

Interested in becoming a Lion?

Who are the Lions?

Lions Clubs International is an international non-political, secular service organization established originally in 1917 in Chicago, Illinois, by Melvin Jones. It is now headquartered in Oak Brook, Illinois. As of April 2019, it had over 47,000 local clubs and more than 1.4 million members in 200 countries and regions around the world.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization. Its members are dedicated to bettering the quality of life for the handicapped, the poor, the sick and the aged. The motto of Lions Clubs International is "WE SERVE," and Lions live this motto with enthusiasm.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) provides grant funding to assist Lions districts in developing and implementing large-scale humanitarian projects.

The stated purposes of Lions Clubs International are: To Organize, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.... To Provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.

Waterman Lions History & Activities

We were chartered in 1954 by the Paw Paw Lions. We purchased land and developed the Lions Club Park that is on the Southwest side of town.

We hold fundraisers to support our charitable/community events such as; College Scholarships, Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Party, Back to School Kids Picnic, Waterman Area Citizens Dinner, the DCCG Grow Mobile host, Ski For Sight and Fishing Derby.

These fundraisers consist of Tootsie Pop Day in May, Antique Tractor Show in July, the Barn Tour pork chop sales in August, Candy Day in October, Pork Chop Sandwiches at Honey Hill Orchard in September/October, Gobbler Gallop in November, Christmas Tree Sales, and Pancake Breakfast/Fruit sales in December.

We also support and contribute to other organizations' efforts such as the Community-wide "Make a Difference DeKalb County" (Feed My Starving Children) Event, the Waterman Heritage Museum Christmas raffle, and the annual People for People (CCC) Auction. We contribute to community beautification with 2 annual Waterman roadside

clean ups and on-going plans to landscape the new pavilion in Waterman Lions Park, built by the Waterman Lions in 2018-2019.

The Waterman Lions meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Northwestern Medicine conference room, with a business meeting starting at 7:00 pm, followed by the charities meeting. We meet on the 4th Thursday of each month at various locations for a dinner meeting/program night. Members are encouraged to bring a guest to these social/informational meetings.

Dues currently are \$20.00 per quarter for regular members, with our Lions Club year being from July through June. Dues for student members and additional household members of regular members are \$15.00 per quarter.

Mission Statement of Lions Clubs International

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

LIONS CLUB OBJECTIVES

TO CREATE and foster a spirit of "generous consideration" among the people of the world through a study of the problems of international relations.

TO PROMOTE the theory and practice of the principles of good government and good citizenship.

TO TAKE an active interest in the civic, social and moral welfare of the community.

TO UNITE the members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.

TO PROVIDE a forum for the full and free discussion of all matters of public interest, partisan politics and sectarian religion alone excepted.

TO ENCOURAGE efficiency and promote high ethical standards in business and professions; provided that no club shall hold out as one of its objects financial benefits to its members.

LIONS CODE OF ETHICS

TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

TO REMEMBER that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

TO HOLD friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

ALWAYS to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor, and means.

TO AID others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

If you wish to talk more about joining the Waterman Lions, please contact a Lions Club Officer or Member.