



South Attleboro Lions “In Action”

Lions Clubs International

History: Melvin Jones, founder of Lions Clubs. was born on **January 13, 1879** in Fort Thomas, Arizona. Later on, Jones made his home in **Chicago, Illinois** and in **1913** formed his own Insurance Agency.

He joined a business luncheon group which was devoted solely to promoting the financial interests of their membership. Jones then asked, "What if these members, who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities?"

At his invitation, the delegates from his business group met in Chicago to lay the groundwork for such an organization, and on **June 7, 1917**, “**The Association of Lions Clubs**” was born in the United States. In **1920**, the Association expanded into Canada and officially became “**Lions Clubs International**”, and expanded worldwide.

In **1925**, **Helen Keller** attended the **Lions Clubs International Convention** and challenged Lions to become “**Knights of the Blind**” in the crusade against darkness“. The Lions accepted her challenge and the Lions work ever since has included **vision** programs aimed at **preventable blindness**.



-Lions Global Causes include-

-**Vision**, Hunger, Diabetes, Youth, the Environment, and Childhood Cancer

Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest Service Club organization with over 1.4 million members, in over 46,000 Clubs, in over 200 countries.



South Attleboro Lions Club Contact Information

-Website-

southattleborolions.org / salions.org

-Phone Messages-

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-Lions Club International-

Website: lionsclubs.org



2023-2024

South Attleboro Lions Club

Chartered-
November 17, 1965



Club Officer's-

(Center)-:Lion Ken “Benny” Benoit, President.
(Left)- Lion PDG David A. Barbour, Secretary.
(Right)- Lion Kevin Beagan. Treasurer.

The South Attleboro Lions Club is a 501(c)3 non-profit Foundation consisting of over fifty community minded men and women. The Club is committed to serving the needs and interests of the South Attleboro, and greater Attleboro, communities and working together to support the Lions Clubs International mission and global causes.



*Recipient of the
Lions District 33S Best “Large” Club
Southeastern Massachusetts*

Lions Clubs International Mission Statement

“To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs”.

“We Serve”



-Membership Eligibility-

Every Lions member is “sponsored” into the Club by a current Lions member. Age 18 and over. Committed to making a positive difference in our community and the world we live in.

-Lion Member “Expectations”-

Participation in your choice of Club Committee’s, services, events, and activities. Attending and participating in Club meetings and activities as much as you’re able. Sharing your ideas and suggestions. Payment of annual membership dues.

A Sampling of Club

-Activities / Service Projects / Fundraisers-

-Community-

- Golf Tournament
- “Attleboro’s Have Hearts”
- Student Scholarship Grants
- South Attleboro Youth League Sponsorships
- “Come Love the Oldies Dance” for HEAT
- “Christmas is for Kids”
- “Dinner in the Dark”... *for sight awareness*
- Handicap Ramps for the Disabled
- Food Pantry Transport and Donations
- “Spot Camera” Eye Screenings for Youth
- ”White Cane Day” for Eye Research
- Attleboro “Halloween Candy Bag Handout”
- Weekly “Meat Raffles”
- Attleboro “Farmer’s Market” participation
- “Clam Boils”
- “Pennies for Sight” community collections
- Eyeglass and Hearing Aid Cleaning / Recycling
- Joint efforts with the South Attleboro Village Lions Club and the Greater Attleboro Leo Club

-Massachusetts Lions State Programs-

- Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund
- Lions “Youth Speech” Competition
- Lions “Youth Camp and Exchange” Program

-Lions International Programs-

- Lions Clubs International Foundation - LCIF
- “Peace Poster” Contest / Middle School



Two Types of Lions Memberships-

- Individual
- Family (*Age 18 and over*)

--Club Meetings-

The South Attleboro Lions host Full Club dinner meetings twice a month from September to June. The meetings are a time of member sharing, information, fun, and reporting of Club activities, events, and service projects. *Join us!*

-Meeting schedule-



-1st Wednesday of the Month- 7:00 p.m.

Mon Kou Restaurant
676 Washington Street
South Attleboro. MA



-3rd Wednesday of the Month- 7:00 p.m.

Attleboro Industrial
Museum
42 Union Street
Attleboro. MA

-Learn More About Us-

Are you interested in learning more about the Club and membership opportunities... attend one of our Club dinner meetings (*as our guest*), drop by one of our Club activities or events anytime. or visit the Club website at southattleborolions.org.



-Membership Committee-

(Left) Lion Jesse Armell III, Chair. (Center) Lion Rick Bliss, Committee. (Right) Lion Mike Olson, Chair.



“We Serve”

-South Attleboro Lions Membership Application Form-

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: H) _____ - _____ - _____

Cell) _____ - _____ - _____

E-Mail: _____

Occupation: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Lions Sponsor: _____

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 official upon approval of the Club’s Board of Directors.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Secretary Initials: _____

-Rev: 11/25/23