

Lions of Oklahoma



2026 State Convention

April 24, 25, 2026

FISTA Center

Lawton, Ok

**Lead to Serve,
Serve to Lead.**



Douglas X. Alexander

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2021-2022

Lions Clubs International



Douglas X. Alexander, from Brooklyn, New York, USA, was elected to serve as international president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 103rd International Convention, June 25 through June 29, 2021. He served as Chairperson for Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) from June 29, 2022 through July 11, 2023.

Past International President (PIP) Alexander is a retired vice president for J.P. Morgan Chase Bank. A member of the Brooklyn Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club since 1984, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, region chair, vice district governor, district governor, cabinet secretary, cabinet treasurer and DGE group leader. He also served as a Lions Eye Bank transporter, a member of the District and Multiple District PDG Association, a trustee of the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation, and was appointed as the Lions representative to UNICEF-New York from 2012-2014.

PIP Douglas X. Alexander has also served on the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Planning and Host Committees and has been a presenter at several USA/Canada Forums. In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the club Lion of the Year, Club President's Award, the Robert J. Uplinger Service Award, several District Governor Appreciation Awards, and the Multiple District Membership Growth Award. He is also the recipient of numerous International President's Certificates of Appreciation, multiple International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members.

He is a Dr. Franklin G. Mason Fellow, a W. P. Woods Fellow and a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to his Lions activities, Past International President Alexander is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served as chairperson of the advisory board for the New York Urban League and as a board member of the St. Francis DeSales School for the Deaf. He is also a recipient of the Congressional Record Award.

Past International President Alexander has two daughters and a grandson who are the joy of his life.

Friday April 24, 2026

9:00 am – 5:00 pm REGISTRATION - FISTA Center
10:00 am – 6:00 pm Quilt Raffle
10:00 am – 5:00 pm Pin Traders -
10:00 am – 5:00 pm Silent Auction -
10:00 am – Council Interviews (Wallace Room)
10:00 am - 5:00 pm Displays for OLSF, MOH, OLEB, and LCIF

WELCOME TO THE OKLAHOMA STATE CONVENTION

Council Chair- Mark Adair

10:30 am - Opening Welcome
Invocation - DG Sharyl Pickens
Presentation of the Colors - Buffalo Soldiers
Remain standing for Flag Salute - Buffalo Soldiers

Boneyard Luncheon

12:00 – 1:15 PM PDG's Luncheon (Boneyard) - Dining Hall

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CONVENTION BOARD MEETINGS

- 1:30 PM OK Lions Eye Bank Board & Annual Meeting
President, PCC Larry Wibben
- 2:15 PM Dr. Eugene Briggs Scholarship Board & Annual Meeting
President, Lion Richard Schiver
- 2:45 PM Ok Lions Meadows of Hope Annual Meeting
President, Carrie Hall
- 3:30 PM Ok Lions Service Foundation Board & Annual Meeting
President, PDG David Wooddell

5:15 - 5:30 Meet and Greet International Guests

5:30 PM - Dinner

7:00 PM - Cowboy Cash Drawing

DG's LCIF Pie in the Face Challenge

Evening Activity- Bingo, Singo, and BYOB conference room at Hotel

Saturday April 25, 2026

8:00 - 11:00am Registration Open FISTA Lobby

10am- 6:00pm Hospitality Open

8:00– 3:00pm Pin Traders & Silent Auction

8:00 –5:30 pm Quilt Raffle

8:55 AM Welcome and Announcements- CC Mark Adair

PROGRAMS

9:00 AM Sessions Begin— Speed Learning– (10 minute sessions)

Cyber Security– PDG Greg Arbuckle,

Twisting and Tailing –Doug Emde

Stop the Drop— PDG Kathy Donahue

OLSF & Hough—Dr Matt West & Marie Burns

LCIF Grants - PCC Dee Carson

11:00 am Speech Contest

**11:15-11:45 AM Council Business Session Meeting -
Constitution Changes & Voting (Delegates need to be
present to vote)**

Saturday April 25, 2026

AWARDS LUNCHEON

“Service from the Heart”

12:00 Noon GREETINGS - CC Mark Adair

Invocation - DG Frances Poindexter

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS —Lawton’s Mayor Stan
Booker**

LUNCH SERVED

First Timers - Lion Cyndy Farrell

New Member Induction– PIP Douglass X. Alexander

**Peace Poster & Speech Contest Award - CC Mark Adair
&DG Nancy Wood**

**LION AWARDS – CC Mark Adair &
DG’s**

◇ **Melvin Jones Fellow(s) Presentation**

◇ **Club Newsletter Awards– SS Marie Burns**

◇ **Humanitarian Service Award -**

DG Frances Poindexter

◇ **Lion of the Year Awards - District Governors**

◇ **Leo of the Year Award– DG Nancy Wood**

◇ **Presidential Awards– PID Michael D. Banks and**

PIP Douglass Alexander

Saturday April 25, 2026

2:00 PM MEMORIAL SERVICE - PCC Dee Carson

Welcome - CC Mark Adair

Invocation – DG Frances Poindexter

Memorial Message – PDG Dean Taylor

Individual District Memorial Recognitions

Note: LIONS PLEASE STAND FOR YOUR DISTRICT

3-E – DG Nancy Wood

3-NW – DG Sharyl Pickens

3-SW - DG Frances Poindexter

3:00 PM MD3 Service Project– Plant a Tree

3:00 Silent Auction Closes

3:00-3:30 PM- Pin Traders Annual Meeting

5:30 PM - Quilt Raffle Closed

5:30 PM - Meet our International Guest –

5:50 PM – LCI Guests, OK LIONS PIDs, CC, DGs, DGEs, VDGs & VDGEs, ST, SS

Main Lobby FISTA for line-up — PCC Dee Carson (herder

ALL OTHER GUESTS SEATED FOR DINNER –

open seating

Introductions and Processions into Banquet—

PCC Kent Clovis

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

Saturday April 25, 2026

6:00 PM District Governor's BANQUET *"Lions USA"*

Greetings –

CC Mark Adair

Invocation –

DG Nancy Wood

Quilt Raffle Winner–

DGE Patty Bryant

ENJOY DINNER

National Anthem Lead by DG **Verdana Stephens** - All
Introduction Special Guest and Keynote Speaker -

PID Michael Banks

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS - *"Lions USA"*

PIP Douglas X. Alexander

AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS

LCI Presidential & Leadership Medals - PID Michael Banks
PIP Douglas X. Alexander

Dr. Robert "Bob" McCullough Meritorious Service Award
PDG Pat Halsey

Announcement of 2026-2027 Council Officers - CC Mark
Adair

Presentation of Crests 2026-2027-

CC Mark Adair

Appreciation to Council Officers -

CC Mark Adair

Passing the Gavel -

CC Mark Adair

8:00 PM Retrieve Colors -

Adjournment by -

New Council Chair

After Convention Party– TBA

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PARTICIPANTS AND SPONSORS!**

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