



Lions Clubs International

Blue Ridge Lions Club



Meets 2nd Thurs @ 7PM

JD Hatley

Welcome to the Club!!



Today we will look at four areas

- Who Lions Are and How It All Began
- The Blue Ridge Lions Club
- Our District and Multiple District
- Lions Clubs International (LCI)

Who Are Lions Anyway???



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



Why Lions Exist



- **Vision Statement:** To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.
- **Mission Statement:** To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.
- **Motto:** “We Serve”
- **Slogan:** Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation’s Safety
- **Purposes:** LCI has a list of purposes to convey why Lions clubs exist.
- **Code of Ethics:** LCI has a code of ethics which set the standard that Lions should aspire to adhere to.

What Started it All???



Lions Clubs International began as a dream of a Chicago insurance man named Melvin Jones who wondered why local business clubs could not come together and expand their horizons from just business concerns to the betterment of their communities and the world at large.

At an organizational meeting on June 7, 1917, twelve men gathered at a local hotel and voted into existence the Association of Lions Clubs and scheduled a national convention in Dallas, Texas for October of that year.

Thirty-six delegates, from 22 clubs in 9 states attended that first convention and elected Dr. William P Woods as their first President, along with founder Melvin Jones as Secretary.

Origin of the name "Lions"



- **Melvin Jones researched the idea of calling the new organization Lions. The name Lions was chosen on a secret ballot over several others because the lion stood for strength, courage, fidelity and vital action.**
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Blue Ridge Lions Club

- **Year chartered:** 2016
- **Number of charter members:** 20+
- **Significant awards or achievements:**
 - **Club Excellence Award 2017-18**
 - **Club Excellence Award 2018-19**
 - **Club Excellence Award 2019-2020**
 - **Club Excellence Award 2020-21**

History: How we came About



- Lions Jim Starnes and Jerry Hatley from the Taylors Club always wanted a Lions Club in the Blue Ridge area. Edwina Otto, then District Governor, along with LCI Club Charter Expert, Ronnie Martin of Texas, began canvassing the BR area for potential Lions, one of whom was Jim Barbare.
- After several months an informational meeting was held at the Big Boy's restaurant near Lake Robinson.
- In August of 2015 an organizational meeting was held at Blue Ridge Middle School, but at that time, there was not sufficient interest to proceed.
- After generating more interest in a Lions Club another organizational meeting was held and the required minimum of 20 Lions joined together to form the Blue Ridge Lions Club.
- Lions Jim Starnes and Jerry Hatley served as Guiding Lions for BRLC for two years.
- Our Club was chartered during the Centennial Anniversary of Lions Clubs International, so we are considered a "Centennial Club".

2020-21 Club Officers



- **President:** Paula Crane
- **Immediate Past President:** Blake McClimon
- **Vice President:** Blake McClimon
- **Secretary:** Hope Barbare
- **Treasurer:** Becky Bagwell

Coordinators and Chairs



• Membership Chairs	Trent & Jim Barbare
• Service Chair	Dave Woods
• Eyecare Coordinator	Clara LeBlanc
• Diabetes Coordinator	Dr. Kimber McClimon
• Web Master	Timothy McClimon
• Facebook Administrator	Peggy Johnson
• Adopt a Highway Coordinator	Blake McClimon
• Deputy AAH Coordinator	Brian Barbare
• Lion Tamer	Brian Barbare
• Lion's Pride Editor and Publisher	Hope Barbare
• Nominating Committee Chair	Becky Bagwell
• James Blackwell Scholarship Committee	Hope Barbare, Chair
»	Phil Bowers, Blake McClimon

Previous Club Officers



- Officers of the Club are President, Immediate Past President, Secretary and Treasurer

Year	Pres	V Pres	Sec	Treas	Board	Board	Board
2016-17	J Barbare	P Bowers	P Crane	B Bagwell	J Blackwell		
2017-18	P Bowers	H Barbare	P Crane	B Bagwell	J Blackwell	P Johnson	B McClimon
2018-19	H Barbare	P Johnson	P Crane	B Bagwell	J Blackwell	R LeBlanc	
2019-20	B McClimon	P Johnson	P Crane	B Bagwell	J Blackwell	R LeBlanc	T McClimon
2020-21	P Crane	B McClimon	H Barbare	B Bagwell	J Blackwell	Ray LeBlanc	P Johnson

- The Board of Directors meets monthly and consists of:
 - President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer
 - Three (3) Club Members are elected for a 2-year term
(effective 2018)
 - Board meets 1st Thursday of each month

- Annual Christmas Party
- Annual Officer Installation
- Belk Charity Sale Fund Raisers
- Adopt-a-Highway – 4 times per year – Fews Bridge Road
- Membership Drives at Lake Robinson
- Hot Dog Fund Raiser at Tyger Lodge
- Recognize Club Members who are Veterans
- Vision Screenings
- Backpack Program at BR High School
- Donations to victims of childhood cancer
- Donations to victims of diabetes
- Informational Speakers at Club Meetings
- Purchased iPad for student with sudden onset vision problems
- Donations to newly-formed Lions Clubs

Current Charter Members



- Jim Barbare
- Hope Barbare
- Trent Barbare
- Jud Blackwell
- Phil Bowers
- Blake McClimon

- Officers are elected annually
- Club president appoints a nomination committee in March
- The nomination committee selects candidates
- Slate of Officers is presented in April
- The club votes on in May
- Officers are installed in June
- The term begins July 1st

While service is its own reward, special accomplishments and milestones should be recognized and celebrated. The awards below are awards that all Lions can achieve.

- **Membership Keys** — recognizes the number of new members a Lion has sponsored
- **Chevrons** — Issued to Lions after 10 years of membership; every five years thereafter
- **Member Sponsor Recognition** issued to Lions for each new member sponsored
- **Extension Awards** — issued by District Governor to Lions providing greatest assistance in forming new clubs

- Vision Screening at Schools and Greer Library
- Belk Charity Sale Fund Raisers
- Christmas Poinsettia Flower Sales
- Mother's Day Hanging Basket Sales
- Papa John's Pizza Coupon Sales

The benefits of Lions Club membership are numerous, and include:

- Be part of a global community for good
- Support, tools and resources to enhance your service
- Leadership development opportunities
- The satisfaction and joy of helping those in need
- Networking opportunities with local and international community leaders
- Friendship and fellowship with service minded people
- Respect and credibility of being a Lion

- **When:** 2nd Thursday of each month
- **Where:** Lil Rebel Restaurant
 - 6:30 pm for eating
 - 7:00 p.m. for meeting

- **Adopted:** August 9, 2018
- Governs
 - Membership
 - Emblem, Slogan, Colors, and Motto
 - Supremacy
 - Officers and Board
 - Delegates to conventions
 - Club Branch Programs
 - Club Funds
 - Amendment Procedure

- Governs
 - Membership Categories
 - Elections and filling Vacancies
 - Duties of Officers
 - Board of Directors
 - Committees
 - Meetings
 - Fees and Dues
 - Club Branch Administration
 - Miscellaneous Information
 - Club Dispute Resolution Procedure
 - Amendments

○ Total Dues

- Club dues: \$25 per quarter or \$100 annually, with discounts for family units, and are allocated thusly:
 - \$43.00 annually International Dues
 - 9.30 annually Multi-District Dues
 - 10.00 annually District Dues
 - 37.70 annually BR Lions Club

○ Activities Budget – this is our Fund Raising Account

○ Administrative Budget – this is our Operating Account



How We Communicate



- **E-mail** – make sure we have your current email address and make sure to check your account regularly
- **Book of Reports** – distributed to each family unit at Club Meetings
- **Lion's Pride** – monthly newsletter published by Hope Barbare
- **Facebook** – Peggy Johnson is our Administrator
- **Website** – blueridgelionsclub.com – Timothy McClimon is our Web Master
- **Meeting Reminders** mailed to homes monthly

Our Facebook Page



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https://www.facebook.com/BRLionsclubSC/

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Lions Clubs.org

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Vision screening at East Link Academy
Lions are here to serve the community and they have fun while they are doing it. Let us know if your organization needs a vision screening.

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blueridgelionsclub.com

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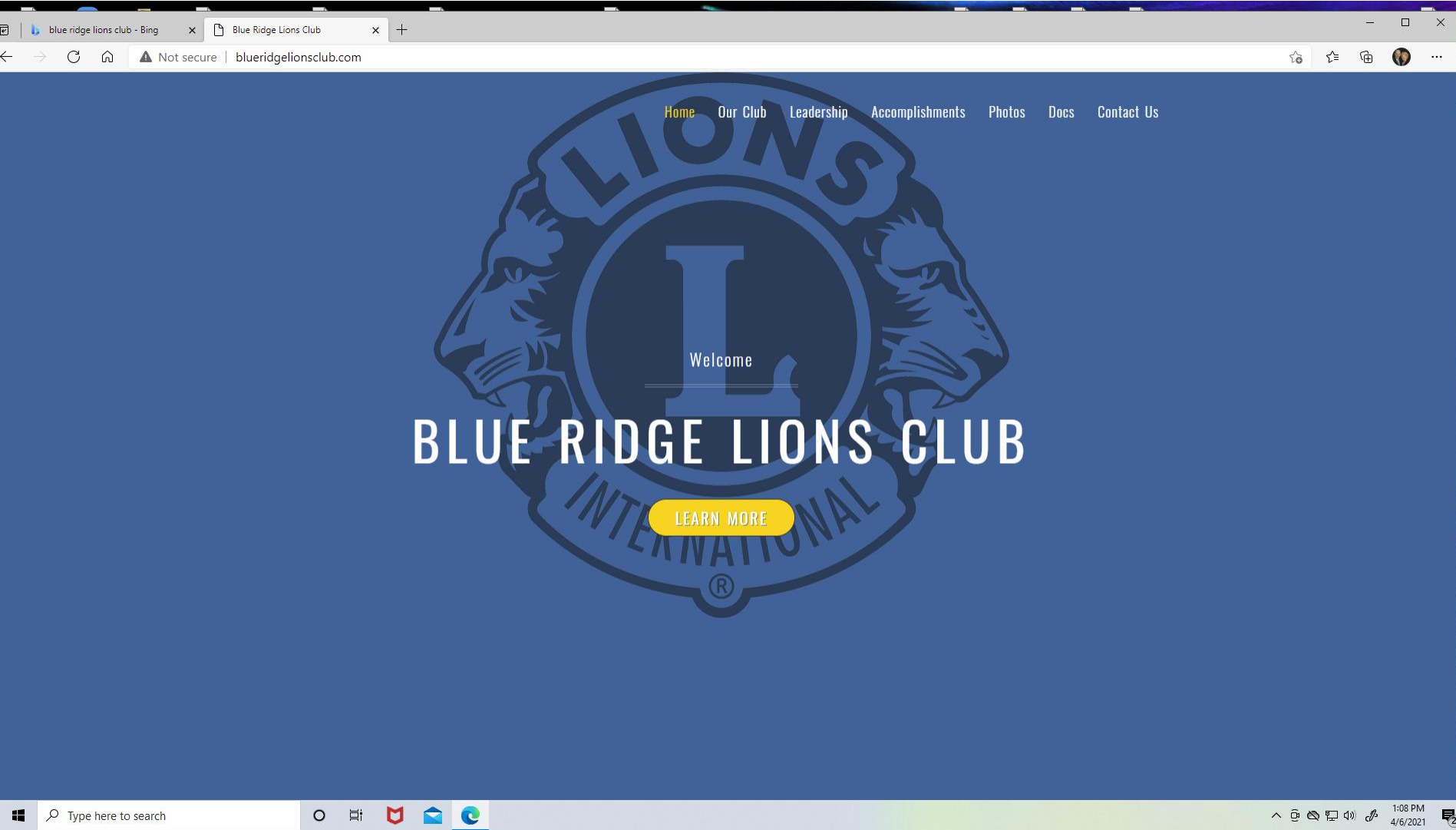
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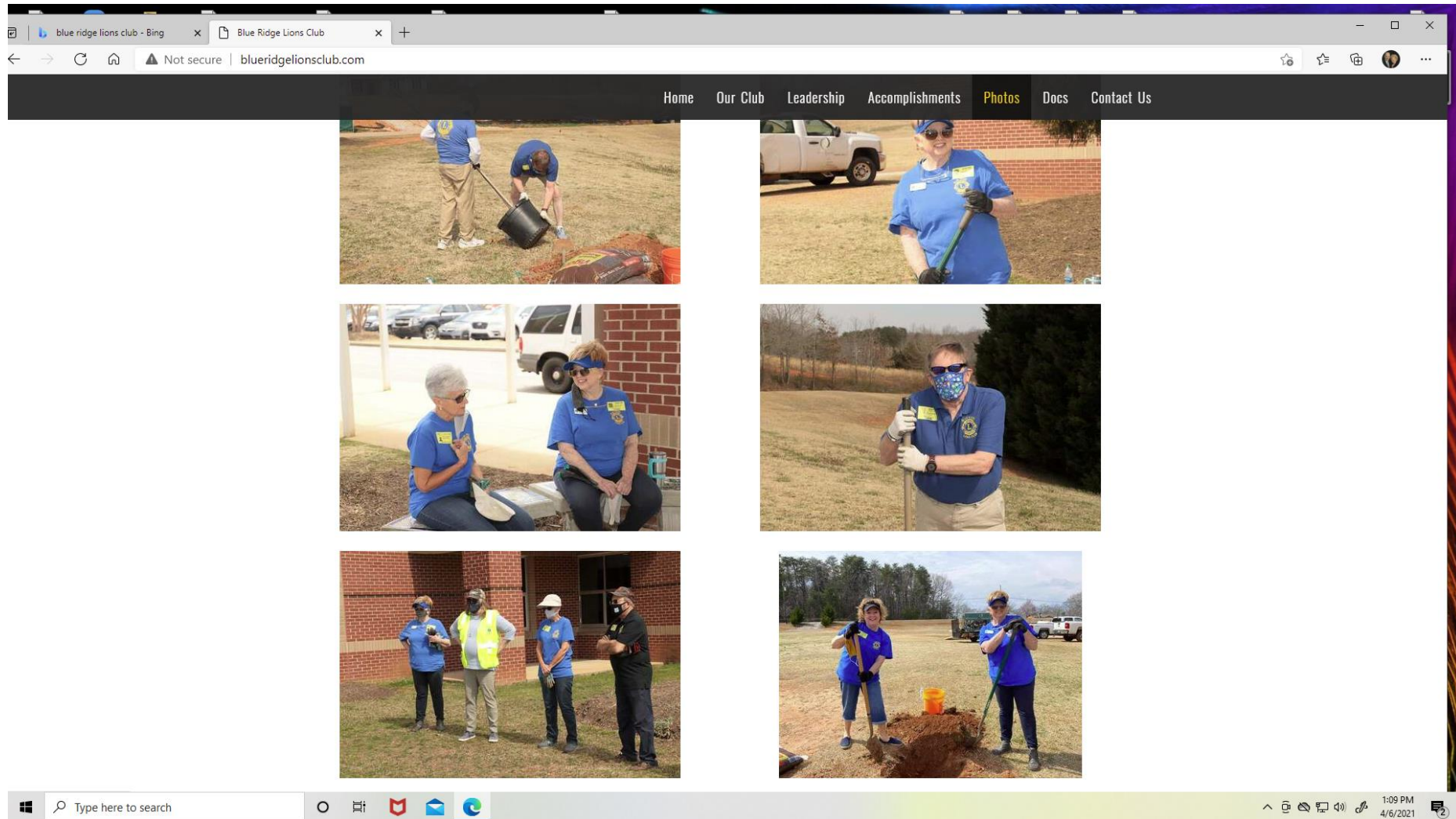
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Our Web Site



Web Site Activities





Lions Clubs International



**Blue Ridge Lions belong to
District 32**

- **There about 750 districts with 35 or more clubs and at least 1,250 members in each district.**
 - Each district has a district governor
- **Multiple districts are formed by two or more districts within a territory.**
- **Our Multiple District: 32 – made up of 2 Districts, 32-C and 32-S**
- **Our District: 32-S currently has 66 Lions Clubs**
 - There are 11 Zones in District 32-S
 - BRLC is in Zone 5 which includes Greer, Greer Centennial, Slater Marietta and Taylors
- **District 32-C currently has 61 Lions Clubs**

2021-22 District Leadership



- **District Governor:** Judy Scott
- **First Vice District Governor:** Jim Barbare
- **Second Vice District Governor:** Randy Culbertson
- **Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer:** Linda Rumsey – Kim Keener
- **Zone 5 Chairperson:** Gloria Eaves, Chairperson
- **Council of Governors:** Rhett Hair III, Chairperson
- **Global Action Team:**
 - Global Action Team District Chairperson (District Governor): Judy Scott
 - **Global Membership Team District Coordinator:** Hope Barbare
 - Global Leadership Team District Coordinator: [Insert] Shirley Ballard
 - Global Service Team District Coordinator: [Insert] Paul Dove, Jr.

- **District conventions are held to:**
 - Develop fellowship among the Lions of the district
 - Conduct general district business
 - Elect the district governor and other district-elected officers
 - Conduct seminars
- **Due to Pandemic Restrictions the 2020-21 District Convention was held virtually on February 26-27.**
- **The Multi-District Convention is scheduled for April 9-11, 2021 in Spartanburg, SC.**

How the District and Multiple District Communicate



❑ Palmetto Lion Magazine

<http://southcarolinalions.org/palmetto-lion-newsletter/>

❑ SC Lions Website

<http://southcarolinalions.org/>

❑ District 32-S Website

<http://www.e-district.org/sites/district%2032-s/index.php/>

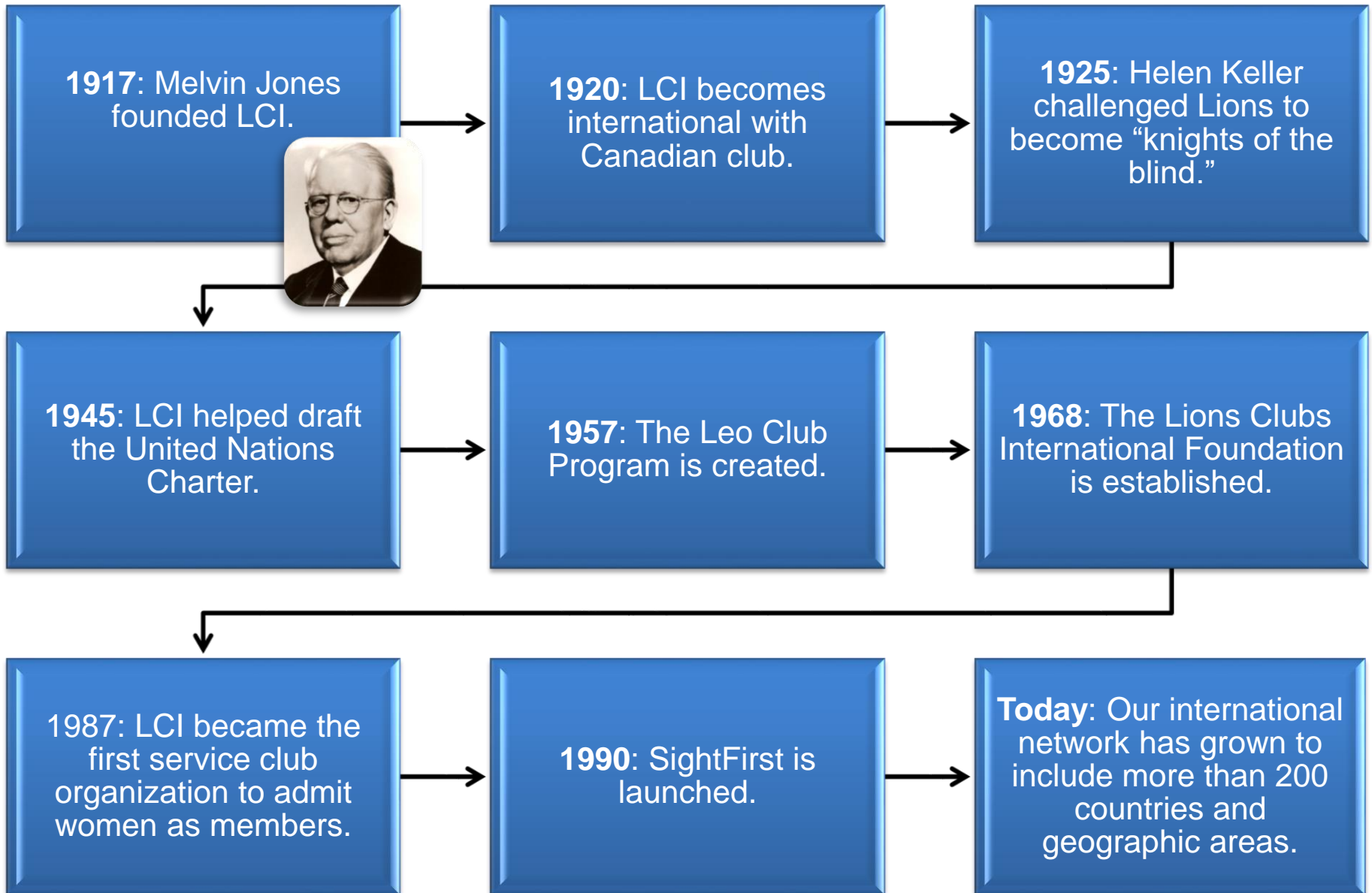


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- The Lions logo consists of a gold “L” on a blue field surrounded by a gold circle. On either side of the circle is the profile of a Lion’s head, one looking back upon a proud past and the other looking optimistically toward the future.



- **International officers implement policy and serve as inspirational leaders of the world's Lions.**
 - **International President:** Dr, Jung-Yul Choi (Republic of Korea)
 - **First Vice President:** Douglas X Alexander
 - **Second Vice President:** **Brian E Sheehan**
 - **Third Vice President:** Dr. Patricia Hill
- **The International Board of Directors is the governing body of the association.**
 - 34 members
- **The International Constitution and By-Laws govern the operations of the association and establish the rules by which the association is to function.**

Convention brings together thousands of Lions from around the world for a week of business, education, celebration and fellowship.

- **2019:** Milan, Italy
- **2020:** Singapore
- **2021:** Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- **2022:** New Delhi, India
- **2023:** Boston, Massachusetts, USA
- **2024:** Melbourne, Australia
- **2025:** Mexico City, Mexico

International Headquarters



- **Located in Oak Brook Illinois**
- **Approximately 275 staff members in 11 divisions:**
 - Convention
 - District and Club Administration
 - Finance
 - Information Technology
 - Leadership Development
 - Legal
 - Lions Clubs International Foundation
 - Marketing
 - Membership
 - Member Operations and Support
 - Service Activities





Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Important Facts

- Founded in 1968: official foundation of Lions Clubs International, empowering the service of Lions
- Provides grant funding for large-scale humanitarian projects
- Relies on donations
- More than US\$1 billion in grants awarded to date
- Amidst the most ambitious fundraising campaign in its history



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FOUNDATION

50+ Years of Impact

- US\$120 million in disaster relief funding
- 16 million children served by Lions Quest
- 9.1 million cataract surgeries
- Millions of children vaccinated against measles

LCI provides training and development opportunities for Lions. The Global Leadership Team (GLT) is the driving force behind these programs, including:

- Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes
- Advanced Lions Leadership Institutes
- Faculty Development Institutes
- Regional Lions Leadership Institutes
- District Governors-Elect Seminar
- Multiple District Leadership Development Funding
- GLT District Funding Support Program
- Webinars
- Lions Learning Center
- Lions Certified Instructor Program

Because Lions seek to address the greatest needs in their communities, our activities are varied, although Lions are united behind five global causes. The Global Service Team (GST) is the driving force behind these programs and collects and shares service stories that empower leaders to act.

- Diabetes
- Vision
- Hunger
- Environment
- Childhood Cancer

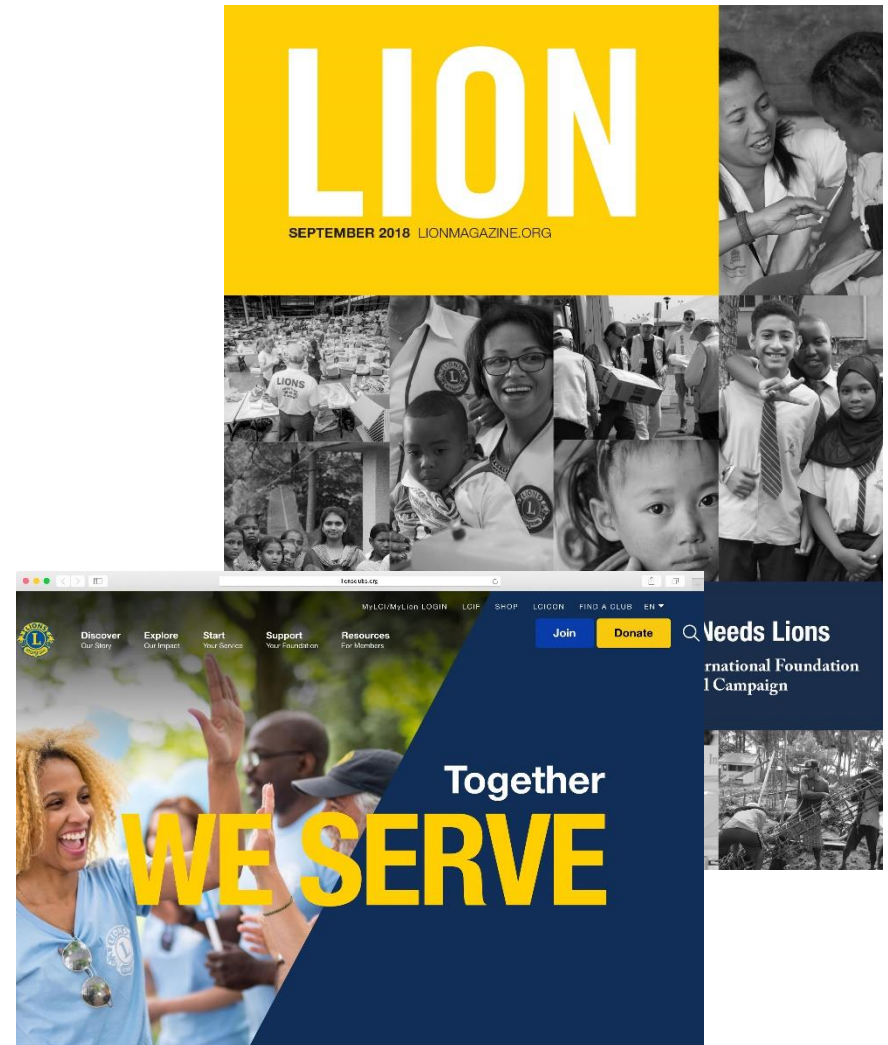
Recruiting new members into our club ensures that there will be a continual influx of enthusiastic members to serve those in need and identify new service that can be done in your community. Membership programs designed to help stimulate growth and foster quality members include:

- Family Membership
- Student Membership
- Leo to Lion
- Lions Worldwide Induction Day
- Leo Clubs
- Club Branches

In addition, forming new clubs is essential to serving a new or underserved area. Membership has several club types to help every member find the right fit:

- Traditional Lions clubs
- Campus Lions clubs
- Leo Lions clubs
- Lioness Lions clubs
- Specialty Lions clubs

- LION Magazine
- E-mail Messages
- Website
 - lionsclubs.org
- Social Networking
 - Facebook
 - facebook.com/lionsclubs
 - Twitter
 - twitter.com/lionsclubs
 - YouTube
 - youtube.com/lionsclubs



Welcome to the Club!

Any Questions?





How well did the Trainer do??

1. When was the Blue Ridge Club chartered?
2. Who was BRLC's first Club President?
3. When and Where are monthly Club meetings?
4. Name 3 service projects BRLC participates in.
5. In what District is our Club located?
6. Who is the current District Governor?
7. Who founded LCI?
8. Where was LCI founded?
9. In what year was the association founded?
10. What is the motto of Lions Clubs?
11. What does LCIF stand for?
12. Who was elected to be District Governor for 2021-22?