

The Oklahoma Lion



March, 2026



Upcoming Council Dates

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



Hello Oklahoma Lions!

The 48th Annual Lions Day with the United Nations will be held on March 19, 2026, in New York City. The theme this year will be “Protecting Dignity and Peace”. Attendees can take a tour of the UN, view exhibits, and visit the bookstore and the coffee shop. All registrations must be received by March 6, 2026. Lions Day at the United Nations registration fee is \$150.00 with lunch, and \$99.00 without lunch. The registration is: <https://web.event.com/event/b0b5886a-dc2a-4910-bd49-dfc5ec94c454/register>

The Lions' third week of service is April 18-26, 2026, and it is for the environment. Earth Day is held on April 22, 2026. It was called for by Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin. He wanted to establish a national day to discuss the environment. On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans celebrated the environment. Fifty-six years later, Earth Day is a globally recognized event.

The Environment is one of the Lions Club's global causes. Approximately 37% of global waste ends up in landfills. Thirty-three percent is openly dumped, and 19% undergoes composting and recycling. Eleven percent of the waste is burned.

Eleven billion tons of waste are collected worldwide each year, and 3 billion people lack access to waste disposal facilities. Currently, electronic waste is being generated five times faster than it is recycled. More than 50 million metric tons of e-waste are discarded each year, most of which ends up in landfills. (Data taken from the Lions Portal)

Global Recycling Day is on March 18. Currently, 3-SW is participating in the Trex Challenge. Any club that collects 1000 pounds of plastic will receive a park bench. The Ada Lions Club has been collecting plastic and is well on its way to receiving a park bench. This is an excellent example of collecting plastic so that it is not dumped in a landfill.

Valerie and I had a great time at the Lions 3 -NW

District Convention. District Governor Sharyl Picken's project was to assemble meals-in-a-bag. Convention attendees assembled over 5000 meals. The meals were boxed up and taken by clubs in 3-NW to be distributed in their communities.

Funds were raised in different ways for LCIF. There was a horse race. There were horses, toilet paper, and a little bit of water in a

plastic cup. There is no way to describe it with words alone! Congratulations to the members of District 3-NW and to Governor Sharyl Pickens on a successful and fun convention!

The building committee has met with Ground Works to stabilize the foundation of the state office. Currently, the Lions of Oklahoma are accepting donations to replenish the building committee maintenance fund. A special thanks goes out to the clubs and individuals who have already donated. We are fortunate to have a Lions state office in Oklahoma. Please make your donation to the building fund today! Valerie and I look forward to seeing everyone at the 3-E and 3-SW conventions!



Applications due for State Posts

The Governors-Elect for 2026-2027 will accept applications for the posts of Council Chair, Vice Council Chair, State Secretary, State Treasurer and Parliamentarian from all eligible Oklahoma Lions until April 14. Send applications to the state office at 4123 N.W.10th, Oklahoma City, OK 73107 Candidates will be interviewed at the state convention. (MD 3 Constitution Article IV Section 2)

2025-2026

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Check out our new Facebook page: **Oklahoma District MD3E Lions Clubs**. Post your Club Events and Activities on it. Let's show what we're doing in our District! We've had some great posts on it already. I want to

The Holdenville Lions are planning their April potato bar, where they raise money to fund the Scholarships their Club gives out. Lion Ernest Arocha received his 20 yr, Chevron.



Greetings 3-E Lions!!

It's Convention time! Our District Mid-Winter Convention is set for Saturday, March 14th, at the Elks Club in Okmulgee. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. and then the Convention begins at 9:00 a.m. Wear some Green (your DG's favorite color). We have several interesting programs lined up for Saturday morning, starting with Leader Dogs from Michigan.

We will hear our Speech Contestant give his speech on Together As One. We will have a Hands-On-Service Project where we will learn how to pack a shelf stable meal for four in a ziplock bag.

The Elks Club Ladies Auxiliary will be serving us Chicken Fried Steak (with all the trimmings) for lunch, before our International Guest, PID Debra Weaverling, brings us her message to the Lions of Oklahoma. Then we have several Awards to present and door prizes to be given out.

We will be having a Silent Auction, so bring some items to add to the Auction. Proceeds from the Silent Auction will go to LCIF for our District. Following our Awards Luncheon, we will be having our District Cabinet Meeting to elect our officers for next year. This will wrap up the afternoon and our Mid Winter Convention for 2026. Although our Convention is only one day, we will have a Social Gathering on Friday night at the El Avocado Mexican Restaurant (located at the Best Western Hotel in Okmulgee) for those that want to come eat and have some fun. We have their Party room reserved for 6:00 p.m. Everyone will pay for their own food and drinks. (Registration form attached)

thank Lion Amber Mordecai (**Henryetta Lions**) for setting it up and to Lion Morgan Alexander (**Okmulgee Lions**) for agreeing to be an admin on it.



Spring is coming fast and so are our Club Pancake Breakfasts! **The Pocola Lions** will be having theirs on Saturday, March 7th, to raise funds for our State Projects and their Club's Melvin Jones Fellowship account.

The Okmulgee Lions will be having their annual Pancake Day on Tuesday, March 17th. So come out and support our Club Fundraisers (and enjoy some pancakes). Also hosting the 3E Convention.

The Bokeshe Lions are busy planning their 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Saturday, April 4th. So, they will be stuffing Easter Eggs at their March Club meetings.

The Fairland Lions Club refurbished two postal boxes, turning them in to eye-



glass collection boxes. They inducted two new members at their February Club Meeting!



The Jay Lions Club dipped

strawberries for their Chocolate Covered Strawberry Fundraiser which was held on February 13th, just in time for Valentines Day. This fundraiser was to help support their Scholarship Program. Yum!



Lion Derek Fraizer from NuView Oklahoma presented an informative program to the **McAlester Lions** at their February 12th meeting. He explained how they help individuals with low vision, teaching them life skills to navigate their daily lives.

The Pryor Lions Club has been helping with the Miss Mayes Pageant. The recently had the con-



testants at their club meeting, where they honored them and the Pageant's 76 years. Pictured with President JoEllen Williams and 1st VDG Patty Bryant.



The Tulsa Downtown Lions

have been doing several Kidsight Screenings, with the most recent being at the Food On The Move event, with Lion Gaylon Pinc and Lion Rene Bramlett. At their last meeting,



President John Woodworth and Lion Scott Epperson presented Happy Hands with a \$5000 check to support their services.

The Wagoner Lions have been busy planning their Annual Lake-views & BBQ Festival, this being their 8th year! This year they have added a



Gumbo Cook-off to the



event, with some Cajun music. The club will sell taster kits and supply the rice for the Gumbo. They are also continuing their SERVE Scholarship Program (Service, Engagement, Responsibility, Volunteer, and Excellence) and plan to give out six \$1000 Scholarships this year.

The Wilburton Lions held their benefit Bingo on January 30th where they raised funds for the Wilburton Area Stockshow on February 7th. They provided all the pulled pork sandwiches and drinks for all of the attendees at the Latimer County Premium Sale on February 21st, a tradition they have been doing for many years.



Henryetta Lions Club



Bartlesville Lions-Lion Evelyn Hightower received her 10 year Chevron.



Grove Lions Club working on a Service Project

And last, but not least, six of our District 3E Lions attended District NW's Mid-Winter Convention in Stillwater on February 21st. They helped pack meals for a Service Project. DG Sharyl and her Convention team did a great job!



This beautiful quilt was made by Past Council Chair Larry Wibben and his wife Lion Elaine of the Metro-McCullough Lions in Tulsa and 1st VDG Patty Bryant of the Downtown Tulsa Lions. It will be drawn for at the MD3 State Convention in Lawton April 24-25th. Tickets will be sold at all the District Conventions as well as at State so be sure to get yours! The proceeds will be split 50-50 between OLSF and LCIF.

Keep Serving!
DG Nancy Wood



2024-2025



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Jean Bartow accepting for Barbara Swineford-the Carobell Carson award

Karl Youngers with Marie Burns receiving the Louis Lackey Fellowship for many years of giving



Greetings 3NW Lions:

Well the 3NW District Convention is in the books! Thanks to all who helped—especially Kim Coleman! It seemed that everyone had a good time and hopefully learned a little. The No One Should Go Hungry Service Project was a great success! We packaged over 5,000 meals and everyone who helped got to take some back to their community.

Here are a few photos!



PCC Derek and ID Debbie



Lu Calavan, Certificate of Appreciation



DG Sharyl Presiding



Rookie of the Year



Beautiful Quilt-to be given away at the State Convention



Peace Poster Winner



Mike Banks Spirit Award



Jean Bartow, Certificate of Appreciation



Debbie and Debbie

The Food Packers!



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)

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
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. Woodell

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

Member Retention- Kathy Donahue

Leader Dogs-TBA

OLSF and Heavy on the Hough Please- Maire Burns

LCIF Grants -Dee Carson

Council meeting-Constitution & Bylaws voting.

Awards Lunch-Service from the Heart. 12:00

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

MD3 Service Project

Plant a Tree

Meet and Greet and Quilt Raffle closing 5:30

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

Back Room in FISTA

5:50LCI 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

Adjournment...New Council Chair



2025-2026

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Hello SW Lions:

February visits are going smoothly and as usual I'm meeting so many wonderful Lions!

My first visit was February 2 with **Harrah Lions Club** with 9 lions in attendance. I presented Allison Stalling with her 10 year chevron and I left 3 more chevrons with their president to hand



out at their next meeting. I had 2-



25 year chevrons for Donna Kerchee and Shawn Marcotte. I also handed him a 35 year chevron for Vickie Dilbeck. Another club with lots a longevity. They talked about their project at the end of the year which was a Turkey Shoot, if any of you are into this you might contact them next year and join them. They have 150 flags on Feb 16th to put out for President's Day. They post the flags 7 times during the year. They will also be having their Pancake Breakfast the first Saturday in April, if you're close by stop in and enjoy the breakfast.

On February 10th my club, **OKC West Side** went to the Baptist Village for our meeting and met up with Pat Davidson one of our members. We signed Valentine Cards to pass out on her unit. It's always a pleas-



ure to see Pat and wish her well. I handed out two chevrons – Linda Bennett-10 years and Phillip Hen-



drick for 40 years. We also have Ken Smith -35 years

Our Club will be having our Pancake Breakfast on April 11 from 8-12 at 4135 NW 10th Street.

West Side Lions Club will celebrate our 75th Anniversary on May 16 from 12 to 4. Come and help us celebrate this milestone and reminisce with fellow lions. Silent Auction and Live Auction will be held to help fund any building updates that need to be done. Our building is used at every District meeting so we want to make sure it stays presentable.

February 11th on to **Elk City Lions Club**, my hometown. There were 6 of their members there and we enjoyed a meal from



Rib Crib. This club has many projects they do such as giving out scholar-

ships, displaying flags 6 times a year with FFA kids placing them. End of August and first of September they are in charge of the concession stands at the city rodeo. I handed out 1 chevron to James Irwin III for 20 years service and left one to be handed out later for Lora Blanton for 30 years.

The club presented me a check for \$250 to help in our project for the District Convention for the Homeless Alliance. Thank you Elk City for your generosity.

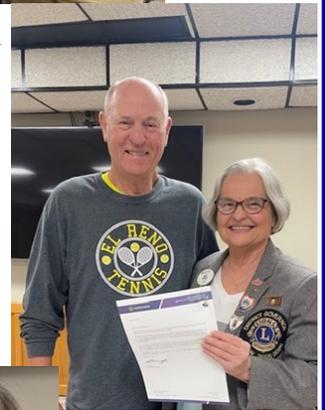
El Reno Lions Club

was my next visit on February 17. I met with 9 of



the 12 members from this club. I enjoyed a meal and communicating with each of the

lions. I had the privilege to present three chevrons- 2 – 10ears to Brooke Robertson and Matt Sandidge.



One - 45 year chevron to Bud Chronister. Brooke Robertson, the president of this club presented a Key Award to Rick Jones for sponsoring members.

Lion Curtis Blanc presented a project fi=or their club to have a goal of meeting with Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions as one civic group but keep their own identity. Meeting once a month to see how they can all serve their community.

The kick off Civic Power Group project for 2026 is an 8 state flagpole display for the route 66 centennial, displaying flags from the 8 states Route 66 runs through plus our American flag.

This is a brilliant idea for all Lions Clubs to associate with other civic groups in Oklahoma to grow in membership and working with all communities. This gives Lions exposure to the outside to let everyone know who we are what we can do.

On February 19th I traveled to **Altus Lions Club**. I had the privilege to induct 4 of the 10 new members



they have, Laureen Little, Amanda Rodrigues, Rosalyn Hall, and Devin Dickerson.

Welcome to Lions!
I presented one chevron for 35 years to Katherine Hale, congratulations for your



years of service with the Lions. Katherine is a second generation Altus Lion. She is the daughter of longtime secretary and PDG Gale Miller. On March 7th they will have their Leo and Parent Breakfast. Keep up the good work with your club!

Also on February 19th, I made my last club visit with **The Village Lions club** with Vicky Golightly, Zone Chair. There were 7 members in attendance out of the 17 members that are in their club. This club has been a charter for 72 years. They have decided that after this many years that they will be closing their club this year. It was sad to again be losing one of our SW Clubs, but we stand behind their decision.

On February 20-21 came our first convention for the year for NW District. I went to Stillwater and met ID Debbie Dawson and her partner in service, Lion Don Bridge from Canada. ID Debbie shared on membership and on Saturday night shared her story about when she started as a Lion. NW had a successful convention with many in attendance.

I had the privilege to travel to **Mulhall-Orlando Lions Club** to transport Vicky Golightly. She was their speaker on Vision.

February 24th was my last club visit for the month. I went to **Midwest City Lions Club**. Always a pleasure to visit with this club and see their members. They will have their annual Barbeque Fundraiser on April 11 at 4:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 8635 SE 15th MWC.

The new **Anadarko Branch Club** held their Valentines Dance on February 7th.



We are working hard on the upcoming SW Convention scheduled for March 27-28, 2026 at OKC West Side, 4135 NW 10th 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 Suites on south Meridian as our hotel. Friday night we will be introducing our International Director and his wife, eating, playing games and having fun!

Also remember to bring your donations for the Homeless Alliance. This is our District Project for our convention. I have attached the brochures for the suggestions of things that are needed. We will al-

so have a silent auction for OLSF and LCI, so if you have any items that you would like to donate please bring them with you.

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. Remember International no longer sends out statements for their dues. You will find your statement on the portal, if you have trouble let me know.

I have visited most of the clubs with 3 remaining clubs not scheduled for a visit. Looking forward to the upcoming months with conventions for all the Districts and the State Convention in April. It really has been an amazing 8 months as your governor and look forward to the last 4 months for awesome things happening in our District!

DG Frances Poindexter

Pics from 3NW

The Blues Crew!

NW & SW



Wild Horse Racing!



Bad Brad's Barbeque-Friday



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The Oklahoma Lions State Projects

The Oklahoma Lions have worked very hard on all our state projects. These have been an attraction to non Lions for years. **Many Oklahoman's join Lions because something pulled at their heart strings.**

Someone had a child who needed their vision checked or needed glasses. There might have been a child in need of a home that the Meadows of Hope provided. There are many who still need health checks and do not know they are at risk for problems later on. Someone might have needed a cornea transplant to be able to see again. There are so many eye-glasses that are recycled to help people overseas receive vision assistance.

All of these programs are Statewide programs. They cover the whole state of Oklahoma. We visit communities all over Oklahoma with specific Lion's programs. We try to help people in all communities and even YOURS!

It is our goal to provide these services to reach anyone in need in our State. This is why we have developed so many **partnerships**. It is one way to provide more with less.

The partnerships also include foundations and grantors that help give to our causes. They rely on us to help get the word out, help distribute necessary items, provide screenings, coordinate assistance in disasters, and provide information for those who desperately need a friend.

Oklahoma Lions do so much in their local community, so if we can help you in your local community please consider one of these programs. You will see how much people appreciate the programs we have in Oklahoma.

Lions have the best Directors that truly care about what they do. They are moved when a child finds a home, when a person gets help to see, when someone can hear again because of our partnership with Hough Ear Institute. **There is so much to be thankful for in our whole state!**

Please spread the word about what Lions do when you screen people, ask them to come visit a meeting, look for those who have been impacted by what you are doing and ask them to join you.

Please consider using this as an incentive to invite people to become Lions!

Marie Burns E.D.

KidSight



KidSight in Oklahoma Started with a Lion who had a vision to help children avoid or reduce issues with vision later on in life. He had a drive to make vision screening a part of Lions and a part of our state projects. He worked to get it funded and started with a grant from Lions Clubs International. This Lion, PCC Tom Cummings worked very hard to get this program off to a good start. He achieved much more than he dreamed. Each year the team of Lions KidSight screeners screen close to 15K children in our state. We have the best committee of individuals to help you get started. See below. OLSF still has grants to help with Clubs who want to get started conducting screenings in their community. The total cost for a KidSight Kit is \$9,400.00, matched with an OCCF Matching grants - Ok KidSight is \$4700.00 Approximately for Camera and Printer, We may not always get this opportunity so if you are interested please contact Marie Burns at the State Office 405-947-6540.

Here is a note from one of our Tulsa Lions who visited Guatemala on a KidSight Screening mission trip.

Hello!

It was a good week in Guatemala, with some “miracles” along the way. We saw several people with extremely strong nearsightedness, and from our donated eyeglasses we were able to help with their daily living. We saw a total of 295 people who received 540 pairs of reading glasses, prescription eyeglasses, and sunglasses. I wish we had optometrists or ophthalmologists who could help us. At one clinic, I had 6 totally blind people who needed help, but of course, that is way beyond my skill set!

One gentleman, Isiah, who was 54, had never been able to see very well and looked sad. When I checked him with the Spot, at first it was a “no go” but then I checked his eyes separately, and found he was testing at over -7.00. At that point I thought I may as well pull some strong eyeglasses and see if they would help. ***Would you believe, the first pair I tried, which had no astigmatism correction but were -10.00 in each lens, were***

a fit? He started to cry, so I started to cry! And then he was so grateful, praising us and God for his gift. My husband was helping me, and walked him outside, where Isiah started looking up at the trees, and down the road, and was in awe! Made the trip for me!

I’m going to attach a video to a second email (since I don’t think the forms and the video will go through) of a special needs 15-year-old, Javier, who I met in October. At that time, I couldn’t get a read on his vision or on his eyeglasses, they were so strong. I asked his single mom if she could get me a prescription from a local doctor, and my former doctor in Sugar Land, Texas, filled it. We delivered the eyeglasses to on our way through Chiquimula where he lives.

Thank you for all you do!

Kindest regards,
 Marcia McGinnis
 Carson City Host Lions Club Member
 Tulsa Downtown Lions Club Associate Member

The work Lions do is unmistakably amazing and we are able to join in in this effort to aid as many as we can.

Please take time to support the KidSight program. We have timeline of June to raise the matching portion of a grant for 75K. This could make a huge difference in our program.

If you haven't supported this program and would like to, please send donations to OLSF attention KidSight.

Marie Burns

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DONATIONS TO THE BUILDING FUND

Broken Arrow	\$1,000.00
Cushing	115.00
Okmulgee	1,000.00
Mark Adair	100.00
Ponca City Noon	1,000.00
District 3NW	1,000.00
Midwest City	500.00
Tulsa Downtown	200.00
Union City	100.00
OC Capitol Hill	50.00
Davenport Lions	100.00
Perry Lions	150.00
Edmond LC	100.00
Bartlesville LC	140.00
OKC NW LC	200.00
Shawnee LC	200.00

Total **5955.00**

Thank you to all the Lions Clubs that have chosen to help fund the foundation issues at the state office.

Thank you to the Building Committee for all the work you put into making sure it is completed correctly! We hope to get the floor foundation repaired this month.

Your donations have made it possible to maintain our working office and provide services to Lions Clubs.

Lions Vision & Hough Hearing-Aid Care Assistance Programs

The Hough Ear Institute has aided in providing refurbished hearing aids to over 300 needy individuals thanks to the Lions Clubs participation in the program. This is also a statewide effort to help people with hearing deficiencies.

The program started when Lion Pam Timmons, Development Director, thought about an idea to help others because Lions were receiving several pairs of used hearing aids. We started strategizing how to make a program like this work.

Lions collect the hearing aids and turn them into the Lions State office. The State office sends them to Hough where they are sorted and sent to Kansas University and Sertoma Clubs for refurbishing.

Hearing aid applications are taken online through the Hough Ear Institute website and processed. The approved applicant is then sent to an audiologist within their local community for a diagnosis and fitting for a free hearing aid. Once the physician sees a patient, they are able to go online and choose the best hearing aid available from the list of refurbished hearing aids. The physician then provides care for the patient for a year.

We need your help! If you can make connections with a provider, this is a start to getting free hearing aids in your area. Lions can also go collect hearing aids at funeral homes, nursing homes, and physicians offices. This doesn't take a lot of effort to help change someone's life through the gift of hearing.

Eye Glass Recycling



Village	120
MWC	50
OKC NW	350
Laverne	56

This makes a total of 576 pairs of eyeglasses recycled from Oklahoma Lions for February!

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 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

All Past District Governors

- Oklahoma Lions Boneyard

PDG Linda Hughes

- PDGs Dollie and David Wooddell

Larry D Graham

- Duncan Lions Club

Bob Lindstrom

- Poteau Noon Lions

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Lions State Office MD3 Calendars, News, and Notes

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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:

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.



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 _____

REGISTRATION FEES	
Early registration (RECEIVED <u>on or before</u> April 1, 2025) # _____	@ \$30.00 = \$ _____
Late Registration (RECEIVED after April 1st) # _____	@ \$40.00 = \$ _____
MEALS (Deadline April 1, 2025)	
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 _____	
Total Amount Due	\$ _____

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

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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: 405 246 6018 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.

North End Lions Club



Annual Pancake Supper & Auction

MARCH 7, 2026

Chisholm Middle
School Cafeteria
4202 West Carrier Rd
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Free Will Donation



MIDWEST CITY LIONS CLUB

89^{er} DAY CELEBRATION

Sliced Brisket Dinner

Homemade Baked Beans, Pasta Salad & Bread

(Drink & Dessert Available Dine in only)

CURBSIDE PICK UP AVAILABLE

Saturday, April 11th 2026 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

ELKS LODGE# 1890

8635 S.E. 15th St. MWC, OK 73110

\$14.00 PER PERSON

Oklahoma Lions Support Our Eye Bank. Meadows of Hope (Perkins, OK)
Donated Eye Glasses for Needy Students. High School Scholarships

SILENT AUCTION



**OKC WEST SIDE LIONS CLUB
PANCAKE DAY
FUNDRAISER**

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

**4135 NW 10TH STREET
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK**

ALL YOU CAN EAT
Pancakes and sausage

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