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# Lion



September 2020, 405-947-6540

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9/7 Labor Day (Office Closed)

9/11 Patriot Day

9/22 Autumn/Fall Begins



### Council Chairs Corner

Well we survived another month of COVID-19, but it has not stopped us Lions from doing what we

do best and that is WE SERVE!

Many of our clubs and members are looking at different ways we can serve our communities in these trying and difficult times.

A big Thank You goes out to DG Dollie Wooddell for providing the delicious lunch at our last Council Meeting held on August 8th.

We did offer several portions of the meetings on Zoom and we did have several join us via Zoom. We did decide that we need to update our technology and equipment so that we will be able to provide more of these services to our Lions of Oklahoma.

The Governors decided to set up a task force to look in to what we need and possible solutions for our needs. DG Rob Bodick stepped up to lead this task force and is now looking for some Lions from each of our Districts to be on this task force. So if you are interested in serving on this, please contact your District Governor.

There have been a few things that have come up regarding our State

Constitution and By-Laws that may need to have some adjustments looked at. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee will be getting together soon to go over and review our constitution and by-laws to determine if they feel any additions or changes need to be made. Hopefully they will be able to complete their review and have a report for the Governors by our next Council Meeting.

One thing that we as Lions can do to really help our DG's, is to make sure that our contact information has been updated! We are working on getting our new State Directory put together and it would be very helpful if your contact information is current and up to date before we do this. Why not get on MYLION.ORG and look around. It is filled with all kinds of interesting information. There is a lot of training available that can both benefit you in your personal life, your job, and as a Lion.

I have been talking and meeting with several of our Clubs and Members. Many are finding it very challenging to continue to hold meetings and being able to socialize while still remaining safe with the masks and social distancing. Many of our clubs have been trying to offer a Zoom option for those who are unable to attend the meetings. I know we are all looking forward to the time when we

hope we can get back to "Normal"!! But in the mean time, you might think about either giving those members who can not attend either a call or dropping them a line in the mail to let them know that you are thinking about them and checking to see that they are okay.

We Serve  
Neal Wood  
MD3 Council Chair  
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The OKLion web site is back up : [www.oklahomalions.org](http://www.oklahomalions.org)

If you have forgotten the password for the directory please call the State Office.

We can give it to you over the phone but not via email. In the future we will be merging the OLSF and the OKLion web site to simplify your web experience. SS Marvin

**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 SS Marvin**

2020-2021



District 3-E  
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Hello, September! We are so ready for some major changes in our life. Fall may be in the air but we are more anxious for the control of the Covid virus in our life. Schools are making an attempt to start classes in person and/or virtual classes on line. Many of our Lions clubs are making a big effort to hold meetings, again either in person and/or virtually. I remind all to take note of the health issues and be safe. Wash your hands, wear a mask, social distance, stay in when possible. Remember the recommended 6 foot rule.

President Jung-Yul Choi's theme for this year is "United in Kindness and Diversity Through Service." He states, "Our strength lies in our differences. They unite us, not divide us." This follows with the theme for the Peace Poster: "Peace through Service" and the Speech Contest with a theme of "Promote Kindness and Diversity Through Service." I am sure we will have some good entries. Clubs, remember to get the word out to the students in your area. Winners get a check for \$125 from the District. The Speech contest continues on to State with an additional prize of \$750 for first place.

I am reminding clubs again that PU101s are due – report your club officers to LCI on the computer. Those needing help can contact me and I will get you help. I am ready to hear from each of you with happenings in your club. I can report your activities to the Newsletter for others to read if I receive it before the 20<sup>th</sup> of month. My calendar is open for club visits. Let me know a convenient time to meet you and your club members.

We have some important dates for you to remember. October 17, 2020 will be the 3E cabinet meet-

ing. November 14, 2020, is the Cowboy Cadillac drawing in Ada at the Wadley Chevrolet dealership. Get those tickets sold. Someone will win this pickup.

The first Cabinet Meeting for District 3East was held in Henryetta at The Briefcase. It was also on zoom. As a first time zoom user, I think it went pretty well. We had at least 6 members use zoom. We can see a need for more sophisticated equipment but we will grow in that area. I love being able to communicate with all. Bear with us as we are working on it. I can say that my home club, The Bartlesville Lions Club, has used zoom since July to hold club meetings. We are blessed to have those who have figured out how to do that. You will need the right equipment. We now are meeting in person, with social distancing and face masks, along with zooming the meeting. I can assure you, in person is a better way but you have to do what you have to do.

I challenge members in 3E to make improvements in the following areas:

- Strengthen membership through diversity with enthusiastic Lions.
- Report service project to reflect time spent doing them. LCI needs the numbers-Every hour you donate to a volunteer project is recorded. And has value.
- Support LCIF – Lions are givers – This gives back, as with Gore/ Webbers Falls, SightFirst, fires, floods, tornadoes.
- Leadership – Each one of you is a LEADER. Be proud to be part of this organization

**CLUB REPORTS:**

Wilburton Lions Club – Started meetings in August, at the Student Union of College. Installed officers August 25.

Vinita Lions Club – Rifle Raffle – Smith & Wesson 610 -10mm – tickets \$10  
Drawing is on December 10, 2020.

Tulsa Downtown Lions – Completed the semi-annual report for the Sight-First Grant and sent

it to LCI per Lion Gaylon Pinc. Lion Patty Bryant selected to be the State GLT. She will now be the District Governor elect trainer.

Pocola Lions Club – Finished the annual community calendar. Plans are made to offer two scholarships next May. Presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Wanda Jo. All members are selling Cowboy Cadillac tickets.. Best of all, have two new members, Bobby and (Mary) Roxanne Cox.

Okmulgee Lions Club – Per Dean Craig, meetings are dormant for a while due to Covid. They are working on returning to a meeting schedule.

Henrietta Lions Club – Club members are still "meal mobbing" and showing the town that Lions have fun too. They wear their Lions vest and support local businesses. Planning labor day activities. They have a drawing for custom American Flag Cornhole Boards. Tickets are only \$5/5 for \$20. Drawing is September 7, 2020.

Following are pictures of the first Cabinet meeting for 20-21 held at Henrietta



Gov Dollie



CC Neal preaching to the choir.



**News from**  
**Mike Banks,**  
**International**  
**Director MD3**

Maybe No One Asked

As if COVID was not enough headliner news this year, it was shattering to hear that the Oklahoma City Downtown Lions Club has turned in their charter. The OKC club was our oldest founders club. They were a 100% MJF Club, as well as, major donors to our state service projects. Their membership included a Past International President and Past International Director. Our Lions logo is thanks to two of their members. There is not enough room in this article to expound on all the leadership and contributions they made to Lions and to Oklahoma over the years.

When I was district governor in 2007-08, the OKC Downtown Club was one of the largest clubs in the state. Many of the members attended the 3-H Mid-Winter Convention in Stillwater. Some of you old timers may remember PDG Robert E. "Bob" Lee who served on the jury in the skit, "The Murder of Anytown's Lions Club."

Quite by chance several months ago I came across an article Lion DG Bob wrote in 1989 when he had just returned from the 72<sup>nd</sup> Lions Clubs International Convention in Miami, Florida. DG Bob was also a columnist for *The Daily Oklahoman* and it was common for him to talk about Lions in his articles,

What he wrote in 1989 is still pertinent today.

"All major service clubs are hunting for ways to entice men and women to join their clubs. To serve humankind. And to have fun while doing it.

"Service-club members often tell me, 'Today's young people just aren't interested in service clubs: they're not dedicated; they won't give the time. Baloney. I happen to believe today's young adults are just as service-minded, just as caring, just as community-oriented as are any of us older ones.

They just haven't been asked in the proper way. Or maybe they haven't been asked at all."

He went on to cite an experience he had at the Miami Convention. Eleven attendees were heading down for breakfast on the elevator when they stopped on the tenth floor and a young man entered. One asked the young man if he were a Lion. "No," he replied, "I've never been asked.

Bob concluded, "We had just been told, in plain and simple English, why service club membership is declining in these United States . . . Who are you going to ask TODAY to join your service club?"

Together In Service,

*Michael D. Banks*

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United in Kindness and Diversity

Eye Glass and Printer Cartridge Donations at the State Office:

Edmond, Marvyn Olsen, 331 pair

Mustang, Rob Estes, 60 pair

Lawton Noon, Tom Love 1000 pair

Bartlesville, David Wooddell 100 pair

Altus Lions, Sue Thompson, 300 pair

North Enid, Chuck Osgood, 398 pair

McAlester, Ken Roberts, 343 pair

Weatherford Noon, Wade Reichert, 1029 pair

Mustang, Rob Estes, 127 pair

OKC Downtown, Tom Springer, 102 pair





2020-2021

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Greetings Lions of Oklahoma 3NW: "LIONS LEAD THE WAY... ALL THE WAY". What does that mean for us in these times of lockdowns and other distractions; it means thinking and leading like a lion.

I read a short story not long ago on a Facebook post that pointed out how a deer is faster than a lion but yet lions are able to catch the deer. Why is this? Instead of just running hard, the deer always looks behind its shoulder to see where the lion is. This continual looking over the shoulder is what slows the deer down. When I coached football, I used to always tell my running backs don't look back, look to the end zone and run to it.

As much as we can learn from the deer we can also learn from the lion. The lion is persistent; it uses multiple tactics, most important the lion is hungry. How hungry are you as lions. Do you miss the fellowship, the

fun meals, the jokes of the tail twist-ers, most importantly do you miss the impact you make in this COVID 19 jungle? How then do we move forward, attract new Lions, and serve our communities. That's where the chase begins. We cannot simply keep looking over our shoulders wondering what is going to catch us next, or what set back we may have.

We need to change tactics. We need to regroup and join together with clubs near us and pool resources, we need to find areas that are functioning and see if we can get into those areas. You would be surprised the things you will find. Make ways to meet on zoom, or other internet platforms or meet in an empty parking lot and socially distance those lawn chairs and picnic. Don't be the deer don't slow down, get your momentum going again.

Many great things are happening in our district and the state in general. Did you know that through persistent chasing of the deer, Lion Tom Cummings was able to convince the state to let Lions Clubs enter into schools to be able to do vision screening?

Chalk one up for the Lion, mark one out for the deer. This is a huge deal Lions. There are several things that need to happen to make sure you all are legitimate and to keep everyone safe but they are minor compared to the impact we will make.

I've heard often times said that some people don't like to give to LCIF. Why send out money overseas is a common statement. Well I am pleased to announce that our district just received a \$100,000.00 matching grant for Lions Meadows of Hope. Chalk one up for the Lion mark one off for the deer.

Bottom line fellow Lions..." DON'T BE THE DEER". Reach deep into your hearts, and tool boxes find ways to make an impact. Get involved, we need zone chairs and a few other positions filled. Place yourself into this jungle it's not so crazy as you will find and you can see the plains in a whole new light. I look forward to sharing with you all more. Please send me pictures and information on what is going on in your neck of the jungle. Lead the way Lions, Lead the way. Have a blessed month.

# Oklahoma Lions receive one of the first portable diabetic retinopathy screeners



**WHAT IS DIABETIC RETINOPATHY?** Diabetic Retinopathy is the #1 Cause of blindness among working age adults according to the CDC Vision Health Initiative (VHI), Common Eye Disorders. ([www.cdc.gov/visionhealth/basics/ced/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/visionhealth/basics/ced/index.html))

There are approximately 425 million people in the world living with diabetes. 80% of diabetic patients, type 1 & 2 will eventually develop diabetic retinopathy based on the length of time with the disease.

Diabetic macular edema (DME) is the buildup of fluid in the macula. DME is a consequence of diabetic retinopathy and is responsible for about **50% of vision loss** associated with diabetic retinopathy. If you are diabetic, you should receive specialized screenings on a regular basis. These tests are called diabetic eye exams.

There are no early symptoms in the early stages of retinopathy, which makes it difficult to diagnose prior to occurring symptoms unless an annual diabetic retinal exam is performed. Only half of patients with diabetes visit an eye doctor annually, which is sad because 95% of vision loss cases are preventable with early detection and treatment.

Symptoms of diabetic retinopathy are;

- Blurry Vision
- Halos around lights
- Loss of central vision
- Floating spots
- Loss of color vision

(2018. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Diabetes Report Card 2017. Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, US Dept of Health and Human Services)

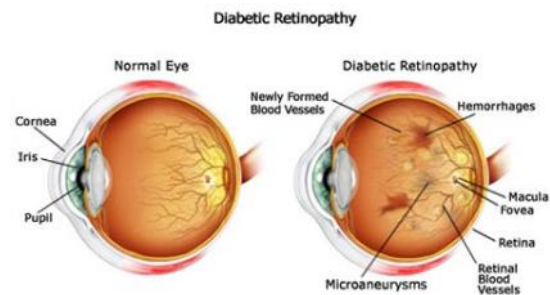
***The Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation has received a [Carolyn Watson grant from the Oklahoma City Community Foundation](#) to obtain a portable diabetic retinopathy machine to take on screenings with the Mobile Health unit.***

The portable unit can be used all over Oklahoma to scan a person's eyes and then the results sent to an ophthalmologist for evaluation. The computer program used with the machine retains the client's privacy while sending it to the physician of their choice. For those who do not have a referring physician, OLSF can send it to a contracted ophthalmologist for a cost of only \$15.

A special southeast Oklahoma program for counties: Adair, Atoka, Bryan, Cherokee, Choctaw, Coal, Haskell, Johnston, Latimer, McCurtain, McIntosh, Okfuskee, and Pushmataha counties. This program grant is for those clubs that serve the population from these counties with the Mobile Health Screening Unit and the Diabetic Retinopathy screening. OLSF has grant funds to assist patients with eyeglasses and for the evaluation of the retinopathy screening.

***Our goal is to connect those in need to their local Lions Clubs to provide health and vision screenings, vision corrective wear, and solid relationships with health providers.***

Many in the southeast part of Oklahoma and especially those in rural areas do not have access to these screenings. If your club would like to hear more about this unique and extremely important screening, please call Marie Burns at the office: 405-947-6540.



2020-2021

**District 3-SW**

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DG Tom Love

It is good to see that the South West (SW) District Lions are back in action. Lions starting to have Face-to-Face



meetings and using ZOOM virtual meetings have allowed us to continue.

COVID-19 is still with

us and we have all learned to use masks and maintain social distancing. Now our youth have started back to school either face-to-face, or virtual learning. We hopefully will be continuing with our Sight First Program and carry on screening for the schools.

The year's theme for the Youth Annual Speech Contest is "As a youth how can you promote kindness and diversity through service". The theme for the Adult Annual Speech Contest is "As Lions how do you promote kindness and diversity". Please pass the word out to all your different schools and groups that wish to participate in this Contest. Each Club's finalists will compete in the SW District Contest at the District Convention and go on to compete at the State Convention Contest on April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.

All clubs are reminded to submit their monthly reports and update their club's information as to officers, names, addresses, email and phone numbers. This is particularly important so that information will be sent directly to the club's officers.

**LAWTON NOON LIONS CLUB:**

The Lawton Noon Lions Club just awarded two \$600 scholarships to incoming freshman at Cameron. In addition, the club awards a four-year \$1500 yearly

scholarship to the Frank Curran Memorial Scholarship Fund at Cameron.

Lawton Noon Lions Club President Kasindra Brown stated the club has also gathered over 1000 glasses and turned them into the Lions Club State Office.



The club received a donation of a storage trailer to assist Lions to

continue with Community support and fund raisers.

**MUSTANG LIONS CLUB:**

The Mustang Lions Club held a car show at the Lowe's parking lot in Mustang on



July 25, 2020. There were seven Lions present and they collected 46 pairs of glasses. A shop mate



was raffled off and the proceeds will be used to put

up a sign asking for eyeglass donations. A glass drop-off box will also be put in the door at the club. The car show is always well attended with 112 cars present.

**ATOKA Lions Club**

The Atoka Lions Club has held its annual Auction on-line. This is a fund raiser that

Atoka has started and seems to have had a great turn out. Here are some of



the items that were listed to be auctioned off. Great going Atoka!



I have a poem that was read at the Seminole Lions Club meeting:

**Salute to Fellow Lions**

Written by Ed Herber

A salute to my fellow Lions, past, and present

The folks in Purple and Gold.

A group pf outstanding Citizens,

Who serve without being told.

They do it 'cause mom and dad taught them,

To LOVE their fellow man,

And always try to better our world,

In every way you can.

We were formed in 1935,

And from there we call it our history,

But the things you've done for "Our Home Town",

A CERTAINLY NOT a mystery.

You've loaded Kiddies on the Merry Go Round,

Back when Out Carnival was the talk of the town.

You've cleaned our ditches, fulfilled children's wishes,

And had fun in ALL you do,

I "Thank You" for the honor,

Of simply serving beside you.



You've tracted on through ice and pain,

But I've witnessed first hand the smiles you've gained.

You've taken blood pressure, and waded creeks for ducks,

and sold thousands of tickets for pickup trucks.

We've held golf tournaments and peddled fine sheets,

Now it's come down to "Masking Wearing" meets.

We've had lots of laughs with "Where's the Beef",

But we've also suffered Lost Members and Grief.

I wanted to tell of the circus, To make it rhyme I can't.

That I rode on that elephant.

But now times are trying, our country is in chaos

But DON'T you doubt for a minute.

Though the USA isn't perfect YET

**It's Much Better Because YOU are in it!!**

**Ed Herber**

**Seminole, OK**

Thanks to all of the Lions Clubs for your articles that were submitted. Please share what the other district clubs are doing.

REMEMBER: UNITED IN KINDNESS AND DIVERSITY



**State Convention News from VCC/PCC Jacquie Mooney.**

The State Convention Planning Committee is "off and running" After a presentation by PCC Dan Farrell at the first SCPC Meeting before the The State Convention Planning Committee is "off and running" After a presentation by PCC Dan Farrell at the first SCPC Meeting before the Council Meeting on August 8, the committee conducted a site visit to the Apache Hotel and Casino in Lawton Oklahoma.



An email vote was taken and the committee has chosen this location for the MD3 State Convention on April 30-May 2, 2021. Once again the Lawton Chamber is welcoming us with open arms and the hotel is very excited. They already gave us a goody bag as a sample. They have a lovely facility and a great convention area. For those who might be concerned about the "Casino" the hotel and convention center is separate but connected by a beautiful foyer. The entire facility is smoke free. They are very "on the ball" with Covid Issues and safety. I know, personally, your temperature gets taken whenever you enter the facility by a robot and if you do like to gamble the gaming area is practicing safe distancing with some of the machines out of service. We are just getting started and the planning is underway with some great ideas and possible "field trips" to some great sights around the Lawton/Ft. Sill area. They have so very much to offer. Of note, our special Guest will be our International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi. Make your plans to join us April 30-May 2, 2021. For the "Pin Traders and Silent Auction people, there are locking rooms for your displays. For The Boneyard – Yes, Chicken Fried Steak WITH GRAVY is definitely in the plans.

**More Lion Fodder from PDG Tim Hayes:**

Lonnie the lioness caught her husband Claude the lion searching high and low all around his living room.

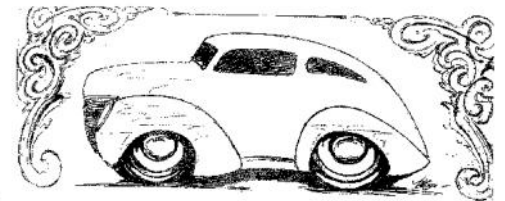
Lonnie: "What are you searching for?"

Claude: "Hidden cameras!"

Lonnie: "And what makes you think there are hidden cameras here?"

Claude: "That guy on TV knows exactly what I am doing. Why every few minutes he keeps saying, 'You are watching the Discovery channel'. How does he know that?"

Two lions went into a pub and after ordering two beers, took some sandwiches out of their pockets and started to eat them. "You can't eat your own sandwiches in here," complained the pub owner. So the two lions swapped their sandwiches



**HOT RODS "4 THE KIDS!**

**COME OUT AND HELP FEED THE KIDS**

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2020**

**524 FRISCO RD MUSTANG, OK**

**6:00-9:00 PM**

**Bring "4" cans of food "4" entry**

**Donate your old eyeglasses**

**Sponsored by:**

**Mustang Lion's Club/Kiwanis Club**

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**OK Lion Newspaper:**

[www.oklahomalions.org](http://www.oklahomalions.org) (scroll to bottom of  
the page and click (OK Lion)

**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**

**Council Meetings**

Saturday October 31, 2020 (OKC  
West Side)

Saturday January 30, 2021 (OKC  
West Side)

April 30 through May 1, 2021 State  
Convention Apache Hotel and Casi-  
no, Lawton

