

# WHAT THE HECK IS A TAIL TWISTER?

A NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION GUIDE:  
The Who, What, When of Lionism

## ACRONYMS EVERY LION SHOULD KNOW

LCI – Lions Clubs International LCIF – Lions Clubs International Foundation	CGL – Certified Guiding Lion
DG – District Governor VDG – Vice District Governor PDG – Past District Governor DGE – District Governor Elect	GAT – Global Action Team GST – Global Service Team GLT – Global Leadership Team GMT – Global Membership Team
CS – Cabinet Secretary CT – Cabinet Treasurer	ID – International Director PID – Past International Director

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“It’s a long way from Tail Twister in Plains, Georgia to the Presidency of the United States,”  
President Jimmy Carter, District Governor 1967-68.

**ALWAYS BEAR** in mind my obligation as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

**TO AID** my fellow men by giving my sympathy to them 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 not destroy.

## LIONS INTERNATIONAL OBJECTIVES

**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, provide however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by the club.

**TO ENCOURAGE** service-minded men and women 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

## HAVE YOU NOTICED...

Some members keep the organization strong. While others join just to belong.

Some dig right in. Some serve with pride. Some go along just for the ride.

Some volunteer to do their share. While some lie back and just don't care.

On meeting days some always show. While there are those who never go.

Some always pay their dues ahead. Some get behind for months instead.

Some do their best. Some let things go.

Some never help their organization grow. Some drag. Some pull.

Some don't and some do. Consider now...which of these are you?

Lion Joe Emerson, 1975

## LIONS 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 toward my fellow man, 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.

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## LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL HISTORY

The International Association of Lions Clubs (LCI) began as the dream of Chicago businessman Melvin Jones. He believed that local business clubs should expand their horizons from purely professional concerns to the betterment of their communities and the world at large.

Jones' own group, the Business Circle of Chicago, agreed. After contacting similar groups around the country, an organizational meeting was held on June 7, 1917, at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago. The new group took the name of one of the groups invited, "Association of Lions Clubs." And a national convention was held in Dallas in October of that year. A constitution, by-laws, objectives and code of ethics were approved.

Among the official objectives adopted in those early years was one, which read, "No club shall hold out the financial betterment of its members as its objective." This objective has remained one of the association's main tenets ever since.

Just three years after its formation, the organization became international when the first club in Canada was established in 1920. Major international expansion continued as clubs were established, particularly throughout Europe, Asia and Africa during the 1950s and 60s.

Perhaps the single event having the greatest impact on the association's service commitment occurred in 1925 when Helen Keller addressed the Lions at their international convention in Sandusky, Ohio, USA. It was there that she challenged Lions to become "Knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."

Broadening its role in international understanding, the association helped the United Nations form the Non-Governmental Organizations sections in 1945 and continues to hold consultative status today. Each year, during The Lions Day with the United Nations ceremonies, an award is presented to the grand prizewinner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

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In 1987 Lions launched the SightFirst fundraising campaign to support global sight conservation initiatives.

Since those first years, the association has grown to include over 1.4 million men and women in more than 47,000 clubs located in over 200 countries and geographical areas.

## A NOTE ABOUT YOUR SPONSOR

Welcome to the world of Lionism! The member who is responsible for your joining is your sponsor. They have a duty to help you integrate into the club, to familiarize you with your fellow club members, encourage participation in club programs, projects, service activities, leadership training, and promote your growth in Lionism during your first year. For questions about issues, protocols, projects, and more, the first place to go to is your sponsor.

## OPENING THE DOOR FOR NEW LIONS

Membership in a Lions Club is secured through invitation only. When you extend an invitation to a friend to become a Lion, you open a door into a rich, new world - a world in which we live, work, dream, sing, serve, and accomplish. You widen the new Lion's horizon, lift their spirit, and open up new vistas of their future. You open a door that will enlarge their circle of friends, increase their opportunities, and bring fullness into their life. The following information is presented for your education, reading, and learning about your new service club affiliation at an accelerated rate.

## OUR LIONS EMBLEM

Our emblem contains a capital "L" in its center. It stands for Law, Liberty, Labor, Loyalty, Love, and Life. It's on a circle representing Lions and Lions Clubs, around the world, all bound together as one. Lions heads, profiled, looking in opposite directions, are representing a Lion looking in every direction for an opportunity to give unselfish service. Back toward our accomplishments over 100 years and ahead for opportunities yet to present themselves.

## WHAT A LIONS CLUB DOES IN THE COMMUNITY

### Works:

- With people who are visually impaired, to make life easier.
- To improve our communities.
- To raise awareness of Type 2 Diabetes
- To provide diabetes screening and education events.
- To provide eye screening events through KidSight.
- With local eye physicians for exams, glasses and surgery.

**Plans** fundraising events to fund projects for those in need.

**Sponsors** local youth activities that teach good values, building character, and leadership abilities.

**Serve** all humankind, crossing religious and political boundaries.

**Provides** a forum for enlightening, entertaining, and educational programs

## HOW YOU BENEFIT FROM BEING A LION

**Receive** inner satisfaction from simply helping others... these are the many rewards for your service.

**Participate** in fellowship of Lionism at regular meetings.

**Become** part of the family of Lionism with Leo and Lions Club.

**Experience** Lionism through Club, Zone, Region, District, Multiple District, and International activities.

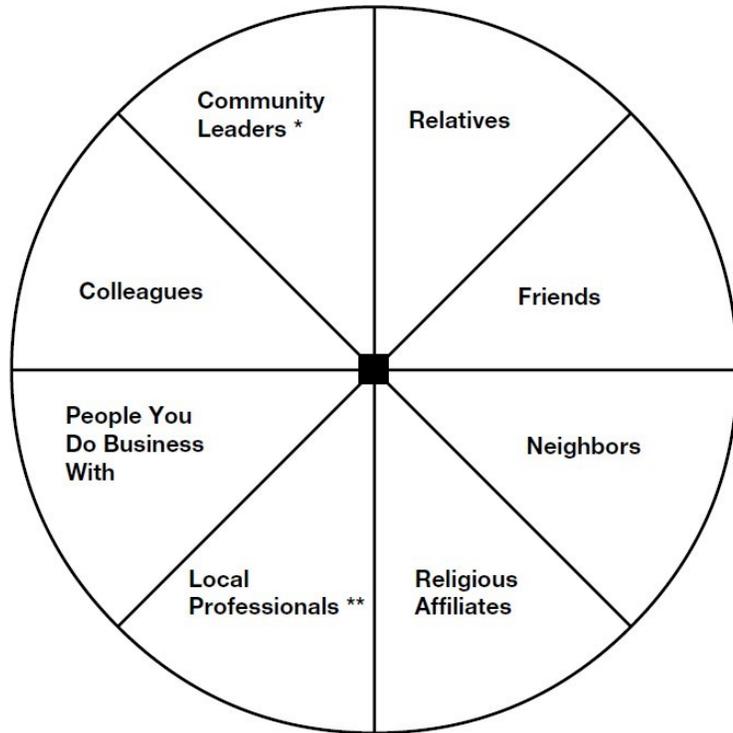
**Gain** an opportunity for personal growth through the organization.

**Receive** both the state magazine "Michigan Lions Pride" and "The Lion", our international magazine, to learn about clubs and their projects.

Lions Clubs International an active force for good throughout each of our communities and thus, the world.

We are optimistic that as a new Lion you will experience the inner joy that comes in simply helping others. And, if you find a relative, friend or neighbor to sponsor, you will receive an attractive pin from Lions International signifying your efforts of sponsorship. You will be encouraged to become involved in the club by both service and fund-raising activities. You will be provided an opportunity for responsible assignments, committee participation and committee chairmanships. We guarantee that as a new Lion, you have now become a definite asset to our community.

To assist in the screening for prospective Lions, review the RECRUITING WHEEL, a simple, yet effective instrument for stimulating your thinking on potential Lions.



## THE LIONS COLORS

To Lions, purple stands for loyalty to country, friends, and to one's self, and to integrity of mind and heart. Gold symbolizes sincerity of purpose, liberality in judgment, purity in life and generosity of mind and heart toward all.

## MY LIONS PIN

Lions often inquire, "Where should I wear my Lions pin?" The simple answer is 'everywhere you go!' Wear the pin above your heart, on your lapel or collar pinned to a sweater, etc. The people with whom you come into contact will notice your pin and this often initiates conversation.

## THE MOTTO

"WE SERVE"

## LIONS SLOGAN

Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety

## LIONS TOAST

Not above you. Not beneath you. But with you!

## LIONS SONG

DON'T YOU HEAR THOSE LIONS ROAR?

(Key of B Flat)

Don't you hear those Lions roar? Don't you hear those Lions roar?  
 You can hear them roaring ev'ry where, As they feed and growl for more.  
 You should hear those Lions roar, Their snarling rumbling roar -  
 So, roar Lions!  
 Bite 'em! Bite 'em! Bite 'em!  
 Don't you hear those Lions, hear those Lions, Hear those Lions roar!

## MEMBERSHIP THROUGH INVITATION

Membership to Lions is by invitation and is open to anyone 18 years or older who is dedicated to volunteering in their community. Our motto, "We Serve.", is achieved in many ways, such as attending meetings to keep up on the business of the club as well as establish and enjoy fellowship with other Lions. New Lions begin actively engaging in established service projects of their club, joining in the planning, execution, and leadership. They are encouraged to identify new areas of service and promote new service projects.

As you become part of the largest service organization in the world, enjoying the leadership opportunities, project support including liability insurance, and community connections, Lions do their part to support this service network by paying dues. Dues are assessed at the start of the Lions year (July 1) and mid-year (January 1). They are paid to LCI, the District, and the Clubs.

## SERVICE HISTORY

Worldwide, Lions clubs are essentially recognized for their service to the blind and visually impaired. This service history began through the challenge issued by the first woman to address the Association in convention, Helen Keller. She urged at the conclusion of her address, for those assembled to become "Knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." This was in 1925 at the Sandusky, Ohio convention. The focus has never changed though many activities and projects outside this "umbrella" have supported this generally accepted concept.

Today, Lions extend their commitment to sight conservation through a variety of local efforts, including diabetes testing, KidSight Screening, and eyeglass purchases.

If the assembly happens to be a function where food is being served, the Governor and Spouse (or guest) should be the first served. If current International Officers or Past International Officers are present, they would be first to be served as well.

When addressing the District Governor or an International Officer, their appropriate title should be used. For example: "Governor Terri"... "Director Ken"....

## NOW, YOU HAVE, "OPENED THE DOOR TO LIONISM"

You now know much better what Lionism is. You have learned of its ideals and humanitarian objectives. You know the friendly spirit of Lions everywhere so OPEN THE DOOR to a friend of yours. Extend them an invitation to membership in your Lions Club. Give them an opportunity to share in Lionism!

## WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD MEMBERSHIP

The Lions, as an association, have long been committed to a tradition of selfless service to others. As human needs grow, so must our ability to meet these challenges both successfully and with enthusiasm.

It is for this reason that you are being asked to look around you, to also reach out to other men and women who share your same humanitarian instincts for improving life for the less fortunate. One of our Past International Presidents selected as his theme, WE SERVE BETTER - TOGETHER, and this includes men and women of all ages, cultures, and backgrounds. The one common denominator we all share is the same high quality of spirit which leads us to become Lions.

New Lion members often ask, "What are the qualities that make a man or woman a "good" Lion?" Just look inside yourselves and you will find the answer. It is men and women like you that we need to keep our Clubs and

## BOARD of DIRECTORS

Board members are typically voted into a two-year term.

They shall have responsibility for the following duties:

- It shall constitute the Executive Board of the Club and be responsible for the execution, through the Club Officers, of the policies approved by the Club. All new business and policies of the Club shall be considered, first, by the Board of Directors for presentation to and approval of the Club members at a meeting.
- It shall authorize all expenditures and shall not create any indebtedness beyond the current budgeted income of the Club.
- It shall not authorize disbursement of Club funds for purposes that are inconsistent with the business and/or policies as authorized by the Club's membership.
- It shall have the books, accounts, and operations of the Club audited annually.
- It shall not permit the expenditure for any administrative purpose of the net income from projects or activities of the Club for which funds are raised from the public.
- It shall name and appoint, subject to approval of the Club membership, the delegates and alternates to District, Multiple District and International Conventions.

## BASIC LIONS PROTOCOL

Following are the basic protocols by which all Lions and Lions Clubs should abide.

The Chief Executive Officer of a Lions District is the District Governor. When the Governor is introduced at any Lions assembly, all Lions and their spouses should respond, showing their respect, by standing. The same protocol applies to International and Past International Officers when they are the Clubs' guest.

## THREE NOTABLE LION MEMBERS

Over the course of Lions history, three Presidents of our great nation have been members of the Lions Association. First is President Ronald Reagan. He joined the Association in Dixon, Illinois and ultimately became a Life member. Secondly is President Gerald Ford. He was an active member of the Grand Rapids Host Lions Club and a Life Member. Lastly, is President Jimmy Carter from Plains, Georgia. He served as District Governor in the years of 1967-68.

## LIONS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF)

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), or simply Lions Foundation, is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International and provides grant funding for local and global humanitarian efforts.

SightFirst, established in 1987, raised \$350 million for LCIF's global initiative to rid the world of preventable and reversible blindness. The donated funds have supported 30 years of programs impacting over 30 million people.

SightFirst programs have enabled Lions to:

- partner with leading blindness prevention experts, organizations, governments, and Lions volunteers in an effort to establish long-term solutions in eye health care infrastructure
- provide training, vision screening, eyeglasses, vision clinics, research, and public education
- address emerging threats to vision such as diabetes, glaucoma and childhood blindness

Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service is the successor to SightFirst. Since 2017, Campaign 100 has raised \$151 million, allowing Lions to continue the great work.

The Lions Foundation is endowed entirely by charitable donations from individuals, clubs, friends, and corporations. For each \$1,000 donated by a Lion or club, a Melvin Jones Fellow may be named to recognize an outstanding individual for their humanitarian work.

## GLOBAL CAUSES



**Childhood Cancer** - Help those affected by childhood cancer survive and thrive.



**Diabetes** - Reduce the prevalence of diabetes through education and research and improve quality of life for those diagnosed.



**Environment** - Sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities.



**Hunger** - Ensure all community members have access to nutritious foods.



**Vision** - Prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired.

## FOUNDATION GRANTS

LCIF disburses its donated funds in the form of grants, initiated by local Lions clubs, to serve local communities and the world.

## GRANT TYPES

**Sight First** - The mission of the SightFirst grant program is to develop or improve comprehensive eye care systems to fight blindness and vision loss, assist people who are blind and visually impaired, upgrade hospitals and clinics in underserved communities, and train doctors and nurses

**Matching** - Matching grants are for large-scale humanitarian projects that address unmet needs including mobile health units, centers for people who are disabled or blind, major medical equipment, nursing homes and schools in developing countries. Grants awarded are between US\$10,000 and US\$100,000.

**LION-TAMER** - Shall be responsible for the Club's property and paraphernalia of the Club, including its flags, banners, gong, gavel, song books, and member identification buttons. He/she shall put each in its proper place prior to each meeting and return same to the proper storage area following each meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN** - He/she will actively work to promote programs to increase Club membership by encouraging members to bring in others. With the Membership Committee, work diligently to maintain strong membership participation through a member retention program.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR** - Responsible for communicating club project and member news to the Club, Board, and District. This may be accomplished in numerous ways, including paper, electronic, website, or social media.

### WHAT THE HECK IS A . . . TAIL TWISTER??

**TAIL TWISTER** - Shall creatively promote harmony, goodwill and fellowship, life and enthusiasm in the meetings through appropriate stunts, games and other activities with a judicious imposition of fines on club members, which helps defray the administrative costs of the club. A unanimous vote is required of the members present at a meeting, to fine the Tail Twister. The lone exception is that a District Governor or an International Officer may assess a fine on the Tail Twister

### Read more -

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-officers>

## CLUB OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT** - Serves as chief executive officer of the club. He/she presides at all Club meetings, attends organizational, advisory and Zone Meetings in the District, and makes decisions that are in the best interest of Lionism.

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT** - Serves as a voting member of the Board of Directors, along with all other elected officers. Will serve as an advisor when advice is sought.

**VICE-PRESIDENTS** - If the President is unable to perform the duties of the office for any reason, the Vice-President, shall occupy the position and perform the President's duties with the same authority. Shall oversee the committees of the Club and vote on the board.

**SECRETARY** - Serves under the supervision and direction of the President and Board of Directors and shall act as the liaison officer between the Club, the District and Lions Clubs International (LCI).

Duties include:

- Submit monthly reports to LCI and the District Governor's Cabinet
- Keeps and maintains Club records, including meeting minutes, committee activities, elections, contact information of members.
- Receive all moneys from members for dues, projects, and fund-raising activities.

**TREASURER** - Serves under the supervision and direction of the President and Board of Directors.

Duties include:

- Receive all moneys and deposit in Bank approved by Board.
- Expend moneys in payment of all Club obligations.
- Submit monthly and semi-annual financial reports to the Board.
- Arrange for periodic audits. Typically done annually and/or when the Treasurer changes.

**Diabetes** - Grant funding for impactful projects including diabetes education, prevention and management initiatives, enhance and expand diabetes camps, support comprehensive diabetes screening events, and increase access to high-quality health facilities that provide diabetes services. Lions are encouraged to partner with diabetes organizations to achieve this goal.

**Designated** - Restricted funds for a particular cause. These funds are not applied to the general humanitarian grant fund and must support specific projects. Recent designated funds include refugee assistance in Europe and Lions' measles initiative, "One Shot, One Life".

**Disaster** - Helps Lions do even more for communities devastated by hurricanes, floods, fires and other major events. LCIF proudly offers a variety of grant options of US\$10,000-\$20,000 in the areas of *Disaster Preparedness, Emergency, Community Recovery, Major Catastrophe*

**Lions Quest** - Aid the implementation and expansion of Lions Quest in schools around the world.

**LCIF Leo Service** - Available to Lions districts and multiple districts in amounts from US\$1,500 to US\$5,000 to address unmet humanitarian needs in their community. Leos must be directly involved in organizing and implementing the project, learning valuable leadership and life skills.

**Humanitarian Award Winners** - The Lions Humanitarian Award is the highest honor of the association given to an individual or an organization with exemplary humanitarian efforts. This award includes a grant from LCIF of up to US\$250,000 for continuing humanitarian activities.

**District/Club Community Impact** - Donations may be made throughout the year, and grants can be applied for in the following Lions year. The District & Club Community Impact Grant requires a US\$5,000 minimum donation for clubs and a US\$10,000 minimum donation for districts. The eligible club funds are 15% of the donations attributed to club members or the club itself.

**Hunger** - Available to Lions districts to support infrastructure and equipment acquisition for Lions' projects focused on alleviating hunger. in amounts of US\$10,000 to US\$100,000.

**Childhood Cancer** - Grants are available to Lions districts and multiple districts in amounts from US\$10,000 to US\$150,000. Projects must be implemented in coordination with existing medical facilities.

## INTERNATIONAL YOUTH PROGRAMS

For over a quarter century Lions have shown a strong commitment to youth through several international programs:

**Lions Quest**, a youth development program, has been implemented in over 105 countries globally. Over 750,000 educators have been trained by LCIF to implement Lions Quest in classrooms, after-school settings, and on the athletic field. More than 18 million young people have benefited, making it one of the most widely used life skills and prevention programs in the world.

**Lions International Peace Poster Contest** has approximately 600,000 students, ages 11-13 from about 75 countries, creatively sharing personal ideas about world peace through artwork judged at local, district, and international levels.

**LEO Clubs** (Leadership, Experience, Opportunity) are in 150+ countries and territories, with Lions clubs sponsoring more than 7,200 LEO Clubs worldwide. The more than 140,000 members, age 12-18, performed 30,000 community service activities in 2019-20. Lions Clubs are encouraged to develop LEOs as a conduit for Lions members upon maturity.

**International Youth Camps and Exchange** allows students ages 15-22 the opportunity to travel to over 40 countries and be immersed in a unique cultural experience. Lions and Leo club members provide home environments, social activities, service projects, and visits to cultural places of interest during a 4-6 week visit. Camps are organized for 1-2 weeks and bring exchange students together in the foreign locale.

## BUSINESS MEETING

The Business meeting agenda is the same as program meeting, substituting the following items for the \* line above.

Business germane to the Meeting  
Distribution of minutes of previous Meeting.  
Reports of officers and/or committees  
Announcements and correspondence important to members  
Old or Unfinished Business  
New Business

## BOARD MEETINGS

All club members are invited to participate in board meetings. Only elected Board Members in good standing are permitted to vote on matters. A board meeting is a great place for a Lion to learn about the function of the Club.

Call to order by the President  
Roll call  
Remarks/report by the President  
Reading and Approval of previous minutes  
Report of the Treasurer  
Approval of payments for invoices due  
Reading of communications (Secretary)  
Reports of Officers and/or Committee Chairpersons  
Old or Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Acknowledgment of Lions as guests Adjournment

## MEETING AGENDAS

A meeting agenda is a list of activities and topics. It provides structure and sets expectations for how the meeting time will be spent. Agendas may vary from club to club.

### TRADITIONAL PROGRAM MEETING

Call to order by the President  
Invocation or other non-sectarian religious blessing  
Pledge allegiance to the Flag  
One verse of "America" or another well known Patriotic song.  
Singing of the Lions Song (songs optional)  
Introduction of all guests present.  
The meal  
\* Introduction of the program by Program Chairman or 1st Vice President \*  
Tail twisting (A bit of club levity by the Tail Twister)  
50/50 Drawing  
Recognition and thanks to guests for attending  
Adjournment

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## PROJECTS OF MICHIGAN LIONS

**Bear Lake Camp** aspires to provide a premier outdoor recreational/educational facility providing opportunities for people of special needs to enhance self-worth, attain independence, acquire social skills and realize their full potential as human beings.  
<https://bearlakecamp.org/>

\* **Braille Transcribing** creates superior Braille materials for the blind and visually impaired in pursuit of education and independence. The Michigan Braille Transcribing Fund (MBTF) is one of the largest Braille production facilities of its kind in the nation.  
<https://www.mi-braille.org/>

**Eversight** is a charitable, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of sight through transplantation, research, education, and partnership. Eversight recovers, evaluates and provides human eye tissue for transplantation; supports research into the causes and cures of blinding eye conditions; promotes donation awareness through public and professional education; and provides humanitarian aid to people around the world in need of sight-restoring services.  
<https://www.eversightvision.org/who-we-are/lions/>

**International White Cane Safety Day** is an opportunity to increase awareness about the white cane, which:

- Signifies that the pedestrian using it is blind or visually impaired;
- Alerts motorists of the need to exercise special caution and provide the user the right of way;
- Symbolizes the independence, confidence and skills of the person who is using it.
- <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/white-cane-safety-day>

**KidSight** brings Lions together to ensure that our children receive eye screenings and follow-up care when needed. Most clubs build on the KidSight program by sponsoring eye exams and eyeglasses.  
<https://www.lmsf.net/project-kidsight/>

**Leader Dog for the Blind** provides their clients with the tools and training to reintroduce them to a life of confidence, safety, and independence. Through their full-range of services – Guide Dog Training, Orientation and Mobility Training and Summer Experience Camp – we meet the mobility needs of their clients at every stage of their lives. All services are provided free of charge to their clients. They are 100% philanthropically funded by individual donors, Lions Clubs, corporate partners, and foundations.  
<https://www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/lions-and-leader-dog/>

**Lions of Michigan All-State Band** provides its members with experience in musical performance, travel/education, sociological growth, and service. Students from over 300 Michigan high schools and communities have participated in the band since its inception in 1978. The band averages 45-75 students. Performances center around the band's appearance at the Lions Clubs International Convention which include additional concerts and tours during the trip to the convention.  
<http://lionsofmi.com/all-state-band/>

**Lions of Michigan Foundation** is a public charity that was created in 1983 to help Lions Clubs provide services in Michigan communities. They work together with Michigan Lions clubs and other charities to provide emergency assistance and deliver services aimed at helping children and adults with sight and hearing deficiencies excel in school, retain employment and maintain self-sufficiency.  
<https://www.lmsf.net/>

**Michigan Lions Defense Against Diabetes (D.A.D.) Grant** is a matching grant for all Districts in Michigan for a total of \$250,000. The purpose of the grant is to improve the lives of people living with diabetes in the State of Michigan. Through partnerships with community organizations, they provide A1C screenings, glucose screenings, nutritional classes, Diabetes Management-PATH, training Lions as PATH leaders, diabetes camps, and training of Lions as diabetes educators.  
<https://www.michiganlionsdiabetes.org/partners>

\* **Penrickton Center**, since 1952, has specialized in working with legally blind children, ages one through twelve with at least one additional handicap such as deafness, cerebral palsy, brain damage, developmental delay, seizures, etc. Penrickton provides a licensed day care center, after-school care, and a residential program at no charge to the families. Penrickton relies solely on private donations for its programs and services. They do not receive any state, federal, insurance or United Way funding.  
<https://penrickton.org/>

\* **Winter Camp for the Blind** began in 1969 to provide a special camp experience for blind and visually impaired adults. Held the first weekend in February, the camp provides a social gathering for up to 80 adults from around the state. They keep busy with indoor activities like bingo, crafts, music, great food and outdoor activities including nature hikes, horse-drawn wagon rides, and snowshoeing throughout the weekend.  
<https://www.facebook.com/11B1WinterCamp>

\* District projects

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*We Serve*

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