

Lions Clubs International

Lions are an international network of 1.4 million women and men, with approximately 45,000 clubs, in 200 countries and geographic areas who work together to answer the needs that challenge communities around the world. The International Association of Lions Clubs began as the dream of Chicago businessman Melvin Jones in 1917. In 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions international convention. She challenged Lions to become “**Knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness.**” Lions clubs have been actively involved in service to the blind and visually impaired.

In 1990, Lions launched its most aggressive sight preservation effort, **Sight First**. The \$202 million program strives to rid the world of preventable and reversible blindness by supporting desperately needed health care services. Additionally, Lions Clubs International is committed to providing services for youth. Lions clubs 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.

The Southport Lions Club

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at the Atlantic Seafood Restaurant at the corner of Route 211 and Long Beach Road, Southport, NC 28461, at 11:30 with call to order at noon.

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Lions Code of Ethics

TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality service.

TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

TO REMEMBER that in building up my business is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

TO HOLD friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one or another but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

ALWAYS to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community and to give them my unwavering loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor, and means.

TO AID others by giving my sympathy of those in distress my aid to the week and substance to the needy.

TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

Membership Information

Come to a meeting. Ask a Lion. Email or call us.

What does it cost? \$50 Initiation Fee \$75.00 Quarterly
What does it cover? 1) Lions Club International Dues, 2) The Lion Magazine, 3) Meals at regular meetings, 4) Hat and Name Tag, 5) District Dues, 6) Discount for Spouses and veterans.

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Founded in 1945

“Knights of the blind
in the crusade against darkness”



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Lions Website

WE SERVE



Southport Lions Club



Who are we

Organized in 1945 with 16 members, the Southport Lions Club has grown to an average membership of sixty women and men who have an interest in serving the less fortunate. We are people from every walk of life, business, regions of the country who strive to fulfill the motto of Lions Clubs International, "WE SERVE". Our fundraising projects are many and varied and combined with our dedicated and unselfish members, provide the means for needed service to our community, especially the visually impaired.

We are a group of women and men who have bonded together through service to our community, giving back, and the fellowship that we enjoy.

A recent survey of our membership indicates that Southport Lions most enjoy serving the less fortunate and the comradely of the fellow Lions.



WE SERVE

Vision Programs

- * Assistance for Eye Exams
- * Assistance for Eyeglasses
- * Assist with Cataract Surgery
- * Vision Screening
- * Eye Glass Recycling
- * Partnering with New Hope Clinic
- * Industries of the Blind
- * Camp Dogwood (For the blind)
- * Leader Dog
- * VIP Fishing Tournament

Community Programs

- * Interfaith Ministry / Food Pantry
- * Lower Cape Fear Hospice
- * Brunswick Co Literacy Council
- * Flags on Streets for Holidays
- * Fourth of July Committee

Youth Programs

- * NC Boys & Girls Home
- * Scholarships
- * Providence Home for Teen Shelter
- * Capt Charlie's Kids Fishing Tournament.
- * Christmas Food/Gift Baskets

Fundraising

- * North Carolina 4th of July Festival Boat Project
- * Flag Display Service
- * Christmas Ornament & Wreath Sales
- * Lions Raffle
- * Donations from people like you

Annually for the last 30 years the Southport Lions Club has given away a 17 to 19 foot boat at Southport's Annual 4th of July Celebration. Sales of tickets for the Boat Project begin in early April of each year. The Boat Project is our primary fundraiser, supporting our Vision Programs, Community Programs and the Club's annual charitable donations.

Annually the Lions conduct a type of 50/50 raffle, selling 200 tickets with drawings at every meeting for five months. All proceeds go to the Vision Programs.

