



## Who are the Sunbury Lions?



The Sunbury Lions Club was formed in 1938. The original concept and format to charter a club would be limited to businessmen in a specific geographical area. This format has changed over the years and now both men and women from any walk of life can be inducted into a club. Looking back over the long history of the Club you will see that it has been a community-focused organization and continues in that vein today. There were 25 members inducted on charter night, August 26, 1938. Membership has had its peaks and valleys over the years with the current membership at 45. There is a [History of the Sunbury Lions Club](#) found on the Club's web site home page at [www.sunburylionsclub.org](http://www.sunburylionsclub.org)

### What do we stand for?

You will find in the Sunbury Lions Club a strong commitment to the "We Serve" maxim.

This "We Serve" motto resonates not only throughout the Club but also across International Lionism. Within each Club and around the world the words are: **Liberty – Intelligence – Our Nation's Safety, We Serve!**

### Lions International Purposes

- **To Create** and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- **To promote** the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- **To Take** an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- **To Unite** the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- **To Provide** a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- **To Encourage** service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

### 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 of 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 it 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 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, as to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.
- **To Aid** others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.
- **To Be Careful** with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

### **What are the goals of the Sunbury Lions?**

- Goal number one: Continue to be a community-focused organization.
- Goal number two: Provide monetary support to community organizations and programs.
- Goal number three: Provide specific individuals with eye care.
- Goal number four: Provide support to International Lions projects and programs.

### **How do we achieve and support our goals?**

The Sunbury Lions have two major fundraisers each year. Monies raised from these two projects provide support to help meet our goals. The major fundraiser for the Club is the Ox Roast and Flea market held each year on Labor Day. The proceeds from the project normally provide \$12,000.00 to \$14,000.00 to fund the Club's commitment to community organizations and activities. The Club also has a second fundraiser in selling Christmas trees. The proceeds from this project are given to the Big Walnut Friends Who Share (BWFWS). BWFWS is a local food pantry, which distributes used clothing, small used appliances, used household items, school supplies and toys to families in need.

### **What organizations and programs receive support from the Sunbury Lions Club?**

"We Serve" BWHS Scholarships, Recreation Unlimited, Eye Glasses, LCIF Melvin Jones Foundation, Ohio Lions Foundation - Disaster Relief, Village of Sunbury, BWHS FFA, BWHS Cheerleaders, Ohio Harmonica Association, Sunbury Galena Rotary - Car Show Sponsor, Delaware Speech and Hearing, BWHS Leo Club, BWHS Renaissance Program, Canine Companions for Independence, Central Ohio Beep Baseball, Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank, LCIF, Ohio Lions Eye Research, News Reel, Ohio Radio Reading, Camp Echoing Hills, Pilot Dogs, Ohio Lions Quest, Big Walnut Lions Club.