

# Richmond Lions Club

(Richmond BC Canada)

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## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION MANUAL

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Welcome to Lions Clubs International  
and the  
RICHMOND LIONS CLUB

**Name of New Member:** \_\_\_\_\_

We are excited that you have stepped forward to help in our service to humanity. This book of information is for your personal use, in order that you may learn and ask questions as you begin your journey in Lionism. Your sponsor has selected two other Lions in our club who will be available to help with your orientation and involvement with all facets of our organization. Please feel free to call on them at any time you need assistance in understanding our mission.

**Your Sponsor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Assisting Lions:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

We look forward to your involvement in our activities. If there is anything I can do to make your service in Lions more meaningful, please contact me.

Yours in Lionism,

\_\_\_\_\_, President

Richmond Lions Club



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# Orientation Checklist

*Your Sponsoring Lion and Assisting Lions pledge to help you grow in Lions.*

This guide will assist you in completing your orientation and start you on your road to continuing education. This list of accomplishments will help you learn at a pace that fits your time schedule.

(\_\_\_\_) Induction (Date inducted \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_)

(\_\_\_\_) Orientation (Date met with sponsor and Assisting Lions \_\_\_\_\_)

(\_\_\_\_) Name tag (Ordered ) (Received )

## First Meeting

(\_\_\_\_) Club Protocol (How do I participate at functions without feeling out of place?)

(\_\_\_\_) Club Officers (Who is in charge of what?)

(\_\_\_\_) Club Service Projects (What are we doing?)

(\_\_\_\_) Club Fund Raisers (Where do we get our budget funds?)

(\_\_\_\_) Project (\_\_\_\_\_) Date (\_\_\_\_\_)

(\_\_\_\_) Fund Raiser (\_\_\_\_\_) Date (\_\_\_\_\_)

(\_\_\_\_) Club Visitation (\_\_\_\_\_) Date (\_\_\_\_\_)

(\_\_\_\_) Board Meeting (\_\_\_\_\_) Date (\_\_\_\_\_)

## **Three Month Review** Questions and answers Schedule Visitations

(\_\_\_\_) Review First Meeting Date(\_\_\_\_\_)

(\_\_\_\_) Zone Meeting (\_\_\_\_\_) Date (\_\_\_\_\_)

(\_\_\_\_) Spring Conference (\_\_\_\_\_) Date (\_\_\_\_\_)

## **First Year Review** Questions and Answers on entire Orientation and Education Guide

\_\_\_\_ First Year Meeting Date(\_\_\_\_\_)

# Finding the Most Current Information

(Where to Look & What is Available)

## Richmond Lions Club Information

See [www.richmondionsclub.org](http://www.richmondionsclub.org) for all information about the club.

## District 19-H Information:

A very informative website is available for District 19-H at [www.md19hlions.com](http://www.md19hlions.com) . This website has connections to all clubs that have web pages, it provides a copy of the Governor's bulletins, locations of clubs in the district, resource help available and a calendar of coming events.

## MD19 Information

There is a lot of information about the Multiple District on their website; [www.lionsmd19.com](http://www.lionsmd19.com). Some of the information available includes the history of MD-19, who the officers are, convention and workshops information, forms available for Lions, items offered for purchase, leadership manuals, "how to" information, and many other interesting things. In addition you can view the latest issue of the "Border Crossing" as well as the stats sheets. Take some time to look at this website and learn what is available.

## Lions Club International Information

The LCI has a fantastic website that has excellent information available to all Lions. The website is [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org). This page has many resources available to Lions. These include press releases that can be customized for local use. Training is also available on-line and they have such classes as: Goal Setting, Lions Coaching, Delegation and Leadership. More courses will become available as time goes on and it is very easy to take the course online. This web site also has the Lions Catalog of products. Anyone can order from this on-line catalog, all they need is a credit card. Only the club secretary can charge things to the club account. If you are traveling to different states or countries they have a club locator function on the web site. It will give you local clubs in that area along with contact information so that you can visit a Lions Club on your travels.

There are many resources available to better inform all members of clubs. If you want to download information the web sites listed above make it very easy to accomplish. For other information contact your club, zone or district leadership and they should know how to find further information for a Lion.

## About the Richmond Lions Club

The Richmond Lions Club has been an active organization for more than sixty years. In that time the club ranks have risen and fallen. Whether we're bursting at the seams or running at more manageable levels we've had one objective in mind - to serve our community. To help those, who no fault of their own, need a little extra assistance.

The Richmond Lions Club is a multi-generational club. Several members have followed in their father's footsteps and joined the club to continue the service work their father founded.

### Local Objectives

Since the International Convention of 1920, when Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become "Knights of the Blind in the battle against darkness," sight conservation has been a high priority of Lions service. In keeping with the commitment made to Ms. Keller in 1920, the Richmond Lions continue to put the aid of the visually impaired as one of our highest priorities. But we don't stop there.

The Richmond Lions Club regularly donates to programs to help the physically and mentally challenged. Our goal is to help those in our community who through no fault of their own, need a helping hand. We work closely with the Richmond Disability Resource Centre and aid them in several ways each year.

Starting in 2007, we established a scholarship fund for a deserving Richmond teen who would like to enter a vocational trade. Unlike traditional scholarships, this is to be given to a worthy individual based on a series of criteria, not necessarily based on academic ability.

The Richmond Lions Club has been the sponsor club for at least one local Lions Club.

On top of all that, we still manage to enjoy the fellowship that goes along with satisfying our primary goals.

Our Major Project

# "Sockeye Run" Show & Shine Car Show



First Sunday of June  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Registration begins at 9:00 am

The Richmond Lions Club are proud to announce Sockeye Run at the park in the historic [Steveston Village](#).

This year will be bigger and better than ever. With co-operation from the [City of Richmond](#) and the Steveston Community Centre. We have a large grass covered area available for up to 300 of the finest cars. In the event of inclement weather we also have a large blacktop area available.

# Our Current Service Projects

## Past Contributions

In recent years the Richmond Lions Club has made contributions to the following groups or organizations:

- [Alzheimer's Society of Canada](#)
- [Camp Horizon](#)
- [Canadian Cancer Society](#)
- [Canadian Diabetes Association](#)
- C.A.R.E.
- [C.N.I.B.](#)
- [D.A.R.E.](#)
- [Disability Resource Centre \(Richmond\)](#)
- Fraserview Lodge Caring Place
- [Guide Dogs of Canada](#)
- [Heart & Stroke Foundation](#) (Richmond)
- [L.C.I.F.](#)
- [Make a Wish Foundation](#)
- [Richmond Fire & Rescue](#)
- [Richmond Nova House](#)
- [Richmond Therapeutic Equestrian](#)
- [School District 38](#) (Vocational Scholarship)
- [Steveston Community Society](#) and the [Steveston Salmon Festival](#)
- [Strait of Georgia Marine Rescue](#)
- [Teensmag](#)
- [COLTS daycare](#)

The complete list of individuals and groups who have received assistance from the Richmond Lions club over our many years of community service is too long to list here.



## Awards and Recognition

Our club is about being part of the community and giving back to the community, so we do not strive actively for awards or individual recognition. However, occasionally the club will honor long-standing members with an award.

### Melvin Jones Fellowship

Melvin Jones was the founder of Lionism and the highest recognition in Lionism is, appropriately, named for him. It began originally as a means of encouraging contributions to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (a \$1,000 contribution to LCIF must accompany the nomination), but this award has come to be the means of recognizing members who have served long and well. Richmond Lions Club does not give out this award often, but we do have a few senior members who have been awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship over the years.

### Judge Brian Stevenson Award

The Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship Award is a uniquely Canadian award honoring lions of distinguished service. Our club has given this award to long-standing members over the years.

### Lion of the Year

We also recognize a member of the club each year who has contributed to the club activities.

## A Typical Lions Club Meeting

The Richmond Lions club meets twice each month. One meeting is to conduct business and manage affairs. The second meeting is deemed a 'fun' meeting where the idea is to go out into the community and make ourselves more visible. Currently we meet on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, with exceptions for July and August. Refer to the listing below for meeting times, dates and venue.

Our business meetings are held at:

[Army, Navy and Airforce Unit 284](#)

11900 No 1 Rd.

Richmond, BC

For business meetings held at the ANAF, dinner is ordered off the regular dinner menu. If you are interested in attending one of our meetings, feel free to contact anyone on the executive committee to ensure that we expect you and you get the warm welcome you deserve.

## Benefits of Being a Lion

What's in it for the New Member?

You can serve those less fortunate than yourself in an organized way

A Lions club offers every member the chance to learn leadership skills valuable in his or her business or professional life

You will meet and work with influential leaders in government, business and the professions

A Lion has many opportunities to learn and practice public speaking skills, not only within the club, but also by representing the club in the community

Leadership opportunities exist not only at the club level, but at the district and international levels as well

Because Lions is an international organization, with clubs in nearly 180 countries, members have the possibility of meeting and working with Lions from many countries at events like the annual international convention, area forums and even during business and leisure travel

You will have the prestige of belonging to the world's largest community service organization, one that takes on such ambitious challenges as SightFirst, which aims to largely eliminate preventable and reversible blindness worldwide

## Duties of MD19, District, Zone and Club Officers:

### Council Chairperson:

Chairs the three Council Meetings held each year at the Fall Forum, the Winter Council Meeting and at the Annual Convention. Appoints MD19 Committee Chairpersons and members for his/her year in office. The selections must receive final approval of the Council of Governors. Chairs the General Plenary Sessions at the Fall Forum and Annual Convention.

### MD 19 Office

The purpose of the MD 19 Office is to serve as the central administrative point for Multiple District 19. It exists to provide service to the multiple district/district/zone/club officers and the Lion, Lioness and Leo members of MD19. It maintains the membership and financial records for each district and MD19. The MD 19 Office is the networking link of the Multiple District. Under the MD19 Constitution & Bylaws, the office plans the two major MD19 conventions each year, prepares and mails bulletins to all clubs, publishes an MD19 Roster which is mailed to each club, and publishes the Contest and Awards Booklet. It is also responsible for overseeing mailings for, and the organization of, Council Meetings.

### District Governor

The District Governor is the official Lions Clubs International representative within the District and as such visits each of his/her clubs at least once during his/her term of office. He/she sends a monthly newsletter to each club within the District to share vital information about the District. Each year the Governor hosts a District Spring Conference, working with the Conference Chair to insure that all processes are in place for voting, panels, Contest & Awards and a Memorial Service giving the Lions, Lioness and Leos the opportunity for fun, fellowship and learning.

### Vice District Governor

The Vice District Governor assists the District Governor. He/she works with weak clubs, following up on problems within the clubs as well as filling the role as Facilitator of the District's Leadership, Extension, Membership / Public Relations, Team (LEMPR).

## Zone Chairperson

The Zone Chair is the liaison between the District Governor and the clubs within the Zone. He/She closely associates with the clubs and holds three Zone Meetings to provide an opportunity for the clubs to share ideas and information. The Zone Chair produces a monthly newsletter to keep his/her clubs informed. He/She visits each club within the Zone prior to the District Governor's visit to inform the clubs of protocol required for the District Governor's visit and accompanies the District Governor on his/her official visit.

## Club President

He / She is the Chief Executive Officer of the club and chairs all regular and board meetings. With the assistance of the Board of Directors, appoints committees. The Club President is an active, voting member of the Zone Advisory Committee in which his/her club is located. The Club President should be familiar with standard parliamentary procedures and be able to conduct a meeting according to these procedures. The Leader who inspires and motivates.

## Immediate Past President

Assists the President in any way possible without infringing on the position of President. He/she should be available to offer advice and support to the President when asked.

## Vice President

A President in Training who is available to step in to conduct a meeting if the President is unable to perform this duty. Vice President oversees selected Committees.

## Secretary

He/she keeps all records pertaining to the operation of the club, the status of the members. Submit required membership and activities reports to MD19, Lions Clubs International, the District Governor, Vice District Governor, and Zone Chair. The Secretary is responsible for all club correspondence and should act on instructions from the Board of Directors. The Secretary is responsible (unless a Lion has been appointed to this task) for ordering all club supplies. The Secretary or Treasurer is responsible for issuing statements to members for dues and any other items due the club. The Club Secretary, together with the club president, is an active, voting member of the Zone Advisory Committee.

## Treasurer

The Treasurer is the banker for the club and is responsible for the distribution of any funds within the club. He/she is required to set up accounts as directed by the Board of Directors and to insure regular financial reports are available to the Board of Directors and members of the club. At the direction of the Board of Directors, the Treasurer pays all bills. The Treasurer shall insure that any checks issued by the club are properly recorded. He/she may be asked to collect the money for meals at each meeting.

## Lion Tamer

The Lion Tamer is the caretaker of the club's paraphernalia and is responsible for having all equipment in place before the meeting starts. In some clubs the Lion Tamer is responsible to greet guests and supply a list of these visitors to the President before the meeting starts so they can be introduced properly.

## Tail Twister

The Tail Twister creates fun at the regular club by playing pranks, imposing fines (in good taste) for various reasons and running contests. The funds raised can be used for any administration purpose the club decides. Currently Yelm Lions rotate this responsibility monthly to make it more fun and interesting.

## Directors

Assist the President in the formation of the policies and procedures of the club and insure that these are followed. Directors shall also oversee the various committees of the club and insure reports are submitted to the club on the status and progress of such committees.

# The History of Multiple District 19

(As Gleaned from the Archives of Multiple District 19)

When Lions first came to the Pacific Northwest, Washington, Idaho, Oregon, California and Nevada were all one big District with no clubs in what we now know as Multiple District 19.

In March of 1920, the Seattle Club was organized (canceled in February 1921 and reorganized in August of 1921), while the Everett Club was organized in May of 1920, but the Everett Club was somehow chartered before Seattle-Central, their sponsoring club, so they - Everett-Central- lay claim to being the first club in this area. (A little complicated!). However, from this point we can keep things pretty well in sequence! Vancouver, B.C. was organized in February of 1921, followed by Tacoma in November 1921.

The information at this point is very spotty and vague, but sometime in 1921 Oregon, Washington, Northern Idaho and British Columbia were separated from Nevada and California and granted Provisional District Status. On March 2, 1922, Spokane-Central and Wenatchee (March 22, 1922) were organized. Bellingham-Central was organized in October of 1922, Yakima in December of 1922, and Longview-Pioneer on November of 1923, giving us the required 8 or more clubs for full District status. Wenatchee only lasted 5 years and then canceled in June of 1927 and not reorganized until March of 1930 (even the good ones have difficulty!).

Not for two or three years did the affairs of the district take on enough importance to require a representative organization to coordinate and administer the business of the District. Somewhere in here we were separated from Oregon, and in 1923 District 19 held its first convention in Seattle, Washington, with 9 clubs and 465 members. The organization of the District was pretty simple but with the small number of clubs in existence at that time, a larger organization was unnecessary.

Recognizing the need for some sort of District organization, the leaders of the area, such as, Ray Biglow (3rd Vice President of Lions International 1922-24) of Seattle-Central; Harlan Peyton, Spokane-Central; Harry Cahaleh, Yakima; and Abe Lund, Seattle-Central set up the 'Board of Control'. The board consisted of the District Governor, two Deputies (one east of the mountains and one west.), a District Secretary, and 3 board of Control Members. All but the Deputies were elected at the convention. The Deputies were appointed after consultation with the leaders on either side of the mountains. This was a good organization and it functioned well, and was adequate for the times.

International developed a new plan of organization in 1927, dividing Districts into Zones. The first information was not too definite and Zones were not well defined, neither were the functions of

the zones. The first real effort to form a standard organizational plan involving Cabinets and various Districts in this District (only slightly resembling the present organization) came about under John Lampert of Yakima, then District Governor 1930-31.

The majority of the membership did not like the plan from International, which was then, as is now, an affiliation of small independent Districts lacking continuity. Each District elected a District Governor, who in turn appointed his Cabinet Secretary, Deputies, and Zone Chairman.

We had now progressed from 9 clubs in 1923 to 55 clubs in 1939, with one District Governor and 5 Deputy District Governors. In 1947-48, the District was completely reorganized and the Multiple District was set up composed of Washington, Northern Idaho, and British Columbia, with 138 clubs, a Cabinet Chairman, 5 District Governors, and 15 Zone Chairman.

On a ferry from Victoria to Vancouver, then District Governor Jack Peddycord, Bellingham-Central; Immediate Past District Governor Don Wike, Walla Walla-Downtown; and District Secretary Virgil Warren, Spokane-Central worked out the original organizational plan, which we basically follow today. Prior to this time, we had 5 Deputy District Governors. During the year, they could be seen in action and their abilities could be weighed. The outstanding Deputy was usually elected District Governor. Each summer or early fall, the Zone Chairman and Deputies met for a rather intensive indoctrination course. Each was given a folder outlining his responsibilities. The outstanding Zone Chairmen usually became Deputies. The Zone Chairmen were elected but the District Governor appointed the Deputies.

The goal of the authors of our Multiple District organizational plan, mentioned in the paragraph above, was to take the best parts of all plans and come up with the best Multiple District organizational plan in the International Organization. Each Deputy District Governor's office was converted to a District Governor. The District Governor's office was changed to that of Chairman of the Cabinet. The District Secretary's office was retained as Cabinet Secretary since we were only going to have one Cabinet. For economic reasons and because we didn't feel the need of additional officers, we eliminated the office of Deputy District governor. Zone Chairmen took on more importance in our organization and, unlike the International plan, they continued to be elected.

The first Chairman of the Cabinet was selected in the same manner as we always selected District Governor's. Henry Backstrom of Arlington, who had previously served as Deputy District Governor, which corresponded to that of District Governor under the new plan, was the first Cabinet Chairman under this new plan.

When the plan was adopted, after having been submitted to the clubs, as provided in the Constitution and By-laws, there were no qualifications required to run for Chairman of the



Cabinet. Later, the By-laws were wisely changed to provide that only Past District Governors qualified to run for the office.

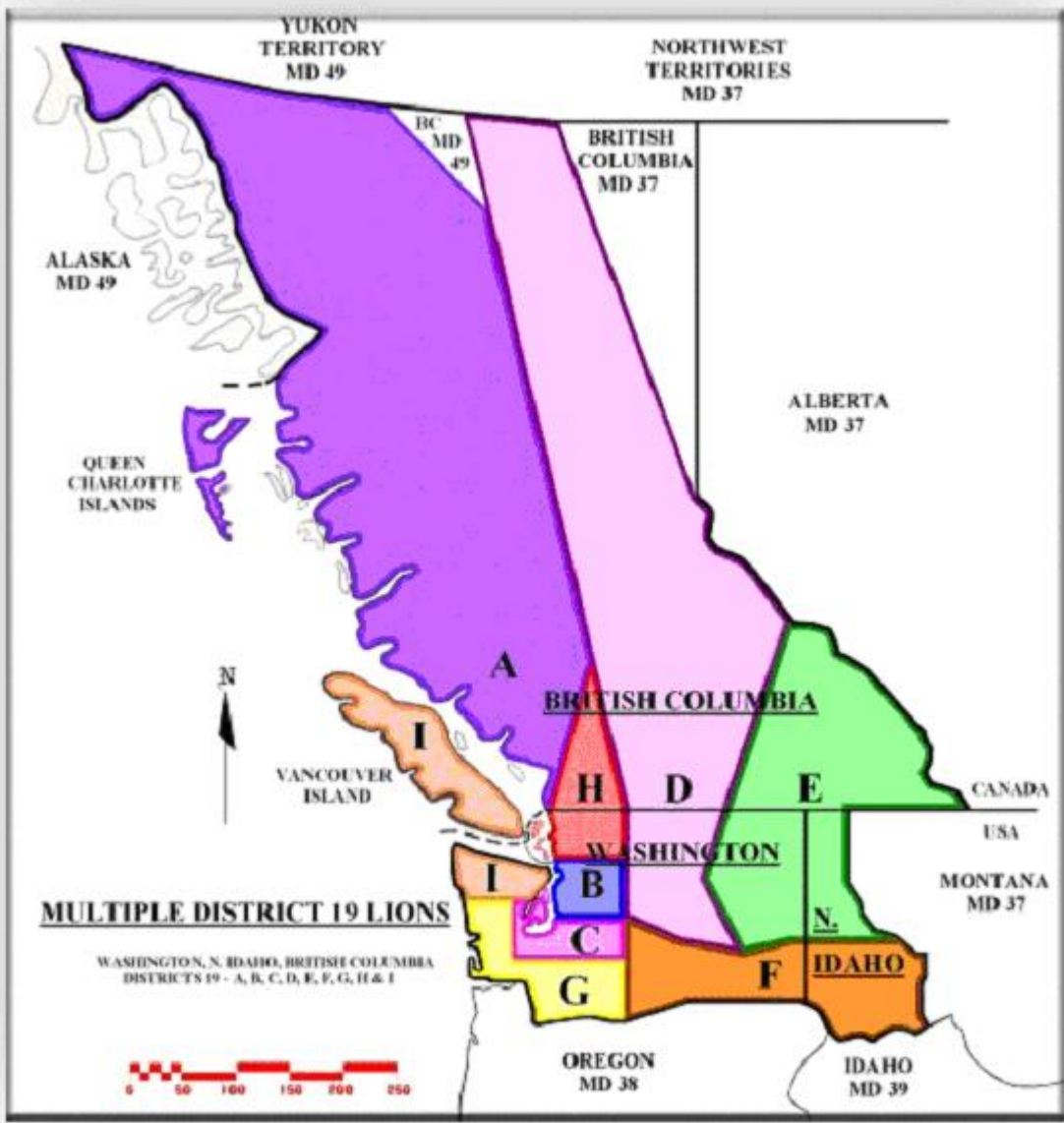
Today, many Lions feel we have the best District Organization in Lions International. Many officers from other Districts have written for our organizational plans. The advantages are many! We have preserved a single District operation, yet have individual sub-districts operating as one unit, with mutual interests and problems. We have one Executive Secretary, with the advantage of continuity in office, instead of a one appointed each year. We have one Council, with representation from all Districts, giving us strength and unity of purpose.

In 1950-51, we created District 19-F from districts E and D, giving us six District Governors and 23 Zone Chairmen, and 176 clubs. In 1958 C.A.R.E. was adopted as a Multiple District project, and has been given strong support ever since. In 1961, our then special Representative Jack Cooper had a heart attack and died, so Gordon F. Smith our elected Cabinet Secretary, took on the duties of our Special Representative and became our District Secretary employed by Lions International.

We carried on until 1963-64, when with 299 clubs we divided one District-19-C and created 19-G, giving us 7 District Governors. In 1966-67, we divided then District 19-A and created District 19-H, giving us 8 District Governors, 31 Zone Chairmen and 321 clubs, and 12,595 members. In 1968, the Multiple District adopted a second Multiple District project - the Sight Conservation and Eye Bank Program, at the convention in Spokane. This has become an outstanding activity in Multiple District 19.

In 1970-71, we again divided Districts 19-A and 19-H, creating District 19-I, giving us 9 District Governors, 46 Zone Chairmen, and 375 clubs. In 1970, the British Columbia Lions Society for Crippled Children was established at the convention in Penticton and has gained wide acclaim throughout the world because of the magnitude of the project. In 1980, the Multiple District Hearing Program was approved and it is another outstanding Multiple District 19 project.

From that first convention in 1923 with 9 clubs and 465 members, the Multiple District grew to 525 clubs in 1983 with 19,105 members. As of June 1st, 2002, we have 14,880 members in 508 clubs, with 9 District Governors and 70 Zone Chairmen. Our Multiple District Council consists of 22 members, Council Chairman, Council Chairman-elect, Immediate Past Council Chairman, Executive Secretary, nine District Governors, and nine Immediate Past District Governors.



# Lions Clubs International History

Lions Clubs International began as the dream of Chicago insurance man 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' own group, the Business Circle of Chicago, agreed. After contacting similar groups around the country, an organizational meeting was held on June 7, 1917, at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago. The new group took the name of one of the groups invited, the "Association of Lions Clubs," and a national convention was held in Dallas, Texas, USA in October of that year. Thirty-six delegates representing 22 clubs from nine states were in attendance. The convention began to define what the association was to become. A constitution, by-laws, objects and code of ethics were approved. Among the official objects adopted in these early years was one that read, "No club shall hold out the financial betterment of its members as its object." The object has remained one of the association's main tenets ever since.

Just three years after its formation, the organization became international when the first club in Windsor, Ontario, Canada was established in 1920. Clubs were later organized in Mexico, China and Cuba. By 1927, membership stood at 60,000 in 1,183 clubs.

In 1935, Panama became home to the first Central American club; the first club in South America was organized in Colombia the following year. Sweden, then France, brought Europe into the association in 1948. Japan had clubs by 1952, and the so-called "Eastern Bloc" was unblocked in 1989 with the formation of clubs in Hungary, Poland and Estonia. In 1990, a club was chartered in Moscow and today over 100 Lions clubs are demonstrating the value of service in countries once closed to voluntary action.

Perhaps the single event having the greatest impact on the association's service commitment occurred in 1925 when Helen Keller addressed the Lions at the international convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA. It was there that she challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."

In 1990 Lions launched their most aggressive sight preservation effort to date, SightFirst. The more than US\$140 million-plus program strives to rid the world of preventable and reversible blindness by closing the gap between existing health care services and those that remain desperately needed.

Broadening its role in international understanding, the association helped the United Nations form the Non-Governmental Organizations section in 1945, and continues to hold consultative status today. Each year, during the Lions Day with the United Nations ceremonies, an award is

presented to the grand prize winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest, itself a significant program that draws over 350,000 entries annually.

Another significant event in the association's history occurred in 1987, when Lions Clubs International became the first major service club organization to admit women as members.

Since those first years, the association has grown to include nearly 1.4 million men and women in more than 44,000 clubs located in 189 countries and geographical areas.

## Useful Web Sites

### **RICHMOND LIONS CLUB**

[www.richmondionsclub.org](http://www.richmondionsclub.org)

### **Lions Clubs International**

[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

### **Multiple District 19 Lions**

[www.lionsmd19.com](http://www.lionsmd19.com)

### **MD19 District H**

[www.e-district.org/sites/19h/](http://www.e-district.org/sites/19h/)

# LCIF

## Facts

LCIF...SERVING THE WORLD COMMUNITY!

### ■ What is Lions Clubs International Foundation?

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International (LCI). Incorporated in 1968, LCIF is a public, nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation as described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

### ■ What is LCIF's mission?

To support the efforts of Lions clubs around the world in serving their local communities and the world community through humanitarian service, major disaster relief and vocational assistance programs.

### ■ How is the foundation governed?

A board of trustees comprised of the LCI board of directors, plus two appointed members governs LCIF. The immediate past international president of LCI always serves as chairman of the board of trustees.

### ■ How are the foundation's objectives achieved?

Through its grant programs, LCIF provides the necessary funds to mobilize Lions to meet vital worldwide needs. LCIF's grant programs include:

■ **SightFirst** grants — support projects that fill the gaps between what is being done and what needs to be done to curb the rapid growth of preventable and reversible blindness. SightFirst projects respond to one or more of the leading causes of blindness: cataract, trachoma, onchocerciasis (river blindness), glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy. The Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP), which is part of the SightFirst program, enables Lions to fight the two leading causes of blindness in developed countries: glaucoma and diabetic eye disease.

■ **Standard** grants — meet a wide range of community needs, including construction of schools and hospitals, homes for the elderly and the development of training programs for the disabled.

■ **Core 4** grants — provide grants of up to US\$200,000 for high-impact Lions' service projects. Grants are awarded for select priority projects, as identified by the board of trustees, in the areas of: sight, health, disability and youth.

■ **International Assistance Grants (IAG)** — fund projects that improve the quality of life through primary health care, food self-sufficiency, environmental protection, literacy and similar projects. Grants in this category require that Lions in at least two countries be involved in the project.

■ **Major Catastrophe** grants — relieve suffering caused by catastrophes of national or international impact.

■ **Emergency** grants — award up to US\$10,000 to meet immediate needs for food, clothing, medical supplies or blankets following a natural disaster. (LCIF is not a primary relief agency.)

■ **Major International Service Program (MISP)** grants — serve as an important part of LCIF's outreach and have been awarded for diabetic retinopathy research, drug awareness and SightFirst.

### ■ Who are LCIF's donors?

Lions clubs and individual members worldwide are LCIF's primary contributors. In addition, corporations, foundations and individuals not associated with the organization contribute. LCIF does not receive any part of Lions' club dues.

### ■ How are donors' gifts to LCIF used?

Donations are disbursed as grants for humanitarian projects approved by the board of trustees. No portion of donated funds is used to cover operational or administrative expenses. By ruling of the board of trustees, these expenses must be paid from interest on investments.

### ■ How can I contact the foundation for more information?

**Write:** LCIF  
Attention: LCIF Public Relations  
300 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL  
60523-8842  
**Phone:** 630/571-5466, ext. 386  
**Fax:** 630/571-5735  
**E-mail:** [lcif@lionsclubs.org](mailto:lcif@lionsclubs.org)  
**Website:** <http://www.lionsclubs.org>  
**Fax-On-Demand**  
**(English only):** 732/544-2861



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# Frequently Asked Questions

(from the Lions Clubs International website)

## **When was Lions Clubs International founded?**

June 7, 1917 in Chicago, Illinois, USA

## **Who was the founder of Lions Clubs International?**

Melvin Jones (1879-1961)

## **What is the emblem of Lions Clubs International?**

The emblem 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 the center. The word "Lion" and "International" appear at the top and bottom. The Lions are meant to face both a proud past and confident future.

## **What is the motto of Lions Clubs International?**

The association's motto, "We Serve," precisely explains its mission.

## **What is the slogan of Lions Clubs International?**

"Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety" (LIONS).

## **What are the colors of Lions Clubs International?**

The official colors are purple and gold -- purple for loyalty and integrity; gold for sincerity, liberality, purity, and generosity.

## **What is the address of Lions Clubs International Headquarters?**

Lions Clubs International  
300 W. 22nd Street  
Oak Brook, Illinois 60523-8842, USA  
(630) 571-5466

## **What is the address for the official Lions Clubs International Website?**

[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

## **What are the official membership figures?**

As of January 1, 2003, there were nearly 1.4 million Lions in 44,600 clubs in 190 countries.



**What are the official requirements for membership?**

Membership is open to men and women of legal majority and good reputation in the community, and is by invitation only. Those interested should contact their local Lions club. If they cannot easily locate a Lions club, they can request the ME-26 brochure from the Membership Operations Department at Lions International Headquarters at (630) 571-5466, ext. 322. The ME-26 brochure, once filled out and returned to International Headquarters, will help put them in touch with a local Lions club.

**What magazine does Lions Clubs International publish?**

31 official editions of THE LION Magazine are published in 20 languages.

**What are the official languages of Lions Clubs International?**

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## Acronyms and Terms to Remember

- PP** – past president (sometimes shown as PKL for past King Lion)
- ZC** – zone chairman
- PZC** – past zone chairman
- VDG** – vice district governor
- DG** – district governor
- PDG** – past district governor
- PCC** – past council chairman
- PID** – past international director
- MJF** – Melvin Jones Fellow (special recognition)
- LCI** – Lions Clubs International
- LCIF** – Lions Clubs International Foundation
- H4** – refers to the zone in which we are located. There are seven zones in our District.
- 19H** – refers to the district in which we are located
- MD19** – Multiple District 19 (an association of the 9 districts in WA, BC and ID)
- Lion-of-the-Year** – given by the President for exemplary service during the previous year.