The Oklahoma Lion



October, 2026

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Greetings to Oklahoma Lions of MD3

Hope you are enjoying the change of seasons weather as fall is here. Even had some rain. May have to mow the lawn one more time.

A note to club treasurers, the deadline to file your IRS Form 990 is November 15. This filing is necessary to retain your 501-(c4) classification. Club secretaries need to be sure their clubs membership listing in LCI is up to date and correct. LCI prefers to use electronic communications with the members so a e-mail address is necessary. Without an e-mail address you will be mostly invisible.

Through the end of August the state is +7 in membership. We need to keep this trend going. LCI has released a revised club suspension policy. Before the process allowed for 120 days to resolution and that has been changed to 90 days. I have a copy of the new policy. The club excellence award has also been updated. Formerly the club president applied for the award. Now LCI will administer the entire process and make the award based on data in club reports.

Dollie and I attended the Memphis USA/Canada Leadership Forum. Officially there were about 2000 Lions at the conference. Twenty One (21) Oklahoma Lions signed up and I met most of them wandering the halls between sessions or at meal time. Looking at the sessions available, it is apparent that membership and GAT content was the focus. There were sessions on membership retention, creating GAT leadership teams, fundraising, and managing the impact of change. In the exhibitors area you could visit with some of the facilitators. I found the sessions with the Lions Portal support team especially valuable. I am aware the portal is not the most popular support system we have. Recognizing that, it is apparent that the Lions Portal is the strategic tool LCI has in place to manage the association. Love it or not you are going to have to learn to use it. I visited with the portal person there and got some good information. The portal remains a work in progress, the change team is open to comment and improvements. She solved the mystery I had regarding reports. The reports are still there but placed in different places. To look at reports you are authorized to see go to the your membership tab, then click the officer titles button. There you will find the reports button that will display the reports you have available in PDF. I have a few different titles so looked at what was available under all of them. It is not totally intuitive but then sometimes you have to learn the program language to get an idea of how the people who built the program were thinking. We had a great time at the forum but had a few personal mobility issues to work on. The gentleman with Dollie is "On Fire" for Lions!





October is Blindness Awareness Month. October 8 – 18 is the "Vision Week of Service". A good time to schedule your clubs White Cane project. The 2026-2027 FVDG/DGE Learning path in the Lions Learning Center in the portal and is available now. Your support of our global foundation makes extraordinary service possible. Because 100% of donations benefit LCIF grants and programs, every gift empowers Lions and Leos to respond to needs and build a brighter future.

Next year, the forum will be in Huntsville, Alabama, with the International Convention in Washington, D.C. I would urge you at attend one or both of these events. There is a lot to learn and you will meet many great Lions from all over the country or the world!

Make it a great day by watering the roots of service!

David Wooddell, Council Chair 2026-2027



(Forum pics p 12 & 13)



2026-2027 District 3 E Governor

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Hello Lions of MD 3E!

What a busy—and rewarding—summer it's been as I've settled into my role as District Governor! I've already had the chance to visit several clubs. Each Club visit has reminded me just how proud I am of our district, and the kind, dedicated people who make our local clubs so special. Lions from across the state recently traveled to Memphis for the USA/Canada Forum and returned with helpful ideas and renewed enthusiasm. District 3-E was represented by nine Lions, including three first-time attendees. We had another reason to celebrate, too: our First Vice District Governor, Monica Medley, graduated from Lions University with her bachelor's degree.



Congratulations, Monica! The Forum is always a highlight for me because it gives me a chance to reconnect with Lions I've met over the years and catch up with old friends. If you've never attended, I hope you'll join us next year in Huntsville, Alabama. It's only about an hour from the Helen Keller Museum, so you could make time for a visit while you're there. (more photos on p.18)

Bartlesville Lions Club members closed out the summer by teaming up with members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Bartlesville for a cleanup day at Lion's Community Park. Lion Wayne and Marla Benyshek assisted with the OK State Council for the Blind Convention in downtown Tulsa.

Bristow Lions Club is back to its regular meetings after a summer break. Members recently joined the Bristow Rotary Club to hear from Con-



gressman Frank Lucas and Lion Melvin Taylor. Who also lent a hand at the Oklahoma Council for the Blind Convention in Tulsa.

Checotah Lions Club is getting ready for its 8th annual charity golf tournament on November 6, 2026. Mark your calendar! {see flier}

Fairland Lions Club recently hosted its 27th annual Dr. Bill Goodman Golf Tournament at Fire Ridge Golf Course in Miami. With 21 teams taking part, it was a wonderful day filled with fellowship and support.





Henryetta Lions Club held its 7th annual cornhole tournament—and what a journey this event has had! It started with two brothers, Kerry and Jared, a few cornhole boards, and





an idea for raising money for the Lions Club. From its beginnings in a credit union drive-through and parking lot, the tournament has grown into an event held in the air-conditioned Henryetta High School gymnasium. They also helped with the City-Wide Cleanup.

Morris Lions Club

Held its annual car show on September 19, 2026. Take a look at the photos from





the event!







Okmulgee Lions Club has been busy serving its community! Members provided KidSight screenings



for 80 students at Wilson schools. They also offered screenings and helped hand out school supplies at the Muscogee Nation Back to School event.



At a recent meeting, News Channel 6's Lori Fullbright joined the club as guest speaker. The turnout was fan-



tastic, Lion Kelly Baehler served delicious stew and cornbread, and everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Lion Ron Martin as he turned 91.

Tulsa Downtown Lions

It's been another busy and rewarding month for the Tulsa Downtown Lions Club! Members are spending



four days providing screenings at the Little Light House, a school for children with special needs. This annual service project is always a special opportunity to connect with and support the community. Members also lent a hand at the OK State Council for the Blind Convention in downtown Tulsa

Vinita Lions Club won the BBQ "People's Choice" Award at the recent Calf Fry/BBQ cookoff! It was a great day with well over 1200 visitors and many helpers throughout the day. The event also had a Battle of the Bands and a Ranch Rodeo.

Bokoshe Lions Club



This club is planning the Shake Rag Car Show to be Saturday, October 10 in Bokoshe, OK. (**Flyer attached**).



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Hello 3NW Lions!

3NW Lions, I would love to have a full monthly newsletter page dedicated to all the youth related activities and support we have throughout our District. Take a few minutes and email me what your club does with and for the youth in your community.

When I was recruiting Zone Chairs for this year, many great Lions said they had to pass because they are so busy with supporting youth sports programs in their community. It was amazing how common this statement was made from Lions in several clubs.

From on-line streaming to maintenance of the local sports fields. Where would our Oklahoma communities be without so many caring citizens trying to make a difference where we live?



Congratulations to PDG Sharyl Pickens for graduating from Lions University with her Masters at the USA Canada Forum.

CLUB NEWS!

Perry Lions Club is holding a Golf Tournament on October 2nd at the Perry Golf and Country Club. This is a fun way to raise funds for projects in the year ahead. Tee time is 4:30 p.m. (see flier).



Perkins Lions Club annual Car Show is October 17th, at the Perkins-Tryon Highschool. Don't miss the chance to see some great cars (see flier).

Stillwater Noon Lions is supporting their local organization, "Our Daily Bread". They are also continuing their Pumpkin Patch fundraiser this year. They have also recently had a Social, and Pizza with a Purpose. Spending time with fellow Lions and even a couple of prospective new members!





Ponca City Noon Lions Congratulations to David Baker from the Ponca City Noon Lions Club, who received the Melvin Jones Fellowship.



Ponca City Noon Lions also conducted a food drive for the Food pantry at the First Christian Church, the Blessing Box downtown and always NERA, our local food bank resource.





They are continuing their Hydration Station with cold water at a cooler downtown available to everyone who needs it. Ponca City also funded $5000 toward some of the needs for a new playground for autistic children. Lowe's Home Improvements, Ponca City, and others are putting in time and resources so children will have a safe place to play!

Prague Lions held their annual Family Fish Fry. They have joined the Prague Chamber of Commerce which is a great way to get more exposure and possible new members.



Prague Lions have also been active with the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank since its inception in 1957. The Lions Club 'Recycle for Sight' program have an eyeglass drop off at Vision Bank where residents can drop off their older glasses. They will then be sorted, processed, and placed in inventory for distribution. They are distributed to optical missions locally and around the world! What a Great partnership!

In 1960, Prague Mayor Tope honored the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank in its third year of existence.

Ponca City After 5 hosted the Noon Lions Club to a "Get to Know" each other meeting as both clubs are pushing to work more closely on projects going forward.

The time is always right to do the right thing.

Our clubs do love food and often hold events around food



Cushing Lions Club

Held a Chili Cookoff September 26th.



Burlington Lions held their Grandparents and Students for Breakfast day September 14th, 2026. They served Biscuits and Gravy. What a nice way to start the school day!

Newkirk Lions Club hosted the Ponca City Noon Lions September 13 to serve with KidSight Screening at Charlie Adams Day at the Kay County Courthouse in downtown Newkirk.

Stroud Lions Club's Hogtober Fest was a great success! This is an annual event that covered most of the weekend.

Fairview held their Burger Burn at the Annual Threshing Bee at the Major County Historical Society. A great event showing history in action.







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Branching Out with Joy!

This year, our International theme is **Rooted in Service**, and I love the picture that creates. Lions have deep roots in our communities. For generations, we have stepped up when there was a need, served our neighbors, supported our communities, and made a difference.

Here in District 3SW, I want us to take those strong roots and **Branch Out with Joy!**

What does that mean? A healthy tree doesn't stop growing once its roots are established. It reaches out in new directions, puts out new branches and creates new growth. I believe our Lions clubs should be doing the same.

Let's branch out in Leadership. We still need Lions willing to step forward and serve as Zone Chairs, and we need Lions willing to take on leadership roles at every level. But leadership isn't only about filling the positions we need today. We should always be raising our replacements and encouraging the Lions who will lead us tomorrow.

Give someone a chance to take the lead on a project. Ask a newer Lion to chair a committee. Invite someone to attend a district event with you. Sometimes all it takes is another Lion saying, "I think you would be good at this," to help someone discover a talent they didn't know they had.

Let's branch out in Membership.
Our mission is too important for us to do it alone. Every new member brings another set of hands, another heart for service, another perspective and another connection to our community.

Invite someone to serve beside you. Let them experience Lions instead of simply telling them about Lions. When people see firsthand what Lions do—and how much we enjoy doing it—they begin to understand why we are proud to be Lions. We need others to help us expand our reach and carry our mission forward.

Let's branch out through Expansion.
There are communities in District 3SW where Lions could make a difference but where there is no Lions club. How can we reach them?

Maybe it is a new traditional club, a specialty club, a club branch or simply gathering a group of people who share a passion for a particular need. When we expand Lions into another community, we expand service right along with it.

Let's branch out in Service.
Service almost goes without saying—because service is what Lions are all about!

But branching out means looking beyond what we have always done. What does your community need **today**? Try something different. Partner with another organization. Join forces with another Lions club. Take one of your successful projects and help another club make it their own.

And October gives us the perfect opportunity.

October is Vision Month, and vision has always been at the heart of Lions service. Let's make sure District 3SW is out there serving! Plan a vision-related project, conduct a vision screening, collect used eyeglasses, support White Cane activities or find another way your club can help protect the gift of sight.

This is a wonderful month to remind our communities exactly why Lions are known around the world as **Knights of the Blind**.

And finally, **let's branch out with Fun and Fellowship!**

This one may be more important than we sometimes realize. We have to enjoy what we are doing if we expect other people to want to join us!

Laugh together. Visit another club. Make your service projects fun. Bring your family. Meet Lions you don't already know. Celebrate your successes—and don't be afraid to do something occasionally for no other reason than to have a good time together.

People may first come to Lions because they want to serve, but the friendships, fellowship, and sense of belonging they find can be what makes them stay.

We already have the roots.

Now let's grow some new leaders, welcome some new Lions, reach some new communities, find new ways to serve—and have a whole lot of fun doing it.

Let's see just how far District 3SW can **Branch Out with Joy!**

CLUB NEWS!

Anadarko Lions donated water and snacks to four (4) local Fire Departments. Thanks to Mustang Lions for helping secure the water. Anadarko also did a KidSight screening at the local Headstart.



Anadarko Champions of Advocacy assisted with delivering the water They will also be holding a Halloween Dance (flier attached).





Sue Thompson and I.D. Dianna Castillo from Miami, I.D. Dianna will be our guest at the Oklahoma Lions Southwest District Convention in February. She is very nice! Sue and Dianna got to share a table with her Saturday night at the Forum.

Chickasha Lions
Provides a water stop!



Durant Lions held their annual spaghetti dinner.



Mustang held a recent Bingo Night. Lots of Fun! They will also have their annual Haunted House soon- (flier attached).



Ardmore recently honored their students of the month.



Canute Lions will have their annual Pancake breakfast October 11, 2026 (flier attached).

Seminole Lions do a lot of KidSight screenings! They will also have their annual Melvin Jones Fellowship Banquet October 22, 2026. The Club recently donated a picnic table to the local Elementary School.



Seminole Public Schools
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BLS says, "Seminole Lion's Club is the best!" Thank you so much for donating this awesome picnic table and the covered awning to go with it! Our kids are so blessed with such a wonderful community! 💛💙



Ada Lions Club
Lion Susie Christy from the is on a mission trip in Kenya. This is the equator. Wherever there's a need, there's a Lion!



Oklahoma City Northwest Lions
Put out the flags at Stars and Stripes Park near Lake Hefner for Labor Day as they do for each federal holiday with the help of the American Legion Riders Post 1340, several spouses and grandchildren.



Elk City Lions with the help of the **Canute Lions** ran the concession stand at the Labor Day Rodeo, as they have done for years!





Leader Dogs for the Blind

Is your club interested in a service project for Blindness Awareness Month?



October is an important month for our cause: the Vision Week of Service is October 8 through the 18, and White Cane Day is October 15, 2026.

International President Mark Lyon is a champion for the cause of vision. Earlier this year, he visited Leader Dog to celebrate our longstanding partnership and shared mission of service. He said:

"A few years back, I had the joy of serving on the Lions Advisory Committee for Leader Dog and learned so much about this premier organization that shares so many of our Lions values. Founded in 1939, Leader Dog and Lions have been working side by side to serve the blind and visually impaired to gain their independence and mobility. **Lion Lyn and I look forward to partnering with Leader Dog in the days ahead."**

I hope you will join us and Lions around the world for a service project in October;

- Partner with Leader Dog for a Dining in the Dark community event or
- Ask community members to donate on White Cane Day with a **Leader Dog & Lions fundraising page**.
- Read a Leader Dog picture book in a classroom near you or give brochures to your local eye doctor.
- Share social media posts to spread awareness and
- Encourage gifts to Leader Dog's programs or
- Work with a local business to fundraise in your neighborhood.

Service is the foundation of Lions, and we need your help to support people who are blind or low vision in your community. **Check out our new Service Project Guide for inspiration and guidance to organize a service project** or reply to this email to explore service project opportunities for your Lions club or district. Together we serve,

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Kelsey is our representative for Oklahoma and will come and speak at any of our conventions either by Zoom or in person, or will send someone if she is unavailable.

From an Oklahoma Lion who has a Leader Dog:

Dear Lions Club Members of Oklahoma:

I am Lion Gordon Besaw of Oklahoma City West Side Lions Club. I've been a member for quite a long time. I am also a disabled vet. I am blind and have a Leader Dog from Leader Dogs of Rochester Michigan.

Many of you may not realize that the Lions Club founded Leader Dogs in 1939. I would like to challenge all the clubs in the state of Oklahoma to make sure they make a yearly donation consistently.

I have had four dogs since I've been blind and they've been great companions and helped me in my daily life. So, I want to encourage Oklahoma Lions to step up and show our dedication to Leader Dogs strongly. More than ever before. Because we have founded Leader Dogs and it is consistently growing! We need to remind ourselves not to forget what we have started.

Thank you so much and I will look forward to hearing how our donations are doing.

Lion Gordon Besaw



Lion Melissa Weisse, Lion Lyn Lyon, International President Mark Lyon, Past International Director Justin Faber, and Lion Shelly O'Henley in the lobby of Leader Dogs.

Meadows of Hope News!

Dear Lions,

Recently, Bryan, our CEO, had the opportunity to attend a fireside chat at the Gathering Place in Tulsa with George Kaiser and Chickasaw Nation Governor Chris Anoatubby, moderated by Joy Hofmeister. He went expecting to hear about philanthropy at a scale most of us will never operate at and he did. What he didn't expect to hear was our own mission reflected back to him.

Mr. Kaiser spoke about a belief that has shaped and drives his giving: ***"The circumstances of a child's birth shouldn't dictate the opportunities that child has in life."*** He talked about transformational change across generations and investing in communities so children have the opportunity to thrive.



As Mr. Kaiser spoke, Bryan immediately thought about how deeply that belief connects to the very foundation of Lions Meadows of Hope (LMOH), a name most of you know. Long before we were LMOH and even before we were the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch, our founder, H.F. Donnelley, established the IOA Ranch on Cimarron in 1938. IOA stood for a simple but powerful conviction: **Every Individual deserves an Opportunity to Achieve.** Nearly 90 years later, that belief is still woven into ***who*** we are.

And then, almost as if we needed another reminder of how our history continues to shape our work today, Bryan saw a social media post from our friend, Alton Carter. Many of you may know Alton's story and some of you may not. He came to the Boys Ranch as a child in the early 1980s after experiencing years of abuse and neglect. During his time there, boys were made to carry bricks as punishment, an experience Alton would later write about in his book, ***The Boy Who Carried Bricks***. Gordon Sloggett was the board president during Alton's time at the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch. When Gordon learned what was happening, he helped bring the practice to an end. But what happened to those bricks afterward is a story worth telling. Gordon gathered them, took them home, and used them to build a beautiful patio that he and his family enjoyed for decades. Years later, before Alton released his book, he shared his story with the Stillwater Noon Lions Club, where Gordon was in attendance. Gordon invited Alton to his home and showed him what he had done with those bricks, the same bricks that had once represented so much pain. Gordon gave one of those bricks to Alton.

Gordon, at 90 is preparing to move into a retirement community. Before leaving his home, he invited Alton back to gather some of those bricks. Afterward, Alton shared his story on how powerful it was to stand beside Gordon holding the same bricks he had once been forced to carry.

Alton said, ***"Today, I stood beside 90-year-old Gordon Sloggett, holding the very bricks I was forced to carry as punishment when I was a kid. If you didn't know, Gordon was one of the people who helped bring an end to the practice of boys carrying bricks at the Boys Ranch years ago. Today, I spent a few minutes with him sharing our stories and memories of the Boys Ranch. He then gifted me a dozen of those bricks—the same bricks that changed the course of my life. Standing beside him with those bricks in my hands, I was reminded of what it meant for someone to simply stand up and speak out for a group of boys the community had forgotten. Gordon never sought recognition. He simply did what he believed was right. This humble man will forever be considered a hero by those of us whose lives he helped change. Thank you, Gordon, for standing up when it mattered."***

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What makes this story even more meaningful is that Gordon's service didn't end with the Boys Ranch. He continued serving on our LMOH board as we transitioned into a foster care agency and began a new chapter of caring for children and families experiencing foster care. But, there is one more piece of this story we love.



As we celebrated the grand opening of our foster care community and committed ourselves to providing safe, loving homes where brothers and sisters could stay together, Alton surprised Bryan with the brick Gordon had given him years earlier. Alton told Bryan that ***he could trust him with bricks again.*** That brick sits in Bryan's office today. community. A recurring monthly gift, at any amount, provides steady support for children and families experiencing foster care while creating an impact that reaches generations to come.

It is a tangible reminder of where we've been, how far we've come, and the responsibility we have to continue moving this mission forward.

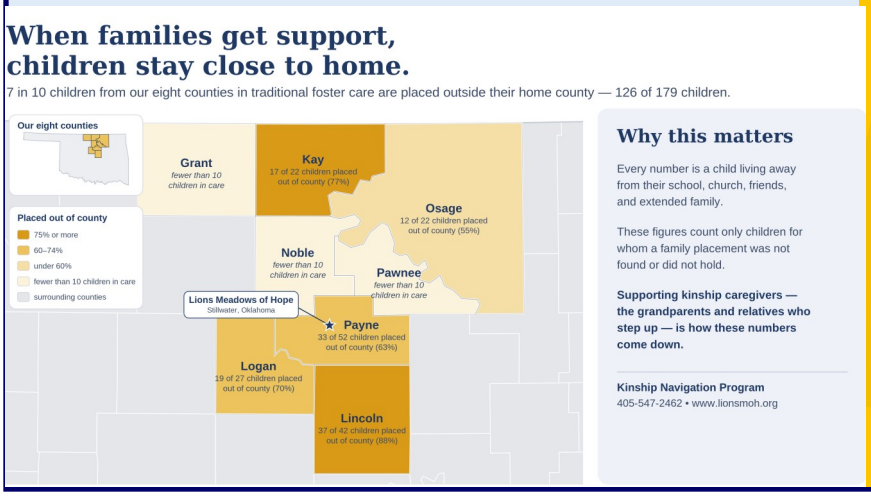
The work in front of us is still the work Mr. Donnelley named nearly 90 years ago, the work Gordon stood up for, the work Mr. Kaiser described and the support each of you give to LMOH in your own way: ***to care for children well, to use what we have to do good, and to keep going, even when we may never fully see the impact of what we do. Gordon was given the rare gift of seeing some of his impact come full circle.***

A man who never sought recognition stood on his patio beside the boy he had once stood up for and watched that now, grown man carry away the very bricks that once represented pain and fear. Today, they are something to treasure. There is something incredibly powerful about that.

That is our hope for each of you who continue to invest in the mission of LMOH. You may not always get to see where your generosity leads. You may never know every child's life you touched, every family you strengthened, or every story you helped change. But sometimes, if we're lucky, we get a glimpse.

I want to personally *THANK YOU*- for showing up, for saying YES and for standing with us in the gap! Each of you have something that can make a difference and together, we can do an ***incredible*** amount of good. If this story has inspired you to say YES in a new way, we would love to invite you to become a part of our Champion for Children

Elizabeth Beck





Memphis Forum

What a trip! The 50th Anniversary of the USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum! Some of us arrived early and took a City Tour and visited Graceland. Some participated in the Strides Walk. Some of us helped with a hands on project to support local children's charities. Some of us saw the sunset over the Mississippi from the top of the 300' Bass Pro Shop Pyramid. Some of us made our way to Beale Street! Some of us had lunch at Charlie's Rendezvous BarBQ which has been there since the 1930's and is now run by Charlie's daughter! Some of us visited the Peabody Hotel and became assistant duckmasters! (If you don't know, google it!). Two of us got diplomas from Lions University. Fifteen of us met for our traditional Friday Night Dinner at Bosco's and I think it is safe to say a good time was had by all!

We all attended great sessions and heard IP Mark Lyon speak as well as many other great speakers. We all saw Elvis and were entertained by Floyd Armstrong of the Fifth Dimension. We all visited the trade show and did our part to support the Lions Store! The City of Memphis even lit up the bridge in our colors!

We heard all about the International Convention which will be **July 2-6, 2027** in Washington, DC. We will be in Washington, DC over the fourth of July! How exciting is that? Registration is $199.00 till January 1st! We also heard about next year's Forum where we will "Reach for the Stars" in Huntsville, Alabama, home of the Space Shuttle and near Helen Keller's home in Tuscumbia, Alabama. It is **September 16-18, 2027. Please Join Us!!**









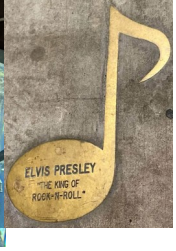














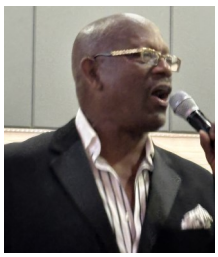
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Hough Aid

When Hearing Loss Steals the Conversation, HoughAid Helps Bring It Back

"What I miss about hearing is the time I spent with my family."

That came from an Oklahoman living with hearing loss, and it captures something an audiogram never could.

Hearing loss doesn't just make the television louder. It can mean missing the punchline at the dinner table. Nodding along because you're embarrassed to ask "What?"one more time. Struggling to understand a doctor. Slowly becoming quieter in a world that hasn't actually gotten any quieter at all. And for thousands of Oklahomans, there is another problem: **hearing aids are simply too expensive.**

That's where HoughAid comes in.

HoughAid is a program of Hough Ear Institute that provides **clinical-grade hearing aids and professional audiology services at no cost** to qualifying Oklahoma adults. The program serves adults age 19 and older with household incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

Once approved, participants are connected with a participating audiologist who provides the hearing evaluation, fitting, and follow-up care. The hearing aids themselves are provided through the generosity of Sertoma.

And it is working.

As of September 2026, **258 Oklahomans have received hearing aids and services through HoughAid.** Behind that number are 258 people who may be hearing a spouse more clearly, following conversations at church, communicating better at work, or catching the words of a grandchild they once struggled to understand.

That's also where Oklahoma Lions can make an enormous difference.

You already encounter people in communities across our state who need help. Somewhere in your club, church, neighborhood, workplace, or community is likely someone who has been putting off getting hearing aids because they believe they simply cannot afford them.

Please tell them about HoughAid.

There is no cost to apply, and learning whether someone qualifies takes just a few minutes.

Learn more, check eligibility, or apply at HoughAid.org.

Because sometimes restoring hearing isn't really about turning up the volume.

It's about putting someone back into the conversation.

Susan Riley, MA, CFRE,
Director of Development

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

Eye Glass Recycling



Mustang	1000
Durant	250
N. Enid	1380
Ada	200
Pocola	900
McAlester	63
Wilburton	12
Vian	46
Tulsa DT	1183
OKC West Side	1545
Bartlesville	662
Chickasha	1010
OKC NW	927
OKC Capitol Hill	400
Ponca City Noon	294
Shawnee	625
Weatherford	1200

***This makes a total of 11,697 pairs of eyeglasses recycled from Oklahoma Lions for September**



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.

Lions Clubs have helped recycle over 302 hearing aids to distribute to needy Oklahomans! Thank you!





2026-2027 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!

PDG Gene Redford
- OK Lions Boneyard

All Past District Governors
- Oklahoma Lions Boneyard

PDG Linda Hughes
- PDGs Dollie and David Wooddell

Terry Ahlfenger
- Duncan Lions Club

PID R Hal Long
- Russell Wright
- Ok Lions Boneyard

Pam Timmons
- Northwest OKC Lions Club
- Marie Burns
- Sue Carol Thompson

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Upcoming Council Dates

- **November 14, 2026 West Side**
- **January 9, 2027 West Side**
- **May 1, 3027 Claremore**
- **June 12, 2027 West Side**

If we do not have your correct email, please let us know!

Convention Dates:

3SW Feb 5-6	**Ada**
3NW Feb 19-20	**Ponca City**
3E March 19-20	**Tulsa**

MD3 April30--May 1 Claremore

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.



OKMULGEE LIONS PANCAKE DAY!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026

7AM-2PM

LOCATED AT THE

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

401 S SEMINOLE AVE

OKMULGEE, OK 74447

$10 per meal

(Includes pancakes, bacon, sausage, juice, milk, syrup and butter)







Come join OKC West Side Lions Club for our Fall Pancake Fundraiser.
October 31st from 8-12

All you can eat pancakes and sausage, milk, juice and coffee.

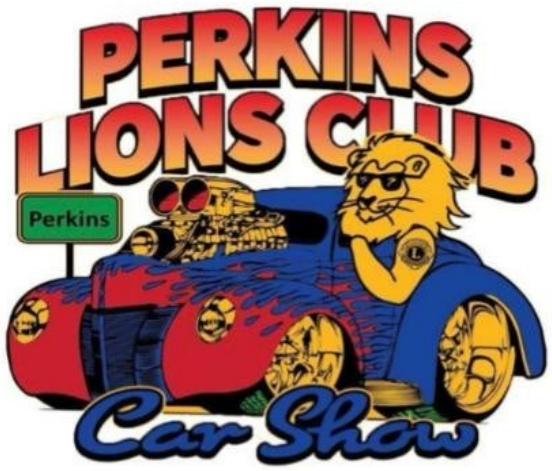
All for $6 for adults and $3 for kids under 12.
4135 NW 10th Street Oklahoma City



Perkins Car Show

OCTOBER 25, 2025 REGISTRATION: 8AM-10AM, SHOW TIME: 8AM-2PM

VENUE: PERKINS-TRYON HIGH SCHOOL JUST OFF HWY 33



Perkins Lions Club

@Perkins-LionsClub

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TOP 20 ENTRIES WILL BE CHOSEN BY PEOPLES CHOICE

CLUB TROPHY and $100.00 for the largest number of entries, **PRE-REGISTRATION** $15, day of show registration $20. **PRE-REGISTRATION DRAWING OF $25 & $50**, AWARDS & 50/50 POT Drawing @ 1PM inside the Commons Area, **CONCESSION PROVIDED BY PERKINS-TRYON SCHOOL ATHLETICS.** REST ROOMS LOCATED INSIDE THE COMMONS AREA. This Event will occur **RAIN OR SHINE.** ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO PERKINS LIONS CLUB community service projects and the Perkins-Tryon School Athletics.

Please Print:

NAME: _____ MAKE OF CAR: _____

ADDRESS: _____ MODEL & YEAR: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____ CLUB AFFILIATION: _____

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SIGNED. EXECUTION OF ENTRIES WILL RELEASE THE PERKINS-TRYON SCHOOL, AND PERKINS LIONS CLUB, CITY OF PERKINS, AND ANY OTHER REPRESENTITIVE OF THE AFORMENTIONED GROUPS AND VOLUNTEERS FROM ALL KNOWN CLAIMS, UNKNOWN DAMAGES, AND INJURIES SUFFERED BY THE ENTRANT AND/OR THEIR REPRESENTITIVE OR THEIR PROPERTY.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS: John Calavan 405-612-5739 email: perkinslionsclub74059@gmail.com,
Mail To: Perkins Lions Club PO Box 804 Perkins, Oklahoma 74059
Facebook: Perkins Lions Club #1918, WEBSITE: "Cimarron Starlight Cruisers" http://slauener.tripod.com

8th Annual
Checotah Lions Club
Charity Golf Tournament

Friday November 6th, 2026

Arrowhead State Golf Course – Canadian, OK



Registration begins @ 8:00

Shot Gun Start @ 8:30

Lunch immediately following!

4 Person Scramble

We look forward to your participation. Proceeds from the tournament are used to benefit the Checotah Angel Tree Program and the Skeet Frame Memorial Scholarship Fund for area High School Seniors.

Only $300 for a 4 Person Team or $75 Per Player!

Discount for Members of the Arrowhead Golf Course

Entry includes Round of Golf and Lunch.

Team Name: _____

Players:

1._____

2._____

3._____

4._____

Ask about our other Sponsorship opportunities:

Hole Sponsorships! $100

Corporate Sponsorships! $350 *(Includes Team, Social Media Advertising, Hole Sponsorship, and Name Recognition at Tournament.)*

Make Checks payable to: Checotah Lions Club

For Questions, please call Darren Armstrong 918-577-1510 or Kim Emerson 918-616-2526



CANUTE LIONS CLUB

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST



WHEN:
OCTOBER 11, 2026

TIME:
7:30AM - 1:30PM

WHERE:
CANUTE FIRE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY BUILDING

PROCEEDS WILL BE USED FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS, CANUTE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES.

COST:
DONATIONS ONLY

MEAL:
Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Juice, Milk or Coffee

