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News From
ID Mike Banks

Hope you are all well and safe! Many clubs have begun meeting by video and Saturday I attended my first video District Convention with Lions from 9NW in Iowa. And we just completed our first International Board meeting with multiple sessions of committee and board meetings, all by video. It really gets interesting with translations in five different languages. We even decided to ZOOM our next family birthday party so all the grandchildren (Michigan, Kansas, Arkansas and Oklahoma) can attend.

Necessity is the mother of invention, or so they say, and I have learned there are multiples of different video conferencing applications. Our club, Stillwater Noon Lions, has been meeting by video and it has been most encouraging to see the members adapt to a new meeting environment. Like many clubs, many of our members were not accustomed with this electronic medium and we are learning that you can indeed teach old dogs new tricks.

While none of us know what the

"new normal" will be, it may be beneficial for us to consider having our in-person meetings take advantage of the video conferencing techniques we are learning. Attendance at meetings could be enhanced with a combination of in person and long-distance viewing. The combination has been used successfully in business and other organizations for years. You probably have a member of your club or know someone who is familiar with the options and can help you get started.

A few tips that you may find helpful:

Check out your equipment and connections before the meeting.

One person (the President) is a moderator and controls the conversation.

Have an agenda and time table (and stick to it).

Be on time and stay on schedule.

Review video etiquette.

Remain muted until requesting to speak.

Identify yourself before speaking.

Avoid cross talk, discussion should be for all participants.

Include fellowship activities (Tail Twisters are very creative people).

Please let me know how you are doing and specifically:

Is your club meeting by video?

What video platform are you using?

How is attendance?

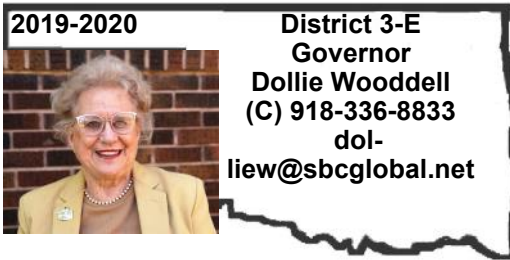
Do you have any suggestions for meeting on line or service that may be shared with other clubs?

Please send me an email, bbcpapc@aol.com. I would love to hear from you.

Thanks.

ID Mike Banks





OKLionsNewsletter
May 2020
District 3East
District Governor Dollie
Wooddell

Hello, Distrtict 3 East. Has-
n't this been an interesting
year. The one thing I have
learned as a Lion
is that whatever happens a
Lion can handle it. We
have our challenges this
year. But, I am ready.
Many things have changed
as you know with the can-
cellation of our International
Lions Convention
scheduled June 25 in Sin-
gapore; now our Oklahoma
State Lions Convention
scheduled for
May 8/9 in Lawton has been
cancelled.

I can assure you we will car-
ry on. For the moment, our
local situation is to continue
our club business.
Each club should be con-
ducting the election for offic-
ers for 2020-2021. You may
do this by phone,
by social media, email. Let
LCI know on the PU101
form. This is a good time to
review your names,
addresses, emails, cell
phones. Please remember
that after July 1st, records
are cleared of 2019-2020

officers. For clubs not
meeting during summer,
please be sure you handle
this before end of year.
At this time, District 3East
has 8 clubs who have ac-
complished this. We did
such a good job last
year in this area, I want to
repeat the accomplishment.
I know we can. Call for help
if needed!

Sadly, many have experi-
enced cancellation of im-
portant fund raisers. Do not
despair. You are
challenged to make up for
them when we are cleared
for activities. I have an idea
everyone – not
just Lions – will be ready for
action. Let us be prepared.
Make your plans and get on
the ball.
Be among the first to hold
your activities and do not be
surprised at the response
from all those
people who are suffering
cabin fever. They just need
a reason to get out of the
house.

Your Lions leadership has
been working hard to see
that we will recover all the
time we have had to
spend in isolation. They
are working on Council
meetings and ways to han-
dle the missed meetings.I
will report on the clubs who
are doing things in spite of
“stay in place”. The
Bartlesville Club held its
April meetings via zoom.
The club election was done
on the video site and cell

phone. I heard from Tulsa
Brookside who is holding a
“virtual” car show on line on
May 30, 2020. It had been
planned for several months.
Lions do not let a pandemic
stop them. Attached is a fly-
er for you to read. Check
out their web site and join in
the fun. Entries are wel-
come. Call PDG Mike Fritz
for questions-918-264-2405.

Tulsa Downtown tells me
they are continuing pro-
gress on the NewView Ok-
lahoma Sight grant. We will
know more on this later. It is
a wonderful program for the
sight-challenged.

District 3East Lions – re-
member that this will be a
yeat for the record books.
We can say we were
witness to a once in a life-
time event. The challenge
came and was met with a
hearty ROAR. We won.

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Hello Lions!!!!

Can you believe May is here already? This Lion year will soon come to a close. It has certainly been fast and furious. Especially, since I missed out on the first two months!! We will finish strong!!!

I hope everyone has stayed safe and is doing well. From my understanding this is one bad virus. Your body hurts even worse than with the flu and you cannot breathe! Have any of you been using ZOOM or Go To Meeting or any other app where you can meet online? I know Stillwater Noon has tried a ZOOM meeting and Ponca City Noon has had several board meetings and a club meeting using ZOOM. So far, I have not heard any complaints and it was FANTASTIC to see all the familiar faces!!!

By now, everyone should have heard the State Convention has been cancelled. We are already working on getting IP Dr Choi scheduled for next year. It is my understanding that all the awards

that would normally be presented at the State Convention will now be presented at the last Council Meeting, which has been moved to June 27th. This meeting will be held at the Westside Lions Club in OKC as are the regular Council Meetings.

To the best of my knowledge, our clubs have been socially responsible and cancelled their meetings (unless held virtually) and projects. There are some clubs still helping with their local food banks and helping to feed the hungry in their communities.

Ponca City Noon has started a project to help feed families in the evening as the local charities that regularly do this have been closed because of the virus. The Stillwater Noon Lions, under the coordination of PCC & 1VDGE Paul Anderson, presented Notes of Appreciation and \$10 gift cards to each employee of Stillwater Creek Nursing Facility. Making the presentation was Stillwater Noon Lion Derek McCubbin (pictured at far left).



The Stillwater club also presented notes of appreciation and gift cards to the employees of Westhaven Nursing Facility. WAY TO GO LIONS!!!!

Until next month stay safe and stay well!!!!

We Serve!!!

Fellow Lions

This Newsletter is short...most of us are quarantined to our house. In reality the Lions State office is considered non essential and we are not supposed to be here. WSo don't tell anyone. Since there is only three of us I don't think we are breaking any laws or edicts.

We just wanted each of you to know Your Council is alive and kicking....thank goodness for ZOOM meetings.

We have started governor school via ZOOM and will finish at the Westside Town hall on May 30th. Of course we will be spread out and probably wearing masks.

Our last Council Meeting will be on June 27th. The Council is thinking of having it at a another spot than Westside. They want to make a mini Convention and all the Boards will be able to have their Annual Meetings on that date more to come from the council.

I understand that if you are one of the Lions who sent in your State Convention Registration Form you will be entitled to a Free 2020 State Convention Pin.

Also if you come to the Council meeting you will be given one at the door.

I wish I knew of any funny jokes suitable for this publication I would use them here as filler. I asked Marie and she doesn't of any. Linda said I don't know of any either.

So if you have any clean jokes send them to me and I can use them in future issues. Of course you will get credit. Don't forget to include your club name.

Well that sums it up for now. Sorry the May newsletter got out so late.

This last 2 months have been hard on all of us and fortunately my family has not been struck with the Covid 19 Virus.

I hope and pray that your family has not been stricken as well.

We will all be better in time. Hopefully, we have learned a few things about social distancing and good hygiene.

Like our mothers told us...wash your hands and face and be careful who you kiss. (I added the last part).

Happy Mothers Day to all you Mothers. We would be nothing without you (literally).



Your Fellow Lion and State Secretary

Marvin

Never forget to honor our Veterans and our Medical Professionals who are risking their lives every day so that we can Live.

If your Lions Club has access to a hearing Doctor that would supply their services at a reduced rate please contact Marvin at the State Office at 405-947-6540 or PDG/VCC Neal Wood at 918-465-6397 .

The much anticipated FREE Lions PR Videos have arrived. Get one by contacting your District Governor, attending the next Council Meeting, stopping by the State Office, or by calling the State Office at 405-947-6540

2019-2020

District 3-SW

Governor

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Hi Fellow Lion Leader,

Hope you are continuing to stay safe and practicing your social distancing. It is tough not being able to get together as Lions like we used to. Sure looking forward to being able to do so again soon.

Wanted to give you an update regarding several issues.

First, we were scheduled to have a Virtual District 3-SW Cabinet Meeting this coming Saturday the 2nd. However, this has all changed and the Cabinet Meeting is **can-celed**. The original need for the meeting was to endorse a LCIF Grant application by the Lions Meadows of Hope. Lion Brian with LMOH has indicated this is no longer

necessary as they are pursuing a different approach. Thus, there is no longer a compelling reason to meet. I apologize if this has caused you any inconvenience.

Second, I want to confirm that the State Convention has been canceled for this year, in case you haven't already heard. Information provided by ID Lion Mike indicates that we may be fortunate enough to have IP Choi as our guest at next year's State Convention. So all may not be lost, it appears.

Third and last, it seems that there will be a Council of Governors' meeting on June 27th in place of the one originally set for May 30th. I don't believe however that this has been officially confirmed at this point. Stay tuned.

That's about it for

now. Thanks for all you do as Lions and I look forward to seeing you again soon once this situation settles down.

Take care and Stay Safe.

YIL,

Lion Ed, DG



News from Darlene
Schultz, MD3 GMT Chair

ONE VOICE SERVES THE WORLD

Many years ago, near a small town in Massachusetts, at the old North Bridge, a shot was fired that was heard around the world. It started the American Revolution. I happen to be lucky in that one day on a bus tour we stopped, at that particular spot, and they pointed out where the bullet had lodged in the where history was made so long ago. To see the bullet that was fired from across the street and the stream that ran across the territory and you could imagine the soldiers that ran across the little bridge and encountered others who were there to start the war. WOW!

Then, in 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions at the International Convention in Ohio and she challenged the Lions to become "KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND IN THE CRUSADE AGAINST DARK-

NESS! These words, that were spoken ever so softly was heard around the world as Lions. At that time, Lions were looking and searching for a common cause to serve mankind in each club's community. Lions everywhere, were quick to pick up the idea and use it as a club project. Her voice with the simple request is still being heard today as Lions seek to rid the world of river blindness with a small tube of ointment that can be bought for a few cents here in the states or glasses recycled for use in the under-privileged countries and here at home. Lions Clubs are buying glasses for the less fortunate and her one voice is still serving the world.

How many times have you and I sat in on an International Director's speech or been to a seminar at the USA/CANADA forum and the voice of Helen Keller, through the speaker, is still challenging us to become knights of the blind. Her desire to help those who are living in darkness comes through as they stand before the multitude of Lions and speak her words again. Little did she realize when she spoke those words that her message would be

serving the Lions in the world yet in the year 2020.

For well over 80 years, Lions have collected, cleaned, prepared and classified by prescription and distributed used eyeglasses throughout the world. In the year 2003-2004, Lions collected 9 million pairs of used eyeglasses. This was due to 82% of clubs in the U.S. and its affiliates as well as Bermuda and the

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(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

**Governor School-West Side Lions
May 30, 2020**

**Council Meeting & Mini Conven-
tion June 27, 2020 Location to be
announced.**