



## The International Association of Lions Clubs

Murrysville, Pennsylvania

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest active service organization. Founded in 1917, it has over 1.35 million members throughout 207 countries and geographic areas. The Lions Vision Statement is "to be the global leader in community and humanitarian service." Beginning in 1925, the Lions became known as the "Knights of the Blind," and have since focused on aiding the blind and visually impaired. Our service areas are expanding and include sight, health, youth, elderly, the environment and disaster relief.

### WHY BECOME A MEMBER?

There are many reasons to become a member. As a Lion, you will:

- Help your community and gain valuable skills
- Make an impact on people's lives – locally and internationally
- Learn to be a leader – and lead a respected organization
- Network with people in your community and around the world
- Energize your life and have fun

You'll grow personally and professionally. And you'll know that the community volunteer work you perform is worthwhile and appreciated.

### MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Lamplighter Restaurant and include a program with speakers who cover a wide range of community topics and Lion subjects. The success of Lions has always been participation. This requires the commitment of all members. We ask that members attend meetings and participate in club projects and fund raisers as best they can, while honoring other commitments to family, work and community.

### DUES AND OTHER COSTS

Membership is by invitation only. Dues are \$20 per quarter. This covers International, State, and District assessments. Meal costs for the dinner meetings are typically \$8 payable at the meeting. The new member application fee is \$35.

**PERSONAL TIME** is a valuable commodity for all members. Because our activities have a strong commitment to humanitarian assistance, volunteering as a Lion has made a difference to each member. We believe that time invested with the Murrysville Lions Club yields an invaluable return - an added dimension to one's personal life. Our meetings are interesting; they build on the fellowship that is so natural with people who work together. We promote leadership through involvement in our many programs, and social skills improve while communicating with other Lions on interesting topics.

The Lions' Motto:  
"We Serve"

## **MURRYSVILLE LIONS SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY**

### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

**Teen-Age Golf:** This program, started in 1971, provides 6 weeks of competitive golf for girls and boys 13 years of age and older. Players are organized in flights and trophies are awarded to flight winners.

**Annual Peace Poster Contest:** Lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor this contest in local schools and youth groups. This event encourages young people to artistically express their visions of peace.

**Pre-School Vision Screening:** Lions Club members screen pre-school children to detect deviations from normal vision to prevent serious vision impairment through early treatment.

**Youth Seminar:** This 1-day program interacts our high school students with others of Westmoreland County in an excellent youth leadership program.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Eyesight and Hearing Tests:** Free tests are offered as a participating partner in the annual Rotary Club's Multiphasic Blood Test Program.

**Used Eyeglasses Collecting:** The Lions' *Recycle for Sight* boxes can be found, year round, at Dr. W. Tylavsky's office in

Export, and in Murrysville at the First Commonwealth Bank, Jones Brothers Optical, Your Family Eye Doctors, the Murrysville Community Library, and local churches.

**Food Bank and Food Pantry:** Four times a year Lions distribute food at the Mother of Sorrows Food Pantry. Three to four Saturdays per year, Lions pack senior food boxes at the Westmoreland County Food Bank.

**Relay for Life:** Lions manage the sale, placement, and cleanup of luminaria for the American Cancer Society's event in Murrysville.

**PA CleanWays:** Twice a year the club members collect trash along Bulltown and Tarr Hollow roads.

### **MURRYSVILLE LIONS REACH OUT BEYOND OUR COMMUNITY**

The Murrysville Lions Club contributes yearly to the work of many organizations such as the following:

**PA Lions Camp Beacon Lodge**

**Leader Dog Program**

**Eye & Hearing Research**

**District Drug and Alcohol Program**

**Westmoreland Co. Blind Association**

### **FUNDRAISERS**

**White Cane Days:** Once a year the membership solicits funds at locations around the community to support Lions sight programs.

**Broom Sale:** This is an activity long associated with the Lions Club. Brooms and other items, are available for purchase at events in the community.

**Pancake Breakfast:** This popular "all you can eat" annual event is an excellent opportunity to come and have a hearty breakfast with friends.

**Murrysville Golf Classic:** The Lions have partnered with the Municipality of Murrysville Recreation Department to assist with a golf tournament that generates community involvement and helps to fund the annual Community Day.

**Annual Chili Bowl:** Typically held the Saturday before the Super Bowl, this has become another "home-made, all you can eat" success.

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