

Lions 101



Lions Clubs International

Vision Statement

TO BE THE GLOBAL LEADER
in community and humanitarian service.

Mission Statement

TO EMPOWER VOLUNTEERS
to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs,
encourage peace and promote international understanding
through Lions clubs.

**Lions Clubs International is the world's largest
service club organization.**

We have 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs worldwide.

Lions are everywhere.

We're men and women who are active in community projects in more
than 207 countries and geographic areas.

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Purposes

- TO ORGANIZE, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.
- TO COORDINATE the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.
- TO CREATE and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- TO PROMOTE the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- TO TAKE an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- TO UNITE the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding
- TO PROVIDE a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- TO ENCOURAGE service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

Lions have a dynamic history.

Founded in 1917, we are best known for fighting blindness – it's part of our history as well as our work today. But we also perform volunteer work for many different kinds of community projects – including caring for the environment, feeding the hungry and aiding seniors and the disabled.



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Code of Ethics

- TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.
- TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.
- TO REMEMBER that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.
- WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.
- TO HOLD friendship as an end not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
- ALWAYS to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor, and means.
- TO AID others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.
- TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not to destroy.

Lions are active.

Our motto is "We Serve."
Lions are part of a global service network, doing whatever is necessary to help our local communities.

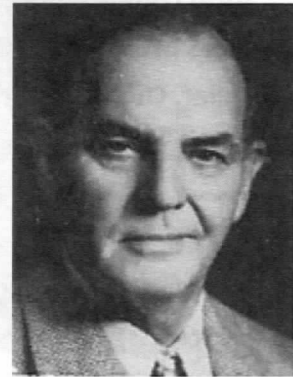


OUR HISTORY



1917 - In 1917, 38 year-old Chicago business man, Melvin Jones, leader of his local business club (the Business Circle of Chicago), told members that they should reach beyond business issues and address the betterment of their communities and the world. They

agreed. After contacting similar groups around the United States, an organizational meeting was held on June 7, 1917, in Chicago, IL. The new group took the name of one of the invited groups, the "Association of Lions Clubs," and a national convention was held in Dallas, TX in October of that year. A constitution, by-laws, objects (purpose) and a code of ethics were approved.



LCI President Woods - first president of LCI

1920 - Within three years, Lions became an international organization. Lions became international when we established the first club in Canada. Since then, we've earned high marks for both integrity and transparency. We're a well-run organization with a steady vision, a clear mission, and a long—and proud—history.

1925 - Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, OH and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Since then, we have worked tirelessly to aid the blind and visually impaired.



1945 - The ideal of an international organization is exemplified by our enduring relationship with the United Nations. We were one of the first nongovernmental organizations invited to assist in the drafting of the United Nations Charter and have supported the work of the UN ever since.

1957 - In the late 1950s, we created the Leo Program to provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for personal development through volunteering. There are approximately 144,000 Leos and 5,700 Leo clubs in more than 140 countries worldwide.

1968 - Lions Clubs International Foundation assists Lions with global and large-scale local humanitarian projects. Through our Foundation, Lions meet the needs of their local and global communities.

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