



**MAKING AN IMPACT IN  
MITCHELL FOR OVER 100  
YEARS!**

September 2025

# ABOUT OUR CLUB



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# History



Video Link: [https://youtu.be/SQ\\_fR6ZZD4](https://youtu.be/SQ_fR6ZZD4)

# About Lions International



Lions are a global Force for good.

- Lions are men and women dedicated to serving those in need, whether in their own community or around the world.
  - Founded in 1917
  - Over 1.4 million members
  - Serving 200 countries
  - More than 49,000 clubs



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

# Lions International



- **Vision Statement:** To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.
- **Mission Statement:** To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.
- **Motto:** “We Serve”
- **Code of Ethics:** LCI has a code of ethics which set the standard that Lions should aspire to adhere to.

# Membership & Benefits



## THE BENEFITS OF BEING A LION

- **Join a Community of Good**
  - Clubs are filled with people like you who've decided to take action and serve others.
  - Lions form unique friendships and meaningful connections that can last a lifetime.
- **Access a Global Support System**
  - Every Lion and club is supported by our international association.
- **Put Leadership Skills into Action**
  - A Lions club is a great place to develop your leadership skills and put them into action.
  - Each club offers opportunities to lead, along with first-class training from our global association.
- **Experience the Feeling of Service**
  - Giving your time and energy to others is a fantastic way to help your community.
  - Provides a great feeling for you that can spread and have a positive impact in your life and how you approach the world.



# International Headquarters

- Located in Oak Brook Illinois
- Approximately 275 staff members in 11 divisions:
  - Club Supplies and Distribution
  - Convention
  - District and Club Administration
  - Extension and Membership
  - Finance
  - Information Technology
  - Service Activities
  - Leadership
  - Legal
  - Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF)
  - Public Relations and Communication





Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

## Our Foundation empowers the service of Lions

- Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) has awarded over \$1.1 billion in grants. Grants an average of US\$30 million annually. It provides clubs with the means to build schools, health clinics, vocational rehabilitation, training centers and other projects that address community needs.
- LCIF SightFirst reduces and eliminates blindness worldwide. The program targets the leading causes of preventable blindness which affects millions of people each year.

Since it's launch in 1990, Lions have raised over **US\$415 million for SightFirst**, making LCIF the *world's largest blindness prevention organization*.



# Leadership

## LCI provides training and development opportunities for Lions.

- The Global Leadership Team (GLT) is the driving force behind these programs, including:
  - Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes
  - Faculty Development Institutes
  - Regional Lions Leadership Institutes
  - District Governors-Elect Seminar
  - Multiple District Leadership Development Funding
  - GLT District Funding Support Program
  - Webinars
  - Lions Learning Center

**Resource: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/>**

# Lions International

## GLOBAL CAUSES



### Our global causes



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#### Childhood cancer

We provide support for the needs of children and families affected by childhood cancer.



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#### Diabetes

We work to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those living with diabetes.



[Learn more](#)

#### Disaster relief

We take steps to meet immediate needs and provide long-term support for communities devastated by natural disasters.



[Learn more](#)

#### Environment

We find ways to protect the environment to create healthier communities and a more sustainable world.



[Learn more](#)

#### Humanitarian

We identify the world's most crucial needs and provide humanitarian aid where it's needed most.



[Learn more](#)

#### Hunger

We strive to improve food security and access to nutritious food to help alleviate hunger.



[Learn more](#)

#### Vision

We help prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind or visually impaired.



[Learn more](#)

#### Youth

We support young people so they can make positive choices, lead healthy and productive lives, and become the next generation of service leaders.



# Communications

- LION Magazine
- E-mail Messages
- Web site
  - Main:
    - <https://www.lionsclubs.org/>
  - Member Portal:
    - <https://app.mylion.org/>
- Social Networking
  - Facebook
    - [www.facebook.com/lionsclubs](http://www.facebook.com/lionsclubs)
  - Twitter
    - <https://twitter.com/lionsclubsorg>



# Organizational Structure



- There are 750 districts with 35 or more clubs and at least 1,250 members in each district.
  - Each district has a district governor
- Our District: District 5 SE (65602)
- Our District Governor: Robyn Tyler
  - District conventions are held annually to:
    - Develop fellowship among the Lions of the district
    - Conduct general district business
    - Elect the district governor and other district-elected officers
    - Conduct seminars



# About Mitchell Lions

Mitchell Lions - Chartered in 1922

# 2023-2024 Club Officers



- President – **Randy Reider**
- 1st Vice President – **Anthony Reimnitz**
- 2nd Vice President – *Open*
- Secretary – **Ryan Boyd**
- Treasurer – **Dave Brown**
- Tail Twister – **Todd Boyd**

- Board of Directors (Year 1 of 2):  
**Dave Jorgenson, Wayne Klinger**
- Board of Directors (Year 2 of 2):  
**Brian Wasmoen, Terry Aslesen**



# Elections



- Club president appoints a nomination committee in March
- The nomination committee selects candidates
- Officers are elected annually
  - The club votes in April
  - The term begins July 1<sup>st</sup>

**INTERESTED IN LION LEADERSHIP?**  
Contact The President

# Meeting Traditions



- Lunch
- Pledge of Allegiance and Fellowship Song
- Trivia
- Special Announcements
- Tail Twister
- Meeting Program

**Club Meetings**  
Tuesdays at Noon,  
Blarney's



# Service and Fundraising Activities



- **Service Projects**

- Eye Glass & Hearing Aid Collection
- Eye Glass & Hearing Aid Grants
- Lake Mitchell Clean-up
- Children Eye Screening
- Mitchell Snack Pack Program

- **Fund Raising**

- Pancake Breakfast
- Fishing Trip Raffle



**Committees:**

- Recruitment Board: Joe Lichter (Chair), Zach Flood, Ryan Boyd, Austen Iverson, Tyler Sutton, Todd Boyd, Alex Heidinger, Randy Reider
- Pancake Committee Chair – Alex Heidinger
- Eyeglass/Eye Care Committee: Doug Papendick, Troy Magnuson, Dave Jorgenson, Wayne Klinger, Dick Goldammer
- Lake Mitchell Cleanup Chair: Joe Lichter

# Past Club Major Project



- Past Club Major Project
  - Artwork in Corn Palace Plaza
  - Dedicated in honor of 100 Year Celebration of Lions Club International



# Dues and Budgets



- Total Member Dues
  - Club dues: \$91/year
    - Includes District & International dues: \$66 per year
- Budget is managed by the Board and Officers
  - Key Income:
    - Dues, Raffle, Lake Mitchell, & Pancake Jamboree
  - Key Expenses:
    - Eyecare Grants, Hearing Assistance Grants
    - Mitchell United Way
    - SD Lions Eyebank
    - and more



Funds raised through our projects, goes directly to local service projects.

# How We Communicate



- **Emails**

- President sends regular informational emails to keep members informed
- All members are given the club roster, including phone numbers and email information

- **Website:** <https://mitchellions.org/>

- **Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/mitchellions>

# Our Club Vision



## Club Members make an IMPACT in Mitchell!

- Expand membership and engage current members
  - Focus on community service that members enjoy and fulfill a community need.
- Solicit new service ideas and support new opportunities for club member involvement.
  - Develop projects addressing needs
  - Find/create funds for community projects
  - Develop our club leadership, foster friendships, and member enjoyment
  - Host great club programs, socials, & outings

**BRING YOUR IDEAS TO THE CLUB**