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Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation Update

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Convention News!

The Oklahoma Lions State Convention was very successful as we learned about new opportunities for partnering projects, past honorees, and future changes to the structure of Oklahoma Lions. We heard from Lori Bowman at the State Convention regarding the type 1 diabetes children's camp Blue Hawk.

The International Convention was also a wonderful learning experience as the emphasis on Diabetes was impressed. Patty LaBelle gave an outstanding interview about how to cope successfully with diabetes. She also sang "Over the Rainbow" and brought tears to the audience.

The atmosphere was encouraging and the overall excitement for the direction of Lions was prevalent, especially from clubs in foreign countries. I felt very honored to be able to go and get a crash course in International Lions!

The premier Oklahoma Lions fundraiser is off to a good start and we are already receiving in ticket sales.



At the state convention in May you learned more about the diabetes epidemic and HHDC's critical mission for Oklahoma.

Now what?

Lions Clubs across Oklahoma have given nearly \$15,000 to HHDC since 2014. Partnerships like ours are essential to reducing the devastating impact of diabetes on our state.

Community support allows the center to:

- Continue the forward momentum of research through increased investment
- Provide Camp Blue Hawk to Oklahoma children and teens with diabetes
- Grow healthy lifestyle and education programs in communities all across the state to slow the spread of diabetes

Is your Lions Club chapter interested in supporting Harold Hamm Diabetes Center?



I'm Lori Bowman, development and community relations officer for the center. Call me at (405) 271-2824 or email lori-bowman@ouhsc.edu, and let's discuss ways your chapter can get involved!

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Remember the drawing will be on November 11, 2017 at the Patriot GMC Dealership in Bartlesville Oklahoma. So, because it is earlier this year, please start selling early!

OLSF offices should have sent all the clubs in the state their packets. If for some reason your club did not receive

one, please call the state office and we will send one to you.

We are excited this year because all our state projects are doing well and we are growing our MHSU. We have received several club, district, and individual checks in support of the project.

2017 Cowboy Cadillac
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2017-2018

District 3-E

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Chicago was great, but am glad to be back in Oklahoma. Too many people and too expensive in the big cities. We stopped in at a CVS pharmacy a couple of blocks from our hotel to purchase a couple of items and while checking out was informed that a plastic bag for our purchases would cost 7 cents. Don't want to tell you what it cost to park my vehicle in the hotel parking.

I first want to thank all the Lions coming from 3-O and 3-K for allowing me to be your district governor for 2017-2018. As most of you know this is my second time as DG and I hope to make our new district 3-E the best district in Oklahoma.

I have been asked to serve again several times since my last term as DG, but was not quite ready. As it got closer to the 100-year anniversary of Lions I started getting serious thinking how great it would be to become a district governor at the 100-year anniversary of Lions International. As time got closer to this year I kept thinking I had missed the opportunity since I had not put my name on the list. With all the redistricting going on in our state I assumed somebody would take that slot for sure. When I realized nobody had step up to run from our area I put my name in and here we are.

What capped it off too was at our state convention I was trying to find some folks to step up and be on my cabinet. Next thing I knew I had a great Lion from Wilburton to who is now (First Vice District Governor

Neal Wood) step up and next was someone we all know from Bartlesville (Second Vice District Governor Joe Shveima). With those two Lions coming up behind me our new district is off to a great start, already had a great training session before I went to International Convention. Now is the time to get your name on the list to step up behind Joe, remember we will need to elect a new 2nd Vice District Governor at our district convention in February. Let's keep this trend going.

Like I said getting to attend the 100-year anniversary celebration in Chicago was a real treat. Attending an



International Convention is very impressive and it would be a great experience if you ever get a chance to attend one. You really get to understand how large Lions are around the world, and what is nice when you see all these district numbers in 3 digits, like 312. You realize how far back Oklahoma was getting involved in Lions as we are district 3, makes you proud.

Be sure to read this issue of the Lions Magazine to catch up on changes. You have been hearing this and starting in January 2018 the Lion magazine will only have six issues in a printed copy and six digital copies as I understand.

The International President theme this year is (**"THE POWER OF WE"**) when you think about this we have heard this many time of how strong we can be in strength. As one person, we are limited on what we can lift and do, but as many we can do so much more. When you see all the Lions at these conventions than you realize we are all supporting the same cause in the world.

If you have not signed up yet on mylion be sure and do so. There is a new app LCI has started up this year and as I understand will be where the Lions magazine we be listed. Word is that in a couple of years the magazine will no longer be printed. There are already photos being shown and activities from Lions around the state. This will be where you can list your activities so everyone can see them.

For those who missed our first 3-E cabinet meeting you missed a good meeting and training. Again, I want to thank Lion Mary Warden and the Henryetta

Lions for one of the best cabinet meetings I have attended. Everyone signed in received a nice gift bag and plenty of snacks and beverage. Until further notice this will be the location for our cabinet meetings, since it is about as close as we can get to the center of our new district area.



Henryetta Lions; have been very busy with their annual Easter Egg Hunt in April giving away candy, coins and bikes to special egg winners. They donated \$100 to P.C. Memories Inc. Their club received a \$3,000 grant from ECE for adult eye glass program.

In May Henryetta Lions were planning for their June Golf Tournament in which they earned \$4,750. Four new members received their Lions pins, donated \$100 to the Service Food Box for the First Baptist Church. Supported the Henryetta Youth Golf Team with T-shirts.

In June, they joined with the Masonic Lodge and many local volunteers to earn \$15,000 for LED glasses for a fellow Lion and teacher's aide a Henryetta Public School. They raised \$8,211 in a Spaghetti and Meatball fundraiser.

With all this they were still able to support our first Cabinet meeting on July 22. Way to go Henryetta Lions.

Morris Lions; donated \$300 in cases of paper for the local school, which will be repeated in the fall quarter.

They are planning back to school bash and a Car Show in September.

Muskogee Lions; earned Centennial Pins for 3 new members. Approved recycle bins for three Homeland stores in Muskogee for recycling plastic bags, aluminum cans, and eye glasses. They held a benevolent partner banquet June 14 and all recipients of these funds were present to accept their checks totaling \$11,275

Muskogee Lions presented four \$1,000.00 scholarships to high school seniors from Muskogee Hilldale and Parkview School for the blind. Outgoing president Cotner presented awards to members for screening van, Cowboy Cadillac, attendance, mem-

bership induction, Pancake Day, Volunteer at Gospel Rescue Mission.

Okmulgee Lions; participated in their annual Pancake Day Fundraiser in March. They built a handicap ramp in April.

In May they were busy planning for their Pecan Festival, a turtle race, hosted the Lions MHSU, which saw 85 adults. They did 55 eye vision screening for children.

They operated their Fireworks Stand from June 22 thru July 4. They purchased 8 pairs of adult eye glasses at \$125 each. They donated \$1,000 to OLSF and \$1,000 to Meadows of Hope. Donated 50 pairs of sun glasses for Amazon Mission Group.



District 3-E Governor team for the next three years. 1st VDG Walter Neal Wood, DG Gene L. Redford and 2nd VDG Joseph M. Shveima.

Poteau Lions; they planted 16 trees in the highway median on the north end of town. The club made \$1,169 selling funnel cakes, snow cones and cotton candy at the community 4th of July celebration.

South Grand Lake of Langley; held a potluck dinner on July 24 at the Langley City Hall.

Tulsa Brookside Lions; held a Pancake Day for the Day Center for the Homeless in Tulsa on June 24, feeding approximate 300 meals to the homeless.

Tulsa Metro-McCullough; Something a bit different from what Lions are used to doing with eyes. Club president DG Gene, received a phone call about three months ago from a gentleman in Tulsa with a prosthesis eye that was infecting his eye socket. I told him that was a bit out of our normal business but I would check and see what I could come up with. Both the Brookside and my club has a member who are eye doctors, so I sent them this information. He was recommended to The Eye Restoration Clinic in Tulsa for further checking and they recommended a replacement. This is where Lions are doing such a great job in helping others. I reached out to the Tulsa Downtown Lions to see if our three Tulsa Lions Clubs could go together and share the cost of these repairs. As it turned out the doctor at the Clinic knows of the work the Lions do so she gave us a discount on this work. All three clubs have approved this work and we will take care of this individuals eye problem. This is a great example of **"THE POWER OF WE"**, which is the new International Presidents theme.

2017-2018

District 3-NW

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It's not only a new year but it's a step into a new century of Lions! The celebration at the International Convention in Chicago was definitely one to remember! We have come a long way and have served millions. Melvin Jones would be proud. However, we can't stop here! We MUST continue to serve because there will ALWAYS be a need!

Our International President, Dr. Naresh Aggarwal has chosen "We Serve" as the theme this year. Along with that is "The Power of We". WE together can do much! If you haven't heard the new President's Theme Song, "Lions Club Anthem", you need to pull it up on You Tube! It's pretty catchy. If you can, play the video or just audio for your club.

We have a new Framework for service. Environment, Hunger, Vision and now Diabetes and Pediatric Cancer. This will be the footprint of our second century! Clubs are encouraged to complete your Centennial Service Challenge Activities and report them.

I would like to congratulate the Garber Lions Club for receiving a Certificate of Distinction for being a 100% Melvin Jones Fellow Club. This was presented at the International Convention during the Melvin Jones Luncheon.

We now have a new district. District 3-NW. There are many new clubs and Lions that will be serving together in our new district and I'm looking forward to this year! We had our first Cabinet Meeting on July 22nd along

with Club Officer Training. This was held at The Meadows of Hope in Perkins. Colleen did a great job in having lunch for us and 8 of the families along with the children joined. For many, this was their first visit to The Meadows of Hope and a meaningful experience! If there are any clubs that would like to have a program on the new Service Framework or training for your new club officers, please let me know.

I am anxious to start visiting clubs and hearing about all of your projects and getting to know everyone. I want you to know that I am available for any questions or concerns you may have. I have set up an email that is strictly used for this purpose that you can use. deb@e-lionsclub.org

I will do my best to report all of your activities as they are presented to me but remember, unless you report, it will not make the newsletter.



CLUB NEWS

KREMLIN-Kremlin installed new officers: President Kasey Zaloudek, 1st VP Tara Coburn, 2nd VP Todd Sellers, Secretary Jana Snapp, Treasurer, Faron Johnson, Membership Chair Mike Riddle and Lion Tamer Gini Zaloudek

NASH-Helped with a food drive that the Postal Service did and had their election of new officers President/

Treasurer Steve Wayman, Secretary Joyce Waggoner, Membership Chair Jessie McCormick.

NORTH ENID-Their Enchilada Project is in full swing. Order cut off has passed but they will be doing another in November. They have been busy helping with the elderly with yard and maintenance work and transportation, helped with yard work at the town hall, eyeglass collection, volunteered at the Greenbriar Skilled Nursing Center, helped serve at Loaves and Fishes and Meals on Wheels.

PONCA CITY NOON-Provided 7 pair of eyeglasses at total cost of \$900, collected 459 eyeglasses and 67 cell phones in July. They had their annual Awards Banquet. Congratulation to their newest Melvin Jones Fellow, Jim Kelly, Life Member, Lyn Boyer and Lion of the Year, Vickie Dailey!

STILLWATER NOON-They have been hard at work. This club has collected eyeglasses, sold slabs of ribs as a fundraiser, collected snack items for the local adult day care center, approved vision exams and eyeglasses for three individuals, served meals at the Thursday Night Community Dinner, parked cars at the Boomer Blast Fireworks Display and installed new officers.

Welcome July New Members

Chandler - JAMES A CONWAY

Covington - RACHELLE L MACEACHEN, MISTIE K THAYER

Fairview - CRAIG A CHURCH, EUGENE R SPILLMAN JR

Ponca City Noon - MARY BETH HUGHES

Stillwater Noon - VALERIE D STEELE

Stroud - DANIEL BIXLER

Watonga - TONI WHITE

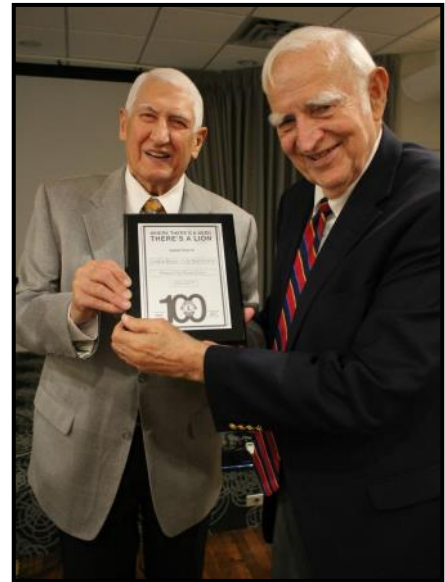
UPCOMING EVENTS

Stillwater Noon – Pumpkin

Jubilee Sept. 30-October 31

North Enid – Garfield County

Fair Sept. 8-10



District 3-SW

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From the Governor,

First off let me introduce myself for those that do not know me. My name is John P Williams and I go by JP. I was raised in Lions and as young man tagged along with my father PDG Al Williams but have only been a member of this great organization since 2001. I served in the Army for 21 years and after retiring in 2010 I continued my education at Cameron University here in Lawton. I have held multiple positions with-in Lions and I am looking forward to serving as Your District Governor this Year.

The Convention in Chicago was a blast and an eye-opening experience for me. To see how large and diverse Lions Club International is encouraged me because I know the world will be a better place with all the Lions from around the world serving the needs of others. On that note Presidents DR. Naresh Aggarwal's message to us is the "Power of We, the Power of Action and the Power of Service". Alone we can serve but united we can serve a much greater number. International's goal is to be serving 200 Million People a year by 2020. It is possible our clubs are already serving that many people but without clubs reporting their service activities in MYLCI (on line reporting) there is no way to tell if this is right or wrong. I would like to encourage every Oklahoma 3SW District Club Secretary and /or President to report your clubs' service activities no matter how big or small they are.

On a final note, I want to thank each and every Lion in our District for your service. I have had the privilege of visiting several clubs already this year and each club is making their community a better place through service. Eye-screenings, eye glass recycling, scholarships, feeding programs and environmental projects are just a few things our clubs do. Please share your projects with me so that I can post them in future issues of our newsletter. The District leadership team looks forward to serving you and Lions. We have created a few ways for you or your club to get recognized this year. *The DG 100 in 100 challenge, This Challenge is to get 100 new members in the first 100 days of our new year, celebrating the next 100 years. The first hundred new members sponsors of this year will receive a special DG Award Pin. Next I will be giving 100% reporting awards for clubs to be recognized at the state convention. If your club updates it records every month (MMR, Service and PU 101's) they will be recognized and finally the DG challenge which will be sent to club officers and presented at the Training on the 5th of Aug will have one large and one small club recognized at the state convention.*

Mark your Calendar

August 12th Tri-City (Elgin, Fletcher, Sterling) charter night 6 pm at the Fletcher School Cafetorium RSVP with Bobby Bridges 580-549-6106
August 19th State Council Meeting OKC -
August 25th The Village 12th annual car show
September 1,2,3 Elk City Rodeo
September 9th Duncan Eve Poker Run

October 21st Lawton Patriots 5K Run

Dates to Consider

August 7-13 Worldwide Week of Service for Youth

September 8th International Literacy Day

October 9-15 Worldwide Week of Service in Sight

October 12th World Sight Day

October 15th International White Cane Safety Day

Club Activities

Altus Screened 118 youth at the Altus back to School Bash

Chickasha celebrated their 100th on the 22nd of July with a charter night dinner featuring great speakers and live music from the Chickasha Lions Band



Chickasha LC President Jerry White

Coalgate raised money for their scholarship program by running the Lions Club Train at the Coalgate City Park

Hobart Installed new officers and donated money to the New Tri City Club

Lawton Noon Watered and pulled weeds at a local nursing home.

Lawton Patriots Painted and cleaned park equipment at the Patriot Park,

Recycled cardboard , plastic and paper.



Midwest City LC

OKC Northwest Screened 63 youth, cooked meals for homebound and recycled ink cartridges and cell phones for the service foundation Shawnee, donated money to local public-school teachers for upcoming school year

OKC West Side For the month of July the Lion Linda Webb collected 170 pairs of glasses for recycling. Lions John and Linda Bennett assisted the MWC Lions in sorting glasses and then John and Lion Dave Kerr pulled the eyeglass trailer to Ft Worth.

West Side Lions also cooked and delivered mobile meals to 130 shut ins. We put out US Flags on the 4th of July. Lion Richard Schiver worked with the Friends of 10th St.

The Village collected 80 pairs of used eyeglasses and 17 lens sets for recycling.

Waurika served lunch to children participating in the Summer Reading Program held at the Waurika Public Library



Leo's Installation

Welcome New Members

- Reva J Bush- **Atoka Lions Club**
- Clint J Hardison- **Atoka Lions Club**
- David G Stern -**Edmond Lions Club**
- Penny L Matapene- **Harrah Lions Club**
- Larry Benson- **Marlow Lions Club**



Shawnee LC members

Oklaboman Lions Service Foundation

In Memory of:

*Carobelle Carson from the Cashion Lions Club; Marshall & Cooper; Ferril & Phyllis Williamson; Russell Wright, **Bob Norris** from Don & Nelda Shaw, **Wilma Hatton** from Ed Herber & family, **Russal Brawley** from Jackie Ekstrom*

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Lions of Oklahoma State Patches

(6" diam.) are now available at the state
office for \$5.00 each.

Eye Glasses Recycling Boxes

are now available at the state office.
The cost is \$9.00 each.

Calendar

August 19, 2017-Council Meeting
October 14, 2017-Council Meeting
January 13, 2018-Council Meeting
April or May, 2018-State Convention
June 9, 2018-Council Meeting

