

What are Lions?

Lions Clubs International is an international service organization that formed in the early 20th century. It wasn't until they were charged by Helen Keller to be her "knights of the blind" that they found their overall mission. Today, Lions International pursues many projects and has donated millions of dollars to eradicate causes of blindness across the world. Lions International is divided into multiple districts. Wisconsin is Multiple District (MD) 27. Within MD-27, there are 10 districts. In each district, there is a district governor that coordinates the efforts of the clubs of that district. Each district also elects two directors to sit on the board of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation.

The ten district governors sit on a Council of Governors that handles state issues for the Lions of MD-27. That state council works with the board of directors of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation to administer the six projects of the state – camp being the first one and the biggest one.

What are Lioness?

These clubs formed because originally, Lions did not accept women into their membership. This changed in 1985, but Lioness clubs still remain in operation.

What are Leos?

These are clubs that target specifically youth in schools. The idea is to have these youth work within these clubs to support Lions International with the intent to move into Lions once they are old enough to do so.