

Holliston Lions Club  
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Welcome to the Holliston Lions Club. As a new club member, you probably have a lot of questions. We'll try to address some of the more common questions new members may have. However, if we miss anything, please do not hesitate to ask any member of the club. Your Club directory also contains some important information that you should find helpful. This booklet is broken into three sections; section one contains information about Lions Clubs International, the second section contains information about Multiple District 33 and District 33K and the final section will help you understand the committees our Club has and what each does.

## About Lions Clubs International

### History of Lions Clubs International

In 1917, Melvin Jones, a 38-year-old Chicago business leader, told members of his local business club they should reach beyond business issues and address the betterment of their communities and the world. Jones' group, the Business Circle of Chicago, agreed.

After contacting similar groups around the United States, an organizational meeting was held on June 7, 1917, in Chicago, Illinois, USA. The new group took the name of one of the invited groups, the "Association of Lions Clubs," and a national convention was held in Dallas, Texas, USA in October of that year. A constitution, by-laws, objectives and a code of ethics were approved. And the rest is history.

As we approach our 100th anniversary in 2017, it's moment to look back on our long and proud tradition of service and the numerous achievements of our association and Lions around the world.

### LCI Historical Highlights

**1917:** [Melvin Jones](#) and fellow Chicago businessmen found Lions Clubs to improve the community.

The first convention takes place at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas, TX.

**1920:** Lions Clubs become [international](#) by chartering a club in Windsor, Canada.

**1925:** During the international convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, [Helen Keller](#) charges Lions with becoming "[knights of the blind](#) in the crusade against darkness."

**1926:** Polar explorer and member of the Washington D.C. Lions Club, Admiral Richard E. Byrd, Jr. flies over the North Pole and carries the Lions flag with him. He flies over the South Pole later that same year.

**1930:** Lion George Bonham paints a [cane white](#) with a wide red band to aid the visually impaired after he witnesses a blind man having trouble crossing the street.

**1931:** Lions head south and establish a club in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

The first [international convention](#) outside of the U.S. is held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

**1933:** Visitors to the Chicago World's Fair learn about Lions clubs at the fair's Social Science Division.

**1935:** Amelia Earhart, honorary member of the New York City Lions Club, completes a record-breaking nonstop flight from Los Angeles to Mexico during the Lions Clubs International Convention in Mexico City.

Local Lions donate a Talking Book machine to the Milwaukee Public Library, allowing the blind to hear books.

**1939:** Members of the Detroit Uptown Lions Club turn an old Michigan farmhouse into a school to train dog guides for the visually impaired, helping to popularize dog guides worldwide.

To provide an organized baseball program for children, Lion Carl Edwin Stotz of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, appeals for support from Lions clubs, YMCAs and other community partners. On June 6, 1939, the very first Little League baseball game is played at Park Point in Williamsport.

**1944:** The world's first [eye bank](#) is created in New York City. Today, most eye banks are Lions-sponsored.

**1945:** Lions assist in drafting the [United Nations](#) Charter, starting a lasting bond with the U.N.

**1946:** The Lions Blind Camp on Casper Mountain in Wyoming hosts its first group of blind children.

**1947:** In October, Lions celebrate the 30th anniversary of the association at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City. It had become the world's largest service club organization at the time with 324,690 members in 19 nations.

Lions are given consultant status with the U.N. Economic and Social Council.

**1948:** Only three years after World War II, Europe sees its first Lions club in Stockholm, Sweden. Geneva, Switzerland, follows suit just days later.

A Lions club is formed in Kalaupapa on the island of Molokai, Hawaii. Kalaupapa is a leper colony and the charter members all have Hansen's disease (leprosy).

**1952:** Filipino Lions reach out to Japan and encourage the chartering of the first Japanese Lions club.

**1954:** After an international contest among Lions, an official motto is chosen: "We Serve." The motto was submitted by Lion D. A. Stevenson of Font Hill, Ontario, Canada.

**1956:** The Detroit Lions Club gives 6-year-old Stevie Wonder a Christmas gift – a drum set.

The Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station is built. Soon after, 16 scientists and military personnel charter the 59ers Lions Club there.

**1957:** Lions launch youth programs, including the very successful [Leo Clubs](#).

**1965:** Lions build the Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial in Fort Thomas, Arizona.

**1968:** The [Lions Clubs International Foundation](#) (LCIF) is established. Since its founding, LCIF has given more than US\$826 million in grants to support the humanitarian work of Lions.

**1971:** LCI moves to its fourth and final location in Oak Brook, IL, after decades in downtown Chicago.

**1972:** LCIF sends out its first [grant](#) – US\$5,000 to assist victims of flooding in South Dakota.

**1973:** In February, the association welcomes its one millionth member.

**1977:** Lion Jimmy Carter, a peanut farmer from Georgia, becomes president of the United States of America.

**1985:** LCIF awards its first [Major Catastrophe Grant](#) of US\$50,000 for earthquake relief in Mexico.

**1986:** Mother Teresa accepts the [Lions Humanitarian Award](#).

**1987:** The association amends its bylaws and invites women to become members. Women are now the fastest growing segment of new members.

**1990:** [SightFirst](#) is launched, eventually raising more than \$415 million dollars to help eradicate major causes of blindness.

French Lion Michael Baury helps build an electric traction car and races it at a Grand Prix event.

**1995:** LCIF partners with The Carter Center, led by former US president and Lion Jimmy Carter, to combat river blindness in Africa and Latin America.

**1999:** Nilofer Bakhtiar of Pakistan is elected as the first female international director of the association.

**2001:** LCIF and Special Olympics partner on [Opening Eyes](#), an initiative to screen the vision of Special Olympics athletes.

**2002:** Lions charter two clubs in China, the nation's first voluntary membership group since the 1950s.

**2003:** Through SightFirst, Lions and The Carter Center record their 50 millionth [river blindness treatment](#).

**2004:** Lions mobilize more than US\$15 million for South Asia tsunami relief following the disaster.

**2007:** The Financial Times ranks LCIF as [best non-governmental organization](#) worldwide to partner with.

**2010:** The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation contributes US\$5 million to the [One Shot: One Life](#) campaign, and Lions raise more than US\$10 million to support measles efforts over the next two years.

**2011:** LCIF awards its 10,000th grant – bringing the total amount awarded to US\$708 million.

Lions help administer 148 millionth dose of Mectizan to treat river blindness.

Following the Japan earthquake and tsunami, Lions mobilize over US\$21 million for relief efforts.

**2013:** LCIF partners with the GAVI Alliance to protect millions of children from measles and rubella. LCIF commits US\$30 million for immunizations, matched by US\$30 million from UK Government and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, bringing the total to US\$60 million.

Colombia eliminates river blindness with the support of Lions and The Carter Center partnership.

**2014:** Lions launch the [Centennial Service Challenge](#), a global initiative to serve 100 million people around the world.

**2017:** Lions celebrate their 100th anniversary and first century of service!

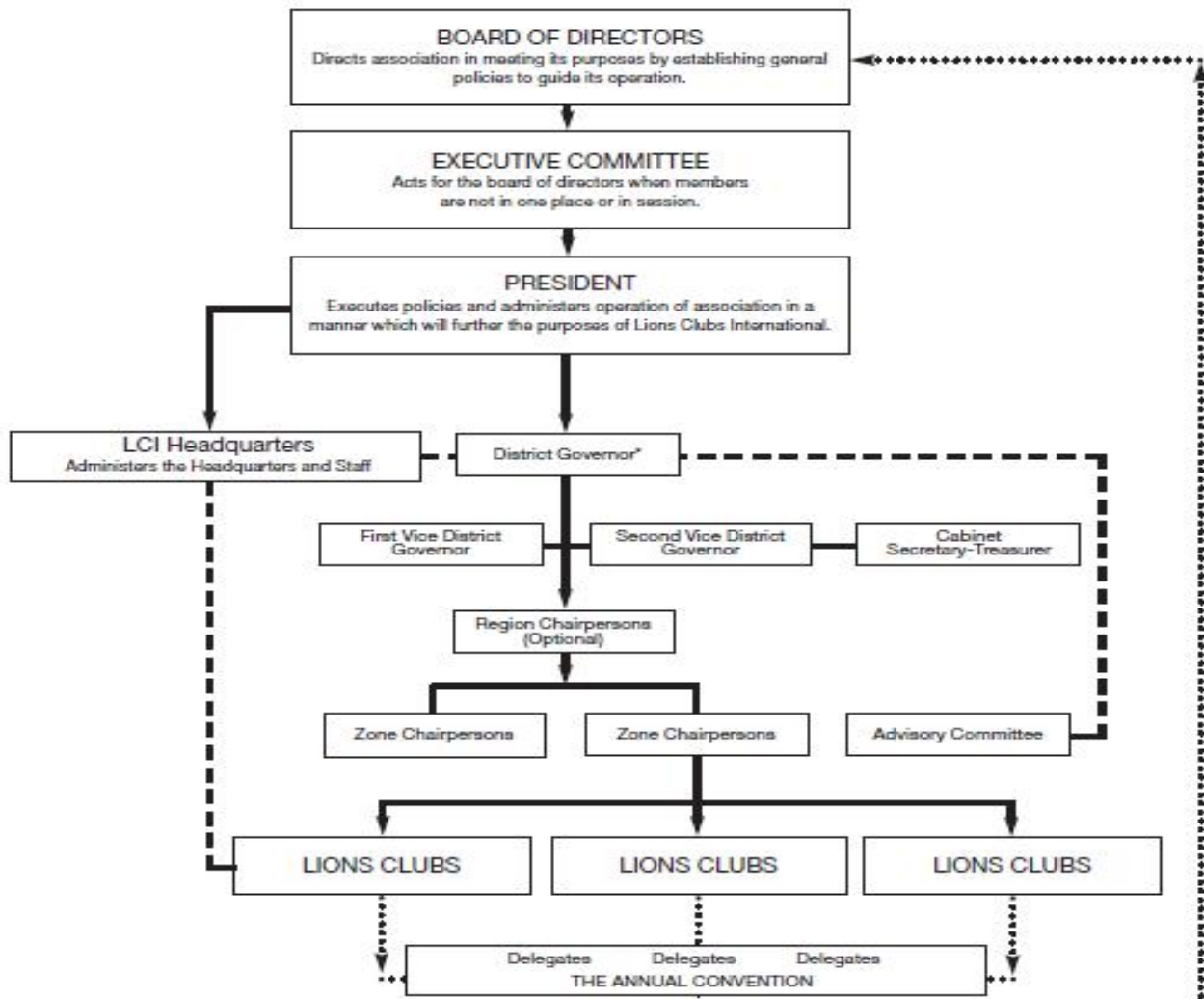
### **We Are Just Getting Started**

As we continue to move further into our second century of service, our commitment to taking action and making a positive impact on the world is stronger than ever. The over 1.4 million people who are Lions already know the power of putting kindness in action. But for those who are not, we encourage you to reach out to one of our 47,000 clubs and see how you too can get involved in one of the greatest forces for good the world has ever known.

## **Mission Statement of Lions Clubs International**

“To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation”

# LCI Administrative Structure





## The Lions Emblem

**Lions Logo Refresh**

In nearly 100 years of use, the Lions logo has changed and evolved. But it has always stood for the same idea:  
**We Serve**

 1917: Note the visual pun in this early logo: a Lion and a club.

1920: This rendering with monogrammed L and back-to-back lions is the basis for the logo today. 

 Recent

 Current

 Centennial

[lions100.org](http://lions100.org)  
#Lions100

The association's emblem is a common sight world-wide.

It consists of a gold letter "L" on a circular field. Bordering this is a gold area with two lion profiles facing away from each other.

The words "Lions" and "International" appear at the top and bottom respectively. Symbolically, the lions face both the past and future -- justly proud of the past and confident of an even more glorious future.

The royal colors of purple and gold were adopted at the association's first convention in 1917. The logo was modified in 2016 for the Centennial Celebration.

## Massachusetts Lions

### History of Lionism in New England

The oldest existing club in New England is the Bridgeport, CT club, organized February 28, 1921. The first Lions Club in Massachusetts was organized in Boston on December 31, 1920 but cancelled in 1942. The second club was in Springfield on May 16, 1922 with 50 Charter members. Worcester (Host) remains the oldest active club and celebrated its 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 13, 2017. Later in 1922, clubs were organized in Pittsfield, Holyoke and Lynn. At that time, all New England was considered a part of District 23 and included Connecticut and Rhode Island.

In 1923, New England formed District 33, which contained seven clubs in Massachusetts, one in Maine, and none in Vermont or New Hampshire. The membership of eight clubs was 422. In 1928, Maine became separated from the other states in District 33 and became District 41. In 1939-1940, District 33 became Multiple District 33 composed of Sub-Districts 33-A, 33-B, 33-C and 33-D with 83 clubs and 2,619 members. The clubs in 'D' were in New Hampshire or Vermont, whereas the clubs in A, B, and C were in Massachusetts. At the 1945 District Convention, Sub-District 33-D became separated from Multiple District 33 and became District 44.

At the 1949 convention, held at Magnolia, Massachusetts, June 17-19, a resolution proposing the division of District 33 into five sub-districts, to be known as 33 **Y-A-N-K-S** was adopted.

### About MD33

Multiple District 33 is comprised of the same five districts as established in 1949. Currently, there are 226 Clubs located across our Multiple District. These clubs have a combined membership of 7,287 members.

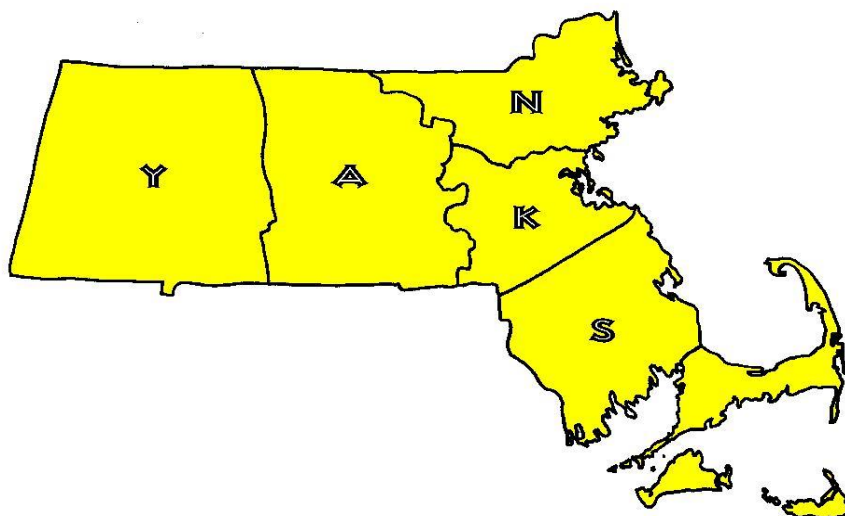
33Y - Western: Springfield area

33A - Central: Worcester area

33N - North and Northwest area

**33K - Metro Boston & West**

33S - Southern area, Cape and Islands



## **MD33 Administrative Structure**

Each district in the multiple is headed by a District Governor. Districts may have one or two Vice District Governors. Districts may have a Cabinet Secretary Treasurer or may have a Cabinet Secretary and a Cabinet Treasurer. Along with the Immediate Past District Governor, this is considered the "executive board" of each District. Region and Zone Chairpersons are also considered part of the voting Cabinet members of each district.

The Multiple District has a Council of Governors. On a rotating basis, each district in the multiple elects a Council Secretary who then progresses to the position of Council Treasurer and then Council Chairperson. These three officers, along with the five District Governors comprise the voting members of this body. There is typically a Parliamentarian appointed by the Governors to serve for a period of one year.

The Vice District Governors, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurers, and the International Directors from the Multiple are all encouraged to attend Council of Governors Meeting (a monthly meeting). While in many cases they are encouraged to speak, they have no vote in matters before the Council.

## **Statewide Charities**

### **Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund Inc. (MLERF)**

In the summer of 1950 E. Daniel Johnson, District Governor 33N, had a visit from a friend on his farm in Lyndeboro, New Hampshire. This friend brought his four-year-old blind son, a so-called 'blind baby' or 'retrolental fibroplastic' baby, with him. The cause was unknown, the child was apparently blind at birth. In talking of this with Harry Hartford, then District Governor of District 33K, Lion Johnson found that Harry had a friend, Al Hirshberg, who had a blind baby that was born on the day that Al landed in France, D-Day 1944.

In October of 1950, they and a small group of Lions had lunch with Al Hirshberg (Sports Writer for the Boston Post and Chairman of the Foundation for Eye Research) and Dr. Edwin B. Dunphy (Professor, Harvard Medical School and Chief of Staff, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary). This small assembly of Lions was told of the existence of a new disease, first discovered in Massachusetts in 1941 by a Dr. Terry. Physicians knew this disease as "Retrolental Fibroplasia".

This disease was not only baffling, but also discouraging because no funds were available to attempt to discover its cause. The Lions of Massachusetts were asked to try to do something to help the medical profession in raising funds to combat this terrible disease which was afflicting four out of five premature babies weighing four pounds or less.

This story was so amazing that the Lions asked Al to write a pamphlet, telling this story that they could carry to the Lions Clubs throughout Massachusetts. Dr. Dunphy edited

this pamphlet and Lion Johnson had several thousand copies printed and mailed to all Lions in Massachusetts and to all District Governors in the United States and Canada at his own expense. In 1952 Eye Research was voted to be the official project of the Massachusetts Multiple District 33 Lions.

From its beginning to date, MLERF has made grant awards exceeding **\$35,000,000**.

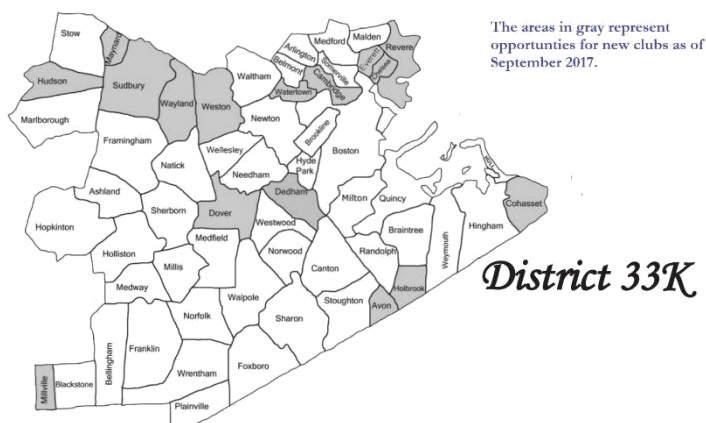
During the 2018-2019 Lions year, the clubs in District 33K donated **\$204,733.18** to support the mission and grants of Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, Inc. The Holliston Lions Clubs has donated more than \$300,000 since MLERF started.

### **District 33K Lions Clubs**

Our Multiple District is broken up into five sub-districts. Our District is broken up into five regions which are L-I-O-N-S. District Governors may appoint a Region Chair and must appoint a Zone Chair for each club. Currently, District 33K has 49 Lions Clubs which are:

Arlington Lions Club  
Ashland Lions Club  
Bellingham Lions Club  
Belmont Lions Club  
Blackstone Lions Club  
Boston Chinatown Lions Club  
Boston Host Lions Club  
Boston University Eye Associates Lions Club  
Cambridge Lions Club  
Canton Lions Club  
Charlestown Lions Club  
Foxborough Lions Club  
Framingham Lions Club  
Franklin Lions Club  
Greater Ashland Lions Club  
Himalayan New England  
Hingham Lions Club  
Holliston Lions Club  
Hopkinton Lions Club

Hull Lions Club  
 Hyde Park Lions Club  
 Malden Lions Club  
 Marlborough Lions Club  
 Medfield Lions Club  
 Medford Lions Club  
 Medway Lions Club  
 Millis Lions Club  
 Natick Lions Club  
 NECO Lions Club  
 Newton Lions Club  
 Norfolk Lions Club  
 Norwood Lions Club  
 Plainville Lions Club  
 Quincy Lions Club  
 Randolph Lions Club  
 Sharon Lions Club  
 Sherborn Lions Club  
 Somerville Lions Club  
 Stoughton Lions Club  
 Stow Lions Club  
 Sudbury Lions Club  
 Walpole Lions Club  
 Waltham Lions Club  
 Wellesley Centennial Lions Club  
 Westwood Lions Club  
 Weymouth Lions Club  
 Wrentham Lions Club



## Alphabet Soup

We understand you have a lot of acronyms thrown at you when you join Lions. The most common ones you will hear are:

CC	Council Chair
CS	Council (Multiple)/Cabinet (District) Secretary
CST	Cabinet Secretary Treasurer
CT	Council (Multiple)/Cabinet (District) Treasurer
DG	District Governor
ID	International Director
IP	International President
IPCC	Immediate Past Council Chair
IPDG	Immediate Past District Governor
IPID	Immediate Past International Director
GLT	Global Leadership Team
GMT	Global Membership Team
GST	Global Service Team
LCIF	Lions Clubs International Foundation
MD33	Multiple District 33 (State Level)
MJF	Melvin Jones Fellow
MLERF	Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund
PCC	Past Council Chair
PCS	Past Council (Multiple)/Cabinet (District) Secretary
PCST	Past Cabinet Secretary Treasurer

PCT	Past Council (Multiple)/Cabinet (District) Treasurer
PDG	Past District Governor
PID	Past International Director
PIP	Past International President
PMJF	Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship
RC	Region Chair
1VDG	First Vice District Governor
2VDG	Second Vice District Governor
ZC	Zone Chair

## Best Club Contest

There are two best club contests, one on the District level and one on the Multiple District level. Each month, your Club Secretary will ask you for your activities for the month. You should be reporting the following activities:

- **Donations** – any donations you make can count. This includes donations to Lions and non-Lions Charities of cash, or goods. Clothing, cans and bottles, computers, etc. should all be reported to the secretary.
- **Volunteer hours** – any hours you volunteer for other organizations should be reported to the Club secretary. These hours go into your permanent Club record and get reported on our monthly activity report. Generally, at Club sponsored events, there is a sign in sheet so you need not report those hours.
- **Visitations** – if you visit another Lions Club, or you visit one of the many research facilities in Massachusetts, report these to the Club secretary.

**The Holliston Lions Club maintains a form in our Members only section of our website for reporting your volunteer activities OUTSIDE of normal club activities.**

## Non-Club Meetings and Conventions

You will hear about various non-club meetings and member's intention to attend them. Here is what these meetings are:

- **International Convention** – This convention is held annually in either late June or early July. The convention takes place in various locations around the world. In 2006, Boston hosted the convention after Louisiana was flooded and Boston will host again in 2023. This event offers seminars, entertainment, voting for new directors and officers, and voting on issues that impact the entire association.
- **State Convention** – This event, held once annually either in late April or early May involves every Lions Club in the state. There are business meetings, a youth speech contest, and performance by the All State Band. On Sunday, there is a necrology service acknowledging the Lions who have died in the past year. The Lions then break into separate meetings and vote for their District Officers.
- **Mid-Winter Convention** – This event is held in February on an annual basis. The highlights of the weekend include a business meeting, social events, District Youth Speech Contest, and training sessions. Lions are encouraged to attend this event to meet with Lions from across our District. We have a guest speaker from Lions Clubs International, and the DGs, VDGs and CSTs from other districts in the state generally attend. There is also an impressive array of Club donations at this event at the end of the business meeting on Saturday.
- **Advisory Meeting** – Four times a year, the Lions across District 33K come together to learn about what is happening across the District. While Club members can choose not to attend, it is preferable for the President, Vice Presidents', and Secretary to attend.
- **Region / Zone Meeting** – These meetings are held by either the Region and Zone Chairs jointly (region meeting) or the Zone Chair (zone meeting). This is attended by the club that are assigned by the DG to that Region or Zone (these can change annually). They are informative meetings to learn more about district efforts and/or other club's events. One meeting annually is dedicated to the Youth Speech Contest.

## Holliston Lions Club

You can find the history of the Holliston Lions Club on our website. However, many new members (and even some seasoned members) do not always understand the club structure, or what our committees do. Here is a brief description:

**Board of Directors** – The Club Board of Directors is comprised of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and two (or three) Vice Presidents. There are also four elected directors – each director is elected to serve a two-year term, we have 2 / one-year directors and 2 / two-year directors annually. The Immediate Past President and the Membership Chairperson are considered voting board members.

**Adopt a Highway** – This is a Club service project. The members of this committee set up a schedule to clean a stretch of highway that we have "adopted".

**Advertising** – This committee is responsible for the advertising you see in our Club Directory, on our Website, on placemats at events and on a pop-up banner that is displayed at events. The committee is also responsible for public relations pieces in the newspaper.

**All-State Band** – This committee is responsible for working with the schools in Holliston to identify students to participate in the Multiple District All State Band. Typically, the band performs at our State Convention which is usually held in late April or early May.

**Big Raffle** – One of our biggest fundraisers of the year is held in March around St. Patrick's Day. We sell tickets to friends, neighbors, family members and co-workers for \$100. The grand prize is \$10,000. The night of the big raffle is always interesting, and we raise additional money by holding raffles.

**Breakfast with Santa** – While we make some money on this event, it is primarily a service project. We prepare breakfast and sell it for a small fee. Funds we make on this event go to support the Holliston Music and Arts program. The students from the school band provide entertainment at this event. Club members take photos of the children with a special guest from the North Pole.

**Club Bulletin** – The Holliston Lions Club bulletin is published monthly and distributed to the members through Email. The bulletin committee is solely charged with compiling interesting information to share with Club members.

**Annual Carnival** – For more than 50 years, the club has hosted a carnival. The carnival committee is charged with negotiations with the provider of the rides, fireworks and for ensuring we have the food we serve at this event. The Club earns 100 percent of the proceeds of sales at the food tent and a portion of the ticket sales.

**Big Raffle** – For more than a decade the Holliston Lions Club has sold tickets for \$100 for our annual big raffle. This event is typically held in March each year. The event is one of our major fundraising events. All Lions Club members are expected to buy and/or sell at least one ticket for the event. This is a great event to encourage people to learn more about Lions Clubs.

**Celebrate Holliston** – We participate in various ways on this town-wide Field Day including participating in the parade, providing eye screenings, and more. The committee is responsible for deciding what activities we will participate in and arranging for member participation.

**Christmas Dinner** – This is a new service project where we assist in providing meals for seniors who would otherwise be alone. A fully prepared dinner is delivered to their home.



**Club Directory** – The committee is responsible for creating our annual club directory and assuring it is as accurate as possible.

**Club Historian** – This is the Lions member who is responsible for keeping the history of our club accurate and noting important events.

**Coats for Kids** – In partnership with Anton's Cleaners we collect gently used winter coats for kids and adults.

**Constitution & By-Laws** – The committee is responsible for ensuring the Club CB&L remains in compliance with LCI's CB&L and for proposing changes that impact our members.

**Holiday Downtown Lighting** – This committee works with the town to provide a festive atmosphere in downtown Holliston.

**Eyeglass Collections** – While we cannot recycle eyeglasses in the United States, they can be sent overseas. We collect used eyeglasses year-round.

**Halloween Walk/Hayride** – This is a fun event for children and adults alike. This is held at the Community Farm property and is meant to provide safe, fun, family entertainment.

**High School Scholarships** – We provide graduating seniors with scholarships to further their education. The committee is responsible for reviewing all applications and making the final decision on how funds are distributed.

**Holliston Lions Softball Team** - The Mudville Baseball Club was created to pay homage to our past, while celebrating the game we love. We typically play by the Massachusetts Rules of 1858 but are open to all vintage interpretations. We welcome the opportunity to play other vintage teams and are equally able to travel to or host such competitions.

**Holliston Pantry Shelf** – Our Club collects items at our Club meeting to meet the needs of the Holliston Food Pantry. Typically, members will get an email informing them of specific needs.

**Lend-a-Lion Projects** – Where there's a need, there's a Lion. Holliston Lions members have cleaned yards, taken air conditioners out in the fall, installed air conditioners in the summer and a whole host of other service activities.

**Leo Club Advisor** – These members work with the Holliston Leo's Clubs and help them create plans for their own events, and ensure we have Leo members to help with our events.

**Lion of the Year** – At the final meeting in June each year, Club members vote for one Lion who made a difference. The committee consists of the Club President, Secretary and the prior years' winner.

**Mass Eye Research Sight Award** – Every Lions Club contributing \$1,000 more than the prior year to MLERF is entitled to give a sight award. This committee is responsible for identifying candidates. All votes must be unanimous.

**Melvin Jones Fellowship** – Melvin Jones Fellowships may be awarded when a Club has contributed \$1,000 to LCIF. This committee is responsible for making the decision as to who the candidate will be. There is a sub-committee of Progressive Melvin Jones fellows who may wish to confer this honor on a prior recipient of a Melvin Jones Award. As with the sight award, the decision must be unanimous.

**Membership** – This committee is responsible for interviewing new members, bringing names of potential members to the board of directors for approval and developing an ongoing membership program for the club.

**MidWinter & State Convention** – The midwinter conference is a District 33K event. It is part social and part business. The state convention is an MD33 event and is the same but involves Clubs from all over the state. The committee decides what participation the club will have in terms of hospitality for our Club members and select guests.

**Mission Springs Breakfast** – started during the 2018 – 2019 Lions year, this event is meant to involve our Club members who have children interested in participating. The event is now held twice annually thanks to the success of the first year. \*This committee works as part of the Membership Committee\*

**Nominations Committee** – Comprised of the last five Past Presidents' of the Club, this is the group who will solicit interest in open board positions. Typically, this is the committee who will find suitable candidates for 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Secretary, open Director positions, etc.

**Operation Mitten** – On an annual basis we are provided names of families who may not have money to purchase gifts for Christmas. Each family is assigned a code and mittens are available at our November dinner meeting. Club members purchase and wrap gifts which are later distributed to the families.

**Peace Poster Contest** – This is an International Contest that encourages young people to submit their ideas using artwork. The theme is selected annually by LCI and the chair of this event is responsible for getting the information to the schools to encourage participation.

**Pennies for Sight** – We collect your leftover coins at every meeting. We then donate the funds to Mass Lions Eye Research Fund (MLERF).

**Publicity and Visibility** – This committee is responsible for maintaining our presence on Facebook and to assist the Advertising committee with public relations.

**Reading Action Program** – We collect books which are distributed to Home for Little Wanderers and others to promote literacy.

**Senior Citizens Cookout** – Each June the Lions get together and host a Cookout at Holliston Senior Center.

**Sunshine** – Shares news about health issues that affect Club members.

**Super Bowl Squares** – Done in conjunction with the Holliston Athletic Boosters, we sell squares betting on the two teams in the Super Bowl. We normally get together the day of and draw everyone's numbers.

**Toys for Tots** – We collect new toys for this Marine Corps Program

**Veteran's Day Luncheon** – Hosted in conjunction with the Holliston VFW and American Legion, we provide a lunch to the Veteran's in town.

**Visitations** – This committee arranges visitations to other Lions Clubs.

**Website** – This committee is responsible for maintaining the Club website, [hollistonlions.org](http://hollistonlions.org)

**White Cane Drive** – We set up a roadblock one time a year and collect funds for Mass Lions Eye Research.

**Wine/Beer Tasting** – This is a social event designed for publicity purposes and to introduce members of the community to Lions.

**Youth Speech Contest** – This is a Multiple District contest and on the Club level we make a topic available to the schools and high school students compete to move forward in the contest. The levels are Club, Zone, Region, District and Multiple District.

### **Holliston Lions Club Finances**

**Dues** – The dues you pay on an annual basis go towards the administrative expenses of the Club. This includes dues paid to Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 33, and District 33K. Dues are also used for other costs including Club awards, President & Secretary attendance at mandatory District, Region and Zone meetings, and guest speakers at dinner meetings. **Due are payable upon receipt of your invoice, typically during the first month of the Lions year, July.**

**Fundraising Income** – All income the club receives from fundraising efforts, after expenses associated with the event, must be donated back. We are not allowed to use any of these funds for the administrative expenses of the Club. This is how we spend those funds:

## **International Programs**

- Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) – the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International. Our donations may be used to present a Melvin Jones Fellow to a deserving Club member.
- International Peace Poster Contest

## **Multiple District 33 Programs**

Massachusetts Lions Eye Research	Massachusetts Lions All State Band
Massachusetts Lions Youth Speech Contest*	Clara Barton Camp*
Joslin Diabetes Camp*	NEADS *

\* These programs are both MD33 and D33K

## **District 33K Programs**

District 33K Eyemobile	District 33K Hearing Program
District 33K Governors Emergency Fund	National Braille Press
Perkins School for the Blind	Project Just Because

## **Holliston Lions Clubs Programs**

Holliston Housing Authority	Destination Imagination
Christmas Senior Dinners	Holliston Food Pantry
HABA	Holliston Downtown Lighting Program
Holliston Auxiliary Police	Holliston Boy Scout Troop 73
Friends of the Holliston Community Farm	Holliston in Bloom
Holliston Leo Club	Holliston Music Parents
Friends of the Holliston Library	Friends of Holliston Trails, Inc.
Holliston Senior Center	Holliston Historical Society
Town of Holliston Music Festivals	Holliston Elderly & Disabled Tax Relief
Downtown Marigold Project	Holliston Thanksgiving Sports Breakfast
Holliston Lions Senior Scholarship Program	Holliston School Lunch Program

## **Holliston Lions Member Programs**

Cycle for Life	Breast Cancer Research Foundation
Be Like Brit	Tim's Trot

All Holliston Lions Clubs members are expected to actively participate in Club events. Per our Constitution and By-Laws this means participating in one event on a quarterly basis.