

New Member Orientation

District 1-A Lions Clubs

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New Member Orientation Summary



New member orientation is broken out into six sections:

- Who Lions Are
- Club Information
- District and Multiple District
- Lions Clubs International (LCI)
- Lions of Illinois Foundation
- District 1-A Voices

Lions are men and women dedicated to serving those in need, whether in their own community or around the world.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/new-members>

- Over 1.4 million members
- Over 200 countries
- More than 48,000 clubs



Seeing Our Entire Organization



Who Lions Are



- **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.
- **Motto:** “We Serve”
- **Slogan:** Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation’s Safety
- **Purposes:** LCI has a list of purposes to convey why Lions clubs exist.
- **Code of Ethics:** LCI has a code of ethics which set the standard that Lions should aspire to adhere to.



Lions Clubs International



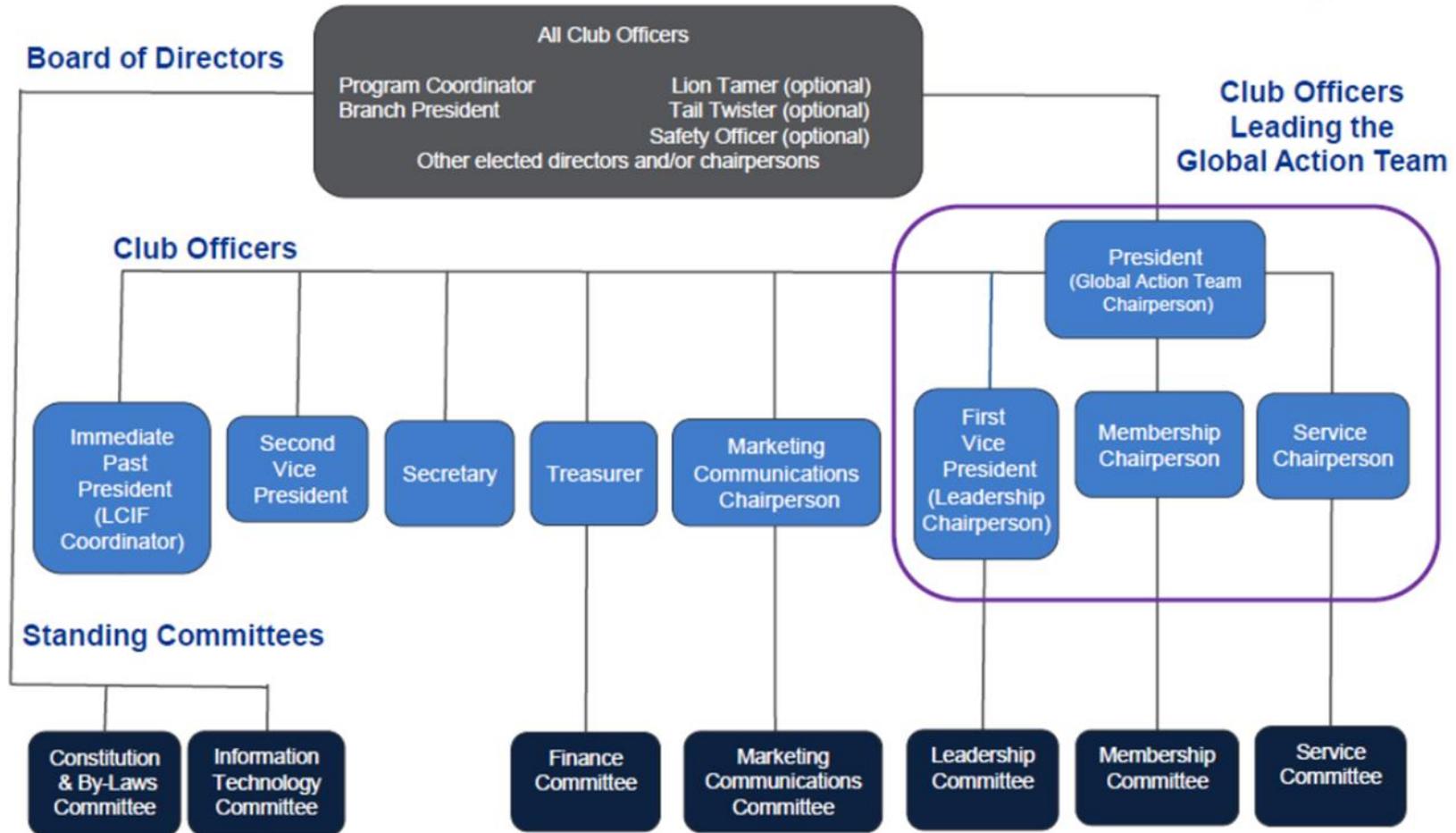
District 1-A Lions Clubs

- **Year chartered:** The date your club was registered with Lions Clubs International, it is the Anniversary for your club
- **Sponsoring Club:** An existing lions club sponsoring your club
- **Service Projects/Causes:** Local projects that the club sponsors or assists on a regular basis
 - Food Pantries
 - Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
 - Sponsoring Sports Teams
 - Eyeglasses/Hearing Aids

Club Organizational Chart



Standard Club Structure



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- **President:** The club president is the chief executive officer of the club. He/she presides over meetings and calls the club to action to fulfill its program of service works; coordinating the efforts of board members and chairpersons to implement all activities of the club in both fellowship and service
- **Immediate Past President:** This officer serves as a welcoming host for all new prospective members and greets members and visitors at each meeting
- **1st Vice President:** The club first vice president not only serves as a leader ready to step in for the president, but as a catalyst to annually assess club activities and then implement new goals in the next fiscal year as club president
- **2nd Vice President:** The club second vice president also stands ready to be in succession and serves as requested by the club president to lead specific committees or projects.



- **Secretary:** The club secretary keeps the history of the club's official proceedings, an accurate accounting of the club membership roster and assists in every communication effort to members. This board member serves as the communications liaison between club, district and association
- **Treasurer:** The club treasurer serves as the main book-keeper for the clubs financial accounts; both administrative and public funds (service activities). This includes the administration of membership dues invoicing and collection, making deposits and recording expense receipts. The treasurer prepares, distributes and retains all financial reports and records
- **Membership Chairperson:** The club membership chairperson leads the charge in recruiting new members, orienting them into involvement opportunities with the club and nurturing relationships between established members and new members



- **Service Chairperson:** The club service chairperson coordinates all of the service activities chosen by the club as its program of works
- **Marketing Communications Chairperson:** The club marketing communications chairperson keeps all of the activities of a club in the public eye and promotes the club and its service to the community
- **Lion Tamer:** This position takes care of the club paraphernalia and assists to prepare for each meeting as a sergeant-at-arms
- **Tail Twister:** This position promotes the fun and good fellowship at meetings
- **LCIF Club Coordinator:** This position educates club members of the many projects provided by LCIF and encourages members to become involved and directly support the efforts of LCIF

- Officers are elected annually
- Common Methods of Choosing Slate of Officers
 - President appoints a nominating committee or
 - 1st Vice President creates a slate of officers
 - Nominations from the floor during a club meeting
- All club members are notified of the new slate of officers
- The club votes in April, Officers are reported to Lions Clubs International and the District
- The new term begins July 1st



Diabetes



Environmental



Vision



Childhood Cancer



Hunger



 - Link to Webpage

- **When:** Usually once a month
 - Regular Meeting
 - Board Meeting
- **Where:** Restaurants, meeting halls, members homes or virtually via programs like Zoom, Goto Meeting, Microsoft Teams, or Ring Central

○ Total Dues

- Club dues: **Varies by Club (Many are \$100)**
- District and multiple district dues: \$15.00
 - Billed \$7.50 (District \$2.50, MD \$5.00) per half)
- International dues: **US\$43 (Billed \$21.50 per half)**

○ Activities Budget – In larger clubs

○ Administrative Budget – Dues, club expenses

○ Charity Budget – Proceeds from Fund Raisers

○ Blind/Deaf Budget – Proceeds from Candy Days and other fund raisers specifically for blind/deaf purposes



How We Communicate



- In person or Virtual Meetings
- Via E-Mail
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Webpage



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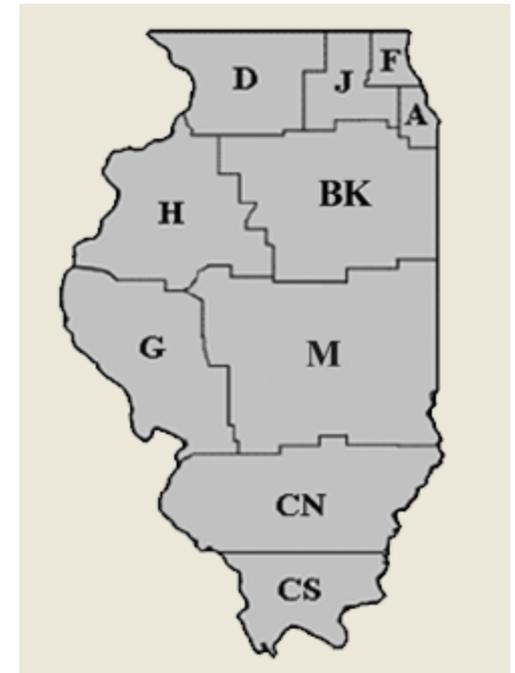


District and Multiple District

Organizational Structure



- **There about 750 districts with 35 or more clubs and at least 1,250 members in each district.**
 - Each district has a district governor
- **Multiple districts are formed by two or more districts within a territory.**
- **Our Multiple District: MD-1 – Illinois – 10 Districts**
- **Our District: 1-A**



- **District Governor:** Lion Marilyn McLean, Chicago Bayanihan-Sampaguita
- **First Vice District Governor:** Lion Gail Anton, Orland Park
- **Second Vice District Governor:** Lion Tony Zartler, Worth
- **Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer:** Lion Andy Liamaga, Chicago Fil-USA
- **District Chairpersons:** Six Regions in District
- **Zone Chairperson:** One to three per Region
- **Global Action Team:**
 - **Global Action Team District Chairperson (District Governor):** Marilyn McLean
 - **Global Membership Team District Coordinator:** ID Danny O'Reilly, Stickney-Forest View
 - **Global Leadership Team District Coordinator:** RC Tom Elsey, Westchester
 - **Global Service Team District Coordinator:** Richard Castillo, Chicago Windy City



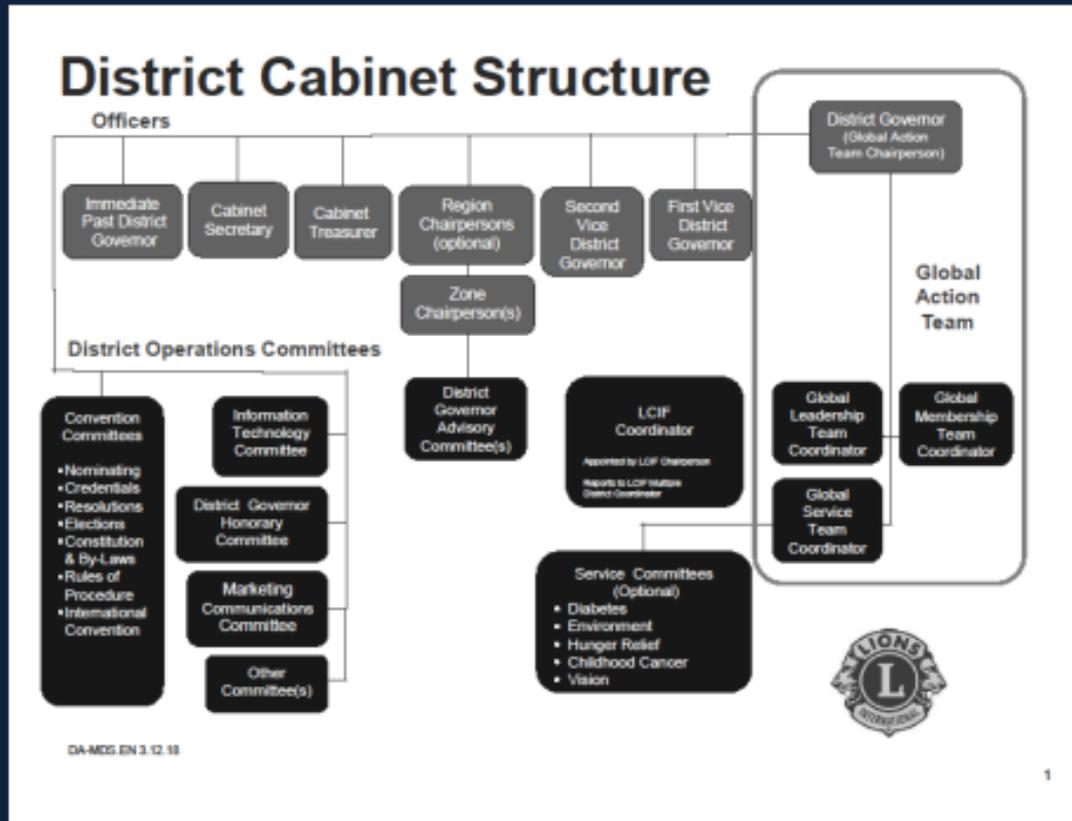
Marilyn McLean
District Governor
Chicago
Bayanihan-
Sampaguita Lions



Gail Anton
1st Vice
District Governor
Orland Park Lions



Tony Zartler
2nd Vice
District Governor
Worth Lions



- **District conventions are held to:**
 - Develop fellowship among the Lions of the district
 - Conduct general district business
 - Elect the district governor and other district-elected officers
 - Conduct seminars

- **Held Yearly**
 - **Currently hosted in Itasca at Chicago Northwest**
 - **Usually in March/April (March 19, 2021 – March 21, 2021)**
 - **Convention runs Friday night through Sunday Noon**
 - **Social opportunities Friday and Saturday nights with other lions in the district**
 - **International – Around the World in District 1-A**

How the District and Multiple District Communicate



- Monthly District Newsletter
- District 1-A Website - <https://www.e-district.org/sites/1a/>
- On-Going E-Mails from Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer or other District Officers/Coordinators
- MD-1 Newsletter
- MD-1 Website - <http://www.illinoislionsmd1.org/>
- On-Going E-Mails from MD-1 Officers and State Coordinators

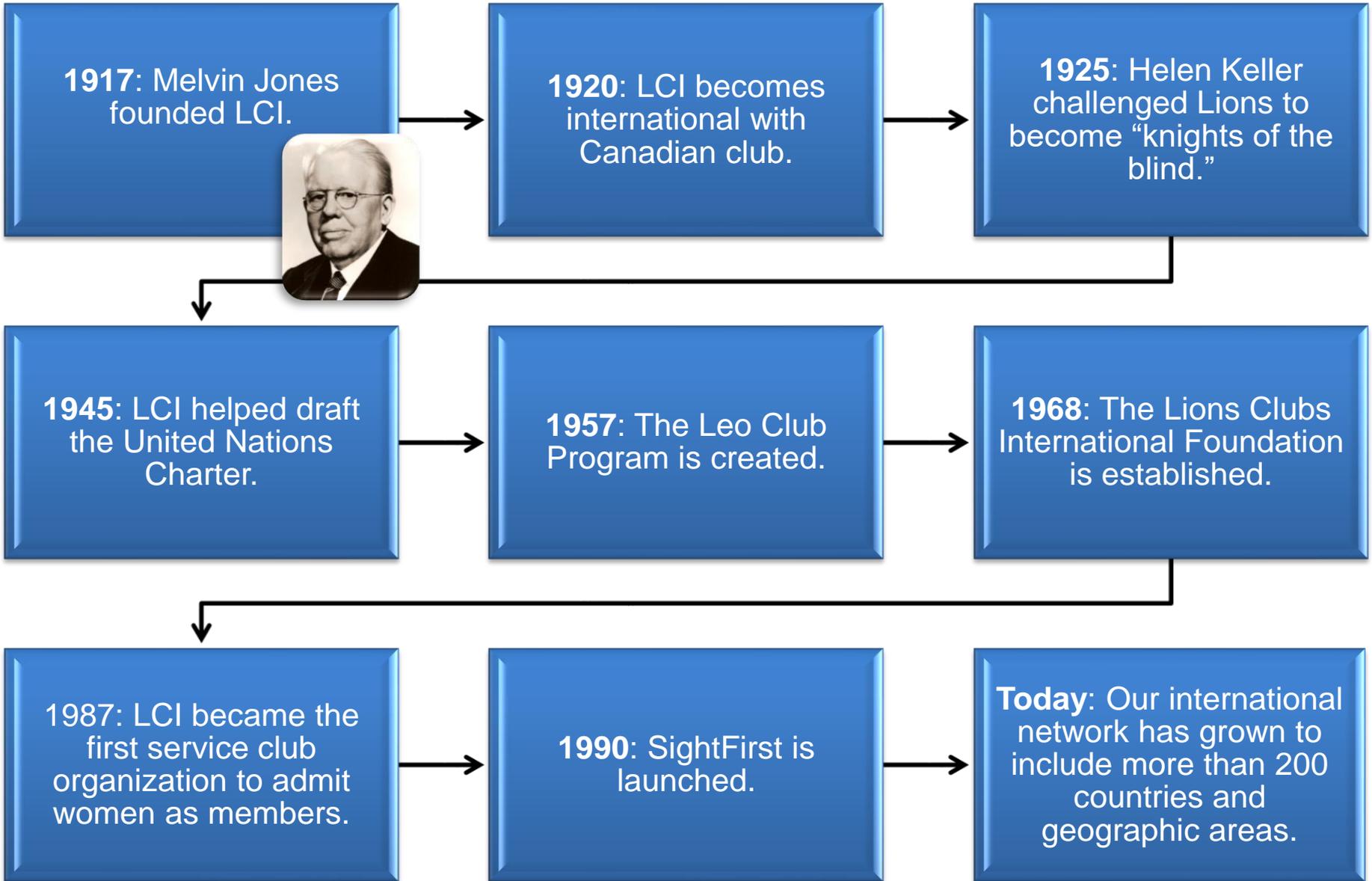


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History



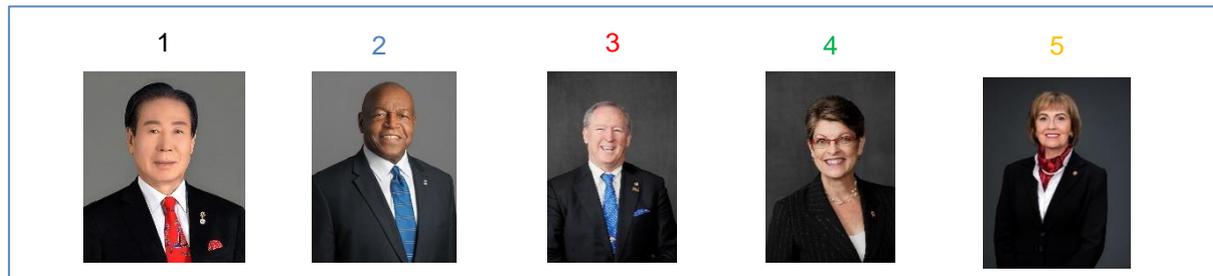
Name and Logo



- The official name of the association is “The International Association of Lions Clubs” or simply “Lions Clubs International.”
- The name Lions was chosen on a secret ballot over several others because the lion stood for strength, courage, fidelity and vital action.
- The Lions logo consists of a gold “L” on a blue field surrounded by a gold circle. On either side of the circle is the profile of a Lion’s head, one looking back upon a proud past and the other looking optimistically toward the future.



- **International officers implement policy and serve as inspirational leaders of the world's Lions.**
 - **International President:** Dr. Jung-Yul Choi¹
 - **First Vice President:** Douglas X. Alexander²
 - **Second Vice President:** Brian E. Sheehan³
 - **Third Vice President:** Dr. Patti Hill⁴
 - **Immediate Past President/LCIF Chairperson:** Gudrun Yngvadottir⁵
- **The International Board of Directors is the governing body of the association.**
 - 34 members
- **The International Constitution and By-Laws govern the operations of the association and establish the rules by which the association is to function.**



Convention brings together thousands of Lions from around the world for a week of business, education, celebration and fellowship.

- **2019:** Milan, Italy
- **2020:** Singapore (Cancelled due to Pandemic)
- **2021:** Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- **2022:** New Delhi, India
- **2023:** Boston, Massachusetts, USA
- **2024:** Melbourne, Australia
- **2025:** Mexico City, Mexico

- **Located in Oak Brook Illinois**
- **Approximately 275+ staff members in 11 divisions:**
 - Convention
 - District and Club Administration
 - Finance
 - Information Technology
 - Leadership Development
 - Legal
 - Lions Clubs International Foundation
 - Marketing
 - Membership
 - Member Operations and Support
 - Service Activities





Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Important Facts

- Founded in 1968: official foundation of Lions Clubs International, empowering the service of Lions
- Provides grant funding for large-scale humanitarian projects
- Disaster Grants
- Relies on donations
- More than US\$1 billion in grants awarded to date
- Amidst the most ambitious fundraising campaign in its history



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

50+ Years of Impact

- US\$120 million in disaster relief funding
- 16 million children served by Lions Quest
- 9.1 million cataract surgeries
- Millions of children vaccinated against measles

LCI provides training and development opportunities for Lions. The Global Leadership Team (GLT) is the driving force behind these programs, including:

- Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes
- Advanced Lions Leadership Institutes
- Faculty Development Institutes
- Regional Lions Leadership Institutes
- District Governors-Elect Seminar
- Multiple District Leadership Development Funding
- GLT District Funding Support Program
- Webinars
- Lions Learning Center
- Lions Certified Instructor Program

Because Lions seek to address the greatest needs in their communities, our activities are varied, although Lions are united behind five global causes. The Global Service Team (GST) is the driving force behind these programs and collects and shares service stories that empower leaders to act.

- Diabetes
- Vision
- Hunger
- Environment
- Childhood Cancer

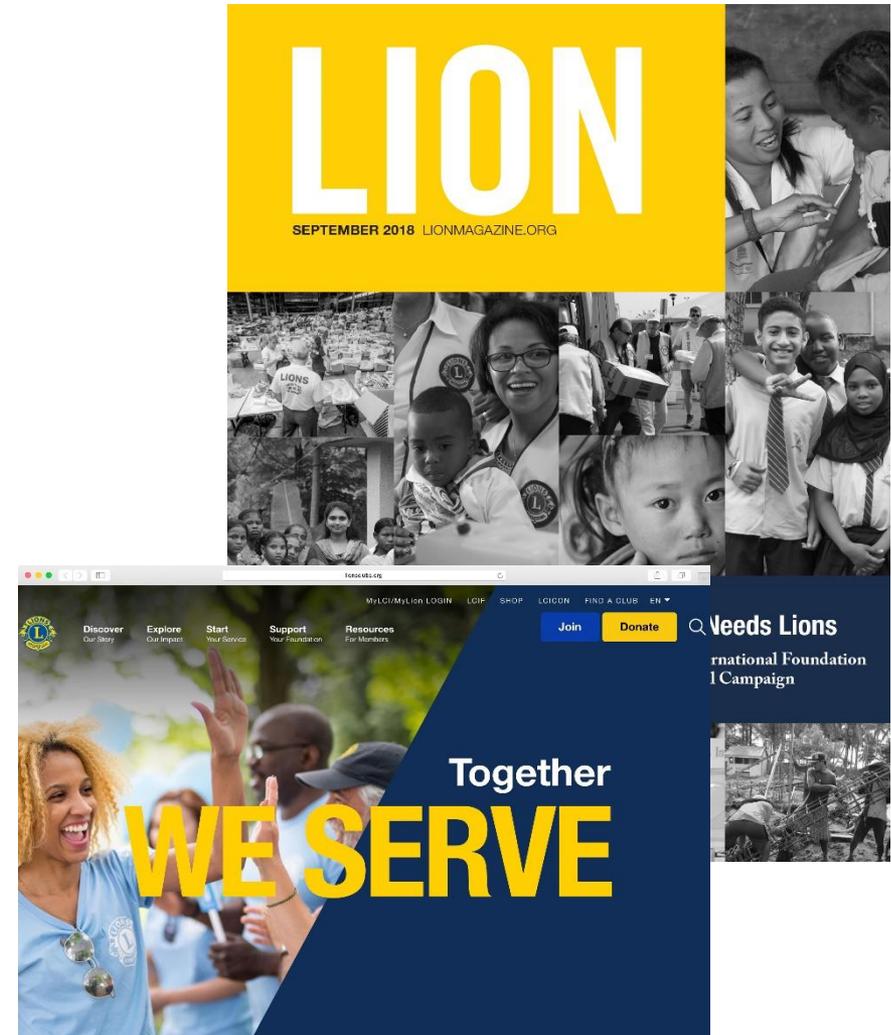
Recruiting new members into your club ensures that there will be a continual influx of enthusiastic members to serve those in need and identify new service that can be done in your community. Membership programs designed to help stimulate growth and foster quality members include:

- Family Membership
- Student Membership
- Leo to Lion
- Lions Worldwide Induction Day
- Leo Clubs
- Club Branches

In addition, forming new clubs is essential to serving a new or underserved area. Membership has several club types to help every member find the right fit:

- Traditional Lions clubs
- Campus Lions clubs
- Leo Lions clubs
- Specialty Lions clubs

- LION Magazine
- E-mail Messages
- Website
 - lionsclubs.org
- Social Networking
 - Facebook
 - facebook.com/lionsclubs
 - Twitter
 - twitter.com/lionsclubs
 - YouTube
 - youtube.com/lionsclubs





Lions of Illinois Foundation

*Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs
Since 1974*

Important Facts

- Founded in 1974
- **Vision Statement**
The Vision of the Lions of Illinois Foundation is to create a permanent vehicle for the delivery of programs and services to the visually and hearing impaired
- **Mission Statement**
The Lions of Illinois Foundation exists to assist in the general improvement of the quality of life of those in Illinois having unmet needs. It is the specific mission of the Foundation to provide quality programs and services to the people of Illinois for the detection, treatment, and rehabilitation of visual and hearing impairments. The Foundation, solely, or in conjunction with the Lions / Lioness Clubs, Foundations, and other organizations, shall provide its assistance through grant processes or delivered through direct or indirect programs and services
- **Foundation Objectives**
To provide quality programs and services for the conservation of sight and hearing for the citizens of Illinois



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45+ Years of Helping Illinoisans

- [Camp Lions](#)
- [Hearing](#)
- [Social Services](#)
- [Recycling](#)
- [Vision](#)
- [Mobile Screening Units](#)



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Fundraisers to Support our Mission (Part 1)

- [Candy Day Campaign](#)

A traditional fundraiser held the 2nd weekend in October. Lions, volunteers, friends, and family are visible collecting donations in their community and distributing our signature mint candy rolls

- [Diabetes Awareness Campaign](#)

From March through May, Lions clubs distribute "Risk Strips" to inform the public of the risks of diabetes and offer prevention tips

- [John Deere Golf Classic](#)

Teaming up with John Deere, a golf tournament is held to raise donations for the Lions of Illinois Foundation. Over 100% of the money raised is donated directly back to LIF! All proceeds benefit the Lions of Illinois Foundation's Low Vision Program. The tournament is held each August at Senica's Oak Ridge

- [LIF Gift Card Campaign](#)

Online gift card program with Shop With Scrip. Retailers rebates are used to fund LIF Programs. 40% of a club's total annual rebates go back to the clubs to be used towards vision and hearing services in their communities



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Fundraisers to Support our Mission (Part 2)

- [Sight & Sound Sweepstakes Campaign](#)
Annual spring event to fund programs. Sweepstakes tickets are sold and put into a drawing to win cash prizes. Clubs are also eligible for awards
- [Tootsie Pop Day Campaign](#)
Lions and volunteers make themselves visible every Tootsie Pop Day by accepting monetary donations and handing out Tootsie Pops
- [Walk-A-Thons](#)
5K walk/run that donates 100% of its proceeds to the LIF Vision Programs
- [A Knight's Quest Gala](#)
Our Annual Gala that happens in September
- [Roarin' Car Cruise](#)
The time when classic cars help fill the parking lot at HyVee in Sycamore, where all the proceeds go to our Adult Low Vision Program



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Communications

- Newsletters
- E-Mails – From the Executive Director and Coordinators
- Website - <https://lionsofillinoisfoundation.org/>
- Social Networking
 - Facebook - Search for “lions of Illinois foundation – lif”
 - Twitter – N/A
 - YouTube – Search for “lions of Illinois foundation” and you will find limited information



Volunteer Organization Involvement in Charitable Expressions of Service

Important Facts

- Founded in 2012

As we go forward to the future, the dreams of Lions will be believed and fulfilled, because each of the Lions in District 1A has a voice, and a share of our success accomplished together.

- **Mission Statement**

A results driven volunteer charitable organization dedicated to working with the vision and hearing impaired, including research and prevention; and providing other humanitarian services to mankind.

- Relies on donations from District Lions Clubs



Volunteer Organization Involvement in Charitable Expressions of Service

District 1-A Open Areas Account

- Assistance to geographic areas of the District not represented by a lions Club
 - Assistance with Eyeglasses
 - Assistance with Hearing Aids
- Funding requests to District Lions Clubs as needed



Volunteer Organization Involvement in Charitable Expressions of Service

Communications

- E-Mails – From the VOICES President
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 - YouTube – N/A

Welcome to your Lions Club!

Questions?

