

Thank you for calling the Lions of Oklahoma- How may I help you?

Many times each and every weekday, telephone calls are answered by the staff here at the Lions of Oklahoma state office. Although many of those calls are Lions needing assistance or giving information to us, anywhere from **5 to 40 per day** are requests from the general public for assistance. Following are a sample of questions and staff-given answers just about eyecare. You may think all callers would be from the OKC area, but many are from other OK areas. In that case we refer the caller to the Lions Club in the caller's area. Callers from the OKC Metro area are referred to local Clubs through a zip code assignment list set up many years ago and maintained at the state office. Clubs in OKC are currently reviewing their assigned areas and programs, through their respective zone chairpersons, we hope! It is critical, as you can see, that we have a current contact number for a club officer in every club, so please remember to give this information for the directory!

I am disabled and cannot afford to get my eyeglasses; I have my scrip-can you help me?

We do not have assistance programs directly through this office, but many of our Lions Clubs do have assistance programs for eye care; what I'll do is give you a contact name and number so you can call your local Lions Club to see if they can help you. Be sure and tell them you already have your prescription but need help getting the new eyeglasses.

Also, in some instances the answer has to be, I'm sorry but that club only helps children."

I need to make an appointment to get my eyes checked and my eyeglasses.

I'm sorry but this is not an eye doctor's office. Are you needing financial help to get your eyes checked and eyeglasses? If so, I can give you a contact name and number for your local Lions Club. If not, please check with your telephone directory for an optometrist near you.

I've called the number you gave me and there's no answer; is that office closed or is the number incorrect?

Our Lions are all volunteers and so this is probably not an office you are calling. Please keep calling if there is not an answering machine. Many of our Lions are retired or work and may not always be at home to answer your call.

A few years ago I came by your office and went through boxes of old eyeglasses until I found a pair to help me. Can I do that again now?

I'm sorry but it is illegal in Oklahoma to redistribute used eyeglasses. We do collect used eyeglasses for recycling, but most go overseas to other countries. Many of our Lions Clubs have assistance programs and I will be glad to give you a contact name and number to call to see if your local club can help you get your eyes checked and eyeglasses.

I got beat up and my eyeglasses are now broken; I cannot see without them. I called the local Lions Club but they say it will be 2 or 3 months before they can help me.

I'm very sorry but we have no assistance programs directly through the OK Lions state office. You will need to go through the local Lions Club or find another resource for help.

As you can see, a lot of time is spent trying to assist those in need of vision care help. We only wish we could direct all callers to a positive source.

All Real Cowboys Ride in Dodges

There are some cowboys out there who wouldn't ride in a Dodge if they won it, but I bet most of them would find something good to do with one. Someone is going to **WIN A REAL COWBOY RIDE**, a Dodge 1500 Quad Cab. This year it is not the Cowboy Cadillac because the Oklahoma Dodge Dealers are our Grand Prize Sponsor and we need to let them know we appreciate them for giving the lucky winning ticket holder that **Real Cowboy Ride!**

Maybe you don't have books of tickets to sell yet. We can fix that. Just call the state office 405-947-6540 and we will get them to your club.

If you or your club can't or choose not

to sell Cowboy Cadillac Ride tickets, we understand. Would you at least encourage someone else? Maybe you can send a donation to the OK Lions Service Foundation instead. But there is a desperate need for every Lion and every club to participate. There are individuals who would like to have their sight. There are boys who have no place else to live and we as Lions are their only hope. Each ticket or book of tickets you sell will create dollars that will touch lives and change the world for someone.

Your club president just got a letter about this year's ticket sales program. Ask him if you can be chairman; he probably just forgot to mention it to you.

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**OK Lions Boys Ranch
Christmas Party
Saturday, December 6
12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.
More information on page 8**

Bids needed for 2010 & 2011 State Conventions A Reminder

At the August 18, 2007 Council Meeting the governors moved to open bidding for future MD-3 Lions of Oklahoma State Conventions for 2009, 2010, and 2011. The bid for the 2009 convention was accepted from the Downtown Tulsa Lions Club.

Written bids for 2010 and 2011 are being accepted. All written bids from clubs should be sent to the Council Chair (Bill Douthat), State Secretary, and the State Convention Planning Chairperson for inclusion on the agendas of future council meetings.

According to the policy manual of the State Convention Planning

Committee as amended 7/30/2005 bids for the State Convention should include lodging, program and meals all in one facility (one building or complex).

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You Make the Choice: You Can React, or You Can Respond

by Lion John Been, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation

I heard Zig Zigglar say one time there is a difference in reacting and responding. He explained though the words are similar, the difference is significant. For example, did you respond well to the medication your doctor prescribed, or did you have a bad reaction?

That carries over into life as to how we control our emotions and ourselves. Understand that there are people and situations in life that are going to elicit our becoming angry, resentful, frustrated, etc. That's just the way life is. Understand that I didn't say they "make" us angry. Nobody can "make" another person angry. They can only do certain actions to elicit those feelings in us. However, it is up to us to maintain control of the situation by maintaining control over our emotions, and up to us thus living in the solution instead of the problem and helping the other person to do the same.

I have read that a mighty person is one who can control his/her emotions, and make an enemy a friend. Abraham Lincoln said, "The best way to destroy an enemy is to turn him into a friend."

Why do people-whether it's the customer service person (who is not providing good customer service), the civil servant (who is neither civil nor a servant), a family member, a nasty neighbor, a difficult co-worker, prospect, customer or client-seem to almost go out of their way to be unhelpful, miserable or rude? Here's the answer . . . I don't know. It's just the way some people are.

Keep in mind though; as long as we understand this, and are of the mindset

that we are in control of ourselves (in other words, we are the boss of ourselves and our emotions) then we are in a position to handle the situation in such a way that it will benefit all involved. It will benefit us because we'll get what we want, and it'll benefit the other person because they will learn a valuable lesson on how to be part of life's solution, and feel good about themselves, to boot.

Just the other day I had a chance to apply the concept of responding instead of reacting. I was pulling into a parking space. Being too hurried and not paying attention as I should have, I didn't notice that the car parked in the next space had a man coming out of it. I braked in plenty of time, but it gave the man a scare. He looked at me with that look that said, "You (*&^@#%#@!!)!"

He reacted. Who could blame him? Now I had a choice: would I react to his reaction or would I respond, thereby diffusing an otherwise uncomfortable (and potentially nasty) situation, and hopefully turning a potential enemy into a friend? I chose to respond. I immediately raised my hand with a sincere smile and mouthed, "Sorry, my fault." He then responded with a smile and a wave of his own. Funny thing is, when I got out of my car, his words to me were actually, "Sorry, I should have looked before getting out of my car." Can you believe that!

The Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation has very big commitments to support the two state projects with our fundraising efforts and our Building the Foundation program.

The Building the Foundation program was established with the idea that 17 cents a day donation from each Oklahoma Lion would support our projects easily. But a few things that are not to happen of which I am only going to mention one in this article.

Building the Foundation has not been made a priority for a majority of Lions and Lions clubs. Many new and older Lions do not know what Building the Foundation is and what they can do to support it. Why? Well, if you want to REACT you can blame anyone or everyone else.

Or if you want to RESPOND you can be part of the solution. Even though Building the Foundation has been around for quite some time, over 5,000 lions are not making any donations to it whatsoever. Some give 17 cents a day, some give 34 cents a day and some give thousands each year, but it can only be accomplished if you, your club and all of the other Lions in Oklahoma do it together.

Like the guy in the other car and myself, one positive response given then another positive response and a smile are received.

There are many people and Lions Clubs going through some tough situations right now. We can REACT and think all the negative things and believe that people will quit giving donations and even quit being Lions. Or we can RESPOND and believe that the opportunities for helping others are

on the rise. Our motto, "We Serve" doesn't say, "We whine," "We complain," "We can't" or "We won't." It says, give us a challenge and we will accomplish it. Our mission statement is "To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs." That mission statement was challenged not so many years ago. Some felt it had lost its meaning. But the Alfred P. Murrah Building and the Twin Towers bombings prove it is still very viable.

Funding for the boys to have homes and people to receive sight with cornea transplants are at stake. The Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation encourages you to RESPOND and not react by supporting the Building the Foundation Program. We encourage you to make sure every new Lion knows and every older Lion in your Club knows about Building the Foundation. We know you will respond because Lions in Oklahoma are a strong and resilient group. We know that there has never been a bad time that lasted longer than the good time ahead.

For an informative brochure about the Oklahoma Lions state projects and a Building the Foundation pledge/contribution form, please contact the OLSF at 405-947-6540 or e-mail me at exdir@oklionsfoundation.org.

Memorials

OK Lions Boys Ranch

In memory of:

Lion Wayne Carrier from the Surrey Hills Lions Club

Briggs Memorial Scholarship

In memory of:

OK Lions Eye Bank

In memory of:

Lion Warren Melson from Lion L. A. Guest.

OK Lions Service Foundation

In memory of:

Lion Jodie Sevier from Lion Ealmer and Wanada Klippel; **Lion Warren Melson** from Davenport Lions Club; **PDG (1-F) George J. Kuba** from Lion James E. Terrill;

Tributes

OK Lions Boys Ranch

In honor of:

OK Lions Service Foundation

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Monthly News

by Governor Linda Hughes

I hope all of you Lions in District 3-O are appreciating this beautiful Indian Summer that I am not getting to enjoy because I am homebound due to having my surgery two days ago. But I am doing great.

A couple of weeks ago I had the pleasure of being with the Tulsa Brookside Lions Club at the Tulsa Zoo when the Lions' drinking fountain was rededicated for the third or fourth time. The Brookside Club donated the fountain in 1966, and have kept it up all of these years. The members recently spent many hours repairing and refinishing the Lion again, and the Zoo had a special "Lions Day" celebrating the event. We were met with carts at the front gate and given a tour and lunch before the dedication ceremony. It brought back special memories of when I used to take my three sons to the zoo and they would make a rush to the fountain to see who could get there first, as it was located just inside the front entrance. Now, his majesty resides over with the real Lions, and he does look happy there.

When our new year started on July 1, our district had 1,261 members. But then the drops came, and as of the middle of September we have only 1,237. Our district has been hit hard with illness in your leaders. Our Council Chairperson Bill Douthat had surgery and your current DG has been under the weather a lot of the time since being hospitalized last June, and this has put almost all of the leadership responsibilities on PCC Delbert King. He has stepped up and done far more in filling in for Bill and me than you should expect of one person. Lion Delbert has certainly earned the title of *Everyday Hero* in 3-O, and we really appreciate and thank you for everything you have done and are still doing for our district.

The GOOD NEWS is that CC Bill and I are getting closer to being back to normal, so everyone who hasn't been working to bring in more Lions-Beware. (We do have to get back up to between 1,250 and 1,300, and I am personally leaning

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towards the 1,300 mark.) We must not lose our passion for helping others. There are still lots of folks out there who are in need and who will suffer if the Lions aren't there to serve them, because no one else can do what we can do! We can perform *Miracles Through Service*.

3-O UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 4: 3-O Cabinet Meeting, Broken Arrow

Oct. 10: Zone J Meeting, Noon Okmulgee Country Club, Zone Chair John Maley

Oct. 18: Tulsa Brookside, 7-11am, Pancake Breakfast at Myers-Duren Harley-Davidson

Oct. 20: Zone B Meeting, 6:15pm, Lone Star Steakhouse, Zone Chair Karen McCann

Oct. 25: Tulsa Brookside, 7-11am, Pancake Breakfast at Trinity Methodist Church

Oct. 30: Zone E Meeting, 6:00pm, Adult Center, Dewey, Zone Chair: Gwen Nichols

Nov. 7: Tulsa. Metro, 5-8pm, Chili

and Bean Supper at Sandusky Ave. Christian Church
Nov. 8: Pawhuska Pancake Breakfast

Nov. 8: Bartlesville Green Country, 11am-2pm, Chili Dinner at First Church of the Nazarene

Jan. 8: Pawhuska Zone D Meeting, 6:30pm, Zone Chair Brad Powell

Jan. 16-17: District 3-O Convention in Tulsa

3-O Club Activities

Bartlesville Green Country: One Lion attended 3-L Officer Training. Collected non-perishable food items for food pantry. Four Lions helped with Downtown clean-up. One Lion worked at the County Fair, one volunteered for Meals-on-Wheels. Bought 2 pairs of eyeglasses for persons in need. Collected used printer cartridges for recycling. Heard program on the OK Lions Service Foundation.

Bartlesville Limestone: Collected 347 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling. Had booth at Washington County Free Fair where sold OLSF Cowboy Cadillac tickets, collected used eyeglasses, printer cartridges and cell phones, and handed out literature on state projects, organ donation, and Lionism; also gave away a 12-ft. flag pole with flag.

The Tulsa Brookside Lion fountain in good company at the Tulsa Zoo!



Note that the at the zoo the Brookside Lion is about as active as the real ones.

submitted by Lion Wayne Middleton (who is also a docent at the Tulsa Zoo)

Salvation Army: *A Partner in Service*

Lions Clubs across Oklahoma participate annually in Salvation Army volunteer projects such as Angel Tree, Kettle/Christmas Bell Ringing, to name just two. The Oklahoma City Metropolitan Area Command reminds us that it is time to let them know if your Lions will volunteer this year. Please contact your local Salvation Army command for more information. In the Oklahoma City metropolitan area, please call 405-246-1100.

Bixby: Worked 8 hours in aid to the elderly and 2 hours in diabetes awareness and education.

Broken Arrow Evening: Held Family Bowling Tournament.

Broken Arrow Noon: Collected 81 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling, and provided new eyeglasses to 2 persons in need (\$80). Donated \$200 to Broken Arrow Pride High School Band. Collected 39 used printer cartridges and 2 used cell phones for OLSF.

Dewey: Purchased eyeglasses for 2 persons in need. Delivered school supplies to Dewey School for Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth Grades.

Jay: Ruffled off a grill, utensils, pitcher with cups, ice chest and \$60 gift certificate to meat market as a package, raising \$814. Able to meet and greet many new potential members. Provided eyeglasses. Donated \$814 and 12 hours to community recreation services.

Pawhuska: Did not meet in July-August. Zone Chairperson Brad Powell visited Sep. 25. Club collected 35 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling.

Tulsa Brookside: Provided eyeglasses to persons in need.

Vinita: Collected 50 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling, and provided new eyeglasses to persons in need. Donated \$1,000 and 126 hours to Community Services: Fairgrounds, rodeo and recreation.

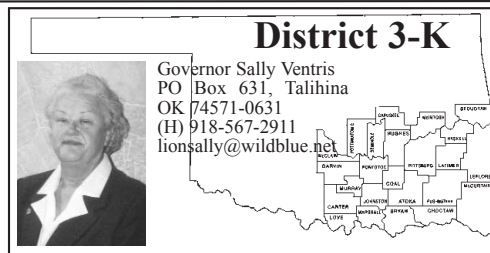
It's a Beautiful Day!

by Governor Sally Ventris

What a beautiful day we have today. True it is September 16 but it is only 71 degrees and the sun is shining! No more rain for a while, anyway. Well, tomorrow I leave for the USA/Canada Leadership Forum. It is a very worthwhile trip. This year it is in Saskatoon, Canada, and will be 3 days of seminars, workshops, special speakers and fellowship. I know I will learn a lot and meet many new friends and visit with some old ones. Next year it will be in Memphis, Tennessee and we should really try to have a large group from District 3-K. Maybe we can get a bus trip or a caravan arranged. If you have never been it will be a great experience and if you are planning (or not) to go up to the District or State leadership levels or higher, this will be very beneficial.

I'm sorry to report that we have lost several of our oldest members since the last newspaper. Our Wilburton Club lost long-time member and active Tail Twister, Lion Norman "Stoney" Hardcastle and our Pocola Club lost Past District Governor Harold Hamilton. The Clayton Lions lost Lion Wilbur Goltz. The Marietta Lions Club lost Lion Don Bone. All of these Lions worked very hard within their clubs, churches and their communities. They will be greatly missed.

The Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch Board of Trustees had their monthly meeting at the Tulsa Boys Home in Sand Springs on Saturday, September 13, 2008. Lion Bryan Larison said it was really successful and anyone who missed it really



missed a great morning of discovery.

Another reminder is that the Davis Lions Club is official as of August 22, 2008. They are having their charter night on Saturday, October 18 at the Treasure Valley Casino, I-35 Exit 55 (Hwy. 7), Davis. The dinner is by Treasure Valley Catering. It will be \$20 per person, with suggested dress as business casual or Lions attire. They will be having a Silent Auction and donations of items will be greatly appreciated. There will be a pre-ent coffee/social hour at the LaVille Inn at 4 p.m. For further information please contact Lion Missy Jones at kitkatmdk@yahoo.com. The reservation form is located below.

The Wanette Lions Club is holding its annual Turkey Shoot, beginning on Sunday, October 12 at 2 p.m. until dusk, and continues every Sunday through December 14. It will be located 2 1/2 miles west of Hwy. 102 at Hwy. 39 or another direction is NW of Wanette Tractor. If you enjoy Turkey Shoots, please plan to enter.

Our district has completed the LCIF emergency grant and Lion Les Walker and Lion John Hooser have done all of the paperwork needed to close this grant. Thank you all for a great job.

There will be a cabinet meeting on November 8 at the Meeting Place in McAlester from 10 a.m. until Noon.

Please try to attend. Also, there is a State Council meeting on Saturday, October 11 at the Westside Lions Club in OKC beginning at 8:45 a.m. The agenda meeting will be at the state office on Friday evening at 7 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

The **Atoka** Lions Club co-sponsored the Annual Lions Club/Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 2. They also have a new member, Daniel Ramey-a big welcome to Lion Daniel. The president attended the MD 3 Council Meeting in August and the Secretary-Treasurer attended the District 3-K Officers Training and Cabinet Meeting.

The **Talihina** Lions Club also has a new member. Tracie D. Lake joined the club in August and she has been put to work already!

The **Wilburton** Lions Club also purchased 2 pair of glasses and a new barbecue grill for the Fall Festival concession stand. They paid for an ad for the Wilburton High School yearbook and are busy selling OLSF Cowboy Ride tickets. Governor Sally made her official visit to the club on August 26. Her visit was informative and the club enjoyed her visit.

The **Marietta** Lions Club did a football throwing contest during half time at 2 of their recent high school games. Each of their contests had approximately 36 participants and many others playing on the sidelines.

This was for the first through third graders. Every participant received free popcorn and the winners received a free order of nachos from the concession stand. They really had a good time and hope to do it again soon. The club also has 2 new members, Lion Andrea Locke and Lion Adam Besly. We welcome these new members and hope the club puts them to work as soon as possible.

The **Ardmore** Lions Club was proud to have Oklahoma Commissioner of Labor Lloyd Fields as their guest speaker this month. Lion President Billy presented service awards to Lion Jose for 10 years, Lion Sheila for 20 years, Lion Kevin for 20 and Lion Marvin Polzien with his 35 year Chevron. **GO, LION MARVIN!** The club held Blood Drive in honor of Lion Rachel Hamilton, and bought 3 pair of eye-glasses with exams.

Please remember these important dates

Dates to Remember

Oct 4: Tahliha Lions Club 76th Annual Street Carnival, Downtown Tahliha

Oct. 11: Council Meeting in OKC

Oct. 18: Davis Lions Charter Night

Nov 8: 3-K District Cabinet Meeting, McAlester, 10am-noon

Dec 6: OK Lions Boys Ranch Christmas Party, Perkins

Feb 6-7: District 3-K Convention, Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore

Apr 24-26: OK Lions State Convention, Tulsa Area

Have a great month and be PROUD TO BE A LION!

I will attend the Davis Lions Club Charter Night.

Name: _____

Club: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

Address or e-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Dinner is \$20 per person. Mail completed form before October 10, with check payable to Davis Lions Club, c/o President Missy Jones, 410 N. D Street, Davis OK 73030.



Ardmore Lion President Billy Thompson (left) gives certificate of appreciation to Commissioner of Labor Lloyd Fields (right) for his recent club program.

Renewing Our Passion


by Governor Doug Garren (PDG)

Most Lions seem to be losing their passion or have already lost it. If we spent more time thinking about those we could help instead of who said what or who gets all the glory, we would be an unbeatable force. We want to see more participation from our Clubs and Clubs around the world, but it will not happen without each of us changing ourselves.

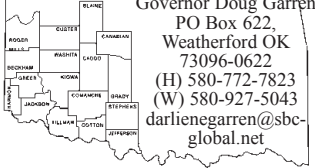
Is there a guideline for a good Lion, or does signing the application and paying dues fill the bill? Sometimes we get caught up in numbers and sacrifice quality. Many people cannot attend meetings, but can help occasionally with projects. Do those who have the time have the right to put those down who don't have the time? In all clubs there are those who seem to do almost all the work. Should these Lions feel ill toward those who seldom work? Maybe being a team means some can give more money than others and some can give more time. Maybe some can give very little of each. I believe marriage is not 50/50; I don't know of a marriage where each gives 50%. In my marriage I constantly try to give as much as Darliene, but she always gives the most. The goal is 100% for any marriage, club or team. Each should be trying to give their best. If each member accepted their fellow members as equals the team would function well. If we took our eyes off self and placed them on needs much more would be accomplished.

I guess its human nature to justify what we do, no matter what the situation. Some say things like, "I can't cope with all my problems without the help of the drugs," or "Doesn't everyone cheat on their taxes?" How about, "everyone else does it." We seem to try to counter with something for every situation. Bombs are countered with bombs, hate is countered with more hate, gossip is countered with gossip, and nobody seems to win. In the case of Lions the outcome is usually the loss of a club or members getting their feelings hurt and quitting the club. The big losers are those we should have kept our eyes on from the start, those in need. Love is the ultimate counter, it is always positive. Gossip dies when love is applied. War becomes peace when love is applied. Hate is replaced with understanding when love is applied. Love fills the bellies of those who are hungry, heals those who are sick, and helps those who have no home. We are used to and for the most part understand the love of our families that forgives and helps in time of need, but we have a problem crossing our yard, city, state, nation, and even the world to help others. We see most needs on TV and say, "someone else can surely handle that," or "I haven't the time or it's not my place," or "I haven't got the money or I'm too busy." Is the missing ingredient in our passion, love for our fellowman? Is the "what's in it for me" plague destroying Lions of Oklahoma

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and the world? Have we lost the love our hearts once felt for those in need? Should we be trying to twin with those clubs along the coast to help in their disaster as many of them helped when our OKC disaster brought us to our knees?

We have heard our leaders say that the amount doesn't matter, please just participate. Nobody said you had to work your fingers to the bone or spend your savings. Selling a few tickets for Cowboy Cadillac is little to ask or a few dollars for White Cane, yet many clubs don't participate. Don't you think being a Lion may have something to do with a small sacrifice to those our clubs pledge to help? Or do you think Lions is something you do when you have nothing else to do as long as no effort is involved?

I want to be a Lion for those miracles I can help make as a member of my Lions team for those who have no other place to turn. Lions are everyday people who as Club members create miracles for those who see no hope or help.

Small concerns

Many clubs aren't getting membership reports in on time; some are actually many months behind. We are volunteers, but we shouldn't volunteer for something we don't intend to do. Many 3-L Secretaries have served for many years and we do not tell them we appreciate them as much as we should. Since I'm the one with the job of telling them not to get behind, I think it's only right for the club members to tell them they are appreciated every chance you get.

We have lost 17 members for a number of reasons and gained 27. That means 27 names are in the pot for the \$100 drawings.

In a sadder note 3 more Lions have passed away this year. Our hearts and prayers go out to families of Ervis Lester of Rush Springs, Jodie Sevier of Chickasha, and Caren Riddles of Walters. We don't want to forget their dedication and love for their Lions Clubs. Buying a brick to be placed at the Boys Ranch would be little to pay for the world to see their name placed in remembrance for future Lions and guests to see.

Added to the *Everyday Hero* list are Willie Riddles and Jay Driskill, Walters Noon Club. Willie and Jay are from the original Club started 70 some years ago. Both are behind-the-scenes, hard-working Lions. Jay gave me names of almost member when we got the club going again, but received very little thanks. He and Willie are used to it and so was Caren, Willie's partner in service who

recently passed away. Thank you for all you've done and all I know you will do in the future. I'm proud to call you friend.

It's great that most clubs collect used eyeglasses, but our recycling center also needs some small donations. The Hinton prison facility has the equipment (furnished by Lions) and furnishes the manpower to recycle Oklahoma's used eyeglasses. If your club agreed to send a small amount yearly, please don't forget to send the money. Many other clubs might bring this to their boards for a small donation; it would really help. Please send your donations to PDG Jim Barnett at PO Box 851956, Yukon Oklahoma 73085-1956.

What's happening?

Altus Leo: Wins the Leo Club Excellence Award

Altus: Collected 105 pairs of used eyeglasses and 61 used printer cartridges. Started the Junior High Cub-of-the-Week program and the High School Top Dog of the Month program. Provided 2 Life Lines for Jackson County Memorial Hospital. Made plans for Pancake and Garage sale in Nov. and Breakfast with Santa a little later.

Cache: Donated to OLSF White Cane, Cache Police Crime Prevention Fund, and Special Olympics. Sponsored student to Washington, D.C. for spelling contest. Purchased two 8x8 pavers for the Boys Ranch Brick project, football and yearbook ads, 4 pairs of eyeglasses for needy, and eye charts for school. Painted Lion's sign and tables in park.

Chickasha: Bought 4 pairs of eyeglasses; gave \$500 to program so children can take food home in their backpacks.

Lawton Noon: Donated eyeglass frames to Mustang Vision Pres. and Optometrist Rebecca Poage and is well on their way to having a new Leo Club. Also awarded a 4-yr. \$1,000 per year scholarship and 3 \$1,000 scholarships to Cameron Univ. students. That's showing the community Lions are there for their youth and that a good education is just one thing the Lions of Lawton are concerned about.

Lawton NE: Collected 160 pairs of used eyeglasses and 93 used ink cartridges.

Marlow: Honored Student of the Week. Buy eyeglasses for the needy. Had Football Hamburger Cookout on Sep. 5. Welcomed new Lion, Wayne Moore the school principal, sponsored by George Coffman. Thank you both. Wayne, we're proud to have you and George, we appreciate your dedication.

Mustang: Busy mowing and getting their Lions' building ready to rent.

Mustang Vision: Preparing for Peace Poster contest and had a Car Rally for the Western Days Celebration.

Pocasset: Has adopted the Student of the Month at all 3 of their schools.

Surrey Hills: Had a rained out watermelon feed at the park Lions pavilion, but moved to the Surrey Hills Golf Club. Welcome Brian Spall, a new member.

Weatherford: Sponsored 35th Annual SW Festival of the Arts and sold Indian Tacos. Collected 160 eyeglasses and 23 ink cartridges. Bought a Boys Ranch brick. Moved to the Student Union Grill, 800 N Custer. Worked the Brooks and Dunn concert at the Ford Center.

Weatherford Eye: Collected eyeglasses and books for the Veterans Hospital.

Lion Hearted

We just got back from the USA/Canada Forum; the Saskatoon Lions did a great job but I can't say anything good about the buses. However, there was someone I observed when she was unaware she was being watched that I want Oklahoma Lions to know about.

Darliene and I, and 3-L Sec/Treas Karen Blanton and 3-L VDG Lora Blanton spent most of our time together. Gov. Sally from 3-K, Carobelle and Dee from 3-A, VDG Frank and Lion Kay Davis, Gov. Kent Clovis, and PID Pat Shurley from 3-H were also at the Forum. At some time or another during the Forum we ate together, rode together, or just rested and talked together, but most of the time we were going our separate ways to one of the many classes offered by the Forum. It was during one of these class changes that PID Pat caught me and asked if I wanted to meet my Director that will be coming to our convention. I was thrilled that she had thought of me during her hectic schedule. I found out she was also setting up Directors for 2010 for our Vice-Governors. Sadly I also saw the look on her face as she did an outstanding job of hiding the pain of wearing heels all day to look the lovely lady she is. Most of you have witnessed this over the years if you have been around her. She doesn't complain although that beautiful smile is sometimes hard for her to muster up after a day on her feet.

What I saw on Saturday literally brought tears to my eyes. I was a few yards behind her and could tell she was bearing the pain of all the standing, when two blind Lions walked into some curtains that were being used as a makeshift wall around supplies. They could not feel the curtains very well with their canes and were about to fall over each other if not for our Director. She stopped the gentlemen and asked where they wanted to go. They explained they wanted to go to a class some distance from where they were at. Director Pat in a very nice voice said, "why don't you take my arm and I will take you there." I hope she had time to enjoy herself sometime during the Forum. Lord knows, and I mean that literally, that she had her hands full thinking of us, trying to match Directors and future Governors, caring for those many Lions who were just walking around, and at the same time through her pain conducted herself as the Lady we are all proud to claim as the First Lady of Oklahoma Lions. Many people including Lions play a role when in the spotlight, but our Lady doesn't play-she's for real.

-Travel-Eat-Talk

by Governor Charles Michael, Jr.

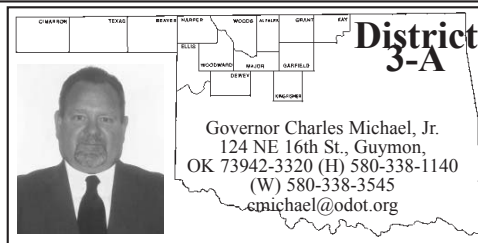
Lately it seems like I've been running around in circles. On Monday mornings I get up at 2 am and head for some town near Enid. When I get there, I eat, then I talk, then I go to the next place and eat and talk again. On Wednesday I do the same thing all over again and sometimes on Saturday, too. I think I've gained about 15 pounds!

Together we have done some really good work this month. The first week of the month Lions from Alva, Guymon and Enid worked together to help the Alva Lions Club man a fair booth in Alva. Lions sold Cowboy Ride tickets and invited residents to join the Alva Lions Club. Good work, Lions Darlene, Ron, Virginia, Franny, Colleen and the Alva Lions Club.

In the Big Town of Beaver, Lions from Guymon were working to start a new club. Lions Jack, Jo, Henry, and John manned a fair booth signing up future Lions (28). Good work, guys. We plan to meet with all these people to see if they are ready to start a new club in Beaver. If everything works out, maybe we will be planning a charter night soon.

I visited several clubs in the past three weeks and have seen and heard about several great projects, from war memorials, to maintaining cemeteries, setting out flags to honor our troops, diabetes screening to providing eyeglasses for needy people. All around the District I have definitely found those *Every Day Heroes* which LCI President Al is always talking about. We are most certainly answering his call for *Miracles Through Service*.

The second week of the month brought flood waters to several towns in our District. I made a few calls to find out what was needed to be done to get some help to these areas. I talked to the president of the Fairview Lions and he told me to check with other Clubs to see if they need help first. Every town was more worried about the other one than themselves. Then I read the newspaper and found the same story was told to the reporters. Lions, we have



a truly Great District!

LCI has promised us a \$10,000 emergency aid grant. By the time you read this newsletter I hope all the money will be in the hands of the ones who need it most.

Club Activities

Covington: Continuing restoration work on the old Covington jail. Visited the Garber Lions Club to meet with the Governor. Worked with Garber Lions to do a flag send-off for the 45th Division.

Enid Noon: Continued providing eyeglasses for persons in need. Continued to plan for 90th anniversary on Nov. 4. Continued collecting used eyeglasses. Started selling OLSF Cowboy Ride tickets. Hosted the Governor. Printed and distributed club newsletter.

Fairview: Working on upcoming 80th Anniversary; featured speaker will be PIP Jimmy Ross. Cooked and served a free meal for the sponsors of Major County Sheriff Randolph's program against Teenage Drunk Driving (SADD); information booths by the Game Warden, Fairview Police and Okla. Highway Patrol included drunk driving goggles, rollover simulator and a panel discussion for teenagers. Welcomed new members Gerald Harris and Dave Altman. Donated to Fairview High School Sports Boosters and held burger fry for Gloss Mountains Car Show.

Garber: Host the Governor. Printed and distributed club newsletter. Flag send off for the 45th Division. Gave out Garber back-to-school treats. Promoted Peace Poster Contest. Helped with Garfield County Fair diabetes screening booth. Sold several books of OLSF Cowboy Ride tickets. Honored Student of the Month. Collected used eyeglasses for recycling. United Way Chili Cook-off is Fri., Oct. 10 at Cherokee Strip Conference Center in Enid; Lions of Garfield County will have a

booth, and several Lions will prepare the 4 gallons of chili required.

Guymon: Volunteered 200 hours on the train and boats at the park this month. Held family picnic at Sunset Lake with 31 guests including 25 members and 2 Leos.

Voted to approve 6 new members. Provided 2 pairs of eyeglasses for people in need. Collected used eyeglasses and used printer cartridges for recycling. Sold \$717 worth of OLSF Cowboy Cadillac tickets around town. Worked fair booths at Beaver and Alva. Worked to start a Beaver Lions Club. Earned 315 points for DG Contest.

Guymon Panhandle: Provides new eyeglasses for persons in need. Worked 8 hours in park clean-up. Worked to remove the graffiti at the Roller Skating Park. Set up booths at the Texas County Fair; members built 50 booths to be used at the fair each year and can be rented out to others.

Jet: Working at Lions Veterans Memorial Park and Tall-grass Prairie Project. Ran the Chain Gang and down marker at school games. Getting ready for annual Deer and Pheasant Hunt. Hosted visit by our district governor.

Marshall: Placing fence around cemetery and placing a new flag pole. Provided eyeglasses for persons in need. Hosted the Governor. The Club treasurer turned 100

years old and he is still going strong!

Medford: Still on break-no meetings and no activities

Nash: Served around 200 people at a Memorial Chicken/Beef and Noodles Dinner.

North Enid: Working at Cherokee Strip Days. Picked a yard of the month. Sold OLSF Cowboy Ride tickets. Worked at football games. Held Teachers' Day. Earned 355 points for the Governor's Contest, making this club the leader at this time. Printed and distributed monthly club newsletter. Used Alert trailer as concession stand for annual Cherokee Strip parade on Sep. 13. Funds raised will help in operating the unit.

Okarche: Still on break-no meetings and no activities

Ponca City Noon: Received "Advocate for Senior Citizens" award. Inducted 4 new Lions. Conducted diabetes screening. Making plans for October's Growth Month and membership drive. Provided transportation for the Vision Support Group.

Ringwood: Donated to the OK Lions Boys Ranch and worked the gate at school ball games.

Wakita: Working on Lions Auction and Ice Cream Social. Also still working on Old Settlers Celebration. Worked about 90 hours and spent \$230 on these projects. Picked up Christmas Lights.

Fairview Lions Promote Program Educating Against Drunk Driving



Fairview Lions prepared and served dinner to participants in the recent Sheriff's program to educate teens and adults to not drink and drive.

Submitted by Lion Kieth McLain, Secretary

From Your Governor

by Governor Kent Clovis (PCC)

Hello, Lions of Oklahoma and District 3-H. I hope that this year is finding your Club's activities to be fulfilling, and our Lions of District 3-H are out serving their communities. I know from the visits I made this past month, that there are a lot of communities that would really be hurting if it were not for the services that their local Lions Clubs provide. **Thank You, Lions, for all you do to make this a better place for our friends and neighbors.** I just ask that you also consider asking that friend or neighbor to join you so they can also feel the joy of helping others. Also, as football is now in full speed ahead, I hope your teams are doing even better than hoped for.

I am writing this before leaving for Alaska for a short visit with my newest granddaughter and the rest of my daughter's family before going on to Canada for the USA/Canada Leadership Forum. It will be a short visit but I am looking forward to meeting my newest family member as she was born just before I left for Bangkok. I am also really looking forward to the Forum. As I have said several times before, I really think that the USA/Canada Forums are one of the best kept secrets in Lionism. I have not missed one in several years now. They have some of the best speakers around and that really allows one to come back very motivated; the classes cover a full range of topics both for use in Lionism as well as for personal and business improvement. I really wish we could have a lot more Oklahoma Lions attend! Just ask any Lions that have attended before and I am sure they were all impressed. Next year it will be in Memphis, Tennessee, and I understand that there may be an effort to organize a bus group to that as well as to the International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota this summer; so I hope that all Lions will consider making plans to attend the Forum since it will be this close to us. Carolyn knows the area pretty well with Tunica just a few minutes south and I understand that our Elvis fan (DG Charles Michael) is already making plans, so follow his lead and plan ahead.

The Forums have become so popular that several areas have created local forums with International's assistance. I looked into that but the funds were already committed for this year. Some of the closest are in Texas and Colorado this year. As we really need

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some good leadership training for our Oklahoma Lions, a local training might attract more participation and help with training leaders for our Clubs and District officers. I plan to continue to look into this more.

It is with regret that I accepted the resignation of Zone F Chairperson Jim White; he accepted another pastor assignment and his time is going to be very tight. I am very glad to announce his replacement by Lion Ken Mitchell also from the Capital Hill Lions Club. Ken loves to visit Clubs as he used to accompany Lion Charley Burton on a lot of his visits in the past. So, welcome Lion Ken to the District team.

This week I also received a reminder about the upcoming 31st Annual Lions Day at the United Nations; it is on Friday, March 13, 2009. I know PDG Ken Muncy went several years ago and reported he had a great time and PID Pat Shurley has gone a couple of times also and really enjoyed it. The notice says that beginning in mid 2009 they are going to start extensive renovations of the UN Headquarters, so this may be the last opportunity to view the historic building before the renovations. Anyone with an interest please let me know and I will get the application to you. Forms have to be in before February 6, 2009.

Thank You, Lions, for all the good you do!

New Members in 3-H

Cushing: Gordon Kent sponsored by Sharon Hudgins-Rozell

Midwest City: W. D. Nichols sponsored by Ramon Valdez

OKC Belle Isle: Misty Copp

OKC Lincoln-Expressway: Charles Mohr sponsored by Jacque Ekstrom

OKC West Side: Marilyn Wood and Linda Webb, sponsored by Dawn Miller

Prague: Randy Eby sponsored by Jerry Opela

Stillwater Noon: Daniel Chance sponsored by Duane Horton

3-H Club Activities

Note: Club Secretaries, please send a copy of each month's activity report to me by e-mail or regular mail. You need to do this report even if you do not do a LCI on-line activity report. Thank you!

Cashion: Held annual Bar-B-Que and tour of the new fire station

Davenport: Donated \$895 and 16 service hours to Pee-Wee football. Lion L. A. Guest, Treasurer, recently forwarded a donation of \$100 to OLSF-White Cane in memory of Lion Warren Melson, also a Melvin Jones Fellow, with the following commentary. Lion Warren was a retired school teacher. At the Davenport Little League football games, he was a regular Lion member of the gatekeeping crew. He worked hard on behalf of the White Cane project in the Davenport Lions Club for many years. He was a strong supporter of the club, the Davenport Schools, his church and many other organizations. Davenport Lions and the community of Davenport will miss him greatly.

Edmond: Provided new eyeglasses, and collected used printer cartridges and used cell phones for OLSF. Club using 2-team contest to motivate members to sell OLSF Cowboy Cadillac tickets.

Guthrie: Contributed to the Logan County Historical Society and the Ty Nichols Memorial Foundation. Sponsored the new teachers to lunch.

Midwest City: Collected 45 used printer cartridges and 375 pairs of used eyeglasses. Donated \$175 to the academic letter jacket program for MWC High School, \$200 to MWC High School Mat Club, \$175 to MWC High School Homerun club, \$200 to Jarman Jr. High athletic program, \$200 to Monroney Jr. High athletic program, \$175 to Carl Albert High School academic letter jacket program and \$200 to Carl Albert Jr. High athletic program. Lion Philippe Gauthier from Bois Renaissance Lions Club in France was a guest speaker on 9/16/08, arranged by Lion Ramon Valdez.

Mulhall-Orlando: Sponsored annual back-to-school cookout for teachers.

Newcastle: Collecting used eyeglasses for recycling.

Norman Sooner: Operated concession trailer at OU football game. Donated to OK Lions Boys Ranch and processed eye exam application.

OKC Downtown: Sponsored the OK Lions MHSU at OSU OKC, screening 68 persons in a little over 2-1/2 hours, substantially more than last year. Prospective Member Open House will be Tue., Oct. 21. Club continues to work with the City of Oklahoma City on plans to renovate the Lions Park at Lake Hefner. Members also brought school supplies to donate to Eugene Fields Elementary.

OKC Lincoln-Expressway: Collected 33 used printer cartridges for OLSF; provided two persons with eye exams and new eyeglasses (\$165).

OKC Northwest: Club netted \$8,352 from annual golf tournament. Club is participating in the OLSF Cowboy Cadillac fundraiser by selling tickets. Lion Carl Hamilton will report on his recent mission trip to Zwasiland on Sep. 18.

OKC West Side: Collected 265 pairs of used eyeglasses; donated \$545 to Buchanan Elementary to help pay transportation costs for the visually-impaired students to go to the equine therapy program monthly at Coffee Creek. Donated use of the Town Hall for organizational meeting of local neighborhood association. Will host Sep. zone meeting.

Perry: Some members volunteer regularly to serve Meals-on-Wheels. Program by Mark Woodward of the OK Bureau of Narcotics was not only informative, but motivated the club to get information out to local schools and other youth groups. Perry Lions recommend this program to other Lions Clubs.

Stroud: Donated \$200 for eye exam and new eyeglasses; \$100 and 14 hours for Youth-Recreation and Sport Services.

The Village: Held third annual Car Show on Sep. 13. Rain kept attendance minimal. Donated \$100 in sight services in July.

Lions State Calendar

The OK Lions Calendar is periodically updated and posted on-line at: <http://www.oklions.org> in printable .pdf format. To list Lions events, call 405-947-6540 or e-mail lionadmin@sbcglobal.net.

October 2008

Leo Membership Growth Month

October: Davis LC will be selling Snowman Poop gift baskets to use as gag gifts, \$2.00 each tentatively (Hershey kisses and marshmallows)

2-6: LCI Senior Leadership Institute, Toronto, Canada

Sat 4: Talihina LC 76th annual Street Carnival, downtown Talihina

3-O Cabinet Meeting, Broken Arrow

Tue 7: Garfield County Lions Club meeting

Thu 9: Lions World Sight Day

Fri 10: State Council Agenda Meeting, 7pm, OK Lions State Office, 4123 NW 10th St., OKC

Fairview LC Chicken and Noodles Dinner (Homecoming)

3-O Zone J Meeting, noon, Okmulgee Country Club

Garfield County Lions booth at United Way Chili Cook-off, Cherokee Strip Conf. Ctr., Enid

Sat 11: State Board and Council Meetings, starting at 9am, OKC West Side Lions Town Hall, 4135 NW 10th St., OKC

7:45 or 8am State Convention Planning Committee

8:15am OLEB Executive Board Meeting at State Office-Conference Room

8:55am Council Meeting opens with Prayer and Flag Salute, then closes to reconvene at 1pm.

9-9:45am OLEB Board Meeting

9:45-10:30am Briggs Memorial

Board Meeting

10:30-11:15am OLBR Board Meeting
11:15am-12noon OLSF Board Meeting

12-1pm Lunch and Bone Yard Meeting

1pm Council Meeting

following Council Mtg: OK Pin Traders (state office)

Fri 17: Okarche LC annual German Dinner

Sat 18: Davis LC Charter Night, 5pm, Treasure Valley Casino, I-35 Exit 55 (Highway 7), \$20 per person; make reservations by Oct. 10 to Pres. Missy Jones, 410 N. D. St., Davis 73030

Tulsa Brookside LC Pancake Breakfast, 7-11am, Myers-Duren Harley-Davidson

Mon 20: 3-O Zone B Meeting, 6:15pm, Lone Star Steakhouse

Fri 24: Canute LC Annual Stew Supper

Sat 25: North Enid LC ham and bean supper

Davis LC Paint Ball War (between students and teachers), contact Lion Missy Jones

Surrey Hills LC Pancake Breakfast, 7-11am, Surrey Hills Elementary School, Hefner and Hastings in northwest OKC; \$5.00 adults and \$3.00 for children.

Tulsa Brookside LC Pancake Breakfast, 7-11am, Trinity Methodist Church

Thu 30: 3-O Zone E Meeting, 6pm, Adult Center, Dewey

Christmas is a comin' Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch

by Lion Bryan Larison, Executive Director

There isn't any frost on the pumpkin, but be sure and know that Christmas is a comin'. Yes, it is that time of year again when Lions from across the state will gather to celebrate our mission of changing lives here at the Boys Ranch. Please make plans to join us on Saturday, December 6 at noon here in Perkins.

The Christmas Party is our largest fundraising event of the year. Years past have resulted in upwards of \$15,000 toward the operation of the Boys Ranch along with countless gifts and gift cards for the boys. Without this event we would fall short of budget needs, but most importantly our boys would miss out on getting to see 100 to 200 Lions who represent the thousands of Lions in Oklahoma who care about and support them.

This is not only a time of receiving for our boys, but also a time of giving back. Many of our boys were recipients of the Salvation Army Angel Tree and to be honest many have taken gifts like that for granted. We endeavor each year to show our boys the joy of giving and serving and help them move from a part of society that takes to the part that serves. Each year our boys adopt two "angels" from the Angel tree. All the boys contribute money and purchase \$150 to \$200 of gifts for each "angel." Most people stop right there, but we want to serve. We usually arrive about 7:30am at the gift distribution site in Stillwater and the boys and staff carry the gifts and food items for each family to their cars. Our boys leave there knowing they have made a difference in the lives of children who are facing the

same struggles they faced as young boys.

This year the focus of the Christmas Party is to raise the money needed to fund the purchasing of Christmas gifts for our 12 boys at \$3,000 and our yearly recreation and activity fund at \$12,500. So often the fun things in life are the last to get funded. As many have heard me say the healing that our boys need comes from activities that highlight the joy of life. There are several ways for you and your club to get involved. Sponsor a month's worth of recreation or a summer trip or the gifts for our boys. Set a goal and meet a need. However you wish to participate will bless our boys and be a part of their healing journey from surviving to thriving.

* Sponsor one month of activities and recreation for one house: \$500

* Sponsor one month of activities and recreation for both houses: \$1,000

* Sponsor Fall Break or Spring Break Activity for one house: \$250

* Sponsor Fall Break or Spring Break Activity for both houses: \$500

* Sponsor summer trip for one house: \$1,000

* Sponsor summer trip for both houses: \$2,000

* Sponsor gifts for one boy to twelve boys: \$250 - \$3,000

We look forward to seeing you in December. If there are other ways you wish to be involved in the Christmas Party please feel free to contact us at 405-547-2462.

OK Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit Calendar

Go to <http://www.oklions.org> for calendar to use for planning. To schedule, call Dawn Miller, OK Lions/OLSF office admin. sec. at 405-947-6540, 8:30am-4:30pm M-F. MHSU can be scheduled up to **one year** in advance, first call gets date available. For example, if you want August 1, 2009, the first date you can call is August 1, 2008.

October 2008

Wed 1: BCBS-OK, Cherokee Nation Enterprises-Will Rogers Downs, Claremore, 10am-5pm

Sat 4: (tentative?) Teamsters Local 886, 3528 W. Reno, OKC, 10am-2pm, Lion John Been

Mon 6: (tent) Tulsa Comm. College

Tue 7: BCBS-OK-Ft. Gibson Cherokee Casino, 10am-2pm

Wed 8: BCBS-OK, Tahlequah Cherokee Corporate, 10am-4pm, Lynette Davis

Thu 9: BCBS-OK, Tahlequah Casino, 9am-12noon

Fri 10: Sapulpa LC-Christner Trucking

Sat 11: Vinita LC for October Fest

13-15: Duncan Noon LC, Lion Mike Davis 580-656-3702

Thu 16: (tentative) Cameron International, 7500 SW 29th St., OKC, Lion John Been or Karen West 405-745-8114

Fri 17: Rush Springs LC, 9am-2pm, Lion Ron Secoy 580-476-2527

Sat 18: Welch LC, Lion Dara Graham 918-788-3339

20-21: Davis LC at High School

Thu 23: OKC Lincoln-Expressway LC for Hertz Health Fair

Fri 24: BCBS-OK in Tulsa

Sat 25: OKC West Side LC for Integris Men's Health Fair, 9am-1pm, Francis Tuttle W. Reno campus

Tue 28: Idabel LC at Bypass Church of Christ, Idabel; Lion Farris Ryan 918-286-2803

Fri 31: Frederick LC, Lion Nancy Hasley 580-335-5525

08-09 OK Lions State Directory Corrections/Additions

If your club president/secretary do not have the new state directory yet, please contact your district governor.

Please notify your district governor and the state office of additional corrections or additions.

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