The Papillion Area Lions Club

Papillion, Nebraska



2023 - 2024

Information Brochure

President Lin Hughes

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

FOUNDED: On June 7, 1917, a Chicago insurance salesman, Melvin C. Jones, & eleven fellow businessmen, founded the Association of Lions Clubs to expand their horizons from purely business concerns to bettering their communities & the world. The Lions first national convention met in Dallas, Texas in October of 1917. In 1920 the Association went "International" with the formation of the Windsor, Ontario, Canada Lions Club. Since then the Association has grown truly global with over 1.4 million Lions in 50,000 clubs & in more than 200 countries & geographical areas.

THE NAME: "The International Association of Lions Clubs" or "Lions Clubs International"

THE EMBLEM: The emblem consists of the gold letter "L" on a circular purple field. Bordering this is a circular gold area with two lion profiles at either side facing away from the center. The word "Lions" appears at the top & "International" at the bottom. Symbolically, the lions face both past & future ~~ proud of the past & confident of the future.

THE MOTTO: We Serve

THE SLOGAN: Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety ~~ LIONS

OFFICIAL COLORS: The royal colors of purple & gold. Purple stands for loyalty to friends & to one's self, & for integrity of mind & heart. Gold symbolizes sincerity of purpose, liberality in judgement, purity in life, & generosity in mind, heart & purpose toward humanity.

FISCAL YEAR: July 1 to June 30

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:

International President & Board of Directors District Governor **Region Chairperson Zone Chairperson** Lions Club Chartered by & under the jurisdiction of

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THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

Lions Clubs Objects

TO CREATE & foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

TO PROMOTE the principles of good government & good citizenship.

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

TO UNITE the club in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship, & mutual understanding.

TO PROVIDE a forum for open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that club members shall not debate partisan politics & sectarian religion.

TO ENCOURAGE service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, & to encourage efficiency & promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works, & private endeavors.

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

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

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

TO BE CAREFUL with my criticisms & liberal with my praise; to build up & not destroy.

The Papillion Area Lions Club

CLUB CHARTER: June 11, 1976

CHARTER NIGHT: September 11, 1976, Midlands Community Hospital

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Eldon A. Archer, Stanley k. Clague, Michael T. Copple, Paul Draper, Thomas A. Egbert, Paul L. Hackney, Calvin Hamilton, James J. Herfkins, Alan J. Hrabak, Paul J. Limus, Robert J. McKee, Kenneth E. Molzer, Maurice Moravec, William Oliver, Keith C. Pollard, Clifford Pratt, Harold C. Richter, Fred O. Rist, A. J. Schmid, Forest D. Smith, Henry D. Smith, George E. Spilker, Fred H. Tafoya, Eugene S. Tschida, Richard Tuziw, Armin Vogt, Raymond C. Westerfield, Stanley Wilcox (Highlighted are active members)

PAST PRESIDENTS:

Jim Herfkins	1976-1977	Eldon Lauber	1991-1992
Al Hrabak	. 1977-1978	Jerry Wendling	1992-1993
Paul Hackney	. 1978-1979	Tom Vitamvas	1993-1994
Paul Limas	. 1979-1980	Dave Lang	1994-1995
Red Timmerman	. 1980-1981	Jim May	1995-1996
Ken Molzer	. 1981-1982	Babs Johnson	1996-1997
Alan Castleberry	. 1982-1983	Ron Flock	1997-1998
Bob Frederick	. 1983-1984	Judy Anderson	1998-1999
Dave Hansen	1984-1985	Rudy Krueger	.1999-2000
Gerald Johnson	1985-1986	Den Kennedy	2000-2001
George Spilker	1986-1987	Kathy Flock	2001-2002
Jack O'Malley	1987-1988	Jim Lee	2002-2003
Ron Brohammer	1988-1989	Terry Konruff	2003-2004
John Lowry	1989-1990	Kevin Johnson	2004-2005
Butch Elze	1990-1991	Jim Langley	2005-2006

Mimi Dreiling	2006-2007
Carll Kretsinger	2007-2008
Mike Weaver	2008-2009
Mary Dwyer	
Jim Glover	
Tex Teixeira	2011-2012
John Seyfarth	2012-2013
Dennis Hughes	2013-2014
Robin Clark	2014-2015
Dick Seid	2015-2016
Curtis Rainge	2016-2017
John Erickson	2017-2018
Paul Johnston	2018-2019
Steve Andraschko	2019-2020
Lowell Ferguson	2020-2021
Jane Nielsen	2021-2022
John Perkins	2022-2023

CURRENT PRESIDENT: Lin Hughes

MEETINGS: General Membership: Third Thursday of each month ~~ The Fireside Banquet Room, 841 Tara Plaza, Papillion, NE. Social hour > 6:00pm; dinner & program > 6:30pm; adjournment > 8:00pm or there abouts!

> Board of Directors: Last Thursday monthly at Midlands Community Hospital, Papillion. Meeting starts at 6:45pm & lasts about an hour. Club members are welcomed & encouraged to attend!

MOTTO: We Serve SLOGAN: Serving Never Overwhelms Interested Lions - SNOIL

MASCOT: "SNOIL AKSARBEN"

SNOIL, a ferocious but well-behaved stuffed Lion, is a renown ambassador of the Papillion Area Lions Club's spirit of service. He is friend & confidant to many of International Lions highest leaders as well as countless other Lions from across Nebraska & the world. Historically, SNOIL was passed monthly from member to member, hoping to foster close personal relationships with the member & with the member's fellow workers. At each meeting, members commented on SNOIL's travels/experiences & provided mementos to commemorate his visits. Failure to bring SNOIL to the next regular membership meeting incurred the Tail Twister's wrath, usually a suitable fine for the negligent member. Currently, SNOIL is semiretired & only appears at special events which he enjoys immensely. He proudly stands ready to dig in & help meet the Club's future challenges. He firmly believes: "When Lions ROAR! ~~ GRRRRReat Things Happen!!"

DUES & FEES: Initiation fee: \$45.00 payable upon induction into the Club.

Annual dues: \$75.00 payable on July 1st of each year. For new members, annual dues are prorated & payable upon induction into the Club.

The Papillion Area Lions Club

2023 - 2024 Club Officers

President

Lin Hughes

2nd Vice President Tom Wyman

Membership Director Tom Vitamvas

> Director Vance Allred

Director Steve Andraschko

Director Paul Johnston

Director Jane Neilsen

> Director Rich Kuper

Lion Tamer Coordinator Wes Bain

> Lion Tamer Loren Mullins

Lion Tamer Tom Wyman

Lion Tamer Ray Cardaronella

> Tail Twister Tex Teixeira

Tail Twister Ken Molzer

Web Master Teresa Krajewski

Facebook Editor Teresa Krajewski Newsletter Editor Ann Vassar Photo Directory Editor Ray Anderson

Communications/Public Relations

Jane Neilsen

Immediate Past President & Foundation President

John Perkins

1st Vice President

Joyce Wells

Secretary Dick Seid

Director John Erickson

Director Ann Vassar

Director Bill Gess

Director Rob Lamp

> Director Ray Cardaronella

3rd Vice President Travis Jacott

> Treasurer Bruce Peters

Director Samantha Xavier

> Director Dave Wolfe

Director Rudy Krueger

Director Kevin Miller

Graduate Safe (1st VP) Chair/PC: Rob Lamp (Inactive)

Type: Youth Outreach Location: Papillion-La Vista High School Date: Late May ~~ Graduation night Time: 10:00pm - 2:00am

Lions Mints (1st VP) Chair/PC: Dick Seid

Type: Public Relations Location: Papillion & LaVista Businesses Date: On going Time: On going

Scholarships (1st VP) Chair/PC: Jim Glover

Type: Youth Outreach Location: Papillion-LaVista Schools System Date: March Time: As Required

Speakers/Club Programs (1st VP) Chair/PC: Lin Hughes

Type: Club Support Location: Where Necessary Date: On Going Time: On Going

Adopt-A-Park & Veteran's Park (1st VP) Chair/PC: John Popelka

Type: Community Service Location: Halleck Park/Veteran's Park Date: Fall & Spring Time: As Required

LEO Clubs (1st VP) Chair/PC: Don Hand

Type: Youth Outreach Location: Papillion-LaVista Schools Date: School Year Time: On Going

Young Leaders in Service (1st VP) Chair/PC: Lin Hughes (p)

Dennis Hughes (a)

Type: Youth Outreach Location: Papillion-LaVista Schools Date: April-May Time: 6:00pm

- Purpose: Provide a safe alternative form of graduation night entertainment for Papillion-La Vista High School Seniors.
- Activities: Lions operate a "play-money" casino. Games include Blackjack, Chuck-A-Luck, Pin-Ball, etc.
- Purpose: Raise awareness of International Lions Clubs
- Activities: Lion Mints are ordered through Lions Club International, mint supplies are replenished at selected locations in Papillion & LaVista
- **Purpose**: Award scholarships to worthy students who will pursue a career in health-related fields &/or students who are LEO Club members.
- Activities: Lions review academic records & select scholarship recipients. Scholarships awarded at the High Schools' end-of-year awards ceremonies. Invite recipients & parents to the Club's general membership meeting.

Purpose: Solicit guest speakers for Club meetings.

- Activities: Lions identify & invite interesting & informative persons from surrounding communities to speak at General Membership Meetings.
- Purpose: Assist the city in Halleck Park & Veteran's Park maintenance.
- Activities: Lions organize & execute activities such as mulching, planting shrubs & flowers, pruning trees, & picking up trash on a scheduled basis.
- **Purpose**: Assist the schools in starting & maintaining a youth service organization.
- Activities: Lions organize & guide school youth with their service projects at two high schools & two middle schools.
- **Purpose**: To help young people learn & appreciate service to others through volunteerism.
- Activities: During formal ceremonies, Lions present youth, ages 12-18, the International Lions Young Leaders in Service Award recognizing their volunteer service of 50 or 100 hours within 12 months.

Budget Committee (1st VP) (2nd VP/Alt) (3rd VP/Alt)

Type: Club Support Location: As Required Date: February-March Time: As Required Purpose: Provide a viable Club budget for the new Lions year.

Activities: Committee, including current & incoming Presidents, the Vice Presidents, Secretary & Treasurer, review current budget, make changes based on projected operating expenses & income, & offer proposed new budget to Board for discussion & approval, then present budget to Club members for final approval.

Lions Club Picnic (1st VP) (2nd VP/Alt) (3rd VP/Alt)

Type: Member Fellowship Location: Chalco Hills Recreational Area Date: Third Thursday in July Time: 5:30pm

- **Purpose**: First meeting of the new Lions' Year ~~ provide Club members an opportunity to meet & enjoy each other's company.
- Activities: BBQ with all the trimmings, catered by Tim's BBQ ~~ cookies for dessert.
- Purpose: Keep Club Officers informed on the health & wellbeing of current Club members.
 - Activities: Contact Club members who miss multiple meetings & events to determine their well-being & status with the Club. Report findings to the Club Officers.

Member Care (1st VP) Chair/PC: Polly Williams

Type: Club Support Location: As Required Date: On Going Time: On Going

Club Officer Nominating & Installation Committee (1st VP) (2nd VP/Alt) (3rd VP/Alt)

Type: Club Support Location: The Fireside Banquet Room Date: February – June Time: 6:00pm

- Purpose: Provide Club members with a slate of Club Officers for the new Lions Year & legally constitute new Club leadership.
- Activities: Committee members develop a list of potential Club Officers by visiting with Club members & seeking their services. The slate includes ~~ President, Vice Presidents (3), Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Director, 1st Year Director (6), 2nd Year Director (6), Tail Twister (4), Lion Tamer Coordinator, Lion Tamer (3), Newsletter Editor, Web Master, Photo Directory Editor, Immediate Past President. Slate is provided to the Club Membership for final approval. Recruit authorized Lion to officially install Club Officers for the new Lion Year.

Stepping Up For Vets (1st VP) Chair/PC: Dick Seid

Type: Fundraiser Location: Veterans Park ~~ Halleck Park Date: October Time: Morning Purpose: Raise funds dedicated to Sarpy County Veterans.

Activities: Contributions are received from participants who walk to support Sarpy County Veterans.

Annual \$10,000 Lottery (2nd VP) Chair/PC: Jim "Doc" Langley (p)

Rob Lamp (a)

Type: Fund Raiser Location: All Inclusive Date: April-June Time: As Required

Purpose: Raise funds for Club service projects.

Activities: Lions sell 250 raffle tickets at \$100 per ticket. Conduct the main drawing during the Papillion Days Celebration. Winners receive Grand Prize - \$10,000; Second prize -\$500; Third prize - \$400; fourth prize - \$300; fifth prize -\$200; sixth prize - \$200; seventh prize - \$200. Conduct an early-bird drawing during a General Membership Meeting one month prior to the main drawing ~~ winner's choice of \$100 or a free ticket.

Spaghetti Dinner (2nd VP) Chair/PC: Lowell Ferguson (p) Harlan Metschke (a)

Type: Fund Raiser Location: Papillion-LaVista High School Cafeteria Date: Sunday in late January Time: 11:00am – 3:00pm

Eye Glass/Hearing Aid Collection (2nd VP) Chair/PC: Jane Nielsen (p) Jean Butler (a)

Type: Humanitarian Location: Papillion/LaVista Businesses Date: On Going Time: On Going

Publicity & Public Relations (2nd VP) Chair/PC: Jane Nielsen

Type: Club Support – Public Relations Location: Papillion & LaVista Date: On Going Time: On Going

HOPS For Harmony (2nd VP) Chair/PC: Bob Frederick (p) Mike Knier (a)

Type: Fund Raiser Location: Werner Park Date: June (Most years) Time: 5:30 – 8:30pm

KidSight (2nd VP) Chair/PC: Travis Jacott (p)

Type: Youth Outreach/Community Service Location: Papillion & Surrounding Communities Date: School Year ~~ August thru June Time: As Required

Purpose: Sell spaghetti dinners to raise funds for Club projects.

Activities: Lions sell tickets, make & serve all-you-can-eat spaghetti.

Purpose: Collect used eyeglasses & hearing aids for distribution to the needy throughout the world

- Activities: Lions setup collection boxes in selected business sites & collect, sort & box used eyeglasses & hearing aids, & deliver boxes to the NE Lions storage center.
 - Purpose: Foster camaraderie among Lions, assist local communities, & promote Club recognition.

Activities: Lions identify needs & organize & operate Club projects.

Purpose: Raise funds for Project Harmony & Club

- Activities: Lions work with regional beer & food vendors to operate a "beer fest" where beer varieties are tasted.
- Purpose: Provide state-of-the-art vision screenings for children six months & older.

Activities: Lions have partnered with the Papillion-LaVista Community Schools & St. Columbkille, St. Matthews, Ralston Public Schools & Brooke Valley to provide vision & hearing screenings for students Pre-K thru 4th, 7th & 10th grades.

Peach/Pear Sales (2nd VP) Chair/PC: Polly Williams

Type: Fund Raiser Location: Papillion Area Date: June thru September Time: As Required Purpose: Raise funds for the Nebraska Lions Foundation & Club

Activities: Lions sell lugs of Colorado "free stone" peaches & pears & use profits to fund NLF & Club activities.

Curtis Rainge (a)

Lions Eye Health Care (2nd VP) Chair/PC: Ron Flock

Type: Community Service Location: All Inclusive Date: On Going Time: On Going

Type: Community Service

Location: All Inclusive

Date: On Going Time: On Going Purpose: To prevent blindness through diabetes education & materials by increasing awareness, eye screenings, monetary aid for cataract surgery, to correct vision issues, & aid in preventing blindness.

Activities: Perform eye health screenings at schools & local community events. Provide viable eye health info to area residents. Work with District Lions & the Nebraska Lions Foundation to provide resources to meet community needs.

- Purpose: To continue the Lions mission "To Serve" & show commitment to our community.
- Activities: Lions plan & execute identified projects approved & Submitted by the Board of Directors.

Sarpy County Holiday Assistance (2nd VP) Chair/PC: Tom Vitamvas (p)

Type: Community Service Location: Bellevue Christian Center Date: December Time: As Required

Helping Hands (2nd VP) Chair/PC: Curtis Rainge

Purpose: Provide needy area families with toys, clothing, stocking stuffers & food for the Holiday Season through Heartland Family Services.

Activities: Lions help unpack, sort/arrange toys & clothing on selection tables ~~ they also help qualified parents shop for their children. Lions also help parents register for the program.

Lions Club Christmas Party (2nd VP) (3rd VP/Alt)

Type: Member Fellowship Location: Varies Date: Third Thursday of December Time: 6:00pm ~~ Socializer 6:30pm ~~ Dinner & Special Holiday Program

Drivers for Low Vision Center (2nd VP) Chair/PC: Alicia Gentle

Purpose: Provide Club members an opportunity to meet & enjoy each other's company during the Holiday Season.

Activities: Special dinner followed by entertainment ~~ usually high school show choir, singing Christmas carols & a hands-on "Twelve Days of Christmas" event.

Purpose: Assist the visually impaired

Activities: Lions drive the visually impaired to monthly support group meetings, special workshops, & appointments with eye care specialists.

Angelman's Syndrome Walk (2nd VP) Chair/PC: Karen Van Briesen (Inactive)

Type: Fund Raiser Location: TBD Date: TBD Time: TBD

Date: On Going

Type: Community Service

Location: Greater Omaha Area

Time: Usually Friday Afternoons

Purpose: Participate in the annual Angelman's Syndrome Walk to raise funds for the organization.

Activities: Lions solicit donations from local community, Then walk on designated day.

Papillion & LaVista Days Parades (3rd VP): Travis Jacott

Type: Public Relations Location: Papillion & LaVista Date: June Time: As Scheduled

Purpose: Promote Club recognition in the local communities & foster youth reading programs.

Activities: Lions, in league with the Papillion-LaVista Education Foundation & the Papillion & LaVista Libraries, walk the parade route & distribute books to children.

Purpose: Raise funds for the Salvation Army

Salvation Army Bell Ringing (3rd VP) Chair/PC: Valerie Newman

Type: Fund Raiser Location: Papillion-LaVista Businesses Date: November – December Time: As Scheduled

Diabetes Awareness (3rd VP) Chair/PC: Karen Rustermier

Type: Fund Raiser Location: Papillion - LaVista Date: As Scheduled Time: As Scheduled

Health Fair of the Midlands (3rd VP) Chair/PC: Lin Hughes

Type: Community Service Location: Midlands Community Hospital Date: Spring Time: 7:00 - Noon

Radio Talking Book Services (3rd VP) Chair/PC: Tom Vitamvas (p)

Jane Nielsen (a)

Type: Community Service Location: RTBS Offices Date: On Going Time: As Required

Liberty Day (3rd VP) Chair/PC: Karla Rupiper

Type: Youth Outreach Location: Papillion-LaVista Schools Date: As Designated By Schools Time: As Required Purpose: Raise funds for the American Diabetes Foundation, ie., sending children to diabetes camp.

Activities: Lions work shifts & ring bells to generate donations.

- Activities: Lions identify & participate in a variety of activities, such as walks for diabetes, to raise funds for local, State & International use.
- **Purpose:** Hospital provides inexpensive health exams as well as education & services by other community providers.
- Activities: Lions organize, register, & assist in the health exams for local community members.
- **Purpose:** Assist the Radio Talking Book Service (RTBS) with their work with vision impaired & physically disabled..
- Activities: Lions record textbooks to tape & read information on live radio programs, including a Veterans' Hour.
- Purpose: Provide 5th Graders in the Papillion-LaVista Schools & St. Columbkille with a copy of the US Constitution &. Bill of Rights.
- Activities: During time when teachers cover American History, Lions pass out individual copies to each 5th grader & speak to the classes about how the Constitution was written & what it means for today's students.

Walnut Creek Roadway Clean-Up (3rd VP) Chair/PC: Steve Andraschko

Type: Environment Location: Walnut Creek Recreational Area Date: One Saturday a month ~~ May thru October Time: 9:00am Purpose: Pick up trash & debris from designated areas around the Walnut Creek Recreational Area.

Activities: Lions police areas along 96th Street from Highway 370 to Schram Road & along Schram Road from 96th Street to Turkey Road.

PAPILLION AREA LIONS CLUB

Committee Information

Special Olympics/Opening Eyes (3rd VP) Chair/PC: Jim May

Type: Community Service Location: Creighton University Date: Friday in May Time: 8:00am – 3:00pm

Type: Community Service

Location: Sarpy County

Date: November Time: As Required

Date: August – September Time: As Required

Time: 6:00pm

Date: April, August & December

Tri-City Pantry (3rd VP) Chair/PC: Tex Teixeira (p)

Type: Community Service/Youth Outreach

Hats, Mittens & Gloves (3rd VP) Chair/PC: Joyce Wells

Location: Papillion & Surrounding Communities

Type: Community Service/Youth Outreach

Location: Club Meeting ~~ The Fireside Banquet Room

Head Start Winter Coats (3rd VP) Chair/PC: Tom Vitamvas (p)

Vance Allred (a) Travis Jacott (a)

Joe Seda (a)

Purpose: Provide eye exams, glasses & eye health care to Special Olympic athletes during the Nebraska State Games.

Activities: Lions work along-side eye care professionals in greeting, registering, escorting & manning exam stations for Special Olympic athletes.

Purpose: Provide food & toiletries for needy residents in Papillion, LaVista, Ralston & adjoining areas.

Activities: Lions donate toiletry items (not available thru food stamps) three times a year at the Club meeting. The Pantry,staffed by volunteers, serves over 120 families monthly.

Purpose: Provide wither coats, hats & mittens for Sarpy County Cooperative Head Start (SCCHS) kids.

Activities: Lions are given gender & coat sizes of SCCHS kids. Lions purchase said items & give them to the Head Start staff to distribute

Purpose: Provide winter hats, mittens & gloves to the Sarpy County Holiday Assistance Program.

Activities: Lions purchase said items & bring to the November Club meeting for distribution.

Int'l Lions Peace Poster Contest (3rd VP) Chair/PC: Tom Vitamvas (Inactive)

Type: Youth Outreach Location: Papillion-LaVista Schools Date: Spring Time: As Required

Story Book Boxes (3rd VP) Chair/PC: Tom Vitamvas (Inactive)

Type: Youth Outreach Location: Papillion-LaVista Schools Date: During school year Time: As Required Purpose: An International Lions art contest encouraging youth worldwide to express their visions of peace.

Activities: Lions provide local schools with Peace Poster kits, judge entries from students ages 11 – 13, sponsor an entry to the District level & if selected, to the Multiple District & International levels.

Purpose: Provide a tactile experience for visually impaired students during story book time.

Activities: Lions collect materials relative to a children's story book to be used by visually impaired students to better understand the story. Example: "Three Little Pigs" ~~ bricks, sticks, straw, etc.