

WHO and WHAT are LIONS?

The International Association of Lions Clubs 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' group, the Business Circle of Chicago, agreed. After contacting similar groups around the United States, an organizational meeting was held on June 7, 1917 in Chicago, Illinois, USA. The new group took the name of one of the invited groups, the "Association of Lions Clubs," and a national convention was held in Dallas, Texas, USA in October of that year. A constitution, by-laws, objects and code of ethics were approved.

Among the objects adopted in those early years was one that read, "No club shall hold out the financial betterment of its members as its object." This call for unselfish service to others remains one of the association's main tenets.

Just three years after its formation, the association 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 1960s.

In 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions international convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA. She challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." From this time, Lions clubs have been actively involved in service to the blind and visually impaired.

Broadening its international role, Lions Clubs International helped the United Nations form the Non-Governmental Organizations sections in 1945 and continues to hold consultative status with the U.N.

In 1990, Lions launched its most aggressive sight preservation effort, SightFirst. The US\$202 million program strives to rid the world of preventable and reversible blindness by supporting desperately needed health care services. Lions have launched Campaign SightFirst II to raise at least US\$150 million to continue and expand the extraordinary work of SightFirst.

In addition to sight programs, Lions Clubs International is committed to providing services for youth. Lions clubs also work to improve the environment, build homes for the disabled, support diabetes education, conduct hearing programs and, through their foundation, provide disaster relief around the world. The Lions of District 46 also support the Lions Burn Center at the University Medical Center in Las Vegas; a premier burn care facility recognized throughout the southwestern states.

Lions Clubs International has grown to include 1.3 million men and women in approximately 45,000 clubs located in 205 countries and geographic areas.

The EUREKA LIONS CLUB

The Eureka Lions Club was chartered in 1980, sponsored by the Battle Mountain Lions Club. The club currently meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday at the Owl Club Steakhouse on Main Street in Eureka. We alternate between dinner meetings and breakfast meetings to facilitate member attendance at least once a month.

Our members include teachers, administrators, elected officials, business owners, and other professionals from our community who desire to volunteer and serve in their community.

The Eureka Lions Club raises money each year through a variety of fundraising events including steak BBQ's, our famous BBQ beef sandwiches, 4th of July breakfast, Spring Raffle & BINGO, pumpkin sales, and many others.

Monies earned by the club are utilized to fund many projects including:

- Eyeglasses and exams for those who cannot afford them
- Lions Camp Dat So La Lee
- Annual high school scholarship
- Student Speaker Contest
- Lions In Sight eyeglass recycling program
- City of Hope
- Canine Companions
- Halloween Costume and Pumpkin Carving Contest
- High School Grad Night
- Angel Tree Program
- Sight First and Sight First II blindness prevention programs
- Highway Clean Up
- PUSH America
- Dictionary Project
- Flag Day



Club Organization

Lions Clubs in the United States are divided into Districts with a governor as the head of each one. The Eureka Lions Club is part of a Zone with a Zone Chairman and is part of a Region with a Regional chairman and then is a member of District 46. Within this District are all of the clubs of Nevada with some in adjoining communities in California.

Objectives of the Eureka Lions Club

- ♦ To take an active role in the civic, cultural, and social welfare of the community
- ♦ To encourage service minded people to serve their community without personal financial gain.
- ♦ To create friendship and mutual understanding among Lions clubs.
- ♦ To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- ♦ To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

Dues and Fees

Annual dues for the Eureka Lions Club are currently \$60.00 and are paid in July. Dues are utilized to support the administrative costs of the organization. Dues may be reduced or adjusted for spouses or family members who become members.

Membership Requirements

- ♦ Sponsored by a Eureka Lions Club member
- ♦ Approval by the Membership Committee
- ♦ Payment of annual dues
- ♦ Regular meeting attendance
- ♦ Continued involvement in club activities

AN INVITATION TO JOIN

Membership in a Lions Club is rewarding in many ways. The fellowship and enjoyable social gatherings are a big part of what we have to offer, but the most rewarding experiences are found in the services that we provide to our community. Knowing that you are helping those less fortunate than yourself is one of life's greatest pleasures.

We invite you to dedicate yourself to our goals and objectives and to help our fellow man through membership in the EUREKA LIONS CLUB.

We do, of course, expect active participation from all of our members, primarily because you will get much more out of this association if you attend regularly and take part in the many activities of Lionism.

For More Information

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Eureka Lions Club

*Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month
Owl Club Steakhouse - Main Street, Eureka
6:30 a.m.*



"We Serve"