

The Oklahoma Lion



August, 2025



Upcoming Council Dates

- August 9, 2025 OKC West Side
- November 5, 2025 OKC West Side
- January 24, 2025 OKC West Side
- April 24, 2026 Lawton
- June 20, 2026 OKC West Side
- *January 31 Snow Day



Council Chair 2025-2026

CC Mark Adair
Norman Lions Club

Hello MD 3Lions!

As I write this, the 107th Lions International Convention in Orlando, Florida, has just ended. Over 10,000 members from over 100 countries attended the convention. A.P. Singh was installed as our new International President for 2025-2026 with his motto, "Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead". We are committed to leaving this world better than what we inherited. Together, our service makes it possible. **And we can extend our service by growing our membership."**

Growing membership has been a topic that we, as Lions, have focused on for many years. Mission 1.5 is a recent iteration of the need to recruit new members. We are starting our second year of Mission 1.5, to reach 1.5 million members by 2027.

Lions worldwide are starting to reverse the trend of negative membership growth. Globally, Lions added 148,756 new members to existing clubs. Two thousand eighty clubs were added internationally. We still lost 3,556 members last year, but this represents an improvement from 2022-23, when the membership deficit was 29,236.

Congratulations to 3SW District Governor Frances Pointdexter, 3E District Governor Nancy Wood, and 3NW District Governor Sharyl Pickens. Our governors were formally installed at the Lions International Convention in Orlando.

Valerie and I had the pleasure of attending the Stillwater Noon Lions 60th anniversary celebration. Members discussed the history of the club, including the location of club meetings and service projects throughout the years. The Stillwater Noon Lions Club is currently the largest in the state. We had a great time. The food and fellowship were fantastic! Congratulations to the Stillwater Noon Lions Club!

As a car enthusiast, I always enjoy attending car shows. The OKC West Side Lions Club just held their second annual classic car show. Eleven cars attended and prizes were awarded. There was a food truck, music, and toy cars for the kids to ride. The club is working diligently to grow this event. If you have a car that you would like to exhibit, please remember this event for next year.

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will take place in Atlantic City, NJ, from September 18 to 20, 2025. I last heard that there will be 14 Lions attending from Oklahoma. All Lions are welcome to register and attend the forum. The USA/Canada Forum provides the most up-to-date training seminars and information on Lionism in North America. Our Lions International President, A.P. Singh, will be a keynote speaker at the forum. There are currently 1,413 Lions attending. Valerie and I always have a great time at the forum. We look forward to seeing you in Atlantic City!

Our motto is "we serve". For Lions to thrive in the future, we must continue to grow. However, sometimes I think we focus on membership growth and projects, and we forget to have fun while serving. The fellowship aspect of the Lions Club is essential to me. If there is any way I can make your Lions service more meaningful this year, please let me know.

****Please note that if you have any items you would like to bring before the council, they must be submitted at least 10 days prior to a council meeting.**

Yours in Lionism;

CC Mark Adair



A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Lead to serve,
serve to lead

2025-2026

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On June 30th, DG David Wooddell installed the **Tulsa Downtown Club** Officers and I was honored to induct their two new members!



On July 10th, PCC Neal Wood installed the **McAlester Lions Club** Officers at their 107th Anniversary Banquet. They also inducted a new member that night.



Greetings MD 3-E Lions!

1st VDG Patty Bryant, PCC Neal Wood, and I just returned from the Lions International Convention in Orlando where all three of the Oklahoma District Governors were officially installed as your Governors for the 2025-2026 year! The Convention was an amazing experience with approximately 9000 Lions from all over the World!

It kicked off with the Parade of Nations where Oklahoma was represented by our "Cowboys and Indians". Then at the first Plenary session they had the Parade of Flags where they paraded flags from each of our 200 member nations that make up Lions International! Former Olympic Swimmer and Mental Health Advocate, Michael Phelps, was the keynote speaker at the second Plenary session. He spoke about his own mental health issues and the importance of addressing mental health issues, which was a great kickoff to LCI's new focus on Mental Health and Well Being. LCI encouraged all clubs to plan a service project around Mental Health & Well-Being for the week of October 4-12, 2025. So clubs start putting on your thinking caps and let's see if we can't come up with some great service ideas to implement for a topic and cause so important to all of us.

Many of our clubs have been busy installing their officers and completing summer service projects while a few have taken a summer hiatus.



On July 8th, I was honored to install the **Okmulgee Lions Club** Officers at noon.



And then that evening I installed the **Wilburton Lions Club** Officers and inducted three new members for them.



On July 20th, I was honored to install the **Bokoshe Lions Club** Officers.



Our District had three Lions, Lion Kelly Baehler, Lion Debbie Seefeld, and 2nd VDG Monica Medley, attend the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) in Kansas. All three came back inspired and said they had a great time!



On that same weekend, 1VDG Patty, PPC Neal and I attended the Mission 1.5 summit in Las Vegas where we gathered a lot of new ideas to help grow our membership and provide more service.



We want to give a big shoutout to Lion Wayne Middleton! He was presented the MD3 All Star Award on June 21st, in appreciation for 50 years of Exemplary Service to the Community and Lions Club International!

The **Fairland Lions Club** is planning for their upcoming Golf Tournament on September 13th.

Both the **McAlester** and **Wilburton Lions** Clubs are planning to participate in their Back to School bashes.

The **Henryetta Lions Club** has started the new year running. They just completed their Lions vs Rotary Throwdown Showdown where they raced to see who could collect the most pet food and animal supplies for the Okmulgee County Humane Society. They handed out goody bags at the town's Christmas in July event. They're having a benefit Bingo on August 2nd to raise money for their eye glass fund and planning for their Labor Day weekend Corn Hole Tournament.

The **Sallisaw Lions Club** is gearing up for their Annual Rodeo on July 31st, August 1st and 2nd.

The **Vinita Lions Club** was planning their end of year Picnic with Corn Hole and playing "Left of Center".

Lions please mark your calendars and plan to attend our 1st District Cabinet Meeting on August 16th, at 10:00 am, at the Briefcase in Henryetta. Doors will open at 9:00am for coffee and donuts. The meeting will start at 10:00. We will be providing some officer training and PDG Tony Dowell will give us some training on Lions Quest. We will also be having some fun, maybe a few surprises, and if you stay for lunch, we'll feed you!!

Please note, the District will be having a Peace Poster Contest! So try to get those Peace Poster Kits to your schools and communities. And now you can go to LCI and download a digital Peace Poster Kit.

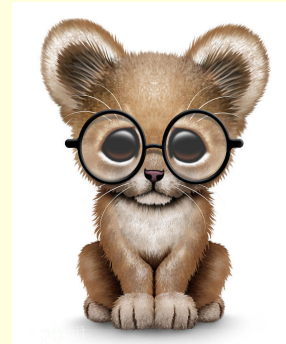
Yours in Lionism,

District Governor Nancy Wood

Lions in Orlando!



Eye Glass Recycling



OC Northwest	1232
The Village	150
Shawnee	563
Canute	100
Weatherford	1220
McAlester	300
Sapulpa	320
Village	150
Ponca City Noon	282
Edmond	968
Midwest City	500
Bartlesville	412
Ardmore	794
North Enid	1762

This makes a total of 8753 pairs of eyeglasses recycled from Oklahoma Lions for June and July! Way to go!

Thank you to all the Lions who send in Cell phones and Hearing Aids for recycling. Remember we have Eyeglass collection boxes for \$10.00 and now Hearing Aid collection boxes for \$15.00!

***Please consider setting aside one day a month to sort glasses at your club so they will be sorted when they reach our office. Please mark the number in each box. Thanks to those clubs who have come to the office and sorted!**

Guidelines For Sorting Glasses

1. Sort by removing them from the cases into clear glasses, sunglasses (whether prescription or not), readers, and children's glasses.
2. Try to put in a sturdy box as they have to be stacked. Plastic crates or banana boxes are good.
3. Try to fill the box up as much as possible so they can be stacked without caving in.
4. Discard broken ones.
5. Please mark boxes if they are sorted.



This will make it so much easier for all of us!

2024-2025



**District 3-NW
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C on the 2nd & 4th Wed. each month.

Two hydration stations are being manned downtown on Grand. We are providing cold water for anyone who needs it.

A beautiful picture of the PCNL on fire was drawn by Miss Lilly Hamilton a 6th grader at West and presented to the officers. Miss Lilly thanked the club for supporting her during



the Special Olympics. Our club is off to a great start for the New

Year by approving a new member within the first week.

We are collecting items for the Kerrville flood victims. We have three collection boxes set up around town. A \$50.00 donation was made by Heather Cannon Honda on Pay It Forward Friday sponsored by 104.7

Items collected will be delivered to Kerrville at the end of the month. On July 23 our club will be



sorting glasses to be taken to the State and also be making sewing kits for those in need. We have also been listening to children read every Monday from 0930-1130 at the First United Methodist Church.

PDG Debbie Woodruff installed officers for the **Perry Lions Club**. You can see they have their ducks in a row!



Welcome 3 NW Lions!

Welcome to the NW District! I am proud to be serving as your District Governor. We have a few goals that will help our membership grow and our service increase.

The District theme this year is "No One Should Go hungry." My 2025-2026 pin depicts a bowl and spoon, to support Lions International's global cause of alleviating hunger.

I have reached out to all 39 of our clubs and requested a date for visitation. It is completely possible that I will be able to travel to every club before Christmas. I look forward to seeing you and learning about you and your outstanding clubs!

Read on for Club News!

Perkins Lions crowned its first Tail Twister in June! Lion John Calavan aka "Lion King" regaled the members at the first meeting of the year. His engagement raised over \$40.00! Way to keep it classy John!



The Perkins Sharing Shed

Davenport Lions Club Long time member Paul Taylor passes away April 20. He will be missed! Davenport sponsored a Candy Walk at Davenport Elementary school. Also the Citywide Easter Egg Hunt. They sponsored Little League Football and the Annual Jr. Livestock Show raising almost \$12,000. Awarded Scholarships to Senior 4H students and FFA members. Cecil Anderson, club secretary, Parker Halsey, Wyatt Simon and Helen Orr



Ponca City After 5 Lions are again providing "Kindness 4 Kids" meals and snacks



The Ponca City Noon Lions Club is now meeting at noon at the Pioneer Vo-Tech located at 2101 N. Ash in Conference Room

North Enid Lions collected items for the YMCA for their Christmas in July project..



Stillwater Noon Lions have been busy!

They celebrated their 60th birthday in June. Looks like a



good time was had by all!



“DON'T QUIT”

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile but you have to sigh,

When care is pressing you down a bit,

Rest if you must—but don't you quit!

Life is queer with it's twists and turns,

As everyone of us has to learn,

And many a failure turns about

When he would have won had he stuck it out!

Often the goal s nearer than

It seems to a faint and faltering man,

Often the struggler has given up

When he might have captured the victor's cup

And he learned too late, when the night slipped down

How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out—

The silver tint of the clouds of doubt—

And you never dan tell how close you are-

It may be nearer when it seems afar;

So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit-

It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit!

20245-2026



**District 3-SW
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Greetings 3SW!

As we start our new year, I'm so proud to be your new Governor. I want to thank our Immediate Past Governor Rick for all the work he did for our district last year and all the support that he has given me. I also want to thank all those that have stepped up to serve our district for 2025-2026 year. All these dedicated individuals deserve a big thank you for their willingness to serve. Biggest thanks to our new 1st Vice Governor Alyeska Factor from Anadarko. Alyeska also is one of my zone chairs and will also be visiting clubs so make her welcome.

This year I would like to visit all the clubs in our district and help in any way possible to strengthen and grow their clubs. I know that we have great clubs and there is potential in everyone of you. Please call and schedule with me early to visit your club.

We have lost 6 clubs last year so let's keep the rest of our 48 clubs and 933 members. Our District goal is to gain at least 2 new members for each club and start at least 2 new clubs. Our District needs the help of everyone to get this accomplished.

Send me your ideas and any help that you might have to get this done. Let's make this a great year! . If you have a special need or event, please contact us and allow enough time to schedule a visit. Also send me pictures of your events or projects so we can add them in our next newsletter. Deadline is the 20th of the month.

DG Frances Poindexter

Durant Lions Club presented Lion Shelley Dunnam the Lion of the Year award.



Canute Lions Club Brand new District Governor Frances Poindexter installed officers July 1!



Ada Lions Club sold hamburgers and hotdogs at the July 4th celebration. Lion Scott Colip received a Melvin Jones Fellowship.



OKC Northwest Lions had DG Frances Poindexter install their new officers. Marie Burns was presented a Melvin Jones by the NW OKC Club by Keith Shideler.



Altus Lions did a KidSight screening at Alus Back-to-School Bash with the help of new Lion Dr. Amie Straub and also helped the Frederick Lions



do one at their school. They did over 100 kids at each one!

Edmond Liona had DG Frances visit and Carl Breazeale received a



Vaught award and President Sheila Hutton received a Louis Lackey.

OKC West Side held their second annual car show and had more cars and sponsors. We hope it will continue to grow!





2024-2025 Memorials

In Memory of those who go before us, we acknowledge their accomplishments, service, and legacy. Mostly, we honor them with love. The love they had for their community and the services they provided through Oklahoma Lions. This is the legacy that lasts forever!

Charlene Morton

- Sherry Keisman
- Pocola Lions Club

Don Jones

- Edmond Lions Club

PDG Harold Shore

- Joyce Hallagin

Jerry Benson

- Duncan Lions Club

PID George Hazelbaker

- PID Michael Banks
- Russell Wright
- Felsher Family Fund
- Duncan Noon Lions Club
- Ferril & Phyllis Williamson

PID Pat Shurley

- Russell Wright
- Joyce Halligan
- Sherry Keisman
- OK Lions Pin Traders
- Wes Side Lions Club

- Mark Adair
- Ada Lions Club

Scott Corson

- Ok Lions Pin Traders

Jeff Kaley

- Duncan Noon Lions Club

Tribute to:

Ferrill Williamson

(Happy Birthday from

*Phyllis Williamson) * Thank you*

to everyone who donated to the Oklahoma

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SEPT. 18-20, 2025



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wish to dis-
tribute
them
throughout
their com-
munity.

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LIONS CLUB**

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2025

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2025

SATURDAY, AUG. 30, 2025

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SUNDAY, AUG. 31, 2025

13.5 PPR COMBINED

12 p.m.
 \$40 per team

Prizes



15.5 PPR COMBINED

1 p.m.
 \$60 per team

Cash payout
 Top 3



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Cash payout
 Top 3



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"Others"

Lord, help me to live from day to day In such a
self-forgetful way

That even when I kneel to pray
My prayer shall be for others.

Help me in all the **work** I do To ever be
sincere and true
And know that all I'll do for you
Must needs be done for others.

Let self be crucified and slain And buried
deep - and all in vain May efforts be to
rise again Unless to live for others.

And when my work on Earth is done And my
new work in Heaven begun May I forget the
crown I've won While thinking still of others.

Others, Lord, others Let this my
motto be.

Help me to live for others, That I may
live for Thee.

By Charles D. Meigs

**Rest in Peace: Recited by Lion Gladys Johnson at the 3NW
District Oklahoma Lions Awards Lunch February 23, 2019 in
Langston, Oklahoma**

