

# The Happy Father's Day!

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6/20 Summer Begins,  
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News From  
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## PLAN AHEAD

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2020-2021

COVID-19 threw a big monkey wrench in many of our plans for 2019-2020. "Same Old, Same Old" way of doing things just doesn't work anymore. And not only do we need to think outside the box of the past, we have to realize that this box has been crushed. 2020-2021 is not a year of trying to regain the way life was, it is time to use the new skills and ways of doing business that will be our success in the future.

COVID-19 hasn't stopped us. It has broadened our opportunities and pushed us outside our comfort zone to become aware of new service needs in our communities, improve our member relationships, use new ways of communicating with each other. As the saying goes "when life gives you lemons, make lemonade." Summertime is here and now is time to review our hopes and plans for 2020-2021

and forge ahead.

LCI's excellence awards provide a structure for planning club success in setting goals and more importantly recognizing achievement of success. The Club Excellence Award recognizes success in membership growth, community service, organizational excellence and marketing and communications. While the exact requirements can vary somewhat from year to year, the intent remains basically the same. It can be used as a guide for planning a successful year.

Basic requirements include:

- growth in membership with a strategy for membership 1 retention;
- new service project and contribution to LCIF;
- club in good standing, with key officers trained and improved club operations;
- publicized service through media.

Check out all the resources on implementing a Club Quality Initiative on the Lions International website.

The requirements are not as difficult as might be imagined. COVID 19 is not an excuse for doing nothing. It is an opportunity to succeed in new ways. Pull your team together and let's make this year, one to remember for its success in service, membership and leadership.

Remember: FAILING TO PLAN IS PLANNING TO FAIL.

June 27th at the West Side Lions Town hall is our last Council Meeting for the year. It is also going to be a mini State Convention. See the message from CC Dan later in this publication.

2020 State Convention pins will be given to every attendee and also if you were pre-registered to our State Convention that was cancelled you will receive your State Convention Pin via mail.

Sincerely

PCC Marvin Ainsworth

State Secretary

**2019-2020**



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It has been an interesting Lions Year for all of us. In my wildest dreams, It never occurred to me that I would have 9 weeks of quarantine.

And, it looks as though the new lifestyle will continue. I just tell myself and my members to remember we are LIONS and do not accept Defeat

The enormity of the covid-19 pandemic has created a dilemma for everyone. Wash your hands, wear a mask when appropriate,

Stay in if possible (especially the vulnerable) and be safe. Lions persevere.

I can tell you that 3East Lions are still serving their communities. We miss the face to face meeting but we all know that might not be In the best interest of our health and safety. We are finding ways to serve in these challenging times and to do so safely.

We have made Use of technology. Here are some of the things 3East clubs have been doing in these unprecedented times.

From Charles Williams of the Pryor Lions Club sent in a resume of what his club has done this past year. Had a fun Golf Tournament last Summer, sponsored a underprivileged children shopping spree last Christmas, gave a \$1000 scholarship for essay in Ms. Pryor contest,

Donated to the community garden to a Master Gardner level, provided trophies for Mayes

County BMC races, approved \$3600 visual Aid assistance, sponsor for Little Olympics which was cancelled due to pandemic.

From Colleen Fowler of the Henrietta Lions Club continue their lion activities In these stressful times. Once a month, members have "Meal Mobbing" event. Going to a restaurant and wearing Lions vests, members eat together. This is not a formal meeting but it gives Members exposure and supports local businesses. Upcoming is a rodeo and "cruise" night. They sell water, inflatable toys, etc.

Later In summer, they sponsor a Golf Clinic and Tennis Clinic. This club currently is holding its club meeting outside at the Cowboy History Park on Main Street.

Colleen mentioned that they lost a wonderful Lion Ron McAfee. Lion Ron had 64 years 7 months and 3 weeks of perfect

Attendance as a Lion. As a Melvin Jones Fellow, he left a huge legacy in the community. The club has plans to establish a scholarship In his memory. his vest, was proudly displayed by his family.

The Dewey Lions Club has been busy this past year working on a city park which had been in need of a lot of loving care. They put up this sign to the entrance of the park and have many more plans for the future. Great work by a group of dedicated Lions.



The Bartlesville Lions Club has been holding its meeting via zoom. President Kevin Reid has done an excellent job in getting this video conferencing meeting going.

Participation has been good and the biggest complaint has been that this is a good idea but we

want to see each other in person. The club is using the time to update the Tuxedo Community Lions Building. They have graveled the drive and parking lot.

Still work on the playground equipment which has been cordoned off to the public due to the coronavirus safety issues. Dollie Wooddell was at such a meeting of the Bartlesville Lions Club. It is different but well worth the effort to learn how to do.

Governor School was called to order on May 30 by GLT Stephanie Pettett and assisted by CC Dan Farrell.

There was a full day of instruction and participation by the incoming Governors and Vice Governors. Presenters included:

- PDG Stephanie Pettett, GLT
- CC Dan Ferrell
- PVCC Neal Wood
- PCC Kent Clovis
- PCC Jacque Mooney
- PVCC Sue Thompson
- PDG Marshall Brence
- PDG Russell Wright
- PCC/St. Sec. Marvin Ainsworth

Those Receiving their Governor Crests were:

- District Governor Elect from District E, Dollie Wooddell



From District 3 SW  
District Governor Elect,  
Thomas Love



From District 3SW  
Vice District Governor Elect,  
Mark Adair



From District 3NW  
Vice District Governor Elect  
Paul Anderson,



From District 3NW  
2nd Vice District Governor Elect  
Derek McCubbin,



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3NW Governor Elect,  
Rob Bodick was unable to attend the Governor School due to a work conflict. His Governors Manual and Jacket Patch has been mailed to him

**Congrats to the Governor School Graduates !!!**





One Last time, Hello Lions!!!!

This is my final newsletter. I am saying that a lot lately. Everything is the final time as District Governor for 3NW. It is a sad time and a joyous time. We have accomplished some amazing things this year!

You all know I have really pushed on a few things like getting our club officers entered in MyLCI. Right now, that is not possible. There is an error with their website. However, we need to keep checking and as soon as it is available, get those officers entered. Starting July 1<sup>st</sup> clubs will NOT have access if the club secretary is not in the system. So, at the very least, try to get that done.

Another thing I have pushed is membership. We lose so many Lions each year, for various reasons and we MUST continue to bring in new members. They can be so refreshing to a club! This next year, your Governor team will be implementing NAMI (North American Membership Initiative), I hope ALL clubs will pursue this with passion. We know the more members we have, the more we can do.

We have done a great job bringing in new members this year, some clubs have had an out-

standing year!!! Congratulations to all who have new members. Normally, I list our new members each quarter, but MyLCI is down, and I am not able to access that information. I can mention Ponca City Noon Lions will be inducting 2 new members on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Katrina Sinor and Cathie Huddleston. These women saw the Facebook posts regarding the Supper Sacks project of the club and were excited to find a club serving in this way and asked to join!! Social Media makes a difference!!! Without the ability to list everyone, I would simply like to say CONGRATULATIONS to all the clubs bringing in new members this final quarter of the year and a great big WELCOME to the new Lion members!!!! Keep up the great work everyone!!!

I know clubs are not currently meeting in person, but many are using ZOOM, TEAMS, GoToMeetings, or just meeting outside and maintaining social distancing. FANTASTIC!!! Keep it up!!! The Covid-19 virus has been a hit to everything we do as Lions, but we are rising to the challenge! Social media has become a club and project saver for many. I realize there are many who do not have a computer or a smart phone that would allow them to participate in a virtual meeting, but club secretaries should still be keeping everyone in the loop, use snail mail if necessary.

In all we do, let us not forget to make our donations to LCIF. 3NW currently has 3 Model Clubs, Garber, North Enid, and Stillwater Noon. CONGRATULATIONS!!! Way to lead!!!! I hope some other clubs will be able to meet this challenge. It currently takes an average of \$500 donation per club member. This can be done individually, by the club, or by members donating what they can and the club rounding it off. Whatever it takes. But, remember, LCIF has come through for Oklahoma Lions with much more than what we have donated. So, let us see if we can rise to this challenge!

Following are a few pictures of socially responsible service by 3NW Lions.

North Enid had 9 Lions who spent the day cleaning up and preparing the cemetery for Memorial Day. Great job North Enid!!!!



Ponca City Noon Lions created Supper Sacks and stood downtown on Wednesday evenings handing them out to whoever was in need. As you can see, they followed all the Covid-19 rules.



These sacks contained a sandwich, chips, fruit, and cookie. All was pre-packaged except the sandwiches, which were made in one place with the utmost care to cleanliness.



can give you a pat on the back. You deserve it!!

Finally, I would like to say THANK YOU!!! to all the Lions of 3NW! It has been a great year and rest assured, your Governor team will get all your Chevrons and awards delivered to you. It just stinks that we cannot do it in person.

Have A Safe & Fantastic Summer!!!!

WE SERVE!!!!

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**

I know many clubs have continued to help with their local food banks, check on neighbors and assist within their communities. Let your Governor so that we

2019-2020

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submitted to LCI Headquarters.

Even in the face of adversity though, we Lions continue to persevere. Although it is very disheartening to see the effects this pandemic is having on friends, family and our Lions organization, I encourage everyone to not become dispirited and pessimistic. Throughout my over 30 years association with Lionism I've yet to see Lions be fearful or shy away from a challenge. In the face of this health emergency we are once again presented with an opportunity to demonstrate the selfless, caring attitude for which Lions have become known. Remember, that no matter the situation our motto remains "WE SERVE"!

And a good example of this comes from my very own Club, the Hobart Lions. As you know one of the big issues facing us all these days is the availability of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as facemasks, gloves and hand sanitizer. Well, our incoming Lions Club President Curtis Thompson happened to be in the garden center of one of the local well known department stores a couple of weeks ago and came across a box of N-95 facemasks (you know, the really good ones). So he had a bird's nest on the ground and could have made a few dollars selling them or just hoarded them for himself. But No! He sent out a text to his fellow Lions and offered them to

anyone who wanted one. And of course, there were a number of takers. So reflecting the true spirit of Lionism, Lion Curtis shared unselfishly and helped out those in need. That's what we as Lions do.

As your out-going District Governor I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for all the support and cooperation you've given me this past Lions year. I also want to apologize for not having been able to get to visit all the Clubs in the District. This virus has played havoc with all our best-laid plans. I'm confident that the upcoming Lions year will offer renewed opportunity for the District to move forward in its mission to serve our communities here in Southwestern Oklahoma. Under the leadership of incoming District Governor Tom Love and First Vice-District Governor-Elect Mark Adair I know the District is in good hands. Please give them your support and encouragement in the coming months.

I've enjoyed my term as Governor and want to Thank You for giving me this opportunity to serve. I look forward to continuing to be involved with the District and seeing many of you down the road at future Lions events. And remember to continue:

***"To Boldly  
Go....In Service"***

Hello Again Fellow Lions. Well this year has certainly been one for the books! I trust that everyone has come through the last couple of months no worse for wear. Now that things are slowly starting to open back up maybe we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. While there seems to be an abundance of opinions on what should happen next, there's no denying that this pandemic has sure had an impact on our society and certainly affected the activities of our Lions Clubs across the state and around the world.

Many Clubs are continuing to meet regularly in cyber-space using such apps as ZOOM. Others are starting to meet together again although most in modified conditions so as to continue to observe the social distancing recommendations. Our Club has had a few such meetings, and while they are not a substitute for the real thing, it is good to be able to see each other and to stay in touch. If nothing else, it has allowed us to select our slate of Club Officers for the coming year so that when things do settle down, we'll be prepared to hit the ground running. I encourage each Club, if they haven't done so already, to elect your new Officers and get them



News from Darlene Schultz, MD3 GMT Chair

### Finality in the Finest

Here we are drawing to a close in the year 2019/2020. Where has the year gone? They say it goes fast when you are having fun. It has been my pleasure in the couple of years that I have served Lions as their Oklahoma Global Membership Chair. I have enjoyed printing news that should help you to be a good member, find a quality member and bring them in as new members of your club. I realize that not everyone reads what I print, but that is your choice.

I have written about: The Changing of the Guard; Help Save our Members; 60 and Beyond; Improving Club Membership; Communication; One Voice Serves the World; Floundering and Flourishing; Improving Club Membership; Membership Commitment; Do you Want New Members; Global Membership Challenge; A Lion's Reward; The Year of the 20's; and the Membership Story. In the years that I have written articles for the Oklahoma Lion, I have written as if I am visiting with

your club—I hope it was not too boring.

I was informed by LCI that in the future, the Global Membership Chair would only be a one-year office. That is great, maybe others will try their hand at filling this office for the one-year. Lion Marvin is quite easy to work with.

I hope that your club has grown and that it is excelling in membership. I know that the pandemic has helped us to grind to a halt but hopefully, soon, it will be turned loose so that we can perform our duties as a Lion in our communities. Until then, stay well and may God Bless.

PDG Darlene Schulz



Council Chair  
Dan Farrell

Our Final Council Meeting of the year will be held at the OKC West Side Lions Town Hall on Saturday June 27th. There will be an Agenda posted via e-mail.

This will also be a mini State Convention Meeting to make up for the one we had to give up due to the Corona Virus. The day will also include annual meetings for the Lions Meadows of Hope, Eye Bank, and Service Foundation. The events will be on

Zoom for those who are high risk and do not want to meet in-person due to COVID 19. \For those able and willing to meet in person, social distancing guidelines will need to be observed along with the availability of hand sanitizer, and possibly masks.

- A memorial ceremony for all of our Lions who have passed away this year.
- We will have a catered lunch with awards ceremony (Melvin Jones, Lions of the Year, Leo of the Year, McCullough)
- The State Boards will be provide enough time to have their final board meetings
- The pin traders will have time for presentations.
- There will be a 50/50 prize drawing.
- We will not have a speech contest.
- District Governors' appreciation
- Council Chair changeover

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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**

**Agenda Meeting, State Office  
Building 7PM**

**Council Meeting & Mini Conven-  
tion June 27, 2020 West Side Lions  
Town Hall , 4135 NW 10th St. OKC**