



WHAT DO LIONS DO?



We Serve



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MISSION STATEMENT

To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international co-operation.



International Organization:

- 1.3 Million Men & Women
- 45,000 Clubs
- 200 Countries



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The word “LIONS” is an acronym

L	<u>L</u>IBERTY
I	<u>I</u>NTELLIGENCE
O	<u>O</u>UR
N	<u>N</u>ATIONS
S	<u>S</u>AFETY



LIONS

- Founded on June 7, 1917
- In Chicago
- As the “Association of Lions Clubs
- By Melvin Jones



MELVIN JONES

A Chicago businessman who felt local business clubs should expand their horizons from purely professional concerns to the betterment of their community and the world at large.



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THE FIRST CONVENTION

- Was held in Dallas Texas in October 1917
- A Constitution, By-Laws, Objects and Code of Ethics were approved
- Among the Objects adopted read “No club shall hold out the financial betterment of its members as its object.”



1920

- The first club in Canada was established
- The Lions become an International Organization
- Major international expansion continued in the 50's and 60's, especially throughout Europe, Asia and Africa



1925

- Helen Keller addressed the Lions International in Cedar Point, Ohio.
- She challenged the Lions to become “Knights of the blind” in the crusade against darkness.”



Knights of the Blind Speech

The opportunity I bring to you, Lions, is this: To foster and sponsor the work of the American Foundation for the Blind. Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves *Knights of the Blind* in this crusade against darkness? I thank you.

Helen Keller



1925

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- She challenged the Lions to become “Knights of the blind” in the crusade against darkness.”
- Since then, Lions Clubs have been actively involved in service to the blind and visually impaired.



1945

- Lions Clubs International broadened its international role by helping the United Nations form the Non-Governmental Organizations Section and continues to hold consultative status with the United Nations.



1968

- Lions Clubs International Foundation
(LCIF)
is Established



1987

- Lions Club International becomes the first service club to admit women as members.

WHAT ARE THE OTHER TWO SERVICE CLUBS?

ROTARY & KIWANIS



1988

- Lions International Peace Poster Contest was introduced.



1989

- First Lions Clubs were organized in “Eastern Bloc” Countries.



1990

- Lions launched a most progressive sight preservation effort
- A \$143.5 Million Dollar program to rid the world of preventable and reversible blindness.



Lions also committed to provide services for:

- Youth
- To improve the Environment
- Build Homes for the Disabled
- Support Diabetes Education
- Conduct Hearing Programs
- Provide Disaster Relief around the World



1997

- Phase 1 of the SightFirst China Action is launched to confront cataract blindness and establish eye clinics in China.



2002

- Lions Clubs are chartered in China
- Phase 2 of SightFirst China is Launched

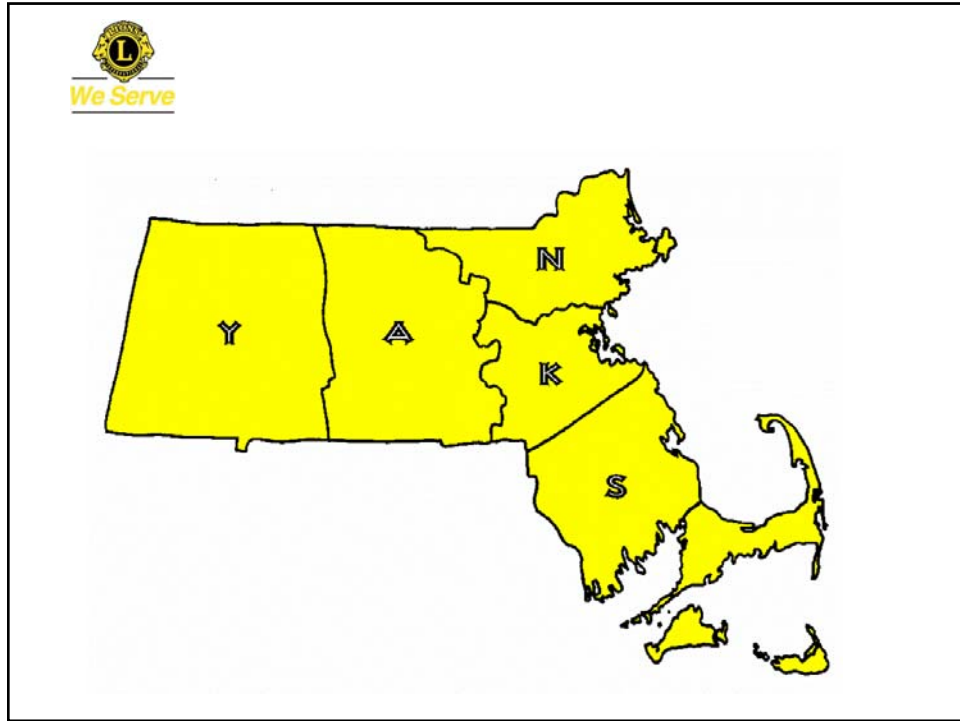


MULTIPLE DISTRICTS

- Usually 35 clubs that have a combined total of 1,850 members
- Massachusetts has 5 districts
- Each district is identified by its own letter

Y A N K S

- Each has its own constitution
- Each supervises its own affairs



Council of Governors

- The Governors, Vice Governors, CST's and a Parliamentarian within a Multiple District constitute a Council of Governors for each Multiple District
- May include one or more Past District Governor
- The Governors and 3 elected Council officers each have a vote



DISTRICT 33K CLUBS

Arlington	Hopkinton	Sherborn
Ashland	Hull	Somerville
Bellingham	Hyde Park	Stoughton
Belmont	Malden	Stow
Blackstone	Marlboro	Walpole
Boston Chinatown	Medfield	Waltham
Boston Host	Medford	Westwood
Braintree	Medway	Weymouth
Canton	Millis	Wrentham
Charlestown	Milton	
Everett	Natick	COLLEGE CLUB:
Foxboro	Needham	New England College of
Framingham	Newton	Optometry
Franklin	Norfolk	LEO CLUBS:
Greater Ashland	Norwood	Hopkinton
Greater Boston Hispanic	Plainville	King Phillip
Hingham	Quincy	Quincy
Holliston	Randolph	Sharon
	Sharon	



LIONS EMBLEM

The association's emblem is a common sight world-wide.

It consists of a gold letter "L" on a circular field. Bordering this is a gold area with two lion profiles facing away from each other.

The words "Lions" and "International" appear at the top and bottom respectively. Symbolically, the lions face both the past and future -- justly proud of the past and confident of an even more glorious future.

The royal colors of purple and gold were adopted at the association's first convention in 1917.



DISTRICT OFFICERS

District Governor (DG)

Vice District Governor (VDG)

Cabinet Secretary Treasurer (CST)

Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG)

Region Chairs (RC)

Zone Chairs (ZC)



DISTRICT GOVERNOR

- Serves as chief administrative officer for the District
- Elected to serve a 1 yr. term at the District convention
- Takes office at the International Convention
- Represents the association in the District
- Supervises District Officers
- Further the goals of International programs
- Supervises the organization of new Lions Clubs
- Presides over District meetings



VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

- Serves as chief administrative assistant to the District Governor
- Is specifically responsible to further the purpose & ethics of the International Association of Lions Clubs
- Becomes familiar with the duties of the District Governor should there become a vacancy in the office of District Governor
 - Participates in District meetings
 - Helps prepare the budget
 - Supervises District committees at the request of the District Governor
 - Helps review Clubs and engage in all matters to be continued during the next year



CABINET SECRETARY TREASURER

- Acts under the supervision of the District Governor
 - Further the ethics and objects of the Lions Clubs International
- Must engage in all that is required through the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer manual as well as other directives



REGION

- Each District is divided in Regions
 - Not more than 20 clubs
 - Not less than 10 clubs
- Each is headed by a Region Chairperson
 - Each Region is broken down to Zones
- Each Zone is headed by a Zone Chairperson



ZONE CHAIR

- Each Region is broken down to Zones
 - Not more than 8 Clubs
 - Not less than 4 Clubs
- Region & Zone chairpersons work under the supervision of the District Governor



DISTRICT CHAIRPERSONS

- All State Band
- College Campus
- Convention
- Cultural & Community Activities
- Diabetes Awareness
- Environmental
- Extension
- Hearing & Speech
- Honorary
- Information Technology
- International Understanding & Technology
- Leadership Development
- Leadership Development
- Leo Club
- LCIF
- Membership
- Peace Poster Contest
- Public Relations
- Retention
- SightFirst II
- Women's Membership Development
- Youth (Opportunities)
- Youth Exchange
- Youth Outreach



ZONE CHAIR

- Appointed by the District Governor
- Subject to the supervision of the District Governor and / or Region Chair
- Is the chief administrative officer in the Zone
- Serves as chairperson of the District Governor's advisory committee in the Zone
- Plays an active role in organizing new clubs
- Keeps informed on the activities and well being of all Clubs in the Zone



BLUE BADGE

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YOUR CLUB

Membership Categories

- **Active**

A member entitled to all rights and privileges and subject to all obligations which membership in a Lions club implies.



YOUR CLUB

Membership Categories

•Member-at-Large

A member who has moved out of the community and is unable to regularly attend meetings and desires to retain membership in the club. This member cannot hold office or vote at conventions and must pay dues.



YOUR CLUB

Membership Categories

Honorary

An honor bestowed by a club to an individual who is not a member of the Lions club, to recognize outstanding community service or service to the club.



YOUR CLUB

Membership Categories

Privileged

A member who has been a Lion for 15 or more years, who because of illness, infirmities or advanced age or other legitimate reason, must relinquish his or her active status. A privileged member may vote, but may not hold office



YOUR CLUB

Membership Categories

Life Member

A member who has maintained active status for 20 or more years, or for 15 years and is at least 70 years of age can be granted Life Membership. Life members pay a one time payment to the association in lieu of future dues. They have all the rights and privileges of membership.



YOUR CLUB

Membership Categories

Associate

A member who holds his/her primary membership in another club, but maintains residence or is employed in the community of the club in which he/she attends. Associate members can vote on club matters, but may not serve as a club delegate at district, multiple district or international conventions, and are not eligible to hold office.



YOUR CLUB

Membership Categories

Affiliate

An individual who is currently unable to fully participate in the club. But wishes to support the club. He or she may not hold office and may not represent the club at district, multiple district or international conventions, but may vote on club matters.



YOUR CLUB

Membership Categories

Members cannot simultaneously hold membership other than **honorary or associate** in more than one Lions club.



YOUR CLUB

BUDGET

Each club maintains two separate budgets

Activities: Consisting of funds raised from the public through club projects and may **ONLY** be used to satisfy a community or public need.

Administration: Finances club operations, comes mostly from club dues.



YOUR CLUB

Officers

- Elected annually coinciding with the associations fiscal year
July 1st through June 30th

Directors

- Elected for two years
- Meetings are usually held each month



CLUB OFFICERS

President

- Serves as the club's chief executive officer
- Presides at all meetings of the Club & Board of Directors
- Issues the call for regular & special meetings in accordance with the Club's by-laws & procedures
- Plans the agenda
- Ensures that the status of each committee is actively reported



CLUB OFFICERS

President

- Is responsible to see that regular elections are duly called, noticed and held
- Cooperates with and is an active member of the District Governor's Advisory Committee of the Zone in which the Club is located



CLUB OFFICERS

Immediate Past President

And other Past Presidents

- Serve as official greeters of members and their guests at Club meetings and represents the club in welcoming new people into the community served by the Club



CLUB OFFICERS

Vice Presidents

- Each Vice President, under the direction of the President, oversees the functioning of various Committees of the Club
- In the event that the President should be unable to perform the duties of the office for any reason, the VP next in rank occupies the position and performs the duties with the same authority as the President



CLUB OFFICERS

Secretary

- Under the supervision and direction of the President and the Board of Directors, the Secretary acts as a liaison officer between the District and the international headquarters
- Submits monthly membership and activity reports
- Maintains Club records
- Issues financial statements to Club members



CLUB OFFICERS

Treasurer

- Responsible for all Club financial matters
- Receives all monies
- Pays all Club obligations
- Maintains financial records
- Prepares financial statements & submits financial reports



CLUB OFFICERS

Lion Tamer

- Serves as custodian of Club property
Flags Banners Gavel Etc.
- Serves as Sergeant-at-Arms during Club meetings
- Distributes materials at meetings



CLUB OFFICERS

Tail Twister

- Serves to promote harmony, good fellowship & enthusiasm at Club meetings through the judicious imposition of fines on members
- Cannot be fined except by the unanimous vote of all members present
- Must immediately turn all funds over to the Treasurer



CLUB OFFICERS

Membership Director

- Serves as the Chairperson of the Membership Committee
- Develops membership growth programs
- Implements recruitment & retention programs
- Prepares and presents orientation sessions



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International Web Site

www.lionsclubs.org



The Official Home of
District 33K
Massachusetts



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