



**Lions Clubs International**

# Special Interest Lions Clubs

## Sharing Individualism, Strengthening Community

All Lions share an interest in and commitment to service. The key to creating a sense of community is finding things in common. A special interest club focuses on one element that many of its members have in common.

Often shared interest brings even greater energy to a group of Lions - and enlivens their connection to the local community. That's why we offer you the opportunity to start a Special Interest Lions club.

### Cyber Lions Club

#### *Changing with the Times*

The Internet continues to change the way communities interact and how the world does business. That's why Lions Clubs International now gives you the opportunity to start a Cyber Lions club. Cyber Lions meet online for convenience – or to bridge a distance. Cyber clubs give you the ability to form truly international clubs – with members from around the world – working together to make a difference. Carrying out business online helps keep these Lions connected and expedites club administration to help the club get to the business of serving its community quicker.

#### *Cyber Lions Club Benefits*

A Lions club that meets primarily via the Internet and conducts business online offers a number of benefits, including:

- Expedited decision making
- Reduced organizational costs
- Increased meeting attendance
- Maximized flexibility in scheduling

*Consider the Skrea Lionet SE Lions Club of Sweden. With members stretching from Southern Sweden's east coast to its west, the Internet keeps these distant Lions connected. Each month, the Skrea Lions meet in a private Internet chat room to discuss club activities and host optional chat sessions each week to ensure ongoing contact.*

### Champions Lions Clubs in Support of Special Olympics

Champions Lions clubs impact lives and improve communities. With a primary focus on projects that serve Special Olympics athletes, Champions Lions clubs empower and build accepting communities for persons with intellectual disabilities and their families. This community-based setting also offers you a wonderful opportunity to serve as a Lion.

#### *Joining Forces to Support Persons with Intellectual Disabilities*

Lions clubs around the world support Special Olympics through the Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes Program. This \$10 million LCIF initiative screens the vision of Special Olympics athletes – and has provided prescription eyewear to more than 85,000 athletes. Lions play a key role in the success of this program through hands-on event support that includes:

- Helping register athletes
- Providing color vision and visual acuity tests
- Distributing glasses and sports goggles to athletes

## Lions Quest Lions Club

### *Helping Children, Building Character*

Lions Quest Lions clubs help children grow into solid citizens. By focusing on providing life skills to children in kindergarten through grade 12, these clubs help young people make responsible decisions. Communicate effectively. And avoid drugs. This school-based setting also offers you a wonderful opportunity to serve as a Lion.

As part of a Lions Quest Lions club, you can choose to focus on projects that include:

- Volunteering to help with service learning projects
- Delivering presentations about community service to students
- Registering teachers at a Lions Quest workshop
- Purchasing Lions Quest materials for students
- Providing financial support for a Lions Quest workshop - from buying teacher lunches to sponsoring a full workshop and teacher materials

## Chartering a Special Interest Lions Club

A Lions club that is based on a special interest can be chartered just like a traditional club. You will need:

- 20 or more charter members
- A sponsoring club, district cabinet or district committee, region or zone
- The district governor's approval
- Completed charter application
- Appropriate charter fees and certification forms

**For more information,  
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*The desire to help  
children succeed is  
the common  
element that brings  
Lions Quest  
club members  
together.*



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