

The Oklahoma Lion



August, 2026



Upcoming Council Date

- August 29, 2026 OKC West Side
- November 14, 2026 OKC West Side
- January 9, 2027 OKC West Side
- June 12, 2027 OKC West Side

Greetings and Salutations to Oklahoma Lions!

Time has marched on and now we are in the opening days of a new Lions year. Everything got off to a busy start with the International Convention in Hong Kong that ended July 7, 2026. 3E DG Patty Bryant attended this event and I am sure she has some stories to tell. We are one governor short pending the LCI Executive Committee's approval of 3NW Terry Woodruff as governor (has since been approved). Terry will be an excellent addition to the council team.

At the International level, Mark Lyon has been elected as the International President for this Lions year



2026-2027. You may recall Lion Mark is from Connecticut and was our international guest at the 2024 Oklahoma State Convention. IP Lyon is promoting "Rooting for Service" on his Presidential pin.

This is meaningful in both uses of the word as we are rooting or cheering for exemplary service and service

is the root of our association. IP Mark and all the rest of the association will have a challenging year dealing with the rate of change in our society and membership.

When I applied for this position I was not totally aware of what the job entails. My education has been swift and eye opening! Dealing with our need for membership growth will consume a lot of this year. As our state membership declines the amount of dues collected declines and we find ourselves needing to assess what we can and cannot do financially. This is an active project. I have been looking at the membership numbers and as of July 13, 2026. The LCI system reports we have 2464 members in 116 clubs. Of these members 872 are women and 1572 are men. One of the challenges we

face in membership is dealing with the changes in our society since our founding in 1917. The citizens of this country have changed dramatically since that time and the operating environment is totally different. I believe there is still a spirit for service and aiding others in our society but the average person is not as likely to join a group. The Global Action Team (GAT) effort of our association is working hard on this issue. 3E DG Patty attended a GMT summit in Atlanta recently (she really gets around) and may have some new insight.

I recently attended the Tulsa Downtown Lions President's party when the new administration was sworn in. They have a tradition of passing down the President's pin to the incoming president to wear for a year. It gives a good sense of continuity and linkage from the past to the future. Looking through the LCI reports that are available to me (LCI only allows access to what they think you need) I noticed a change that I have not heard mentioned. In the past, a club that had a president, secretary and treasurer was the minimum to have all officers required. LCI has added a fourth officer to this list and now requires a membership chair to have a full slate of officers. The DG's must notify the clubs. This change indicates that membership is the focus for this year.

I have made some progress filling MD3 officers but we still need a state emergency relief chairperson and an MD3 Global Leadership Team (GLT) and MD3 Global Service Team (GST). If you are willing to fill these slots please notify me or VCC Frances Poindexter.

I am still guided by PIP Brian Sheehan's motto: Make a Great Day!

Yours in Lionism
CC David Wooddell



2026-2027

District 3 E Governor



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Hello 3E Lions:

The year is already off to a busy and exciting start. FVDG Monica Medley, GMT Chair Mason Kerns—both of the Wagoner Lions Club—and I had the privilege of attending the Mission 1.5 Summit weekend in Atlanta with more than 400 Lions from across the United States.



I also attended the Lions International Convention in Hong Kong, where more than 17,000 Lions from around the

world gathered. It was an unforgettable experience!

Congratulations to the District 3-E Lions who recently completed important leadership training: Amber Mordacai of Henryetta, Gaylon Pinc of Tulsa Downtown, and Joellen Wil-



liams of Pryor graduated from the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute. Also pictured are Jaime Moore from Anadarko and Autumn Peeper and Raquel Payne from Stillwater.

sity in Baldwin City, Kansas. Also shown are PCC Verdiana Adams

from Anadarko and PDG Sharyl Pickens, from Perkins.

I am encouraged by the strong leadership across our district. Our Zone Chairs will provide important updates for each club in their zones, sharing both successes and challenges throughout the year. Along with the GAT Team Leaders, the Zone Chairs are prepared to serve, support, and strengthen our clubs throughout the year ahead.

I have enjoyed visiting several District 3-E clubs and meeting many dedicated Lions who are actively serving their communities. The year has just begun, so I will have more opportunities to visit clubs during my term as District Governor. The clubs below have reported the following activities:

Bartlesville Lions Club: Members recently spent a Saturday afternoon at the local Atwoods raising funds for the club's activity fund by serving two hot dogs, a drink, and chips for just \$1.00.



Broken Arrow Lions Club: The club is preparing to provide vision screenings at the Broken Arrow Back to School Bash on August 1.



PDG Kathy Donahue of the Fairland Lions Club, who also serves as GAT Area 1A Vice Leader, served as an instructor. Kelly Baehler of Okmulgee graduated from the Faculty Development Institute at Baker Univer-

Bokoshe Lions Club: The club is planning its annual car show for October.

Henryetta Lions Club: Members partnered with the Henryetta

VFW to place flags on soldiers' graves for Memorial Day services.

They also helped

launch the summer reading season at the Henryetta Public Library by

sharing an educational dinosaur book and hosting a lively **Dino Dig**, where participants answered trivia questions based on what they learned.

Each participant received a Sonic gift card provided by the Henryetta Lions. The club is also preparing for the Big Labor Day Weekend Cornhole Tournament, with the theme, "Real Heroes Wear Yellow Vests."

Morris Lions Club: Lion David Nelson and his grandson showed community pride by replacing the flag at the Morris Lions Library.



Porter Lions Club: Contributed \$8000 in scholarships to students of Porter Consolidated Schools and contributed \$1,250 to help fund the Porter Fire Department fireworks show.



Muskogee Lions Club: They awarded the 2026 scholarship to Lauren Conard. The club presented



a donation to the Muskogee Food Pantry, one of our Community partners and hosted a game night with an Open Mic Con-



test. The winners were: Isaiah, Piper and Owen.

Okmulgee Lions Club: The club served breakfast to the Okmulgee High School graduating class of 2026. They also delivered 719 pairs



of eyeglasses to the state office, placed two hearing aid collection boxes in local businesses, and in stalled their 2026-2027 officers Congratulations to the new leadership team as they begin



another year of service.

Pryor Lions Club: The club participated in the Pryor Creek Recreation Center Health Fair in June, providing vision screenings for 150 people. They hosted the 17th Annual Night Golf Tournament on June 19, raising \$10,000. They served ham-burgers and hot dogs to 300 residents attending the Summer Reading Program at the Pryor Public Library on June 2, 2026.

Sallisaw Lions Club: The club is preparing for its 82nd annual rodeo, scheduled for July 30-August 1. It promises to be an exciting event for a hard working club. It is also their largest fundraiser (Flier attached).

Tulsa Downtown Lions Club: At its Presidents Party, Rene Bramlette received a Melvin Jones Fellowship, and Past President Terry Rosenthal was honored posthumously as Lion of the Year. TDLC participated in the Sooner State Classic Beep Baseball tournament in Tulsa. They also participated in the Back to School Bash, screening 65 people and providing 12 clients with eye exams and glasses. The club also collected more than 1,200 pairs of eyeglasses, sunglasses, and children's glasses for recycling and mission trips, and continues to support community vision screening events.

Vinita Lions Club: The club hosted a backyard party with grilled burgers and onions and welcomed the new District Governor. Members also collected eyeglasses and delivered them to the State office. Also helping sponsor the rodeo this week.

To: District 3-E Officers, Zone Chairs, GAT Team Members, and Club Presidents,

District Governor Patty Bryant has requested to share the 2026-2027 schedule for the District Cabinet Meetings.

Dates:

August 15, 2026 (9:00AM - 12:00PM)
The Briefcase, 313 W Main St, Henryetta, OK 74437

November 7, 26 (9:00AM -12:00 PM)
First Baptist Church, 311 W 5th St, Okmulgee, OK 74447

June 19, 2026 The Briefcase, 313 W Main St, Henryetta, OK 74437

Coffee, water, and donuts will be provided, and we expect to finish before lunch.

District Midwinter Convention

(including a cabinet meeting)
March 19 & 20, 2027
Red Fork Masonic Lodge, 4002 S Union Ave, Tulsa, OK 74107
Looking forward to seeing you at these events.

Kevin Reid

District 3-E Secretary
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The Lions Emblem



2026-2027



**District 3-NW
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reach out to DG Terry Woodruff. Now for a shout out to the great clubs of 3NW District –

Laverne Lions Club: served pancakes and sausage for July 4 celebration and raised \$1,757 for future club

projects in the process. Serving 300 of the community sounds like fun! Bingo night is planned for August 22 at the Community Center. Come on out for a chance at the progressive jackpot of \$880.

North Enid Lions Club: continues outstanding service with donations of \$1000 student scholarship and a \$500 donation to the Salvation Army for their ongoing disaster relief efforts. They are planning a teacher appreciation luncheon in August for the teachers and staff of Chisholm Public Schools.

Guymon Lions: continue to have fun in the park this summer with operation of their train. This takes a



July as families prepare for back to school. Kids Sight screening was a big part of this event.



Cushing Lions: operated the Hospitality Tent at the July 4th celebration in downtown Cushing. Great way to get visibility in the community.

Stroud Lions Club: is preparing to host the inaugural Stroud Hogtoberfest event September 11-12. This will include events downtown Stroud and a 24 hour Wild Hog hunt. Watch the Stroud Lions Club Facebook page for more details as the event gets closer. Check with them for vendor opportunities at this big event. Web page is setup to promote this event at hogtoberfest.org, (Flier attached).

Ponca City After 5 Lions: started a Bingo night fundraising event that provides great fun for local residents. The first night of Bingo was very successful and more



events are planned. After 5 Lions packed snack boxes for Veterans and also for Kids and

Ponca City Noon Lions: are keeping it cool with a hydration station stocked daily with iced down bottled water. A cooler is placed at a supporting downtown business. Many low-income residents are taking advantage of this cool water on these hot days. Members and local businesses are supporting the effort with funds for the ice and cases of water. Ponca Noon members also invested time with youth through the summer reading program sponsored by the First United Methodist Church. Transformation Program. They also had their annual banquet with PDG Sharyl Pickens and PCC Kent Clovis as guests.





Stillwater Lions Club: DG Sharyl Pickens installed the 2026-27 Stillwater Noon Lions officers and Board members. Twelve members served breakfast to 150 people at the Dancing Turtle Inter-faith Brunch. Coffee mugs



were designed with Lion Jim Moser's photo on them and then sold to members and others with the proceeds being donated to Lions Meadows of Hope in his memory. Vision

screenings were conducted at GRAND Mental Health during their Back-to-School Bash. They also sent two members to the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) in July. This is two days of extensive leadership training for Lions. The club just completed a year long project to support 4H clubs. A dedicated effort to collect pull tabs resulted in 45 pounds of



tabs donated to the Ronald McDonald House which were donated to the OSA Extension Office. They also rang

bells for Christmas in July with the Red Kettle. Keep an eye out for the annual Pumpkin Patch!

Perkins Lions Club:

will be having their annual Car Show October 17 at the Perkins-Tryon High School. (Flier attached) The club presented our own Past District Governor Sharyl Pickens with a Melvin Jones Fellowship at our first meeting of the new Lions Year.



Perry Lions Club: PDG J.D., Koch installed the officers for the club and celebrated their 100th anniversary. They reflected on the club's rich history especially their role in establishing the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank. Each officer was given a small flashlight to remind them to "Light the Way" and that every act of service makes a difference to someone!



Prague Lions: continue to operate their community flag program. Over 230 flags are set out for several holidays then collected and stored for the next holiday. This makes a real difference for times like the



4th of July as we celebrate 250 years. Lion Jerry Opela never lets off the gas in Lions Service. He joined the club in 1978 and just received a Builders Key for bringing more new members into Lions. He is a great example of a dedicated Lion.



They also installed a Worn Flag Deposit Bin at City Hall where worn or damaged flags can be dropped off for a proper disposal.

Kingfisher Lions sponsored a young man to attend Ok Boys State.



Congratulations to PDG Sharyl Pickens on graduating from Lions Faculty Development Institute in July. PDG Sharyl attended this training at the GPLLI event held in Kansas. This certification qualifies her to facilitate Lions training programs in our district and beyond.



2026-2027



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They also filled the Blessing Boxes around Altus.



(Maggie) Wilson and Carlea Pritchard. We look forward to working with both of them. (L-R) Mary (Maggie) Wilson, Jeferson 5th Grade and Carlea Pritchard, Lincoln 4th Grade.



Mustang Lions Club: in District 3SW was recognized at the international convention in Hong Kong for the following award. Silver Premier Club Award is a club membership recognition by Mission 1.5 to a club achieving 100% retention, 10% growth, with a minimum of 5 new members. The club will be recognized in the LION magazine and at the International Convention. It is my understanding that this is the complete recognition for the club.

Altus Lions Club: conducted Kid-Sight Vision screenings at the Altus Back to School Bash. They also went



to Frederick and assisted the Frederick Lions in their

Back to School Bash.



Oklahoma City West Side Lions had their annual Car Show 6-27-26.



Looks like some shady characters! Their new officers were installed by PDG Dean Taylor. He challenged them to "Get on Fire for Lions!" and gave them a lighter that says "Believe"! Shown are incoming president Richard Schiver and VP Oliver. They also inducted three new members! It must be working!



Durant Lions Club had their annual car show 6-24. Lots of great cars but there was a clear WINNER!

Ardmore Lions Club Adopt-a-Teacher committee is



so excited to welcome our 2026-2027 first year teachers: Mary

Canute Lions Club A huge thanks to Lion Kem Reiner for painting our little library and Blessing Boxes! On June 29, DG Frances Poindexter installed new officers. This club has great leadership!



Rush Springs Lions sponsors the annual Watermelon Festival each year! This year is August 8th!



2026 Watermelon Festival	
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	
**INDICATES ENTERTAINMENT	
9:00AM.....	OPENING CEREMONIES
9:30AM.....	TINY TOTS CONTEST
10:00AM.....	SEED SPITTING PRELIMINARIES
10:30AM.....	AUTUMN COLEMAN**
10:45AM.....	AYDEN SEIFRIED**
11:00AM.....	HARPER BALL**
11:30AM.....	ANNOUNCE TINY TOTS WINNER
11:45AM.....	OKIE STOMPERS**
12:30PM.....	ROYALTY CEREMONY - 2026 WATERMELON QUEEN & LITTLE MR. & MISS
1:00PM.....	MORGAN TREFFINGER**
1:30PM.....	SEED SPITTING FINALS & WATERMELON EATING CONTEST
2:00PM.....	KRIS GIFFORD**
2:15PM.....	MALISSA JOHNSON**
3:00PM.....	PRIZE WATERMELON AUCTION
3:45PM.....	SAWYER JUNE**
4:00PM.....	FREE WATERMELON FEED
4:30PM.....	EMILY RHYNE**
5:00PM.....	CLOSING REMARKS BY 2026 WATERMELON QUEEN BAILIE HESTON
6:00-8:00PM.....	FEATURE BAND 40 ROSES**
CARNIVAL, CAR SHOW, ARTS & CRAFTS, 5K/10K RUN & MORE!	

Please take time to read: An excellent blueprint for a successful clue!

STILLWATER NOON LIONS
CLUB
OUTGOING PRESIDENT
COMMENTS
MIKE WOODS
JUNE 25, 2026

Good afternoon, Lions.

As I conclude my time as president of the Stillwater Noon Lions Club, I have reflected on who we are, what makes this club special, and where we are headed next.

Recently, I surveyed members who joined our club within the last five or six years. I asked a simple question: What attracted you to our club, what do you enjoy, and what could we do better? This is an important group within our club, representing forty-two of our ninety-seven members — 43 percent of our membership. These Lions are our future. The responses were thoughtful, honest, encouraging, and in a few places challenging — exactly what valuable feedback should be. Again and again, new members described this club as welcoming, joyful, active, caring, and deeply committed to service.

For more than 60 years, this club has built a culture that people feel the moment they walk through the door.

People talked about laughter. Friendship. Purpose. Community. And opportunities to serve. Many of our new Lions said they joined because someone personally invited them.

A Lion took the time to ask.
A Lion made them feel welcome.
A Lion helped them find a place here.

Organizations do not stay strong because of operating procedures, bylaws, acronyms, or traditions alone. Organizations stay strong because people intentionally invite others in.

That is a strength of our club.

Long before many of us joined, Lions were serving Stillwater through vision programs, community projects, youth support, fundraising events, and direct volunteerism. Those Lions built something durable — a club known across Oklahoma for showing up, working hard, and caring deeply about this community. That heritage matters.

We should be proud of it. We should protect it.

But a strong heritage is not something we preserve by standing still. We honor our traditions best when we continue building on them.

One of the strongest messages from the survey was that newer members want to serve, want to be involved, and want to better understand where they fit. Several said there are so many opportunities that sometimes it is hard to know where to begin.

That feedback is valuable.

When you have been in Lions for many years, it is easy to forget that our projects, traditions, and even our terminology may be unfamiliar to a new member. Welcoming people means helping them understand not only what we do — but why we do it.

Because we are not just maintaining a lunch club. We are building future Lions leaders.

The survey also reminded us that growth requires reflection. Healthy organizations ask tough questions. Strong clubs do not fear reflection. They embrace it. Listening does not weaken tradition. Listening strengthens it.

We demonstrated that this year. We honored our traditions, but we also tried new things. We held our first fundraising BBQ, and thanks to the hard work of many Lions, it was a tremendous success. We hosted an afternoon tea to introduce potential new members to the joy we find in serving together. We partnered with the Perkins Lions Club on a service project helping

neighbors beyond our own community.

Each of those efforts started with someone saying, “What if we tried something new?” That is how strong organizations grow — not by abandoning traditions, but by building on them.

One new member wrote that when they first visited our club, they noticed how joyful everyone was.

People laughing. People enjoying each other. People having fun while serving.

That comment stayed with me.

In a world that often feels divided and disconnected, this club offers something special — a place where people come together across backgrounds, professions, generations, and life experiences to do good work together. So, as I conclude my time as president, my hope for this club is simple:

May we continue honoring our history. May we continue embracing service. May we continue welcoming new members warmly. May we continue listening to one another and our community. And may we continue balancing the wisdom of tradition with openness to new ideas.

Based on these surveys, this club is in a strong place. People feel proud to be here.

People feel connected. People feel useful. People feel valued. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president. Thank you for your friendship. Thank you for your trust.

And most of all, thank you for continuing to live out the simple but powerful motto that has guided Lions for generations:

WE SERVE !

Mike Woods
Immediate Past President
Stillwater Lions



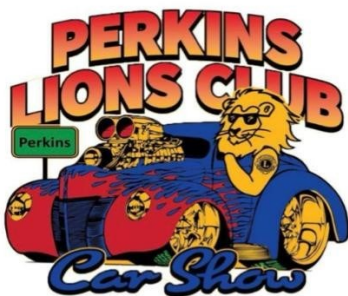


Perkins Car Show



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 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED GROUPS AND VOLUNTEERS FROM ALL KNOWN CLAIMS, UNKNOWN DAMAGES, AND INJURIES SUFFERED BY THE ENTRANT AND/OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE OR THEIR PROPERTY.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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Mail To: Perkins Lions Club PO Box 804 Perkins, Oklahoma 74059
Facebook: Perkins Lions Club #1918, WEBSITE: "Cimarron Starlight Cruisers" <http://slauener.tripod.com>

Eye Glass Recycling



Midwest City	706
Shawnee	557
OKC NW	1346
Edmond	664
Bartlesville	1219
Village	194
Harrah	2200
Hugo	12
McAlester`	64
Norman Sooner	283
Surrey Hills	120
Wilburton	56
Pocola	86
Ardmore	866
Vinita	28
Tulsa DT	5802

This makes a total of 14,203 pairs of eyeglasses recycled from Oklahoma Lions for June and July!



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 302 hearing aids to distribute to needy Oklahomans! Thank you!



Happy 90th Birthday
Lora Blanton

Saturday August 29th
2pm to 4pm

United Methodist Church Narthex
720 W Country Club Blvd
Elk City, OK 73644

Please RSVP to Karen
Blanton_specialk@yahoo.com

Or
580-303-0188

Mailing Address for Cards:
201 Janets Way Elk City, OK 73644

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

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!

PID R Hal Long

•Russell Wright

Lions State Office MD3 Calendars, News, and Notes

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2026-2027 DIRECTORY will be online soon! Please call Office for Password

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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: TBD

March 19, 20, 2027 MD3 E Mid-winter Convention

www.oklionsfoundation.org

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 Leadership FORUM

Memphis, TN September 3-5, 2026

Important Information for those attending ...

To: Midwest Lion Leaders and Midwest born Lions:

You must register in advance for the MidWest Breakfast. The caterer needs final headcount by Aug. 20....so if you are sending it by US Postal Service, it should be in the mail by Aug. 13th. The Renasant Convention Center is calling our Midwest event the "Monster Breakfast", since we are anticipating about 325 people.

Please share this registration form with your multiple districts/districts so that everyone can join in the fun. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Forum for a **50 year anniversary CELEBRATION** on Thursday evening of the Forum---be ready to dance to the LIVE band and vocalists both on Thursday night and Saturday evening.

Also, coffee, juice, pastries **WILL be available to purchase** on the ground (street) level hall of Renasant Convention Center on Thursday and Saturday mornings since most of the hotels do not serve breakfast. The Renasant is totally cashless, so please bring your credit card.

FYI: the combined temperature/heat index in Memphis will still be close to 100 degrees outside, but the convention center is very cool....so bring a light jacket or sweater for inside the convention center. We both came home sick from the executive committee meeting last week because we froze to death in the hotel and convention center.

And, if you arrive on Wednesday a GREAT place to eat lunch is Alcenia's, on the back side of the convention center (317 North Main Street), phone number 901-523-0200. It's all hand-made once you order it so plan on at least 90 minutes for a meal...fresh catfish and other great main entrees every day, homemade desserts, large portions. It's a small place, so call ahead to make a reservation.....D-E-L-I-C-I-O-U-S !! Tell them you are with the LIONS group!

Alcenia will take good care of you. She's been featured in several famous food magazines by the top critics.

Also, a NEW opportunity for service will be an onsite American Red Cross blood drive at the convention center. This just was "put together" in the past three days. Watch our Forum Facebook and Forum website for more information.

Our "main" service project is Christmas gifts for 3 to 5 year-old preschoolers at Porter Leath. If you don't want to pack a gift in your suitcase, you can just scan a QR code while at the Forum, select your gift, and it will be automatically shipped to Porter Leath.

Another onsite Forum service project is assembling over 1,000 art kits for Porter Leath children on-site. Check your Forum program schedule book when you arrive.

Travel safely everyone.....and stay well !

"Rooted in Service!"
Ardie Klemish, Chair
2026 USA/Canada Lions Forum
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WINGS
*to show you what
you can become*

ROOTS
*to remind you
where you're from*

**WE SERVE.
WE LEAD. WE GROW.**

Lions Club members are community leaders who believe in the power of service to make a difference. We are people from all walks of life uniting to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need.

**TOGETHER,
We Can Do More.**

STRONG ROOTS. LIMITLESS IMPACT.

 VISION Working to prevent blindness and improve eye health.	 ENVIRONMENT Protecting our planet for future generations.	 HUNGER Helping to nourish our communities.	 CHILDHOOD CANCER Supporting children and families affected by cancer.	 DIABETES Raising awareness and supporting those at risk.
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2026 Midwest Breakfast

Friday, September 4, 2026

Hosted by the Lions of Kansas

COME JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST Renasant Convention Center *Main Street Lobby, North End*

The Lions of Kansas, MD17 are excited to invite you to join us at the annual Midwest Breakfast. You will meet our newest International Directors and our Lions International Officers and Lions.

This is the time to connect, talk, and enjoy each other's company.

Friday, September 4, 2026

6:30 a.m.	Registration
7:00 a.m.	Breakfast
7:15 a.m.	Program
8:00 a.m.	Closing Remarks

Start your amazing day with us and take advantage of a great opportunity to connect with our LI leaders and Lions from the Midwest (a few additional states too).

Cost: \$50 per person

Registration Deadline: August 20, 2026

Name _____

MD and District _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Breakfast includes: fresh juices, seasonal fruit and berries, biscuits and country gravy, breakfast scramble with fresh eggs, sausage, cheddar cheese, sauteed onions and peppers, homestyle potatoes, butter, local jams and preserves, coffee, hot tea and ice water.

Number _____ X \$50.00 = _____

Send registration so that it arrives by August 20, 2026

Kansas Lions state Office

231 South Tyler Rd

Wichita, KS 67209

Questions? kansaslionsoffice@gmail.com | 316-773-2100



ALL NEW SHOW! ★ AMAZING ACTS! ★ FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

CIRCUS

★ IS COMING TO ★

WATONGA!

WEDNESDAY
★ SEPTEMBER 30 ★
— 2026 —

SHOWTIMES:
5:00 PM
— AND —
7:30 PM

★★★
**TWO
GREAT
SHOWS!**
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**DON'T
MISS IT!**
★★★

REAL CIRCUS! ★ REAL THRILLS! ★ REAL MEMORIES!

35TH ANNUAL "WE SERVE"



Oklahoma City Northwest
LIONS CLUB



Calm Waters
Center for Children & Families



CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Registration Begins at 7:30 a.m.

Shot Gun Start at 8:30 a.m.

\$10,000 Hole-in-one prize

Lunch immediately following 4 person scramble

Proceeds from the tournament benefit Calm Waters,
Lion's scholarships and Meadows of Hope foster homes.

Enjoy great prizes, food, and fellowship.

NAME:

FEE:

1. _____ \$200.00

2. _____ \$200.00

3. _____ \$200.00

4. _____ \$200.00

Foursome \$800.00

Playing Partner (Foursome with par hole sponsor) **\$1,100.00**

Champion Hole Sponsor (Sole recognition with logo) **\$1,200.00**

Birdie Hole Sponsor (Shared recognition w/ 1 sponsor & logo) **\$500.00**

Par Hole Sponsor (Shared recognition w/ 3 sponsors & logo) **\$300.00**

Lunch Sponsor (Sole recognition at lunch w/ your logo) **\$1,500.00**

Bar Cart Sponsor (Sole recognition on bar cart w/ your logo) **\$1,500.00**

Golf Cart Sponsor (Sole recognition on golf cart w/ your logo) **\$1,500.00**

Platinum Sponsor (Full hole sponsor w/ logo signage & on-course table setup. Includes (2) foursomes, plus recognition on social media & event page) **\$5,000.00**

Gold Sponsor (Full hole sponsor w/ logo signage, (1) foursome, plus recognition on social media & event page) **\$3,500.00**

Silver Sponsor (Full hole sponsor w/ logo signage & (1) foursome) **\$2,500.00**



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or Sponsor:

[Oklahoma City Northwest Lions Club - Lions e-Clubhouse](#)

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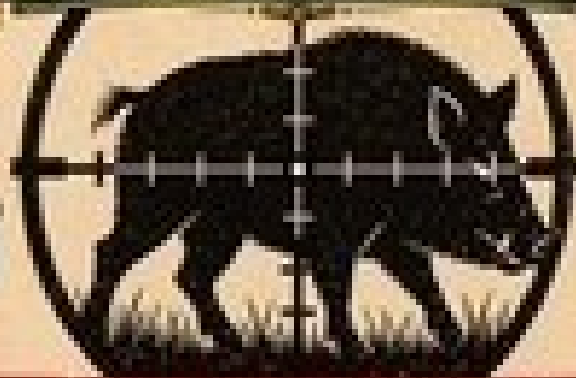
Entry fee and sponsorship payment can be made to
OKC Northwest Lions Club or Calm Waters



STROUD HOGTOBERFEST

HUNT. COMPETE. CELEBRATE.

24 HOUR
HOG HUNT



FALL
FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER
11-12TH, 2026

HOG HUNT BEGINS
2:00 PM
FRIDAY

FESTIVAL BEGINS
NOON
SATURDAY

WEIGH-IN AT
2:00 PM
SATURDAY

AWARDS AT
5:00 PM
SATURDAY

DOWNTOWN STROUD



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IPRA CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO
JULY 30TH - AUG. 1ST

8:00PM NIGHTLY • PARADE - THURSDAY 5:30 PM

- DANCE - FRIDAY & SATURDAY (AFTER THE RODEO)
- PONY RIDES, WILD HORSE RACES & MUTTON BUSTIN

ADULTS: \$10 KIDS 6-10: \$5
KIDS 5 & UNDER FREE

THURSDAY NIGHT

SONG SWAP WITH WYATT SHUMATE
CHISHOLM WARD & ANDREW WALKER

FRIDAY NIGHT
DRAKE HYDE

SATURDAY NIGHT
SETHRO'S COSMIC
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