

What Is A Lion?

Lions are part of an international organization, the largest service club in the world, with over 1,350,000 members in 45,000 individual clubs located in 197 countries and geographical areas. The process of becoming a Lion goes something like this:

A prospective Lion is invited to attend up to three meetings as a guest of the club so that the individual can determine if his or her goals are compatible with those of the club and for club members to get to know the prospective member.

At some point, a member of the club may invite the individual to complete an application for membership. Membership is by invitation, and each member's application is considered and voted on by the club's Board of Directors. If approved, the individual is inducted into the club with a ceremony that is designed to further educate the person about Lionism and the duties and obligations that come with membership.

The individual who invited the new member to join becomes his or her sponsor and is responsible for being sure that the new member becomes involved and helps make that individual comfortable with both the community service and social aspects of club membership.

To be a Lion a man or woman must be of good character and willing to contribute time and effort toward the success of the projects and activities undertaken by the club. Ours is a working group. After an activity or project is agreed upon it is expected that each member will support it. There is also time for social interaction and a bit of horseplay. Our motto is **HAVING FUN HELPING OTHERS** and we keep the tone light and the work fun.

As Lions, we interact with the public on many occasions and community members contribute toward the success of our fund raising activities. It is really part of the fun to discover that these requests for support are met with a generous response; the word is out that Lions work results in glasses for kids who can not afford them, and to support for youth activities and for assistance to others that might not otherwise receive it.

One final bit of information that is very important. All Lions work is by volunteers. It is a strict rule that no moneys raised from projects designed for community service projects can be spent for club expenses. The funds used to cover the cost of meals and other club expenses come from dues, the club raffle and from the work of an active tail-twister.

Our club meets every Thursday morning from 7:00 to 8:00 AM for breakfast at the Hassayampa Golf Course Clubhouse, a short social and business session and a guest speaker who has about 20 minutes to inform or entertain. Members are billed quarterly for meals and there is no refund if a meal must be missed. The breakfast meeting is where friendships are made and where each member becomes an integral part of the organization.

If you are looking for a way to be of service to your community and think that membership in this Lions Club might be your answer, please contact us through this website or any Prescott Sunrise Lion member for an invitation to breakfast.