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## Lions Clubs International

We reached out to you in March to share an updated dues adjustment model that was scheduled to be voted on at our 2021 international convention. Although this resolution was designed to strengthen the future of Lions, the pandemic has continued to take its toll on our Lions, our communities and our world today.

After careful consideration, the International Board of Directors has taken action to remove the resolution from the ballot this year and to move the vote on the dues adjustment resolution to our 2022 international convention, with the increase to be effective in July 2023 if passed.

We believe that the dues adjustment resolution is the right investment in the future of Lions, but we also realize that our greatest priority is helping our clubs and members make it through one of the greatest challenges of our time.

I want to personally thank you all for your tremendous support, and for everything you're doing to protect the health and well-being of our Lions and our communities.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi  
International President

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**ALERT**

## ATTENTION LIONS!

There are scammers out there preying on your community members!!!

Here is an example of a text message one of our KidSight network providers received:

*This is a Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) grant foundations issuing billions of dollars in grant money to variety of groups each year. grants are awarded to individuals each and every day. grant programs are not loans. you decide how much you need. as long as the amount is lawful and you meet the foundations and government agencies requirements, the money is yours to keep and never need to be repaid. grant money is non-taxable and interest-free. grant money does not require a credit check, security deposits or co-signers, you as a tax payer are entitled to apply for this money. this program is based on helping paying for medical bills, buying a home, salesman starting their own business, going to school, teachers, retired teachers, with seniors old and retired people. when looking for financial assistance, remember that there are differences between grants and loans. you are required to pay back a loan, often with interest. you are not required to pay back a grant. Do you agree with our terms?*

Then today I received a call from a local community member that fell for another type of gift card scam and they were very insistent that it was a person names Gina B. from Lions Clubs International Foundation that scammed them. We referred her to the FBI to see if there was anything they could do as she is out \$150!

We know there is really nothing anyone can do other than be aware this is happening!!!

Here is what LCIF says about it [Protect Yourself from Scams | Lions Clubs International](#)

Under the link is:

February 18, 2021

During recent months, there have been an increasing number of phone, text, social media and email scams. Be aware of scams that fraudulently use the Lions Clubs International (LCI) or Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) name or logo, or other trusted and well-known names. The goal of these types of scams is to trick people into revealing personal and financial information about themselves, which can then be used to commit identity theft.

If you receive a suspicious email, text, check or social media message, please follow these guidelines:

- Do not reply, open any attachments or click on any links in the message.
- Be wary of any offer to accept a check or money order in an amount greater than you are owed or requests to return money back to the check sender.
- Do not immediately cash an unexpected or surprise check. Unless you are expecting a check, and you are absolutely certain it is meant for you, do not deposit it.
- Do not pay upfront for a promise like a grant, debt relief or financial assistance.

Please delete the suspicious message and do not respond. If you wish, you may report this to local authorities in your jurisdiction for further investigation. Examples include:

- Texts and Facebook notices that you have received a grant, but first need to provide personal data.
- Unexpected checks from Lions and/or LCIF that look legitimate, including correct routing numbers.
- Emails or messages from individuals you know saying they are in distress and need you to send money.
- Phone calls from perpetrators posing as Lions or staff, asking for donations via phone.

Unfortunately, if you lose money in a scam, notify your bank immediately and see if they can help.

### Protect yourself!

- If someone contacts you via phone, text, social media or email, no matter how legitimate he or she may seem, **never give out personal information** such as: passwords, Social Security numbers or national ID, credit card or bank account numbers, driver's license or passport numbers.
- As a general practice when receiving unsolicited emails, do not follow embedded links in emails, especially if there is any mention of updating credit card information, personal data, PIN numbers or passwords. Delete these emails immediately.
- If you should be redirected to a website, verify that the URL address begins with "https://." The single letter "S" after "http" indicates that it is a secure site, and is likely legitimate. If the URL is not secure, close your browser immediately.
- If contacted by another club member or the association headquarters via email, mobile text message or social media, and there is a request for financial assistance, wire transfer, etc. do not reply to the message. Contact the club member or association staff separately via email, phone or through the MyLCI Communications Center to validate that the request is legitimate.
- Always use virus protection software on your PC or MAC.
- Exercise caution when using public Wi-Fi systems in a coffee house, restaurant or internet café. These public systems offer no protection from unauthorized fraudulent monitoring.
- Create strong passwords for your email, social media and other online accounts, and update your passwords often.
- Never store passwords, banking information or credit card numbers in your email.
- If you receive an unexpected check, do not deposit it but instead contact the source of the funds to confirm you were to receive the funds.
- If a person you don't know personally asks you to wire money on behalf of LCI or LCIF, contact the help desk.

If you want to donate, do so through your local club or online at [lCIF.org/donate](https://lCIF.org/donate).

If you suspect a scam, or if you're unsure, please contact [privacy@lionsclubs.org](mailto:privacy@lionsclubs.org) or call 630-203-3847.



**NEW MEXICO LIONS DIABETES AWARENESS PROGRAM  
VIRTUAL STRIDES CONTEST PROMOTING EXERCISE  
THAT HELPS PREVENT DIABETES!  
EXTENDED DEADLINE  
May 15, 2021!**

- FRIENDLY REMINDER:** Due to the extended deadline, Club may submit or add miles and times earlier submissions until Saturday, 5/15/2021.
- PRIZES:** Three clubs each from 40 North and South could earn \$100, \$75 or \$50 to add to the Melvin Jones credit at LCI to honor a member while donating to LCIF.
- PURPOSE:** [NMLDAP continues to raise awareness that exercise and diet can help prevent diabetes.](#)
- JUDGES:** NMLDAP BOARD – who will announce the winners in the June Roar and mail checks to clubs who submitted the best club entries. Please send to Lion Rose at 505-2321-2246 or [lionrosesantafe@gmail.com](mailto:lionrosesantafe@gmail.com) who will forward them to the Board.

**NEWSBLAST! HEADLINE FROM AN ARTICLE IN THE SFNM  
AS REPORTED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES**

*“TYPE 2 diabetes is a chronic, progressive illness that can have devastating complications, including hearing loss, blindness, heart disease, stroke, kidney failure and vascular damage so severe as to require limb amputation. Now a new study underscores the toll diabetes may take on the brain. It found that TYPE 2 diabetes is linked to an increased risk for Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia later in life, and the younger the age at which diabetes is diagnosed, the greater the risk.”*

## **Sandia Mountain Lions Club News**

Sandia Mountain Lions Club will hold an outside yard sale Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 29, at the home of Lion Mary Dammann, 734 Windsong Road, one mile south of NM 217 between Tijeras and Edgewood. Proceeds will benefit Club service projects and the New Mexico Diabetes Awareness Program.

A White Cane event is planned for July 17 during a Craft Show at United Methodist church in Cedar Crest.

On October 23, a Health Fair and Craft Show is on the schedule. Details later.

Lions Mary Dammann, Jani Klatt and Kurt Read, all relatively new members, are registered to attend the virtual Lions International Convention this year.

**Provided by Lion Gerry Jones**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**United in Kindness and Diversity  
with International President,  
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**

Dear Lion,

You know the value of a job well done. Because whether you're breaking ground in a community garden or on a new addition to a local school, you know that your impact grows far beyond the work of your helping hands.

Our service has always been hands on—and so much more. Our work raises awareness about the issues that matter most and helps build partnerships we need to make an even greater impact. So let's continue to give back and celebrate our service, because what we accomplish today will continue to make a difference for years to come.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi  
International President

# Certificate of Hearing Loss/Order Form (HCG1014)

To receive your Hamilton CapTel® phone at no-cost, please provide the requested information below.

### APPLICANT INFORMATION: (Please Print)

- Yes, I have high-speed Internet and telephone service where the phone will be used. (Required for use of the Hamilton CapTel phone.)  
Please select your Hamilton CapTel phone:  CapTel 840i  CapTel 2400i
- No, I do not have high speed Internet. Please contact me about other options. (Charges may apply depending on solution.)

Applicant's First Name\* \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Address\* \_\_\_\_\_ City\* \_\_\_\_\_ State\* \_\_\_\_\_ Zip\* \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number\* \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail\* (Only to be used for order confirmation)

### APPLICANT CERTIFICATION:

I understand that Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Service (IP CTS) is regulated and funded by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and in order to obtain a Hamilton CapTel phone at no cost, I must provide valid certification that I have a hearing loss necessitating the use of captioned telephone service. Hamilton CapTel is not responsible for charges incurred in obtaining certification. I also understand that I may be required to provide the last four digits of my social security number and date of birth upon registering my Hamilton CapTel phone.

Applicant's Signature\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date\* \_\_\_\_\_

### INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION: (Please Print)

Business/Agency\* \_\_\_\_\_

Address\* \_\_\_\_\_ City\* \_\_\_\_\_ State\* \_\_\_\_\_ Zip\* \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number\* \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail\* \_\_\_\_\_

### INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION:

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that: 1) this applicant has hearing loss that necessitates the use of Captioned Telephone Service; and 2) I understand that the service is provided by a live communications assistant and is funded through a federal program; and 3) I have not been offered or provided any direct or indirect incentive (financial or otherwise) tied to this consumer's decision to use the service and I have not been referred to the applicant by a TRS provider or its affiliates; and 4) I don't have a business (other than providing this form), family or social relationship with the TRS provider or its affiliates; and 5) no joint marketing arrangement exists between myself/my organization and Hamilton CapTel, and I have not made, nor do I have the opportunity to make, a profit on the sale of IP CTS equipment to consumers.

- Please check only one\*  Physician  Audiologist  Hearing Related Professional  Government/Veterans Program

Name\* \_\_\_\_\_ Title\* \_\_\_\_\_

Signature\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date\* \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant authorizes the above named professional to transmit this certification and the information contained herein to Hamilton CapTel.  
\*Required fields. In order to process your request, all fields must be completed.

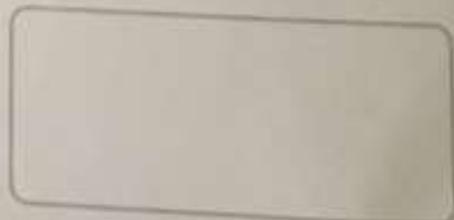
See what they say!



### Please submit the signed certification via one of the following methods:

- Scan Form & E-mail to: [Order@HamiltonCapTel.com](mailto:Order@HamiltonCapTel.com)
- Fax Form to: 877-300-6686 (Please email to delivery: [Call 877-433-4227](mailto:Call8774334227) or visit [www.OrderHamiltonCapTel.com](http://www.OrderHamiltonCapTel.com))
- Mail Form to: Hamilton CapTel Customer Order - 1006 12th Street - Aurora, NE 68818

Before your Hamilton CapTel phone ships, you will be contacted to verify delivery information. Please allow 7-10 weeks for delivery. Your phone will be shipped by WetBeech Communications Inc. If you have any questions, please contact Customer Care at 877-455-4227.



# Campaign 100 Pledge Form

Your gift will empower the service of Lions as they take on global challenges, making the world a better place today and for generations to come.



## PLEDGE INFORMATION:

I/We pledge a total contribution of US\$\_\_\_\_\_ to Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Included is an initial payment of US\$\_\_\_\_\_.

I/We would like to make pledge payments\*:

- Monthly    Quarterly    Semi-Annually    Annually

*\* Pledges equivalent to or greater than US\$5,000 may be fulfilled over five years. Pledges equivalent to or less than US\$4,999.99 may be fulfilled over three years. If no payment schedule is selected above, the pledge will be deemed payable in equal annual installments over three or five years, based on pledge amount.*

**Visit [lcif.org](http://lcif.org) to donate online and to learn about other ways to donate.**

## DONOR INFORMATION:

For pledge recognition and recording purposes, please provide the following information. Regarding disclosure of your name and gift amount, please check one box below.

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- I/We permit disclosure of my/our name(s) and gift amount in Lions' publications.  
 My/Our gift is to remain anonymous.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Month/Day/Year \_\_\_\_\_

Club Number \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

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### Send donations to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation | Department 4547 | Carol Stream, Illinois 60122-4547 | USA

For more information call 630.203.3836 or email [donorassistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto:donorassistance@lionsclubs.org).

## International Peace Poster Contest

Give your community the opportunity to get involved from home by getting creative. For more than 30 years, Lions clubs have given young people the chance to become our partners in peace and inspire the world through our International Peace Poster Contest.

Learn how your club can sponsor the Peace Poster Contest through a local school or youth group and engage your entire community through a virtual exhibition. Peace Poster Contest kits go on sale beginning on January 15, 2021. So visit the LCI Shop page to purchase your contest kit and start planning today.



## AdultSight Eyeglasses Program

Statewide, Lions are still able to help people in their communities with glasses despite the current Covid-19 environment we are living in!

Here is the AdultSight Eyeglasses application that can be given out to community members statewide that have current prescriptions. If they do not have a current prescription have them add "Need Eye Exam" to the bottom of the application and we will refer qualified applicants to the closest participating office for their eye exam and glasses through the VSP Gift Certificate program. All applications for assistance should be returned to the Central Office in Las Cruces for processing if your club does not have the financial means to help them.

For eyeglasses only requests, if your club has the Changing Life Through Lenses sample frame kit we will contact you after processing each of your referrals applications with the next step in the process for you to help your referral.

If your club does not have the frames kit we will either arrange to send a loaner frames kit to you/ your club that will need to be mailed back to the Central Office when the selection has been made. Then you can set up a meeting with your referral for them to choose their frames or we can email frames pictures to your referral to choose their frame by picture alone.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lion Brenda Dunn at the Central Office at 575-525-5631 or [nmlionskidsight@gmail.com](mailto:nmlionskidsight@gmail.com) or Lion Rita Graham at 505-688-1916 or [spectaclewhiz@aol.com](mailto:spectaclewhiz@aol.com).

**Provided by Lion Brenda Dunn**

## New Mexico Lions AdultSight Eyeglasses Program

1501 N. Solano Drive Las Cruces, NM 88001 575-635-8148 Fax: 575-524-1699

### Eye Glass Application

Please Answer Every Question: (if it does not apply mark "no," "NA," or "none") otherwise forms will be returned, thus causing delay. If applicant is a minor or is living with and/or supported by parents, data required pertains to both the parent/guardian and applicant. The New Mexico Lions Eye Bank will not assume any financial obligation or responsibility until this application has been approved by a designee of the Eye Bank and/or Board of Directors.

Please Print Legibly

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Married: \_\_\_\_\_ Single: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Dependents: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian if Applicant is a Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

First time application for Eyeglasses or Eye Exam to the New Mexico Lions Eye Bank? YES or NO

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

If no income, how are you supported? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you on Medicare/Medicaid or do you have any other medical/hospital insurance? YES or NO

If Yes, name of the company: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Income		Assets	
Applicant Salary	\$	Amount of ALL Mortgages	\$
Spouse Salary	\$	Bank Accounts - Checking	\$
Parent/Guardian Salary	\$		
Social Security	\$		
Disability Pension	\$		
Retirement Pension	\$		
Welfare Assistance	\$		
Other Income	\$		
Total NET income (yearly)	\$		

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU MUST HAVE A CURRENT EYE GLASS PRESCRIPTION (Less than one year old)**

**Attach a COPY of your Eyeglass Prescription. (Must be less than 1 year old)**

EVERY BLANK MUST BE FILLED IN OR APPLICATION WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DENIED

**A message from:  
Jerome Thompson  
Past International Director,  
GAT Constitutional Area 1 Leader**

My Grandmother, the queen of odd sayings, reminded me often not to water the dead plants. Not knowing what she meant, I would water all the flowers. As I have gotten older, I have found that some situations just are not producing the fruit that I desire. Hence, it is time to turn my attention to more fruitful pursuits. If we are going to finish this Lion year strong, it is time for us to stop, evaluate our progress, regroup, and possibly look for a new path to success.

The most important activity of a club is meeting the needs of the community. Then if there are resources left, a club should turn its attention to the Global Causes identified by Lions Clubs International. As a leader in your Club, please take a moment and make sure that your service impact has been reported using MyLION. Together, we the Lions of the United States and affiliated countries can impact more than 30 million lives. Currently, we have reported impacting 20.4 million lives.

The second most important thing we can do is keep the members we have. Clubs that have engaging hands on service projects, which engage all members, find that retention is best. Adding to their success is engaging meetings, which follow an agenda, allow for fellowship, fun, and family. Your club can gauge Membership Satisfaction by using the "Just Ask" guide New Member Survey for all members.

And finally, a club which is Visible, Vibrant and Vital within its community is engaging other members. New Members bring new ideas, new contacts, and new enthusiasm to our clubs. Additionally, they bring time, talent and treasure which assist us in expanding our ability to serve.

Where will we water in the next 50 days? May I suggest that we use our human resources to retain the members we have, add members to our existing clubs, and as time permits, extend our footprint of service within our communities.

Thank you for your service to your club and Lions International. We could not do it without you.  
Your CA 1 GAT Area Leaders

Sincerely,

H. Jerome Thompson

PID Jerome Thompson, Global Action Team - CA 1 Leader



## Why Pay Dues?

This question has been asked on several social media platforms that I follow. My response to this question is:

Why pay money to go to a Concert to hear your favorite artist perform? Why pay to download a song? Why pay for XM radio? You can listen on the AM/FM station for free.

I pay for XM Radio so that I can tune into the station that plays Jimmy Buffet when I want to listen to him. I am not content to let others decide when and if I get to listen to my favorite artist on the AM/FM station. I download a song occasionally, that I connect with, because even the XM station does not play it enough to suit me.

And finally, I pay to go to the concert, approximately what I pay for annual Lions Clubs dues, because I enjoy the fellowship with like-minded people, who make the evening fun and enjoyable. at I connect with, because even the XM station does not play it enough to suit me.

I pay to volunteer because I have input into the service we provide, when it is provided, the fellowship and fun that I have with like-minded community servants – LIONS.



### Alamogordo Evening Lions Club News

In January 2021, District Governor Elect Chris Hall issued a challenge to raise a minimum of \$1000 by March 20th at our District 40s convention. If this goal was met, he would shave off all his hair while at the State Convention on May 1st on Zoom. This challenge was met and he has had his head shaved. I have attached before and after photos.

**Provided By Lion Sandy Nelson, Club Secretary**



## RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE PULL TAB COLLECTION STILL ON-GOING!

The closest for 40 north is 1011 Yale, NE, Albuquerque.

Bring them to the next district or multiple meeting and Santa Fe Capital City or an Albuquerque Lion Club will deliver them for you. This article is from their website, modified for New Mexico.

And Hey! For such an easy club project, get double credit on your club activities report to LCI— Helping youth as well as the environment by recycling!

They help with everyday expenses, but service is provided to children by helping their parents.

SFCC Lions Tom, Connie and Rose delivering tab tops to Ronald McDonald House were led by the late Lion Sara Filemyr who was hugged by Ronald who awaited them at the door.





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## County of Eddy State of New Mexico

### Press Release

Date: April 20, 2021  
Contact: Jeri Strong  
[jstrong@co.eddy.nm.us](mailto:jstrong@co.eddy.nm.us)  
575-887-9511



#### Eddy County Chief Deputy Assessor, Melissa Washburn, responds to Appointment to Governor's Commission on Disability

**Eddy County, NM-** Eddy County Chief Deputy Assessor Melissa Washburn responds to her recent appointment to the Governor's Commission on Disability, representing Southern New Mexico.

*"Being appointed to the Governor's Commission on Disability, to represent the Southern part of New Mexico, is an honor. The GCD is a state agency that manages programs related to accessibility and advocacy for persons with disabilities. Having a disability of my own and being accompanied daily with my service animal Rocky, I am grateful that the GCD exists.*

*While attending NM EDGE classes, I had the opportunity to meet a current board member on the GCD. After many classes together and getting to know this individual, he recommended me for the appointment.*

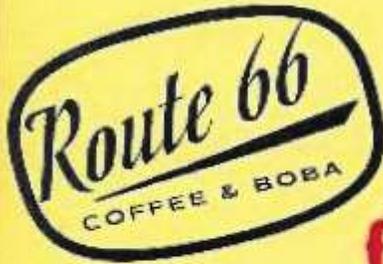
*I feel that this appointment is not only an honor to serve but an opportunity to educate others about Service Dogs, access laws and the laws that apply to Service Dog Teams. Not every handler of a Service Dog has a need that is obvious. That is where educating the public is imperative.*

*Service Animals are only one component of the GCD, they also advocate for NM Brain Injury, Residential Accessibility Modification Program (RAMP) for home modifications, Assistive Listening Devices for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing, and the NMTAP which offers free services to New Mexicans with Disabilities to help them get the assistive or adaptive technology for anyone with a disability, anywhere in the state of NM, of any age.*

*The Mission is: Equal Access, Removing Barriers, and Improving Quality of Life.*

*I am eager to be a part of this mission and to use not only the knowledge I have living with a disability but to advocate for all New Mexicans living with a disability."*

Eddy County congratulates Melissa on her appointment and looks forward to her representation and advocacy for those with disabilities in Southern New Mexico.



Charity drink  
de **MAYO**



**FIESTA BOBA**

**66% of proceeds  
benefit the Edgewood  
Lion's Club**

3 George Ct, Suite A, Edgewood, NM  
[www.smalltowncoffeeshop.com](http://www.smalltowncoffeeshop.com)

**With our membership in decline, LCI has a program for all of us to utilize. What a fantastic incentive for recruiting new members into your club. What a wonderful thing for LCI to do to bring in new members and to honor our Veterans, and Active Duty Military.**

**Provided by Lions 1st VDG Elect Debbie Bryan**



## Involve a Veteran Program

Service to others has many faces.

Those who serve their country have made great contributions and great sacrifices. Lions Clubs International recognizes the commitment and passion of these individuals. As a way of welcoming them into the global family of Lions, the organization offers veterans and active duty service members an entrance or charter fee waiver when joining a Lions Club.\*

Lions International provides opportunities for leadership, personal fulfillment, and relationship building through community and global service activities, easing the transition to civilian life and connecting individuals who share similar life experiences.

Veterans and active duty service members have incredible experience to offer any Lions Club they join, or any new club they bring together. They don't just know how to get the job done - they know how to do it with teamwork and strong leadership. Their adaptability and practical service experience can create tangible contributions to their community, continuing the momentum of a life led in service to others.

Lions International is a place where kindness matters, and the 'Involve a Veteran' program offers servicemen and women the opportunity to be a part of our global service mission.

*\*See Veteran Program Qualification Criteria and Certification Form for complete details.*



### Lions Clubs International

For questions about the Veteran Program, please contact:  
Membership Development Division  
Lions Clubs International  
300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523 USA  
[membership@lionsclubs.org](mailto:membership@lionsclubs.org)



# Involve a Veteran Program



## Fact Sheet

Lions Clubs International offers an entrance/charter fee waiver to qualifying veteran and active duty military/armed forces service members.

1. This program will be eligible to the first 5,000 certified veteran or active duty service members from all Lions constitutional areas and will run through June 30, 2021.
2. Eligible persons for this program include active duty, retired and honorably discharged service members - including National Guard and Reserve personnel who were called to active duty for other than training - of governmentally recognized service branches from countries within Lions' scope of service (see Lions Clubs International Board Policy).
3. The **Involve a Veteran Certification Form** must be completed by the district governor or club secretary of the appropriate district of club. The form must be submitted to Lions Clubs International's Accounts Receivable and Club Account Services Department when reporting a new member using: MyLCI, Report of Charter Members for new clubs, or EMMR (Electronic Monthly Membership Report) for existing clubs. All information requested must be provided to avoid certification and processing delays. The fee waiver will be processed as a credit on the Lions club billing statement upon receipt of the certification form.
4. Clubs are encouraged to sponsor or defray club, district and multiple district and/or international dues for any eligible service member needing financial assistance.

## Frequently Asked Questions – FAQ

- ? Where can I obtain an Involve a Veteran Certification Form?
  - The Veteran Certification Form can be downloaded from the LCI website or requested by emailing [membership@lionsclubs.org](mailto:membership@lionsclubs.org)
- ? Can existing Lions benefit from the Veteran Program?
  - No, the program is an incentive for new members to existing or new clubs.
- ? Can a members eligible for the Veteran Program also take advantage of other Lions discount programs?
  - Yes. As an example, a new member can qualify for both a charter/entrance fee waiver under the Veteran Program as well as a student dues discount if they meet the eligibility requirements for both programs.

### Questions? Contact:

Membership Development Division  
Lions Clubs International  
300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523 USA  
Email: [membership@lionsclubs.org](mailto:membership@lionsclubs.org)  
Search: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) "Veteran Program"



## Involve a Veteran Program

### Qualification Criteria

Eligible persons for the **Involve a Veteran Program** membership benefit may receive an entrance or charter fee waiver when joining a Lions club.

The entrance or charter fee waiver is available for up to 5,000 qualifying members.

Eligible persons for this benefit include active duty, retired and honorably discharged military service members - including National Guard and Reserve personnel called to active duty for other than training - from governmentally recognized service branches serving in countries or territories listed in Lions Clubs International's Board Policy.

The benefit runs through June 30, 2021.

### Certification Form

An **Involve a Veteran Certification Form** must be submitted to Lions Clubs International's Accounts Receivable and Club Account Services Department when reporting a new member using: MyLCI, Report of Charter Members for new clubs, or EMMR (Electronic Monthly Membership Report) for existing clubs. All information requested must be provided to avoid certification and processing delays.

The fee waiver will be processed as a credit on the Lions club billing statement upon receipt of the certification form.

### Certification of Members

The district governor or club secretary is responsible for collecting, reviewing and maintaining copies of verification documents provided by the military service member. Documents provided should satisfy qualification criteria. Copies of verification documents

**SHOULD NOT** be sent to LCI, but may be requested.

### Definition

*Military service is service by an individual or group in an army or other militia, whether as a chosen job or as a result of an involuntary draft, and for purposes of this benefit includes those individuals committed to **Lions Clubs International's Purpose and***

***Code of Ethics.***

**For questions, please contact:**

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## Improving Communication Among Lions

Lions! Here is how to access the MD40 Facebook page:

Log onto your Facebook page and enter

[MD40 NM Lions Club Forum](#)

in the search box at the top of the page. For first time users, you will need to ask the administrator (Jesse Dudley of the Moriarty Lions Club-thank you Jesse!) for permission to be a member. This is a closed group so it can be kept available for Lions business. Once you are approved, you can check for the latest posts about Lions in MD 40, post notices about your club and its fundraisers or service projects. This is a wonderful resource and the more folks that use it, the more useful it will be. Please give it a try.

Bill McKinney

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## Eye Care

I read an interesting article on how to take care of our eyes last month. It was a five step approach on safeguarding maturing eyes. Most of us are engaged in taking care of family, children and grandchildren, neighbors and friends, with the covid 19 pandemic. We can only help others if we are in good shape ourselves, Lions. So here are the recommendations for safeguarding our aging eyes:

1. Regular physical exams with our primary care doctor to check for any diseases or conditions that may affect our eye health.
2. It is recommended that we complete a dilated eye exam every one to two years for the early detection of eye diseases. A disease such as glaucoma may not have any early signs or symptoms.
3. We should provide a thorough family history to our doctor. Are there family members with diabetes or eye disease? If so we may need the dilated exam every year.
4. We should see an eyecare professional at once if experiencing any double vision, loss or dimness in our eyesight, pain in the eye, fluid coming from the eye, redness and or swelling of our eye or eyelid.
5. We should be wearing sunglasses and a hat or visor when we are outside. These prevent the damaging affects of the sun which lead to the risk of getting cataracts. Are we using safety eyewear for mowing, welding, carpentry, etc.? We don't want to lose an eye due to neglect.

This is the perfect time for making the appointments we have been putting off. Your doctors and eyecare professionals are back in their offices again. Give them a call!

A friendly reminder from your Sight Preservation and Awareness Chair, Lion Rita Graham

**Provided By Lion Rita Graham**

**LOOKING FOR A NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE?**

Advertising the availability of talking prescription labels and large print meets one of our Lion missions. Brochures and sample letter for Eye Care Specialist's and more info available at 1-800-890-1180 or Lion Trish Bissell at 941-702-6608.



**Large Print Labels**

Do you have trouble reading your prescription labels?

Now there's a solution!

**How does it work?**

The pharmacy will attach a booklet-style large print label to your prescription container. A 2D bar code is included which can be scanned with a smart phone to access detailed drug data.

**Can data be translated?**

Yes! Prescription data can be translated into any one of 17 languages.

**How do I get this service?**

Talk with your pharmacist today! They can help you get started with ScriptView large print labels and translation.

**What does it cost?**

There is no additional cost to you for this pharmacy service. This is a FREE program!



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# Scrip Talk<sup>®</sup> STATION




## Talking Prescriptions

Do you have trouble reading your prescription labels?

Now there's a solution!

### How does it work?

The pharmacy will attach a small electronic tag to your prescription container. It contains the same data as the printed label.

Place the container on the ScripTalk Station Reader and hear the label spoken aloud.

### What does it cost?

As part of En-Vision America's **Pharmacy Freedom Program**, the ScripTalk Station Reader is supplied on loan to patients at no cost. This is a **FREE** program.

### How do I get talking labels?

Talk to your pharmacist today about using ScripTalk. They can help you get started with talking labels!

**Walmart**   
Save money. Live better.



## Kidsight & Smith's Community Rewards Program

Hello Lions of New Mexico!

We hope this email finds you all well.

We have just enrolled the New Mexico Lions Operation Kidsight, Inc. (NPO #24950) in the Smith's Community Rewards Program.

For those of you that shop at Smith's Food and Drug Supermarket we would greatly appreciate you taking the time and register/create an account online at the following link <https://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/topic/community-rewards-3> and help us raise money for the foundation. **You do need to have a Smith's Rewards Card** to register and you can obtain that card at the **customer service desk** in your local store. Purchases will not count for us until your card(s) are registered!

Latest Kidsight Update: Over 33,000 kids and counting have been screened this year!

Thank you in advanced for your participation. As everyone knows, every penny counts to help the next child receive vision care and glasses!

**Provided by Lion Brenda Dunn**

## Lions Do Have a Resource Both For Recycling Hearing Aids and Referrals for Hearing Aid Assistance

DIRECTOR TAMMY LITTS IS AVAILABLE TO SPEAK AT MEETINGS AND PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CENTER LOCATED AT 9500 MONTGOMERY BLVD, NE SUITE 215. SHE CAN BE REACHED AT 505-247-4224. She worked with Lion Ellie and the Transitional Leos in the past.

RECYCLING - The Center checks hearing aids first to see if they can be cleaned and used as loaners to clients waiting for hearing aids. If not, they are sent to a company named Starkey who saves parts for requested repairs.

HEARING AID BANK - The Albuquerque Speech Language and Hearing Center 's Hearing Aid Bank (HAB) is designed to assist people with limited resources to obtain entry level digital hearing aids at a reduced cost. The program is made possible, in part, by funding from United Way of New Mexico and is available to anyone in the State, not just Albuquerque. They received \$41,000 from United Way in 2012-2013.

(Capital City Lions have made a referral to a low income Santa Fean. She is calling the Center for an application form. She will also submit an application to our club using our eye exam and glasses form and will keep us informed as to her success.)

**Provided by Lion Rose Himrod**

## **New Mexico Lion Diabetes Awareness & Smith's Community Rewards Program**

The New Mexico lions Diabetes Awareness Program (NMLDAP) is now supported by Smith's Community Rewards Program. Our non-profit organization number is 96006.

To register online: [www.smithscommunityrewards.com](http://www.smithscommunityrewards.com) customers must have a registered Smith's "rewards" card to link to our organization. If a customer does not have a "rewards" card they are available at the service desk at any Smith's or on an on-line Smith's account entering their "rewards" card number and choosing the organization they would like to support through their shopping.

Step by step enrollment instructions can be found at: [www.smithscommunityrewards.com](http://www.smithscommunityrewards.com). All participants must swipe their "rewards" card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Thank you for your supporting The New Mexico lions Diabetes Awareness Program.

## **New Mexico Lions Operation Kidsight, Inc. has joined the AmazonSmile program**

**If you make purchases through Amazon you can now go to [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com) and get the same items and the same prices but Amazon will donate money to Kidsight for eligible purchases.**

### **How does AmazonSmile work?**

When first visiting AmazonSmile, you will be prompted to select a charitable organization we ask that you choose New Mexico Lions Operation Kidsight the list of organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization.

We appreciate your ordering through [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com) going forward and giving to Kidsight.

If you have any questions feel free to give me a call.

Brenda Dunn

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## Lions Clubs International

<i>Constitution &amp; By-Laws</i>	TBD
Diabetes Awareness	TBD
<i>Conventions</i>	TBD
<i>Global Membership</i>	TBD
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<i>Global Leadership</i>	TBD

### Important Dates:

June 25-29, 2021	International Convention	Virtual
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### MD40 Club Charter Anniversaries

Greater Las Vegas	May 1954
Gallup	May 1945
Northern NM College	May 2014
Sandia Mountain	May 1975
Hagerman	May 1946

*CONGRATULATIONS LIONS!*

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