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The next *Oklahoma Lion* newspaper will be a combined July/August issue to be available on or about August 1, 2011.

Dr. Eugene S. Briggs Memorial Scholarship 2011-2012 - Recipients

The Lions of Oklahoma established this memorial trust fund to perpetually memorialize and show appreciation to a fellow Oklahoma Lion, Dr. Eugene S. Briggs. He was Past District Governor, Past Director and Past President of Lions International. Because of Dr. Briggs' outstanding work and service to Oklahoma and International Lionism, this scholarship fund was established in his honor.

Each year 3 recipients from each district are selected from applications received by the published deadline. Each recipient will receive the \$500 scholarship, to assist with their educational advancement. One alternate from each district is also selected.

Those selected for next school year (2011-2012) along with their home town, college and subject area are as follows:

District 3-O: **Wesley Ball** (Pryor), Northeastern State Univ.-Pre-Law; **Brittney Bynum** (Pawnee), Univ. of Central Okla.-Pre-Med; **Weston Powell** (Bartlesville), Okla. State Univ.-Mechanical Engineering; alternate Mary Alysabeth Mtulewicz (Broken Arrow)

District 3-K: **Allyson Jones** (Pocola), Okla. State Univ.-Apparel Merchandising; **Kenneth Ramsey** (McAlester), Univ. of Central Okla.-Forensic Science; **Alyssia Rush** (Albion), Carl Albert Jr. College-Nursing; alternate Melissa Gaylor from Atoka

District L: **Carlos Aleman** (Altus), Univ. of Okla.-Pre-Med; **Kolton Burge** (Duncan), Okla. State Univ.-Business; **Christopher Stockton** (Duncan), Okla. State Univ.-Pre-Med; alternate Ashley N. Smith (Cache)

District 3-A: **Hope McGehee** (Garber), Okla. State Univ.-Pre-Vet; **Brayden Nixon** (Cherokee), Western Okla. State-Agriculture Production; **Nicole Perez** (Enid), Okla. State Univ.-Agriculture Production; alternate Jessica Gulick (Enid)

District 3-H: **Nataly Barilas** (Moore), OKC Univ.-Music Education; **Makenzie Fly** (Edmond), Belmont Univ.-Fine Arts; **Stephanie Schroeder** (Norman), Univ. of Okla.-Communications; no alternate

The board for Dr. Eugene S. Briggs Memorial Scholarship Foundation wishes to thank all of the Lion Clubs who participated and to all of those who made application.

Remember that donations to this scholarship can be made through the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. Applications will be available for the 2012-2013 school year in Fall 2011 through your local Lions Club or any Briggs Board member.

Final state board/council meetings 2010-2011: Sat., June 11, 9am, at West Side Lions Town Hall, 4135 NW 10th St., OKC

2011-2012 state board and council meetings:

Sat., Aug. 6
Sat., Oct. 22 (tentative)
Sat., Jan. 7, 2012
State Convention-date to be finalized
Sat., Jun. 23, 2012
Meetings to be held at Westside Lions Town Hall

Deadly tornadoes strike Oklahoma communities

by Virginia Rodriguez PCC –State Secretary

As I write this article for our *Oklahoma Lion*, I know that our thoughts and prayers go out to all that were affected by the recent storms. I do know that 3 of our 5 districts (Districts O, L, and H) received major damage. District Governors Carl, Mark and Paul have applied to Lions Clubs International Foundation for Emergency Grant assistance. We are fortunate to have LCIF where we can apply for emergency grants for assistance during this troubled time.

Governor Carl reported that Delaware County residents received major damage when the Joplin tornado occurred and that LCIF has granted a \$10,000 grant for this area.

Governors Mark and Paul requested grants to assist in the areas that were affected in Districts L and H. They are sure that their requests will be approved.

The LCIF Emergency Grant Program Objective is to provide immediate emergency relief assistance to victims of natural disaster through the service work programs of International Lions Clubs globally.

Oklahoma will more than likely receive the minimum support from LCIF of \$30,000. This is all the more reason for Lions of Oklahoma to support LCIF. We get back much more than is given to LCIF. Our Lions Clubs are noted for helping those who are in need and Oklahomans who were affected with this natural disaster are certainly in need.

The Joplin tornado left their community in total despair. Joplin has only one Lions Club (Joplin Host) and is in

need of help from our Oklahoma Lions. The following is information for those in Oklahoma who wish to give any assistance to that community. They can do so through the District Governor of Southwestern Missouri. Her name and address is: Dist. Gov. Debbie A. Whittlesey, 635 Spiller, Labanon MO 65536; Bus. phone 417-532-2151, residence 417-588-9840.

Governor Carl reported that he delivered a pick-up load of water and diapers to this area. He stated, "The devastation I witnessed was beyond your imagination. It had to be your worst nightmare." PCC Gene Curtis reported that the Tulsa Downtown Lions Club donated \$5,000 and the Broken Arrow Evening Lions Club sent \$1,000.

One cannot image the total despair that comes with this type of disaster. Again our Prayers go out to all that have been affected by this major disaster. Should Lions Clubs wish to donate to Districts O, L and H here in Oklahoma please contact their respective Governors.

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**White Cane...Your Club...Who Cares?
We Care...Lions Care...We Serve...
The Blind...The Bruised...The Broken...
White Cane Events Stir Awareness...
In Our Community...In Ourselves...
Do White Cane in Your Community!**

Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation

Softminded... Sameness...

by Lion John Been, Executive Director
Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation

The softminded person always wants to freeze the moment and hold life in the gripping yoke of sameness. Martin Luther King, Jr. "A Tough Mind and a Tender Heart"

Softminded. Sameness. Are these words even remotely something you want to be a part of or something you want to inspire? Of course not, but it's easy to slip, isn't it?

Encouraging people to stay engaged in club activities is very challenging. It's essential for us to ask ourselves what's happening in our meetings that influence people to be excited about being a Lion? Keeping members engaged and excited help our members stay accountable for what they are doing or not doing. I catch myself slipping into that soft-minded (softaction) state more often than I like to admit. (pathetic, huh?)

We must always be alert so that we can counter soft mindedness with the right response, especially during our fundraising activities. When soft mindedness occurs in our marriages, in our families, in our work or in our clubs we become less than we were created to be. I once heard someone say, "we were created for success, engineered for greatness and empowered for accomplishment." What a great thought! Just reading that idea makes me sit up straighter in my chair. How about you?

Motivating and encouraging others are some of the reasons I enjoy making bookmarks. I often keep a few in my pocket to share with people I come in contact with every day, hopefully spreading a few good thoughts and giving those persons a boost. If negativity starts to drag me down I usually have a bookmark nearby and by simply reading one or two of the quotes it helps me banish the negative

emotion. I realized that the more frequently I read one, the greater the positive effect on my attitude for handling every situation better.

Here are a few quotes with a little commentary. Maybe they will give you boost or at least something to think about.

Anonymous said, "**You will draw to yourself that which you most persistently think about.**" Apply this to some people you know and then apply it to yourself. Do you persistently find the problems or do you persistently find the solutions?

Anonymous said, "**Don't be the type of person that brightens up the room when you leave.**" This one is a bit negative and I actually don't like negative quotes. They are generally used to poke fun at someone or something. As Lions we should never say this about one of our own. But on the other hand we should never be the one about which this could be said.

Robert Anthony said, "**If you don't change your beliefs, your life will be like this forever.**" Good News? I hope so. Whether we like it or not, everything around us changes. I only know of one thing that stays the same all the time and I hope you know Him, too.

Art Linkletter said, "**Things turn out best for people who make the best of the way things turn out.**" On his TV show, Art never knew what kids were going to say, but he always made the best out of what they said. I think kids always want to be happy, but they're not. Have you ever noticed it usually only takes them a few minutes, sometimes seconds for their attitude to change from unhappy to happy? They seem to have a built-in sense of how to make the best of the way things turn out. Silly kids, I reckon they just don't know better.

AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR PREAUTHORIZED PAYMENTS

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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.

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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:

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<input type="checkbox"/> A Monthly Contribution	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> I pledge to support my club's fund raising efforts for our state projects.	

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To ensure proper crediting of your tax-deductible gift, please complete the following:

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Lions Club Name _____

OLSF Fellowships are awarded to individuals who make donations at two levels.

_____ Louis B. Luckey Fellowship (\$250.00)

_____ Dr. Robert D. McCullough Fellowship (\$500.00)

Recipients receive pins and certificates recognizing their contribution. A list of all OLSF Fellows is on display at the Lions state office.

Please make your check payable to and mail to:

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G'Day, Mates!

by Governor Carl Schonborg

Congratulations to Miami Noon Lions Club on your 90th anniversary of serving.

By the time you receive this issue of the *Oklahoma Lion*, all your officers should be elected, your PU-101 turned in and, hopefully, there is excitement in your club for the new year.

I suggest that you set up a planning meeting where you can set your goals for the year and lay out a plan to achieve them. Hopefully you will set one goal to increase your membership and another goal to reduce the loss of your existing members. This can be accomplished by interesting programs, mentoring new members and getting them involved in your service projects. I cannot over emphasize the importance of getting actively involved in needed projects in your community. Include projects for and with the youth in you community! The youth are our future and they want to get out and serve, and that's what we are all about.


In closing I thank all the District 3-0 clubs for all that you do in your communities. I am impressed with the amount of time and effort you give. *Nobody does it better*, and I mean nobody! I would be remiss if I don't thank my advisors, secretary, treasurer, zone and committee chairs. Without you we would not have had the successful year that we had.

God Bless.


3-0 Club Activities

Barnsdall Community: Did park playground cleanup project on May

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15. **Bartlesville Tuxedo:** Collected and delivered over 700 pairs of used eyeglasses to the state Lions office in OKC. Donated \$200 to OK Lions Service Foundation for the White Cane Drive.

Chelsea: Sponsoring a Special Olympics Athlete for a year. Collected eyeglasses for recycling. Making plans for White Cane Day. Purchased one pair of eyeglasses and exam.

Coweta: Purchased eyeglasses for student.

Drumright: Gave a \$250 scholarship to senior Andrew Davis. Donated \$200 to the Drumright FBLA.

Fairland: Donated \$100 to OLSF White Cane Drive. Recognized Matthew Wood as Student of the Month. Donated \$300 to Fairland Little League to sponsor a team and \$100 to Wyandotte Lions as sponsor in annual Football Fundraiser program. Awarded Business of the Month-Hometown Pride Award to Cooper-Altouse Funeral Home of Fairland In April held annual Fairland Lions Club "Dr. Bill Goodman Memorial" Golf Tournament at Peoria Ridge Golf Course with 68 players and 75 sponsors.

Jenks: Had a city-wide garage sale on

May 8. **Muskogee Noon:** Donated \$500 to OK Lions Boys Ranch and awarded three \$500 scholarships.

Sapulpa: Paid \$500 to have Mural painted on side of concession stand. Donated \$100 to a Track Team member to go to Australia and \$150 for a couple to go to the Pilot Dog Alumni Convention. Entered a team in OK Lions Boys Ranch Golf Tournament and entered a team in Kiwanis Golf Tournament. Awarded 4 scholarships of \$1,000 each. Working concession stand for Relay for Life and will donate all proceeds to them.

Tulsa Brookside: Three members participated in providing eye exams to

Special Olympic athletes during the annual State Special Olympics Opening Eyes Program. Served "Pigs in a Blanket" to children and their parents at the annual Wright Elementary Fun Days event on May 14.

Tulsa Metro-McCullough: Collected 72 pairs of used eyeglasses, 34 eyeglass cases, 6 used printer cartridges, 5 used cell phones and aluminum cans for recycling. Six members attended the Catoosa Route 66 Lions Charter night and 7 members attended the OK Lions State Convention. Club is selling beautiful handmade wooden birds as a fundraiser.

Wann: Working on scholarship programs for Copan and Oklahoma Union Schools; having a Salad Supper on June 21 at 6:30pm.

Joplin Host Lions Club building as photographed by Gov. Carl in a recent visit to deliver supplies for disaster assistance. Northeastern Oklahoma



(District 3-0) was also impacted by this storm. (See article, page 1.)

The hospital in Joplin took a direct hit from the tornado, which tore the small city in half, leaving more than 130 persons dead. Injured were transported to Integris hospital in Miami among other nearby facilities.

Courtney Summers, Fairland HS Senior, was recognized as "Student of the



Month for March 2011" by the **Fairland Lions Club** during their regular Mar. 28 meeting. Courtney is pictured being presented with a Certificate of Recognition for her academic excellence, outstanding leadership abilities, and integrity of character by 3-0 Governor Carl Shonborg (left) and Fairland Lions President David Davis.



Submitted by Pres. Nancy Calhoun, Muskogee Noon Lions Club: photograph of some new members.

A Strong Finish

by Governor Daryl Pults

This year is rapidly coming to a close. It has been an interesting year, and I have enjoyed visiting the clubs in our district. The Lions I have met on those visits are the cream of the crop in their communities. They are hard at work showing that *We Serve*.

My wife was with me on most of my visits, and she wants to thank each club for their great hospitality. This year has been a growing process and has helped me to better understand the value of Lionism. I hope that I helped our clubs gain more knowledge about our state and international projects.

This year has been like running a race. We started the year with goals, and as we continued through this year, we attained many of these goals on our way to the finish line. We are now close to the finish line, but we still have time to reach additional goals. The main goal we still need to achieve is a growth in membership. I urge each club member to invite someone to our meetings this month. Let us end this year with a **STRONG FINISH!**

OK Lions State Convention

We had a great State Convention. I thank PDG Larry Bailey and the Convention committee for a job well done. The convention went off like clock work, and we had a great time. There were many awards given, and in our district DGE Cloye Thompson received the District 3-K Lion of the Year award. DGE Cloye also received an International award, as did PDG Tony Dowell.

3-K SCHEDULED EVENTS

June 4: Pioneer Breakfast at Madill Frontier Days - Madill Lions

June 20: Annual Kids Free Fishing Derby - Talihina Lions


June 11: OK Lions State meetings in OKC.

June 25: Ada Lions BBQ contest sanctioned by the Kansas City BBQ Association. This event is in conjunction to the Ada Air Expo.

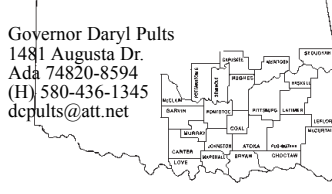
June 30: DG Daryl Pults term ends.

July 1: DG Cloye Thompson's term begins. Let's give her our support.

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3-K CLUB ACTIVITIES

Ada: Recently collected 130 pairs of used eyeglasses, and they are now preparing for their major fundraiser which is their annual BBQ Contest on Sat., June 25.

Ardmore: Sponsored a water station for the recent A2A Marathon. They held a fundraising garage sale in April. They also partnered with Ardmore Little Theatre in selling tickets to the *Miracle Worker* performance.

Blanchard: Sponsored 2 boys to Boys State. They continue to raise money for their projects by selling aluminum cans.

Idabel: A local Boy Scout Troop worked in conjunction with the Lions to raise \$600 for eyeglasses. The club recently raised \$3,400 from the carnival.

Madill: Provided dictionaries to school children. They presented a life membership to Lion Dale Waymire.

Marietta: They sponsor a Lions League Baseball/Softball program and enrolled 320 players for this year. They purchased 50 new batting helmets and a pitching machine for this season. They are also working the Pioneer Breakfast on June 4.

Pocola: Participated in the annual city wide trash pickup day. They sell aluminum cans as a fundraiser.

Talihina: Donated \$260 to LCI Japan Relief. They recently placed eyeglass donation boxes throughout the city.

Tishomingo: Gave \$500 scholarships to 2 boys to attend Boys State.

Wanette: Bought a pair of eyeglasses for a local resident and donated \$10 to the Wanette FFA for helping the Lions clean up along Highway 102.

Wilburton: Donated \$150 to help with Japan relief, \$250 to Jr./Sr. High School Art Contest and \$250 to Relay for Life. They purchased 2 pairs of eyeglasses. At their recent annual Banquet they presented the Lion of the Year Award to Don McClain. They recently held an

Alumni Pancake Breakfast and netted \$516.75.

3-K CABINET MEETING

District Governor Elect Cloye Thompson has set **Sat., July 30** as the date for our first cabinet meeting of the new Lions year. This meeting will be held at the

First United Methodist Church in Atoka. The meeting will also have training sessions for our club officers.

I urge all our clubs to send your new officers to this meeting as they will receive information that will show them how to do a good job for their clubs.

As I close this article I thank all the Lions who helped me this year. There are too many for me to try to name you all, but they include those in the state office, those in my cabinet, those in our clubs, and my wife. *Thank you for a great year!*

5th Annual

Ada Lions Club's

Pigs Can Fly

State Championship
BBQ Cookoff

in conjunction with the
Ada Air Expo
www.adaairexpo.com

June 24-25, 2011

\$8,000 prize money

Contact Mary Gallup by
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Oklahoma Lions State Office: Plaza Project

UPDATE



On Sat., May 21, a group of Past District Governors and other volunteers started the immense job of preparing the front of the state office for the engraved paving bricks that will help complete the new Plaza. Lion Richard Schiver (OKC West Side) tills while Boy Scout Michael Wall and PDG Franny Rodriguez assist. Also pictured: PDG Travis Cummins, Joe Wall, PDG Eldon Hugaboom, and PDG Doug Garren (still recovering from

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Fare Thee Well


by Governor Mark Gibson

Isn't it funny how time passes? I'm not sure who asked me if I wanted to be Second Vice District Governor, but I said I would. Now, my time as DG is almost over. It has been a learning experience, and I'm glad I said "yes." I now have some insight into Lions that I would have never had if I hadn't served as a District Governor. I won't pretend that I know everything now, but I have gained a little wisdom. So, I wanted to summarize my year and what I have learned.

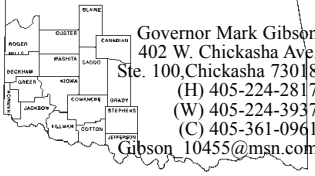
There were several ideas I felt strongly about when I started.

Doing the same thing over and over, with the same result, but expecting a different outcome, is the definition of insanity. I decided some things needed to be done differently. We held workshops, not

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training, for club and district leadership, with computers that had Internet access, for the first time. It was fun and informative. I encouraged clubs to develop brochures to use in recruiting new members. With help from Lions in the Tulsa area (3-O), we had an information booth during the OK Assoc. of Optometric Physicians fall convention. Lion Fred Campbell was able to procure eye exam equipment for a local free vision clinic at no cost through the contacts he made while there. We held a combined (Districts 3-K, 3-L and 3-H) mid-

winter convention, which I believe was successful.

What about the future? To start with, we need to be quicker to try and fix problems in our Association instead of ignoring them, and hoping that things get better on their own. **Not happening!** Denial is not just a river in Egypt. I honestly believe that online clubs are the future. It would be great if LCI recognized this and promoted it with massive advertising. **Lions are cutting edge, when it comes to e-communication, and ready to embrace the future of service for the world.** I could star in the commercial!

Most of all, it is up to all Lions to recruit new members. We must find a way to bring new blood into our clubs. Our new mantra should be **JUST ASK!**

So, my final thoughts are these. We are blessed to live in the U.S.A. and blessed to serve. We can do amazing things when we decide we want to, and it is worth the sacrifice. Don't be deterred or discouraged. We miss 100% of the shots we don't take, so keep shooting. Thanks for all your support and encouragement. And most of all, thanks for being my Lion family.

3-L Club Activities

Altus: Celebrated their 70th Club Anniversary on April 15. Guest speaker was PID George Hazelbaker. Club recycled used cell phones and printer cartridges, and donated \$50 to OLSF. Donated \$150 to Habitat for Humanity to buy door and \$100 to Great Plains Literacy Council.

Binger: Provided funds to buy eyeglasses for 3 people. Held Golf for Sight tournament on May 14. Awarded scholarships.

Cache: Treated Special Olympics participants with visit to Braum's. Funded eye screenings for students through **Prevent Blindness of Oklahoma**. Members donated blood to **Oklahoma Blood Institute**.

Chickasha: Held successful Collectibles Show at fairgrounds the last weekend in March, including Indian Taco dinner and conces-

sion stand sales. Awarded LCI Lifetime Membership to Lion Jim Sheerer at a special luncheon on March 19.

El Reno: Sponsored the OK Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit for health fair at Redlands Community College.

Hobart: In April, donated \$1,000 to Kiowa County Museum, \$500 to Cub Scout Pack 241, \$250 to Youth Assoc., \$200 to Relay for Life, \$100 to Kiowa County Children's Fun Fair, \$100 to Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt, \$100 to High School After Prom Party and \$100 to Junior Main Street Big Bang Project. Provided eyeglasses for 2 people. Served hotdogs at Children's Fun Fair. Will provide scholarships to high school seniors. Served pancake breakfast in conjunction with Memorial Day weekend's **Celebration of Freedom**.

Lawton Noon: Celebrated their 70th Club Anniversary on April 11. Guest speaker was PID Pat Shurley. Lion President Bill Vaughn organized "Hungry Lions" luncheon and invited prospective members to inform them of the goals of Lions, and the activities of the club. Donated to the Griener School for the Handicapped.

Lawton NE: Held annual breakfast to honor Past District Governors in Feb. Helped online branch club with pizza party at MacArthur high school. Collected paper products for the OK Lions Boys Ranch.

Lawton NE Online Branch: Held White Cane fundraiser at Wal-Mart on April 16. Planted a red bud tree on campus of Cameron University on Earth Day, April 22. Club congratulates Lion President Al Granger for being the 3-L Lion of the Year!

Okeene: Sponsored the OK Lions MHSU downtown on May 6, the Friday before Rattlesnake Roundup. Sold Lions Linens to raise funds for club and OLSF that same day.

Pocasset: Held trash pickup on April 16 and held Ladies Night on May 5. Awarded 4 scholarships to high school seniors.

Surrey Hills: Held successful pancake breakfast at First Baptist Church, March 26.

Velma-Alma: Donated \$200 to local food bank.

Piedmont-Surrey Hills, El Reno and Chickasha areas hit hard by May 24 tornadoes.



Kelly Gibson took this photograph of the tornado as it went past Chickasha and was not very far from their home.

Are you ready for the next tornado or flooding (natural disaster) event? Do you have the supplies you need (bottled water, flashlights, extra batteries, weather radio properly programmed, canned food)? Is your home's basement or storm shelter registered with local authorities so rescuers know where to look should the worst occur?

Does your Lions Club have an action plan and a disaster relief committee prepared to help immediately following a natural disaster in your area? Does your Lions district also have such a plan/committee and are all District Governors trained in how to apply for Lions Club International Foundation's emergency grants for disaster relief and distribute that relief?

Does your community have a public shelter? (Newcastle does-and the Lions Club meets there.)

For more information on preparing ahead for natural disasters, go to www.ok.gov/reddirtready.

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Donahoo. Held officers election, planning installation picnic. Selected Pioneer High School student to receive \$600 scholarship. Collected food donations for Horn of Plenty. Eight members worked for White Cane Day in conjunction with Lions Clubs of Garfield County. Worked at the Norce Cemetery for cleanup. Approved applicant for eyeglasses. Will be helping with Wall of Honor Memorial Day Celebration.

Seiling: Donated \$100 to the Trail of Dreams County project. Awarded college scholarships totaling \$300 to 2 local graduating high school seniors. The club has collected \$1,745 toward the local July Fourth fireworks.

3-A Club Activities

Medford: Awarded a \$700 scholarship to Sara Zeman. At the officer installation, a Thunderchild crab apple tree, donated by DGE Arlene Shore, was planted; DGE Arlene installed the officers.

Pioneer-Pleasant Vale: Held a very successful pancake supper and auction. Donated \$130 to Blue Star Mothers for postage for overseas military packages. Donated \$50 to OLSF in memory of PDG Don

Annual District 3-A Leadership Training

July 30, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.

**New Garber Emergency Medical Service Building
 Main Street-Garber
 Lunch - Donation
 Training Breakout Sessions for Club Officers**

**Special Sessions include
 Community Service Round Table Discussion
 Guiding Lions Certification Training**

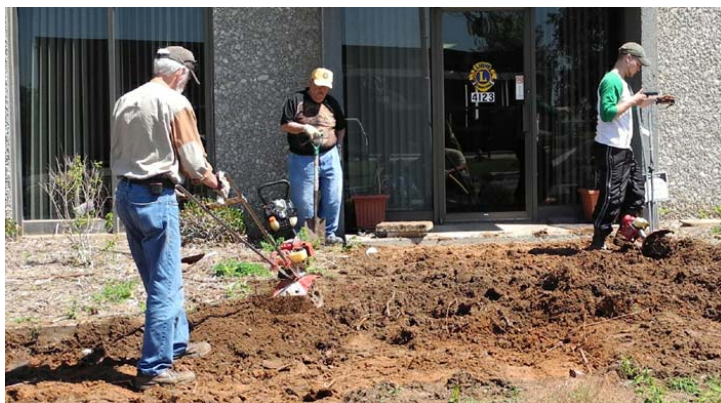
Cabinet Meeting - 2:30 p.m.

EMTs and EMRs (Emergency Medical Technicians and Emergency



Medical Responders) were honored for their collective 54 years of service to the community of Garber at a recent banquet by the Garber Lions Club.

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from recent heart surgery and liver transplant. Michael Wall is the Boy Scout who completed his Eagle project removing the old trees and shrubs, and planting the new landscape materials last November. Warren Jones has the paving company who will supply the bricks and who volunteered his time and labor on this project also. He will help complete the project. There is still time to purchase paving bricks engraved with your club's past district governor(s); contact PCC Yolanda Middleton, 580-233-1771 or e-mail yjmar@enid.com.

Medford's newest Member is Lion Kevin Owens (left), pictured with incoming President Lion Steve Wilson (right).



Fairview Lions Club Class Night May 17

Scholarships were awarded to



BARON REESE



CHASE MCGOLDEN



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EMILY BARTEL

When They Call Your Number

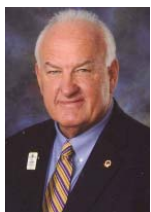

by Governor Paul Anderson

He was the great grandson of an early Okla. U.S. Senator. He stood 6'4," weighed 245 and could fly like a sprinter. And man, could he ever zing the football on line. He could flat out "bring it." He had all the impressive stats of a modern day quarterback. But this was 1962, and he would later become known as the greatest athlete to ever come out of Lawton High School. For many years, he held the state high school record for high hurdles. He was a member of the heralded 1962 Lawton HS Track Team who that year won the state championships. Lawton's 1962 track team was named the 44th best high school athletic team of the past 100 years by the *Daily Oklahoman* in 2007. He led Lawton to its only state high school basketball championship in 1962, beating the top rated team Tulsa Central led by a 26-year-old coach, in his first high school basketball season, named Eddie Sutton.

That young man was the *Daily Oklahoman* 1962 Football Player of the Year filling the sports page with a full 3-column photo under the caption, "The Blond Bomber." He was starting quarterback in the 1962 All-State football game, and later quarterbacked Oklahoma to a victory over Texas in the 1962 Oil Bowl Game. He had over 41 offers to Div. I schools, but chose Okla. Univ. He was the scheduled starter for his first season at OU until knee injuries sidelined him for a year of rehab. He came back the next season as the starting deep safety and held that position for the next 3 years. He intercepted 2 passes in Oklahoma's victory in the 1964 Gator Bowl. In 1965, he won the low hurdles event in the Big 8 Track and Field Championships. He was drafted by the Oakland Raiders.

There was another player who was a member of Lawton's 1962 basketball squad. He was at the other end of the skill set and rarely played unless several of the regulars were severely injured, missing, or if we had a comfortable double digit lead that began with a 3. It was one of those opportunities to sit, reflect and be ready if your number was called. They never called my number during those days of "pine therapy." Probably just as well under the circumstances. Better to ride the bench and let people wonder about your shooting skills than take the court and confirm what most suspcioned by an absence of significant playing time. I remember our bb coach (who fancied himself an amateur comedian) telling a local Lions Club that "Anderson is not particularly fast, but I did see some interesting foot speed when he got off the team bus for the pre-game meal at a buffet in Chickasha." That's not

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the sort of clipping you want to show your grandchildren.

"The Blond Bomber," aka my friend Bill Thomas, went on to enjoy a wonderful family and a successful career in real estate, and later, until his retirement, in teaching and coaching. I was stunned to learn that the "Blond Bomber" died in Sun Lakes, AZ, on April 22 of this year after a long bout with bone cancer. Those of us who remembered his quiet but powerful leadership were saddened by his passing.

I cannot explain why, but I thought back to my high school days wondering if anybody would ever "call my number" to get in the game. How times have changed. What seemed so important then has been surpassed by other things of greater importance.

A week after Bill's death, on April 29 of this year, my number was called, but for a different reason. On that day, I was deeply honored to be elected as Chairperson for the incoming 2011-2012 Council of Governors. I look forward to a year of leading and facilitating the vision and goals of your in-coming Governors. I have leadership examples of CC Frank, PCC Charles and many other very active Past Council Chairs upon which to draw for advice and direction whenever necessary. If I can just explain to my 2 OK State Univ. graduate sons about that new red jacket in the closet, things will be great. They just can't seem to recall those ancient periods in history when mom and dad graduated from the Univ. of Oklahoma.

I thought the State Convention was a huge success. I really enjoyed the hotel facility; food was very good, and the rooms were accommodating. Thanks again to our State Convention team for making the event such a success.

I hope everyone caught the term "Oklahoma's transition Lion districts" in several comments by our PID guest Ed McCormick. That emphasizes how imperative it is to we increase the number of clubs and Lions in every District to shake off the "transition" label. I know we can do this. We have strong leadership in our Global Leadership Chair PCC Delbert King and our Global Membership Chair PCC Charles Michaels.

Your new District Governor Elect is Marvin Ainsworth. DGE Marvin's journey in Lionism began due to his *love of pancakes*. In 1990 Lion Ray Fischer, a

customer and member of the Surrey Hills Lions Club, sold him pancake tickets, and at that event he was introduced to Lion Bob Lee. Marvin told them that if pancakes were part of the deal they could count him in. He joined the Lions because he liked pancakes and *because Lion Bob Lee asked him to join*.

He was a member of the OKC Downtown Lions Club for almost 20 years, serving in every office at the club level except secretary or treasurer. In January 2010 he transferred to the OKC West Side Lions Club. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and winner of the International President's Leadership Medal.

Marvin is now retired from 45 years in the moving and storage business. His wife Mary has joined him as a Lion member as they travel spreading the word of Lionism, Pancakes, and Community Service. "Marvelous Marv" brings great leadership and vision to District 3-H.

I hope each of you sent in your PU-101's listing the names and contact numbers of your club officers for 2011-2012. We need accurate records and the success/accuracy of the new OK Lions directory depends on it. I would be remiss if I did not opine for one last time that we must as an organization keep looking for ways to serve others in the community. As PIP McCullough reminded us, our motto is not "we sell," but rather "we serve." We must continue

3-H Cabinet Meeting and Leadership Workshops

Sat., June 18: 9:30 am
OKC West Side Lions Town Hall
4123 NW 10th St., OKC

Gov. Paul's final cabinet meeting will be followed by sessions for 2011-2012 club presidents, secretaries, treasurers, membership chairs and cabinet zone chairs.

A light lunch will be provided by the West Side Lions.

to ride the horse that brought us this far. I am confident we can not only succeed, but we can continue to grow in each of our communities.

Well, I will just close by saying I was honored to represent District 3-H. I look forward to serving you as your incoming Council Chair. Until then, and because we are Lions.....! -30-

A few 3-H Club Activities

Midwest City: Donated 375 pairs of used eyeglasses, 39 used printer cartridges and 2 used cell phones. Also, provided eyeglasses and exams for 2 people. MWC Lions appreciated the opportunity to "serve" as Hospitality Suite Host Club at the OK State Lions Convention in April.

OKC West Side: Will sponsor the OK Lions MHSU on June 3. Donated \$100 in memory of former Lion Sue Muller to the OK Lions Eye Bank.

Guthrie Lions Sponsor "89er Heath Screening"

The Guthrie Lions Club sponsored the OK Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit during the annual 89er Celebration, April 30. The MHSU joined other Lions Club entries and our club mascot in the 89er Parade, the largest parade in the state, and then set up right across from the carnival to



offer free health screening for the rest of the day. Over 500 flyers were prepared/distributed throughout Guthrie and along the parade route. In addition to volunteers from the club, 10 student nurses from Langston Univ. helped screen 39 of Logan County responded to our call of "Come Visit and Stay Healthy." Pictured above registering participants are Lions Randy Kellogg (L), Bill Wagoner (M), and Gary Weeks (R). A glimpse inside the MHSU reflects that the activities associated with the 6 screening stations went smoothly.

The Omega and the Alpha

by Colleen Fowler, OK Lions Boys Ranch House Parent

Yes, I know it sounds strange; usually you hear the phrase, "Alpha and Omega," the beginning and the end. We are preparing for our Alpha-beginning of vacations and family adventures! Here at the Cedars we are going on 2 trips plus summer camp. We are excited about spending this time with our guys and bonding as a family.

But I want to talk about our Omega-end of the school year. We worked very hard this year on educational issues. We challenged and tutored and set up programs that seemed impossible to achieve. The great news is that *we did it!* Every boy in our care improved their grades and in some cases made up work from previous years. Our staff and public school teachers worked together to help promote an attitude of achievement this year. For so many of these boys, education was never important. No one made them go to school; no one praised them if they did good or showed up for school functions.

Here at the Ranch, it is our focus and goal to help our boys become successful adults and you cannot do that without an education. Its not

just about the grades, it's about following through. Read the work, do the work, turn in the work! Move on to the next chapter and again, read the work, do the work, turn in the work. It is a process like anything else.

Our boys know it is important to us. We sit with them for at least 30 minutes after school every day and do geometry, social studies, biology, etc. We conjugate Spanish verbs and build art projects. It is a joint effort of teachers, tutors, parents and students that makes it work.

Today was the last day of school and one of my Junior High guys came running to the car saying, "look at my grades! Look at my grades!" He passed everything and for the first time in a long time he was proud of himself.

It is hard work being a houseparent, but it's so worth it to see our young men reach milestones and achieve success in school and in life.

Thanks for all you do!
Remember why we do this...*they are worth it!*

Council Chairperson's Corner

FRANKLY

by CC Frank Davis



WE SERVE. Our motto has many meanings and takes many forms.

Not that I have served more than others or as much as many, but looking back at my life experiences there have been many opportunities for service.

Of course, the law, my chosen profession, is a service career. It is said that lawyers are disliked by everyone, unless they are unfortunate enough to wake up on the cold concrete floor of a jail cell in western Oklahoma, but a law career provides many other less dramatic opportunities for service.

My first service opportunity was as Postmaster. Before e-mail, Facebook and Twitter, the United States Postal Service was depended upon for next day mail delivery from any Post Office in the state to any other state office. This included everything from Social Security checks to baby chicks.

Certainly my church and the various other churches are, among many other things, service organizations. They provide food for the hungry and healing for the sick, following the example of Jesus who said "I have come not to be served but to serve" (Matthew 20:28).

As a Mason I take pride in the benevolences Masons and their constituent organizations provide. One example is the Shrine hospitals which give free medical treatment and care for severely sick and disabled children.

Gideons participation is meaningful to me, because of distribution of Bibles not just in hotel rooms but in schools, hospitals and many other locations throughout the world.

For many years I was Scoutmaster of a Boy Scout Troop, an outstanding youth service organization.

And yes, I "served" as a member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives for 26 years. While politicians, like lawyers, are often held in disdain, there are few careers that provide better opportu-

nity for service.

Most politicians whom I have known approached their jobs with service to others as their primary motivation.

All this is to say that my 50 years in Lionism have given me opportunities to serve which supplemented and enlarged upon those provided by other service organizations with which I have been involved. Lions serve locally, statewide, nationally and internationally. We serve Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and atheists. We serve all races and nationalities. We serve young and old, rich and poor. We serve in countries of all political persuasion. We serve the blind, but also the sick, the poor, the hungry and the disabled. We serve in the aftermath of floods, fires, tornadoes and other natural disasters. We serve anyone who needs us.

Fellow Lions, be grateful to be a part of such a wonderful organization!

During the legislative sessions I wrote a weekly column called "FRANKLY." Last year as District Governor, I resurrected "FRANKLY" for our Lions newspaper to provide news about Lionism. My term as Council Chair will soon end, so this is my last "FRANKLY" column. However, I said that when my legislative career ended, so who knows - - .

OK Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit (MHSU) Calendar

Lions Clubs: to schedule the MHSU for your community, please call the OK Lions state office at 405-947-6540 or e-mail exdir@oklionsfoundation.org.

June 2011

Wed. 1: Madill LC for Marshall County, at Madill Community Bldg., 9am-2pm, Sara West, 580-795-3563, sara.west@okstate.edu

Fri. 3: OKC West Side LC for On the Edge at Ridge View Apts, 6708 W. Wilshire Blvd.-OKC, Guillermo Rivera, 706-662-9873, outontheedge@aol.com or Lion Dawn Miller 405-517-4550, liondawn@cox.net

Sat. 4: Sapulpa LC at 101 E. Dewey in Sapulpa, Lion Wayne Neal 918-695-8175

Tues. 7: Tulsa Shady Brook Retirement Community 4203 S 109th E Ave Tulsa, Tulsa DT Lions, Diana Ingram 918-622-4004

Fri 11: Latino Community Development Agency, Katalina Beltram 236-0701 x 158, immunize@latinoagencyokc.org

Sat. 18: Morris LC at Hilltop Church, Erich Welrenberg, 612-8043, erich.welrenberg.edu or Notie Lansford 405-612-0828

Wed 22: BC & BS, Newkirk, 12875 N. Hwy 177, Otoe-Missoura Development Authority, Sara Tillman, 580-448-3015 x 2234, Stillman@firstcouncilcasino.net

Sat. 25: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, 2701 W. Hefner (May & Hefner), Rick Pierson, 820-8309, рпиerson@okdrugcounselors.org

Sun. 26: OKC Northwest LC at St Charles Church 1p-4p 50th & Grove, Lion Gary Urnuh 405-495-9000

Memorials

OK Lions Boys Ranch

In memory of:

Verna Lee Elliott from the Elk City Lions; **Lion Tony Benda** from Lions Harold and Marilyn Cooper; **Lion Terry Templeton** from the Belle Isle Lions; **Mary Davis** from SS/PCC Virginia and PDG Franny Rodriguez; **PDG Don Donahoo** from Garber Lions, Neal Bolenbaugh Insurance, SS/PCC Virginia and PDG Franny Rodriguez