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Meeting Our Families

By Colleen Fowler-Communications Director and Foster mom

By now you have all heard about our foster families at the Lions Meadows of hope. We have 4 soon to be 5 families in our community and 4 more that live in their own homes in the area. My hope is that in the next few months you would make an effort not just to know *of* them, but to really know them.

There was a book written a few years ago called "It Takes A Village", that indeed is our thought also. In past ages, families lived close together, sometimes on the same land or even in the same house. Generations lived together sharing wisdom and energy and faith. Grandparents lived with one of the family members enjoying the children and being a vital part of the family. Young marrieds lived close by so they could look to the elders for guidance and support. Growing up in this century I am really saddened that our family didn't live that way! Our foster families not only are close in proximity to each other, but close at heart. We are all here because of the same conviction that we need to be a part of the solution. "Someone needs to love those children...Let it be us!" We so appreciate all you do for us. The funding you continue to provide and the needs you meet for us. Let us give back to you...

Many of our "fosters" will never experience aunts uncles, grandparents, unless someone steps in to fill that important roll. Don't think it has to be a full 100% commitment to one family, just being a familiar face and

influence in our children's lives is important! Our Families have made a huge commitment to raise other people's children and sometimes it is a lonely venture. Not all extended families are supportive or understanding. Sometimes **our** parents and grandparents are already gone or live very far away. Wouldn't it be nice to have a "grandpa" figure to come go fishing or work on a project together? How about a "grandma or an aunt" to come go shopping or bake cookies or make doll clothes! There is room in our children's hearts for real affection and joy. They have been fooled and let down enough to know if you are fake or doing it for the wrong reasons. They only want what you can give...yourselves. A Little time with a child reading or coloring or searching for bugs is worth a pocket full of money to them. The Lions of Oklahoma have always had a reputation for rolling up their sleeves and getting in there wholeheartedly. The way that you interact with your community and club members is so selfless and we admire that greatly. You not only "talk the talk", but we have seen you "Walk the walk." Service without action is just charity. Giving of your time strength and heart is what makes the difference. Money talks and is important but relationships are what will make your heart sing! So how do you get involved? Come visit, talk with our families, find out if you have a mutual interest or talent. Spend time in their homes, be present in their lives. Send a note,

Birthday cards, go on outings with them, pray for them, encourage them, sometimes just someone making you laugh after a tough parenting day with a traumatized child is worth Gold. Mostly understand that your hugs, pats and handshakes are vital! One beating heart knowing that another beating heart cares, and is there, is such a blessing. None of this takes a bunch of money or talent, but it does take time. Relationships are built not zapped into existence. Love is patient, love is kind, love is waiting for you to share and nurture. It is our hope that one day when they are grown, our kids will remember that at least for a certain time in their lives they were enriched and memories were made by folks who weren't paid to be in their lives, but chose to care for them with no unrealistic expectations...just love and affection...just you.

Merry Christmas

Lions Meadows of Hope

Christmas Party

December 10th, 2016!



OKLAHOMA LIONS SERVICE FOUNDATION FUNDRAISERS

Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation's annual **COWBOY CADILLAC** Drawing for a free 2016 Ford F150 is soon approaching. The drawing will be December 10th, 2016 at 1:00 PM at Wilmes Ford, 108 North Veterans Drive Altus, OK 73521. We are excited to have Altus Lions Club Hosting the event! Thank you Altus!



Wilmes Ford has graciously honored us as the main Grand Prize sponsor. In addition, OLSF will be giving away prizes in each district. Please Mark this date on your calendar for the big drawing!

Throughout the world, the long **WHITE CANE** is used by people who are blind or visually impaired as a tool for safe and reliable navigation. The white cane is a symbol of the user's skills and

talents, mobility and independence. It also allows the sighted person to recognize that the user is visually impaired.

International White Cane Safety Day (October 15th) gives Lions an opportunity to increase awareness of the white cane and safety for the blind. Oklahoma Lions have traditionally observed White Cane in April.

Recently, the Lawton Noon, Leo's and Patriots clubs received publicity in cooperation with the Lawton Council for the Blind for their work in public awareness. As a result, they have received donations and eye glasses for recycling.

The Leos made and handed out these small canes & information for public distribution. These are also extended to **YOUR CLUBS** for a donation to support OLSF and the Lawton Leos. **The Lawton Leos**



are going to use their proceeds to raise money to attend the 100 Centennial Celebration in Chicago, Ill.

The Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation strives to bring awareness to fellow Oklahomans regarding the issues visually impaired individuals face as well as raise funds to support Oklahoma Lions vision programs. This year we are raising funds for the new equipment needed by the OK Lions Eye Bank for the DSEK process. Please consider supporting your Lions State projects and assisting these young Leos with a vision for increasing Lions across Oklahoma! This is our Oklahoma's Future!

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January 7th is the next MD3 Council Meeting.

Thank You
Marvin Ainsworth, PCC, PDG

2016-2017



District 3-O

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He's here, He's here! Born pre-maturely but Julian is here! He was born 6 weeks early, he will have a long road ahead of himself, but he will make it stronger than ever. Julian is my third grandson, and I couldn't be more proud of him, Grayson, or Noah.

Another month of great success!! Thank you for your hard work! I had the pleasure of inducting one new member at the Muskogee Noon Lions Club. This is a very active club as they are taking the challenge I am giving to all the clubs; "Everyone achieves club growth by getting one new member each". **Ask1 !!!**

Lions recently reached the milestone of 100 million people served during the Centennial Service Challenge. Without the hard work of Lions like you, this incredible accomplishment would never have been possible. Your dedication to service has a real impact in the communities and around the world.

But there are still so many more people who need our help. Encourage your Lions to keep serving and reporting their service to LCI. Lions serves 70 people a year on average, so we can change even more lives when we invite new members to join us. And remember that new clubs bring new service to areas that need us. Be sure to get your reports of your projects into LCI. I am sure each club does 1-4 of the projects each but don't report, so get them reports in so you can get your club patches.

International Leo's Day is
December 5th.

Visit:<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/serve/contests/leo-video-contest.php> **for more information:2016Theme: #SquadGoals**

Through the Leo Club Program, young people serve as key agents of change within their communities. AS shapers of our global future, Leos exhibit serious #SquadGoals - having fun while accomplishing great things!

Squad Goal (skwäd/göl) (noun) (plural noun: squad goals): an aspirational term for what you'd like your group of friends to be or accomplish. That's why we're calling on Leos to participate in the International Leo Day Video Contest. We want to hear from you! Are you a #proudLEO with #SquadGoals?

Remember the District Conventions are approaching fast, be sure to register early to make sure you have your spot reserved. The convention for District 3-O is set for March 3-4, 2017 at the Clarion Hotel in Broken Arrow.

Please mark your calendars now for our District Convention; The Tulsa Downtown Lions Club is hosting the Convention this, make your reservations early. We are not only expecting Lions from Oklahoma but also from surrounding states as well. Please see the attached registration form.

The Lions University is a great place to learn more about Lions and Leadership. You can earn your Bachelor, Masters, and Doctorate in Leadership. In Omaha Nebraska, The Lions University graduated several, and I would like to congratulate DG Dan Farrell, Lions J.P. Williams, Marge Williams, Robert and Diane Phillips and I who graduated with a degree. You too can achieve this by taking the Lions University classes and attending the next Forum in Portland Oregon next September, it is an achievement beyond measures rather it be personal or for advancing in leadership within Lions. For more information go to lionsuniversity.org

Club News

Bartlesville Tuxedo: Held their garage sale it was a great success, thank you to all who donated and participated. The basketball court (Legacy Project) is coming along very well, you must see it to appreciate it. It is a great addition to the Tuxedo Lions Park.

Broken Arrow Noon: Last month had a zone picnic at Haikey Park in Broken Arrow. The turn-out was great with members coming from the Coweta Lions Club, Broken Arrow Evening Lions Club and the Broken Arrow Noon Lion Clubs.

Bartlesville Downtown have embarked on a Vision Screening program for The Bartlesville Public Schools and other or-

ganizations that serve children. In September, the Lions of Bartlesville screened over 1500 students at three elementary and Madison Middle School.

Muskogee County: Collected over 600 pairs of glasses from our mail box at Triad Eye Center and Donated them to the North-eastern State University Optometry.

Muskogee Noon Lions Club: Inducted one new member October 19, celebrated their 100 years in service November 15.

South Grand Lake of Langley: Jason White is chairing the Chili Cook Off Committee this year on October 22 at the Langley Ball Fields. Tickets for tasting kits are available at Grand Lake Medical Center, Valley National Bank, Southern Darlin's Boutique in Langley and Langley Tag Agency. Please purchase your tickets ahead of time for only \$5, or they will be \$6 at the gate. We also need Chili Teams! It is only \$25 to enter and \$10 if you would like to enter tailgate food. Vendor Booths are also available for only \$25 for a 10x10 space. Jason White can be reached at 918-791-8056 or jawhite.7736@yahoo.com. We need chili teams and vendors to make this a success.

Dates to Remember

I encourage each of you to attend and participate in the following:

Jan 6-7, 2017 - Oklahoma City Council Meeting

Feb 17-18 - Lions Convention Dist. 3K, 3L, 3A

Mar 3-4 District 3-O Convention Clarion in Broken Arrow (3rd District Cabinet Meeting)

April 7-8 Oklahoma City Council Meeting

May 18-21 Midwest City State Convention

June 3 Tulsa Downtown Club 4th Cabinet Meeting (Lunch will be provided)

June 9-10 Oklahoma City Council Meeting

2016-2017



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It's hard to believe half of the year has already passed us by, no worry we still have half a year to get our objectives accomplished. I have had the opportunity to visit numerous clubs and have several on my schedule, however there are some that I am having a hard time get a hold of. If your club hasn't scheduled a visit yet, please contact me as soon as possible.

Let me ask a question, if your house is on fire, are you going to try to put it out with a garden hose or are you going to call the fire department? Obviously we are going to call the fire department! The point is we are going to utilize every resource we have available to avert the disaster. The same principle applies with Lions Clubs International. We as Lions what to utilize every resource we have in our tool box to meet the needs of the community in which we live and serve.

A fire department doesn't just happen. Fire trucks have to be bought and firemen have to be willing to operate the vehicles and put out the fires. Likewise we need to support our district, state and international organization. We can do this by being a part of the district and keep the District Leadership Team informed of our activities. We can utilize our individual expertise by serving on boards and various leadership positions. Another way to support

Lions is by giving to the OLSF, LCIF, and Meadows of Hope or even to the OLEB. There is a way for all of us to serve! We are all unique (some Lions are more unique than others) and we all have different talents. I challenge each and every Lion to support Lions outside their community! Remember the support we received after the Moore tornado and various other disasters, there is no way the Lions of Oklahoma could have raised that amount of money in that short of time. Some Lions maybe thinking, that's Moore, or some other country, my community is not impacted. We currently have a grant request pending thru LCIF for DSEK equipment at the Eye Bank. I can almost guarantee someone from your community is being impacted.

Currently Lions of Oklahoma are selling Cowboy Cadillac tickets. Remember it's not about a truck but rather changing lives and meeting needs, so let's get as many tickets sold as we can. As soon as you get done selling your tickets, we have more!

Some of the things our clubs are doing:

3K District Lions – On October 22nd had their second Cabinet Meeting.

Hugo Lions – On December 3rd they will have auction fund raiser. Hugo Lions are also cleaning up the Hugo Lions Kids Park and cleaning the downtown flower pots.

Seminole Lions – They are gearing up for the Winter Wonderland. Seminole Lions has done this for several years and what amounts to is, in a team effort with the City of Seminole, they have over 120 light displays that they run trams around. This is well worth the time to go and see. The displays are bought by individuals and

companies. Seminole Lions charges nothing and operates entirely by donations.

Shawnee Lions – On October 27th conducted their annual Chuck Wagon Dinner and on November the 1st will have a Melvin Jones ceremony.

This is just a few of the things that the clubs in our district are doing. I know we are doing a lot more, so I encourage all the clubs and individuals Lions to let me know what is going on in your area so I get it posted in future newsletters.

Dates to Remember:

December 10th - Meadows of Hope Christmas Party / Cowboy Cadillac Drawing.

January 7th - Oklahoma Lions Council Meeting.

February 17th -18th - 3K & 3L combined District Convention at Lake Murray.

April 8th - Oklahoma Lions Council Meeting.

April 15th - 3K Cabinet meeting.

Please mark your calendars now for our District Convention; it will be a historic event for all Oklahoma Lions. Past International Director Pat Shurley has invited our International President Chancellor Bob Corlew to attend our Convention. We will have other distinguished guest as well. Ardmore Lions are the experts at convention planning and execution! They have always set the standard for fun and informative conventions. If you haven't registered yet, do it now. We are anticipating filling the convention banquet room! Don't miss the opportunity of a lifetime!



2017-2016

District 3-L

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Happy Thanksgiving, fellow Lions!
Can you believe the Holidays are just a few short weeks away? The District Convention is shortly after the Holidays on February 17th and 18th. This will be a convention to remember! There are two clubs in our district that are also turning 100 years old with LCI - Chickasha and El Reno. Remember, President Bob Corlew will be here. He will be presenting Melvin Jones Fellowships for those individuals and clubs who have achieved that level of recognition to LCIF. Please consider giving to LCIF. You can donate online at www.lcif.org. Melvin Jones Level for giving is cumulative at \$1000. (You can donate \$1000 at one time or \$100 for ten years or any combination amount of seed-time). This is YOUR Foundation!

Thank you to all of the clubs I have visited so far! Your hospitality and kindness are very much appreciated. The food is always great and we have a fun time.

I want to elaborate on goals for the year with the action plans intended. We'll focus on one per month. Leadership Goal: "Prepare Club leadership within District for the imminent redistricting of MD3 in order to facilitate a smooth transition in FY 18". Action Plan 1. I will communicate redistricting to all club leaders including the clubs outside of the current district which will become a part of the new District 3SW. 2. Prepare District Constitution and by-laws for implementation. This must be complete for ratification by District Convention. 3. Establish standards for new district awards. Each culminating district has different awards with similar standards such as the Rookie Lion of the year and lifetime award. We have a team working on this and will be sending it out

Cowboy Cadillac: Please continue to SELL tickets!

White Cane Day: Several clubs in Lawton teamed up with the Lawton Council of

the Blind to help celebrate the achievements of people who are blind or visually impaired and the important symbol of blindness and tool of independence, the white cane. Thank you, Tom Love for spearheading the project. (Lawton Patriots, Noon, and Leos)

Altus: The Altus Lions Club participated in the Cotton Picking Chili Cook-off in Altus Oklahoma. The "Bambi n Bunnie" Chili was a hit. The Club won first place! They also won first in small booth decorations and a spirit award along with \$125! Really looking forward to the Cowboy Cadillac drawing being held in Altus!

Cache: The bows are out at Cache Public Schools for the Club's tribute to Red Ribbon Week. The Club received over 160 sponsorships this year and helped to bring awareness of the dangers of drug abuse.



Cache Lions Club Members Randy and Janie Batt hanging Red Ribbons for Red Ribbon week.

Hinton: Brought in the first "Donkey Ball Basketball"?!! What!? Donkeys and basketballs do not mix very well. However, this Club figured out a way to make it work. I heard it was a success and a fun time!

Pocasset: Held a KidSight event and screened 192 kids; had a Benefit Ice Cream Supper for an accident victim; has their Annual Turkey Dinner planned for **November 6th** in the Pocasset Elementary lunchroom from 11:00am - 1:30pm - Adults = \$10, Child under 12 = \$7

Lawton Patriots: The Club held their 5th Annual Vision Run on October 22nd at Elmer Thomas park in Lawton.

Lawton Leos: Fundraising to attend the International Convention; received signage

for their community project Adopt-a-Stream; Helped with the Vision Run.

Please post your club's activities in MyLCI or send your activities, events and pictures to me by the 15th of each month danielfarrell@hotmail.com or 4520 NE Bly Lane - Lawton, OK 73507. Call me if you have questions -580-695-1258.

New members: We are doing great with new members in the District - especially the Canute Club! Wow! Eight new members already this year and more are expected. Please make sure all new members are oriented to the LCI Standard (go to the New member Page or download the [New Member Orientation Slideshow](#))



Campbell Rainey and Braxton Buchanan honored By Elk City Noon for their leadership skills, hard work at school and strong desire to help others.

2016-2017

District 3-A



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I want to thank those clubs that have allowed me through this newsletter to pass on their lives of serving.

Please encourage your club secretaries to help your members turn in their service hours and projects so your club gets credit for what we are all about – serving. As Lions we can be very proud and excited about touching others lives in these ways. “Where There is a Need – There is a Lion”. Keep up the good work!

Fairview – Ten Lions built/installed a ramp for Lion Al Stecklein so that he could have access to go places. Lions were assisted by two Fairview residents.

Garber -Three members attended training at the MD 3 meeting. Club members were involved in a community Blood Drive in Garber. Trimmed and cut trees and cleaned up area at the Methodist Church and parsonage. The Supt of school came to club and discussed activities and improvements at the school.

Kremlin – Kremlin Lion’s Club member Kim Zaloudek organized a gathering at the FW Zaloucek Community Center to honor fallen veterans on Gold Star Family Day 9/25/16. Mr. & Mrs Tolle played patriotic music and sacks were lit to honor the fall

en. The event was attended by local residents, students and other Lions Club members.

Laverne-The club offered Christmas lights to the FFA for their Christmas lighting project. The club held a pancake breakfast, a bake sale, and sold nuts at the sale. The treasurer reported they deposited \$1,115 for the bake sale and \$368 for nut sales. The club sent \$460 to the Mobile Health Screening Unit. The club will participate in the Pediatric Screening Program in November. The club voted to become a member of the Laverne Area Chamber of Commerce. Six lions helped with the distribution of 60 boxes of food which helped 44 families consisting of 84 adults and 78 children. Lions David and Merle each received a limited edition Centennial Pin for bringing in a new member during our centennial year.

North Enid – Our club has been busy this last month: Participated in Cherokee Strip Parade with Fire Truck; worked football gate at high school; worked Vision Screening unit at Drummond High School; worked Blood Glucose Testing Booth at Garfield County Fair; involved in the Lions/Enid Antique Power School at the Garfield County Fairgrounds; cleaned up NORCE Cemetery w/Garfield County Lions meeting; had a Spaghetti & Meatball Supper at Chisholm Middle School; purchased 2 pair of eyeglasses; sponsored Student of the Month; sponsored MHSU w/ Integris Bass Hospital.

Okarche-The Okarche Lions Club had a large turnout for their annual German Dinner. All proceeds from this event will be used for their service projects.

Ponca City Noon – Our club had the Mobile Health Screening Unit at Dorado Foods and Cook Shack for their employees. We plan to offer sponsor’s logos on the back of the unit. The MHSU and our Kid-Sight Trailer were at a Health Fair put on by Heather Cannon Honda. She was so impressed with the unit and our effort that she donated \$1000 to help get a new covering for the unit. The public health fair event was co-sponsored by the Ponca City Noon and Ponca City After Five Lions Clubs. Over 140 people were screened in these events!

Calendar of Events

October 29 – District 3-A Cabinet - Enid

December 8 – Fairview Lions Christmas Dinner

December 10 Meadows of Hope Auction & Christmas Party

December 10 Cowboy Cadillac Drawing

January 7 – Council Meeting – OKC

February 11 – District H Convention

February 17-18 – District K & L Convention – Lake Murray

February 24-25 – District A Convention – Fairview

March 3-4 – District O Convention – Clarion – Broken Arrow

April 8 – Council Meeting – OKC

June 10- Council Meeting - OKC



Ten NE Lions gathered at the NORCE cemetery day to clean the cemetery and plant twenty new boxwood shrubs along the walk. two Garber Lions helped for the evening



NE Lions Dwight Unruh and Jim Hurst busy remodeling the ticket booth at the Chisholm High School Football field today.



Garber Lions Club visited the Lions Meadows of Hope

2016-2017



District 3-H

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“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”

- Mother Teresa

On October 1, a number of Lions from a number of clubs had the privilege of performing a SpotVision screening at Norman Regional Moore. This was a culmination of over three years of effort in the wake of the 2013 tornados. The technology and the furnishings in the Education Center, as well as the five SpotVision units available to clubs throughout the state, all came to be thanks to the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

There often seems to be a misconception that donating to LCIF means we are not using our funds locally. In a state like Oklahoma, nothing could be further from the truth. In 2013, the Lions of Oklahoma received a pledge of about \$700,000 for disaster relief – both immediate needs, and long-term recovery. The Meadows of Hope benefitted from a \$75,000 grant in the construction of the Foster Care Community. The Eye Bank is working on a \$75,000 matching grant for new equipment needed to expand their capabilities. All this is just in the last few years.

As we go into the next year, we will be asking every club to select an LCIF chair. Why wait until then? Encourage your club members to donate to LCIF now. Ask your club if they are donating. If not, why not? These funds are used to support Lions efforts around the world, but have gone a long way to supporting us at home.

Club News

Cushing – The Cushing Lions finalized their food drive for Love Inc. on October 25th, and are starting on a Warmth for Winter campaign. The club was recently presented with their four chevron Centennial Patch for their activities in 2015-2016.

Guthrie – The Guthrie Lions finished a successful Fish Dinner project just in time to think about their upcoming Fruit sales. The club painted the pipe at the Logan

County Fairgrounds and continue to work on Cowboy Cadillac. They are planning a dinner to honor our over 40 year members.

Harrah – The Harrah Lions club honored Lions Gary Fitzgerald and Ray Kerchee with Melvin Jones Fellowships with a recent donation of \$2,000 to the Lions Club International Foundation. The Club begins their annual Harrah Lions Turkey Shoot on October 30, and continues it on November 5th and 6th and November 12th and 13th. The Harrah Lions are also providing a concession trailer for to auctions on October 29th and November 12th.

Midwest City – To date, the Midwest City Lions club performed KidSight Screenings for five of the Mid-Del elementary schools and screened 481 students. We also sponsored the MHSU at the Allen Chapel AME church, screening 35 adults. At the same event, we hosted a KidSight USA event and screened 17 children. Council Chair Jacque Mooney attended the USA/Canada Forum in Omaha Nebraska in September. On October 13, we worked the eyeglasses at the state office

OKC West Side – The West Side Lions Club delivered and cooked mobile meals and volunteered at the VA Hospital. The club also helped to set up and furnish the refreshments for the latest “meet and greet” at the Council meeting. They performed a vision screening for adults and children at Linwood Elementary, helped with “Neighbors Night Out” for Friends of Northwest 10th street, and helped with the Compassionate Friends walk. The Westside Lions also participated in the JDRF walk for juvenile diabetes and in the Kids Sight Vision Screening in Moore.

Perkins – The Perkins Lions hosted their annual Pancake Supper on October 7th. This decades’ old tradition serves as a fundraiser for the Lions Club, and coincides with Perkins-Tryon Homecoming. This year the club served around 250-300 people. With one or two exceptions, the entire Perkins Lions Club was on hand, cooking pancakes, serving sausage and bacon, providing drinks, taking tickets and money, cleaning up, serving seconds, etc.

Prague – The Prague Lions hosted their Annual Family Fish Fry on October 20. This event encourages Lions to bring their families as well as prospective members.

Stillwater Noon – Members worked hard on the Pumpkin Jubilee fundraiser, which ran from October 8 through October 31. The club sold pumpkins, gourds, straw bales, baked goods, and corn stalks as well as raffle tickets for a quilt. The project has involved nearly every member of the club. The club continues to serve food and do clean-up at the Thursday Night Community Dinner once a month. Members parked cars at the Stillwater High School football games. Two persons received eye examinations and new glasses. Donated eyeglasses were taken to the state office for recycling. The club performed SpotVision screenings for pre-K and kindergarten students at three elementary schools.



OKC Downtown Lions celebrating their Centennial.



DG Troy Jenkins presenting a four-chevron Centennial Patch to the Cushing Lions. Pictured are Russ Thurman, Kateri Holbert, and DG Troy Jenkins



2017 Redistricting ELECTIONS For All new Districts

From: Council Chair Jacque Mooney

ELECTIONS -

I know most of you are wondering how we will be electing the officers for the new districts. I contacted LCI Legal Department and was asked to send in an email of questions which was forwarded to Esther Ancira from the English Language Department.

They advised the elections for District Governors and Vice District Governors, elected board positions and anything related to the new districts that needs a vote will need to be done at the MD3 State Convention which will be held May 19-20 at the Sheraton Hotel/Reed Center in Midwest City, OK rather than at the Mid-Winter conventions. This is for THIS YEAR ONLY. There will be THREE break-out sessions at the convention to elect these positions. All members of the Credentials and Elections committee will be needed to help. The new Southwest District is the only district with two candidates for the 2017-

2018 District Governor - 1VDG Nancy Cook-Senn from 3K & 1VDG John (JP) Williams from 3L. LCI advises if those two candidates can come to a mutual agreement of who will serve as District Governor and who will serve as 1VDG they will accept that decision. The decision was made at District Governor School on 10/14/16 that 1VDG John (JP) Williams will serve as District Governor first and 1VDG Nancy Cook-Senn will continue another year as 1VDG. That information was sent to LCI on 10/17/16 and accepted. They, along with the other three teams of District Governors will need to be voted on at the MD 3 State Convention for it to be and Official Election according to LCI. This needs to be done this way because the Northwest, Southwest and East Districts are not "official districts" until July 1, 2017 and LCI feels that this is the only opportunity that ALL Oklahoma Lions will come together. Hopefully, this will encourage a

lot of Oklahoma Lions to attend the State Convention.

An invitation will be extended by LCI to the THREE District Governors to attend the LCI District Governor School at the International Convention being held in Chicago, IL and the three will be sworn in during that Convention.

With regard to the 1st VDG training held in Dallas in early January, they understand from the Leadership Department, ALL FIVE 1st VDG's will be invited to attend.

If anyone has a question, please feel free to contact me at mooneytunes@cox.net.