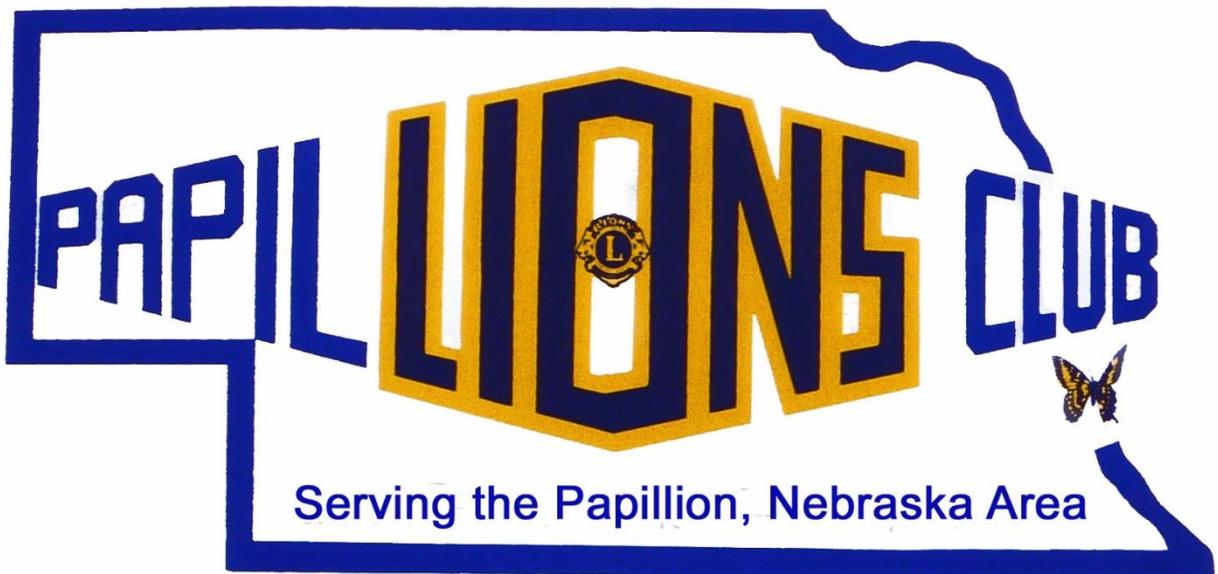


# The Papillion Area Lions Club

Papillion, Nebraska



2025 - 2026

Information Brochure

President Tom Wyman

# 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**

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**District Governor**

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**Region Chairperson**

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**Zone Chairperson**

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**Lions Club**

Chartered by & under the jurisdiction of

**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. Claque, Michael T. Copple, Paul Draper, Thomas A. Egbert, Paul L. Hackney, Calvin Hamilton, James J. Herfkens, 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 Herfkens.....	1976-1977	Jim May.....	1995-1996	Robin Clark.....	2014-2015
Al Hrabak.....	1977-1978	Babs Johnson.....	1996-1997	Dick Seid.....	2015-2016
Paul Hackney.....	1978-1979	Ron Flock.....	1997-1998	Curtis Rainge.....	2016-2017
Paul Limas.....	1979-1980	Judy Anderson.....	1998-1999	John Erickson.....	2017-2018
Red Timmerman.....	1980-1981	Rudy Krueger.....	1999-2000	Paul Johnston.....	2018-2019
Ken Molzer.....	1981-1982	Den Kennedy.....	2000-2001	Steve Andraschko.....	2019-2020
Alan Castleberry.....	1982-1983	Kathy Flock.....	2001-2002	Lowell Ferguson.....	2020-2021
Bob Frederick.....	1983-1984	Jim Lee.....	2002-2003	Jane Nielsen.....	2021-2022
Dave Hansen.....	1984-1985	Terry Konruff.....	2003-2004	John Perkins.....	2022-2023
Gerald Johnson.....	1985-1986	Kevin Johnson.....	2004-2005	Llin Hughes.....	2023-2024
George Spilker.....	1986-1987	Jim Langley.....	2005-2006	Joyce Wells.....	2024-2025
Jack O'Malley.....	1987-1988	Mimi Dreiling.....	2006-2007		
Ron Brohammer.....	1988-1989	Carl Kretsinger.....	2007-2008		
John Lowry.....	1989-1990	Mike Weaver.....	2008-2009		
Butch Elze.....	1990-1991	Mary Dwyer.....	2009-2010		
Eldon Lauber.....	1991-1992	Jim Glover.....	2010-2011		
Jerry Wendling.....	1992-1993	Tex Teixeira.....	2011-2012		
Tom Vitamvas.....	1993-1994	John Seyfarth.....	2012-2013		
Dave Lang.....	1994-1995	Dennis Hughes.....	2013-2014		

**CURRENT PRESIDENT:** Tom Wyman

**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 semi-retired & 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! ~~ GRRRRRRreat 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

## 2025 - 2026 Club Officers

### President

Tom Wyman

### 1st Vice President

Travis Jacott

### 2nd Vice President

Marty Scherzberg

### 3rd Vice President

Wes Bain

### Secretary

Steve Andraschko

### Membership Director

Tom Vitamvas

### Treasurer

George Madson

### Director

John Erickson

### Director

Pat Pfeifer

### Director

Vance Allred

### Director

Jean Butler

### Director

Rich Kuper

### Director

Ann Vassar

### Director

Amy McKay

### Director

Ray Cardaronella

### Director

Scott Vassar

### Director

George Beck

### Director

Paul Johnston

### Director

Karen Rustermier

### Director

Rob Lamp

### Director

Jane Nielsen

### Director

Nancy Blazek

### Director

Dean Briscoe

### Director

Fred Tafoya

### Director

Dennis Hughes

### Lion Tamer Coordinator

Jeff Bro

### Lion Tamer

Rich Kuper

### Lion Tamer

Bruce Kostal

### Lion Tamer(Alternate)

Vance Allred

### Tail Twister

Tex Teixeira

### Tail Twister

Ken Molzer

### Web Master/Social Media

Teresa Krajewski

### Newsletter Editor

Ann Vassar

### Photo Directory Editor

Ray Anderson

### Marketing

Jane Nielsen

### LCIF & NLF Coordinators

Lin Hughes & John Perkins

### Immediate Past President & Foundation President

Joyce Wells

# PAPILLION AREA LIONS CLUB

## Committee Information

### Lions Mints (1<sup>st</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Dick Seid (Inactive)

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

**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

### Scholarships (1<sup>st</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Jim Glover

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

**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.

### Speakers/Club Programs (1<sup>st</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Tom Wyman

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

**Purpose:** Solicit guest speakers for Club meetings.

**Activities:** Lions identify & invite interesting & informative persons from surrounding communities to speak at General Membership Meetings.

### Adopt-A-Park & Veteran's Park (1<sup>st</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Joyce Wells

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

**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.

### LEO Clubs (1<sup>st</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Don Hand (p) Dennis Hughes (a)

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

**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.

### Young Leaders in Service (1<sup>st</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Lin Hughes (p) Dennis Hughes (a)

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

**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.

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### Budget Committee (1<sup>st</sup> VP) (2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Alt) (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> VP) (2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Alt) (3<sup>rd</sup> VP/Alt)

Type: Member Fellowship  
Location: To Be Determined  
Date: Third Thursday in July  
Time: To Be Determined

**Purpose:** First meeting of the new Lions' Year ~~ provide Club members an opportunity to meet & enjoy each other's company.

**Activities:** Event held to provide fellowship, food & fun for Club members

### Member Care (1<sup>st</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Polly Williams

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

**Purpose:** Keep Club Officers informed on the health & well-being 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.

### Club Officer Nominating & Installation Committee (1<sup>st</sup> VP) (2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Alt) (3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Director (9), 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Director (9), Tail Twister (2), Lion Tamer Coordinator, Lion Tamer (3), Newsletter Editor, Web Master/Social Media, Photo Directory Editor, Marketing, LCIF/NLF Coordinators, 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 (1<sup>st</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Dick Seid (Inactive)

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.

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### Annual \$10,000 Lottery (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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

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

### Eye Glass/Hearing Aid Collection (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Jane Nielsen (Co) Jean Butler (Co)

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

**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.

### Publicity & Public Relations (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Jane Nielsen

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

**Purpose:** Foster camaraderie among Lions, assist local communities, & promote Club recognition.

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

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

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

**Purpose:** Raise funds for Project Harmony & Club

**Activities:** Lions work with regional beer & food vendors to operate a "beer fest" where beer varieties are sampled.

### KidSight (2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** Provide state-of-the-art vision screenings for children six months & older.

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

### Peach/Pear Sales (2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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### Lions Eye Health Care (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Ron Flock

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.

### Helping Hands (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Curtis Rainge

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

**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 (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Tom Vitamvas (p) Curtis Rainge (a)

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

**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 (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) (3<sup>rd</sup> VP/Alt)

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

**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.

### Celebration of Trees (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Lin Hughes (p) Dennis Hughes (a)

Type: Public Relations/Fund Raiser  
Location: St. Columbkille Church  
Date: Mid-November  
Time: Friday/4-8pm; Saturday/9am-2pm

**Purpose:** Community presence of a Lion decorated Christmas tree; proceeds go to needy in local community

**Activities:** Lions decorate the tree for the event ~~ decorations made and/or donated by Papio Lions ~~ Lions info provided

### Drivers for Low Vision Center (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Alicia Gentle (Inactive)

Type: Community Service  
Location: Greater Omaha Area  
Date: On Going  
Time: Usually Friday Afternoons

**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 (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Karen Van Briesen (Inactive)

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

**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

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### Papillion & LaVista Days Parades (3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### Salvation Army Bell Ringing (3<sup>rd</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Valerie Newman

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

**Purpose:** Raise funds for the Salvation Army

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

### Diabetes Awareness (3<sup>rd</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Karen Rustermier

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

**Purpose:** Raise funds for the American Diabetes Foundation, ie., sending children to diabetes camp.

**Activities:** Lions identify & participate in a variety of activities, such as walks for diabetes, to raise funds for local, State & International use.

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

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

**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.

### Radio Talking Book Services (3<sup>rd</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Tom Vitamvas (p) Jane Nielsen (a)

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

**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.

### Liberty Day (3<sup>rd</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Karla Rupiper

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

**Purpose:** Provide 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> grader & speak to the classes about how the Constitution was written & what it means for today's students.

### Walnut Creek Roadway Clean-Up (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 96<sup>th</sup> Street from Highway 370 to Schram Road & along Schram Road from 96<sup>th</sup> Street to Turkey Road.

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## Committee Information

### Special Olympics/Opening Eyes (3<sup>rd</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Jim May (p) Tom Vitamvas (a)

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

**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.

### Tri-City Pantry (3<sup>rd</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Tex Teixeira (p) Vance Allred (a) Travis Jacott (a)

Type: Community Service  
Location: Club Meeting ~ The Fireside Banquet Room  
Date: April, August & December  
Time: 6:00pm

**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.

### Head Start Winter Coats (3<sup>rd</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Tom Vitamvas (p) Joe Seda (a)

Type: Community Service/Youth Outreach  
Location: Sarpy County  
Date: August – September  
Time: As Required

**Purpose:** Provide winter 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

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

Type: Community Service/Youth Outreach  
Location: Papillion & Surrounding Communities  
Date: November  
Time: As Required

**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 (3<sup>rd</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Nancy Blazek

Type: Youth Outreach  
Location: Papillion-LaVista Schools/St. Comumbkille  
Date: Fall  
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.

### Story Book Boxes (3<sup>rd</sup> VP) Chair/PC: Tom Vitamvas (Inactive)

Type: Youth Outreach  
Location: Papillion-LaVista Schools  
Date: During school year  
Time: As Required

**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.