

Why should I become a Lion?

As a Lions club member, you can:

- Make a difference every day in our local community.
- Be part of a worldwide organization with over 1.3 million members carrying out community and humanitarian projects in over 200 countries.
- Grow personally and professionally by participating in our programs, community service projects and events.
- Gain an understanding and have an impact on local and international humanitarian issues.
- Develop relationships with both local and international community and business leaders.
- Make new friendships that will last a life time.
- Meet and enjoy fun loving individuals who make a difference in the local community.

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Who are Lions?

[Beginning in 1917](#), the association of Lions clubs has provided millions of people with the opportunity to give something back to their communities. We are now an international network of 1.3 million men and women in over 200 countries who work together to answer the needs that challenge communities around the world.

In 1925 Helen Keller challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Lions also participate in a vast variety of projects important to their local communities. These projects range from cleaning up local parks to providing supplies to victims of [natural disasters](#).

The Downtown Long Beach Lions Club was chartered in 1921. We have no full-time employees but club members do contribute volunteer work hours as projects arise. We continue to look for service-minded individuals who want to make a difference in the local and world-wide communities.

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Downtown Lions Club of Long Beach



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WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

During the past five years the Downtown Lions Club of Long Beach and our Lions Club Charities donated over a quarter million dollars. Some of the recipients were:

- Lions Children's Eye Clinic at Memorial Hospital
- Eye glasses for children in the LBUSD
- Student scholarships
- St. Mary's Low Vision Center
- Long Beach Jr. Concert Band
- So. CA Lions Site and Hearing Foundation
- Canine Companions
- Lions Student Speakers Program
- LB Red Cross—Emergency Fund
- Diabetes and Cholesterol Screening
- Special charities & Disaster assistance.
- In 2005—2006 we partnered with Habitat for Humanity and were the major contributor working with the cities Redevelopment Agency for the "Mayors Build" here in Long Beach.

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How Do I Join?

- Membership in the Lions Club is by invitation only. A prospective member need only to contact a current member and ask to be sponsored as a new member.
- To request a contact regarding membership, call the Downtown Lions Club office at (562) 370-1205.

What "Hands-On" Activities Are Available?

Fund Raising Projects

- The annual club BBQ requires lots of volunteers for anything from ticket sales to event set-up to cooking & serving. It's the club's major fund raiser and is an excellent way to donate time.
- On White Cane Day members "hit the streets" to solicit contributions for our Charities fund. Club volunteers enjoy camaraderie while giving their time to raise charity funds.

Work Projects

These projects are scheduled as opportunities arise to assist others and have included:

- Lions International Flag Day.
- At Thanksgiving members provide a special meal to a selected segment of the community.
- Club volunteers work on a beautification project at a local school, provide "sweat hours" to Habitat for Humanity or bring their own special projects.

Tell Me About The Meetings.

- Lunch meetings are held on Fridays from noon to 1:30 p.m. except for the fourth week of the month when an evening meeting is held from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- Meetings feature presentations by speakers of social, community, travel, business and educational interest while some meetings feature entertainers. On occasion a meeting will be held at a remote location. For example, we may visit the City Emergency Center, CSULB Japanese Garden or a cruise ship for a tour and have lunch on-site.
- Meetings are held at the Petroleum Club, 3636 Linden Ave., Long Beach and include free on-site parking.
- We also hold occasional special social events and meetings such as: Night at the Races where we go to a horse track for dinner and fun, Western BBQ, Chinese dinner and auction and annual adult and children's Christmas parties, help decorate the annual Lions float for the Rose Parade, golf, tennis and other activities.

Elementary school students happily wave flags presented by club members at Lions International Flag Day.

