

Our Work

More Volunteers in More Places than any Other Service Club Organization

- ◆ **When it comes to meeting challenges, our response is simple: We serve.** In 205 countries, in hospitals and senior centers, in regions battered by natural disaster, in schools and in eyeglass recycling centers, Lions are at work, helping, leading, planning and supporting. Because we're local, we can serve the unique needs of the communities we live in. And because we're global, we can address challenges that go beyond borders. Lions have screened the vision of more than 24 million children.
- ◆ **We want everyone to see a better tomorrow.** That's why we support sight programs and services including vision screenings, eye banks and eyeglass recycling. Provide eye care services to those at risk of losing their sight.
- ◆ **We believe everyone deserves a healthy life.** From vision to supporting efforts to control and prevent diabetes, we're working to improve the health of children and adults around the world.
- ◆ **We empower the next generation.** Whether it's providing volunteer and leadership experiences in a Leo club or sharing a message of peace through youth programs investing in the future by reaching out to young people.
- ◆ **We serve local communities – and protect the planet.** From performing hands-on service projects to providing emergency assistance, our community and environment programs improve our communities – and protect the environment.



Rapid City “Downtown” Lions Club

Charter Number: 3426
PO Box 1423
Rapid City, SD 57709

Our Motto: WE SERVE!

Meeting Dates:
2nd & 4th Tuesdays at Noon
Canyon Lake Activities Center
2900 Canyon Lake Drive

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**Welcome
to the
Rapid City
“Downtown”
Lions
Club**



Who Are the Rapid City “Downtown” Lions?

- ◆ Lions are people who serve as volunteer members of our club under the International organization who enjoy fellowship, leadership development, and dedicate part of their time to help those in need, making our community a better place to live.
- ◆ Membership is open by invitation to any person over 18 years of age who has the desire to serve our local and international communities. New members are sponsored by a Lion Club member in good standing.
- ◆ Members are expected to serve as club officers, committee chairs, and lend their time for club activities and fundraisers.



We Serve

Rapid City “Downtown” Lions Club Projects

Projects related to blindness are the main focus as a Lions Club Member. For many years we have helped to provide the gift of sight to individuals unable to afford eye-glasses.

We also sponsor many charitable activities in our community, including youth and civic programs. Our club host an Annual Community Concert and Children’s Chorus Pancake Feed. We assist in Free Vision Screening for Children, Feeding South Dakota, Summer Nights and Central States Fair Concessions. All proceeds raised go to local and international organizations.

The Rapid City “Downtown” Lions Club is **PROUD** to support the following:

- ◆ South Dakota Lion’s Foundation
- ◆ Dakota Lions Sight & Health
- ◆ Lions Clubs International Foundation
- ◆ Northern Plains Eye Foundation
- ◆ Leader Dogs for the Blind
- ◆ Ski for Light
- ◆ Youth and Family Services
- ◆ The Club For Boys, Rapid City
- ◆ Rapid City Children’s Chorus
- ◆ Young Leaders Service Awards
- ◆ Collection of Used Eyeglasses

Lions Club International History

- ◆ Mission– To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs
- ◆ Lionism began in the United States in 1917, when a group of independent clubs responded to an idea from a young Chicago Insurance Agent, Melvin Jones.
- ◆ At the 1925 Lions International convention, Helen Keller challenged Lions to be the Knights of the Blind. Since then, Lions have focused on supporting projects that improve conditions for those who are blind or visually impaired.
- ◆ Lions Club International is the largest service club in the world, with over 47,000 clubs in 200+ countries, exceeding a membership of 1.4 million.