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4/1 April Fools, 4/5 Palm Sunday, 4/8 Passover Begins, 4/10 Good Friday, 4/22 Passover Ends, 4/22 Earth Day, 4/30 Hopefully COVID-19 ends and it's back to normal



News From
ID Mike Banks

COVID-19 – So, what do we do now? We can't meet in person. We can't really go anywhere? So, as Lions, how do WE SERVE?

We face new challenges to serve, to meet, and to engage leaders.

Never fear, Lions Clubs International is here. While, the International Convention and most district and multiple-district conventions and regular club meetings have been cancelled, we have an opportunity to find new ways of meeting these challenges. And LCI is busy at work developing new strategies to make us stronger, faster, and better than we were before.

Our success is in our members. LCI, through the Global Action Team, has begun a series of webinars so Lions all over the country can share ideas. And they are establishing three teams to tackle the problems in our current situation to safely serve, continue club meetings, and engage new leaders.

We need to tune in. In the first webinar, there were some Lions from around the country that shared what they were doing. It was impressive to hear that we need not sit in isolation and ignore the needs around us. We are Lions and WE SERVE. We just need to broaden our horizon, be creative and share possibilities and solutions.

So, what are some things we can do NOW? I urge Clubs to set up electronic board meetings. Your Club's Global Action Team members (President – Club GAT Chairperson; 1st Vice President – Club Leadership Chair; Club Membership Chair; and, Club Service Chair) can tune into the many LCI resources that are being developed. Most clubs have Facebook pages and e-club websites. There is email; all kinds of messaging; cell phones and even the old-fashioned telephones.

And our clubs can still meet -- although it may be electronically.

From the Constitutional Area GAT meeting there were many take-aways, but there were two that each of us can do. One is to be positive and upbeat. We will get through this. And the other is to break the isolation by contacting

members, friends, neighbors, and others in our communities. And don't forget family! Some of them may need our help or an just an uplifting message. Please remember kindness and actions matter.

The world may have new opportunities for service. Building on our past, we can bring hope for a brighter tomorrow.

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Thank you, District Governor Ed Barry, for the hospitality.

Early in March, the Lions conducted a vision screening for Warner Schools. Three clubs worked together to screen 436 children in grades 1 through 7. Okmulgee Club and Bartlesville Lions Club brought their vision cameras and Henrietta Lions joined to assist. In all, ten Lions from 3 clubs spent the day at Warner where 61 children were found to need referrals for vision problems. I think of the value in discovering the eye problems early enough to correct. Also, you might consider going to the web site: lionskidsight.org to take the training recommended by the Foundation to become a Certified Vision Screener. This takes only 1 1/2 hours to complete and is well worth the time to learn more about the camera and the eye problems.

Your service hours are truly needed by the LCI. Please report the service hours for your clubs to MyLion at LCI. Remember that this is the number of hours you have spent as a volunteer doing things for the good of mankind. It can be lions work, church work, any volunteer work. Report your time to your secretary or designated person to be passed on to LCI.

Club Officers are to be nominated in March, with elections in April. With the situation now, you might need to hold your elections by email. As clubs are not meeting at the moment, it is going to be a different year. We are all just working through it. My suggestion is to take it one day at a time. It will work out.

It was my pleasure to present a service award to our District Secretary, Wayne Middleton; Wayne received his 45 year chevron at the last Bartlesville Lions Club meeting. Wayne is also in the process of working on an up to date version of the constitution and by laws for District 3East. When we changed to three districts, the old version was out of date.

At this time, the status of the Oklahoma State Convention is in limbo. It is scheduled for May 8/9, 2020, in Lawton, Oklahoma. We will let you know as soon as we know just what will be done. Plan to send in your registration as requested. (early bird April 13) We are proceeding as planned until told differently. I just heard from Dr. Choi that the Singapore Convention has been canceled. Singapore will not allow any large gatherings until after June 30th. Stay tuned on this one.



OKLionsApril2020

Hello, again! The months roll by as we go about our Lions business. I do not know how to begin to explain the challenge that has befallen our world. The coronavirus has slowed us all down to a crawl. I pray that this is resolved soon and a cure is found to save the lives of our loved ones. But we know life goes on. It is my belief that we Lions will stay strong and will be ready to serve as we are needed. Remember to check on your members, those who have special needs, and those who might need assistance. Always place health and safety first. You know: "We Serve".

District 3E finished its mid-winter convention with 75 attendees and 27 different clubs were represented. Our International Director Jose Marrero was informative and very pleasant as our guest speaker; he was joined by our own International Director Mike Banks and Past International Director Pat Shurley. I thank all of you for your attendance.

to David and I were fortunate to be able to go to the District SouthWest Convention



March 8 at which we joined Vice Council Chair Neal Wood and spouse. This was in Elk City – way out west – and so we saw some pretty country.



Phillip Dunbar from the Tulsa McCullough Lions Club reminded me that we have a resource for communicating via our Lions-Connect. It is accessible in your browser (Mozilla Firefox seems to work the best) at <https://mcculloughlions.org/lions-connect>. It is recommended to use a headset/earbob/bluetooth headset with a separate or embedded microphone to prevent reverberation.

Some people already have it installed on their phone, so just plug an earbop in the earphone jack and should be ready to go.

The app on the iphone in the app store is mumble or mumblefy. And with android it is a plumble. Just simply adding our server for those who don't have it on their phone already after being installed can be done by adding mcculloughlions.org in the favorite servers. There is application for regular windows and macintosh desktops at <https://wiki.mumble.info> and our server has to added to favorites as well.

For questions about this, please contact Phillip at resuman@hotmail.com. As you know, I am not a computer person.

Our District 3 East Leo of the Year has been selected and it is Zara Williams from the Bristow Lions. This name has been submitted to the State Council Chair as the 3E selection for the State Leo of the Year contest. I thank all of the clubs who submitted an entry. We have some outstanding students.

CLUB REPORTS

Bartlesville Lions Club met to put together the flag/pedestals for First Graders. Postponed meeting til further notice. President Reid asked for further nominations to the proposed list of officers for 2020-2021 via email. He said we possibly will hold an election via computer.

Broken Arrow Noon Lions – Report from Dolores Turner stated that they have on April 21st scheduled a Kidsight Vision Screening for preschoolers; April 24th have the MHSU for the BA Senior Health Fair. All is pending at the moment

NOTE: as many club meetings and activities are on hold or canceled altogether, it would be a good idea to check with the club before proceeding to any meeting. Send me a note as to what your club is doing, share your ideas for coping with this situation. Let's help

one another, our neighbors and friends.



News from Darlene Schultz, MD3 GMT Chair

COMMUNICATION TODAY

Without communication this world would of stood still years ago. The slow progress that was made during the pony express days was hampered with vicious men who were trying to stop messages from going through for their own benefit. One of those instances would be the relaying of a "Wanted" message for an outlaw. The other reason was the Indians who did not understand the wire going across their land and the white man building the line in their territory. Lack of communication and understanding of the progress being made. The same story might be said of projects that are being made today and many that I, myself, can attest to. The understanding of technology today is mostly geared to the younger generation whose brain cells have not yet been clogged with the many years of work holding down a job; the raising of a family and the training of the children; owning your own home and the many changes that the Government make in order for you to keep and live in your own home or establishment. If you won your own business, there are many communications that need to be made to keep the business running smoothly and your workers happy and content in holding down their jobs.

As a Lion who has served in many offices and seen the changes come about, I have seen new members join with excitement and then leave before the ink is dry on their certificate. What happens? There have been those who have come in and who have an agenda of their own, only to find that is not the way that Lions work. Did they really have the proper

communication to know how Lions volunteer their time and energy to serve others? They are most welcome to tell the club about their place or places of employment and what they did and do and see if the club can use their services in its projects. They joined to help us in our service to others and along the way their service may come in handy. This is the communication that we should have when we visit with them about becoming a Lion. Knowing this, how can anyone who is a new Lion believe that we are there for their cause if they join our club. Is there a lack of communication between Lion and potential Lion?

Every club member has a different personality and different factors that motivate them to do a good job volunteering and serving. An effective leader will foster motivation factors and keep the members focused. Give praise for a job well done and encourage their cooperation in all club activities and projects and makes sure that they are included in all services rendered. That communication is vital for their service and without that communication, their efforts may seem rather futile to them and the next project they might fall back and wait for someone else to volunteer.

Communication is very important, no matter whether you are the father of a house full of children, the mother of a small brood, the CEO of a company, the president of your Lions Club, etc. If you have watched the Undercover Boss, you will see that in many cases the people who are in charge of certain areas of the business have not communicated well enough for employees to do their jobs well. So, it is with everything; if communication is not there, the right hand will not know what the left hand does and the mission will not be successful enough to hear the words: "Job well done!"

If you are not already a good Communicator, learn to be by making a point to tell someone at home, in your club, your job or anywhere else, they did a good job or give them information needed to do that good job that you are expecting from them.

2019-2020 **District 3-NW**
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Friday night we started at the Standing Bear Museum and Director T. L. Walker did a great job of telling the story of Chief Standing Bear!

Also receiving a Distinguished Service Award was District Treasurer Curtis Bradley. He has served for the past 3 years.



From my house to yours, **Hello Lions!!!!** I hope everyone is taking the proper precautions to keep yourself and others safe from this stinking virus. How bored are you sitting at home? All the home projects and "Honey-dos" are done, games played, TV shows watched and now what to do? Kindness matters!! Have you considered driving through at a restaurant that has contributed to your club fund raisers, or sending an extra Thank You note and telling them to stay safe? We can Zoom or just email. There are a lot of options for us.

ID Justin Faber really enjoyed touring the KidSight trailer of the Ponca City Noon Lions Club. VP Dan Flewelling and ID Faber are pictured.



Two International President's Certificates of Appreciation were presented. Lion Rex Sproul of Fairview and Lion Dan Flewelling of



Sadly, the International Convention in Singapore has been cancelled. Our District Governor Elects are patiently waiting to hear where they are going (if anywhere) and how they will be inducted to start their year. I know they are pumped up and ready for a great year. Please, let's all do everything we can to support them!

Our noon program, on Saturday, was about Juvenile Diabetes and was presented by



Brad Matson. Brad is the son of past Lion Ted Matson and 2 of Brad's 3 children have juvenile diabetes. ID Faber presented



Brad with one of IP Choi's pins and thanked him for his work with Juvenile Diabetes as it is one of the 5 causes identified by LCI.

Get ready, I am going to start preaching again!! Every club in this district should be preparing their nominations to hold their elections of officers for next year. There is absolutely no excuse for not having this done and posted to LCI by May 15th!! You should not disburse for the summer without having this completed!! I realize it is not the way some of you have done things, but it is very important that this information is turned in timely. We still have a State Directory and the **CORRECT** officer information needs to be in there!!

A Distinguished Service Award was presented to District Secretary Kim Coleman,



I don't know what I would do without her!!

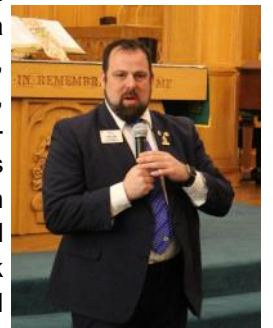
District 3-NW gives a very special award every year. It is one that was introduced 3 years ago by then DG Debbie Woodruff. The award was created in memory of PCC Carobelle Carson and in honor of those women who exemplify her commitment to Lionism. This year's winner was PCC Debbie Woodruff.



Enough said on that. The Governor Team still has a few clubs to visit. Please call me, DGE Rob, or VDGE Paul to let us know you are still looking for us and how your club is meeting. We will definitely work something out.

We missed those of you who did not make it to our district convention. Following are a few photos from the weekend and some of our fantastic 3NW Lions.

We would not have had near the fun we did without our special guest International Director Justin Faber. He held a townhall meeting, Saturday morning, that was very informative for us and gave him plenty of feedback to take back to the LCI Board of Directors.



The Cushing Lions Club spent time working in the Lion's Park repairing the gazebo.



In

Stillwater, the Noon Lions put out another eyeglass collection box and dedicated it

in



memory of Lion Don Pierce. Lion Don's wife & daughters were present for the dedication.

We, as a district, need to celebrate and welcome our new members of the 3rd quarter!!

Cushing Lions – Tony Moore & John Moran

Davenport Lions – Tony Halsey & McKenzie Warren

Fairview Lions – Kory Baker & Larry Elliott

Kremlin Lions – James Harvey & Patty Harvey

North Enid Lions – Chad Broughton

Okarche Lions – Paul Francel & Zak Laubach

Stillwater Noon Lions – Johnathan Flowers & Scott Thomas

Watonga Lions – Dorene Flaming

14 new members! WAY to go LIONS!!!!

Hopefully, we will still have our State Convention on May 8th & 9th. I hope many of you will be attending. Have a great month and stay safe!!

The Lions of Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska invite you to be a participant in a great learning opportunity

Attend the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

GPLLI is being held on July 24-26, 2020. Registration is from 9:00A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Friday, July 24. Adjournment and checkout is by 3:P.M. Sunday, July 26, 2020. Lunch on Friday, July 24 is at 12:00 noon sharp. Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville Missouri For additional information please contact Registrar PID Gary Fry at frygj35@msn.com or 515-967-4645.

A note from the editor

This publication has been sent to you without the benefit of PID Pat Shurley's normal proof reading. So any errors or omissions are strictly on my shoulders.

I felt that we needed this April edition of the OKLion to get out before any new restrictions were imposed.

I'm not sure that I am even supposed to be in the office. We may or may not be what is called an essential business.

With regards to the State Convention I have not deposited any of your checks. When the decision is made by the Council of Governors or by the CDC and President Donald Trump I will either deposit your checks or shred them in our cross cut shredder.

Stay safe and healthy.

Marvin Ainsworth, State Secretary

2019-2020

District 3-SW

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Hello Again Fellow Lions. I certainly hope everyone here in our part of the State is staying safe and following the guidance to avoid this health emergency that we here in Oklahoma and around the globe are facing these days. Things have really changed drastically in just a very short period of time. It sure has put a dent in our activities as a Service organization, not to mention how it has impacted my ability as your District Governor to get out and visit with your Club. I still have a number of Official Visits to make and with all that is going on I'm not sure how that will happen at the moment. I suppose that's the least of our concerns right now.

Given all the closures, stoppages & delays that are occurring, the MD-3 Lions Council of Governors thought it prudent to offer some guidance on how the Lions of Oklahoma might best address the current situation. On March 18th State Secretary PCC Marvin sent out our letter to all Club Presidents and Secretaries. It was suggested that all Clubs suspend their meetings and activities for a minimum of 30 days. With many of our members falling into the age group most at risk for the Covid-19 virus this was viewed as the safest course of action. Never the less, it was recognized that each Club is free to decide for themselves how best to address this challenge. Many Clubs have heeded this advice and stopped their regular meetings. Consequently, I have also postponed any further Club visitations until this threat has passed and we are once again able to return to some sense of normalcy. I appreciate your understanding.

Just before this national health emergency ramped up and engulfed us, we were fortunate enough to be able to hold our District Convention in Elk City. This was likely one of the last Lions get togethers in the State before everything started shutting down. I feel it was a good time for all who attended. We had representation from across the District and enjoyed

visiting with old friends and got to make some new ones. Our Convention Chairman District Governor Elect Tom Love did a great job of putting things together. And the Elk City Lions Club under the leadership of PVCC Karen Blanton and Club President Kerry Hookstra were outstanding in organizing everything and serving as



our Hosts. A Big thank-you to all who helped make this Convention a success!

Our Convention guests were International Director Bob Block and his wife Brenda from Illinois. They arrived on



Thursday afternoon and were given a whirlwind tour of Oklahoma City and the Lions Park. Then it was off to Cattlemen's Steakhouse for a taste of fine Oklahoma dining and to sample the local delicacy of lamb fries... which our guests thoroughly enjoyed! Then before turning in for the evening we went by the Oklahoma City National Memorial. The following morning before heading out to Elk City, PID Lion Pat Shurley took ID Bob & Brenda by the Eye Bank and the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.

Once in Elk City a number of us loaded onto a trolley for a tour of the community culminating in a ride on the City's historic carousel. Everyone had a good time. Our evening activities reflected the Convention theme of "Boldly Go... In Service through Diversity" with a



number of Outer Space creatures playing Alien Bingo.

Saturday was filled with meetings and learning about a variety of Lions programs and activities. At the luncheon we heard from ID Lion Bob.



There were also a number of awards and recognitions given out.

Among which were:



District & State Peace Poster Winner Kendall Dodson of the Altus Christian Academy



Speech Contest Winners Hannah - 1st Place & Nathaniel - 2nd Place, both from Lawton High School



Leo of the Year Shalei Okamura of the Lawton Leos



District's DeRoy Skinner "Rookie of the Year" award was presented to Lion Sissie Feazel of the Altus Lions Club

At the District Cabinet meeting in the afternoon it was voted to endorse the joint application of Lions and the Oklahoma Blood Institute (OBI) for a LCIF matching grant to purchase a new Blood Mobile for OBI to serve primarily the southwest part of Oklahoma.



The Cabinet meeting was followed by District

Elections. The Silent Auction, run by the Hobart Lions, was a resounding success, raising over \$1000 that was donated to LCIF

The evening Banquet saw another round of awards:

ID Bob presented several International President's Appreciation Awards signed by IP Choi (This is the 4th Highest honor bestowed by LCI). The recipients were:



PDG Pat Halsey



Zone Chairperson Kathy Whaley



PVCC Sue Thompson

Cabinet Secretary Pat Fite (not present)



The District's Pat Shurley Outstanding Lion Service Award was

presented to Lion Darrell McCurdy of the Hobart Lions Club, which was accepted by his son Lion Patrick McCurdy

Results of the elections were announced with:



Lion Tom Love of Lawton moving up to District Governor Elect



Lion Mark Adair of Norman advancing to 1st Vice District Governor

There was no candidate for 2nd VDG, however we think we have a very promising person to assume that position and just need to cross a few "T's" and dot some "I's" first.

There was an exchange of gifts, with the ID being presented an "End of the Trail" bronze statue by the District along with a number of the Governor's personal Lions pins, as Lion ID Bob is an diehard Lions Pin Trader!



That pretty much summarizes the convention weekend. We can all look forward with hope that we will be able to reconvene in Lawton in May for the State Convention and scheduled Guest IP Choi. Until such time as tings can return to normal be Careful & Stay Safe!

Live Long & Prosper and May the Force be with You! #020

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Lions of Oklahoma State Patches

(6" diam.) are now available at the state
office for \$6.00 each.

Eye Glasses Recycling Boxes

are now available at the state office.

The cost is \$9.00 each.

SW Pin Swap Convention, Jan 14 – 16, 2021

Lake Murray State Lodge, Oklahoma

MD3 State Convention

**May 8 & 9, 2020 Hilton Garden Inn,
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**Council Meetings-West Side Lions
May 30, 2020 (Tentative)**