### The Oklahoma Lion

### October 2021

Monthly newsletter of Lions Clubs International Multiple District 3-Oklahoma

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### **Upcoming Events:**

October 9, 2021 Ok Lion Work Day

October 23, 2021—Council and OK Lions Board Meetings

February 26, 2022-NW Mid-Winter Conference

February 19, 2022 –E Mid-Winter Conference

March 5,6, 2022 SW Mid-Winter Conference



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Did you know that that our Leo Clubs started as a project of one Lions Club? From there it spread across the world – because Glenside Lions shared their experience.

Does your club have the next Big Idea? How will we know? Does your club have success with tried-and-true ideas? How will we know? Does your club have questions about projects and methods you haven't tried yet? Who do you ask? Of course, you have the answers – Share with other Lions! And we have a great tool to do that: MyLion.

Using this great program to communicate with other Lions is what all the cool Lions are doing. Why? Here are the Top Ten Reasons to Report Your Service on MyLion:

**#10**. All those District, Multiple District and International officials keep asking you to.

**#9.** Get recognition and reward: When Lions report service, they become eligible for a number of service awards recognizing their hard work. **#8.** Clear up space in the back bed-

room: Having all this data handy on MyLion saves space on those shelves and closets where you've been "filing" all that stuff.

**#7.** Captivate and connect: From the impact of a single pair of glasses to a new medical clinic, reporting service shows how local clubs make a difference. Clear, relevant service data ensures people in need know how to get help.

**#6**. New partnerships: Better service data provides tangible evidence to prospective partners of Lions International and these partners strengthen our global impact.

#5. Inspire new ideas: Learn how Lions and Leos use funds from LCIF to serve their communities and be inspired to think creatively about how to grow grant-worthy projects. #4. Connect to Lions worldwide: sharing ideas and responses with

Lions in other clubs identifies best

practices and avoids pitfalls.
# 3. Build better service: Measurement leads to insight and sharpens our focus. Helping us to set and achieve goals unifies our clubs. It also unifies our districts by enabling your District Governor's leadership team to understand achievements and needs.

# 2. Increase membership: Service reporting helps clubs continually engage their communities, tell their story more effectively, and attract new Lions who want to participate in real service.

And the No. 1 reason to report your service through MyLion (drum roooollllll):

**#1**. All those Governors and GSTs and GLTs and GMTs will quit nagging and start bragging!

You, too, can become a proficient MyLion user. First go to www.lionsclubs.org and register your Lions account. (You'll need your member number.) Then go to MyLion. We'll be looking for your news!

West Side Lions appreciate the clubs who are donating used eyeglasses. Please be aware that we now can use ONLY complete glasses in good condition. No loose lenses or incomplete glasses can be used. However, glass lenses may be used. Glasses cases in good condition are accepted. It will help West Side Lions if you will sort your donations, removing these unneeded pieces, before bringing them to the state office.

Nancy Cook-Senn

### **Secretary Notes:**

The **Ok Lion** is the monthly Oklahoma Lions Newsletter provided to the Lion members here in Oklahoma. Club Presi-



dents: If your club has new members, please make sure to offer them the Newsletter through email. If you are not receiving the Newsletter electronically and wish to, please contact our office and we will make sure you get on our email list. We hope you enjoy reading about the services of Oklahoma Lions and will continue to encourage one another!

Marie Burns, SS



Greetings to all from MD3-E!

Here we are at the end of the first quarter and thanks to the activities of our clubs we are still in the game. I held my first cabinet meeting in **Henryetta** with low attendance. I plan to hold my next cabinet meeting exclusively on Zoom. The District Convention will be held on February 19 McAlester club will be the host club. ID Mike Banks will be our featured speaker and it should be an interesting meeting. More details to follow as they develop. **At this time** I do not have any VG's in the wings so we may have to be a bit creative within constitutional guidelines.

In my club visits I am emphasizing the fact that we are in an era for rapid change. There are a couple of ways to get your Lion officer training online and other Lion courses are available to widen your horizons. I will be downloading a MYLion PowerPoint I saw in Des Moines that should be helpful.

As a group we must remain aware that we are all a team from the clubs to Lions International in Oak Brook. This means it is very important to Lions International for the clubs to support their state projects and LCIF. Dollie and I attended the USA/CANADA forum in Des Moines for three days ending on September 11, 2021. It was a very informative meeting but due to COVID fears our Canadian friends could not attend. About 1500 Lions attended the meeting. The seminars I attended were very good. One comment made was that membership and service projects are tightly linked. If your club has good service projects that the community deems useful and needed, you will attract quality

members because they will want to share in the interesting activities and join the fun. Look at your projects and your community, find the areas that need the most attention and are supported by your community. If your club is invisible in the community, membership will be a problem. You can make a strong case for membership following behind a strong active set of service projects. The clubs in my district that have been the most active in their communities are doing well in membership, meeting attendance, and community interest. The district has 41 clubs and 944 Lions at this time.

### Club News!

The Bartlesville Lions have been busy planning their 100 year anniversary party on October, 14, 2021. Also had a successful fund raiser/service project hosting the Bellanca Fly-In on September 18, 2021. The Lions Park on Tuxedo looks great and the members are getting ready for the Christmas Tree sales project.

The **Tulsa-Metro club** has been active and assisting other Tulsa clubs as needed. They invited the Bartlesville club to host the fly-in since it is in Bartlesville.

The **Dewey Lions** are active with their park project. They are planning to create a 501-c3 for their club to make fund raising easier. It is almost impossible to get corporate sponsorship without a c3. I will visit the Dewey club on Sept 23 at their annual cookout at on of their senior members home. He was a transfer from the Wann Lions when they

closed down. They have a chili fund-raiser scheduled for October 23.

The **Broken Bow** Lions have just wrapped up a golf tournament fund raiser. This club is active in the schools and have awarded 3 scholarships and have a student of the month program. Hope to get down there soon.

The **Bristow Lions** have taken their usual summer vacation. They are very active in the KidSight program and in the community. Tom Cummings and PDG Dollie were on the program when we visited in May. They also have a very good Leo program that has turned out he last 2 Leo's of the year.

The **Miami Lions** are in planning mode and have added one new member.

The **Wagoner Lions** are staying busy. They have a golf tournament planned for October 1. The club has donated to the MOH building campaign, and the Wagoner Grad Night. Also selling Cowboy Cadillac tickets.

The **Tulsa Downtown Lions** just awarded 3 trikes for the Cycles for Life on Sept 6., 2021 This provides trikes for disabled people to assist them with mobility issues. They are planning to assist the Octoberfest in Tulsa. They are very busy with Kid-Sight and their eyeglass program.

The **Henryetta Lions** have been so busy I have had a hard time staying current. They had a big Cornhole tournament recently. They are planning to participate in the Henryetta Main St. Trick or Treat program.

The Henryetta Lions club also planned to assist the **Okmulgee Lions** with KidSight screening at Wilson School. They sent me a recipe for edible fruit-drink play dough. Probably will pass as most ingredients are not on our diet any longer.

The **Okmulgee Lions** are working on KidSight project at Wilson School. This club is a leader in the KidSight program in this district. I plan a visit to their club on Sept 21, 2021.

The **Vinita Lions** have adopted the Leo Club and their Lion sponsor who were formerly attached to the South Langley club.

There is a work day on October 9, 2021 at the state office for some freshening up of the landscape and office. Lions from all 3 districts will be there. Project is headed by PCC Neal Wood.

Have a great month as we make to run up to the holiday season.

Yours in Lionism

### DG David Wooddell MD3-E



Muskogee Lions Club member Steve Ezell was presented his Bachelor's Degree from Lions University by DG



### Lions USA/Canada Forum



### Eye Glass Recycling

Altus Lions - 432 & Contacts

Lawton Patriots-95

OKC NW Lions-337

Village Lions—150

Chickasha LC-400

Shawnee Lions— 672 & 450

MWC Lions-300

Cache Lions—90

Davenport Lions—27

Seminole Lions—1000

Fairview LC —12

Newcastle Lions—500

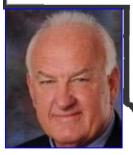
Edmond Lions-600

This totals **5065** pair of eye glasses that can be used for those that desperately need help with vision assistance.

We appreciate your donations of Ink Cartridges!

Henryetta Lions sent over a large truckload!

### 2021-2022



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Howdy NW LIONS!

My how these months fly by! The NW District continues to hold its own with 45 Clubs and no dropping of club memberships. A majority of our clubs are not meeting till October, but they are still up to date and current with their LCI, State, and local dues. That my friends and neighbors is a good deal. Your District Governors are meeting once a week on Tuesdays via conference call to stay on top of everything. I continue to have trouble receiving photos of various club activities, but I do realize that there will be no photos are news items from clubs who are on "summer break"

One of our PCC's Debbie Woodruff has a fairly good file of current club Photos, so for the time being, I will default to her photos. Our larger clubs have been meeting throughout the year including Stillwater, Guthrie, Morrison, Fairview, Ponca City, Guymon, and Woodward, just to name a few.

Some of our members are looking for a "service project". I have a suggestion. You might take a tour of your local nursing facility to see who is there and consider this while you are there. Depending on the individual resident, you might be able to record their "life story" and give the same to them to give to family members who may not be familiar with your subject and to "little people" who may someday want to know more about this particular family member. And you never know who you might find in these nursing facilities. I overlooked a gentleman in Perkins when I was doing in this project in Payne County some years ago . He was right before my eyes at the front door where I used to visit my Mom before she died several years ago. I wrote a short story about the experience.

I recall my second grade teacher telling me if I "didn't straighten up and fly right," she would call my Mom...at home! That was 1953. My Mom once lived in an assisted living center near my home in Stillwater, Oklahoma. She was occasionally admonished by the staff to "chill" or they will call her son...at home! Role reversal of parent and child has its little moments, and I came to know the entire facility staff on a first name basis.

Despite firmly attached labels and colored signage attached to helium balloons, my Mom aimed the portable phone at the TV and talked to the channel changer. Interestingly enough, I believe she had better luck than I do with my over priced multimedia device which to my surprise will occasionally and without warning open my garage door.

The stiff-upper-lip mantra of "post-Boomer" sons and daughters passing each other in the hallways of assisted living centers that house our aging parents is: "It could always be worse!" The mother of one such newly commissioned "role reversal" would toss channel changers in the trash along with used tissue when she had finished adjusting her television. For a solution, my friend bolted her channel changer to a table. When that became unworkable, he adjusted the TV to her favorite channel, super glued the TV controls, and explained how to plug and unplug her TV to an electric outlet. Problem solved!

Now to the point of my story. Yogi Berra supposedly said, "It's amazing all the things you can see when you take the time to look". Many untold stories lie silently and desperately in the hallways of assisted living centers of our communities. These untold stories are fascinating. I moderated a "Talk Soup" session for a group of men every Wednesday morning in a local assisted living facility. The men's ages ranged from 80 to 100. We discussed current events, but more importantly we share old short humorous stories. I wanted to videotape those stories for family members.

My Mom once lived in another assisted living facility before we moved her closer to our home. When I visited her, I was always welcomed by a huge man who was also a resident. He spent most of his days in the common living areas greeting people when they entered the facility. I did not know much about him because sadly I wasn't looking. I later researched his life for his memorial service.

He was 89 years old when he died. He

was born in West Texas as the 9th child of 11 brothers and sisters. He learned how to break horses and play a guitar equally well. He played football for Baylor University, but withdrew from college to volunteer for WWII. He became a well known singer and story teller in the Pacific Theater, and he was featured in a 1940's lead article in Colliers Magazine which called him "The Texas Troubadour of The Pacific". He won the Bronze Star. After the war, he played his guitar and sang with Hank Thompson throughout the United States. He returned to Baylor, obtained his teaching degree, and taught special needs children for 33 years. He also found time to work as a horse wrangler for 32 seasons at special needs children's camps in Arizona. He later served on Baylor's Board of Trustees.

In the final seasons of his life, he moved to Stillwater. A granddaughter, whom he had raised as a child, quietly cared for him. Our assisted living and nursing facilities in the United States and similar facilities in the world house are now homes for many forgotten men and women. We should listen to their stories.

The big man who greeted me in mom's former assisted living center was known simply as "Red". But he was so much more. I wish I would have seen more when I looked. He was the "Texas Troubadour of the Pacific". He was so special to those he encouraged and inspired during his lifetime. But in the final stages of his life, sadly unremembered, he lived quietly and anonymously in a nursing facility. Four rows of family members sitting in an otherwise empty funeral chapel tearfully clapped in cadence to an old 1945 recording of his favorite Hank Williams song "Jambalaya".

To every unsuspecting person he greeted, he was the big man in the lobby who was known simply as "Red". But the real Albert L. "Red" Cheek" was the spirited and generous "Texas Troubadour of the Pacific". I was honored by his acquaintance. Hopefully you may be encouraged by my suggestion to inquire about "lost souls" in your local nursing facilities who may have stories to tell! Especially from those Lions you know!

See you Next Time!

Because we are Lions ..!

DG Paul Anderson

### LION CLUBS NEWS!



Pictured here are our winners of the Cushing Lions Raffle, Jacquie and Pat Sumpter. The beautiful "Firepit/BBQ" was donated by Lion Buck Blakes son WH Blake of Texas who we are deeply appreciative of. The Lions want to thank all of those who purchased a ticket and want you to know that 100% of the proceeds goes directly to fund our programs that include KidSight, Meadows of Hope, and Junior Olympics. Thanks to all Lions who also spent time to support Lions Services.



PCC Tom Cummings and Wife, Lion Lynda gave a pictorial presentation of their trip to Africa to the Cushing Lions Club. PCC Tim was made the Lion of the day!

Fairview Lions and Local Cub Scouts served up hot dogs at a local car show.



Stillwater and Perkins LC met for a great diner.



Ponca City Noon Teamed up with the Newkirk Lions for Charlie Adam's Day with their KidSight Trailer.



As a Scheffe family memorial to the late Enid Lion Dennis Scheffe, on May 4, 2021 Stillwater Noon Lions Club member Richard Hawkins delivered 1,672 blank optical eyeglass lenses from the Sheffe family and Katie Warren, Manager of Clear Value Eyewear in Stillwater, to the faculty of the College of Optometry at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. Associate Professor, Dr. Joseph Shetler, said the lenses "will be put to good use both in the learning phase for their students as well as in creating life-changing glasses for their mission trips to 3rd world countries.



## Message from our International Director

Many Oklahoma Lions enjoyed the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum held in Des Moines,



Iowa, September 9-11. President Douglas Alexander presented many Lions University diplomas including Lions: Valerie Adair, Phil Hendrick, Cathie Huddleston, Anne Matoy, Katrina Sinor, Anita Whaley, PCC Neal Wood, and DG David Wooddell.

The forum is an annual event put on by volunteer Lions from North America and featured 82 outstanding educational seminars plus outstanding keynote speakers. The Forum was refreshing break from Covid and other problems we experience that hinder our « Service From the Heart ». A highlight this year was Jessica Cox, who reminded many of us of Helen Keller and her challenges. Helen Keller said "The struggle of life is one of our greatest blessings. It makes us patient, sensitive, and Godlike. It teaches us that although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it."

We sat spellbound by Jessica's story. Jessica was born without arms and yet she excels in her accomplishments. She passed the drivers test without any restrictions and drives an automobile without modifications. And if that isn't impressive enough, she is the first armless pilot in aviation history.

Her lesson is summed up in the story she told about starting school. The teacher was teaching the students how to tie their shoes. She had already become adept at using her toes for many normal daily activities, but how could she tie the shoes on her feet when she needed her toes to do the tying. Now that was challenging. But, not to be discouraged, she came up with a plan. She used her toes to tie her shoes and then slipped her feet in them. She summed it up in a simple phrase, she had to "Think outside the Shoe." Wow! That is something we all can remember.

So when you encounter an obstacle the appears impossible, remember Jessica and "Think outside the Shoe." If Jessica can succeed at tying her shoes, we certainly can over come obstacles.

1.D. Michael D. Banks

# 2021-2022

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Hello Lions!

I have just returned from the eye doctor and am reminded about the importance of having a yearly eye exam. Have a picture of your retinas taken. The exam costs a little money and takes some time, but you and your eyes are worth the effort. Make sure that your vision is the best that it can be. Call your eye doctor and schedule an eye exam.

Valerie and I had the pleasure of attending the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Des Moines, Iowa. We attended courses entitled "Preparing the Soil for First Timers" and "Rounding Up the Farmers for More Successful Zone Meetings". Iowa is farm country, so many of the courses this year were titled with agrarian themes. There were 15 forum attendees from Oklahoma. Six attendees received degrees from the USA Canada Forum.

The USA/Canada Forum is one of



The 2021 Lions University graduates who were present in Iowa.

Diner Friday night at Buzzard Billy's in De Moines.

the best ways to learn about the latest trends in Lionism and visit with Lion friends from the United States and Canada. The mission of the USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum is "To develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees,

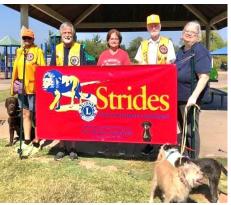
provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International." While there was concern at the forum due to covid, I can say that everyone was excited to meet in person.

District Governor David Wooddell and I had the pleasure of meeting the leader of our Zoom governor training group, Malcom Kirwan. It was nice to finally meet people in person. The next Lions Leadership forum will be held September 15-17, 2022 in Calgary, Canada. The forum has not been held in Canada since 2008. This is my favorite Lions event. I encourage everyone to attend.

Valerie and I had the pleasure of visiting the Edmond Lions Club. They are ramping up for their annual nut and candy fundraiser. The fundraiser will end in early December. Place your nut and candy order with an Edmond Lion today!

The Oklahoma City West Side Lions hosted a Strides walk for diabetes prevention and research. Funds were raised for type 1 diabetes research. Participants were welcome to walk with their dogs.

After calling many clubs for PU101's, we realized that many members don't have an email or



valid phone number listed. Without an email, members are not receiving electronic communication from the district and Lions Club International. There's a lot of good information that will be missed. Presidents and secretaries can update emails and phone numbers on MyLion through the LCI portal. If you need assistance, please contact me or PCC Dan Farrell, District Administrator at <a href="mailto:liondan2008@gmail.com">liondan2008@gmail.com</a>. Thank you Dan!

The theme this year is Service from The Heart. Think about projects that would best serve your community and also what would bring you joy. The five core areas of service in Lions are Vision, Diabetes, Hunger, Environment and Pediatric Cancer. We heard at the forum, that projects don't necessarily have to fit within the five core areas if they are needed in your community and the projects bring you joy.

In closing, here is another quote from our International President, Douglas X Alexander, "If we let our passion for service shine through, there is nothing we cannot accomplish."

### **CLUB SUBMISSIONS:**

**Edmond Lions** are selling nuts and chocolates. Get your order in soon.

Wewoka Lions voted to give \$500 to LCIF. This gives a balance of \$1000, so a member can be honored with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. They are also sending \$100 to White Cane, \$150 to Briggs Scholarship and \$250 to OLSF.

### **UPCOMING DISTRICT DATES:**

Saturday, October 23, 2021 **Hobart Lions** will be serving a pancake breakfast for Hobart's Hometown Harvest and 5K run event. They will host the Lions mobile health screening unit that afternoon.

Saturday, October 23 **Anadarko Lions** will participate in the Kids, Kites and Frights event selling tasty treats

**Seminole** has Snowman Wonderland during the holidays.



Edmond Lions Club invites DG Mark Adair!

November 6, 2021 District 3SW meeting to be held at **Mustang Lions** Club, 524 Frisco Road in Mustang. All Lions are welcome to district meetings.

January 15, 2022 District 3SW meeting. Location to be announced.

March 4-5, 2022 District 3SW Midwinter Convention. Location Chickasaw Retreat and Convention Center near Sulphur, OK.

Mark Adair DG MD3SW

### **Fundraiser News!**

Cowboy Cadillac has started and we have a great club in Enid that has volunteered to host this years event! Our own OLSF President Jeff Coleman has done an amazing job at working on this project for us! We are excited because the Enid Lions hosted the Cowboy Cadillac fundraiser a few years ago and it was amazing! We are now there again!

We will be at Stevens Ford in Enid, Oklahoma on November 13, 2021 on the showroom floor at 1:00 PM to draw the winning ticket. We will also be posting this "live" on Facebook the day of the event. We also want to encourage you to attend this event!

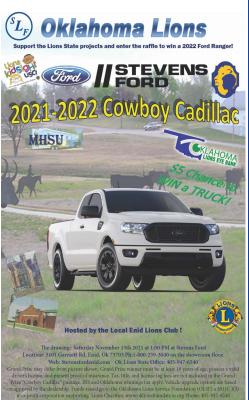
The OLSF Offices mailed out tickets to all the club Presidents or Secretaries in August. If your club did not receive these tickets please contact our office and we will mail you

some!

Tickets are still \$5 and we are selling a maximum of 20K so the winning chances are good! There will also be Amazon Gift Cards for all the district alternative winners!

Please remember this fundraiser is OLSF largest fundraiser of the year! We desperately need your support this year as needs continue to grow in our state. Oklahoma Lions should be proud of the work that our state projects are doing! We have amazing directors and staff that work to make services available to those in need.

Our great thanks to Stevens Ford and to the Enid Lions! We could not do this event without you!



### News from the Building Committee

The building committee met recently and identified several things that are needed at our State Office. We have decided to have a workday on **Saturday**, **October 9th**, **at 10:00 am**. There are several items that we will be working on that day and would appreciate any volunteers that would like to come and give us a hand. We will also be having a hot dog cookout for lunch, so come join us and help serve our Oklahoma Lions!

Some of the items we will be addressing that day are:

- 1. Dirt added to west side of the building, along with some sod
- Power washing the building, clean off graffiti on side of building
- 3. Repair flag poles
- 4. Light on flags
- 4. Inspect wiring and replace bad bulbs on outside lights
- 5. Repair and repaint Lion
- 6. Remove and relocate rocks around pavers (ones the mower threw through the window)
- 7. Putting down mulch
- 8. Remove dead bushes in front of building.
- 9. Lay mulch down after remove rock/gravel.
- 10.Replace back door covering
- 11.Install out door Cameras

Well work day is in 2 week and are you ready? Most of you know what we have to do at the state office.

I know that i am missing something! I will have my tractor there to do the heavy lifting and moving material. But we will need shovel and rakes and other hand tools. Just bring what you think you might need to complete some of the projects listed

Looking foreword to see you all. Together we will serve.

HOT DOG FOR ALL THAT ARE THERE!

#### PCC Neal Wood

Building Committee Chairman

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### Cabinet Meetings

SW District Cabinet Meeting NW District Cabinet Meeting E District Cabinet Meeting

11-13-21; 2-19-2022; 6-11-2022

Lions Yard Signs are available for \$20 each at the state office. Please let us know if you will be picking one or more up at the Council Meetings!

### **Council Meetings**

Council Meeting @ OKC West Side Lions Town Hall

October 23, 2021

January 22, 2022

January 29 - Snow Day

April 9, 2022

June 11, 2022

Lions of Oklahoma State Patches (6" diam.) are now available at the state office for \$7.00 each.



Eye Glasses Recycling Boxes are now available at the state office, \$9.00 each.