

## The Oklahoma Lion



February, 2026



## Upcoming Council Dates

- January 31 (Snow Day)
- April 25, 2026, Lawton, Ok
- June 20, 2026, OKC WestSide



## *Hello Oklahoma Lions!*

February marks the beginning of the Oklahoma Lions convention season. Governor Sharyl Picken's, MD3 NW Convention will take place on February 20-21, 2026. There will be a silent auction to raise funds for LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation). Additionally, the 3NW District project focuses on a food packaging event. The goal is to package 10,000 meals at 45 cents each. Many clubs and members have donated to Sharyl's convention project fund, which will cost \$4,500. If you would like to donate funds to the project, please send your check to 3NW District, PO Box 804, Perkins, OK 74059. Don't forget that your 3NW registration form is due February 15, 2026. There is no late fee, but get your registration in! Valerie and I look forward to seeing you there! (form attached)

February 15, 2026, is International Childhood Cancer Day. The World Health Organization states that four hundred thousand children are diagnosed with cancer each year. Nine out of 10 children with cancer live in low to middle-income families. Less than 30% of the children in low and middle-income countries survive cancer. The survival rate for childhood cancer in high-income countries is greater than 80%. From July 2025 to August 2025, LCIF has awarded 10 childhood cancer-related grants totaling \$1,013,587. For more information on LCIF childhood cancer, please consult the Lion Portal.

Currently, there are 1.36 million Lions worldwide. Our international membership has grown by 31,839 members, or 2.33%, this year. There are 49,813 clubs worldwide. A little over 37 million has been donated to Lions Club International.

In CA1 U.S.A. and its affiliates, there are 258,360 members as of 1/19/2026. We have dropped 18,087 members and gained 17,233. We are down 854 members so far this year.

There are currently 2570 Lions in Oklahoma. We have dropped 228 members and added 162, for a loss

of sixty-six. Currently, 3E has 734 Lions. They have dropped 62 members and added 37. They are down 25 members for the year. The 3NW district has 930 Lions. They have dropped 75 members and added 47. They are down 28 members year-to-date. The 3SW district has 906 Lions. They have dropped 91 members and added 78. They are down 13 members year-to-date.

The goal of Mission 1.5 is to grow Lion membership to at least 1.5 million worldwide by July 1, 2027. The other goals of 1.5 are:

- All Ca's (Constitutional Areas) achieve positive growth by July 1, 2027
- All districts add new clubs
- All clubs induct new members during Mission 1.5
- Districts incorporate strategies to attract a more diverse membership, including women and young Lions

To meet the membership goal for Mission 1.5, we need 135,283 new members. We have about 1.5 years to get there, and the run to the finish line will not be easy. Please remember to donate to LCIF!

[www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate](http://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate). As I write this, the temperature is 24 degrees outside. Be warm and safe!

*CC Mark Adair*

## Applications due for State Posts

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needs some new leadership. We also need to start thinking about election of officers in our own clubs as well.

It has been suggested that each of our Districts have their own District Newsletter. So if this is some-

thing that interests you or you'd have a desire to help with, please let me know. As many of you know, your current District Governor is somewhat "tech" challenged. So, I would welcome the help!

Remember, the Dr. Eugene S. Briggs Memorial Scholarship application deadline is fast approaching. Visit [scholarships.occf.org](http://scholarships.occf.org) and click APPLY NOW. Application deadline is February 15, 2026. (Form attached)

And don't forget Valentine's Day, February 14th. I know there used to be several clubs that held annual Valentine's Dinners for their clubs and I've heard that some are thinking about restarting that tradition. If you do, please send me some pictures so that we can post them in next month's newsletter.

### Greetings 3-E Lions!!

Hope this finds everyone staying warm and safe. As I'm writing this, they are predicting some very cold and snowy weather coming our way. A good time to start making plans for the rest of our Lion Year!

Our District Mid-Winter Convention is coming up on Saturday, March 14th, at the Elks Club in Okmulgee. (Form attached) Past International Director Debra Weaverling from Kansas will be our guest speaker. We have several interesting programs lined up and are working on doing a hands-on service project. So, make sure you mark your calendars, as you won't want to miss it. (And you might want to wear a little green - my favorite color!). We have a block of rooms reserved at Best Western in Okmulgee for Friday night for those that will be coming in on Friday. And for those that want to have some fun, we have the party room at the Mexican Restaurant on site (El Avocado) reserved for Friday night fun and games.

Speaking of our upcoming District Convention, we need to be thinking about our upcoming elections. We will need a 2nd Vice District Governor to follow Monica Medley as she moves up to 1st Vice District Governor when Patty Bryant moves up to be your next District Governor. We also will have positions on all of our State Boards that we will be opening. So please think about these, as our District



Stay warm,  
**DG Nancy Wood**

**McAlester Lions Club:** McAlester Police Officer Jackson and his K9 partner, Boyka, presented a very interesting and informative program on insights into the role of

K9 units in local law enforcement .

**Henryetta Lions Club:** has been preparing snack bags for their local Tennis Team and working on their



Scholarships

**Lion Beth Flud** receiving the Okmulgee Lion of the Year Award.

**Okmulgee Lions Club:** are planning to Honor all the City of Okmulgee Firefighters with a luncheon on January 27th. They are also starting their Good Student of the Month program back up, as well as continuing to support their local Food for Kids program, that serves about 150 kids every week.



**Wilburton Lions Club** is holding a Benefit Bingo on January 30th to raise money for the Wilburton Area Livestock Show to be held on February 7th. The Wilburton Lions have taken over the Student of the Month program that the Kiwanis had been doing where they honor one male and one female High-School Senior every month.

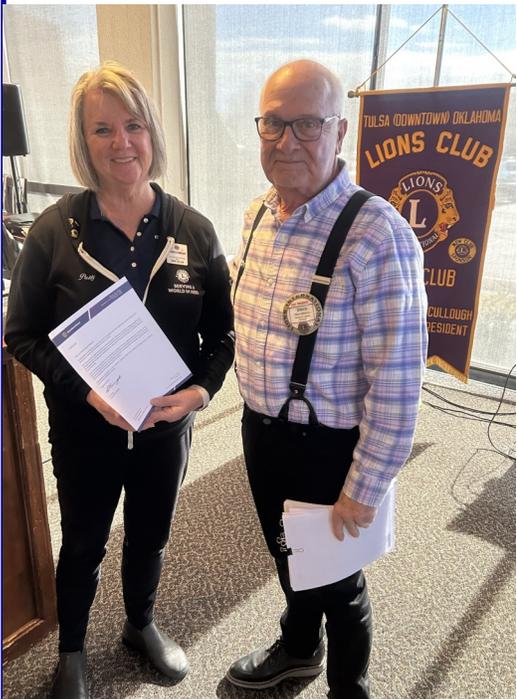


**Vinita Lions Club:** are supporting the Home of Hope Chocolate Affair and making preparations for their Spring Livestock Show to be held on February 28th

**The South Grand Lake of Langley Leos of the Vinita Lions Club** have been working on community service, doing after school



tutoring, mentoring latchkey children and helping Senior Citizens.



VDG Patty Bryant presented a 35 year Chevron to Lion Steve Wilkerson at **the Tulsa Downtown Lions Meeting**

## MD-3Annual Convention News

Hello Good Lions of Oklahoma! I'm looking forward to seeing you at the MD 3 Convention in Lawton April 24-25. We will kick off Friday at 10:30 A.M. with the Buffalo Soldiers. You don't want to miss this! At lunchtime in keeping with our tradition we will witness the Boneyard Shenanigans with its Western theme. Everyone is welcome! Wear your best Lions Vest whether it is fringed and beaded or yellow and decorated with pins of many colors. Keep on your Cowboy hat into the evening as well, as OLSF will be having the big Cowboy Cash Drawing after dinner at 7 p.m. Word is that Pat Halsey and myself are wearing kilts and cowboy hats too. Why? We don't know. Come and see!

Saturday the 25th we will have our theme of Service from the Heart at lunch to honor our International guest, PIP Douglas X Alexander. Be sure to bring your club banner with a sturdy stand as there will not be a place to hang them. In the evening, our theme is set for Lions USA and in conjunction with our Nation's 250th anniversary wear RED, WHITE and BLUE. Sp Friday is Okie Western and Lions apparel and Saturday is Hearts and USA Business casual.

Watch for March or April's newsletter for the agenda for the Convention Start gathering awesome Silent Auction items to bring. Bring cash and checkbooks, bring fun and fellowship, bring a Big 'O Oklahoma friendly attitude and energy! (Registration Form attached)

*SCPC Chair Derek McCubbin*

### Silent Auction:

We are into a New Year. Time to prepare for the 2026 State Convention. This year we will be in Lawton and ready for a great year!

I am contacting you as Chief of your districts. I would appreciate each of you reminding your clubs to have Silent Auction items for the State Convention. April 24-25 will be here before we know it.

Thank you for your assistance. It is a great time to clean out the close, empty drawers, gather all the treasures for our auction.

Thanks bunches!!!

*Dollie Wooddell, Auction Chair*

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to stay home. We will miss her and wish her all the best during this challenging time. However, we are confident that Lion ID Dawson will challenge and inspire us!

I hope to visit with you all at convention.

*In service,  
DG Sharyl :)*

### NW DISTRICT LIONS -

As we prepare for our upcoming district convention, I want to say thank you to all the club officers. What noble service you render! Supporting your club in leadership is what makes the Lions world go 'round.

Volunteerism is in short supply these days. Oklahoma Lions are showing what this saying really means: **"Where's there's a need, there's a Lion"**.

I received chevrons a couple weeks ago - I will be making visits this spring to deliver. I look forward to celebrating your years of service within your clubs!

Entering membership details and service hours into the Lions portal is the not-so-glamorous part of Lionism. But it is so important! Kudos to secretaries, presidents, service chairs, and others who religiously document club activities. We are the number one service organization in the world and want to retain that title!

And at our **convention in Stillwater., February 21**, we will honor a few of those dedicated individuals. Thank you for submitting names and details highlighting efforts. We look forward to sharing well-deserved awards!

Our guest speaker has changed - International Director Debbie Dawson, from Canada, who will be speaking to us. Debbie Cantrell, who was scheduled to attend, has had a health issue that causes her

**The Cushing Lions** convened for lunch at Steer Inn Restaurant today, lion President Jason Thibodeau initiated the meeting at noon, followed by the pledge and a prayer. Subsequently, Lion of the Day Russell Moyer introduced his guest and our speaker, Kay Mills, Mills, the Executive Director of



Love Inc. in Cushing, she discussed the various services offered through love Inc., including classes and workshops. love Inc. is offering a Faith and Finance

Class on February 3, 2026, and also hosts Grief Share, a support group for those grieving, on Tuesdays, for further information, please contact them at 1 -918-22S-112S. On a final note, long-time Lions member Russet! Thurman resigned his membership due to ongoing health issues. We will certainly miss his presence at our meetings and his



many contributions to the club. We love you Russell!

### **Ponca City Noon Lions**

We had a great meeting today inducting 3 new members! We sorted glasses to take to the state office and members brought their LCIF



jars in. Those who participated collected their change during December until today, Everyone who brought change in had their name put in for a drawing. Congratulations to David Bakert! He will



have the \$350 we collected donated to LCIF in his name!! New members inducted are Theresa Grantham (Rusty Magers is her sponsor), Ha Iona Ariel (Katrina Sinor is her sponsor) and Flo Drake (Debbie Woodruff is her sponsor). Welcome!!! We are so happy to have you!!



North Enid had a Student of the Month From Chisholm High School! Congratulations!



Perkins Lions Club #1918 presented the January Fine Upstanding Young American to Dayanara Brito at P-T High School today. We congratulate her on being chosen. On hand to present the award was Lion Rhonda Hover and Lu Galavan.

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## Oklahoma Lions State Constitution Proposed Revision



There will be changes proposed to the Oklahoma Lions state Constitution this April, 2026 at the State Convention. Our goal is to have all clubs certified for delegates to vote based on good standing with Ok Lions and LCI. Click on this Link below to view the proposed changes.

[2025-2026 Ok Lions CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT 1.docx](#)

[2025-2026 Ok Lions CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT 2 reformat.docx](#)

[2025-2026 Ok Lions AMENDMENT 1 OF BY-LAWS reformat.docx](#)

The Ok Lions Eye Bank also has proposed changes listed here: [Amendment to const:by laws Sep25](#)

If for some reason you can not get the link to work the changes are located:

[Www.oklionsfoundation.org](http://www.oklionsfoundation.org)

Go to the Resource Page and scroll down.



# BBQ Dinner

**5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6**  
**Stillwater Community Center**  
**315 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

50% of proceeds to benefit

mission of HOPE



**A great meal for a great cause!**

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**Hello SW Lions:**

Working hard on the upcoming SW Convention scheduled for March 27-28, 2026 at OKC West Side, 4135 NW 10<sup>th</sup> St OKC. The registration form is at the end of this newsletter. I hope you all will come and enjoy the International Director Dave Wineman and his wife Lindy. We have chosen Embassy Suite on south Meridian as our hotel Friday night we will be introducing our International Director and wife, eating, playing games and having fun.

Be sure to select candidates for delegates of your clubs for the District and State Convention. Your club needs to be in good standing with State, International and District.

I also need nominations from each club for the following awards – SW PID George Hazelbaker Lifetime Service Award-must have a minimum years service of 20 years. SW DeRoy Skinner Rookie of the Year Award-lion member for not more than 5 years. SW PID Pat Shurley Outstanding Lion Service Award – Lion for more than 5 years and less than 20 years.

We're also looking for leadership for next years SW Lions Group. The nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor and other leadership roles. If you want more information, please let me know.

I have visited most of the clubs with 13 remaining clubs to visit. I have scheduled 8 of these clubs and have or will have them all visited by the end of February.

On January 9<sup>th</sup> I went to Anadarko Champion of Advocating Lions Club, a branch of Anadarko Lions Club. I inducted 14



members. This is an excited club and are planning all kinds of events for their club. They have a Valentine Dance scheduled for February. Welcome to these Lion members, continue to grow and be excited about new possibilities. They also helped shovel snow last week!



January 13<sup>th</sup> I was honored to visit Norman Noon with over 20 lions in attendance, along with our Council Chair Mark Adair and his wife Valerie. I handed out two

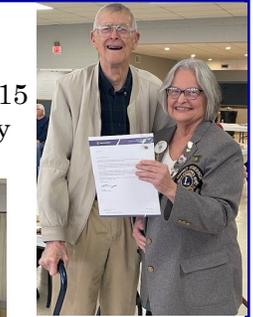


Chevrons, of the 6 Chevrons to Donald Steveson for 20 yrs and Charles Gilbert 35 years.



The lions that were not there were Fred Gipson-

30 years, Bervin Knott – 20 years, James Maisano- 15 years, and Wendy



Welcher – 15 years. Lots of service years in this club. Also



Duane Windgardner introduced the student of the week. President Bill Purcell Presented

me a book from Helen Keller. "The World I Live In & Optimism-A Collection of Essays."

Pocasset Lions Club reported that for Hunger month they brought food for the Pocasset Baptist Pantry for the rest of the year. The club is planning a Ham Dinner in March.

On January 13<sup>th</sup>, Seminole Lions Club met with 22 Lions in attendance. They had a guest speaker and 6 City of Seminole employees in attendance. They presented each of the City Employees with a Walmart gift card for their help on the Snowman Wonderland light displays. Welcome Taylor Airola as their new member. Thank you for joining.

On January 15, 2026 Altus Lions Club held their meeting and watched a video about Melvin Jones for his birthday. On March 7<sup>th</sup>, Altus Leo Parent Breakfast will be held .

Upcoming events to look forward to: Annual Ada Lions Club Golf Tournament on April 13<sup>th</sup> On March 1, 2026 Canute Lions Club will sponsor an Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Canute Fire Department Community Building.

On January 22, I went to **Healdton Lions Club** for a visit.

There were 6 of their 11 members in at-



tendance. I handed out one Chevron to Al Schnei-



ron with the president to hand out to



Mark Newey for 25 years. They honored 6 students of the month for November, December and January. Thank you Healdton for letting me come for a visit to your club. Enjoyed the pizza and fellowship with each of the Lions.



On December 20, **Midwest City Lions** participated in the annual MWC Elks Lodge annual Christmas Basket Giveaway. Each Basket holds enough food for a family of four for a week. Not only does the MWC Lions supply names of eight families to receive Food Baskets, we hold a KidSight Event to screen the eyes of children as families arrive to pick up the Christmas Baskets. This year we screened 23 children and referred



eight for further evaluation. We also screened a special

guest-Santa, Screener was Lion Randy Hill and it turns out Santa really needs those glasses he wears!

**Midwest City Lion PCC**

Jacque Mooney presented a check for \$500 to PCC Neal Wood, chair of the Building Committee to help with floor repair at the State Office. Jacque encourages all Oklahoma Lions to participate in this important project!



January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 six **OKC West Side Lions** went to the Food Bank along with 90 other people. We packed bags of food to send out to the schools. This was a



meal bag for breakfast and lunch for the weekend for kids that would otherwise go



hungry. We spent 2 hours filling bags, then getting food ready for the next group to come in to finish out the packs. During this evening, we packed 2200 bags making

4320 meals and prepared items for another 6000. What a good feeling it was to know that we will help

kids get fed and not be hungry for a weekend. This was our project



for Hunger Week. I hope each of your clubs did something during this Just a reminder that LCI is going paperless.

Each club needs to look at their statements on the portal to pay



their dues. You will no longer receive paper statements. Please make sure the President and/or Treasurer keeps an eye on this to keep your club up to date.

I have 24 clubs that have Chevrons to hand out to their Lions throughout the state. If I have already visited your club I will be in touch to see if I can return and present the chevrons to your club members.

Looking forward to the upcoming months with conventions for all the Districts and the State Convention in April. It really has been an amazing 6 months as your governor and look for to the last 6 months for awesome things happening in our District.

**DG Frances Poindexter**

# “We Serve”



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## *The Oklahoma Lions State Projects*

### **Melvin Jones**

Recently in a strategy session we were confronted with a problem: our statewide and district projects are failing for lack of volunteers. This is nothing new—we thought—yet it is frustrating. We have about 3000 Lions in Oklahoma but very few want to volunteer except in their own clubs.

In 1913, Melvin Jones joined a luncheon club in Chicago known as the “Business Circle.” Jones owned his own insurance business and this was a way to grow his business. He excelled in recruiting new members, but that wasn’t enough for him.

He thought: “What if these men who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities?” His genius was to create an association of clubs, working together to do bigger things than individual clubs could do.

At that time there were several business clubs in the area but no coordination between them. He set out to change that and by June 7<sup>th</sup> 1917 Lions Clubs was established.

What if Jones had stayed secretary of his own club and concentrated on making it the biggest club in Chicago? What if he thought: “We don’t need any help. Our projects are doing just fine. Let the other clubs tend their own business?”

Who would be Helen Keller’s “Knights of the Blind?” Who would be big enough to promote “White Cane” all around the world? How would we ever have grown into the world’s largest service organization?

We are an association of independent clubs, but all of our membership is in those clubs.

If that’s where it stays, we will never do the great projects we were known for, and we will have reversed Melvin Jones’ legacy.



***Rick Drummond***  
PDG MD3-SW



# KidSight

## Screenings: 2025-2026

Total # Screenings to date 7343  
 Total Referred- 1659  
 Total Volunteer Hours- 900  
 Referral Percentage - % 26

**Matching Grant for Cameras:** Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation was approved for another year's grant so your club can still get a camera through the matching grant. We applied for an additional grant next year starting July 1, 2025, to continue to get a 1-1 match for up to 50K for KidSight. We were awarded the grant thanks to all the clubs that work so hard on this program!

The Cameras have gone up in cost to over \$9000. The printer and case vary but averages

Thank you to all the clubs who are working to provide Oklahoma children with the gift of sight. The program is operating so well with many clubs!

I want to put in a "Shout Out" to the clubs who have performed the highest number of screenings this year so far!

- Tulsa DT Lions
- Edmond Lions
- MWC Lions
- OKC Northwest LC
- Ponca City Noon
- Seminole LC
- Stillwater Lions
- Shawnee Lions
- Wewoka Lions

**KidSight Committee:** The Committee met this last quarter. The members will be connecting with Clubs to see if there is anything they can do to help get the program started. Please don't hesitate to contact them if you need help.

- NW- Katrina Sinor & Cathie Huddleson  
 SW- Jacque Mooney  
 E- Beth Flud & Kelley Baehler

## Screenings: 2024-2025 Kid-Sight Screening Totals

Total # Screenings - 14382  
 Total Referred- 3261  
 Total Volunteer Hours- 1882  
 Referral Percentage - % 28

## MOBILE HEALTH SCREENING UNIT

**The MHSU will start to get busy again this spring!**

Remember the Calendar dates for the unit is on the [www.OKLIONSFOUNDATION.ORG](http://www.OKLIONSFOUNDATION.ORG) Website. Other dates are also listed including the Council Dates. Lynn Institute, Integris, and the Mexican Consulate are going to MHSU screening events with us to perform medical screenings at no charge.

**The following MHSU Stats are from July 1, 2025.**

We have had 15 scheduled events with Clubs

Total Number Screened: 508  
 Total # people failed: 227  
 Total # Screenings: 992  
 Total # of Fails: 357 = 35%

## RetinaVue Statistics Since July 1, 2025

Total Screened 21  
 Referrable Pathology 4  
 No Pathology 15  
 Drusen 2  
 PDR 4 (Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy).

The MHSU Committee Met this last quarter and came up with very good ideas for MHSU fundraising and Lions participation! We sent out a letter to clubs asking for a \$100 donation to the MHSU, we were so

surprised that many clubs did take advantage of this offer. No MHSU fee if the club decided to schedule the unit that year. What a great response, Seminole decided to support it with a \$500.00 donation! Thank you to all the clubs that helped with this fundraiser!

- Ardmore LC
- Guymon LC
- Wewoka LC
- Pocasset LC
- Stillwater LC
- Tulsa DT Lions
- Seminole LC

Thank you all again! We still need this unit as so many are not getting screened!

*Marie Burns*

# Lions Vision & Hough Hearing-Aid Care Assistance Programs

The Hearing Aid program through Hough Ear Institute is going very well! There were over 300 pairs of hearing aids that Oklahoma Lions have donated to this program. In addition, OLSF has helped 18 individuals with glasses to be able to see through the partnership grant! We are excited to be able to help more people through the combined efforts and partners like **Hough and The Oklahoma City Community Foundation.**

Some Collection Ideas came up for Lions! What about visiting with your local funeral homes, nursing homes, audiologists, and social service agencies about collecting hearing aids for this program!

Thank you Lions for helping over 300 receive much needed hearing aids, We received a wonderful Educate Award from Hough for Lions participation!

*Marie F. Burns*



## Eye Glass Recycling



<b>Edmond</b>	<b>1623</b>
<b>Village</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Mulhall-Orlando</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Perry</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>OKC NW</b>	<b>2226</b>
<b>OKC Westside</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Healdton</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Union City</b>	<b>119</b>
<b>Stillwater</b>	<b>1635</b>
<b>Wilburton</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Ada</b>	<b>203</b>
<b>Vinita</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Tulsa DT</b>	<b>1900</b>

This makes a total of 7988 pairs of eyeglasses recycled from Oklahoma Lions for January!

## Lions Meadows of Hope & Lions Eye Bank

Thank you to the Ok Lions Eye Bank for hosting a training for the Hough Ear Institute team! It was so nice to have them learn about what Oklahoma Lions are doing in our state!

Hearing Aids. Remember we have Eyeglass collection boxes for \$10.00.



**Hearing Aid Recycling**

Lions Hearing Aid Recycling enables Lions to provide affordable hearing aids for hard-of-hearing individuals who have limited financial resources.

**Hearing Aid collection. If your Club needs boxes and are unable to purchase them, please visit with the office to see if we can help.**

**Lions Clubs have helped recycle over 300 hearing aids to distribute to needy Oklahomans! Thank you!**



THE 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LIONS MEADOWS OF HOPE GALA

# Suits & Sneakers Soiree

SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 28, 2026

The Mayo Hotel  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

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CHAMPION SPONSOR

Seating for 2 at the Soiree

\$2,500

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HERO SPONSOR

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Social Media Recognition  
Premium Event Seating

\$10,000

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Table for 8 at the Soiree  
Social Media Recognition  
Premium Event Seating  
Bottle of Wine for Table  
1 night stay at Mayo Hotel

For more information:  
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The Ok Lions Meadows of Hope is having their Suits and Sneakers Soiree by invitation only, on February 28, 2026. You too, can be a sponsor and have the privilege of attending this most amazing event. Thanks to our past Lion Paul Milburn for the Legacy of Foster Care! This will be full of fun and celebration! Call MOH today to be a sponsor!

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An Eternal Memory...

## ...Until We Meet Again

Those special memories of you  
 will always bring a smile  
 if only I could have you back  
 for just a little while  
 Then we could sit and talk again  
 just like we used to do  
 you always meant so very much  
 and always will do too  
 The fact that you're no longer here  
 will always cause me pain  
 but you're forever in my heart  
 until we meet again

# 2025-2026 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!*

### PID George Hazelbaker

- Deanna Carson

### All Past District Governors

- Oklahoma Lions Boneyard

### Larry D Graham

- Duncan Lions Club

### PID Pat Shurley

- Ferril and Phyllis Williamson
- Deanna Carson

### PDG Linda Hughes

- PDGs Dollie and David Wooddell

### Bob Lindstrom

- Poteau Lions

## Lions State Office MD3 Calendars, News, and Notes

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2025-2026 DIRECTORY is now online

[www.oklionsfoundation.org](http://www.oklionsfoundation.org)

Please call Office for Password

### Upcoming Council Dates:

- April 24, 2026 Lawton
- June 20, 2026 Westside

The Council has decided to only offer The Oklahoma Lion online or by email which saves a lot of money! If we do not have your correct email, please let us know!

### Convention Dates:

3NW—2-20, 2026 Stillwater  
 3E— 3-13, 2026 Okmulgee  
 3SW—3-27, 2026 OKC  
 MD3—4-24,25 2026 Lawton



Lions Office keeps Resources available!

Eye Glass Recycling Boxes available for \$10.

Hearing Aid Recycling Boxes are \$15.

Yard Signs are \$20

Please let us know if you will be picking one or more items at the Council Meetings!

Lions of Oklahoma State Patches (6" diam.) are \$10.00 each.





22<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
**LIONS CLUB**

**FRIDAY  
FEBRUARY  
27TH  
2026**

*Vegan chili too!*



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH (BROADWAY & HIGHLAND) • SHAWNEE, OK

**LUNCH 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM  
DINNER 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

**DINE IN *or*  
CARRY OUT**



*Tickets*

**Adult: \$10**

**Children (12 and under): \$5**

*Available from any Lions Club member or at the door.  
Follow us on Facebook*



# BBQ Dinner

**5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6**

**Stillwater Community Center  
315 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

**A great meal for  
a great cause!**

**50% of proceeds  
to benefit**

mission of  
**HOPE**



# Dr. Eugene S. Briggs Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Information

Application Deadline

**02/15/2026**

Award Amount

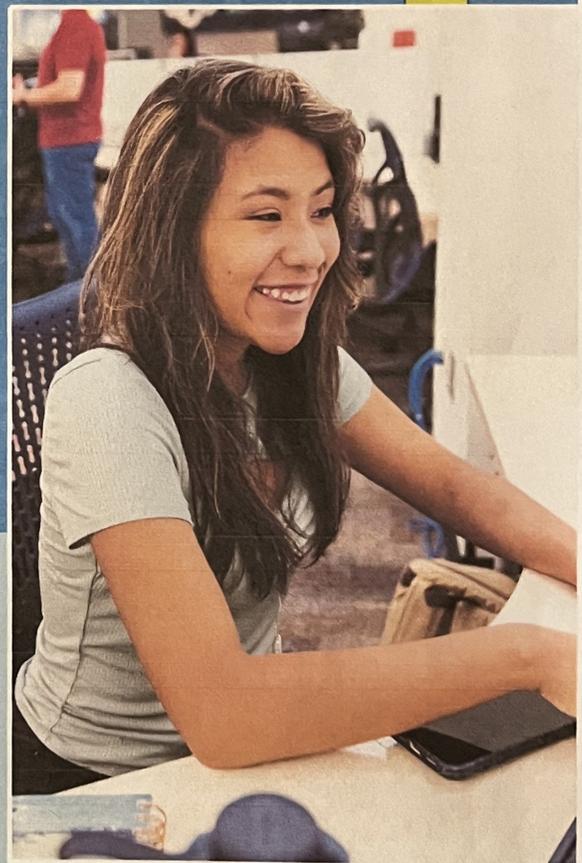
**\$Varies**

## Requirements

- Residents of Oklahoma and are graduating or have graduated from an Oklahoma H.S.
- Academic achievement, community service.
- Must be enrolled full time leading to a degree or certification at an academically accredited nonprofit institution in the United States.
- Must have a financial need.

## How Can I Apply?

- Visit [scholarships.occf.org](https://scholarships.occf.org) and click **APPLY NOW**.
- Watch the **APPLICANT TUTORIAL VIDEO** then create your account.
- Complete your **UNIVERSAL APPLICATION**.
- Check out your **SUGGESTED SCHOLARSHIPS** and complete any supplemental questions.
- Don't forget to **SUBMIT** your materials by the listed deadline!



OKLAHOMA CITY  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION





## DISTRICT 3-E MID-WINTER CONVENTION

**MARCH 14, 2026**  
Elks Club  
701 S Mission Lane  
Okmulgee, OK

<b>LODGING INFORMATION</b>	<b>CONVENTION PACKETS</b>
Best Western 3499 N Wood Drive Okmulgee, OK (918) 756-9200  \$99.99/night <b>Rate Good Until: March 1, 2026</b>	Registration Delegates: 8:00a – 9:00a A detailed agenda will be sent to all registered participants  Guest: PID Debra Weaverling <b>Service Project:</b> Hands On <b>Silent Auction:</b> Remember to bring your items!

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lion:  Leo:

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Lion:  Leo:

This is my **first** District Convention

Speech Contestant:  Peace Poster Winner:

Sponsor Club: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2026**

Note: All Attendees must register and pay the registration fee.

*Leos, Speech Contestants (and their guest) and Peace Poster Winner are not required to pay registration fee.*

Friday Night Dinner: El Avocado in the Best Western @ 6:00p (Attendees pay for their own meal & drinks)

	# of Attendees	Cost	Total
Saturday Registration (Coffee & Donuts)		@ \$15.00e	
Saturday Lunch (Chicken Fried Steak)		@ \$15.00e	
<b>Registration &amp; Meal Total:</b>			

**PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION FORM WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

DISTRICT 3E Lions  
 Attn: Wayne Middleton  
 2916 Kingston Drive  
 Bartlesville, OK 74006



**DISTRICT 3NW  
MID-WINTER CONVENTION  
FEBRUARY 21, 2026**

*Meridian Technology Center  
1312 S Sangre Rd.  
Stillwater, OK*

**LODGING INFORMATION**

**Holiday Inn - West**

715 S Country Club Rd.  
Stillwater, OK  
(405) 372-2445  
\$109.00/night



**Rate Good Until:** January 20, 2026

**PICK UP CONVENTION PACKETS AND  
REGISTRATION DELEGATES: 8AM - 9AM**

A detailed agenda will be sent to all  
registered participants

**Guest:** ID Debbie Cantrell

**SERVICE PROJECT:** No One Should Go Hungry  
**SILENT AUCTION:** Remember to bring your items!

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lion  Leo  Cub

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Lion  Leo  Cub

This is my **first** District Convention:

Speech Contestant:  Peace Poster Winner:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Club \_\_\_\_\_ # of Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration** (on or before February 15, 2026)

**NOTE:** All attendees **MUST** register. All attendees will pay the registration fee.

**Except** Leos, Cubs, Speech Contestants (and their guest(s) and Peace Poster Winners (and their guest(s).

# \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday Night:** Dinner at Bad Brad's BBQ (5302 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. - Stillwater OK) - 6pm

\*Attendees will pay at the restaurant at the time of the meal

# **Attending** \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Box Lunch:** Sandwich, Fruit Cup, Brownie & Drink

# \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Dinner:** Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes, Veggie and Drink

# \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration and Saturday's Meal(s) Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION FORM WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

DISTRICT 3NW OKLAHOMA LIONS' CONVENTION

**ATTN:** DISTRICT TREASURER, PO BOX 804 PERKINS OK 74059

**CONTACT:** LU CALAVAN (405) 612-9597



LEAD TO SERVE AND SERVE TO LEAD

2025 District 3SW Mid-Winter Convention Registration Form

OKC West Side Lions Club
4135 NW 10th Street
Oklahoma City, OK

LODGING INFORMATION

Embassy Suites Oklahoma City Will Rogers Airport
1815 S. Meridian, Oklahoma City, OK 73108
Direct: 405 682 6000 link/code for hotel reservation

SILENT AUCTION will be conducted.
Participate in the Service Project for the local homeless shelter.
\*\*Remember to bring your items!!\*\*

LIONS OF SW OKLAHOMA

Lion Room Rate: \$115.00
Rate Good Until March 13, 2026

Friday, March 27, 2026 at OKC West Side

4:00-5:30 PM Pick up convention packets & register delegates
6:00 PM Icebreakers and meal

Saturday, March 28, 2026 at the OKC West Side

8:00 AM Pick up convention packets and register delegates.
9:00 AM Opening ceremony followed by the day's events. A detailed agenda will be sent to all clubs.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Check: Lion [ ] Leo [ ]
Club \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Check: Lion [ ] Leo [ ] N/A [ ]

This is my first District Convention. [ ] I am staying at the hotel. [ ]

Check here for Speech Contestant. [ ] Or Peace Poster Winner. [ ]

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Club \_\_\_\_\_ # Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Early Registration (postmarked by March 13, 2026): # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late Registration (postmarked after March 13, 2026): # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*All meal orders must be received by March 20, 2026

Friday Evening Meal: Pizza and Salad # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch: Assorted sandwiches chips, cookie or brownie # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Plate # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Dinner: Chicken Fried Steak [ ] # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Option # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION AND MEAL TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form with a check payable to: District 3SW Lions Convention; ATTN: District Treasurer; 1613 West Louisiana Ave Chickasaw, OK 73018. Call 405-642-1068 , if you have any questions.

# 2026 Oklahoma Lions State Convention Registration



**April 24-25, 2026**

**FISTA Convention Center 200 SW C Ave.,  
Lawton, OK 73501**

**Cowboy Cash  
Drawing**



**Hotel: Fairfield Inn & Suites  
201 SE 7th St. 580-248-5500**



**Friday at 7:00pm**



Our Guest: *PIP Douglas Alexander*

Name \_\_\_\_\_, (Title) \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Timer Yes No  
 Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_, (Title) \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Timer: Yes No  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club \_\_\_\_\_ District: (Circle one) E NW SW

Complete and mail this form with check payable to: Lions of Oklahoma, 4123 NW 10th St. OKC, OK 73107

Fill in below for: Leo / Peace Poster / Speech Contestant / Teacher / Parent  
 (Sponsoring Club responsible for meals. No registration fee for these guest

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsoring Club Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsoring Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION FEES

Early registration (RECEIVED on or before April 1, 2026) . . . . # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late Registration (RECEIVED after April 1st). . . . . # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### MEALS (Deadline April 1, 2026)

Friday Noon: (Boneyard) Chicken Fried Steak . . . . . # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Evening: Sandwiches, Soup and Salads . . . . . # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Noon: Grilled Chicken Sandwich and Salad . . . . . # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Banquet: Brisket and Chicken Sliders . . . . . # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$27.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Alternative Meal Selection- Please indicate: Vegan \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten-free \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Any Questions Call the Oklahoma Lions State Office: 405-947-6540**