

**San Antonio is the Home of the World's
Oldest Lions Club**

Now over 100 years young, its roll of members, with names like **McCreless, Judson, O'Krent, Nail, Oppenheimer, Sadovsky, Cavender, Able, Terrell** and **Baird**, reads like a Who's Who of San Antonio.

Chartered in 1915 as the "Royal Order of Lions", the **San Antonio Founder Lions Club** served initially as a "business men's club" until 1917 when it joined other clubs from around the United States to form the nucleus of what we know of today as **Lions International**. That organization now consists of 1.35 million Lions in over 200 countries and geographic areas - as such, we are the **world's largest service organization**.

In 1925, **Helen Keller** challenged Lions to become "**knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness**". From that time forward, Lions Clubs have been actively involved in service to the blind and visually impaired. The impact of this single club on San Antonio, Texas, and the world has been remarkable. We initiated Lionism in Mexico by chartering clubs in Mexico City and Monterrey. In **Texas**, we've contributed significantly to the establishment of, and for over 50 years, the annual operation of the **Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville** for children with physical disabilities. In San Antonio our contributions are highlighted by the funding and establishment of the **San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind**, the donation of **Lions Field** to the City of San Antonio, and working with the Ad Club in the creation of the **Better Business Bureau** of San Antonio.

To this day and on an almost daily basis, the Founder Lions Club continues its leadership and service to the greater San Antonio environs. With the funds we raise, we contribute substantially to the betterment of so many others through good deeds and financial contributions. After all, our motto is:

"We Serve"

And we're looking for others to serve with us!

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

Invitation-Application For Membership

Lions Club Name: _____

Member Sponsor: _____

First Name: _____ MI: _____ Last Name: _____ Suffix: _____

Gender: Male Female Occupation: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please review qualification criteria and fees for the following:

I am a: New Member

Former Member Transfer Member Member Number: _____
(If unknown, email stats@lionsclubs.org)

Previous Club Name: _____ Previous Club Number: _____

Family Member Student Member Current or Former Leo Young Adult

Enclosed is \$ _____ as an entrance fee, in addition to \$ _____ for international, multiple district, district and club dues.

I accept membership into Lions Clubs International and that the standards are limited to persons of good moral character and reputation. I recognize the importance of rendering personal service to my community in cooperation with other civic-minded persons. I understand that membership is not valid until approved by the club's board of directors.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MISSION STATEMENT

TO EMPOWER volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.



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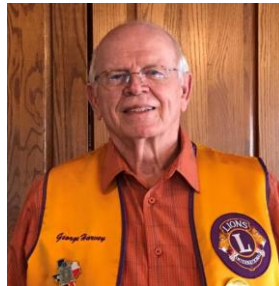
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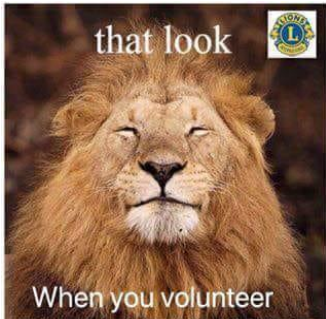
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