



# Carmel Lions Roar

District 25D

Carmel Lions Club

141 E. Main Street  
Carmel, IN 46033

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## President's Message:

Roaring into the New Year with pride and joy! Wishing our Carmel Lions Club members a year filled with laughter, community spirit, and countless opportunities to make a positive impact. Together, let's continue to shine bright in service and friendship. Happy New Year!

Warm regards,

*Bryan*



2023-2024 Officers	
President	Bryan Ferry
1st VP	Matt Best
2nd VP	Linda Wood
3rd VP	Paul Cardinal
Secretary	Christine Woodward
Treasurer	Carl Kinker
Marketing Chair	Denisse Jensen
Membership Chair	Jason Randlett
1st Year Director	Rick Dossey
2nd Year Director	Angie Swenson
Lion Tamer	David DeVilbiss
Tail Twister	John Rodgers
Past President	Jim Lepp

## New Members since 2023-2024 Directory

Name—Spouse Address	Work EMAIL Address Date joined and Sponsor	Cell Home
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Know someone interested in joining the Carmel Lions Club and you can't close the deal? Introduce them to Jason Randlett, Membership Chair at 801-414-3658.

# Welcome

# Upcoming Events

## January

- 2 Board Meeting
- 9 Club Meeting
- 11 Texas Hold'em
- 18 Gleaners @ Hamilton County Fairgrounds
- 20 Mid Winter Conference—see page 13 for more info
- 23 Club Meeting

## February

- 3 District 25D Cabinet Meeting—Russiaville
- 6 Board Meeting
- 8 Texas Hold'em
- 13 Club Meeting
- 15 Gleaners @ Hamilton County Fairgrounds
- 27 Club Meeting



## Vision Screening Praise

Your effort as vision screeners whether in the Carmel Clay Schools or Carmel daycare centers, it is not unappreciated!

See the message below from the School Psychologist at Forest Dale Elementary.

*Hi Jason,*

*It was nice meeting you this morning at Forest Dale. Here is my praise for the vision screening process. Thanks to you and the Lion's Club members for all that you do!*

*My son, Lee, (age 1.5) had his vision screened at his daycare by the Carmel Lions Club in March 2023. His results indicated he should have a formal vision examination by an optometrist, which was surprising because we did not notice any signs of vision difficulties at home. His optometrist recommended glasses immediately to correct his vision. The glasses also seem to have prevented his right eye from turning in due to such a difference between his two eyes.*

*I was worried he wouldn't wear his glasses because he's a busy toddler, but he keeps them on all of the time because he needs them! I'm so thankful for this vision screening process because it allowed my son to have his vision corrected at a young age and will hopefully reduce future eye complications for him.*

*Thank you again,*

**Erin Buesink, EdS, NCSP**

*School Psychologist*

*Forest Dale Elementary*







### October Birthdays

<b>Cindy Hanssen</b>	<b>10/1</b>
<b>Gordy Pearson</b>	<b>10/9</b>
<b>Mariah Allen</b>	<b>10/19</b>
<b>Jon Herron</b>	<b>10/21</b>
<b>Bob Yunker</b>	<b>10/27</b>
<b>Bryan Ferry</b>	<b>10/29</b>

### December Birthdays

<b>Larry Woodling</b>	<b>12/1</b>
<b>Jim Thompson</b>	<b>12/8</b>
<b>Erin Jump</b>	<b>12/11</b>
<b>Hill Swayze</b>	<b>12/12</b>
<b>Betty Yunker</b>	<b>12/15</b>
<b>Ben Richardson</b>	<b>12/18</b>

### November Birthdays

<b>Don Scholer</b>	<b>11/7</b>
<b>Steve Gross</b>	<b>11/9</b>
<b>Linda Wood</b>	<b>11/10</b>
<b>Rick Dossey</b>	<b>11/12</b>
<b>Jen Miller</b>	<b>11/12</b>
<b>David DeVilbiss</b>	<b>11/14</b>
<b>Ken Hubert</b>	<b>11/17</b>
<b>Ron Block</b>	<b>11/23</b>
<b>Matt Hunter</b>	<b>11/28</b>
<b>Kent Works</b>	<b>11/29</b>

If your birthday is left out or wrong — please let us know. That means your information in MyLion is not correct. Send a message to:

[carmellionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:carmellionsclub@gmail.com)



## Changes to the Club House

Have you seen the new rugs, the glass doors or the cup tree?



## New Table Policy

The Board voted during their November meeting that all tables and chairs need to be put away after any meeting or event held at the club. This will ensure the entire floor is cleaned.





## Carmel Lions Participate in the Trike Race

Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired hold an annual fundraiser—Brian’s Trike Race. This year, some Carmel Lions participated including Angie Swenson and Rick Dossey.



## Update to Gleaners Mobile Food Pantry

Carmel Lions join Lions from around Hamilton County to help with the Gleaners Mobile Food Pantry. The monthly mobile food pantry is going to be at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds from 4 to 6pm—the third Thursday of every month.



## Official Visit by our District Governor

In September, District Governor Julia Kozicki made her official visit to the Carmel Lions Club. While she shared her 2023-2023 goals with us she also inducted 3 new members, Hill and Stacy Swayze and Jay Sharma.



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## Good Samaritan Network

Nancy Chance, the Founder and Executive Director of the Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County came to share what they do with the Club. Nancy is a lifelong resident of Noblesville and has served the residents of Hamilton County since she was a young child.





## Arts Fest

Carmel Lions Club had a food booth at the Carmel International Arts Festival again this year. It takes help behind the scenes and in the booth. We want to thank everyone you participated this year! We couldn't do it without you!



## Koorsen Fire & Security's Kasey Program

Koorsen Fire & Security's Kasey Program visited the Carmel Lions Club in November. The program founder and professional firefighter, Jeff Owens, brought his black labs with him. They are both know has Kasey when they are demonstrating fire safety tips. They travel the country and have educated over 9 million kids since 1995.

Their safety tips have saved more than 20 lives from fires. Jeff gets a new dog every 5 years, always a female black lab and her name always starts with a "K".



**Koorsen**<sup>®</sup>  
FIRE & SECURITY

We are still waiting for the final results of our bell ringing for the Salvation Army this year. Whatever those results turn out to be, the efforts of so many Carmel Lions to make it a success will not go unappreciated by either the Salvation Army or the many individuals in our community who benefit from their programs. We hope to have a full report by the first regular meeting in January. Thanks again to everyone who rang the bell this year.





## Dues Update

You recently received your Fall dues statement for the 2023-2024 Lions Year. As you can see below, the Board approved an increase in the Meals and Fish Fry amounts. This is to keep up with increasing prices. Also, the International Dues increased after a vote at the International Convention. The total increase is \$7 to be spread over 3 years starting with \$3 on July 1, 2022, \$2 on July 2023 and \$2 on July 2024.

2022-2023 Dues					Item	Dues starting October 2023				
Active	Family	Student	Lifetime	Privileged and At-Large		Active	Family	Student	Lifetime	Privileged and At-Large
45.00	23.00	23.00	-	45.00	International Dues	47.00	24.50	24.50	-	45.00
17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	State and District Dues	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
24.50	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.50	Carmel Lions Club Dues	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.50
36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	-	Meals (1)	53.50	53.50	53.50	53.50	-
5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	-	Fish Fry (allows for one free meal)	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	-
<b>\$127.50</b>	<b>\$105.50</b>	<b>\$105.50</b>	<b>\$82.50</b>	<b>\$86.50</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>152.00</b>	<b>129.50</b>	<b>129.50</b>	<b>105.00</b>	<b>\$86.50</b>

## How do I pay my Dues?

If you haven't paid your dues yet, we have a few options for you.

You can mail a check to:

Christine Woodward  
 13862 Kickapoo Trail  
 Carmel, IN 46033

(check payable to Carmel Lions Club)

You can pay via Venmo:



**Carmel Lions**  
 @carmellions7

Coming soon—you can pay via square in the Members section of our updated

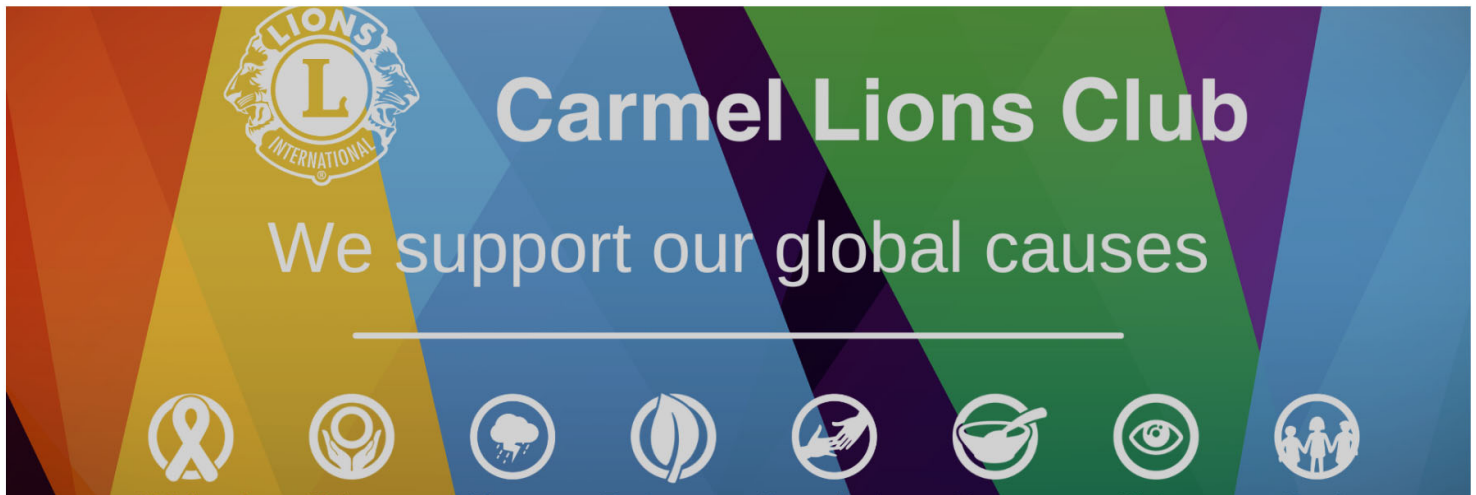
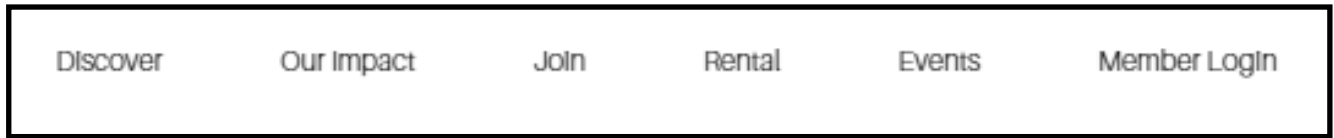
Need a copy of your statement?

Email Christine Woodward at [woodward1999@sbcglobal.net](mailto:woodward1999@sbcglobal.net)



## We have a new Carmel Lions Club Website!!

The web address has not changed — [carmellions.org](http://carmellions.org)



Final touches are being added and that includes the Members section. Once it is up and running, we will distribute more information.

### Service Metrics

[See All](#)

#### CARMEL

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

8,156

People Served

34

Service Activities Completed

1,947

Volunteer Hours

\$20,326

Funds Donated (USD)

\$35,392

Funds Raised (USD)



THE LIONS OF INDIANA  
 35TH MID-WINTER CONFERENCE  
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

CROWNE PLAZA INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT  
 INDIANAPOLIS, IN

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Registration & Continental Breakfast	8:00 am – 9:00 am	Lunch - Buffet	11:30 am – 12:15 pm
Displays And Silent Auction	Open until 3:00 pm	Program and Keynote Speaker	12:15 pm – 1:15 pm
Opening Session	9:00 am – 9:30 am	Third Session Seminar	1:30 pm – 2:15 pm
First Session Seminar	9:45 am – 10:30 am	Fourth Session Seminar	2:30 pm – 3:15 pm
Second Session Seminar	10:45 am – 11:30 am	Closing Session	3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

**Official Conference Hotel – Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel**

The location of the hotel is 2501 S. High School Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46241.

TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 317-244-6861.

LIONS ROOM RATE IS \$122 PLUS APPLICABLE TAXES.

Specify your choice of a king room or a room with two double beds.

[Hotel Reservations must be made by 6:00 pm EST Thursday, December 28, 2023](#)

**Directions to Crowne Plaza:** From the north via I-465 – Take I-465 to Exit 11 (Sam Jones Expressway). Turn right (to the west) on Sam Jones and be in left lane. Turn left at High School Road and the hotel is on your left.

From the south or Northbound I-465 – Take I-465 to Exit 11(Sam Jones Expressway). Turn left (to the west) on Sam Jones but keep to the left to High School Road. Turn left at High School Road and hotel is on your left.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Cancellations requested ten (10) days before the conference will receive full refunds, but cancellations requested after that date will not receive any refund. Refunds will not be granted because of the weather.

\*NOTE: THE MID-WINTER CONFERENCE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE THOSE ATTENDING FOR THE FIRST TIME TO INDICATE WHO IS SPONSORING THEM TO ATTEND OR WHO HAS INFLUENCED THEM TO ATTEND THEIR FIRST MID-WINTER CONFERENCE. THERE IS A LINE ON THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR THIS INFORMATION.



## 35TH MID-WINTER CONFERENCE FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER JANUARY 19, 2024



Make your plans now to join us at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel  
for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.

**Menu:** A plated dinner that will include Grilled Pork Chop or Chicken Marsala with Scalloped Potatoes, Garlic Green Beans, Fresh Garden Salad, Dessert, House Bread and Butter, Coffee and Tea

**Price:** \$ 30.00

**Social Time:** 6:00 P.M.    **Dinner:** 6:30 P.M.

**Registration table will be open for packet and meal ticket pick-up  
on Friday evening until 6:30 PM**

### Friday Night Entertainment:

**Magician Daniel Lusk**



## SATURDAY CONFERENCE LUNCHEON JANUARY 20, 2024

**Menu:** BACKYARD COOKOUT

Grilled Black Angus Burgers, Bratwurst with Sauerkraut, Bourbon Brisket, Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, Corn, Vegetable toppings for burgers and assorted condiments, Breads, Sheet Cake, Coffee and Tea

**Price:** Included in Full Conference Registration

### TWO SERVICE PROJECTS!!

**“Sock It To Me”** – Please bring new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats and blankets to be collected and divided among the district governors to distribute to needy people in their districts.

**“Care-ing Cases”** – Friday night after the dinner program, we will again assemble our Care-ing Cases, which consist of first aid kits using cleaned hard eyeglass cases and toiletry kits made up of personal hygiene items. These cases will be given to the district governors who will share them with the needy people in their districts.

### SATURDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**To be determined**



**REGISTRATION FORM**

**35th Annual Lions of Indiana Mid-Winter Conference**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024**

*(Each Attendee Is Asked to Complete a Separate Form)*

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$40.00 (\$5.00 less than last year)**

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2023**

**Registrations received or postmarked after DECEMBER 1ST and ON-SITE \$50.00**

**Conference Registration with no meals included: \$25**

Registration includes: morning coffee and pastries, buffet luncheon, use of hotel meeting rooms, audio-visual equipment, keynote speaker expenses, printing, and supplies.

To guarantee meal availability, Registration must be received by Monday, January 15, 2024

**CANCELLATION POLICY: CANCELLATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO JANUARY 10, 2024, TO RECEIVE A REFUND. CANCELLATIONS REQUESTED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY REFUND. REFUNDS WILL NOT BE GRANTED BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER**

Seminars and Workshops will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Send registrations early to ensure the seminars of your choice.

**PLEASE SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND CORRECT REMITTANCE TO:**

Lion Angie Crouch, 9051 Greystone Court, Indianapolis, IN 46234

[mwam2893@gmail.com](mailto:mwam2893@gmail.com)

317-518-4070

**Make Checks Payable to: Lions of Indiana, Inc. OR**

Card Type: [ ] VISA [ ] MC [ ] Discover Card# \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note : If using a Visa or Master Card credit card, you will be charged a 3% fee added to your charge by the processing company. All other cards along with debit cards will have NO fee added.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Title or Position: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) This is my first Mid-Winter Conference. I was encouraged to attend by: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration: ( ) \$40.00 early-bird; ( ) \$50.00 after Dec.1; ( ) \$25.00 Conference Only – No Lunch

( ) \$30.00 Friday Dinner – Circle Pork Chop or Chicken Marsala;

= Total Amount Due per Registration \_\_\_\_\_

Review the Seminars offered and note the session time each seminar will be offered. Please circle your selections for each session to help us plan sufficient seating and handouts for each seminar.

9:45 – 10:30	Seminar Session 1	1	2	3	4
10:45 - 11:30	Seminar Session 2	5	6	7	8
1:30 – 2:15	Seminar Session 3	9	10	11	12
2:30 – 3:15	Seminar Session 4	13	14	15	16

**Morning Seminar Session 1 (9:45 – 10:30)****Seminar 1**

**Title:** Mission 1.5

**Presenter:** PID Thomas Matney, Kentucky, Global Action Team Area Leader

**Description:** Everything you ever wanted to know about our campaign to achieve the goal of 1.5 million members globally.

**Seminar 2**

**Title:** All You Need Is Love

**Presenter:** Lion Jeff Kozicki, Noblesville Lions Club, District 25-D GMT/GET Coordinator

**Description:** Have you ever needed help? Do you feel like you are working eight days a week? Can you only get by with a little help from your friends? Is it true that all you need is love? If you have wondered about any of these questions, then this is the seminar for you! We will come together to explore Lionism through the music of the Beatles.

**Seminar 3**

**Title:** Mentoring: You've Got a Friend in Me.

**Presenter:** Lion Ruth Kelly, Zionsville Lions Club

**Description:** This seminar is for members who want to be of service to new members of their club. Being "the new person" is difficult for many people. The goal of this seminar is to help you learn why mentoring is important for your club, provide an example of a mentoring program, and provide information that will assist you in establishing a mentoring program that works for your club. It is hard work to find new members. You need to have an action plan to keep those new members engaged and enjoying being a Lion. We can never have too many friends.

**Seminar 4**

**Title:** Serving Beyond the Club

**Presenters:** PDG Tom Robbins, Zionsville Lions and PDG Jeff Locke, Williamsburg Lions

**Description:** This session will discuss leadership opportunities beyond the club level from zone chairs and cabinet positions to project trustees, committee chairs, and District leadership.

**Morning Seminar Session 2 (10:45 – 11:30)****Seminar 5**

**Title:** Indiana Lions Fighting Pediatric Cancer

**Presenter:** Representative from Riley Children's Foundation

**Description:** Learn about the Cancer Control Fund's new partnership with Riley Children's Foundation and the Walther Cancer Foundation.

**Seminar 6**

**Title:** Putting Fun in Your Club Meetings

**Presenter:** Luanne Julian, Middletown Lions Club

**Description:** Discover new ways to dispel the persistent myth that Lions Clubs meetings are B-O-R-I-NG.

**Seminar 7**

**Title:** Why are Leos Important for our Future

**Presenter:** ZC Wendy Semans, Hamlet Lions Club

**Description:** Learn how Leos can benefit your Club. What do Leos need from you? What's involved in having a Leo Club? Ideas and projects for your Leos.

**Seminar 8**

**Title:** Building a Cabin for Children with Type 1 Diabetes

**Presenters:** PCC Ross Drapalik, Martinsville Noon Lions Club, and Jenna White

**Description:** The Martinsville Noon Lions Club has partnered with Diabetes Youth Foundation of Indiana (DYFI) to construct a new cabin and laundry facility at "Camp Until-a-Cure" in Noblesville, Indiana. PCC Ross Drapalik will discuss the process of turning a \$10,000 memorial contribution into a \$204,000 turn-key project, and Jenna White, the Executive Director of DYFI, will talk about the camp, its needs, and how your Lions Club can help.

**Afternoon Seminar Session 3 (1:30 – 2:15)****Seminar 9**

**Title:** Finding and Applying for LCIF Grants

**Presenters:** PID Linda Tincher and Lion Debbie Ellis, Sullivan County Lions Club

**Description:** Where to find LCIF grants, how to write LCIF grant requests, and how to avoid common pitfalls that may prevent you from getting the LCIF grants.

**Seminar 10**

**Title:** Securing Sponsorships

**Presenter:** PDG Tom Robbins, Zionsville Lions Club

**Description:** What you need to know to secure ongoing sponsorships.

**Seminar 11**

**Title:** Lions International Convention in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

**Presenter:** PDG Alan Arnold, Monroe Lions Club, and Indiana Lions International Convention Committee Chairman

**Description:** Everything you need to know about the 2024 International Convention in Melbourne, Australia

**Seminar 12**

**Title:** Eyeglass Recycling: An Eye-Opening Experience

**Presenter:** PDG Marty Juel, Elkhart Lions Club, District 25-G

**Description:** Does your club collect used eyeglasses for Lions eyeglass missions? Find out what it takes to get used eyeglasses from your club's donation box to new owners in Mexico.

**Afternoon Seminar Session 4 (2:30 – 3:15)****Seminar 13**

**Title:** Lion Cubs, Our Future Lions

**Presenter:** Wendy Semans and Lions Gloria Ballard, Hamlet Lions Club

**Description:** What is a Cubs Club and what are the benefits of starting a Cubs Club? Who can join? What is involved in starting a Cubs Club.

**Seminar 14**

**Title:** Who's Who with Lions Acronyms and Badges

**Presenter:** PDG Kathy Lozier, Carmel Lions Club and Vice President, Indiana Lions Foundation, Inc.

**Description:** Decoding the "alphabet soup" of Lions acronyms and abbreviations often encountered in Lions meetings and communications and recognizing Lions officers by the shape and design of their name badges.

**Seminar 15**

**Title:** New Member Orientation

**Presenter:** Lion Jeff Kozicki, District 25-D GMT/GET Coordinator

**Description:** Congratulations! You have added a new member to your club! Now what? This seminar will discuss how to start your new member right and get them the information they need to get a solid start. This seminar will also be great for Lions that have been around for a while as there may be a few things they can learn about their Club, their District, and Lionism.

**Seminar 16**

**Title:** 2024 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Louisville Kentucky

**Presenter:** PDG Chuck Carlson, Forum Host Committee Chairperson and Karen Nitschke, Kentucky Lions

**Description:** What happens at a Forum, the seminars, speakers, meals, and other details to encourage you to attend the Forum in Louisville in September of 2024 and become educated, motivated, and inspired.



# Lions Pledge

I pledge allegiance to my country and to the cause of peace throughout the world.

I believe in the principles of Lionism as contained in the Lions Code of Ethics.

I am proud to be a Lion, dedicated to the service of others.

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

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

**To Aid** others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

**To Be Careful** with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up