

## The Oklahoma Lion



May, 2026



## Upcoming Council Dates

- June 20, 2026, OKC West Side

Hello Oklahoma Lions,

I thought I had this newsletter written, and then I received an email. Currently, 35 clubs in MD3 have not paid their LCI dues. It is requested that dues be paid by May 20, 2026. Clubs will be canceled by June 30 if dues are not paid. **Please pay your LCI dues ASAP.** This nonpayment of LCI dues affects 647 Lions in Oklahoma. Lions International has gone paperless with dues statements. LCI dues statements will no longer be mailed to the clubs. **Dues must be paid on the portal using a check or a credit card.** To access your club dues, you must log in to the Lion Portal. Navigate to My Club, then to Club Statements, to check your club's balance. If you have a question regarding your club's statement, please contact your District Governor.

The time has come to start thinking about your Lions Clubs officer slate for the 2026-27 year. LCI is requesting that officers be reported in the Lion portal by May 15, 2026. If you have difficulty updating officers in the Lion Portal, please get in touch with your district administrator or district governor.

Valerie and I had a great time at the **3-SW convention** with DG Francis Pointdexter. **Lion Dr. Mitch Wolf** from the Shawnee gave an excellent talk on Diabetes. He discussed the different types of Diabetes and the complications of the disease. He also talked about lifestyle choices and healthy dietary habits. Lion Dr. Mitch's presentation was short and sweet, but he covered all bases.

**Joseph Nieto** discussed devising a disaster relief plan for District 3-SW. This includes acquiring grant funds and purchasing a trailer. The items in the trailer would be stocked and rotated with community resources to prevent expiration. Joseph stated that the Lions want to be reliable neighbors in Oklahoma. This is currently a work in progress.

**Vicky Golightly** discussed blindness and how everyone can communicate more effectively with visually impaired people. This includes introducing yourself so that the visually impaired person knows who they are speaking to. Remember that most visually

impaired people have normal hearing, so there is no reason to elevate your voice.

DG Frances Pointdexter delivered a presentation prepared by her niece, **Kaylee Davis**, who has battled pediatric cancer. The talk focused on the challenges she faced while overcoming cancer and how, although difficult, the experience ultimately made her a stronger person.

**ID David and Lindy Wineman** were our special guests from Sebewang, Michigan. Lion Lindy talked about having a stroke and how it changed the priorities in her life. She rehabilitated herself and found that health is wealth.

ID David Wineman is a very dynamic speaker. He emphasized the need for positivity and encouragement. He gave us a triangle-shaped pin which emphasized Service, Leadership, and Membership. In the center of the pin, there is the word FUN! He said it's important for Lions to have fun. I agree with him completely and think that Lions sometimes forget to have fun. What is your passion? Make it fun! As a Lion, be proud, but not prideful.

ID David also talked about the importance of reporting club projects on the Lion portal. He stated that if every club reported 1 project, our MD3 would have 100% participation in reporting. All it takes is for one project to be reported by each club in the state for us to reach 100% reporting.

Our friend from the Norman Noon Lions Club, Bryan Hapke, had a lucky day! He won the fifty-fifty drawing. He put the winnings from the fifty-fifty into the Melvin Jones drawing board and won a Melvin Jones! Congratulations Bryan!

Valerie and I enjoyed attending the **Midwest City Lions Club Brisket Dinner**. It was interesting to hear about the history of the Midwest City Lions Club and their fundraiser. Lion Mike Murphy catered the food, and it was great!

Spring has sprung, and we are experiencing some beautiful weather in Oklahoma.

*CC Mark Adair*

2025-2026

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Portal! The **Bokoshe Lions** had to postpone



bile Health Screening Unit!

The **Dewey Lions** received their \$100,000 LCIF Grant for their all inclusive playground equipment for their Lions Park. They are ready to get started as



Greetings 3E Lions!! District Convention is over, State Convention is upon us, and before we know it, this Lion Year will be over. Hopefully everyone has held their officer elections, as now it's time to enter your club's new officers for next year into the Lion Portal. As you're entering your officers, please make sure email addresses are correct and phone numbers are entered.

their Easter Egg Hunt for a



Zone 3 (Bristow, Checotah, Henryetta, Holdenville, Morris, Okmulgee, and Sapulpa) you have a new Zone Chair, Henryetta Lion Amber Mordecai. On March 30th, Amber was appointed to take over the Zone Chair position for Kelly Baehler, to finish out this year. We want to thank Kelly for all the work she did and welcome Amber to her new position. Please let Lion Amber know if you need any assistance.



week, but it did not dampen the enthusiasm. They grilled hotdogs for everyone, had

soon as the city gets the sidewalks installed. I presented 20 year Chevrons to Janet Keheley and Shirley Thomas.

The **Fairland Lions** held an



Hopefully everyone has taken time to check out our new District Facebook page: Oklahoma District MD 3E Lions Clubs Please post pictures of your club's events and post notices of your club's upcoming events on our Facebook page. If you need any assistance, please reach out to one of our page administrators, Amber Mordecai (Henryetta) or Morgan Alexander (Okmulgee).

face painting for the kids, and awarded 30 prize baskets, six bicycles, and two little scooters, besides hundreds of candy filled eggs.

The **Bristow Lions** are gearing up for their Tabouleh Festival 2026 to be held on May 9th. I hear they're going to have some really good tabouleh!

Easter Egg Hunt for their community and have been doing some



Many clubs held Easter Egg Hunts for their communities and worked on projects to help our environment such as picking up roadside trash, cleaning parks, and planting flowers. As Lions, We Serve!! Thank you for all that you and your clubs do. Just don't forget to enter all your service in the Lion

Our DGE Patty Bryant visited the **Broken Arrow Lions** to present three 20 year Chevrons and one 55 year Chevron for Larry E. Johnson. They also hosted the Mo-



spring cleaning and flower planting at their local park. They will be sponsoring a City Wide Yard Sale on May 2nd.

The **Okmulgee Lions** celebrated with the Students of the Month pictured below.



**Henryetta Lions**  
Had their Easter Egg Hunt



**Vian Lions** put out a new Eye Glass Box!



Right: DG Nancy presenting the Peace Poster winner: Taylor Davis.

**2026 3E Leo of the Year**  
**Leo Jasmine Akin**

Leo Jasmine Akin is the Presi-



dent of the South Grand Lake Langley Leos Club. She is a Junior at the Ketchum High

School, where she is a well respected student, who is heavily involved with her community.

Jasmine is the sole child living with her Father. Jasmine is goal driven and has set her mind to excel. She believes lots of kids think they can't make it because of life circumstances. Jasmine believes her life can be better if she finds opportunities to make her situation better. She has a job and purchased a car with the money she earned, taking pride in her "clunker" of a vehicle.

As President of the Leos, she has been very instrumental in helping perpetuate the success of the Club. She calls and reminds others of upcoming meetings and events, she takes the minutes, and readily responds to Leo Advisors. She seeks opportunities to find more volunteer duties for the club, including helping the Vinita Lions with their projects, after school tutoring, mentoring latchkey

children, and helping Senior Citizens.



School officials identify Jasmine as a "selfless servant of the school and community".

**District**  
**3-E Lion**  
**of the**  
**Year**  
**Monica**  
**Medley**

Monica Medley joined the Wagoner



Lions in November 2012. Monica has held multiple offices within her club including Club President five times, Club Treasurer six times, Membership Chair, Service Chair, Marketing Chair and as a Club Director.

She has helped her club grow and has sponsored 25 members! Monica has served as a Zone Chair for two years and currently serves as the District Global Service Team Chair.

She has held trainings on the Lion Portal, attended Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute in 2025, and currently serves as the 2nd Vice District Governor for 3E. She is a Real Estate Broker and is a passionate Community supporter with strong Christian beliefs.

Monica has been married to her husband, David Medley since 1986. They have two sons, two daughters-in-law, and one grandson.

Below: **Speech Contest Winner !**  
**Josh Rupprecht!** What a great job!



## 2024-2025



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### IT ALL STARTED WITH A PHONE CALL

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at the Oklahoma Lions State convention, PVCC Lion Mary Koch of Mulhall-Orlando Lions, had failed to put her phone on silent during a session when she got a call from her sister Dorothy Hicks from Arkansas City. Not knowing if it might be a family emergency, Mary went into another room and called her sister. Dorothy was concerned about the people needing support after the EF4 tornado that had hit Enid on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April and knew that Lions would be looking at what they could do to help. This set things in motion.

Mary immediately called PDG Kim Coleman in Enid to determine what was needed. Mary then found PCC Derek McCubbin to get his input. Derek responded that he still had the relief items stored at his business left over from the wildfire distributions of 2025 that



were from the LCIF emergency grant. Derek said we just need to find something that can haul it to Enid. Mary then found PDG JD Koch and explained the situation.

JD then called Lion Robert Filtz of Perry Lions to inquire if he could find an enclosed trailer to deliver the items. His response was "I have a 16' stock trailer and where do you want it"? the Kochs

headed home Sunday morning and that afternoon Lion Robert picked them up and they headed to Stillwater.

In the meantime, PCC Derek had rounded up help and had most of

the supplies by the door when the trailer arrived. Waiting to help load were Lions John and Lu Calavan of the Perkins Lions, and Dereks volunteers. As soon as the trailer was loaded, we were on the road to Enid. PDG Kim texted us to take the supplies to the Expo center at Enid.

When we got to the Expo center and backed in the door with the trailer there were four North Enid Lions there to help unload. Those were Lions Jeff Coleman and PDG Kim, Harold Cooper, and Connie Osgood. When the back door of the trailer was opened and the man in charge of receiving supplies saw the number of supplies in the trailer he was overwhelmed. When he saw cartons of totes being unloaded, he stated that they were badly needed.

This was truly a combined effort of 3NW clubs, and we thank everyone involved for their quick response. "Where there is a need, there are Lions". And to think, it all started with a phone call.

### CLUB NEWS

The **Stillwater Lions** guest April 30, 26 was Marie Burns, OLSF E.D. and an OSU Alum guest Robert Rushing, special guest of Pres. Mike Woods. She gave an update on OLSF and gave



out fellowship awards and Cowboy Cash Pins.

The **Prague Lions** hosted their 49th Annual Scholastic Lunch and Awards Ceremony April 28 recognizing Prague High School students who are selected



to receive recognition at the Lions Club Scholastic Awards program that evening. At the Awards Ceremony that evening the Lions Club presented \$1000 dollar Scholarships



to Prague HS Seniors Addison Richardson, Hope Birdwell, Jeremiah Griffith, Brianna Roller, and Britten Himle.

The **Kingfisher Lions Club** is honored each year to present a \$500 scholarship to one male and one female of the graduating class of Kingfisher High School. We held our annual Junior Lions Banquet on Thursday afternoon and presented scholarships to Ethan McLean (center) and Gracie Fuksa (right). They are pictured GM Blake Callahan, who was the keynote speaker of the banquet.



## 2026 Ok Lions Convention

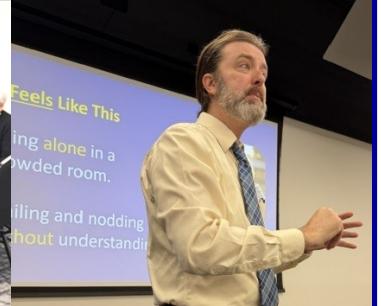
As mentioned at convention, a good chair has good legs. It takes many good Lions and community members to pull off a decent event with its many components, details, and unforeseen wrenches that are tossed at random. I want to thank the committee members and other Lions who made it possible; those good Lions who helped out carrying, toting, serving, and decorating; the staff at FISTA, Fairfield, and Mike's Sports Bar and Grille; and community leaders and the hospitality that was shown towards us. Lawton has hosted two multiple district conventions since I started attending conventions and I have enjoyed both. I do want to state that the idea of lighter meals aka "The Sandwich" as Oklahoma Lions will document it in history, was in place to pace ourselves between chicken fried steaks and what I thought would be a much heavier evening meal on Saturday.

As we shoveled out the layered concoctions from Mt. Mayonnaise, I was happy to know that Lions do not torture, tar and feather, nor hog-tie convention chairs when the food was not up to par with their intended thoughts. However you feel about food, we go to convention for education, sharing, caring, auctions, pins, and good times. We attend to hear from our leaders both in Lions and our communities; recognize the Lions and the efforts they put forth; and carry out any business and ultimately set our goals for our motto "We Serve."

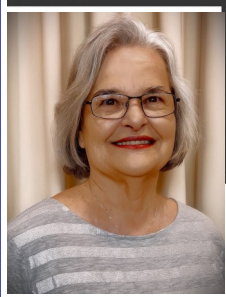
We do not yet know where the next convention will be and what date. But we welcome any ideas and suggestions. Thank you for those who attended and all the first timers. Special shout out to Cyndy Farrell who helped me out tremendously. Thank you Lawton and the Lions of Lawton. State Convention Planning Committee Chair,

*Derek McCubbin*

## Oklahoma Lions State Convention Photos April 2026



2025-2026



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Hello SW Lions,

April is another busy month passing us already. Starting the month on April 2, I went back to **Durant Lions Club** with OLSF E.D., Marie



pancake breakfast. Always fun to see the familiar faces and some new ones. Linda Bennett receiving her Chevron.



On May 16<sup>th</sup> **OKC West Side Lions Club** will be having the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from 12-4. Please come by and participate in this celebration. Small snacks and cake will be given. We will also have an oral auction given with our Blind Lion Gordan Besaw as the auctioneer.

On April 24-25<sup>th</sup> we had our **State Convention in Lawton, Oklahoma.** What a fun and busy time we had. It was a privilege to be a part of this great event.

Friday we had our opening with the **Buffalo Soldiers** with posting the colors and if you were



there we received the convention pin representing the Soldiers. We



had our traditional chicken fried steak for lunch then we had our Boneyard presentation. Inductions of us three outgoing Gover-

nors. We all dressed up like the three US Marshall la-



Congratulations for your service. We discussed their plans to build a park for autistic children, made accessible to all kids. We voted at the State Convention to approve a grant from Lions International to help with this project.



Burns, for a meeting and handed out two chevrons. Brian Bond for 25 years and Layne Heitz for 15 years.



**Ardmore Lions Club** and Students celebrate success.

April 4<sup>th</sup> **West Side Lions** participated in Heartland Council of the Blind Beeping Easter Egg Hunt. It's always a blessing to



**MidWest City Lions Club** in action! BBQ Diner!

dies on our pin for this year with guns in hands. This was fun to be a part of.

Then we had our board meeting and I presided over the Dr. Eugene Briggs Scholarship Board. We announced the new officers for next year and the scholarship recipients for each district. They will all receive a \$4000 scholarship.



Dinner and **Cowboy Cash drawing**

was that evening. Congratulations to Rev. Dean Taylor for being this years Grand Prize Winner!



After the drawing we came down to DG's LCIF Pie in the Face Challenge. Well if you didn't know SW Governor was the loser by \$701, but East Governor Nancy Wood came on stage with me and shared the honors. Council Chair felt sorry for us and just gave us the pie in the chin and then did it to himself also. We had fun and also earned almost \$54,000 for LCIF.

**Awards** were presented in the afternoon with the following ones for SW.

Melvin Jones Fellow, I presented to Kathy Whaley, Past District Governor, she was surprised.

**Humanitarian Award**, I presented to Oklahoma Council of the Blind for the service that the organization does throughout the



State. We had 5 representatives that are Lions that received the award and I will present to the OCB President at their convention in September.

**PDG Russ Wright** receiving a Chevron.

**Lion of the Year**, I



presented to Rob Estes from Mustang Lions Club for all the services and new members that he has helped. His wife and some of the club members were present to see him receive this award.



The **Presidential Award** for SW was presented to Barbara Parker from Cache Lions Club for the dedication to her club and community.



We then had a Memorial Service honoring the Lions that have passed away this last year. Which they will all be remembered by our Lions Clubs.

Our Past International President Douglas Alexander was a great asset to our convention. He is known for service of the heart. His



speech was excellent and his participation in activities and helping with the

awards was wonderful. Thank you, International Past President Douglas Alexander.

For those of you that were unable to attend, you missed a great convention and fellowship with other Lions. Think about coming next year so you won't miss out on the fun.

*Throughout SW district there were many activities with all the clubs. Some of them posted in Facebook but some clubs carry on without recognition. I would love to hear from all of you so we can post in our newsletter.*

My time is coming to an end for being your SW Governor, but I have the privilege of being your Vice Council Chair for next year. I'm not going away yet. I'm here to help you, my SW Lions, whenever you need me.

**DG Frances Poindexter**



**The Seminole "PRIDE"**

*A salute to my fellow Lions, past and present  
The folks in Purple and Gold  
A group of outstanding Citizens  
Who serve, without being told  
They do it 'cause mom and dad taught them  
To LOVE their fellow man  
And always try to better our world  
In every way you can  
We were formed in 1935  
and from there we call it our history  
But the things you've done for "Our Home Town"  
is CERTAINLY NOT a mystery.  
You've loaded Kiddies on the Merry Go Round  
Back when Our Carnival was the talk of the town  
You've cleaned out ditches, fulfilled children's wishes  
And had fun in ALL you do  
I "Thank You" for the honor of humbly serving beside you  
You've tracted on through ice and pain  
but I've witnessed firsthand the smiles you've gained  
You've taken blood pressure,  
waded creeks for RUBBER ducks  
and sold thousands of tickets for pickup trucks  
We've held golf tournaments and peddled finesheets  
Now it's come down to "Mask Wearing " meets  
We've had lots of laughs with "Where's the Beer."  
But we've also suffered Lost Members and Grief  
I wanted to tell of our circus  
To make it rhyme I can't  
Unless you want to hear of the time that  
I rode on that elephant  
Now times are trying, our country is in chaos.  
But DON'T you doubt for a minute  
Though the USA isn't perfect YET  
It's Much Better Because YOU are in it!!*

Ed Herber  
8/2020

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## *The Oklahoma Lions State Projects*

### 2026 Cowboy Cash!

### And the winner is.....

*Rev. PDG Dean Taylor* from the Northwest Oklahoma City Lions Club!

Thank you Oklahoma Lions for all the work to sell Cowboy Cash tickets and raise funds for our projects!

The following are the drawing results !

- **3SW 3rd** place Keith Shaw sold by Seminole Lion Les Walker \$500.
- **3SW 2nd** place winner was Paulette Patterson sold by Pat Patterson in NW OKC Club \$1000.
- **3NW 3rd** place Harold Cooper from North Enid Lions \$500 .
- **3 NW 2nd** place Mike Woods from Stillwater noon Lions \$1000.
- **3E 3rd** place Michael Gentry from McAlester Lions \$500.
- **3 E 2nd** place winner was Kelly Baehler from Okmulgee Lions!

Congratulations to all our winners !!!!

OLSF will be sending the club president or Cowboy Cash Chair the pins for distribution. If you have sold \$50 or more you should get a 2026 CC Pin.

Oklahoma Lions have raised funds for the state projects for many years. OLSF conducts the White Cane and Cowboy Cash fundraiser every year. These funds help support the work you do in your local community as well as all over the State of Oklahoma. If you have had the Mobile Health Unit come to your town or had vision and hearing screening, you are supporting your local community through OLSF. If you collect and sort recycled glasses, or have visited the Meadows of Hope or the Eye Bank, you know the work Lions do across Oklahoma. Lions are very blessed to have these programs and we all thank you for participating in the statewide fundraiser. *Marie Burns, E.D.*



# KidSight



## KidSight Welch Alllyn screener screens for:

- •Astigmatism: irregular shaped cornea
- •Myopia: nearsightedness
- •Hyperopia: farsightedness
- •Strabismus: misalignment of the eyes
- •Amblyopia: lazy eye
- •Anisometropia: unequal refractive power
- •Anisocoria: pupil size anomalies

## The KidSight cameras are:

- Easy to Use
- Fast
- Immediate results
- Convenient for Schools
- Easily transportable
- Low cost

The need is real! The Screener detects what the chart can not! About 7-15% of kids screened will be referred for a follow-up exam by an eye-care professional. Referral rate in Oklahoma is 21% much higher than the national rate of 10%. Oklahoma Lions have done an amazing job with this program!

## Donations Desperately needed!

### OCCF Matching grants....

Ok KidSight \$50 K Yearly.

This year we have a 2-1 match if we raise the \$50K. We desperately need the matching amounts to help clubs get started and help children receive the care they need.

If your club wants to obtain a camera for their use locally they can.... Raise \$4950.00 for Camera and Printer, Matched with this OCCF Grant of \$4950leaves a total cost of \$9,900.00.

Lions Club Members can Screen....

- Day Cares
- Headstart programs
- Home School functions
- Churches
- K, 1st and 3rd grades mandatory visual screening
- Back to School Bashes
- Health Fairs
- Pancake breakfast
- Any event your Lions Club has that children can attend.

*Thank you Oklahoma Lions for helping our children with vision difficulties!*

## MOBILE HEALTH SCREENING UNIT

The Mobile Health Screening Unit (MHSU) has been busy in the month of April, 2026. The Wilburton L C had the unit out April 4, 2026 at their pancake breakfast. The unit screens at the Mexican Consulate once a month on April 10, and the Oklahoma Science Museum on April 11. The Unit also visited the Community Engagement Event with Humana Healthy Horizons on April 23.



Then finally they screened over 35 at the Broken Arrow Senior community center with the Lions Club.

The total number of individuals screened this year is over 1500 with a referral rate of over 44%. These referrals are higher with the populations screened as many are not receiving the medical care needed. These health screenings help prevent future issues through the knowledge of potential health issues that can be diagnosed and treated. It is vital that we continue to help those in need through our services.

The Retinopathy vision screener is also available for those with Diabetes. Many do not get

screened for vision related issues and diabetes. Thank you for hosting the unit and giving individuals a

second chance at life. This year Lions have screened 24 total with a significant referable pathology in 5 individuals.

There are so many events that Lions can provide health screening for when they have events in their local community. Think of ways to combine the services for maximum results!

Thank you all!



## Vision & Hearing-Aid Care Assistance Program

Hearing loss and tinnitus are the top two military disability claims for veterans year after year. No other claims come close. Our founder, Dr. Jack Hough, was a WWII combat medic who knew the importance of good hearing for our veterans to successfully return to their normal lives, enter the civilian workforce, and reconnect with their loved ones.

HoughAid provides refurbished hearing aids to qualifying adults over the age of 19 or older. The program provides digital hearing aids and full audiology services for qualified Oklahomans with annual household incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. If you are interested, please complete the application and submit the re-

quired documents. If you are approved, a participating audiologist close to your area will be in touch with you soon. Here is the link to the Hough Aid Program :

[www.houghear.org/hearing-aids](http://www.houghear.org/hearing-aids)  
Hough Ear Institute (HEI) was established in the early 1980s under the Baptist Medical Center Foundation (now INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center) to continue the pioneering work of Dr. Jack Van Doren Hough ([www.houghear.org](http://www.houghear.org)).

As you know Lions have assisted in refurbishing over 300 used hearing aids and giving them to those in need. Dr. Matt West delivered this information at our state Convention April 25, 26 in Lawton, Ok.

## Meadows of Hope

We're back on the tee box and gearing up for the 34th Annual Lions Meadows of Hope Golf Tournament at Stillwater Country Club on **Monday, June 29, 2026!**



*Grab your crew, hit the green, and get ready for a day filled with great food, friendly competition, exciting prizes, and plenty of good vibes, all while making a meaningful impact for children experiencing foster care.*

Support over the years from the Lions of Oklahoma has truly been a hole-in-one. Because of your generosity, this event continues to be both fun and impactful, and we're so grateful for the role you've played in making that happen.

We'd love to have you back on the course this year. There are so

many ways to be involved. You can sign up to volunteer or you can sponsor the event or sign up to play.

Here's a little preview of what's you can expect on June 29th:

- A full day on a beautiful course
- Delicious burger bar and great company
- Raffles, prizes, and on-course fun
- A meaningful way to give back to children experiencing foster care

Please email: Elizabeth@lionsmoh.org if you're ready to swing into action again or if you have any questions, we'll get everything teed up on our end. Thank you for continuing to be such an important part of our work. Your support truly means the world to us. Flyer on page-12

## Eye Glass Recycling



<b>Northwest OKC LC</b>	<b>2987</b>
<b>Edmond LC</b>	<b>1500</b>
<b>Norman Sooner LC</b>	<b>901</b>
<b>Altus Lions Club</b>	<b>1213</b>
<b>Cushing LC</b>	<b>506</b>
<b>Cordell LC</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Village LC</b>	<b>60</b>

**This makes a total of 7267 pairs of eyeglasses recycled from Oklahoma Lions for April**



## Hearing



**Aids. Remember we have Eye-glass 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 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. Many Thanks to those clubs who have come to sort glasses.**



**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
- Nancy Ann Calhoun
- Verdana Stevens Adams
- Anadarko Lions Club

**All Past District Governors**

- Oklahoma Lions Boneyard

**PDG Linda Hughes**

- PDGs Dollie and David Wooddell

**Larry D Graham**

- Duncan Lions Club

**Rev. David Rose**

- Jack Bryant & OKC NW Lions Club

**Bob Lindstrom**

- Poteau Noon Lions Club

**Rachael Dollarhide**

- Idabel Lions Club

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**Upcoming Council Dates:**

- 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!



**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.**



# LIONS MEADOWS OF HOPE MONDAY JUNE, 29TH 2026

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# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



## APPAREL SPONSOR (1)- \$3500

18 HOLES/CART FOR 4, COURSE/REGISTRATION SIGNAGE, PRINT & DIGITAL RECOGNITION, RESERVED AWARDS SEATING, LOGO ON SHIRT SLEEVE, PROMO ITEM IN SWAG BAG (OPTIONAL), 4 LMOH GOLF HATS, 4 MULLIGANS



## LUNCH CELEBRATION SPONSOR (2)- \$3000

18 HOLES/CART FOR 4, COURSE/LUNCH AREA SIGNAGE, PRINT & DIGITAL RECOGNITION, RESERVED LUNCH SEATING, PROMO ITEM IN SWAG BAG (OPTIONAL)



## CHAMPION SPONSOR- \$2000

18 HOLES/CART FOR 4, DIGITAL RECOGNITION, COURSE SIGNAGE



## GOLF CART SPONSOR- \$1500

REGONITION SIGNAGE ON ALL GOLF CARTS & DIGITAL MEDIA

## SNACK SPONSOR (1)- \$1200

## RANGE BALL SPONSOR (UNLIMITED) - \$500

## HOLE SPONSOR (UNLIMITED)- \$300

DIGITAL GROUP RECOGNITION AND COURSE SIGNAGE



REGISTER ONLINE AT  
[LIONSMOH.ORG](http://LIONSMOH.ORG)  
OR SCAN QR CODE



9:00 AM REGISTRATION/PLAYER CHECK IN | 10:00 AM SHOTGUN START

\$750 TEAM REGISTRATION FEE BENEFITS OF \$100 PER PLAYER

RAFFLE PRIZES, GOLF CART, RANGE BALLS AND LUNCH ARE INCLUDED WITH EACH TEAM REGISTRATION.



EMPOWERED CHURCH & THE MUSTANG LIONS CLUB

PRESENT THE

# 8th Annual CAR SHOW



LOCATION:

**EMPOWERED CHURCH**

601 E STATE HWY 152, MUSTANG, OKLAHOMA

 **MAY 16, 2026**

 **8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

 **REGISTRATION**  
8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

 **TROPHIES AWARDED**  
1:00 PM

PANCAKE BREAKFAST PROVIDED BY



# Announcement for Flag Raising and Program for PDG Gene Redford on Memorial Day weekend

Dear Fellow Lions,

Philip and I wanted to remind you all of the upcoming flag raising ceremony that includes Past District Governor Gene Redford. We would request that this information be relayed to the Oklahoma Lions at the upcoming state convention in Lawton, OK, and in the May newsletter so that all interested Lions could be a part of this patriotic event. The outdoor venue will be crowded so we would suggest arriving earlier to ensure a good seat. Wearing our Lions' vest would also be a tribute to Lion Gene's respect and love for the organization as well as serving his country.

The details are as follows: **54th Annual Avenue of Flags**

**Floral Haven Cemetery**

**6500 S 129th East Avenue**

**Broken Arrow, Oklahoma**

**Saturday, May 23, 2026**

**10:00 am**

The setting for the program is west of the Chapel Building, with the flag raising for new participants, immediately following the program, in the area just to the west of the event area.

A little background information is useful in understanding the significance of this event. In 1972, a widow asked Floral Haven if they could raise her husband's casket flag for Memorial Day. They agreed, and the celebration has grown each year. Each flag has been donated by the family of the veteran. It is one of the largest flag displays that is held with privately owned flags. Last year's flag count was 4525, with 65 new flags that were raised. The other flags are raised by the boy scouts, cub scouts, and ROTC cadets, to name a few of the organizations that come to help raise the flags each year on Friday. They then lower the flags at 5pm on Memorial Day.

## Boneyard Outing 2026

Friday June 19, 2026 Oklahoma History Center

800 Nazih Drive

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Cost is \$9.00 if you are over 62

Military Veterans are free with ID

Meet for lunch at Winnie Mae Café' at 11:00 am

3rd floor—tour the museum and leave at your leisure.



**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.**

**Live auction will be held and all proceeds will go toward updating our building.**

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

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