



***Making a Difference...***  
***Everyday***  
***Everywhere***

# Lions Clubs International



# Welcome!

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## Lions Clubs International: Mission Statement

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



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## Lions Clubs International: History

The International Association of Lions Clubs began as the dream of Chicago businessman Melvin Jones in 1917. 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.

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## Lions Clubs International: Today

Over the following 90 years, Lions Clubs International has grown to be the world's largest service organization with over 46,000 Lions Clubs in approximately 200 countries and geographical locations.

Each club was established by people like you who were interested in making a difference in their community.

## Signature Projects

### **LCI is known for many sight related projects:**

- Eyeglass Recycling
- Eye Banks
- Eye and Health Screenings
- Purchase glasses for school children
- SightFirst

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### Lions Clubs do much more!

- Youth programs
- Drug and violence prevention
- Assisting the elderly
- Environmental projects
- Disaster relief
- Community safety

*The possibilities are endless!*

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Club projects are determined by the members of the club based upon the unique needs of the community and the interests of the membership.

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## LCI Supports Individual Club Activities

- Club officers receive leadership training
- Clubs are supported by district and multiple district leaders and volunteers
- Clubs have access to district and multiple district resources
- Clubs receive public relations material and professional recruitment materials
- Each club is covered by liability insurance

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## Examples of Local Club Projects

Add a list of a few local projects and multiple district and district projects that the new club can do such as hearing vans, health screening equipment, etc.

These may be mentioned as possible options but in no way should they limit the new club to these activities.

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## Member Benefits

Member of a respected organization

Gain new ideas from an international network of community-minded people

Choose from a wide variety of community projects (or you can certainly choose your own)

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## Member Benefits

Enjoy THE LION MAGAZINE filled with valuable information about how you can make a difference and moving stories about people, like you, who have improved their community and touched the lives of others

Fun and Friendship that comes from meeting people with similar interests and participating in meaningful activities



Questions about Lions Clubs  
International LCI?

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## Today We Will

- ✓ Discuss what makes this community special
- ✓ Identify the types of projects that might be of interest to the members
- ✓ Begin to discuss how we can make a difference
- ✓ Discuss which project might be a good 1<sup>st</sup> project for the new club
- ✓ Discuss what we need to do to get started



What Makes This Community  
Special?



What Are The Needs Within The  
Community?

***How Do You Want To  
Make A Difference?***



Finding a Mission or Purpose for  
the New Club

***What Does Our Community  
Need That We Can Do?***

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## How Do We Address These Needs?

**Charter a club branch or a new Lions club**

**Elect officers**

**Entrance fees**

US\$30.00 charter/initiation fee per person (one-time charge) to cover charter supplies and materials

Annual Dues are approximately US\$5.00 to US\$7.00 a month

- Actual dues amount is set by the club members
- The fees cover the administrative expenses of the club and club, district, multiple district and international dues

**It is the policy of Lions Clubs International that ALL administrative costs are covered by member dues so that 100% of the funds raised by the club can go to fund needed projects.**

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## Next Meeting

- ✓ Bring other people who might be interested in the projects that we mentioned.
- ✓ Further discuss possible projects and begin to identify which project we can do first.
- ✓ Determine the date, time and location of regular meetings.
- ✓ Complete the charter application.

## Next Meeting

When should we meet again?

Date?

Time?

Is there a better location or should we meet here?



**See You Soon!**  
**Thank You!**