

# “We Serve” is the Lions motto.



## Who are Lions?

As part of their mission to help others, Lions take on roles as organizers, advocates, fund-raisers and hands-on volunteers.

- Nearly 1.35 million men and women volunteers strive to make a difference in their local communities, as well as worldwide; from every part of the world, from small towns to large cities
- United in helping others, serving more effectively as a group than alone

## Where do Arizona Lions fit in?

Lions Clubs International has its headquarters in Oak Brook, Ill, USA. The International President and staff work from there.

Large geographic areas are broken down into smaller areas that often work together for training programs such as the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. These large areas are broken down into Districts. When we talk about all of Arizona [and Needles, CA] we refer to it as Multiple District 21 or MD21 for short. The Districts are labeled A, B and C. You are in **District 21-B**.

Each District has a District Governor (DG) and two Vice District Governors (VDG) who are elected and serve for one year. Each District normally holds a mid-year convention and takes part in the multiple district convention. A Council Chairman (CC) is appointed each year and helps to co-ordinate multiple district meetings.

The MERL team is a resource that clubs can call on for help. It stands for Membership, Extension, Retention and Leadership. This team of Lion leaders works with the District Governor and cabinet.

### WHO'S WHO and WHAT'S WHAT

**DG** – District Governor. Each of the three Districts in MD21 has its own DG, who is elected by that district and serves for one year.

**VDG** – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors; one of each in each district; elected and serve for one year same as DG.

**DGE & VDGE** – “Elect” is used after the name for the period of time from their election until they actually take office in July.

**PDG** – Past District Governor

**CC** – Council Chair; a PDG that helps coordinate Council of Governors; **PCC** – Past Council Chair

**CS** – Cabinet Secretary **CT** – Cabinet Treasurer

**LCI** – Lions Clubs International

**LCIF** – Lions Clubs International Foundation; the charitable arm of LCI

**ID** – International Director. There are thirty-four IDs world-wide that help run LCI, half are elected each year, serving a two-year term.

**PID** – Past International Director

**ZC** – Zone Chair. Leader that helps run the District by personally assisting usually four or five clubs in their area.

**NGO** – Non-Government Organization. Lions Clubs International is the largest NGO in the world.

**IP** and **PIP** – International President and Past International President; PIP Dick Bryan (deceased).

**CSL** – Canyon State Lion: MD21 monthly newspaper published by LFA and circulated state-wide to inform Lions; paper copy and on-line available.

**LEO** – Lions organization for youths 12 to 18 years old.

**MD21 website** – [www.LIONSARIZONA.org](http://www.LIONSARIZONA.org)

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL:** [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

### ARIZONA LIONS VISION CENTER

The Lions Vision Center is a non-profit corporation, which works with most of the Lions Clubs helping more than 400 patients per month. It provides examinations and dispensing of quality eye wear. The Camelback Lions Club was instrumental in starting the Center. It works with many local organizations such as John C. Lincoln Hospital, Project PEP, Phoenix Children's Hospital and Health Care for the Homeless to name a few of the more than 35 organizations it partners with. It serves from three locations:

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**Westside Office:**  
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Peoria, AZ 85345  
Office: 623/583-9340  
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**Tucson Office**  
3003 S. Country Club  
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Email: [lionsvisionctr@aol.com](mailto:lionsvisionctr@aol.com)  
[www.lionsvisioncenter.org](http://www.lionsvisioncenter.org)

In addition to local and international projects Arizona Lions support four

## **MULTIPLE DISTRICT (STATE) PROJECTS**

[All state projects are 501(C)3 non-profit organizations.]

### LIONS FOUNDATION OF ARIZONA, INC.

Founded in 1961, the Lions Foundation of Arizona (LFA) is the information office for the Lions Clubs and provides affordable facilities to organization serving the blind, deaf and handicapped, allowing the disabled to access a wide variety of services at a single location. LFA also owns La Casa de Los Leones, a low-income housing complex, located in Tucson.

Organizations located at LFA headquarters:

- Arizona Lions Vision Center
- Lions Camp Tatiyee
- Al-Anon – counseling for families with alcohol depend family members
- Arizona Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired
- Bolle Swim School
- Sazdanoff Chiropractic



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### LIONS SIGHT & HEARING FOUNDATION

The Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation is renowned throughout Arizona for its dedication to the visually and hearing impaired. It is devoted to restoring sight and hearing in the local community. Its mission is to prevent or cure blindness and provide hearing aids to improve the quality of life to those who cannot afford to have the health care they require. Working closely with professionals, the Foundation arranges for the best, most appropriate services at the lowest possible cost.

They provide screening equipment and participate in numerous clinics each year. They collect and restore used eye glasses and hearing aids for reuse among needy individuals.



Lions Sight & Hearing  
Foundation

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### CAMP TATIYEE

Located on eighty acres of National Forest Land six miles south of Show Low, the Lions operate a full-service summer camp for the handicapped. The cool summer climate is ideal during the months of June, July and August. The camp is designed for the comfort of physically handicapped children and adults while they enjoy the adventure and fun of a dynamic summer camp program designed to meet their every need.

Camp Tatiyee has the capacity for 72 campers per session and 40 staff members. This vital, highly acclaimed service is provided to the handicapped community with no fee. However, donations are greatly needed and appreciated. The camp is accredited by the American Camping Association and is available for rental by private groups during the off-season.

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### MELVIN JONES LIONS INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL

On January 13, 1879, Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International, was born in the remote area of Fort Thomas, AZ. His father served as a Supply Officer for the US Cavalry. In 1962 the Melvin Jones Memorial officially became a Lions' multiple district project. Construction was soon started on a fifty foot monument honoring the man whose vision has embraced the world by creating the format for today's service organizations. The Memorial now has a museum adjacent to the spire. In June, 1999 Lions Clubs International recognized this memorial as an International Shrine. The State of Arizona proclaimed the Memorial as a historic site in March, 2006.

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