. PIP Kusiak will also be the Keynote speaker at our Saturday night banquet. Take the opportunity to visit with PIP Kusiak and his wife Jeanne.

This year's convention is setting a new example. In lieu of a head table we will have general seating tables with OK and LCI Lions leadership hosts at each table so we can interact with each other. We ask you to bring your District and local club banners so we can proudly display them throughout the convention; Lions Club banners proudly represent the heart and service of your club

This year's convention will uplift and give recognition to all veterans and those who are currently serving. Please send me your military picture to lionarlene3a@suddenlink.net. In honor of our veterans the opening ceremonies will be led by the Chickasaw Veterans Color Guard.

Two OK Lions State Convention commemorative items are available this year; Lions of OK photo postage stamp to honor our State of OK Lions heritage and an OK Lions State Convention 2014 trading pin, designed by the OK Lions Pin Traders. Stamps can be ordered through the State Office, and you will receive the pin at the convention.

On Friday morning we have planned programs for you to learn about our Oklahoma Indian heritage, updates on OK Lions disaster recovery efforts, exciting changes at World Services for the Blind, and meeting the needs of our veterans (Project New Hope). On Saturday afternoon a session on an important issue-preventing bullying, will be available. Other convention highlights include our state youth and adult speech contests and a special program for convention first timers. Important annual meetings for all Oklahoma Lions will be held for

the OK Lions Boys Ranch, Eye Bank, Service Foundation, Irrevocable Trust and Pin Traders; these may also include elections for officers for next year. Your Council of Governors hold their fourth meeting for this year. A beautiful and memorable service will be held honoring our deceased Lions, and at Sat. lunch many OK Lions will be recognized for service excellence for this year. Throughout the convention Silent Auction items, Pin Traders, and a 50/50 raffle will be available to you. Also at no cost, the cafeteria area of NECD will have coffee, tea, soft drinks and a place to visit with your Lions friends. A scavenger hunt is planned as a social activity.

So my fellow Lions, the State Convention Planning Committee and Council of Governors invite you to this unique and wonderful convention. You will experience friends, fellowship, fun and opportunity to grow as a Lion. Registration form is online at www.oklahomalions.org or you can call the OK Lions state office 405-947-6540.

Council Chairman Corner

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MD3 MEMBERSHIP

3-O 924, 3-K 931, 3-L 813, 3-A 958, 3-H 823
175 CLUBS 3-O 40, 3-K 36, 3-L 37, 3-A 37, 3-H 25

	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	4,461	4,563
Added Members	16	368
Dropped Members	28	482
Closing Balance	4,449	4,449
Net Gain/Loss	-12	-114
Worldwide	1.361.960	

Education for Lions members: A well-informed Lion is a person who wants to stay involved with our organization. Take every opportunity to include some Lions-related education in your meetings. It doesn't have to be an hour-long presentation, just 5 minutes at each meeting for some Lions factoids can get a lot of information out without too much effort. Your Tail Twister can help by having some games and quizzes that will convey information to members while having some fun too.

Are you making Lions aware of programs and seminars at the district, state or International level, such as Regional

Learning Institutes? What about the USA/ Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Senior Lions Leadership Institutes, Faculty Development Institutes and the many LCI self-directed, on-line learning courses and webinars? All of these various learning opportunities help educate Lions, and if they wish to advance in the organization, prepare them for leadership positions. The possibilities are endless.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum (Tampa Bay, FL, Sept. 2012): I was reading some of the Forum presentations and came across this one. In the spirit of the Forum I share this with all of you. Thank you, PCC Goodman.

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Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation



A Note from OLSF President Mike Graham

Marie Burns, received her Master's in Business Administration from Northcentral University with honors and holds a BBA specializing in Finance from the University of Phoenix. She was certified in Biblical Counseling through Scope Ministries International, and has received CEU Credits relating to mental health issues through the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. She is CISM Certified through BMC University of Maryland and Oklahoma Critical Incident and Stress Foundation.

Marie has over 10 years of management experience in various positions which include Executive Director, Development, Accounting, and Program Director and has served as a Board Member for non-profit organizations. Marie is a dynamic leader who enjoys assisting others with individual leadership

skills to achieve personal and professional goals. She is driven towards organizational growth and enjoys reporting the successes of those who have been a part of the transformation process.

Marie has extensive experience in grant writing and fund development, as well as program development and executive leadership. She has experience operating a nationally affiliated youth employment and education training program for at risk youth and served on several collaborations with political leadership, coalitions, and national fund raising efforts for the progression of restorative government funded programs. She has also served on training teams with disaster preparedness and the relief counsel after NYC 9-11. Marie is a mother of two grown children and three grandchildren. She has been a Martial Arts Instructor for over 15 years in several disciplines.

OLSF First Day Experiences

Marie Burns, Executive Director, Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation

On my first day I received a crash course in the projects sponsored by Lions Clubs of Oklahoma. I watched the Lions club members from Midwest City bring in several boxes of eyeglasses for recycling. I heard stories of how the eyeglasses will be sent to third world countries to help those in need see more clearly. At lunch, I listened to Lew Logan, Past President of Boy's Ranch, talk about the vision for expansion and building two new homes for resident families. I heard stories of the Mobile Medical Unit providing screening for individuals who are unable to receive medical care, and the eye bank's ability to assist those in need of cornea transplants.

Lions' planning for the next year will be to focus on plans for fundraising including the Cowboy Cadillac fundraiser by actively searching for a donated vehicle. This is a great opportunity for a dealership to advertise and build business as well as being a part of something much greater. Those funds are

multiplied beyond what can be counted in the lives of the youth at the Boys Ranch and those who receive health benefits. Please spread the word about this opportunity!

Reminder! The White Cane fundraiser for blind awareness is also coming up! Remember to schedule the Mobile Health Screening Unit for your area as soon as possible. We hope to fill open spots as soon as possible!

Again, I am amazed at the dedication of the Lions members as they work, volunteer, and clearly enjoy helping others. I am looking forward to what the next year will bring and being a part of this wonderful organization.

Memorials

OK Lions Boys Ranch

In memory of:

PDG Robert E. (Bob) Lee from PID George and Ann Hazelbaker

Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation

In memory of:

Barbara Neel from Marilyn and Donald Melka; **Pometa Davison** from the OKC West side Lions Club **Jack Lackey** from Mike and Wanda Black; PID Hal Long; Helen Ann Murphy; PDG Jim and Sherry Keisman; Bob and Marilyn Steele; Robert and Kathleen Smith; John and Mary Lawless **Robert (Bob) Lee** from PCC Yolanda and PDG Bill Middleton; PDG Jim and Sherry Keisman; PID Hal Long; PDG Jim & Shirley Barnett; Joanne Curran **Walter Ent** from the Ringwood Lions Club; **Glen Arnold** from the Ringwood Lions Club; **PDG Gail Miller** from Shortgrass Arts & Humanities Council; PDG Elmo Castle; Joanne Curran; Chris Caldwell, **PDG Al Williams** from PDG Mike Banks

Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation Irrevocable Trust

In memory of:

Robert (Bob) Lee from PDG Ferril and Phyllis Williamson; **Jack Lackey** from PDG Ferril and Phyllis Williamson; **Cleo Philbrick** from PDG Bill & PCC Yolanda Middleton

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District 3-O

Governor
Elmer Enyart

New Lions Club for Grove

We have been very busy starting a new club in Grove; it's going extremely well, with 22 charter members, 2 organizational meetings, new officers elected, and meeting place and time. We are tying up loose ends, will be setting a charter date, and are very EXCITED!

Thank you to our Regional GMT Leader Hal Griffin from Texas who worked with us Jan. 21-23; he trained us and helped us canvass Grove. Thank you also to the rest of the dedicated team: PCC Delbert King, ZC Jimmie Marsh, PDG Kent Ryals and DGE Randy Keller. After Jan. 23 I continued to work on it until we have the 22 charter members we have today.

Thank you, Jay Lions, who are sponsoring the new Grove Grand Lions Club. It was especially gratifying to see the new charter Lions step up to fill officer positions. Guiding Lions are PCC Delbert and PDG Kent. Lion Trudy and I are transferring our membership from Wyandotte to the new Grove club since we live in the area.

Now for some old business. Tahlequah Lions report we collected about 450 pairs of used eyeglasses at the district convention. I haven't gotten started back with my club visitations yet due to getting this new club going and the winter weather, but it's time for both the season and me to **Spring** into action in March! **IF** any 3-O Lions Clubs want their activities published in this state newsletter they need to get that information in to me by the 15th of every month.

It has come to our attention that some people have been sending us emails and they have not arrived to the correct email address. For the record our address is

poppy_nanny_e@yahoo.com

This year has started off with a bang and I look forward to the future of District 3-O.

3-O Club Activity Reports

Barnsdall Community: Held first 2014 Big Heart Day planning meeting. Club is consider-

ing afternoon fun games rather than music programs. Club will sponsor the 2014 Easter Egg Hunt on April 19, with up to \$300 for eggs and prizes. The club held their 50 Plus Dinner on 2/20/2014 and their Chili Cook Off on 2/22/2014 (report in April OK Lion newsletter). Future events include Zone Meeting on 3/3/2014; Lions Club STEP on 3/29/2014, 10am-2pm, Pharoah Ranch; and Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt on April 19, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m. @ the City Park. Club will host Zone Meeting on May 16. Club received the LCI Membership Achievement Growth Award.

Bartlesville Downtown: Started meeting on Fri., Jan. 3 at noon, a permanent change. Club donated \$500 each to **Wounded Warriors** and **On the Rock Ministries**; Club helped 5 adults and 1 teenager with eye exams and eyeglasses.

Dewey: LCI awarded to 2 Dewey members service awards totaling 140 years of faithful service to Lion projects in the local area. Pictured on the left is Lion Al Servin who became a member of the Dewey Lions not long after the club was chartered in 1952; at 95 years young, Lion Al is still very active. On the right is Lion Marvin Rogers who transferred to the Dewey Club from Wann; he is retired from Phillips Petroleum, and has 45 years of Lions service. Not pictured is Lion J. W. Snelson who has also served for over 45 years, transferring from Wann also. Four members from the cancelled Wann Club transferred to Dewey Lions Club. Club donated \$800 to OK Lions Boys Ranch Christmas Party. Club also held their Valentine Dinner.

Fairland: Lions Club honored senior Jared Johnson and eighth grader Gentry Stelle as their January Students of the Month. Lions donated \$1,000 to Fairland High School/Middle

Schools to be used for technology. Pictures attached are of Lions President Gary Radtke with Senior Student of the Month Jared Johnson and Lion President Gary Radtke presenting the \$1,000 check to Principal Jerry Johnson.

Pawhuska: Lions are deciding where to hold meetings permanently, not an easy decision to make.

Porter: Elected 2014-15 officers and reported them to LCI. Sponsored Porter High School basketball game on Feb. 13/ paying half the ticket prices for all Porter residents. Working on a grad night for this year's graduating high school seniors. Zone Chair Jim Marsh visited; Porter Lions sponsored his first 2014 zone meeting at Charlie's Chicken in Wagoner on Feb. 11. Collected 35 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling.

Sapulpa: Donated \$500 to OK Lions Boys Ranch foster home community building fund and another \$450 to their general fund, \$500 to OK School for the Blind, \$100 to waitress at Freddie's, \$100 to Eagle Scout, and purchased 2 pairs of eye exams and eyeglasses; also collected 100 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling.

WAGONER: In Jan. club paid for 3 eye exams and 3 pairs of eyeglasses, total \$280. Donated \$200 to send a student to Girls State this year, as requested by American Legion Post 153 Ladies Auxiliary. Donated \$100 for Wagoner High School Gradnight 2014.

ELECTIONS IN APRIL

Lions will be voting on a new President, Secretary and Treasurer plus other Board positions for their clubs for 2014-2015. Without officers, Lions Clubs will cease to exist. The time for action is now. Is it YOUR time to step up?



(Top Left)The Fairland Lions Club President Gary Radtke honored Senior Jared Johnson as student of the month. (Top Right) After High School/Middle Principle Jerry Johnson updated the Lions on the latest developments at the school the Lions voted to present Mr. Johnson with \$1000.00 to be used for technology.

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District 3-K

Governor
Daryl Pulis

Spring Time?

It will be March by the time you get this newsletter, and I hope the weather is more spring like. These last few months have been the coldest I have seen for a long time. The second week of December we had snow and very cold weather and this continued in the most part through December, January, and February. There were a few warmer days during this time, but it was mostly very cold with three snow falls. The weather may have been cold, but it didn't stop our drive to get new members. We have added 13 new members to our district since the first of the year. Thank you! Now let us continue this extra effort to grow membership this spring.

Our district will be working to establish a new club in Sulphur. Our Regional GMT Hal Griffin will be training and helping us establish this club. This will take place in Sulphur on March 25-28. We need workers to help in this, so mark this date on your calendar and join this important effort. If you can help, please contact DGE Don Shaw; his e-mail is donshawoffice@sbcglobal.net, and his telephone number is 580-286-8689.

The last weekend in January, we held our 3-K District Convention. Lions Club International Director Larry Dicus and his wife, from Whittier, California, were delightful guests. We enjoyed the time we spent with them and were encouraged by his motivational and uplifting speech on growing our clubs. Then later that day he met with some of us and helped us with plans to establish a new club. PDG Hal Griffin was also in this meeting and offered to work with us in establishing this club. It was an enjoyable and motivational convention, and I want to thank all of you who helped put on this convention. A special thanks goes to the Ardmore Lions for setting up a great convention.

Now the not so good news, at least for me: I have been battling with a knee problem for a while. My doctor tried to convince me to have surgery in September, but I told him I was too busy. He says that my knee is bone on bone, and if I keep wearing the bone down, I will need a

bone graft. So, I will enter the McBride Hospital in Oklahoma City February 24 to have a knee replaced. I do not know how long the recovery will be, but I am told it will be quite a few weeks or even two or three months. I am not sure how good a patient I will be, as I have never faced that long of a recovery time. I ask for your prayers that the surgery and recovery will go well. Also pray for Carolyn that she can handle being my nurse.

Club Reports

Broken Bow: This club inducted a new member, Judi Henson.

Holdenville: Inducted new member, Mark Gentry. This club is also one of our leaders in getting the **Lions Quest** program into their schools.

Hugo: Recently inducted 3 members into their club: Lena Kopp, Jon Ed Brown, and Von Callaway.

Lindsay: Lions held a chili and stew supper in the school cafeteria. The money from this event went to furnish eyeglasses for school children.

Wilburton: Donated \$200 to the Salvation Army and purchased 4 pairs of eyeglasses. They inducted a new member into their club, Dr. Trice Butler.

Shawnee: Inducted 2 new members, Kile Furr and Brett Royal.

Vian: Inducted a new member, Jessie Young.

Wanette: This club inducted two new members, Frank Byers and Stephnie Byers.

Welcome New Members

Broken Bow: Judi Henson

Holdenville: Mark Gentry

Hugo: Lena Kopp, Jo Ed Brown, and Von Callaway

Shawnee: Kile Furr and Brett Royal

Vian: Jessie Young

Wanette: Frank Byers and Stephnie Byers

Wilburton: Dr. Trice Butler

District 3-K Calendar

March 25-28: Training and work in Sulphur to establish a new club. Contact DGE Don Shaw if you can help in this effort.

April 24-26: OK Lions State Convention, Norman Postal Training Center.

May 17: District 3-K Cabinet meeting, Atoka.

June 14: OK Lions Council and Board meetings, OKC.

Closing Words

It seems impossible that this Lions year has less than four months to go. It has been enjoyable visiting the clubs and meeting new Lions. I am impressed by the number and variety of projects that our district Lions do. Lions are great people and serve their communities well. Let us continue to strive to increase membership in our clubs. We can end this year with a gain in our membership if we JUST ASK! You can order **Just Ask** brochures from LCI and hand them out to educate your club and city about Lionism. We all can ask a friend, business associate, or neighbor to visit our clubs and ask them to become Lions; then make them feel welcome and involve them in your club. Also try to help in the effort to establish a club in Sulphur if you can. Thank you Lions for all you do in our district, state, and worldwide to help those in need!

Poteau Evening Lion Club

For the seventh year in a row the Poteau Evening Lions Club members have sold funnel cakes and cotton candy at the Pirates home football games. Half of the proceeds of the sales are donated to the Pirate Band Boosters each year. This year the Lions donated \$1287.86 to the booster club. That amounts to about 428 funnel cakes or over 650 sticks of cotton candy. The money from the Lions donations were used to help purchase instruments, equipment, and meals at contests. Shantel Moore, booster president, says the money this year will go towards buying additional uniform, for the growing band program. Over the past 7 years the Poteau Evening Lions have donated about \$10,000

dollars to the Poteau Band Boosters to help with much needed items for the award winning Pirate Marching Band. Lions Club President Lance Glenn presents Band Boosters president Shantel Moore with the check.



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District 3-L



Governor
Sue Thompson

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The Greatest Generation- Lions Variety

It is with a heavy heart that I write this month—The Altus Lions just lost a wonderful 45 year Lion-PDG Gail Miller who had been our secretary for 25 years. It was said this week that he had a wonderful life—and he did. We were lucky to have him as long as we did. Since the first of the year, District 3L has lost three wonderful long time Lions. In addition to PDG Gail, we lost PDG Al Williams of the Lawton Patriot Club and Lion Kenneth Higgins of the Mangum Club. I had just been privileged to present Lion Ken his 50 year membership pin.

They were all members of the “Greatest Generation”. They just don’t make them like that anymore! But sadly, there are so many Lions just like them in the US and as we continue to lose them, our membership continues to decline.

We simply must look harder to find some new Lions to replace them. I am convinced that the younger generation (X, Y, or Z—do we start over at A?) are as concerned about service to others as we are—they just want to do it in a different way and we must change our thinking in order to attract them. These long time Lions were all forward thinking and would certainly want us to continue our service to others in

tribute to them! Let’s all pledge to do our best to carry on the work they have started.

By the time you read this, our District 3L convention will be over and I will be resting—I hope! Onward and upward toward the State Convention. We will have some bright shiny new 2nd Vice District Governors Elect who are just starting their journey. My year as DG is more than half over—it has been a great adventure and I have enjoyed most getting to know other Lions in our District. Please consider

coming to the state convention and meeting some of our wonderful Oklahoma Lions!

Maybe because this is a short month, I have not received any activities reports. Remember if you don’t see your club activities here, it is because they have not been sent to me or posted on the LCI website. Happy Spring!



This is why we do what we do! Thank you card from the girl we helped with glasses



DG Sue Thompson with members of the Hollis Lions Club.



DG Sue Thompson and First Vice District Governor Kristi Fields with Lawton NE Branch Club

(Continue from page 1 CC Larry Wibben)

Everything I Ever Needed to Know about Lionism I Learned at the Zoo

Presenter: PCC Dr. Terry B Goodman
(Milford Lions Club)

I do not believe that the members of Lions Clubs International can be compared to their animal namesake. African lions are very lazy. We are not! We are as...

Hardworking as dung beetles, Compassion-

ate as elephants, Organized and communication driven as bees, Playful and fun loving as coyote pups, Proud as Peacocks, Good at problem solving as chimps and octopi, Adaptable as the hog nose snake, Determined as butterflies, while avoiding being porcupines, Good at leadership as geese, while avoiding being buffalo (We are never seagulls), Ubiquitous as cockroaches, Large and quietly necessary as blue whales, Dauntless as the musk ox, Responsible as the penguin, and Fearless as the quoll.

We do share the lion’s trait of looking out

for each other and getting involved to help each other when we are needed.

We need to be aware of our amazing strengths as an organization, and use the pride our strengths give us to find solutions to membership, leadership and retention problems. The answers are there. We just have to look inside ourselves as individuals and an association to find them. After all; we are the Lions!! (With a little bit of dung beetle and blue whale thrown in!)

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District 3-A



Governor
Terry Woodruff

Jet Lions Annual Deer and Bird Hunt Fundraiser Results

Jet Lions Club holds an annual deer hunt and bird hunt fundraiser each year. Local farmers donate their land for these popular events where normally over 100 hunters take part in each. However this year the snow and bad weather dropped the turn out to 57 deer hunters and 40 bird hunters from around the state.

Hunters pay the Lions Club a gun fee that goes to fund local school and community service projects. Jet Lions are very grateful to the local farmers who permit the hunters onto their lands in support of their club.

It wouldn't be a Lions event without food! The hunts start with an early morning breakfast by the Jet Lions. Lunch is provided at the Jet Community Center at noon each day of the hunts.

Larry Lipe of Stigler donated a hand-crafted hunting knife as a giveaway gift during the deer hunt. This was won by Sean Flanagan of Stillwater.

Jet's Four Corners Quilt Retreat donated a hand-made quilt given away at the bird hunt. Cecil Reinhart of Jet won this beautiful quilt.

Anyone who likes hunting should be sure to mark their calendars for next November and December hunts. The Jet area is well known for bountiful deer, pheasant and quail. Contact Jet Lions for more details of this event.

Tractor Pulling and Lions A Marriage Made in Helena

There are many special interest Lions Clubs. Helena Lions Club is a great example of that success in District 3A. This small town club like many others from very small communities was having trouble continuing to exist and considered folding. That was until the idea of joining with the interests of local citizens that were very involved with Tractor Pulling. Now this is a club that is very active and growing. Helena Lions raise over \$10,000 a year in their fundraisers for community service projects. These fundraisers are a series of community dinners served at the Wheatheart Community Center. Each dinner is a different type of meal such as the February casserole dinner (it was really great!). The dinners are very popular and are served for voluntary donations only. What a great way to bring a community together and promote Lions at the same time!

Helena Lions Club provides five scholarships each year to local students. They help individuals in their community such as a local citizen needing repairs on their home and a special trained dog for a local diabetic youth. Lions Tractor Pull events get the bene-

fit of the LCI insurance coverage available to all club events.

"Give Me 3" Campaign Begins

The heart of every Lions Club is a few key members that really provide the spark of life to the club. They provide some of the leadership, project ideas, and the enthusiasm to be a Lion. We often start trying to form new clubs in walking and talking to potential Lions in a community hoping that when we charter the club that we will have some of these types of Lions in the new club. That does not always happen and many new clubs fail within a few years.

The "Give Me 3" campaign is the idea that if we first find the heartbeat of a new club, it will be much easier to build the new club around it. District 3A is working to start the first of the NEW GENERATION LIONS CLUBS using this concept. We are asking Lions around the district to help identify three young people between the ages of 18 and 35 that are outgoing, show leadership skills and interest in their community. Once we have at least three young people that are dedicated to the idea of a new club, we will focus our efforts to help with a membership drive to form this club.

Many of our existing clubs do not appeal to younger people in sufficient numbers. They are interested in socializing with others in their age group and with similar interests and life challenges. New clubs focused on members from their generation is the best way to attract them to Lions in larger numbers. It is time to focus on passing the values of Lions to this generation and guide their new clubs to future success. They may not follow our meeting formats or some other formalities, but we know this generation cares about their community and will get involved when it makes a difference. Now we need to show them compelling reasons to be a Lion!

Contact your Zone Chair or a District Governor Team member if you have any interested young people in your community.

Spring Training Time!

It is coming up to time for each club to hold elections for the 2014-2015 Lions Year. Do you have potential leaders that need to know more about the duties of leadership positions? Do you have leaders that would like more training in various leadership positions? We will begin offering training sessions early this year so your club can really hit the road running in the new year. Sessions will be available starting in April. Get on the schedule early if you would like to have training before the end of May in your area.

Rookie of the Year Award

The Hal Long Rookie of the Year for District 3A is Lion Rick Shields of Ponca City Noon Lions. In his first year, Lion Rick coordinated the Cowboy Cadillac Ticket Sales Drive in which Ponca City Noon set a new record for the club of \$4,600 in sales. Lion Rick personally sold over \$1,600 in tickets! Lion Rick be-

came one of our very popular duo of Lion Mascots traveling around to events from Enid to southern Kansas promoting Lions to many children and adults. Lion Rick has jumped into an officer role as one of the Ponca City Noon tail-twisters and is always looking for people to ask "Do you want to be a Lion".



District Governor Terry Woodruff, Lion Rick Shields and PID Hal Long.

Lions Mascots Draw Attraction And Donations!



This year we learned just how much success Lions Mascots can be to community events and projects. Ponca City started with two fun Mascots - Clarence and Freckles. Their trip to a parade with North Enid Lions lead that club to add their own mascots! Children and adults just love them. Lion Mascots manning the Salvation Bell Ringing project in Ponca City significantly increased donations. They are also more likely to get into the local newspaper!

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District 3-H

Governor
Tom Cummings

Good morning Lions!

Another busy month as we pick up the pace from the holidays. Our **District 3H convention** was held in Cushing on February 1. Our theme was **Safari... "it's a jungle out there."** We had a great turnout of 80-85 Lions, and were privileged to have as our special guests International Director Steven Tremaroli and his wife Marianne from Long Island, New York to join us for the day.

The morning started off with presentation of the colors by Cushing Cub Scouts who also led us in the flag salute. We offered 3 different workshops: 1) "Orientation for new members" led by PDG Jim Barnett and PCC Marvin Ainsworth; 2) Lion Troy Jenkins presented a class on recruitment; and 3) our state treasurer Mike Banks, 3-A DGE Don Shaw, and ID Steven Tremaroli wrapped up our workshops discussing LCI, legal and tax issues. According to the evaluation forms, every one of these classes was a success and the Lions had a great time interacting with each other and learning to help them and their respective clubs.

For lunch, we encouraged Lions and Clubs to bring covered dishes, and Clubs that brought several dishes decorated their serving table with the safari theme. Food was great and everyone had a wonderful fellowship time. As we enjoyed our meal, Lion Kevin Clouse from the Cushing Club, created animals with balloons as he circulated the room. Then to wrap up our lunch, Lion Kevin had a very entertaining conversation with his puppet monkey - or the puppet monkey had a conversation with Lion Kevin.

After lunch, our guest ID Steven Tremaroli shared his keynote address with us, informing our Lions and challenging us to continue to step up to serve our communities and strive for additional Lions for our Clubs.

For the first time in several years, we had youth speech contestants: Aubrey Snider and Matt Porter, sponsored by the Cushing Lions; both were good presenters with excellent speeches and in a very close contest, Aubrey

emerged as our District 3H winner. She will now compete at our state convention April 25-26. We also recognized our district Peace Poster Contest winner, Amarie Griffith, Cushing Lions, who competed against entries from the Guthrie Lions and Yale Lions.

International Director Steven Tremaroli, PID Pat Shurley and PID George Hazelbaker presented 3 Melvin Jones Fellowships; recipients were Jerry Briscoe and Jerry Kashwer, both from the Chandler Lions, and Terry Brannon of the Cushing Lions. We had 3 Presidential Certificates of Appreciation awarded, the fourth highest award in Lions. Lions Troy Jenkins, Stillwater Lions Club, and Lion Jacque Mooney, Midwest City Lions Club, were each presented the award by ID Steven for their outstanding work in District 3H, especially during the disaster relief efforts. The third Presidential Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the Carney Lions. This may be the first time a Presidential Certificate has been presented to a Club but the Carney Lions were very deserving for taking the lead in the tornado recovery at Carney and representing Lions Clubs so well. We wrapped up our award presentations with the Pat Shurley Rookie of the Year award presented to David Kerr, Midwest City Lions, for his tireless efforts in District 3H. I must say that we don't have enough awards to present to every Lion in District 3H that deserves one. It's all about WE SERVE! And we do it so well in District 3H!

Lion Richard Schiver handled our 50/50 raffle which was won by Zone Chair Darnell Williams of the Langston City Lions, who then donated his winnings back. We were able to present over \$200 in profits and winnings therefore to the Briggs Memorial Scholarship to be in trust for future scholarships.

What a great convention and what a great time we all had. I think we made a fantastic impression on ID Tremaroli of what Oklahoma Lions are all about. If you were unable to make this year's convention, you must put this on your calendar for next year. You are missing a great time to interact with your fellow Lions.

Don't forget the **Governor's One Team**....I want to come and present you a pin as part of my **One Team** for that new member. Ask! That's how it happens and helps your Club with extra hands and new ideas.

Our clubs have been very active.

Edmond Lions collected 800 pair of eyeglasses and purchased 4 pairs of eyeglasses for adults

and one pair for a student. They are making final plans for their chili supper on March 11 at the First Nazarene Church in Edmond.

Midwest City Lions turned in 275 pairs of eyeglasses and 4 cell phones. Two MWC Lions attended the 3K Convention and 3 MWC Lions attended the Boys Ranch Christmas Party.

OKC Northwest Lions collected 200 pairs of eyeglasses, donated \$2,000 to the **Reading Is Fundamental** program at Hilldale Elementary School and inducted 5 new members to the newly formed Cyber Club.

Perry Lions collected 500 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling, supported the Perry High School baseball program with a \$50 advertisement, and endured Second Vice District Governor Jacque Mooney on an official visit. Lion Gerald Stewart served **Meals-on-Wheels** during the month of January.

Stillwater Noon Lions filled 200 week-end food sacks for children, helped serve and clean up meals at the First United Methodist Church for the community meal for those in need and purchased one pair of eyeglasses.

Stroud Lions donated to the Food Bank, \$200 to local Fire Pup program, and \$500 to the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch Christmas.

District 3H Lions: My email is tomc1114@suddenlink.net. Please email me dates and descriptions of your events, especially your events where food will be served!

Let's go out and make a difference in someone's life!

District 3-H Convention: Elections 2014-15

DGE Dawn Miller (OKC West Side Lions Club)

1st VDGE Jacque Mooney (Midwest City Lions Club)

2nd VDGE Troy Jenkins (Stillwater Noon Lions Club)

3-year positions on: **OK Lions Boys Ranch** Dan Blankenship, for 2nd 3-yr. term (Stillwater Noon Lions Club)

OK Lions Eye Bank

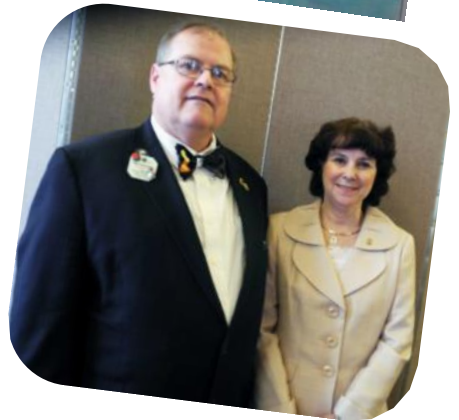
OK Lions Service Foundation Marvin Ainsworth (OKC West Side Lions Club)

Dr. Eugene Briggs Scholarship David Kerr (Midwest City Lions Club)

Central and SW OK Eyeglass Recycling Project Gerald Mooney (Midwest City Lions Club)

2-year position on State Convention Planning Committee Ramon Valdez (Midwest City Lions Club)

DISTRICT 3-A CONVENTION



First Row Left to Right: Arlene Shore recognizing 3-A speech Contestants; PID Hal Long; 3-A Peace Poster winner. **Second Row Left to Right:** Lions attending 3-A convention; 3-A DG Terry Woodruff, ID Cynthia & Tom Gregg. **Third Row Left to Right** DG Terry Woodruff presented several appreciation awards including to these Poca City Noon Lions, Mary Fultz receives Presidential Certificate of Appreciation. **Third Row Left to Right 3-H** Lion Lynda Cummings; DG Tom Cummings presents Debbie Woodruff with a bouquet of roses from her husband, Lion Scott Corson giving the Eye Bank report.

DISTRICT 3-H CONVENTION



Top Row: Lion Harold & Sue Sookne, CC Larry Wibben with balloon antlers & wife Elaine decided to take charge of the buffet line. DGE Don Shaw with ID Steven Tremaroli. 3-H Peace Poster by Amarie Griffeith. **Middle Row:** Langston City Lions Club member Dr. Alberta Mayberry. Lion Troy Jenkins glamour shot. Members of the Carney LC received the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation for their disaster relief work. PID George Hazelbaker, PID Pat Shirley, ID Steven Tremaroli and DG Tom Cummings. **Bottom Row:** Lion Darnell Williams received the club Excellence Award for Langston City Lions. PID George Hazelbaker, PID Pat Shirley, ID Steven Tremaroli, and DG Tom Cummings. PCC Marvin Ainsworth and PDG Jim Barnett pray before the new member orientation workshop. Lion Darnell serves up some of the Langston City Lions food.



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March 2014

Eye Donor Awareness Month
Continue involvement in LCI's tree planting campaign
and Reading Action Program

- March 1** **March 2014: Eye Donor Awareness Month**
OK Lions Trading Pin Design Contest deadline,
lionbill@swbell.net
- March 3** District 3-O Zone F meeting, 6pm, Bartlesville Tuxedo Lions Club
- March 5** **Seminole LC "Where's the Beef" drawing**; tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10
- March 7** LCI Webinar: You've Been a Club President-What's Next?, 7:00pm (www.lionsclubs.org to register)
- March 8** OK Lions Boys Ranch Board meeting, Perkins
- March 8** **Carney LC Chili Cook-off**, 4pm, Carney School Cafeteria
- March 8-10** LCI Advanced Leadership Institute, Oak Brook, IL
- March 11** **Edmond LC Chili Supper**
- March 12** LCI Webinar: You've Been a Club President-What's Next?, 12:00pm (www.lionsclubs.org to register)
- March 20-22** MD-3 Lions of Oklahoma Governor School (for DGEs, and all VDGs/VDGEs), OKC West Side Lions Town Hall and OK Lions State Office
- March 29** **Barnsdall Community LC STEP/BB gun program** at Pharaoh Ranch
- TBA** Lions Day with the United Nations, New York City

April 2014

Leo Club Awareness Month/Protecting the Environment
LCI Global Action Campaign

- April 5** **Barnsdall Community LC Main Street Auction and dinner/**
bake, 10am with the dinner/bake sale 11am to 1pm
North Enid LC annual Pancake Day and Auction, 5-7pm,
Chisholm Middle School, N. Oakwood & Carrier Rd.
OKC West Side LC helps with Friends of NW 10th St. Community Fair, 11-2, DHS Rockwell West office
- April 19** **Barnsdall Community LC** helps with Chamber of Commerce
Easter Egg Hunt, 10am, City Park
- April 21** Worldwide Induction Day
- April 22** Earth Day
- April 25** **OK Lions Boys Ranch** annual Golf Benefit
- April 25-26** **MD-3 OK Lions State Convention, including State Board and Council Meetings. Celebrating Our Oklahoma American Indian Heritage**, NCED Hotel and Conference Center, Norman