

Our Work

More Volunteers in More Places than any Other Service Club Organization

- ◆ **When it comes to meeting challenges, our response is simple: We serve.** In 205 countries, in hospitals and senior centers, in regions battered by natural disaster, in schools and in eyeglass recycling centers, Lions are at work, helping, leading, planning and supporting. Because we're local, we can serve the unique needs of the communities we live in. And because we're global, we can address challenges that go beyond borders.
- ◆ **We want everyone to see a better tomorrow.** That's why we support sight programs and services including vision screenings, eye banks and eyeglass recycling. Provide eye care services to those at risk of losing their sight. And raise donations through campaigns like SightFirst and Campaign SightFirst II.
- ◆ **We believe everyone deserves a healthy life.** From providing health programs that focus on hearing loss to supporting efforts to control and prevent diabetes, we're working to improve the health of children and adults around the world.
- ◆ **We empower the next generation.** Whether it's providing volunteer and leadership experiences in a Leo club or sharing a message of peace through our Peace Poster contest, our youth programs invest in the future by reaching out to young people.
- ◆ **We serve local communities – and protect the planet.** From performing hands-on service projects to providing emergency assistance, our community and environment programs improve our communities – and protect the environment.



Rapid City Downtown Lions Club

Charter Number: 003426

PO Box 1423

Rapid City, SD 57709

Our Motto: WE SERVE!

Meeting Dates:

Noon

Second and Fourth Tuesdays

American Legion Post 22

818 E. St. Patrick Street

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**Welcome
to the
Rapid City
Downtown
Lions
Club**



Who Are the Rapid City Downtown Lions?

- ◆ Lions are men and women who serve as volunteer members of our club under the International organization who enjoy fellowship, leadership development, and dedicate part of their time to help those in need, making our community a better place to live.
- ◆ Membership is open by invitation to any person over 18 years of age who have the desire to serve our local and international community. New members are sponsored by a Lion Club member in good standing.
- ◆ Members are expected to serve as club officers, committee chairs, and lend their time for club activities and fundraisers.



We Serve

Rapid City Downtown Lions Club Projects

Projects related to blindness are the main focus as a Lions Club Member. For many years we have helped to provide the gift of sight to individuals unable to afford eye-glasses.

We also sponsor many charitable activities in our community, including youth and civic programs. Our club hosts several events including our Annual Golf Tournament, Roar for More Poker Run, and Texas Hold "Em Poker Tournaments, Children's Chorus Pancake Feed, and Winter Soup Supper. Proceeds raised go to local and international organizations.

The Rapid City Downtown Lions Club is **PROUD** to support the following:

- ◆ South Dakota Lion's Foundation
- ◆ Lions Eye Bank of South Dakota
- ◆ Lions Club International Foundation
- ◆ Leader Dogs for the Blind
- ◆ South Dakota Association for the Blind
- ◆ Ski for Light
- ◆ Boys & Girls Club of Rapid City
- ◆ Salvation Army
- ◆ Rapid City Children's Choir
- ◆ Campaign SightFirst II
- ◆ Collection of Used Eyeglasses

Lions Club International History

- ◆ Lionism began in the United States in 1917, when a group of independent clubs responded to an idea from a young Chicago Insurance Agent, Melvin Jones.
- ◆ The idea was to form a service group to serve humanity without regard to politics, religion, race, personal, or business interests. On June 7, 1917, twenty-five clubs came together for a meeting and Lions International was born.
- ◆ At the 1925 Lions International convention, Helen Keller challenged Lions to be the Knights of the Blind. Since then, Lions have focused on supporting projects that improve conditions for those who are blind or visually impaired.
- ◆ Lions Club International is the largest service club in the world, with over 45,000 clubs in 205 countries, exceeding a membership of 1.3 million.