

## Club Activities

Below is a list of service projects and on-going activities Club members participate in:

### Sight Projects:

- ◆ Eye Glasses and Eye Exams
- ◆ Upstate Guide Dog Association
- ◆ Leader Dogs for the Blind Program
- ◆ Eye glass collection and reclamation
- ◆ Lions Clubs International Foundation
- ◆ NYS and Bermuda Foundation
- ◆ PhotoScreener child Vision Screening
- ◆ Project SightFirst

### Speech and Hearing Projects:

- ◆ Empire State Speech and Hearing Clinic
- ◆ Finger Lakes Region Hearing Foundation
- ◆ Hearing exams and hearing aids
- ◆ Hearing aids reclamation
- ◆ BOCES Deaf and Hearing Impaired students
- ◆ Providing TTY's for children

### Other Service and Community Projects:

- ◆ Built BBQ Pit and roof at Cass Park
- ◆ Ithaca High School student scholarship
- ◆ Holiday bell ringing for Salvation Army
- ◆ Built Salvation Army Storage Building
- ◆ Diabetes screening
- ◆ BOCES Drug Quiz
- ◆ Relay for Life
- ◆ Adopt-A- Highway Program
- ◆ Election Day vote counting

### International Understanding Projects:

- ◆ Ithaca Children's Choir Tour to Spain
- ◆ Uventa Children's Choir (Russia)
- ◆ Operafest Children's Choir (Malaysia)

## Club Fundraisers

- ◆ Ithaca Coverlet Blanket
- ◆ Chicken BBQ
- ◆ Pancake Breakfast
- ◆ Carnation Sale
- ◆ Candy Sales
- ◆ Various raffles
- ◆ Placemat ads

All funds raised from the community are returned to the community. Our members' dues pay all administration expenses for the club.

## Recycling



### Eye Glasses/Hearing Aids

Ithaca Lions collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids. The eyeglasses are sorted, sized, and sent to third world countries where they

are fitted for people who may not only have never owned eye glasses, but probably have never before been to an eye doctor.

Used hearing aids are recycled. The money received for them help provide new basic hearing aids for people in the western part and Finger Lakes area of New York State who otherwise cannot afford them.

So, please bring your unneeded hearing aids and eyeglasses to any of our functions or give them to any of our members or deposit them in our eye boxes at local participating opticians offices and other locations. We will make sure that they are put to good use

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# Ithaca Lions Club

Since 1951



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## We Serve

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### Ithaca Lions Club Meet

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday  
Each Month at 6:30 P.M.  
from September through May

at The Lehigh Valley House  
801 West Buffalo Street  
Ithaca, New York 14850

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## Mission Statement

**TO CREATE AND FOSTER** a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation

## Lions Slogan

**Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety**

## Lions Motto

**"We Serve"**

## Lions Club International

The International Association of Lions Clubs is the world's largest and most active service club with nearly 1.4 million members in more 193 countries and geographical regions.

Melvin Jones and other businessmen in Chicago, Illinois founded Lions Club International in 1917. The emblem pictured on the front page is a circular gold area with two lion profiles at either side facing away from the center. Symbolically the lions face the past and the future...proud of the past and confident of the future. The **LIONS** name is our slogan, as noted above. Nearly everywhere in the United States of America one can find Lions, Lioness and Leos Clubs.

## What is Lionism?

Lions Clubs are non-political, non-sectarian and not-for-profit service clubs composed of community members who have joined together for a common cause - to aid those who are in need.

We are volunteers who have grouped together under an international organization. We enjoy good fellowship, enlightening programs at meetings and opportunities to develop our leadership capabilities. More importantly, we dedicate part of our free time to help those in need around the world, while hopefully making the Ithaca community a better place in which to live and work.

As Lions members, we are pledged to help those less fortunate than ourselves. We are non-political, yet inculcate a lively interest in government and civic affairs. We are committed to community service.

Lions International promotes sight and hearing preservation and conservation as their major emphasis areas. Sight First, a project stated in 1990, was initiated to eliminate preventable and reversible blindness worldwide.

We, the Ithaca Club, are doing our best to support these efforts through eyeglass and hearing aid collections, eye and hearing examinations, the Empire State Speech and Hearing Clinic at Lions Camp Badger, hearing impaired students at BOCES, eye equipment for the Low Vision Center, Diabetes awareness programs and monetary contributions to local community organizations, New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation, as well to our International organization.

## Purposes and Objectives

- ◆ To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- ◆ To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- ◆ To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- ◆ To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- ◆ To encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

## Membership

Lions Club membership is by invitation. We look for people who are of legal majority, good moral character, good reputation and reside within the Ithaca geographical region who wish to participate in an organization dedicated to community service and serving those in need.

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