

About the Somers Lions

The Somers Lions Club was chartered in 1966 and has unselfishly served the Town and residents of Somers since that time. The club conducts its general meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of the month (except during July and August), gathering between 7 and 7:30pm, at a local restaurant in town. Meetings are conducted over dinner (business attire is requested), often with guest speakers pertinent to the mission of the Somers Lions Club.

The Somers Lions Club has delivered many projects which have benefited the residents of our community. At Reis Park, the Picnic Pavilion, bandstand, children's playground, Skate Park, scoreboards, and improvements to the fields are all Lions projects. Assorted signage throughout the town, defibrillators for our schools, scouting sponsorships, youth programs, and scholarships are also provided. The projects are countless, the benefits are invaluable. The friendships last lifetimes, the successes are never forgotten.

How do you become a member?

The Somers Lions Club requires you attend three general meetings, to help you "get a feel" of what the club does, and how you may contribute. If you were not invited to attend the meetings by a member, a member will be assigned to you to act as a sponsor, answering any questions, and provide you an easy way to meet key members of the club. After the second meeting, you will receive an application for membership, which you should return at your third meeting.

The membership committee will meet with you to answer any additional questions you may have, and will review the commitment Lions have toward serving our community.

What is Lionism?

Each year, Lions Clubs perform service and provide goods to thousands of persons throughout the world. Lions are proud of the fact that they perform more activities and help more people than any other service organization in the world today.

Lions are members of a service-oriented international group of clubs where members enjoy fellowship, develop leadership capacity, and dedicate part of their free time to help those in need in their own community, and (through the Lions Clubs International Foundation) throughout the world.

Lions Clubs are non-political, non-sectarian service organizations composed of men and women from all walks of life. The purpose of a Lions Club is to recognize community needs and develop means of meeting them, either a Lions Club is to recognize community needs through its own efforts, or in cooperation with other agencies and community service organizations.

Why become a Lion?

Membership in a Lions Club means that members have the opportunity to meet and work with other individuals in a spirit of fellowship, striving towards common ideas and goals. Through this concern for others, members have the opportunity to make suggestions, give their opinions, and take the initiative to their capacity for leadership.

Who are the Lions?

Lions are volunteer members of Lions Clubs that are grouped into sub-districts (Somers is in Sub-District 20-R1), and Districts (New York and Bermuda make up Multiple District 20) are governed by the Lions International organization headquartered in Oak Brook, Illinois. There are currently more than 1.4 million members serving in more than 44,500 clubs and 685 Districts in over 180 countries and geographic areas throughout the world.

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History of the Lions

The International Association of Lions Clubs was born at a meeting in Chicago, Illinois on June 7, 1917. Melvin Jones, a young insurance executive, invited members of 25 Chicago-area businessmen's clubs to meet and discuss the possibility of joining together to serve the community. From that meeting came a call for the Association first national (and later international) convention. This convention was held October 8-10, 1919 in Dallas, Texas with 23 clubs from across the United States participating.

In 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become "**Knights of the Blind**" in the crusade against darkness." Since that time, Lions have added major service projects for hearing and speech actions and work with the deaf; diabetes awareness; drug awareness; environmental services; and, youth activities through their Leo Clubs and the Lions Quest Skills for Adolescence program.

Need additional information?

We would be pleased to get you any additional information you may require. You can email us at

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Or write us at:

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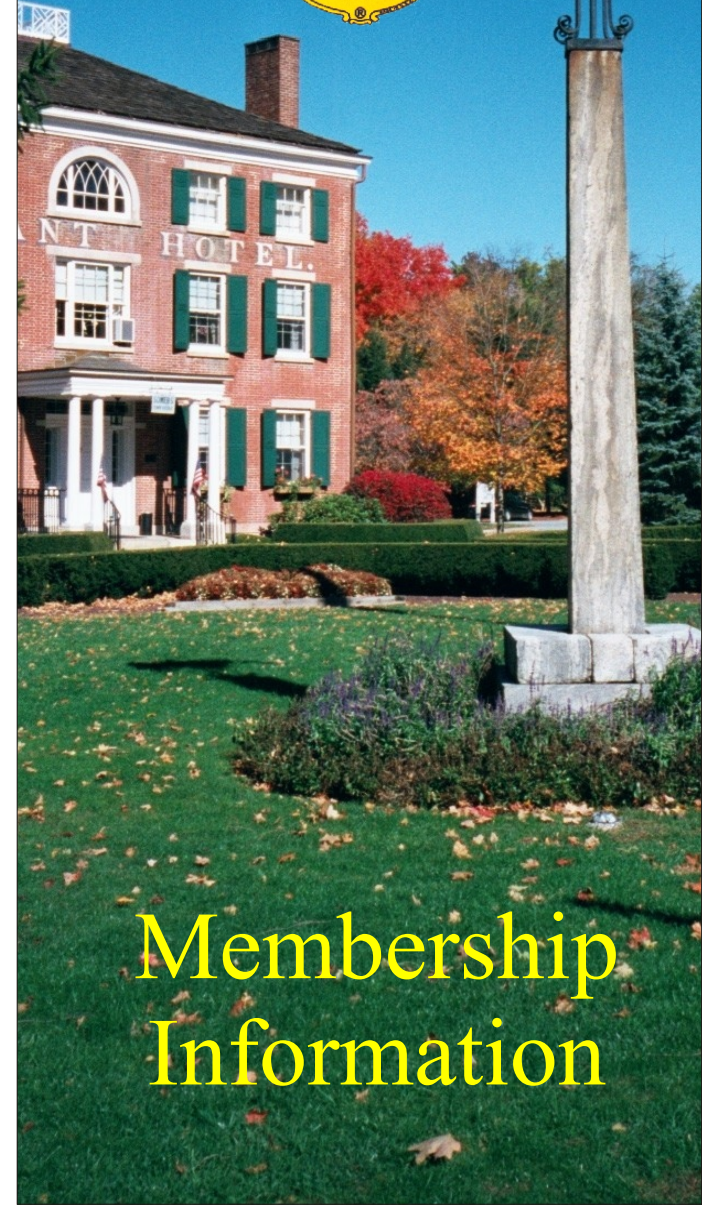


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Membership Information