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Ordinary People ... Extraordinary Things



Lions Purposes	Lions Code of Ethics		
The purposes outlined the aims and goals of Lions organization. It is up to individual clubs to implement purpose.	The Code of Ethics is a guideline for the personal values that each member should exemplify.		
To Organize, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.	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 Coordinate the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.	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 Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.	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.		
To Promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.	Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.		
To Take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.	To Hold friendship as an end and 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.		
To Unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.	Always bear in mind my obligations 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 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 Aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.		
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.	To Be Careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.		

A Warm Welcome

THE GLOBAL LEADER IN HUMANITARIAN SERVICE



...to the Lions family. It is a very large family with 1.35 million plus members in 45,000 clubs in 200 plus countries and geographic areas. No matter what language is spoken, religion practice or political affiliation; the commonality is providing humanitarian service. You are now an integral part of this worldwide team of Lions who are providing miracles for those in need.

You joined Lions to make a positive difference in your community through direct action and help those in need. It is imperative to help you do that and do it the most effective way possible. You will also have fun!

We value you time and sincerely thank-you for stepping up 'to serve.' We are committed to helping you be the 'best Lion you can be.'

This booklet is only the beginning and will give you some history and provide basic understanding of the association. However, the true understanding of what Lions is all about, will come from service to and for local community.

As you become actively involved and gain valuable knowledge, please share experiences and accomplishments with family and friends. It is important to continue growing the association as we make the world a better place.

Who Are The Lions?

LIONS ARE members of the world's largest and most active service club organization.

LIONS ARE people who have decided to give something back to their communities, who are dedicated to helping people in need, and who meet those needs in an efficient caring way.

LIONS ARE men and women who believe that by working with other dedicated Lions, they will accomplish far more for their communities than would be possible alone.

LIONS ARE committed to solving major, worldwide health and social problems, and realize that solutions are possible when every Lions Club does it share.

LIONS ARE people who cherish the friendship and fellowship within their own club, but also feel a close kinship with fellow Lions in 209 plus countries and geographical areas around the world.

LIONS ARE patriotic, giving allegiance to their country, while recognizing that all peoples must one day learn to live in peace.

LIONS ARE dedicated to maintaining the highest ethical and moral standards in their club and in their personal lives.

LIONS ARE PEOPLE JUST LIKE YOU!

HISTORY

1917: The Beginning Chicago business leader Melvin Jones asked a simple and world-changing question – what if people put their talents to work improving their communities? Almost 100 years later, Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization, with more than 1.4 million members in more than 46,000 clubs and countless stories of Lions acting on the same simple idea: let's improve our communities.

1920: Going International Just three years after our founding, Lions became international when we established the first club in Canada. Mexico followed in 1927. In the 1950s and 1960s international growth accelerated, with new clubs in Europe, Asia and Africa.

1925: Eradicating Blindness Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA, 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: Uniting Nations 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: Organizing Youth Programs 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 166,000 Leos and 6,600 Leo clubs in more than 145 countries and geographic areas worldwide.

1968: Establishing Our Foundation Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) assists Lions with global and large-scale local humanitarian projects. Through our Foundation, Lions have received more than \$900 million in grants to help meet the needs of their local and global communities.

1990: Launching SightFirst Through LCIF, Lions are restoring sight and preventing blindness on a global scale with the SightFirst program. Launched in 1990, Lions have raised more than \$415 million for this initiative. SightFirst targets the major causes of blindness: low vision, trachoma, river blindness, childhood blindness, diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma.

2014: Centennial Service Challenge Lions Clubs International begins its Centennial Celebration by pledging to benefit 100 million people through projects impacting youth, vision, hunger and the environment. Lions honor their long tradition of service and look to the future by coming together to strengthen their local communities and the global community.

2017: Centennial and Beyond Lions will celebrate our 100th anniversary and first century of service!

FACT SHEET

Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world. We have more than 1.4 million members in more than 46,000 clubs worldwide.

Lions are everywhere. We're men and women active in more than 200 countries and geographic areas.

Lions serve. Our motto is "We Serve." Founded in 1917, we are best known for fighting blindness, but we also feed the hungry, aid seniors and the disabled, and care for the environment. Lions are a global service network of volunteers that make a difference in their local communities.

Lions give sight. By conducting vision screenings, equipping hospitals and clinics, distributing medicine and raising awareness of eye disease, Lions work toward the goal of providing vision for all. Through the support of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions have helped provide more than 153 million treatments for river blindness and 72 million doses of a sight-saving trachoma medication through the SightFirst program alongside our partners. Lions and LCIF have also helped provide vision screenings for more than 19 million children through the Sight for Kids partnership program.

Lions serve youth. Our community projects often support children and local schools through scholarships, recreation and mentoring. Internationally, we offer many programs to empower youth, including the Peace Poster Contest; youth camps and exchanges; and Lions Quest, an LCIF positive youth development program. Our Leo clubs help young people develop leadership skills while impacting their communities through service. There are approximately 166,000 Leos and 6,600 Leo clubs in more than 145 countries and geographic areas worldwide.

Lions receive grants and the world receives benefits. Since 1968, Lions Clubs International Foundation has awarded more than \$900 million in grants to support Lions' humanitarian projects. As the official charitable organization of Lions Clubs International, LCIF helps Lions improve the lives of millions of people through four pillars of service: saving sight, supporting youth, providing disaster relief and meeting humanitarian needs. Through the Foundation's generous support of largescale humanitarian initiatives, Lions are able to extend their reach from local communities to the global community in order to serve those who need us most.



FACT SHEET

Name

The official name of the association is 'The International Association of Lions Clubs' or simply 'Lions Clubs International'. The name Lions was chosen because of the symbolism of what a lion animal represents - courage, strength, activity and fidelity.

Motto

Lion's motto is 'We Serve' - adopted 1954 International Convention.

Slogan

LIONS = Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety - adopted 1919 International Convention.

Official Colors

Purple and gold were chosen when the association was founded in 1917. The purple represents loyalty to country, friends, to one' self and to the integrity of mind and heart. It is the color of strength, courage and dedication to a cause. Gold symbolizes sincerity of purpose, liberality in judgment, purity in life and generosity in mind, heart and commitment to mankind. Often a dark blue is used in place of purple.

Official Emblem

The current Lions emblem (or logo) was adopted at the 1919 convention. Today, Lions worldwide are recognized by it. It consists of a gold letter "L" on a circular purple field. Bordering this is a circular gold area with two Lion profiles facing away from center. The Lions face both past and future; showing both pride of heritage and confidence in the future. The word "Lions" appear at the top and "International" at the bottom.

Lions Vision Statement

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

Lions Mission Statement

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

OUR GLOBAL CAUSES

Every journey begins with a single step. One act of service, one encouraging word, one gift of generosity is often all it takes to bring hope where it's needed most.

Over the last 100 years, the kindness of Lions and Leos has multiplied across borders, oceans, and continents. With over 1.4 million members, we now have an opportunity to truly change our world.

That's why we're uniting our global service around five areas of need. These Global Causes present significant challenges to humanity, and we believe it's our turn to meet them.



Diabetes

The International Diabetes Federation reports that 1 in 2 people with diabetes are undiagnosed. Lions recognize the needs of the world are changing, and have championed the cause of diabetes to better serve both our communities and the world.



Vision

Ever since Helen Keller inspired us to champion the cause in 1925, we've served and advocated for the blind and visually impaired. Nearly a century later, this long-standing mission continues unhindered.



<u>Hunger</u>

We serve to improve human flourishing. We see how the global hunger and nutrition crisis bears upon our local communities, and believe true community improvement depends on the thriving of its members.



<u>Environment</u>

The earth sustains human life. We've seen how our stewardship of natural resources can improve quality of life and increase engagement in our local communities. Our environment is more than a background: it's our home. And we're committed to caring for it.



Childhood Cancer

Lions and Leos provide support for the needs of children and families affected by childhood cancer through impactful service activities.



Lions Clubs International Foundation

The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) supports and develops programs that serve people in need throughout the world. With the dedication and work of Lions, LCIF is able to improve millions of lives through our high-impact initiatives.

Our programs are focused in four main areas:



Preserving Sight Since 1990, SightFirst has been making quality eye care accessible to those who most need it. SightFirst has made it possible for more than 30 million people to have improved or restored vision.

Serving Youth Over the past 25 years, 12 million young people in 69 countries have benefitted through Lions Quest, our youth development program for kindergarten through 12th grade.





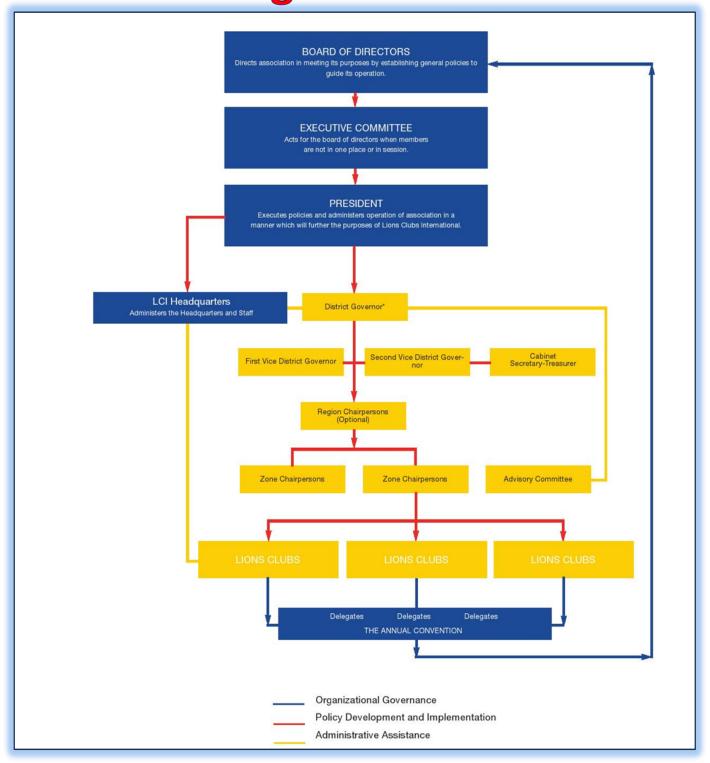
Providing Disaster Relief In times of disaster, Lions meet immediate needs such as food, water and shelter with funds from LCIF. For larger-scale disasters, the Foundation remains committed to helping communities rebuild into the future.

Humanitarian Efforts LCIF is active in a variety of humanitarian efforts such as supporting the construction homes for the disabled, providing vision screenings to Special Olympics athletes and combating measles.

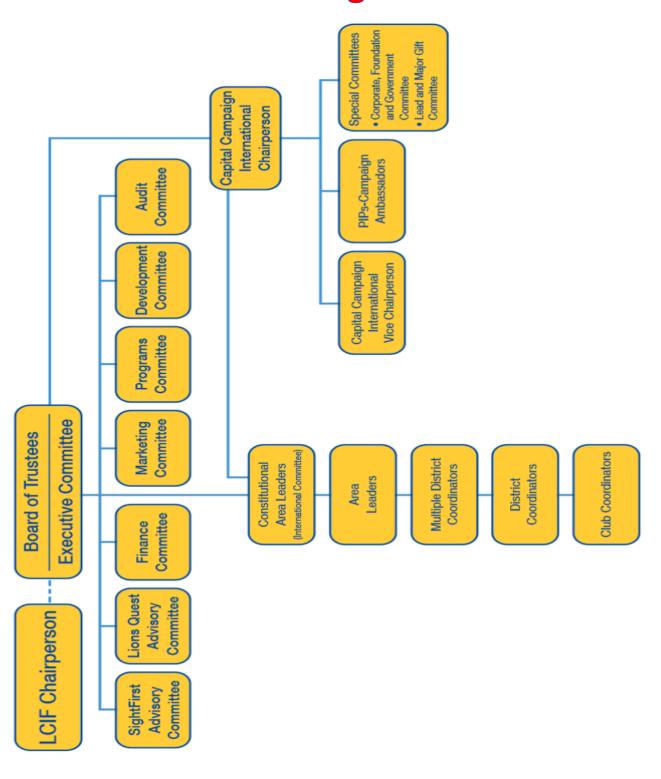




OUR STRUCTURE LCI Organization Chart

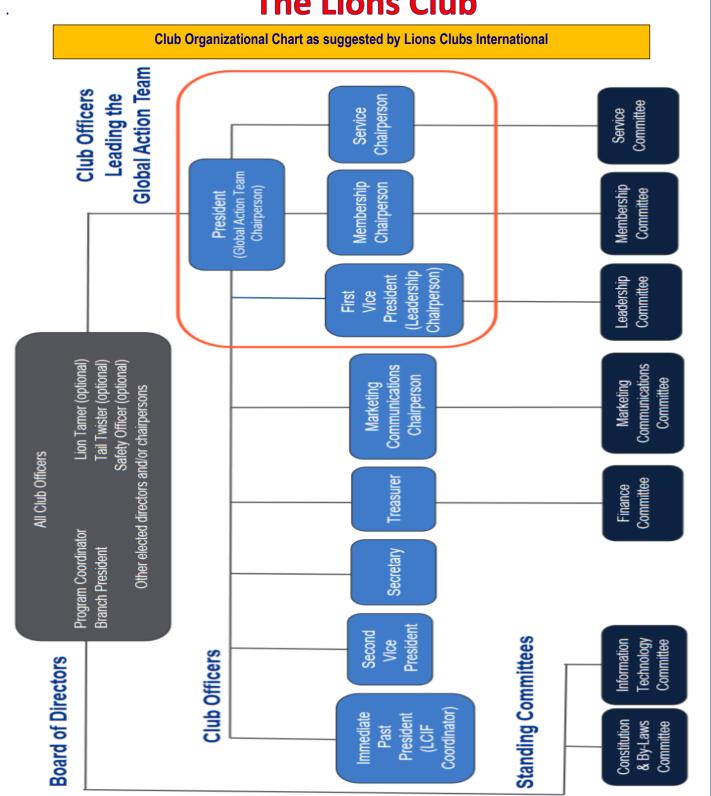


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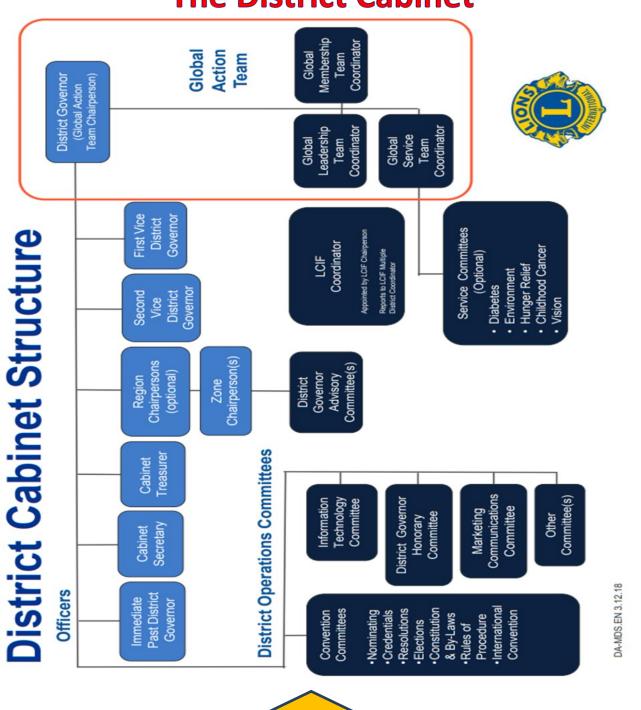




OUR STRUCTURE The Lions Club



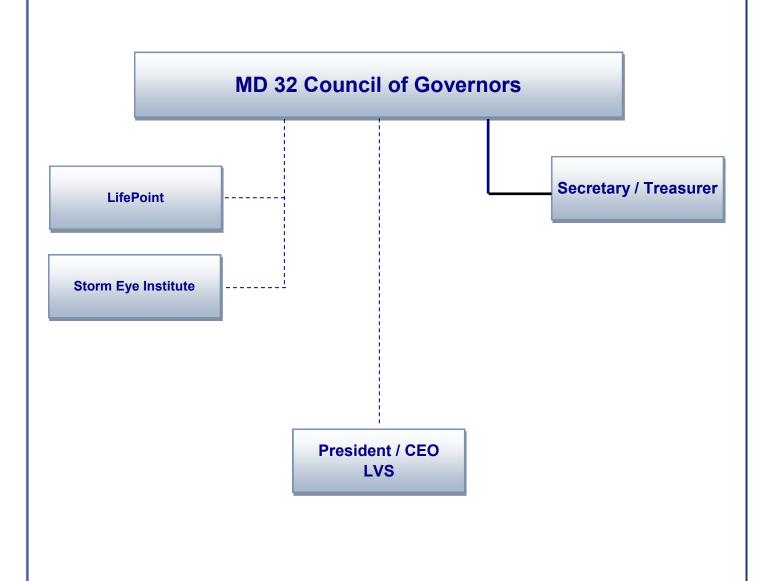
OUR STRUCTURE The District Cabinet



The above organizational chart is a general representation of the structure of District 32C. As you can see, it takes a number of dedicated Lions for the district to operate. The voting members of the District Governor's Cabinet are: District Governor, Immediate Past District Governor, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor, Region and Zone Chairpersons and any other designated Lions.



OUR STRUCTURE Multiple District 32 South Carolina Organization Chart



OUR STRUCTURE Multiple District 32 South Carolina

Lions of South Carolina have over 125 clubs in 2 districts (S and C) with over 3,000 members. Programs supported by the Lions of South Carolina with the help of Lions Vision Services (LVS):

- Collection of used Eye Glasses collect on average per year 96,000 pairs of used eye glasses. Since the early 90's collected over 5 million pairs of eye glasses.
- Hearing Aid Bank the 'Loan for Life' has fitted many recipients with hearing aids since 1981.
- Health Services Fund helped provide people with cataract, cornea and related eye surgeries since 1978.
- International Youth Exchange Program averaging 20 youth from around the world coming to South Carolina annually since 1990.
- ◆ Youth Camps for the Blind and those with impaired vision children given the opportunity to experience a summer camp experience without caregivers.
- Leader Dog For the Blind in Rochester, Michigan Cost per leader dog is approximately \$40,000. Over 150 dogs have been trained for those who now have obtained their independence and become an asset to our communities since involvement.





<u>Mission</u>: To improve the lives of South Carolina residents by providing health screenings, optical supplies, and facilitating the receipt of hearing services and eye surgeries, for underprivileged persons without insurance and who cannot receive assistance from state, federal, or other agencies.

History

1968: Study Committees are formed to explore organizing a charitable organization for the Lions of South Carolina.

1969: At the State Convention in Myrtle Beach, the South Carolina Lions Sight Conservation Association (SCLSCA) was voted into existence.

1973: SCLSCA moves into the South Carolina Lions Building in West Columbia.

1974: The South Carolina Foundation was formed as the charitable arm for South Carolina Lions.

1994: SCLSCA changed its name to South Carolina Lions, Inc.

2003: South Carolina Lions Eye Bank merged with LifePoint.

2003: South Carolina Lions Inc. changed its name to South Carolina Lions Charitable Services (SCLCS).

2011: In July, South Carolina Lions Charitable Service Foundation (SCLCSF) changed its name to South Carolina Lions Foundation (SCLF). A Director of Development was hired to grow the organization's financial assets through increasing contributions.

2014: A grant from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) allows SCLCS to dramatically expand health screening capacity. This grant is renewed through at least 2018.

2016: During the Annual Meeting of SCLCS/SCLF at the State Convention in Columbia, the Board approved three measures to:

- (1) to convert SCLCS/SCLF into one organization under the dissolution clause of SCLCS and SCLF Bylaws to take effect July 1, 2017;
- (2) amend the SCLCS Bylaws to create an Endowment Account which will outline the stewardship of SCLCS monies; and
- (3) name the new organization "Lions Vision Services: A South Carolina Charity."

Membership Types

In addition to regular membership, LCI offers special membership programs for families, college students, former Leos and young adults.

Regular Member

This is our "standard" membership. Regular membership is for community members interested in volunteering, serving the community and making our world a better place. Regular members pay an entrance fee (US\$35) and full international dues (US\$43). Additional district, multiple-district and club dues apply.

Family Member

The Family Membership Program provides families with the opportunity to receive a special dues discount when they join a Lions club together. The first family member (head of household) pays full international dues (US\$43), and up to four additional family members pay only half the international dues (US\$21.50). All family members pay the one-time entrance fee (US\$35).

The Family Membership Program is open to family members who are (1) eligible for Lions membership, (2) currently in or joining the same club, and (3) living in the same household and related by birth, marriage or other legal relationship. To receive the family membership dues rate, complete the Family Unit Certification Form and submit it with the MMR, or complete the certification on MyLCI. When chartering a club, complete the certification on the Report of Charter Members.

Student Member

Student membership allows students to make new friends and help others in their community at the same time. Students enrolled in an educational institution who are between the age of legal majority and through age 30 pay no entrance or charter fee and half international dues (US\$21.50). Students over age 30 who are joining a Campus Lions club pay a US\$10 entrance fee and full international dues. To receive the student-member dues rate, complete the Student Member Certification Form and submit with the MMR, or complete the certification on MyLCI. When chartering a club, complete the certification on the Report of Charter Members.

Leo Lion Member

Leo Lion membership allows current or former Leos between the age of legal majority and through age 30, who have been a Leo for at least a year and a day, to continue doing volunteer work with LCI as a Lion. Leo Lions pay no entrance fee or charter fee and pay half international dues (US\$21.50). To receive the Leo Lion dues rate, complete the Leo to Lion Certification and Years of Service Form and submit with the MMR or club charter application, or complete the certification on MyLCI. To encourage Leo Lions to invite their friends, young adults between the age of legal majority and through age 30 who join a Leo Lions club receive the same fee waivers and dues discounts as Leo to Lion members.

Former Leo Member

Former Leos over the age of 30 who have been a Leo for at least a year and a day pay no entrance fee or charter fee when joining a Lions club. To receive the fee waiver, complete the Leo to Lion Certification and Years of Service Form and submit with the MMR or club charter application, or complete the certification on MyLCI.

Membership Categories

For prospective members who may not be able to meet the obligations of active membership, LCI offers several membership categories to fit their needs.

Active Member

Active membership is the "typical" category of Lions membership. Active members receive all benefits, and must meet all requirements, of Lions membership.

Affiliate Member

An affiliate member is someone who is not able to participate as an active member of the club but desires to support the club and its community service initiatives.

Associate Member

An associate member has active membership in one Lions club and associate membership in a second club in their community of residence or employment.

Honorary Member

An honorary members is not a member of the Lions club but may be granted honorary membership by a Lions club for having performed outstanding service.

Life Member

A life member is a Lion who has maintained active membership for at least 20 years, or at least 15 years if the member has reached age 70. Life membership may also be granted to a Lion who is critically ill.

Member-at-Large

A member-at-large is a member of a club who is unable to regularly attend club meetings but desires to retain membership in the club.

Privileged Member

A privileged member is a Lion who has been a member 15 or more years but must relinquish active status because of illness, infirmity, advanced age or other reason.

Active	Dues		Dist. or Int'l	Voting	Dist. or Int'l	
	Club	Dist.	Int'l	Office	Privileges	Conv. Delegate
ActiveYesYes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Affiliate	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Club matters only	No
Associate*	Yes	No	No	No	Club matters only	No
Honorary	No	Club pays	Club pays	No	No	No
Life	Yes	Yes	One-time US\$650	Yes	Yes	Yes
Member-at-Large	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Club matters only	No
Privileged	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		

^{*} Detailed information regarding the obligations, rights and privileges of all membership categories can be found in the Standard Club Constitution and By-Laws.

General Information

Attendance Requirements

All Lions clubs should meet regularly. It is recommended at least twice each month. Members should attend meetings as often as possible. Attendance is important for the club as well as yourself. Your time and energy are very value to your club as you complete committee assignments and support club goals. Club members maintaining perfect attendance received an annual 100% Perfect Attendance Award. If a meeting is missed, an opportunity is afforded to make-up in accordance with club policy. The club secretary will have details on make-up policies.

Club Budgets

All money raised from the public must be used for service projects and community needs. Clubs maintain two separate budgets and accounts; activities and administrative. Lions clubs charged dues to members to pay for administrative expenses. Clubs set their own budget covering operating cost.

International Dues Currently \$43.00 per year (exceptions below) Billed semi-annual \$21.50 x 2

Multiple District Dues Currently \$ 9.30 per year Billed semi-annual \$4.65 x 2

District Dues Currently \$7.50 per year Billed semi-annual \$3.75 x 2

Club Dues – Set by club ????? – may or may not include meal cost

<u>Family Membership</u> – First adult member pay full International dues; additional up to five pay half International dues; \$21.50 per year.

<u>Student Membership</u> – Students enrolled in an educational institution and between the ages of 18 through 30 pay half International dues; \$21.50 per year.

How Can I Be The Best Lion I Can Be?

Being the 'best you can be' will only be achieved through involvement. Active, establishing relationships and experiencing new situation are the basic components of getting involved. Asking question will also provide answers that will boost the learning curve in acquiring basic knowledge. Here is a list of knowledge-sets that will aid in ones quest to be the best.

Comprehensive Knowledge of the Club

- History of the club
- Organizational structure
- Service and fund raising activities
- Meaning and responsibilities of group membership
- Club leadership

Comprehensive Knowledge of the District and Multiple District

- History of Lions in the district, multiple district and country
- Organizational structure
- Size and practices
- District Leadership
- Programs and activities
- District communications

Comprehensive Knowledge of Lions Clubs International

- Who Lions are
- History
- Origin of the name "Lions"
- Colors and logo
- Traditions
- · Organizational structure
- Leadership
- International Constitution and By-laws
- Purposes and Code of Ethics
- International fellowship
- International Headquarters operations
- International convention
- Service and information
- Lions Clubs International Foundation
- Leo Club program
- Lions Clubs International Communications

These activities which should be completed within a new Lions first six months of membership are:

- Attend a club board meeting
- Involvement in club service or fund raising activity
- Introduce a prospective new member to the club
- · Visit one other club
- Attend a Zone, Region, Sub-district, Multiple District meeting or International Convention and report back to the club

Be proud to be a Lion and always wear your lapel pin!



Language of Lions

CAR	Club Activities Report – Completed and updated by Club Secretary showing ongoing club activities as they occur. Reported to Lions Clubs International.			
CC	Council Chairperson – Chosen by incoming District Governors for each district in South Carolina to preside over meetings. The District Governors are the Council.			
COG	Council of Governors – Sitting District Governors and the Council Chairperson.			
District	Geographical area consisting of a minimum of 36 Lions clubs.			
District Cabinet	Administrative body for district consisting of District Governor, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, Immediate Past District Governor, Region and Zone Chairpersons.			
DG	District Governor— An international position elected by the district at annual convention to preside over the area for one year.			
DGE	District Governor Elect- Incoming selectee before start of Lions year beginning 1 July.			
ID	International Director— Elected by delegates to the International Convention to serve on International Board for 2 years.			
IP	International President - Elected by delegates to the International Convention to serve for 1 year.			
IPDG	Immediate Past District Governor– Lions year after as District Governor.			
LCI	Lions Clubs International – Name of international organization.			
LCIF	Lions Clubs International Foundation – Charitable arm of Lions Clubs International.			
Leader Dog	Leader dogs for the Blind; located in Rochester, Michigan. Provide trained dogs for sight impaired and mobility training			
LEO	Lions youth organization, organized as a project of Lions clubs to provide a means for youth ages to age 18 with opportunities for community service.			
MD	Multiple District – Consist of geographical area with several districts.			
MJF	Melvin Jones Fellowship – Awarded to individual Lion after \$1000 contribution to Lions Clubs International Foundation.			
MMR	Monthly Membership Report - Completed and filed by Club Secretary showing membership for each month. Sent to Lions Clubs International.			
PCC	Past Council Chairperson – Lions title after serving as Council Chairperson.			
PDG	Past District Governor - Lions title after serving as District Governor.			
PID	Past international Director Lions title after as International Director.			
PIP	Past International President - Lions title after serving as International President.			
PMJF	Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship – Individual Lion becomes after second \$1000 contribution to Lions Clubs International Foundation.			
PU101	Personnel Update— Completed and filed by club secretary showing incoming club officers for Lions year beginning 1 July. Due to Lions Clubs International by 15 May.			
Region	Geographical area of a district consisting of 2 - 4 zones. May be presided over by a Region Chairperson.			
RC	Region Chairperson – An appointed position by the District Governor for one year.			
VDG1 or VDG2	Vice District Governor Elected for one or two years to serve as assistant to the District Governor. Position qualifies individual for District Governor.			
PDG	Past District Governor - Lions title after serving as District Governor.			
Zone	Geographical area of a district consisting of 4 - 8 clubs presided over by a Zone Chairperson.			
ZC	Zone Chairperson – An appointed position by the District Governor for one year.			



Lions-Related Internet Sites

Lions Clubs International

Lions Clubs International Foundation

District 32C

Lions Vision Services

Leader Dogs for the Blind

Camp Lions Den

Camp Leo

SC School for the Deaf and Blind

SC Lions Eye Research

www.lionsclubs.org

www.lcif.org

www.sclions32c.org

www.lionsvisionservices.org

www.leaderdog.org

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www.campleosc.com

www.scsdb.org/

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It is our sincere hope this guide provide some useful information that will expand, deepen and enrich your Lions Experience. Having chosen to become a member of the world's largest service organization, you have the opportunity to impact countless lives locally, nationally and globally.

"Welcome" to Lions."

Thanks To You For Your Commitment 'To Serve'



It's Great To Be A Lion
"We Serve"