

# District 11 Alumni Association



## Homecoming, October 4, 2025

Our 65<sup>th</sup> annual homecoming is quickly approaching! Here's a summary of the weekend events:

### Friday, October 3, 2025

#### Alumni Golf Scramble – Ponca City Country Club

Check-in, pay and warm up at 8:00 a.m. Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. Optional lunch on your own at PCCC following completion of round. Pre-register a 4-person team or as an individual by contacting David McCollum at demfig@gmail.com by September 25.

**Special Class Reunions:** The Class of '65 has reserved a room at the high school Friday evening for their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion. Other classes wanting to reserve a room should contact the school directly.

### Saturday, October 4, 2025

**Alumni Registration:** 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – High School Cafeteria

**Annual Business Meeting:** 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. – W.G. Ward Auditorium

**Luncheon:** 12:00 noon – High School Cafeteria, catered by Danny's BBQ Headquarters. Reservations required. Cost is \$15 per person. Menu includes brisket, potato salad, baked beans, dessert and drink. See reservation form below or pay online at paypal.me/district11alumni. **Reservation deadline: Monday, September 22, 2025.**

**Parade:** 3:00 p.m. – Downtown Shidler. Parade participants are asked to line up at City Hall no later than 2:15 p.m. for judging. Alumni prizes will be awarded for Best Represented Class and Best Decorate Class Float.

**Special Hotel rates** have been set up for out-of-town alumni. **Holiday Inn Express** at 2809 N. 14<sup>th</sup> St. in Ponca City is offering a \$120 plus tax nightly rate. Call 580-762-3700 to reserve. The **Osage Casino Hotel** is offering a rate of \$85 per night for Oct. 1 and 2, and \$139 per night for Oct. 3 and 4. Call reservations at 877-246-8777 and give them the group name "Shidler Reunion" for the special rate, or you can book online using the group code "2662101".

**Social Media:** Alumni are invited to "like" and "follow" the association on Facebook at District 11 Alumni; or on Instagram @alumnidistrict11; or on YouTube at District 11 Alumni Association. Website is [www.district11alumni.com](http://www.district11alumni.com).

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## Alumni Luncheon Reservation

**12:00 NOON, Saturday, October 4, 2025**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets @ \$15 each \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for luncheon registration is Monday, September 22, 2025**

Mail to: District 11, Alumni Association, P.O. Box 531, Shidler, OK 74652



## **Meet the President**

# **Roy Lee Ball**

## **2025 President, District 11 Alumni Association**

Roy Lee Ball, SHS Class of 1965 was elected President of the District 11 Alumni Association at the October business meeting during 2024 Homecoming.

A regular attendee of Homecoming activities, Roy has consistently been engaged with the Shidler area and Osage County communities. He was born in Shidler on March 21, 1947 to Roy and Maggie (Bowker) Ball. They first lived in Webb City and then moved to Knob Hill, just south of Lyman. Later the family moved to a Phillips Petroleum camp at Lep, near the landmark grocery store owned by Henry Hammer. Roy is the oldest of seven Ball children, four boys and three girls, all of whom also graduated from Shidler High School.

Roy started school in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade in Webb City. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, elementary students from Shidler were bussed to the Webb City school while the Ward Elementary school building was being constructed. In 1956, during Roy's 4<sup>th</sup> grade year, all grade school students were transferred to the new elementary building in Shidler and the Webb City school building was permanently closed.

During the summers and following high school graduation, Roy worked at the Chapman Barnard Ranch. In October 1966, he joined the Army and in 1967 was sent to Vietnam where he served in the Central Highlands. Following his honorable discharge in 1968, he married Diana Lee Packard in 1969. They have two daughters, Kimberly Jenkins and Roni LeeAnn Mauldin.

In 1980 Roy started his career at OSU's Pawhuska Research Station, working with stocker cattle with various studies on cattle drugs and feed. During this time, he was active in the Pawhuska Round-up Club, Ben Johnson annual rodeo and helped with local arenas. He also raised and trained horses and competed in team roping, calf roping and bulldogging, winning several saddles and awards. In 1983, while competing in All-Indian rodeos, he won the Region 8 finals and was the year-end Champion Bulldogger.

Roy and his family moved to Stillwater in 1995 when OSU moved the research to the Stillwater campus. He was honored with the Distinguished Service Award for OSU and also received plaques for Beef Quality Audit, Hereford Association and the Angus Association. He retired as Herd Manager in 2010.

Roy has taken pride in his Native American heritage and has served the tribal citizens of the Kaw Nation over the years as a Tribal Council member, Vice-Chairman and Chairman.

## **President's Remarks**

*"Thanks for your confidence in electing me as president of the District 11 Alumni Association for 2025. I will do my best to keep the spirit of our high school days alive. I encourage you to plan to attend Homecoming this year and to support our homecoming activities, and to also support our Shidler students and teachers with a donation. Hope to see you in October!" -- Roy Lee Ball, President*

## **District 11 Alumni Association Officers and Board Members – 2025**

President – Roy Lee Ball, class of 1965

Vice President – Major General Ray Smith, class of 1964

Historian and Immediate Past President – Jeri Rash MacRury

Secretary/Treasurer – David McCollum, class of 1965

Jodi Rash Patton, class of 1974 – board member and Immediate Past Secretary/Treasurer

Judy Nelson Heath, class of 1974 - board member

Arnetta Jones Stierwalt, class of 1975 – board member

Ginger Meyers Gray, class of 1972 – board member

# District 11 Alumni Association Donation Form

## Scholarships, Grants and Dist. 11 General Fund

Please accept my donation of

\_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_\$250 \_\_\_\$500 \_\_\_\$1,000, or other \$\_\_\_\_\_

to be applied as follows:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ **District 11 General Fund** (ongoing annual Homecoming events)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ **W.G. Ward Scholarship**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ **Herb Bias Elementary Athletics Fund**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ **Ashley Alexander Music Fund**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ **Mary Lou Cargill Library Fund**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher Grants**

**Donor Information**

Name		Grad. Yr.	Email address	
Mailing Address	City	State	ZIP	Preferred Phone