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## Global Membership and Leadership Included in Governor Training

by PCC Delbert King, MD-3 Global Leadership Coordinator

The District Governors Elect and Vice District Governors Elect attended their annual Multiple District Governor training Mar. 15-16 in OKC. The enhanced agenda included material more focused on building District Governor Leadership Teams. Special emphasis was given to the importance of including the Global Membership and Leadership appointees as a part of this team. The Global Leadership and Membership teams were created last year to replace the MERL Team that previously existed for several years.

MD-3 Global Membership Coordinator Charles Michaels will work with the five District Global Membership Coordinators to plan/implement several membership initiatives during 2012-2013. Some examples of these are as follows.

1. Training clubs to use the Club Excellence Process (CEP) to re-engineer existing Clubs.

2. Prepare extension plans for new Clubs and provide training to Certified Guiding Lions who are assigned to nurture these new Clubs through their first few years.

3. Promote special membership initiatives to increase Club membership.

4. Provide direction and support to Districts for membership and training.

MD-3 Global Leadership Coordinator Delbert King will work with the five District Global Leadership Coordinators to plan and implement initiatives related to strengthening leadership across the state. Some examples of these:

1. Complete an assessment of current leadership training across the Districts and Multiple District.

Emphasis will be on identifying strengths and weaknesses of current practices and finding ways to improve the overall effectiveness and timeliness of our training.

2. Review current District Officer training with emphasis on improving overall quality, availability and participation.

3. Develop and implement a process which will help identify potential future leaders and develop a training plan to prepare these for progression through leadership roles.

4. Assist in identifying materials and training to meet needs at the MD, District, and Club levels.

As declining membership continues to be a significant issue for all Districts, it is imperative that proactive steps are taken to focus on all aspects of this challenge. It is important that we recognize that we will not be successful if we focus only on one aspect such as dealing with retention. We must take a more balanced approach which includes creating new Lions Clubs, recruiting new members into existing Clubs and re-engineering Clubs. Extension Workshops, Guiding Lion Training and CEP Workshops will all play an important role in helping us turn this situation around.

We all have important choices to make. Do we want to be satisfied with continuing the way we are or do we want something better for our Districts and our Clubs? GMT and GLT leaders have been selected to assist our Leadership and Clubs in refocusing on a new future for Lions in Oklahoma. Please call on us to help you fulfill your dream of what your clubs can be.

## Saturday, April 14, 9:00 am Work Day at the OK Lions State Office

Mulching, cleaning windows and inside the building, and some painting still needs to be completed. Your help is appreciated!

## Friday, April 27, 2:30 pm Plaza Dedication

## A Final Thought or Two

PDG Larry Bailey, State Conv. Planning Committee Chairperson

By the time you read this, you will probably already have made up your mind as to whether you are coming to the state convention or not. If you have not made up your mind, I do not know what else I can say to encourage you to come. It's a great time of fellowship, fun, and sharing. It's an opportunity to experience Lionism beyond the Club level. I guarantee it's not the same. If finances are an issue, see if your Club will assist.

For those of you who have decided to come, thank you. **First Timers**, you are in for a new experience and will be given special attention to make the experience as rewarding as possible. **Old Timers**, we will get a chance to see each other again, get our batteries recharged, and leave with the sense of satisfaction that we have helped promote Lionism at a higher level.

Let me finish with some reminders. You do not have to attend every activity. A paid registration is required of all attendees except those who come solely to work registration, hospitality room, or attend board meetings. If you come for meals, speech contests, speakers, entertainment, etc., paid reg-

istration is required. We do have an unofficial dress code for our meals: Friday evening-casual; Saturday noon-casual/Lions/business; and Saturday evening banquet-business/semiformal. We are in need of auction items for our silent auction. Hotel reservations must be made directly with hotel.

A lot of work goes into putting on a state convention. I thank all who helped in the planning, preparing, setup, conducting, and clean-up of the convention. It would not be possible without you.

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# Pros vs. Kains

by Lion Troy Jenkins, Executive Director, Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation

***I can't understand why people are frightened of new ideas. I'm frightened of the old ones.***

John Cage, American composer

It is often said that inspiration can come from many sources. This proved to be true for me as I headed home last Friday after visiting with a number of Lions from throughout the state. The training for the District Governors had wrapped up earlier in the evening, and a number of us went out and grabbed a bite to eat. Over dinner, we talked about a lot of things, not all of them Lions-related. As with most informal gatherings with our partners in service, everybody seemed to have a great time. I am not sure why, but as I was driving back to Guthrie, the image of Goofus and Gallant popped into my head.

For those of you unfamiliar with Goofus and Gallant, they were characters in a little comic that appeared in every edition of *Highlights for Children*, a one-time staple in many homes and in the offices of every dentist and doctor that specialized in treating children. The premise of the cartoons was that Goofus would always do the wrong thing, and Gallant inevitably always did the right thing. I always assumed the two were brothers and wondered how many beatings Gallant received from Goofus for constantly making him look bad. (Frankly, I sort of identified with Goofus, with my older brother playing the role of Gallant.)

Anyway, it occurred to me that perhaps we, as Lions, could use an updated version of Goofus and Gallant to show us the way to growth and prosperity. Initially, I was going to name our protagonist "Lion" and our antagonist "Circle Club" as a jab to Rotarians, but the Rotarians have already adopted some forward-thinking methods to grow their membership and reach out to new markets. So, our protagonist will be called *Panthera Leo Provisio* (forward-thinking Lion) or "Pro" for short, and our antagonist will be *Panthera Leo Kainotophobia* (Lion who fears change) or "Kain" for short. Let us see what they are doing.

\* Kains tend to avoid changing their methods for fundraising, recruiting, or serving their community when they are no longer effective, and are often

heard saying "That's the way we've always done it!"

Pros frequently evaluate their projects and recruitment techniques, and are not afraid to stop doing something, regardless of how long it's been done, if it is no longer working (i.e., no longer raising enough funds, no longer bringing in new members, no longer serving the communities most pressing needs). Pros often say "Maybe there is a better way to do this!"

\* Kains have a tendency to not allow new members to share ideas or make suggestions for change. It is not uncommon to hear Kains say that, "the same people have been running things just fine for years; we know what we're doing."

Pros suggest new ideas and suggestions! They realize that the next great fundraiser or service project or membership drive might be as close as the brand new member sitting next to them, if they only feel comfortable enough to mention it. Pros often say, "A lot of us have worked together for a long time, and have come up with some great ideas. We can't wait to hear some fresh perspectives!"

\* Kains sometimes turn off new and prospective members by making inappropriate jokes or comments at meetings. While many feel like the PC (politically correct) movement has gone overboard, it is understandable that, as we try to broaden our horizons and reach out to new sources for members, maybe that dumb (insert *nationality, religion, hair color, etc.* here) joke doesn't appeal to everybody.

Pros love to have a great time, and are usually equally adept at taking and dishing out good-natured ribbing. They realize, however, that if a joke wouldn't fly at the office (assuming you don't own your own company or work for your family business), it probably shouldn't fly at your Lions club. Pros are NOT trying to censor anybody! They just know how to use common sense and a little restraint.

\* Kains often refuse to share information or best practices with other clubs, zones, districts, the state office, etc. They have a tendency to hoard information as if to release it would cause them to fade away. It is not uncommon to hear them cry "My Precioussssss....."

Pros prefer an open line of communication within their club, their zone,

their district and through the state. Pros realize that sharing information, best practices, etc. will only help the Lions of Oklahoma grow and prosper.

I realize that all of this may seem a bit elementary, and probably not in the scope of a typical Service Foundation article. As basic as a lot of this seems, though, there are some Kains in our midst. As any of you that have heard me speak over the last month know, I love the history of the Lions in Oklahoma and think it is important that we preserve it. I also love a lot of the tradition. But living in the past has never led to a bright future. We are no longer beating our clothes with rocks in the river; that experience did lead to

innovations that are in use today.

This concept is no different in our lives as Lions in Oklahoma. The methods and experiences that have served throughout our existence formed who we are today. That will continue to be the backbone of our service to our communities, the Eye Bank, and the Boys Ranch. With new innovations, we can appeal to more potential members, which in turn could increase our funding, which would improve our support of the Eye Bank and the Boys Ranch, and ultimately broaden the scope of the service we provide.

What a great time to move forward! What a great time to be a Lion! What a great time to be able to say *We Serve!*

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## Memorials

### OK Lions Service Foundation

*In memory of:*

**Bessie Jane Sweeten** and **Lion Farmer J. Wann** from the Pocola Lions Club; **Lion Jose Mendez** from the Ardmore Lions Club; **Fred McCarty** from the Atoka Lions Club; **Lion Beryl Rhodes-Bigger** from PDG Elmo Castle

## Tributes

### OK Lions Service Foundation

*In honor of:*

**District 3-L Past District Governors** Craig Hadley, George Hazelbaker, Gail Miller, Al Williams, Bill Middleton, Yolanda Middleton, and Al Sikora

## Donation

### OK Lions Service Foundation

From Jay Stafford via the ConcoPhillips Matching Gift Program

## Thank You!

Thank you for all your prayers, thoughts, cards, and well wishes during my stay in the hospital.

I will never forget your kindness and generosity during my illness and during my long battle back to recovery.

Your prayers meant so much during this time, and let me say that I know that I have felt in my heart every prayer.

Most of you know that I am not a Lion, but thank you. Thank you to each and everyone for showing me and my family what a great role model, how proud, and important it is to be a Lion! "We Serve" has a whole new meaning to me now.

Lions serve their fellow neighbor, fellow man in a variety of ways, so again thank you so much for the many acts of kindness and prayers during my time of need. And I can't wait to become a Lion like many of you!

Thank you,

*Renee Rutherford, and family  
Scott, Sean and Chad Rutherford*

## Pawnee Lions Keep Long-Standing Easter Egg Hunt Tradition Alive

by June Tucker, Pawnee Lions Club Secretary

The Pawnee Lions Club announces its 83<sup>rd</sup> year of hosting the Pawnee Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt. This is the longest successive hunt in Oklahoma, starting in 1929.

This year's activities will be held at Pawnee Bill's Park, rain or shine, with Pawnee Bill opening the hunt with a gunshot at 10:00 a.m.

Missy Scott is chairman of this year's hunt. She and Lion Larry Yates solicited prize monies from Pawnee merchants as some of the eggs have 10 and 25 cents on them that the children can redeem for cash. There will be 2 prize baskets for each of the 5 age groups, and there will be candy at Donald Poteet's station (The Club Treasurer) to give to children that didn't find eggs. Also, there are gold and silver prize eggs for larger amounts of money. These are perpetual from year to year with the current Club President having charge of the eggs.

It is difficult to tell, and we all wonder who has the most fun, Pawnee Bill, the children, their parents or the Pawnee Lions. Tune in for next year.



**Atoka Lion Judy Elliott** was honored with an International President Tam Certificate of Appreciation for her work and dedication to Lionism. Pictured left to right DG Cloye Thompson, Lion Judy Elliott, and ID Robert Smith

at the January 3-K/3-L District Mid-Winter Convention in Ardmore.

### Letter from Abenie Adams, continued from page 9

making the best of it and acting as you lack nothing. I was shown confidence in being who you are and who you want to be no matter who is watching and who isn't. The campers always seemed to be themselves and were who they wanted to be without processing how others saw them or how they wanted others to see them.

Lastly, a quote I took from a camper who taught me about love. I was serving the food line when a man came up to me and signed to me as he talked and said, "A-B-B-Y I-L-O-V-E Y-O-U E-V-E-R-Y-D-A-Y." What he spoke to me that day stayed with me and will stay with me. The words I love you are very common...but in my experience it doesn't usually come with "everyday." Everyday has a form of commitment latched onto it that I respect. So now when I say "I love you," I add "everyday." The word may not seem a lot, but what that camper taught me is more than I truly can put in words. He taught me about love and you can't just love once in a while, or when you feel inspired to say it or show it, but "EVERYDAY."

God Bless,  
Abenie Adams

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Friday, April 27th, 2012 Cimarron Trails in Perkins, OK 10:00 am Shotgun Start



- We invite you to join us in giving each of our boys the opportunity to achieve!
- We anticipate a sold-out event. We must limit this tournament to the first 120 players.
- Friday, April 27, 2012 Shotgun start 10:00am. Registration starts at 9:00am. Please Pre-Register by returning the registration form ASAP and don't forget player names & addresses.

#### ENTRY FEE

Entry fees are \$75 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, range balls before the tournament and lunch afterward.

**Reserve your spot now** by filling out the registration form on reverse side and sending in this form. Please register at the latest by April 13th

You may send your payment with your registration or elect to pay by cash, check, or credit card on your arrival at our event.

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This Sponsor receives 4 golfers and recognition at event.
- **Hole Sponsors - \$100**  
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However you choose to give, please consider joining us in investing in something that will reach into generations to come!

Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch 20th Annual Golf Benefit  
FRIDAY, APRIL 27th, 2012. 10:00AM SHOTGUN START. CIMARRON TRAILS

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Sponsorship(s) Desired: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Club, Company or Individual Name as you want it to appear at the Tournament: \_\_\_\_\_

## PLAYER/TEAM REGISTRATION

All golfers are encouraged to register with their partners. If you plan on registering separately, but would like to play with a specific player please indicate this when registering. By submitting your name and contact information you are reserving a spot in our tournament. We are unable to hold a spot without name and contact information.

Player 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Player 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Information same as last year: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If no, please complete form  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
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Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Player 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
Information same as last year: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If no, please complete form  
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## Why have a Lady Lions Tea?

by Colleen Fowler

Many of you may be wondering what this is about! As Bob and I go speak at clubs and events around the state we have been interested to see not only an influx of ladies in the clubs but also the desire they have to serve. It's sometimes hard to find the place that is right for you. I recently attended a Ladies Tea with my daughter-in-law and had such a wonderful time. Okay, I live with a house full of guys and sometimes I just want to put on a floppy hat and sip some Earl Gray! I had the idea that it would be fun to get lady Lions and Lionesses together and have some fun, food and fellowship. I have a presentation I want to share on "Having A Servants Heart," not only to talk about our reason for serving, but

the process of servanthood in our homes, communities and our world. This will be a casual-dressy get together while the men folks are having a workday, cleaning up the shop at the Cedars. We have a guest room available for ladies who have to drive a long way and would like to come spend the night! I would love for some of the clubs to decorate a "Tea Table" with whatever theme you would like. We will have door prizes also! We will make hats, drink tea, eat goodies and enjoy being a part of something greater than ourselves. I am hoping that this will become an annual event and grow as we go.

**Please join us May 12 from noon till 3**

## When One Leaves

by Colleen Fowler

I am very sad. We woke up this morning to discover one of the boys had gone AWOL.

I take it personally even though I know it's not healthy. He left with so much promise and opportunity ahead of him here.

Life is hard enough for any of us, and for those who have experienced so much pain and fear and trauma it can be monumental. How do they learn to trust anyone; why should they believe in our program?

Where can we start to help those who remain.

The young man's leaving is the ending or at least abrupt interruption of a relationship. One I had hoped was built of mutual respect and compassion. He didn't do this to hurt any of

us, but there must have been a longing in his own heart and mind that would lead him to take that drastic step.

We cannot turn off our hearts and emotions that fast. There must be a time of grieving for the brokenness and departure from a haven of safety and security. In order to care for these boys the way they need us to...we must be willing to be vulnerable and sometimes that means a mother's tender heart has to reflect and revisit the past.

It is possible that we may hear from him some day... on down the road. I am hoping he will remember the good times and the love. So, we refocus, hold the others a little tighter, examine our place, our role and our mission. Whether or not we changed his life he

# Giving Thanks

by Governor Gary Taylor

I guess you wonder why the heading of **Giving Thanks**. It is because back in November of last year I had the privilege of visiting with a sponsor of the OK Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit (MHSU) with Franny, Virginia and my wife. It was Advanced Body Scan in Oklahoma City. While there Mr. Joe Acosta asked if we would like a free heart scan. Naturally we agreed to it. Within a few days we received the results and like most people we just scanned over the report and laid it aside.

We decided to take the report to our family doctor to be put in our files for further reference. But in a couple of days the doctor called to say that Sherrell needed to visit a cardiologist for follow up on report. He suggested doing a stress test and echocardiogram. After the testing he said that he needed to do a heart catheter since he couldn't see the front of the heart.

The day before the test Sherrell woke up at 2:00 am with pressure to her chest and couldn't breathe. It went away and we continued to the hospital the next morning for the test. I was told by the doctor he didn't expect to find anything But if he did he would fix it while in there.

After the test he came to the waiting room to tell me that the artery to the

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front of her heart was 99% blocked and he had to put a long stent in there to fix it.

She is now okay and doing well.

I am writing all this to say if you have any testing done as a result of the OK Lions MHSU and need further follow-up, please don't put it off; it could be beneficial or even critical to your health.

I am looking forward to helping incoming 3-O Governor Larry Wibben. He held a great planning session and is ready to hit the ground running.

One more time: If I don't receive the reports from your Club's secretary by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, your Lions Club won't be mentioned in the newspaper.

District 3-O is in need of a candidate for Second Vice District Governor for 2012-2013. If you or someone in your Club is interested, please contact me so that we can make that happen. Candidates need to have served as Club President and on a District

Cabinet position such as Zone Chairperson or District Secretary/Treasurer.

My year is rapidly drawing to a close and it has been a wonderful year getting reacquainted with the great Lions of 3-O.

It is now time to begin planning for the next year in your Club. You need to select a committee to put a slate of officers together for the next year and get them elected to their new offices in April. Your Club Secretary needs to file that officer information on the PU-101 form with LCI before May 15.

## CLUB REPORTS

**Barnsdall:** Attended an excellence workshop in Bartlesville.

**Bartlesville Downtown:** Meetings continue to be well attended with good programs. A high priority for the club is to recruit new members.

**Beggs:** Contributed 4-Reserve Grand Champion trophies (\$120) and \$190 (\$10 per exhibitor) to Beggs Exhibitors that placed in the premium sale. Also, Beggs Lion Rick Miller volunteered as auctioneer for this event.

**Broken Arrow Noon:** Donated \$250 to the OK Lions Boys Ranch.

**Fairland:** Recognized Michael Crockett as the Fairland Senior

Student of the Month for February and Garrett Davis as the Middle School Student of the Month.

**Miami:** Purchased eyeglasses for the needy.

**Pawhuska:** Having a pancake fundraiser on April 7. Selected nominating committee and elections will be discussed in the March meeting.

**Tulsa Brookside:** District Governor Elect Larry Wibben is hard at work getting ready for his year and making plans for his trip to the International Lions Convention in South Korea.

**Tulsa Downtown:** Just concluded their largest annual fundraiser, the Tulsa Boat, Sport and Travel Show which ran Jan. 30 to Feb. 5. Continuing to work with Neighbor-for-Neighbor to help the needy with eyeglasses and exams. With the added financial assistance from the Club they more than doubled the help to needy people for eye care.

**Tulsa Metro/McCullough:** Collected 46 pairs of used eyeglasses, 13 eyeglass cases, 8 used printer cartridges and aluminum cans for recycling. Sponsored the OK Lions MHSU at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church with 11 members participating. Donated \$100 to Leader Dogs for the Blind, \$100 to Dr. Eugene Briggs Memorial Scholarship, and \$25 to OK Lions Eyebank.

## Tulsa Red Fork Lions Annual Pancake Day Fundraiser



# Earth Day

by Governor Cloye Thompson

Become a member of the Lion Green Team! April 22 we celebrate Earth Day. There are many ways to become an environmentally conscious Lion. IP Tam challenged Lions to plant one million trees and as to date Lions met that challenge by planting 6,970,198 trees. There are many other ways each of us can help protect our planet. If you have any of these things lying around, remember you can recycle aluminum cans, appliances, batteries, clothes, computers, metal, newspapers, plastic bags, and tires. Used eyeglasses can be donated and dropped at the Oklahoma Lions State Office. Cell phones and ink cartridges can be donated to the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation. Have some fun, clean out your closets, pantries, shops, and have a Club Fundraising Garage Sale. Less goes to the landfill when we recycle so let's get serious about recycling!

## 95 Years of Humanitarian Service

This year Lions Clubs International and Lions of Oklahoma are celebrating a special anniversary (1917 - 2012). In 1917 Oklahoma was invited to attend the organizational meetings to form Lions Clubs International. Oklahoma (Multiple District 3) has a proud history. Ninety five years of touching the lives of those we serve. Happy 95th anniversary Lions of Oklahoma and Lions Clubs International.

*Everyone has the power of greatness. Not for fame, but for greatness. Because greatness is determined by service.* - Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Welcome New Members!

Richard Prewitt (Broken Bow), Sponsored by Rick Wilson; Lynn Richards, (Durant) Sponsored by Paul Buntz; Megan Lawrence (Lindsay) Sponsored by Barbra Kelley; Greg Acord (Poteau Evening) Sponsored by Stanley Garland; Alan Lumpkins (Wilburton) Sponsored by April Ann Coates

## In Loving Memory

Lion Jose Mendez, Ardmore;  
Lion Bob Gilmore,  
Blanchard; Lion Farmer J.  
Wann, Pocola

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## Happy Anniversary

Healdton 4/29/1926 - 86 years  
Holdenville 4/30/1984 - 28 years  
Lindsay 4/07/1947 - 65 years  
Okemah 4/29/2004 - 8 years  
Purcell 4/22/1947 - 65 years  
Sallisaw 4/11/1938 - 74 years  
Seminole 4/30/1935 - 77 years  
Wanette 4/27/1965 - 47 years

## Calendar of Events

**State Convention** April 27-28, OKC, including OK Lions Council Meeting on 4/28

**Club Officer Elections** in April, and information on PU101 reported by May 15 to LCI

## Club Reports

**Ardmore** mourned the loss of Lion Jose Mendez. Sixteen members worked at the A2A Marathon benefiting the Mercy Cancer Center; making lap throws and wheel chair backpacks for Elmbrook Nursing Home; Josh Whitwell, Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics was guest speaker at the meeting on March 15.

**Atoka:** Five members attended Dist. 3-K/3-L Convention, Awarded Atoka County Students of the Month for Jan. & Feb.; Provided 3 pairs of eyeglasses, program presented by Atoka Main Street Director.

**Blanchard** mourned the loss of Lion Bob Gilmore a lion for 65 years. **Mon., April 16 the Club will hold a bean supper and silent auction from 5 to 7pm at the Pioneer Building in Blanchard.** The funds will be used to install a flag pole at the Blanchard Public Library in Lion Bob's honor.

**Idabel** Adopted one mile of street in Idabel's "Adopt A Street" program; Hosting circus in April; Randall McGinnis, Oklahoma Department of Labor, spoke to the club March 8. Brad Bain, Idabel Chamber of Commerce, spoke to the club on March 15. Awarded Lions Club "Student of the Month" honors to one Idabel and one Haworth student for the Month of March.

**Konawa:** Zone Chair Lion Bob and Marion Hatter donated an autographed autobiography written by Olympic gold medalist Nadia Comaneci to help

support Clayton's "Save our Library."

**Pocola** lost Lion Farmer Wann who was a Lion over 50 years. He was 95 his last birthday and still involved to the best of his ability in Pocola Lions Club. Held a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser in the Pocola High School cafeteria. Zone Chair

Lion Pam Abernathy, PDG Jim Keisman, Lion Sherry Keisman visited the Poteau Lions Club.

**Poteau Evening** Provided \$250 to a Lion's Member's daughter to use toward her mission trip to China this summer. Voted to provide two pairs of

eyeglasses; Paid for one set of eyeglasses; Provided \$200 to a Poteau girl for Girl's State; hosted a visit from Zone Chair Lion Pam Abernathy, PDG Jim Keisman, and Lion Sherry Keisman.

**Seminole:** Lion Sarah Logan chaired the MHSU visit to Seminole and did a fantastic job (pictures-page ). Seminole Lions are now selling chances on one-half beef with a freezer and other prizes as a fundraiser for local projects. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Drawing will be held April 3.

**Talihina** Lions turned in 48 pairs of used eyeglasses; Club president Lion Jerry Pearce and Jan Pearce helped advertise and attend the Clayton Fundraiser.



**Clayton** Lions held a very successful "Save our Library" fundraiser. Everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner followed by bingo and a live auction. Pictured left: Club Secretary Sonja Christiansen

**Wilburton** Lions hosted Tony Johnson (pictured below right), OSU Extension, at their weekly meeting. Tony informed the club about upcoming 4-H area activities. Pictured to the left: Club Secretary Walter Hammers



# Lions of Oklahoma (MD-3) State Convention April 27-28

## Program

### Friday, April 27, 2012

9am	State Conv. Planning Committee Meeting PDG Larry Bailey, Convention Chairperson	Salon D
9am-6:30pm	Registration (Wewoka, OKC Downtown, and The Village LC)	
9am-5pm	Hospitality District 3-H Zone D (OKC area) Lions Clubs	Room 1608
	Pin Traders	Salon B
	Display/Vendor Booths	Salon A
	Silent Auction (PDG Doug Garren)	Salon A

#### GENERAL SESSION

		<b>Salon D</b>
9:15am	Welcome by PDG Larry Bailey, 2012 State Convention Chair Presiding: District 3-K Governor Elect Billy Thompson	
9:30-9:55am	Lions Clubs International Foundation by PCC Kent Clovis	
9:55-10:20am	Lions Quest Up-date by PDG Tony Dowell	
10:20-10:45am	Partnership Between Girl Scouts and Lions Carla Burdick, Community Dev. Exec., District 1-3 Western OK and Lion Evelyn Schmidt	
10:45 am-11:00 am	Break	
11-11:45am	Memorial Service Presiding District 3-H Governor Marvin Ainsworth Invocation by District 3-A Governor Elect Deane Wyrmer Memorial Message by Council Chairperson Paul Anderson Memorials by District Governors <i>Amazing Grace</i>	

<b>12-1:45pm</b>	<b>Past District Governors'-Luncheon</b>	<b>Salon E</b>
	Presiding: President PDG Gene Redford	

<b>2:30-4pm</b>	<b>Dedication of Boneyard Landscaping Project at State Office</b> 4123 NW 10th Street	
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#### OPENING SESSION

		<b>Salon D</b>
4:30pm	Welcome by State Council Chairperson Paul Anderson Presiding District 3-L: Governor Ealmer Klippel Presentation of Colors Invocation by District 3-L Governor Elect Wes Williams Flag Salute by District 3-O Governor Gary Taylor National Anthem Parade Of Club Banners emceed by 3-O DG Gary Taylor	

<b>5pm</b>	<b>First Timers (District 3-A Gov. Arlene Shore)</b>	<b>Salon D</b>
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<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Salon E</b>
	Presiding: District 3-K Governor Cloye Thompson Invocation by District 3-K Governor Elect Billy Thompson Entertainment by Lion Ron Pennington Introduced by Past International Director Pat Shurley <i>Laughter Truly is the Best Medicine</i> by Rhonda Mikles Introduced by Vice Council Chairperson Lora Blanton	

### Saturday, April 28, 2012

7:30am	State Conv. Planning Committee Meeting PDG Larry Bailey, Convention Chairperson	Salon D
7:30am-Noon	Registration (Wewoka, OKC Downtown, and The Village LC)	
7:30am-3pm	Hospitality District 3-H Zone D (OKC area) Lions Clubs	Room 1608
	Pin Traders	Salon B
	Display/Vendor Booths	Salon A
	Silent Auction (PDG Doug Garren)	Salon A

#### OK Lions State Board and Annual Meetings

8-8:45am	OK Lions Eye Bank, Lion Sherry Keisman, President	<b>Salon D</b>
8:45-9:30am	Dr. Eugene Briggs Scholarship Foundation PDG Gary Wilburn, President	
9:30-10:15am	OK Lions Boys Ranch, Lion Don Hardin, President	
10:15-11am	OK Lions Service Foundation PDG Gene Redford, President	

#### OK Lions Adult and Youth Speech Contests

	Administered by PCC Yolanda Middleton and PDG Pat Halsey	<b>Salon D</b>
11 am	Adult Speech Contest	
11:15am	Youth Speech Contest	

#### 11:45am

#### Luncheon

		<b>Salon E</b>
	Presiding District 3-A Governor Arlene Shore Invocation by District 3-O Governor Elect Larry Wibben <i>America</i> Youth Speech Contest Awards by PCC Yolanda Middleton and PDG Pat Halsey Enjoy Your Lunch Introductions Proclamation Adult Speech Contest Award Awards: SS/PCC Virginia Rodriguez, PDG Larry Bailey Club Newsletter Awards Peace Poster Contest Award Humanitarian Award Lion Of the Year Awards: District Governors, Council Chair Narrated by SS/PCC Virginia Rodriguez Melvin Jones Fellowships PID Pat Shurley and PID Marshall Cooper	

#### GENERAL SESSION

		<b>Salon D</b>
2-2:45pm	<i>Is Anyone Really Listening</i> by Ronda Mikles Introduced by Vice Council Chairperson Lora Blanton	
3-3:30pm	Questions for PID Marshall Cooper	
3:30pm	Silent Auction, Hospitality, Pin Traders and Displays Close	
3:30-4:15pm	Oklahoma Lions State Council Meeting Council Chairperson Paul Anderson MD-3 Lions of Oklahoma Annual Business Meeting Council Chairperson Paul Anderson	<b>Salon D</b>
4:15-5:15pm	Irrevocable Trust Meeting Lion Tina Laxton, Chairperson	<b>Salon D</b>
6:30pm	An Opportunity to Visit: PID Marshall Cooper and Lion Wanda	

#### GOVERNORS' BANQUET

		<b>Salon E</b>
6:50pm	Grand Entrance of VIPS, emceed by PDG Larry Bailey	
7:00pm	Banquet, Presided by Council Chairperson Paul Anderson Invocation by District 3-H Governor Elect Robert McMasters <i>God Bless America</i> Enjoy Your Meal Entertainment by <i>The Chickasha Rock and Roll Review</i> Key Note Address: PID Marshall Cooper Introduced by PID George Hazelbaker	
	Awards International Presidential/Leadership Medals PID Cooper and PID Shurley Melvin Jones Fellowships, PIDs Cooper and Shurley Dr. Bob McCullough Award, Lion Russal Brawley Governors and Council Chair Plaques Announcement of Elected Officers for 2012-2013 General Announcements and Adjourn the Convention	

# My Thoughts


by Governor Ealmer Klippel

The time has come in our Legislature when our elected leaders have to make hard decisions. All the new bills have been introduced on both sides of the House and it is now time for a lot of talk and compromise to produce changes that are good for the people. Most of these changes have been brought to the Capitol from people like you and I who have been grieved by a happening in our area or in our family or in our way of life that needs to be corrected. We sometimes have difficulty understanding why our legislator voted the way he or she did. But you have to realize they are elected by the people and are accountable to the people. So ask them; they will be glad to tell you.

If you will reflect back you can remember when it was ruled that the Cowboy Cadillac funding source the Lions used to raise money for the OK Lions Service Foundation was ruled illegal. It took several years for the Lions, working with our state elected officials to work out the problem.

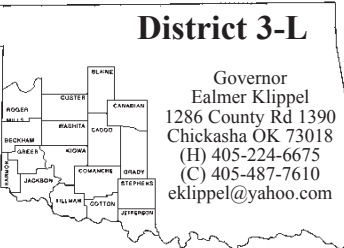
We in District 3-L have been proud to have legislative representatives who belong to Lions Clubs International. They know and understand what the Lions have worked for and accomplished in their respected communities, that we are an international community service organization with the motto *We Serve*. We provide eyeglasses and help for the poor and others. We help with sight problems of all kinds. We help at food banks, with scholarships, needs for children, health problems, playgrounds for the children and many, many more needs that come before our Clubs.

As Lions we are proud of our work



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but we need help from time to time to create a law or remove a law that is causing problems. We try hard to never create a problem with the way we conduct our fundraisers. We want our supporters to feel good about their gifts to the Lions. That is why we make every effort to stay close to our Legislators. We will not offend anyone or knowingly create a problem for anyone.

We are a part of the largest service organization in the world. As a result I feel the Lions story must be a good story told around the world, an organization which is helping millions of people.

## 3-L Club Reports

**Altus:** Hosted 9 Cubs with representatives, at our weekly meeting. Provided life line to hospital and news paper to hospital patients. Collected used eye glasses and printer cartridges. Held annual Sweetheart Luncheon. Planning *Texas T* musical show for April 28.

**Cache:** Distributed Dr. Eugene Briggs Memorial Scholarship application forms. Donated to Lawton Food Bank and Goodwill.

**Canute:** Put out flags for Presidents' Day. Held Pancake Day fundraiser in March.

**Chickasha:** Planning 95th Anniversary celebration. Donated to Grady County Food for Kids Program. Bought eye lasses for the

needy. Collected used eyeglasses, cell phones and printer cartridges for recycling.

**Cordell:** Collected used eyeglasses. Planning and raising funds for a new playground

**El Reno Noon:** Donated to Help the

Youth program and collected used eyeglasses for recycling.

**Lawton Noon:** Donated to the Lawton Boys and Girls Club. Planning the annual fundraiser carnival. Bought eyeglasses for the needy. Inducted 2 new Lions: Darrell Black and Mark Mahoney; congratulations to both of you and to the Club.

**Lawton Northeast:** Held annual breakfast honoring past Governors of District 3-L.

**Lawton Northeast On-Line Branch Club:** Planning for Red Earth Day at Cameron College. Assisting on District 3-L web page ([www.e-district.org/sites/3l/index.php](http://www.e-district.org/sites/3l/index.php))

**Lawton Patriots:** Held a fundraiser dinner that included simulating blindness.

**Marlow:** Invited the Marlow FFA to dinner to perform their Opening Meeting. Congratulations to new Lion David H Crow.

**Mustang:** Managing the Lions Building

**Pocasset:** Planning their Scholarship Program. Presented 3 new members with pins and aprons.

**Tuttle:** Planning *Dandi-Lions* Plant Sale in April and a dunking booth at the ice cream festival on May 19.

**Velma-Alma:** Honored 2 high school students at the Lions meeting. Donated to the Velma-Alma Food Bank

**Walters:** Collecting aluminum cans to raise money for eyeglasses. Work is progressing on a local ambulance service for Walters. Searching for a new members.

**Weatherford:** Held an entertaining fundraiser basketball game.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Apr. 21:** 3-L Cabinet meeting at the Hobart airport

**Apr. 27-28:** Oklahoma Lions State Convention

3-L First VDGE Sue Thompson (Altus) receives her crest from State Secretary Virginia Rodriguez



Chickasha Lions Club President Don Riley, Representative Joe Dorman and Senator Ron Justice.



Blind student from Muskogee School for the Blind who was a runner in the Lawton Patriot Club's 5K run.



# April: Environmental Month

By Governor Arlene Shore

Yes! We can still get trees at William S. Key Correction Center at Fort Supply. What a great way to provide a wonderful shade tree for our future generations to enjoy. District 3-A Environmental Chairman Paul Babiak is also asking each Club to appoint a chair and co-chairman for their Club to support Lions efforts in our local communities to recycle to improve our environment, whether it be plastic, paper, glass, and other materials.

One of the most stunning examples of Lions concern for the environment has been the outstanding success of our International President's Million Tree Planting Campaign. Lions and our partners have surpassed our goal by 600 percent and planted trees on every continent. Trees are important for renewing the atmosphere, preventing erosion and keeping communities cool and livable in hot weather. The environment benefits greatly from every tree planted, but Lions Clubs reap benefits as well. Trees are a highly visible expression of Lions commitment to community improvement and are a lasting legacy of your leadership.

Our District set a goal of planting 1,000 trees this year and I ask our Clubs, when they turn in their news for the newsletter, to turn in to me the number of trees that their Club planted or will be planting.

## Club News and Activities

**Balko:** Held Ground Hog Supper; from proceeds gave \$500 each to the Balko and Elwood Fire Departments.

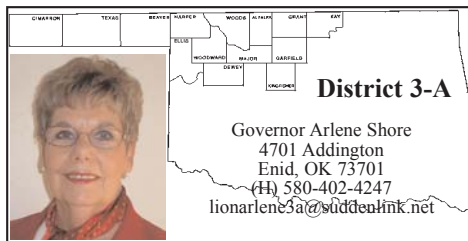
**Beaver:** Preparing to operate summer car races concession stand.

**Buffalo:** Helping with community Easter Egg Hunt and finalizing school scholarships. Plan to plant trees, working with FFA students.

**Burlington:** Collecting used eyeglasses for recycling and helped with 4-H and FFA projects.

**Enid Noon Briggs:** Hosted Students of the Month for Enid High and Oklahoma Bible Academy. Spent \$290 for eye exams and eyeglasses for area residents. Held Pancake Supper and Auction fundraiser at the Cherokee Conference Center on Mar. 29.

**Fairview:** Honored Student of the Week. Purchased eyeglasses for 2 individuals. Began work on "Friday Day Camp" to assist public schools work-



ing with Major County Extension Agent, Northwest Family Services and Ministerial Alliance.

**Garber:** Donated \$100 to Easter event. Hosted Mar. 26 community Mental Health Clinic on handling suicide. Participating in Garfield County Lions OLSF White Cane fundraiser on Apr. 21. Club donated \$210 for 4-H & FFA trophies at county fair. There were 3 applicants for Boys State; \$175 sent to American Legion for winner Tyler Schnaithman. Club hosted the Breckinridge Community Center Bingo night. Placed flags in Garber on Presidents' Day.

**Garfield County Lions:** Screened 206 people for diabetes at Enid Agrifest. Clubs will be doing the OLSF White Cane drive in Enid on Apr. 21. Also, Clubs are asked to underwrite a project in the county to raise funds to purchase a riding mower for the OK Lions Boys Ranch. LCIF Chairperson for 3-A Carabelle Carson reported that LCIF received donations amounting to \$5,054. Met on Mar. 23 at NORCE to help with the spring cleanup of the cemetery prior to Memorial Day.

**Goodwell:** Held March Pancake and Sausage Supper fundraiser.

**Guymon:** Held Valentine spouse/guest night. Held ministers' night. Helped Panhandle Lions with Total Living Show Feb. 25-26 with the OK Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit; 26



Lion Glenn Beck, Charter Member of the Buffalo Lions Club

members volunteered, along with 2 Hooker Lions and 3 members of the EMT; 90 total hours were volunteered. OLSF Lions Linens were also sold during show.

**Guymon Panhandle:** Worked Total Living Show with the Guymon Lions. Donated several door prizes plus 2 freezers filled with

meat.

**Hennessey:** Planning annual Golf Tournament for May 11. Welcomed 3 new Lions and reinstated another Lion. Donated to annual Easter Egg Hunt. Took 87 pairs of used eyeglasses, 25 used printer cartridges and 2 cell phones to state office in OKC.

**Hooker:** Started preparations for Lions Aug. Town Carnival. Helped with Total Living Show.

**Laverne:** Served meal at the Harper County Stock Show as well as donated \$100 to the event.

**North Enid:** Worked Chisholm Basketball gate and District and Regional BB Tournament to earn funds for scholarships. Turned in 4 Briggs Scholarship applications. Sponsored Student of the Month. Collected 281 used eyeglasses and purchased 2 eyeglasses.

**Okarche:** Had booth at Okarche Community Fair; gave 2 prizes and collected money for OLSF White Cane. Donated \$100 to White Cane. Purchased eyeglasses one resident.

**Pioneer-Pleasant Vale:** Held Valentine celebration. Donated \$100 to Pioneer Parents for a safe prom. Collected 80 pairs of used eyeglasses. Collected gate for Pioneer Basketball games. Held Mar. 31 Supper and Auction fundraiser at Pioneer High School. Honored 3 Pleasant Vale Elementary students for Cub program.

**Ponca City Noon:** Organized teams to sell tickets for the Apr. 14 Ponca City Opry. Operated the OK Lions MHSU at the city's Health Fair. Purchased an advanced design vision aid with a 24-inch monitor. Sponsoring high school students to both Boys State and Girls State. Collected 158 more used eyeglasses to bring total to 1,762 to date. Will celebrate Club's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with our annual awards/spouses night banquet on June 28. Eight Leos visited club meeting last month. Provided 71 pairs of eyeglasses to needy individuals to date, at a cost of \$8,074. Lion Bill Stuever donated a controlled temperature storage facility for our visual aid inventory. Both the Lions Vision Support Group and the Lions Kids Diabetes Support Group continue to meet monthly.

## Letter from Abenie Adams

Dear Arlene,

It was very nice to meet you today at the Buffalo Lions Club meeting! I love being able to meet new people. I would write about my experience in Woodland Park. I hope this helps you. If you have any questions you can contact me. I hope you have a wonderful rest of the day.



Even as a 23 year-old I find there are certain events or moments in life that you look back and are pleased with the reflection. Working at Woodland Park Colorado Lions Club camp was one of those for me. They take disabled campers from age fourteen to seventy and up as long as they are mobile enough to get from place to place on their own. My job at this camp was to be an assistant cook. The duties I had to do was preparing food, baking, cooking, and assisting the head cook in any way I could. Although, what I did not know when I took this job was how much I was going to take from it when I left. It is hard to find words to put in writing of all the swift memories I have and put in a nut shell...even if it was the duration of a summer. I would see campers in their sixties swinging on a swing set, come up and tell us that was the best meal they ever had when it was just hot dogs and mac n cheese, sing karaoke, dance, have costume parties, and even climb a rope course. They taught me special lessons about being content and thankful for what you are given and

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## What's in your Wallet?

by Council Chairperson Paul Anderson

Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address was perhaps his most memorable address. The long and bitter civil war had ended with a catastrophic loss of life for both sides. During the war Lincoln agonized over the irony that both the North and South had gone to war thinking that each of their positions was a matter of God's will, and each side was simply acting upon it. Lincoln tried to reconcile the matter by settling upon the thought that God permitted conflict in order to end human slavery, a proposition that was deeply disputed by most Southerners.

The war ended at terrible cost of lives and Lincoln's inaugural address was conciliatory in tone urging "malice toward none." He was also keenly aware that he had become the focal point for everyone's disappointment: for the crippled economy, the tremendous loss of life, and the fact that many parts of the country lay in ruin. He was immensely unpopular and in some respects hated by families all over the nation whose sons were the victims of the war. Lincoln was assassinated six weeks after that.

When he died there were only two items found in his wallet. One was a photograph of his 12 year old son Willy who died years earlier from smallpox, and a very old editorial clipping from a British newspaper. The editorial expressed the opinion that Lincoln would in time, many years after his death, be remembered and memorialized by the American public as one of their greatest presidents. What is remarkable to me is not that the prediction came to pass, but that Lincoln's personal legacy mattered so much to him. Possibly more than anything else.

So, what's in your wallet? Would the contents of your wallet at this very moment give insight into the passions and priorities in your life? It has been often said that a close examination of one's checkbook and daily calendar truly reveals the identity of those things which are most important to you. For many of you, such an examination would prompt a conclusion that service to others through Lionism is indeed a priority in your life.

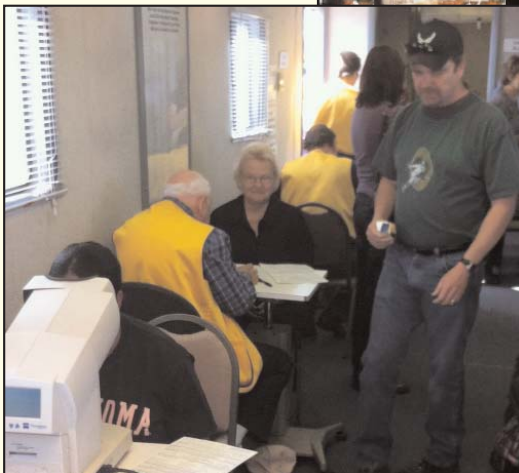
As we begin another yearly transition of leadership, I am encouraged by reading copies of e-mails from and to the emerging leaders of MD-3. As we embrace our oldest traditions, we must continually seek new ways to advance the brand of Lionism into an ever changing culture. We witnessed the evolution of "family membership plans" and "Internet" Lions Clubs that emphasize meaningful community service over fellowship. Exciting times! Many of us encourage opportunities for meaningful and effective change, but others of us wish to stay tethered to that which discourages any hint of change, and often for selfish reasons.

Change for change sake is never productive. But effective and productive change is always refreshing. The true message of Lionism in America will never change, but there are certain times we must change the way we present and honor our timeless commitment to our brand and mantra – We Serve!

When I consider change and transition, I am always reminded of one of my favorite cowboy philosophers, poet laureate, and large animal veterinarian, Oklahoma State University graduate Dr. Baxter Black who contemplated one's reluctance to change in a poem. This shall be my parting friendly advice and admonition to our new incoming leadership.



## Seminole Lions Club (District 3-K) Sponsored the Oklahoma Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit (MHSU)



**MIDWEST CITY LIONS CLUB** will be holding their 63<sup>rd</sup> annual **89er Day Celebration** Sat., Apr. 14, 4:30-7pm at the Midwest City High School Cafeteria, 211 E. Elm, MWC. This is a **BBQ Brisket Dinner**, with bingo, door prizes, Plinko game and silent auction. For \$7.00 you get a BBQ Brisket Dinner and drink for "dine in" customers. Homemade desserts: \$0.50/serving. This event supports the club's local efforts to sponsor Rose State scholarships, OK Lions Eye Bank and Boys Ranch, MHSU, eyeglasses for students in Mid-Del area and donations to Mid-Del Food Pantry. MWC Lions also help support various youth sports and academic programs.

### Transformation a/k/a "Change"

"What does Transformation mean?"

A cowpoke asked his friend.

His pal replied, "It happens when  
Yer life has reached its end.

They comb yer hair, and wash yer  
neck,

And clean yer fingernails,  
And lay you in a padded box  
Away from life's travails."

"The box and you goes in a hole,  
That's been dug into the ground.

Reincarnation starts in when  
Yore planted 'neath a mound.

Them clods melt down, just like yer  
box,

And you who is inside.  
And then yore just beginnin' on  
Yer transformation ride."

"In a while, the grass'll grow  
Upon yer rendered mound.

Till some day on yer moldered grave  
A lonely flower is found.

And say a hoss should wander by  
And graze upon this flower

That once wuz you, but now's  
become

Yer vegetative bower."

"The posy that the hoss done ate  
Up, with his other feed,

Makes bone, and fat, and muscle  
Essential to the steed,

But some is left that he can't use  
And so it passes through,

And finally lays upon the ground  
This thing, that once wuz you."

"Then say, by chance, I wanders by  
And sees this upon the ground,

And I ponders, and I wonders at,  
This object that I found.

I thinks of reincarnation,  
Of life and death, and such,  
And come away concludin': 'Slim,  
You ain't changed, all that much.'

## Welcome New 3-H Lions

**Carney** Joni Nettles 03/01/2012  
Sponsor Joseph W. Simon

**Norman** D. Bryan Hapke 10/01/2011  
Sponsor Leslie W. Brown, and Jon R. Vittitow 02/01/2012 Sponsor Benjamin H. Odom

**Perry** Keith S. Ballentyne 03/01/2012  
Sponsor Samuel K Ebersole

**Stillwater Noon** Kenneth L. Evans  
MD 03/01/2012 Sponsor Gordon R. Sloggett

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**Our incoming District Governors** just finished up 2 full days of training that included the First and Second Vice District Governors Elect as well. The workshop was held in Oklahoma City. Presentations were both informative and detailed. Everyone left with a 3-inch thick Resource Manual full of information that the incoming Governors will refer to constantly during their year as your Governor. The Oklahoma Lions are on the forefront when it comes to Governor training. By the time you become a Governor you will have attended 3 of our State Workshops and one at the International level held in conjunction with the International Convention. So if you have a desire to become a Governor you need not worry about not knowing what to do. The training doesn't stop there; all of the Past District Governors are there to help you as you go through your year.

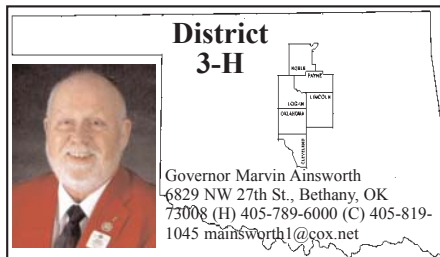
The **Club Excellence Process** (CEP) is beginning to take shape in our District. We will hold a Facilitator workshop on May 19 in Cushing. Consider sending one or two of your Club members. The information that they will receive will help them train others in CEP. The CEP Program will translate into more new members and more efficient ability for your Club to serve it's community. Please register as soon as possible with DG Marvin (mainsworth1@cox.net) or with 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Dawn Miller (liondawn@cox.net).

## 3-H CLUB NEWS

**Carney** Held their annual Chili Cook-off on Mar. 3. I was invited to be a judge. I don't know a lot about chili other than I really like to eat chili. I had a great time and the building was full; they had live music, and it seemed the entire town of Carney was there. I got an email today from their newest member, Joni Nettles, telling me they are planning a Golf Tournament on June 8.

**OKC Metro** Lion Dean Taylor said the Jewel Box Theatre fundraiser was a big success and they are looking at next year for another event.

**Cushing** Lions Club members attend-



ed the city council meeting on Mar. 19, making a proclamation that April will be **White Cane Month**.

**OKC Northwest** Sixteen club members worked 144 hours as ticket takers at the OKC Auto Show. PDG Jim and Shirley Barnett delivered 16,000 pairs of used eyeglasses to the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Midland, Texas. The Club collected 374 pairs of used eyeglasses, 21 pairs of lenses, and 2 used cell phones. PDG Jim Barnett spoke on the eyeglass recycling project at the Anadarko Noon Lions Club. Northwest Lions made an official club visit to The Village Lions Club.

**Midwest City:** Lions Ramon Valdez and Gerald Mooney picked up a delivery truck full of used eyeglasses from Stillwater Noon Lion Duane Horton. These were sorted at the Mooney residence and counted. MWC Lions turned in 6,300 pairs of used eyeglasses to be sent to the distribution center in Midland Texas. Club provided eye exams and eyeglasses for 2 students. Also turned in 12 used printer cartridges and 3 cell phones to OLSF. Seven members and 3 guests went as a group to the Edmond Lions Chili Supper on Mar. 13.

**Edmond:** In Feb. the Club welcomed Girl Scout Troop 889 of Edmond and their leader Melissa to present the program. This is GSA's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. The program was started March 12, 1912 by Juliette Low who sold a string of pearls for money to start the program. To keep them going she baked sugar cookies for the girls to sell. And guess what they are still selling! Cookies to keep them going and, yes they brought boxes of cookies to sell to the Lions, but alas no homemade sugar cookies! Lions still bought several boxes. It was a very informative program. Held Chili Supper on Mar. 13. It was a success despite the 80 degree weather that day! Yours truly DG Marvin and Lion Mary attended and we enjoyed it! I guess that's one of the reasons why I love the Lions so much...there is always something to eat.

**Stillwater Noon:** Purchased 2 pairs of eyeglasses (\$85 per pair). In addition to the over 6,000 pairs of eyeglasses picked up by the Midwest City Lions, the Stillwater Noon Lions also gath-

ered nearly 500 pairs of eyeglasses to be recycled at their collection site. Scott Freeman, Stillwater Public Library, explained the library's new eBook service. Ammie Bryant, Exec. Dir. of the Sheerar Museum of Stillwater History, spoke to the club about the recent exhibit, "Will Rogers: A Life in Pictures." Lions also heard a speaker from the OK Highway Patrol helicopter program. Plans are being made for fundraisers in April and May. Ink cartridges and cell phones and hearing aides continue to be recycled.

**Perry:** Approved one applicant for assistance with vision care. Lion Gerald Stewart helped deliver Meals-on-Wheels to several local seniors during Feb. The Perry Lions held a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday (2/21/2012) to celebrate the beginning of Lent. The Perry Police Department's K9 unit spoke at the meeting on 2/23 describing their activities in Perry and beyond. Tygo (the Czech Shepard dog) demonstrated his talents to the club by finding a small amount of marijuana that was hidden by the police. The dog was received by the department through a working arrangement with the US Air Force.

**OKC West Side:** Eleven members worked 172 hours as ticket takers at the OKC Auto Show. The West Side Lions Pancake Day is Sat., May 5, 8am to 1 pm, West Side Lions Town Hall: \$4 for all you can eat pancakes and sausage with coffee. Club sponsored the MHSU twice in March. Hosted the Friends of 10<sup>th</sup> St. annual spring Litter Blitz. Lions Barbara, Mary, Lisa, Frank, Bill, Pat, and DG Marvin cooked and delivered Mobile Meals through Ridgecrest Methodist Church 5 different days in March.

**Langston City:** Lions worked at the Regional Food Bank for the **Backpacks for Kids**, packaging weekend meal kits, during the District 3H Midwinter Convention; enough food was packaged to feed 768 students. The Club has also partnered with the Fourth Grade Foresters Projects out of Lincoln, NE to sponsor little trees to be presented to the fourth grade students at Coyle Elementary to plant for Arbor Day 2012. Club was very pleased to host District 3-H First Vice District Governor and District Governor Elect as well as Lions from the Crescent Club at a monthly meeting.

**OKC Capitol Hill:** Met with the Police Athletic League and did tree planting at Draper Park. Began Candy Sales fundraiser.

**OKC Downtown** Lions filled 49 spots during the OKC Auto Show for a total of 248.50 hours. Russal Brawley also

delivered 588 pairs of used eyeglasses. Hosted the OK Lions MHSU at Okla. City Univ. and screened 50 people. The Special Needs Dance had about 125 in attendance. Downtown Lions also hosted 5 high school students to the Hi-Lion scholarship program.

**Norman:** Welcomed newest member: Jon R Vittitow. Programs were presented by DG Marvin and OLSF Executive Director Troy Jenkins.

**Stroud:** Current projects are Stroud's Got Talent (Star Search) in Mar. or Apr.?, transporting patients to treatments, moving picnic tables and benches to skate park, and Flag Project for Main Street.

**The Village:** Approved 4 applications for eyeglasses. Held a cookout for Lions family members.

**Harrah:** Cooked and served breakfast to 35 Harrah Swim Team members and coaches before they left for the OSSAA Swim Championships in OKC, a continuation of Harrah Lions providing breakfast for Harrah school activities. Donated to the OK Lions Eye Bank building fund.

**Prague:** Held its Chili Supper fundraiser in March and raised \$1,699. Club had food donations plus Lions donated desserts. [I wish I could be in more than one place at a time. DG Marvin]

**Guthrie** Lions held their Pancake Dinner on Mar. 30, at noon and also evening. Purchased eyeglasses for an individual in need. Had 2 students of the months attend club meeting and tell about their school projects. A speaker from Mercy Health explained the new building project on I-35 and resources it will be able to provide.

**Norman Sooner** welcomed a visit from DG Marvin and OLSF Exec. Dir. Troy Jenkins. Club continues to provide eye care for students (4 students recently) and collect used eyeglasses.

In Closing I want to share the Norman Sooner Lions Club Prayer by Lion John Bumgarner. This prayer seems to speak to all denominations and the Norman Sooner Club has it in their song books and prays in unison. If your Club has searched for an appropriate prayer, this may fit your needs.

DG Marvin

*Dear Lord in Heaven, we thank you for the food we eat, for the clothes we wear, for our friends everywhere. For the Club to which we belong, for the ability to choose right from wrong. For the Lions throughout the land, always ready to lend a helping hand. For the many Blessings we enjoy each day, as we spend our time at work or play, and for the Lord who is always there, ready and willing to hear our prayer. Amen*

# Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

by State Secretary Virginia Rodriguez, PCC

**GOOD NEWS!** We have been able to arrange an evening with the OKC Red Hawks on the Thursday (April 26) prior to the State Convention. The RedHawks are a farm club of the Houston Astros. We will have field seating as a group and a "Lions Club State Convention" message on the video board during the game. All of those who attend will receive a Limited Edition Red Hawks baseball cap. Sixty (60) seats are reserved for OK Lions.

**Cost of ticket: \$11.00 Date: April 26 at 7:00 p.m.**

Before April 6, please fill out the form and send along with check made out to Lions of Oklahoma.

The cut off to buy tickets through the state office is April 6. After that date tickets will need to be purchased through Kyle Gehring/Group Sales Coordinator for the Red Hawks (telephone 405 218 1000 X 209. Tell him that you are with the Lions of Oklahoma. Ticket Price same. All Tickets will be in the buyers name and will be able to be picked up at the WILL CALL window at the ball park the evening of the ballgame.

So let's all go out to the Ball Game and have some fun! Should you have questions please do not hesitate to call me at the state office (405-947-6540).

## "TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME"

### OKLAHOMA CITY REDHAWKS BASEBALL GAME

THURSDAY, APRIL 26 – 7:00 p.m.  
(evening prior to our OK Lions State Convention)

OKC REDHAWKS vs ROUND ROCK TEXAS

**COST PER TICKET \$11.00**

Field seating as a group of Lions  
Free limited edition Redhawks baseball cap  
"LIONS CLUB STATE CONVENTION" ON THE  
VIDEO BOARD DURING GAME

Please fill out the following and mail with check (separate from State Convention Registration) to OK Lions Ball Game, 4123 NW 10th St., Oklahoma City OK 73107-3259

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of check enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**DEADLINE: April 6** - After April 6 please call Kyle Gehring/Group Sales Coordinator for the Red Hawks (telephone 405 218 1000 X 209. Tell him that you are with the Lions of Oklahoma. Ticket Price same. All Tickets will be in the buyers name and will be able to be picked up at the WILL CALL window at the ball park the evening of the ballgame.



## Multiple District 3-Lions of Oklahoma STATE CONVENTION

April 27-28, 2012

**MARRIOTT OKLAHOMA CITY**  
**3233 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK 73112**  
**(405) 842-6633**



**Convention Room Rate: Standard King or Double –\$93.00 plus tax (currently 13.875%): -All reservations need to be made individually. The Cut off date for Lions group is April 12, 2012-after cut off date reservations will be accepted only if rooms available. Must report that you are with Lions of Oklahoma State Convention when you call for room reservations.**

### CONVENTION REGISTRATION

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

Registration-Lion/non-Lion (Postmarked before April 20, 2012) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

Late Registration (Postmarked after April 20, 2012) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Leo Members/Youth \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$00. \_\_\_\_\_

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

### MEALS

**FRIDAY NOON: PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS (BONE YARD) ANNUAL MEETING ALL LIONS WELCOME (Lions/Business Attire)**

Lion/Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**FRIDAY EVENING:** (Casual) Lion/Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Mediterranean: Marinated Boneless Breast of Chicken, Sun-dried tomato presto, roasted red and yellow peppers, melted mozzarella cheese, fresh vegetables and Yukon gold mashed potatoes, Dessert, Coffee Tea, & Water

**SATURDAY NOON:** (Casual/Lions/Business) Lion/Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rosemary and black pepper crushed pork loin with wild mushroom marsala sauce, mixed field green salad, rosemary roasted potatoes and fresh vegetables, dessert, coffee, tea & water

**SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET:**

(Business/Semiformal) Lion/Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$26 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Piccata-chicken breast seasoned and seared, lemon beurre blanc, salad, Yukon gold Potatoes and Julienne vegetables, dessert coffee, tea, & water

*Meals guaranteed only if registration is received by April 25, 2012*

### TABLES

Pin Trader Tables: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE PRINT:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_

First Timer: \_\_\_Y \_\_\_N

Name of spouse/guest/Leo: \_\_\_\_\_

Is spouse/guest/Leo First Timer: \_\_\_Y \_\_\_N

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL NEEDS AND/OR SPECIAL DIET REQUESTS: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form (with check payable to Lions of Oklahoma) to:

**Virginia Rodriguez**  
**4123 NW 10<sup>th</sup> St.**  
**Oklahoma City OK 73107-55801**