

## The Oklahoma Lion



April, 2026



## Upcoming Council Dates

- April 25, 2026, Lawton, Ok
- June 20, 2026, OKC WestSide



### ***Hello Oklahoma Lions!***

For many years, Valerie and I have wanted to attend the Meadows of Hope Gala Suits and Sneakers Soirée, and now that Valerie is retired, we were finally able to attend. The event is held to highlight awareness of foster care and to show appreciation to foster parents, staff, board members, and donors.

Meadows of Hope is unique in that they work to keep children from the same family together in foster care. This is far different from the norm. Normally, children in foster care are separated from their siblings. A demonstration was given in which each attendee was asked to move around to simulate how it feels as a child to constantly move from one location to another. Bryan Larison and the Meadows of Hope Staff, along with the board members, did a terrific job making everyone feel welcome at the event. There was dancing and special guest appearances by Pistol Pete and Boomer. The food and accommodations at the historic Mayo Hotel were great. I encourage everyone to support Meadows of Hope and make plans to attend next year's gala.



Valerie and I also had the pleasure of attending the 3E convention. DG Nancy Wood had an excellent program highlighting vision. We heard from the Oklahoma School for the Blind, Leader Dogs, and New View.

Oklahoma School for the Blind provides curriculum specifically for visually impaired and blind students in all 77 counties of Oklahoma. A representative from Leader Dogs for the Blind spoke about Leader Dog services and the opportunity for sight-impaired individuals to receive a Leader Dog at no cost to themselves or the state. The program is based in Michigan and supported by donations. I was surprised to learn that Leader Dog has served 198 clients in Oklahoma. New View is an organization in Oklahoma that provides training to visually impaired individuals to maximize independence. They also provide employment opportunities. Valerie and I have known people who lost their vision later in

life and were helped by New View.

PDG Kathy Donahue led a service project that assembled complete meal kits in Ziploc bags. Each bag contained a recipe with instructions to prepare the meal. Clubs were able to take the assembled meals back to their communities and place them in Blessing Boxes or food pantries.



Nancy's favorite color is

green, and there was plenty of it at the convention! Valerie and I had a great time on Friday visiting with our tablemates. We sat with Candace Bullock and Kent Ryals from Vinita. A musical game called Singo was played. It is similar to Bingo, using excerpts from popular songs. Candace didn't Singo but she knew every song!!!



We also had the pleasure of running into a Lion friend, Melvin Taylor from Bristow. We had not seen each other in a long time. I will only say that our history together has to do with a chicken-fried steak and a lot of laughter! Congratulations Melvin on winning the Melvin Jones Fellowship contest!

PCC Derek McCubbin, State Convention Planning Committee Chairman, has worked tirelessly planning the state convention. The March newsletter has details and an agenda for the convention. The convention will be held in Lawton, April 24-25, 2026. There's still time to register. The form is attached. I look forward to seeing you there! Everyone is welcome! Please come and bring a first-timer!



*CC Mark Adair*

2025-2026

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We did a Hands-On-Service Project, where we packaged meal kits that would feed 4-6 people.



District Peace Poster Winner - Taylor Davis



### Greetings 3-E Lions!! Happy Spring!!

Thank you to everyone who came to our Mid-Winter Convention at the Elks Club in Okmulgee March 14th, and our night before celebration at the El Avocado Mexican Restaurant where we enjoyed wonderful Mexican food and a lively game of Singo! And of course, lots of green!!



For our morning sessions, we focused on Vision. We started out with a presentation from Lion Kelsey Martin from Leader Dogs for the Blind, telling us how they help serve Oklahoma. Then we heard from the Oklahoma School for the Blind, in Muskogee. Lion Derek Fraizer of NewView Oklahoma, followed by telling us how they help people with limited or no vision all over the state of Oklahoma.

Josh Rupprecht of Pryor presented his Speech, "Together as One", and won the District Speech Contest. Now he will advance to the State Speech Contest in Lawton, on April 25th.



We packaged about 60 meal kits which were then taken to various food pantries, blessing boxes, and community food banks in our District.



Our International Guest, Past International Director Debra Weaverling, spoke about the importance of retaining our members and recruiting more members to help us provide more service. She also stressed the importance of having fun, both in our meetings and at our Service Projects.

Awards were given out to our: District Rookie of the Year - Kelly Baehler from Okmulgee.

District Leo of the Year - Jasmine Akin presented by Candas Bullcock of Vinita Lions, her sponsor.

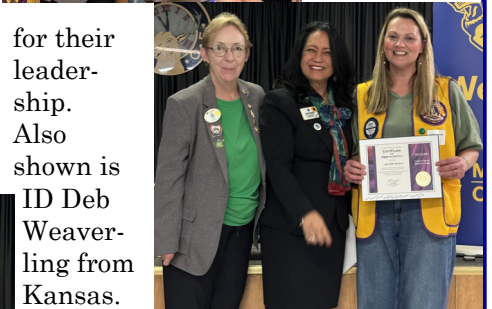


An Outstanding Service Project Award was given to the Henryetta Lions Club for their "Christmas Basket" Project.



PID Jim Sullivan "Lionism" Award - Kathy Donahue - Fairland Lions.

Co-chairs Amber Mordecai and Ashley Morris were awarded Presidential Certificates



The Henryetta Lions who were in attendance at the Convention.





VCC David Wooddell was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Also shown : District

LCIF chair Wayne Benyshek,

DG Nancy Wood was awarded with a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship.



We then followed with our District Cabinet Meeting, where we held elections for our upcoming District Leaders and Board positions for the next year. 1st VDG Patty Bryant was elected as the DGE (District Governor Elect) until she assumes her role as your District Governor on July 1st. 2nd VDG Monica Medley was elected to 1st VDG effective July 1st. We still have an opening for a 2nd VDG. Please let me know if you are interested or know someone who would make a good leader!

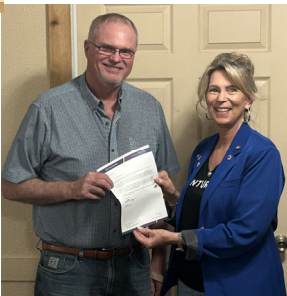
The Disaster Preparedness Committee presented their proposal for a 3E District Emergency Response (Alert) Trailer that would respond to the many Disasters that occur in Eastern Oklahoma, such as storms, tornadoes, fires, and floods. This Disaster (Alert) Trailer would coordinate with Emergency Management to respond the morning after with needed essentials, such as hygiene supplies and a generator with charging ports to charge cell phones in the wake of power outages. The District voted to proceed with the proposal and to apply for an Emergency Preparedness Grant from LCIF to help fund the project.

The proceeds from the Silent Auction were designated to go to LCIF for the District. Lion Melvin Taylor, from the Bristow Lions Club, won the Melvin Jones Fellowship Board. (more photos page 9)

In closing, I want to thank the **Okmulgee Lions Club** for hosting the Convention, to the **Henryetta Lions Club** for assisting, to the **Bokoshe Lions** for bringing cookies, and to our Convention Chair, Kelly Baehler. I greatly appreciate everyone's help!

*DG Nancy Wood*

**Broken Bow Lions** filled and distributed 100 snack sacks to school children to consume during Spring Break.



**Coweta Lions** accepting 10 year Chevron for Holly O'Reilly from 2ndVDG Monica Medley.

**Fairland Lions** baked sheet cakes for the FFA Labor Action



**Okmulgee Lions** joined arms with the Rotary and built a ramp for a local neighbor. They honor students of the month and they held their Spring Pancake Day, serving green pancakes on St. Patrick's Day.



**Pocola Lions** held their annual Pancake Breakfast



**Sallisaw Lion** Jennifer Hancock received her 10 year chevron from 1stVDG Patty Bryant, who also presented the club with 8 additional chevrons to give out.



**Tulsa Downtown Lions** presented a \$3000 check to the Bit by Bit Therapeutic Riding Center in Oologah for their expanded Special Olympic Equestrian Program.



They delivered 30 meal kits (that they packed at our District Convention) to the Food Pantry at OSU/ Tulsa that provides meals for their students to take back to their dorms. Tulsa Downtown Lions at the Convention.



**Wyandotte Lions** Jonathan Bates and John Edwards both received their 15 year chevrons from 1stVDG Patty Bryant.



2024-2025



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Lu Calavan and committee chair Lion Rhonda Hover.

**Ponca City After Five Lions Club** is pleased to show Love for Veterans



**Greetings 3NW Lions:**

At the **Fairview Lions** weekly gathering last week, we were

pleased to have Lion Jared Boes present the program and share about an exciting upcoming event he is involved with—Farm Forward Oklahoma.



Farm Forward is focused on strengthening Oklahoma’s agricultural community by equipping producers with practical tools, innovative ideas and sustainable strategies that support long term success. Their upcoming one-day conference, “Farm Forward-Enhancing Your Range and Herd” will provide a full day of education centered on profitable, sustainable, and low-input agricultural practices that promote soil health and long term productivity.

this month by providing free Snack Attack Thank You packs. Veterans



new members total during the drive. Shown is new member Robert Antley with his sponsor Lion Katrina. We had a little party with the residents at Creekside Village. Last week they made Valentine bags and we brought them back filled with signed Valentines from our club members and a bag of goodies.



Landing is dedicated to support and resources to veterans and their families.

**Prague Lions Club** 50 year members honored. The Prague Lions recently had a ceremony honoring its 50 year members. (L to R) Roger Pritchett, Paul Spitler, Frank Aylor



**Ponca City After Five Club** - John Fultz receives his Melvin Jones Fellowshipship.



and Sharon Caproprn accepting for her late husband Reese Capron. In back is Randy Elby presenting the awards.

**Perkins Lions Club, February Perkins - Tryon High-school**

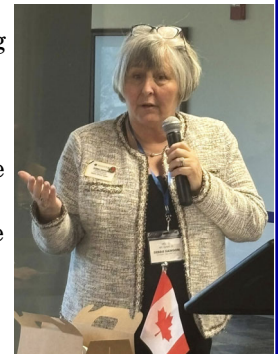
“Fine, Upstanding Young American” is Connor Peters from the International Club. Congratulations to Connor for being an outstanding student. Shown presenting the certificate and OnCue card are Lion Deb Rasmussen, Lion



**Ponca City Noon Lions Club** Congratulations to Lion Katrina Sinor for winning a dinner for 2 at the Rusty Barrel.



International Director Debbie Dawson was the guest at the **NW District convention.**




Lion Deb Rasmussen, Lion



She brought in the most new members (2) during our membership drive. We had 4

Perkins Lions Club invites you to attend our annual Community Service Dinner Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 at 6pm Lions Meadows of Hope Family Center 335555 E 750 Road, Perkins

Join us as we focus our attention on the needs of our community. We will hear from local volunteers and we will celebrate our "Fine Upstanding Americans and Young Americans". No charge to attend this event. Please RSVP by April 28th to Sharyl Pickens at 405-314-5437

We Serve

## 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. So Friday is Okie Western and Lions apparel and Saturday is Hearts and USA Business casual. 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-Its not too late!

**SCPC Chair Derek McCubbin**

### Agenda

#### Friday April 24 2026

9 Registration FISTA Lobby  
10-5 Pin traders  
10-7 Quilt Raffle (half proceeds to OLSF and half to LCIF)  
10-5 Silent Auction  
10 Council Interviews  
10-5 MOH, OLSF, KidSight, MHSU, Hough, LCIF Booths

#### Opening:

10:30 am  
Welcome and Announcements- CC Mark Adair  
Invocation -DG  
Presentation of colors- Buffalo Soldiers

#### Boneyard lunch and induction

12:00

#### Board Meetings:

1:30 Ok Lions Eye Bank -Pres. L. Wibben  
2:15 Dr. Eugene Briggs Scholarship Pres. R. Schiver  
2:45 OK Lions Meadows of Hope---Pres. C. Hall  
3:30 Ok Lions Service Foundation---Pres. D. Wooddel

#### Dinner

5:30

#### Cowboy Cash Drawing:

7:00

DG's LCIF Pie in the Face Challenge

Evening Activity- Bingo and BYOB conference room at Hotel

#### Saturday April 25 2026

8-11 Registration FISTA Lobby  
8-3 Pin Traders (PT Annual Meeting Following)  
8-3 Auction

8-5:30 Quilt Raffle

#### Sessions Speed Learning

9:00 (10 minute sessions each)

Cyber Security- Greg Arbuckle

Twisting and Tailing- Doug Emde

Stop the Drop-Happy Lions Stay- Kathy Donahue

Leader Dogs-Gordon Besaw

OLSF and Heavy on the Hough Please- Maire Burns

LCIF Grants -Dee Carson

11:00 Speech Contest

11:15 Council meeting-Constitution & Bylaws voting.

12:00 Awards Lunch-Service from the Heart.

Greeting: Mark Adair & Lawton Mayor

Invocation....-DG\_\_\_\_\_

Lunch Served

First Timers...Cyndy Farrell

Peace Poster & Speech Contest....CC Mark and DG \_\_\_\_

Awards

Melvin Jones Fellows.....

Club Newsletter Award....SS Marie Burns

Humanitarian Service....

Lion of the Year Awards...DGs and SS Marie Burns

Presidential Awards...PID Mike

#### Memorial Service:

2:00- PCC Dee Carson

3:00 MD3 Service Project

#### Plant a Tree

Meet and Greet and Quilt Raffle closing 5:30

*All guests be seated for dinner served at 6:00*Line Up Procecion:

Back Room in FISTA

5:50 .....LCI Guests, PIDs, CC, VCC, DGs, DGEs, VDGs, ST, SS —PCC Dee Carson

#### Introductions and Processions into Banquet:

---PCC Kent Clovis

#### Dinner: Red, White and Blue Lions USA

Intro...CC Mark Adair Invocation ...DG \_\_\_\_\_

Introduction LCI Guest and Keynote Speaker....PID Michael Banks

"Alexander's speech topic"- PIP Douglas Alexander

#### Awards and Presentations

LCI Presidential & Leadership Medals- PID Michael Banks &

PIP Douglas Alexander

Dr. Robert McCullough Meritorious Service Awards-

#### Announcement:

CC Mark Adair

Quilt Raffle winner-DGE Patty

2026-2027 Council Officers -CC Mark

Presentation of Crest and Badges

Appreciation of Service to Council, Officers and Committees

Passing of the Gavel

Retrieving of the Colors -New Council Chair



2025-2026



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### Hello SW Lions!

March has been the best month ever for SW Lions!

I was able to visit Norman Sooner Club on March 9<sup>th</sup> with Lion Valerie Adair and Council Chair Mark Adair. All 6 of their members were in attendance. This club meets at Olive Garden in Norman. Great group of people that does many



things in their community. They collect eyeglasses, bicycles, and help Norman Noon with projects.

March 12<sup>th</sup> I had the privilege to be invited back to the Mustang Lions Club. At this meeting I had the honor to induct 9 of the 19 new members. I also was able to present Rob



Estes with the Lions Key ward for sponsoring

new members this year. On March 28<sup>th</sup>, Mustang unveiled their new Lions sign. Great job and



thanks for all your service in the community. At their meeting they elected officers and discussed their rummage sale on March 21<sup>st</sup>. They had craft booths for non-members and recruited one of those crafters to become a lion member.

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Canute Lions Club had their annual pancake breakfast. On April 4<sup>th</sup> they will have the large Easter Egg Hunt.

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Wewoka Lions Club reported getting two new members, Shirley Honsinger and Sessalie Jacene. Welcome to Lions! Their club is preparing for upcoming baseball Season.

On March 29<sup>th</sup>, the Pocasset Lions Club held their Spring fund raiser – A Ham Dinner, I hope some of you were able to attend.

On March 26<sup>th</sup> Edmond Lions Club had a fundraiser at S&B's Burger Joint.

On March 29<sup>th</sup> Marie Burns sent this picture showing Pam Sandefur Timmons receiving the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from the Oklahoma City Northwest Lions Club.



She has made the partnership with Hough Ear Institute a wonderful success! Marie remarked that she

was honored to be the one to present this to her. Pam, we are praying for you!

On Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> I presented Ed Barry with a 40 year Chevron and sent back to his club < Hobart Lions Marshall Fite a 15 year chevron and Robert Hunn 25 years.



OKC West Side Lions Club will be holding their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 12-4 and on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The club will have their all you can eat pancake breakfast. Three members had a table at the Disability Awareness Day.

On March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> we had our SW Convention at OKC West Side Lions Club. What a wonderful time we all had! We opened our convention on Friday night with our Pizza meal, Club updates, and Anadarko Lions Club furnished our entertainment with all kinds of games, the most popular was bingo. Thank you all for the fun!

We had 60 registrants attend on Saturday representing 19 different clubs!. What a fun filled day we had with all of our Lions and our ID David Wineman and his wife Lindy Wineman.



We started our convention with posting of the colors by four Veterans from OKC West Side Lions, Phil Hendrick, Gordan Besaw, Richard Schiver, and John Bennett. Our PDG Kathy Whaley led the pledge to the flag. Thank you all for participating. Great Job. Council Chair Mark Adair introduced all the Dignitaries that attended our convention. I believe there were more PDGs, DG's, PCCs and Presidents from other Lions clubs than Lions! All three of the current District Governors were in attendance.



Thank you both for attending.!

Our Theme for the convention was Lions Global Causes. We have 9 causes that International has given us.

Diabetes was the first one and we were honored by Dr. Mitch Wolf from Shawnee Lions club. He told us all the symptoms to recognize diabetes and what to eat and of



course what not to eat. Great presentation Dr Mitch, thank you for volunteering!

Our next cause was Disaster relief, presented by Joseph Nieto, Cabinet Treasurer and a member of the disaster relief committee.



After Joseph's speech we had a small break to give everyone a chance to visit our Silent Auction and the exhibitor tables; Kent Clovis and Ed Barry at the Pin Trader table, Bryan Larison at the Meadows of Hope table and one table with information for Briggs Scholarship and Oklahoma Service Foundation.

Thank you all for coming to exhibit items of interest for all of our Lions.

Next on our Global Causes we had Vicky Golightly, Cabinet Secretary who presented a speech on Vision. As always Vicky educated us on what Lions stand for and what Helen Keller was responsible



for - making all of us the Knights of the Blind. Vicky also gave tips on how to treat blind individuals; the number one thing is to treat them like you want to be treated.

We have 6 more causes and they are Hunger, Environment, Youth, Mental Health, Humanitarian and last is Pediatric Childhood Cancer.

I had the honor of presenting Kaylee's story, my Great Niece, on her journey through childhood when she found out about her childhood cancer at age 3. She had stage 4 Wilms Tumor which was a rare kidney cancer that metastasized to her lungs and lymphatic system. Kaylee is now 20 years old and is a sophomore at Oklahoma Baptist University on a softball scholarship. She is pursuing her prerequisites for Occupational Therapist. Only by the grace of God and many prayers has Kaylee survived this far. She doesn't let anything stand in her way of living the life that God gave her.

Our guest Lindy Wineman, wife of our International Director David Wineman, gave her speech on "A Stroke of Luck." She had a stroke and almost died. She has fully recovered with the help of doctors and physical therapy. Very inspirational speech. Thank you Lindy for coming and sharing your story.

District 3SW presented a check to Kirra Tiscareno of Shawnee for \$125 and a copy of her peace poster. Job well done Kirra and thank you for participating in the Peace Poster contest.

After a great meal catered by Lion Mike Murphy, President of Midwest City Lions Club. We presented the following awards:

Pat Shurley Outstanding Lion Service Award to Lion Cletus Adams from



Anadarko Lions Club, The De-Roy Skinner Rookie of the Year awarded to



Lion Scott Colip from Ada Lions Club

The George Hazelbaker Lifetime Service Award presented to an Outstanding Lion with 20+ years of service went to PDG Dean Taylor from



OKC Northwest Lions Club. On April 18-26th will be a week of

service for the environment. Find something in your club that can make a difference in your community. Some clubs take their used eyeglass cases and make sewing kits, first aid kits, manicure/makeup brushes and many more uses of the cases that can be handed out to the homeless community.



I believe that the week of environment at the Lions at State Convention we are planning to plant trees. This is also something that your club can do, maybe in a park or school near you.

On Saturday afternoon we had our 3SW Cabinet Meeting. I reported that today we had 19 clubs represented at our convention out of 43 clubs. This is an excellent show of support.

We had nominations of our District Governor Alyeska Factor, 1st Vice District Governor Cyndy Farrell, 2nd Vice District Governor Victoria Cleveland. Welcome to all of you as our leadership starting July 1. I hope that all 3SW Lions will support them in the coming year and please consider serving as a zone chair or on a committee if you are asked. If you have an interest in any particular committee, please let the Governor know!

**Continued SW Convention**

The following Lions were nominated for these committees:

- Lions Meadows of Hope – 3 year Mark Hill
- Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank – 3 year Dean Taylor and 3 year Mark Adair
- Briggs Scholarship – 3 year Richard Schiver We need one more person to step up for a 3 year term, if you are interested please let me know.
- Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation – 3 year term Verdana Adams
- State Convention Planning – 3 year term Victoria Cleveland and 3 year term Russell Wright

Thank you all for stepping up for these committees.

Our silent auction ended making us a little over \$600 going to LCIF. We also raised \$2000 more with Bryan Hapke winning the Melvin Jones Fellowship from our board and some strong tail twisting from PDG Pat Halsey!



Our Evening celebration was very informative with our International Director David Wineman with his inspirational speech.



After the speech we were honored with a waltz presented by Marie Burns and her dance instructor David Elliott. Great performance.

Last, I presented three Presidential Certificate of Appreciation to Vicky Golightly, Cabinet



Secretary, Joseph Nieto, Cabinet Treasurer, and Phil Hendrick, technologist handling our sound and videos.



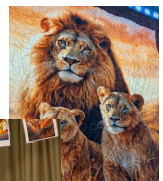
Overall the convention was a success with all the lions that attended and the awards and entertainment. Hopefully if you didn't attend this year you will make an effort to do so next year.

Next month will be just as exciting with our State Convention being held on April 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>, in Lawton. If you are not registered for this convention, please think about doing so. You can come just for the day Saturday if you like. We don't often get to host the State Convention in the Southwest part of our District and it is a great opportunity to meet a Past President of Lions Club International. The registration can be found attached and it is not too late!

Have a blessed Easter and enjoy life.

***DG Frances Poindexter***

**Convention Photos 3SW**







**You're Invited!**

**OKC West Side Lions Club**

**75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**Join us as we celebrate 75 years of service, fellowship and community impact!!**

**SATURDAY, MAY 16TH 12:00 pm-4:00 pm**

**4135 NW 10TH ST**

**OKLAHOMA CITY, OK**

**Come enjoy an afternoon of memories, fellowship and celebration as we honor the past, celebrate the present and look forward to the future of the**

**OKC West Side Lions Club.**

**Everyone is invited – Lions, family, friends and community!**

**We look forward to celebrating this milestone with you!**



**OKC WEST SIDE LIONS CLUB  
PANCAKE DAY**

FUNDRAISER

**SATURDAY, April 11  
8 AM - 12 PM**

4135 NW 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

**ALL YOU CAN EAT**  
Pancakes and sausage

**ADULT \$6.00 CHILD(under 12) \$3.00**

**Eye Glass Recycling**



Ponca City Noon	230
Ponca City after 5	250
Edmond	2000
N. Enid	2056
Shawnee	559
Midwest City	878
Vinita	300
Norman	600
Seminole	10
Vian	426
McAlester	525
Wilburton	47
Henryetta	51
Harrah	50
Durant	1200

**This makes a total of 11,926 pairs of eyeglasses recycled from Oklahoma Lions for March!! I believe this sets a record!**

**Hearing Aids. Remember we have Eyeglass collection boxes for \$10.00 and Hearing Aid collection boxes for \$15.00! If your Club needs boxes and are unable to purchase them, please visit with the office to see if we can help.**



**Please sort glasses at your club if possible and write the number on the box or bag. This makes it easier to move them on to Midland for recycling!**



**Lions Clubs have helped recycle over 244 hearing aids to distribute to needy Oklahomans! Thank you!**



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

### PID Pat Shurley

- Ferril and Phyllis Williamson
- Deanna Carson
- Anadarko Lions Club

### All Past District Governors

- Oklahoma Lions Boneyard

### PDG Linda Hughes

- PDGs Dollie and David Wooddell

### David Rose

- OKC NW Lions Club

### Larry D Graham

- Duncan Lions Club

### Bob Lindstrom

- Poteau Noon Lions

### Rachel Dollarhide

- Idabel Lions Club

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

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### Upcoming Council Dates:

- April 24, 2026 Lawton
- June 20, 2026 West Side LC

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!

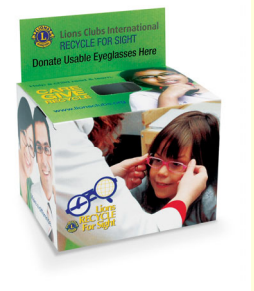
### Convention Date:

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.

# 2026 Oklahoma Lions State Convention Registration

**April 24-25, 2026**

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



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



**Cowboy Cash Drawing  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

<b>REGISTRATION FEES</b>		
Early registration (RECEIVED <u>on or before</u> April 1, 2025) . . . . . # _____	@ \$30.00 = \$ _____	
Late Registration (RECEIVED after April 1st). . . . . # _____	@ \$40.00 = \$ _____	
<b>MEALS (Deadline April 1, 2025)</b>		
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 . . . . . # _____	@ \$25.00 = \$ _____	
*Alternative Meal Selection- Please indicate: Vegan _____ Gluten-free _____ Other _____		
<b>Total Amount Due</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

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