New Member Orientation

Denver Den
New Member Orientation Agenda

- Lions Club International
- Colorado State Lions Organization
- Denver Den
- Pillars of Service
- Fun Times
- New Member Expectations
- Open Discussion
Lions Clubs International LCI

Lions are men and women dedicated to serving those in need, whether in their own community or around the world.

- Over 1.4 million members
- Over 200 countries
- More than 48,000 clubs

**Vision Statement:**
To be the global leader in community Humanitarian service

**Motto:**
"We Serve"

**Slogan:**
Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation’s Safety

**Founded:**
1917 by Melvin Jones, a Chicago Businessman

**Significant Event:**
1925 Helen Keller’s International Convention address challenging the Lions to become “knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness”
LCIF - Lions Clubs International Foundation

Funding for Global Causes

- **Diabetes**
  - Working with International Diabetes Association, Medic Alert Foundation, National Diabetes Education Program, National Eye Institute and the W.H.O.

- **Vision**
  - LCIF donated more than $6.3 million to The Carter Center, which has led campaign to wipe out the disease of river blindness in Latin America.
  - 9.1 million cataract surgeries performed to restore sight
  - 1,292 eye centers and training institutions built, expanded or equipped

- **Hunger**
  - Offering grants to Lions’ districts in amounts from $10k to $100K to support school based feeding programs, food banks, feeding centers and other similar facilities.

- **Environment**
  - Providing grants to Lions’ Clubs to take on large-scale projects that will create a sustainable and health future for generations to come

- **Humanitarian**
  - Working with Gavi - The Vaccine Alliance, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the Special Olympics

- **Youth**
  - 16 million youth have been taught positive life skills

- **Disaster Relief**
  - More than $118 million for disaster relief programs worldwide

- **Childhood Cancer**
  - Helping lions establish programs and provide greater service and access to care for those diagnosed with grants from $10K to $150K

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Colorado MD6 - NE, Central, SE, West

142 Clubs with 3,600 members

Each District has its own organization consisting of a Governor, 1st Vice Governor and 2nd VG. Each serves a one year term.

The four Districts are led by the Council Chairperson who is voted in from one of the outgoing DGs, and serve a one year term.

Each District is made up of multiple Zones. Each Zone is headed up by a Chairperson and Vice Chairs - Denver Den in Zone C

Opportunity for Involvement: Anyone from any club can run for state positions
Colorado Lions Foundation

- Provides annual educational scholarships to high school graduates and matching funds and grants for humanitarian projects in Colorado.

- Also provides special promotions such as Humanitarian Awards, Ann Sullivan Awards, Helen Keller Awards and family membership grants

- **Opportunity for Involvement:** Serve on the Board of Directors
Denver Den

- **History:** One of the founding clubs in 1917.
- **Organization:** President, 1st VP, 2nd VP. Positions will serve one year terms. Includes a secretary and a treasurer
  - Board of Directors - 6 members each serving 3 year terms
- **Advisory Committee:** All past presidents. Chair and Vice Chair are the immediate past two presidents
- **Fundraising:** We are a “Checkbook” Club. All our members are expected to donate to the Foundation. No outside fundraisers.
The Denver Den Foundation

- **Organization:** President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer. 9 trustees serving 3 year terms
- **Mission:** Denver Den Foundation contributes over $50,000 a year directly to Individuals, Kidsight, Eye Bank, Eye Surgery, Savio House, Rude Park Day Care, the Denver Rescue Mission and many other worthy causes
- **Income:** We raise funds from our members, both directly and through bequests, and receive donations from other charitable organizations.
- **Results:** We make a meaningful impact in the lives of over 100,000 people every year.
Denver Den

- **Meetings:** 2nd and 4th Tuesdays every month from September through May. Service Tuesdays and Visible Tuesdays on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. - Volunteer work and working the 16th St Mall booth

- **Communications:** Website, Facebook, Roarings
  - Website - [www.denverlions.org](http://www.denverlions.org)
  - Facebook - Lions Club of Denver
  - Roarings sent out via email weekly

- **Social Events:** Mixers, parties and special events

- **Conventions:** Participate in the District and State conventions every year

- **Service Projects:** Sight, Hearing, Youth and Social Services are our Four Pillars of Service
Sight Conservation: Colorado Lions Kidsight Program

- Vision Screening of children in public schools, early education center, health fairs and public events
- Mission is to find potential vision problems in young children and catch them while they can still be treated
- Currently screening over 50,000 kids per year in Colorado and over 5,000 kids by our club
- Each district is represented on the Kidsight Board and offers Lion members an opportunity for involvement
- Opportunity for Involvement: Contact our Denver Den Kidsight leaders for training and refer to the club calendar for schedule and to sign up.
In the 80s, Lions leadership from Colorado and Wyoming formed this foundation to fund the development and the building of the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute.

- RMLEI ("Remlee") established in 1991 and building completed in 2001
- Provides research, education and treatment of eye diseases and treats over 72,000 patients per year.
- Lions continue to help fund and provide leadership by way of the REMLEIF board of trustees. (Sally Hooks)

Opportunity for involvement
- Serve on the BOT
Sight Conservation: Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank

- The Eye Bank recovers corneas throughout Colorado and Wyoming and distributes nationally
- Over 2,000 cornea transplants per year
- Their mission is to fulfill the wishes of eye donors and their families in order to help others overcome blindness through transplantation and research
- **Opportunity for involvement**
  - Serve on the BOD
Sight Conservation: Lions Recycle for Sight

○ Used glasses collection throughout the state
○ Collect over 100,000 glasses per year statewide
○ Glasses sent to LCI for distribution and used for distribution at our international Missions
○ Box finder on website
○ Opportunity for involvement: Sponsor a box or two or three!
Sight Conservation: International Missions

○ Missions organized by the Denver Den to provide vision screening and glasses to underserved people outside of the United States

○ Recent Trips
  ○ Kathmandu and the Nepal Lions Club
  ○ Santa Domingo, Ecuador
  ○ Mongolia
  ○ Ethiopia, Africa

○ **Opportunity for involvement:** Contact our Denver Den leadership team for current schedule and sign up. Watch for announcements
Hearing Conservation: Overview

- Direct Help to Low Income Individuals
  - The Denver Den Foundation contributes over $5,000 per year to over 30 people
  - Hearing aid collection and distribution
- Collaborators
  - Starkey Foundation - Hear Now Program
  - Lions Club International Foundation
  - Marion Downs Hearing Center
  - University of Colorado Medical Center
- Opportunity for involvement: Contact our Denver Den Hearing leadership team.
Youth Services: Overview

**Savio House** - Adolescent support organization. Denver Lions provide support by serving on the Board of Directors and with Foundation Donations. **Opportunity for Involvement:** Serve on the BOD

**Rude Park Day Care** - Day Care center for low income families. Denver Lions provide support by serving on the Board of Directors and Foundation Donations. **Opportunity for Involvement:** Serve on the BOD

**Lions Camp** - A Colorado Lions project. A year round facility near Woodland Park, CO for special needs youth. Denver Lions provide support with yearly clean up project and Foundation Funds. **Opportunity for involvement:** Serve on the Board of Trustees and help with yearly cleanup projects.

**Peace Poster Contest** - Individual Lions Clubs in Colorado work with local grade schools to develop a poster based on the current theme from LCI. **Opportunity for involvement:** Contact the Denver Den Coordinator

**Speech Contest** - Individual Lions Clubs in Colorado work with local high school students to develop a speech based on current theme from LCI. **Opportunity for involvement:** Contact the Denver Den Coordinator
Social Services

- **9 Health Fair**
  - Kidsight and cashier volunteering
  - **Opportunity for Involvement:** Watch for sign up times

- **Bell Ringing**
  - Salvation Army collection bucket every Holiday time
  - **Opportunity for Involvement:** Watch for sign up times

- **Direct help to individuals**
  - Our Denver Den Foundation will contribute upwards of $10,000 every year to individuals and groups for various needs
  - **Opportunity for Involvement:** Contribute!
Fun Times!

- Summer Picnic
- Dragon Boat
- Special event parties
- Yearly Golf Outing
- Mixers through the year
- Conventions
- End of year banquet
- Holiday Party
New Member Expectations
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- **Know the Lions organization and what we do**
  - [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)
  - [www.colions.org](http://www.colions.org)

- **Know your club**
  - Who are the members
  - Structure, activities
  - [www.denverlions.org](http://www.denverlions.org)

- **Get Involved**
  - Attend meetings
  - Attend leadership meetings
  - Opportunities for Involvement
  - Attend a convention

- **Donate!**
  - *We don’t do what we do without your financial involvement*
  - Need 100% Foundation Donations

Have Fun!!

And most important....
Open Discussion

Why did you join?

What are your expectations

What are you going to do first in the club

Are you ready and willing to donate your time and money?
Welcome to the Denver Lions Club!
# Opportunities for Involvement Checklist

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<td>Attend a Service Tuesday</td>
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<td>Attend a Board of Directors meeting</td>
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<td>Attend a Foundation Board Meeting</td>
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<td>Attend a Kidsight Screening</td>
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<td>Volunteer with the Sight Committee</td>
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<td>Help at Lunch Meetings, ie: Greeter, Song Leader, Badge Checker, Guest Registration and Intro</td>
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<td>Volunteer to help at a 9 Health Fair</td>
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New Member Packet

- LCI Welcome
- Denver Den Welcome
- Copy of Presentation
- Opportunity for Involvement Checklist
- Activity Leaders List
Colorado MD6 opportunities for volunteering

- Colorado Lions Kidsight Program
- Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute
- Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank
- Lions Recycle for Sight
- International Missions
- Colorado Lions Camp
- Colorado Lions Foundation
Youth Services: Colorado Lions Camp

- Year round facility serving individuals with special needs and disabilities through adaptive residential camping experiences.
- Campers are ages 8 to adult
- Located in Woodland Park, CO
- Opportunities for involvement:
  - Camp work days in the spring and opportunities for club participation during the season with cooking a serving meals
  - Serve on the Board of Trustees