

The Mazomanie Lions Club



Lions Clubs International

Mission Statement

To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation.

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The Mazomanie Lions Club offers opportunities to meet people in the community and form friendships, to give back to this great community and to help people in need, and to gain valuable leadership skills.

The Mazomanie Lions Club was begun in 1950 and has a friendly and active membership of men and women. Members take on civic projects that benefit the community as a whole and they have fun while working together. While many of the club's meetings just cover current business and activities, others are held in parks or restaurants and include time for socializing with other members and guests (such as spouses).

Monthly Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., generally in the Mazomanie Community Building.

Membership Dues are \$45 per year (subject to change).

To join or to learn more about the Mazomanie Lions Club, contact:

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Membership

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with nearly 1.35 million members in 46,000 clubs in 196 countries and geographical areas.

Lions are men and women who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes. Founded in 1917, the volunteer organization's motto is "We Serve."

Service To Others

Worldwide, Lions clubs are recognized for their service to the blind and visually impaired. This service began when Helen Keller challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness" during the 1925 Lions Clubs International Convention.

Today, Lions extend their commitment to sight conservation through countless local efforts, as well as through their international SightFirst Program and Lions World Sight Day, a global partnership of United Nations agencies, eye care and philanthropic organizations and health professionals. Lions also collect and recycle eyeglasses for distribution in developing countries year-round and especially during May, which is Lions Recycle for Sight Month.

In addition, Lions make a strong commitment to young people through youth outreach programs. Lions 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.

It is estimated that each year Lions Clubs donate approximately \$512 million and 64 million hours, which is equivalent to 31,000 people working fulltime for a year.

Mazomanie Lions Club Projects

Funds raised from activities that include brat fries and the annual flower sale support:

Mazomanie Lions Park - Begun and continues to be supported by our club. The club holds work days to maintain the park, to purchase equipment for it, and recently spearheaded replacement of the totem pole at the Hudson Road entrance to the park.

Community Sign on Highway 14 at Highway KP - Constructed with assistance from and is maintained by our club.

Flag on the Bluff - Initiated and researched by our club, installed with substantial fundraising assistance from our club.

Eye Glasses and Exams – Provided for needy students in our community through Lenscrafters of Madison. Participate in eye photo screening program for pre-school-age children.

Education for Youth – Proceeds of the annual Harvest Day Dinner support donations to the Wisconsin Heights Education Foundation and scholarships for Wisconsin Lions Camp.

Wild West Days – Our club is one of the official sponsors and organizers of this annual community-wide celebration. Club members volunteer their time to operate a food stand and staff other behind-the-scenes operations.

Community Contributions – We support other local organizations such as the Boy and Girl Scouts, the Food Pantry, Community Giving Tree at Christmas, and Mazomanie Parent/Teachers Organization.

State, National & International Projects

Wisconsin Lions Camp encourages learning through outdoor recreational and educational activities. It serves youth with mild cognitive disabilities and diabetes, as well as youth and adults who are deaf and hard of hearing or blind and visually impaired.

Children's Vision Screening goal is to screen all children age 6 months through 18 years, with emphasis on children enrolled in daycare centers and preschools. The screening does not replace a professional eye exam.

Community Diabetes Education Project fosters partnerships and provides best practice diabetes information and education to healthcare professionals and individuals with diabetes.

Eyeglass Recycling Center processed and shipped over 1,000,000 pairs of used eyeglasses to 43 different developing countries throughout the World.

Hearing Projects:

Hearing Aid Program - Dedicated to providing help to the residents of Wisconsin that have impaired hearing, but cannot afford to purchase hearing aids. This project is funded by the collection of used hearing aids by local Clubs.

Paws With a Cause - A non-profit organization, it identifies and develops ways to establish mutually beneficial working relationships between people with disabilities and dogs.

Youth Projects include Youth Service Project Awards, teacher training workshops and the Youth Exchange - A multi-cultural exchange experience.