

Westminster Lions Club Local Donations

Oakmont Pop Warner Program
Oakmont Youth Soccer Program
National Honor Society Banquet
Co-captain's Banquet
Annual Christmas Baskets
Scholarships
Habitat for Humanity
Oakmont Booster Club
Mass Lions Eye Research
Lions Club International Fund
District 33A Sight & Hearing Fund
District 33A Sight Mobile
Lions Lazarus Program
Boys'/Girls' State
Westminster Little League
Worcester Free Medical Services
Worcester Firefighter's Fund
Frank Onischuck Award at Oakmont
Frank K. Linhart Award at Monty Tech
Our Father's House Fitchburg
Westminster Elementary Library
Meetinghouse School Library
Forbush Library
Westminster Youth Soccer
Monty Tech Baseball
Association of Blind Citizens
Oakmont Summer Basketball
Westminster Food Pantry
Lions State Band
NEADS
Girl Scouts
Westminster Women's Club
Overlook SOAR Program

If you notice the word "WE" is listed in each of our activities. The Westminster

Lions are a team. WE are hoping to encourage YOU to consider becoming part of the LIONS TEAM in Westminster. Please give some serious thought to this. If you desire additional information, please see one of the Lions at this event or send us a note at:

P.O. Box 618
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Westminster Lions Club

Chartered
June 22, 1959



For almost 48 years, the members of the Westminster Lions have worked to raise funds for local, state, country and international groups and organizations. These funds are raised through a number of events that encourage volunteerism, good will, and giving back to the community. Each year the Westminster Lions raise ten to fifteen thousand dollars for charity.

We Serve

Lions Club History



The International Association of Lions Clubs began as the dream of Chicago businessman Melvin Jones. He believed that local business clubs should expand their horizons from purely professional concerns to the betterment of their communities and the world at large.

Jones' group, the Business Circle of Chicago, agreed. After contacting similar groups around the United States, an organizational meeting was held on June 7, 1917 in Chicago, Illinois, USA. The new group took the name of one of the invited groups, the "Association of Lions Clubs," and a national convention was held in Dallas, Texas, USA in October of that year. A constitution, by-laws, objects and code of ethics were approved.

Among the objects adopted in those early years was one that read, "No club shall hold out the financial betterment of its members as its object." This call for unselfish service to others remains one of the association's main tenets.

Just three years after its formation, the association became international when the first club in Canada was established in 1920. Major international expansion continued as clubs were established, particularly throughout Europe, Asia and Africa during the 1950s and '60s.

In 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions international convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA. She challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." From this time, Lions clubs have been actively involved in service to the blind and visually impaired.

Broadening its international role, Lions Clubs International helped the United Nations form the Non-Governmental Organizations sections in 1945 and continues to hold consultative status with the U.N.

In 1990, Lions launched its most aggressive sight preservation effort, SightFirst. The US \$202 million program strives to rid the world of preventable and reversible blindness by supporting desperately needed health care services.

In addition to sight programs, Lions Clubs International is committed to providing services for youth. Lions clubs also work to improve the environment, build homes for the disabled, support diabetes education, conduct hearing programs and, through their foundation, provide disaster relief around the world.

Lions Clubs International has grown to include 1.3 million men and women in approximately 45,000 clubs located in 200 countries and geographic areas.



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Activities

The following is a list of events that the Westminster Lions Club holds on an annual basis for the purpose of raising money or to recognize groups or organizations.

- **We** hold an auction each June at the VFW.
- **We** sponsor an annual golf tournament along with the Ashburnham Lions each July.
- **We** rent tents to groups and individuals from May through early October.
- **We** hold a yard sale in the fall at the VFW.
- **We** host a banquet to recognize the National Honor Society at Oakmont and Monty Tech.
- **We** host a dinner for the co-captains and coaches of the Oakmont and Gardner High School football teams just before the annual Thanksgiving Day game.
- **We** sell Christmas trees.
- **We** hold a speech contest for interested Oakmont and Monty Tech students that is sponsored by Lions International.
- **We** sponsor a Peace Poster contest at Overlook Middle School.
- **We** put on monthly pancake breakfasts that benefit local organizations.