



# New Member Orientation

Wimberley Lions Club

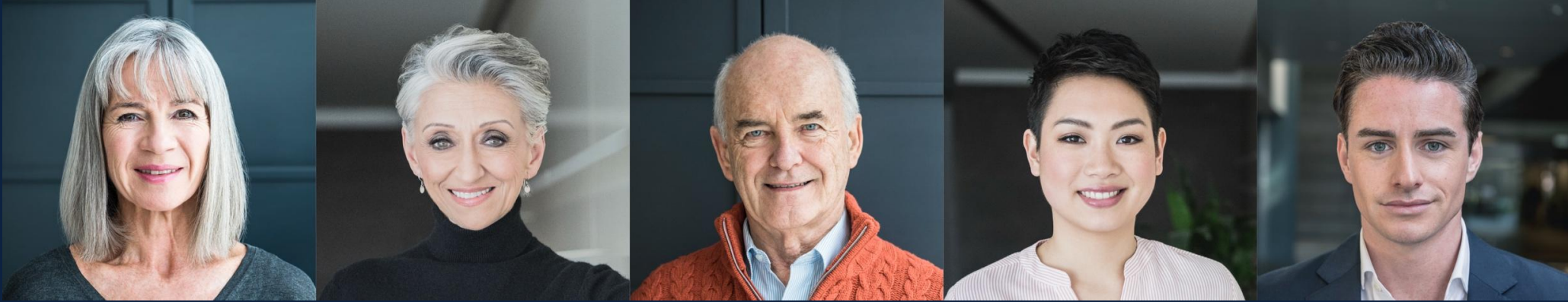
# Agenda



Lions International

Lions in Texas

Wimberley Lions Club



# Lions Clubs International (LCI)



# Lions Name & Logo

- The official name of the association is “The International Association of Lions Clubs” or simply “Lions Clubs International.”
- The name Lions was chosen on a secret ballot over several others because the lion stood for strength, courage, fidelity and vital action.
- The Lions logo consists of a gold “L” on a blue field surrounded by a gold circle. On either side of the circle is the profile of a Lion’s head, one looking back upon a proud past and the other looking optimistically toward the future.



# Who Lions Are

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- **Vision Statement:** To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.
- **Mission Statement:** To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.
- **Motto:** “We Serve”
- **Slogan:** Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation’s Safety
- **Purposes:** LCI has a list of purposes to convey why Lions clubs exist.
- **Code of Ethics:** LCI has a code of ethics which set the standard that Lions should aspire to adhere to.



# Our Mission

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**Lions are men and women dedicated to serving those in need, whether in their own community or around the world.**

## **LIONS Club International**

- ~1.5+ Million Members
- ~48,000 Lions Clubs Globally
- 208 Countries

## **Lions Clubs USA**

- ~467,000 Members
- ~14,000+ Clubs
- ~850 in Texas!



**Lions International**

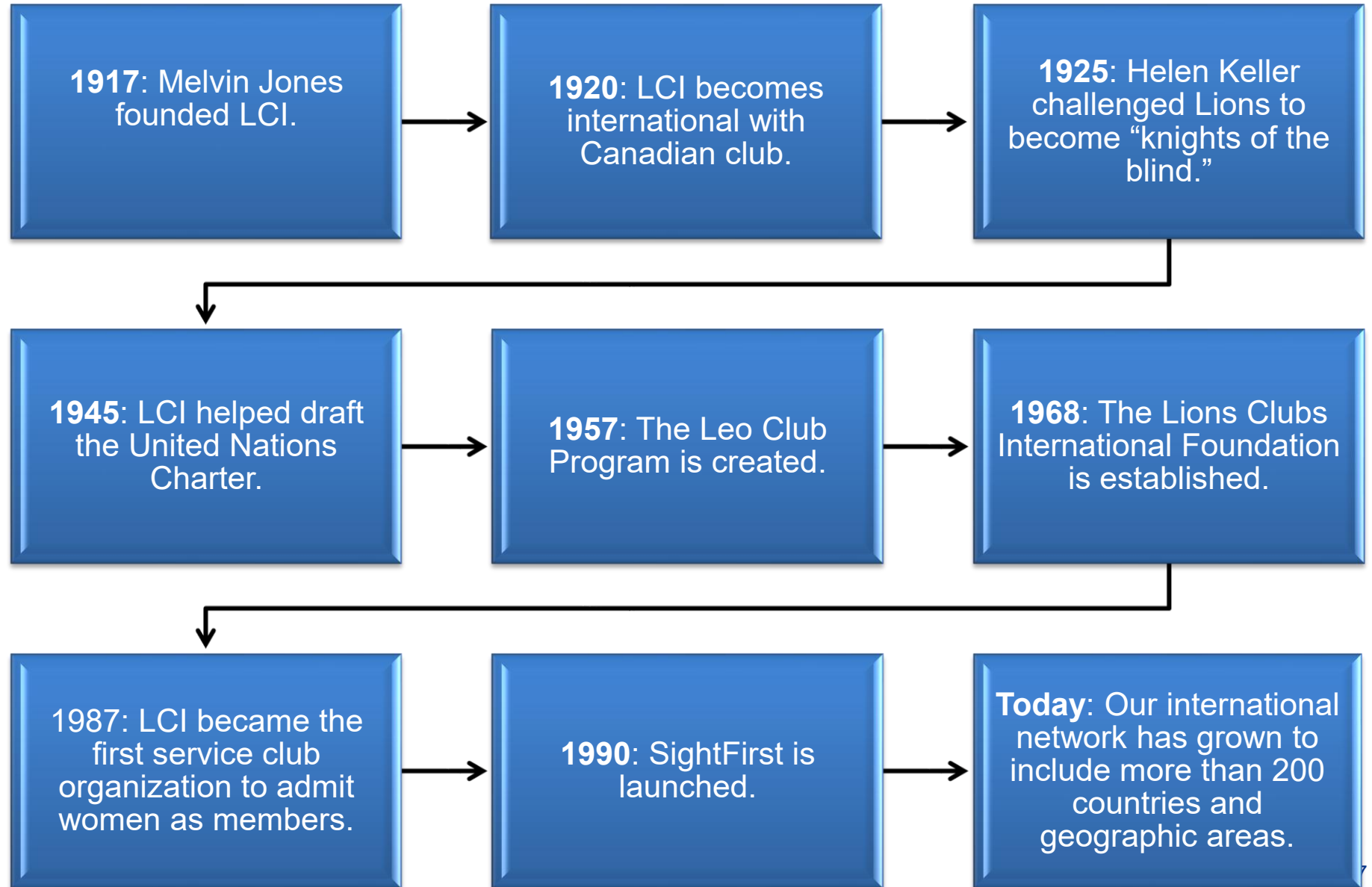




# Lions International History



Melvin Jones  
Founder of the Lions





# LCI International HQ

- **Located in Oak Brook Illinois**
- **Approximately 275 staff members in 11 divisions:**
  - Convention
  - District and Club Administration
  - Finance
  - Information Technology
  - Leadership Development
  - Legal
  - Lions Clubs International Foundation
  - Marketing
  - Membership
  - Member Operations and Support
  - Service Activities





# Some LCI Foundation Facts

## Important Facts about Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

- **Founded in 1968** – LCIF is the only global foundation supporting Lions' service.
- **Mission:** Empower Lions, volunteers, and partners to improve health, strengthen communities, and support those in need.
- **Global Reach:** Serving in 200+ countries and geographic areas.
- **100% of Donations** go directly to grants and programs.
- **Nearly 20,000 Grants Awarded**, totaling over US\$1.2 billion in support.
- Driven by the **generosity of Lions** and donors worldwide



# LCI Transforming Lives



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

## Transforming Lives for Over 50 Years

- **SightFirst Program** – 9.7 million cataract surgeries;  
2+ million health professionals trained; 1,600+ eye centers built or equipped.
- **Lions Quest** – Supporting youth and educators in over 110 countries.
- **Disaster Relief** – Over **US\$161 million** distributed to help communities recover.
- **Measles Initiative** – Helped vaccinate **100 million+ children**, reducing global deaths.
- **Ongoing Commitment** – Supporting the sick, displaced, and disabled worldwide.



# Organization Structure of LCI (2025-2026)

- **International officers implement policy and serve as inspirational leaders of the world's Lions.**
  - **International President:** A. P. Singh (Kolkata, India)
  - **First Vice President:** Mark S. Lyon (Brookfield, Connecticut, USA)
  - **Second Vice President:** Dr. Manoj Shah (Nairobi, Kenya)
  - **Third Vice President:** Tony Benbow (Australia)
  - **Immediate Past President/LCIF Chairperson:** Fabrício Oliveira (Brazil)
  
- **The International Board of Directors is the governing body of the association.**
  - 34 members
  
- **The International Constitution and By-Laws govern the operations of the association and establish the rules by which the association is to function.**



# International Convention

**Convention brings together thousands of Lions from around the world for a week of business, education, celebration and fellowship.**



**HONG KONG 2026**  
108th Lions International Convention

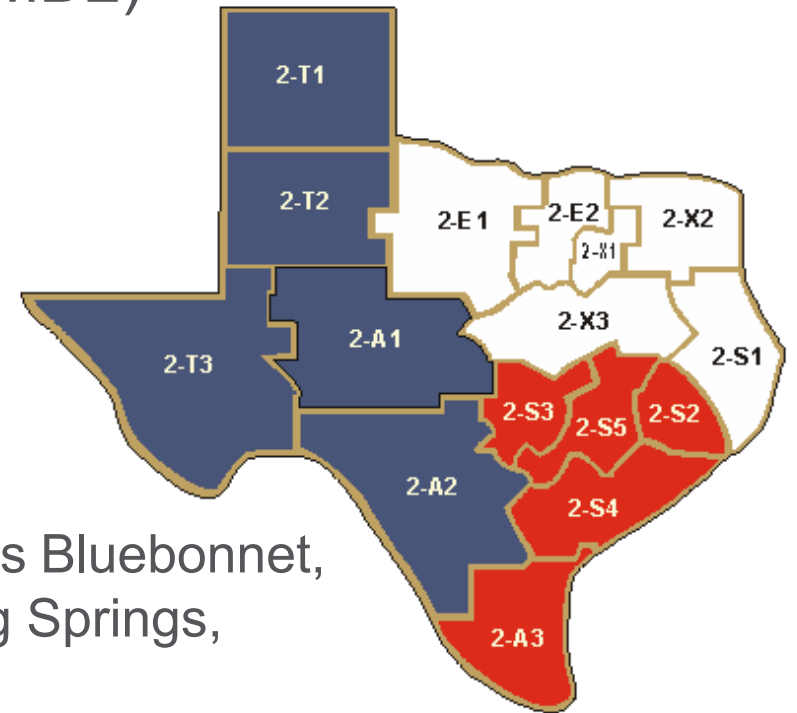
**Hong Kong, China | July 3-7, 2026**

To learn more visit [LCICon.lionsclubs.org](https://LCICon.lionsclubs.org)



# LCI Texas Districts

- There are about 750 districts worldwide with 35 or more clubs and at least 1,250 members in each district.
  - Each district has a district governor
- Multiple districts are formed by two or more districts within a territory.
- Our Multiple District: TEXAS Multiple District 2 (MD2)
  - 850 Clubs with 23,000 Lions. 16 Districts in MD2.
  - [www.texaslions.org](http://www.texaslions.org)
- Our District: 2-S3
  - 52 clubs
  - [www.lionsdistrict2s3.org](http://www.lionsdistrict2s3.org)
- Our Zone: Zone 4
  - Buda, Kyle, Lockhart, Luling, San Marcos, San Marcos Bluebonnet, Blanco, Texas State University, Johnson City, Dripping Springs, Wimberley





# District 2-S3 Leadership

- **District Governor:** Dennis Gutierrez (San Marcos)
- **First Vice District Governor:** Diane Schaule (Canyon Lake)
- **Second Vice District Governor:** Corey Bailey (Georgetown)
- **District Secretary:** Graham Duhamel (Canyon Lake)
- **District Treasurer:** Vanessa Jones (Wimberley)
- **Zone Chairperson:** Olga Hernandez (Lockhart)

Find out a lot more info here:

<https://tinyurl.com/district2S3-directory>



# District 2-S3 Meetings

## ○ District Meetings are held to:

- Develop fellowship among the Lions of the district
- Conduct general district business
- Elect the district governor and other district-elected officers
- Conduct seminars

| Meeting Type                          | Date          | Location       |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| District 2-S3 Annual Convention       | May 1-2, 2026 | Round Rock, TX |
| District 2-S3 Mid Winter Conference   | Jan 10, 2026  | Kyle, TX       |
| District 2-S3 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting | Oct 11, 2025  | San Marcos, TX |
| District 2-S3 1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting | Aug 16, 2025  | Wimberley, TX  |



# District 2-S3 & MD2 on the Web

|                               | URL   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| District 2-S3 Website         | <a href="http://www.lionsdistrict2s3.org">www.lionsdistrict2s3.org</a>              |
| Multiple District MD2 Website | <a href="http://www.texaslions.org">www.texaslions.org</a>                          |
| MD2 Facebook                  | <a href="https://www.facebook.com/md2texaslions">www.facebook.com/md2texaslions</a> |
| District 2-S3 Facebook        | <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Lions2S3">www.facebook.com/Lions2S3</a>           |



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# Wimberley Lions Club

# Wimberley Lions Club History

## History

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Read more about our history here!  
<https://www.wimberleylions.com/history>

- **Year chartered:** 1969
- **Number of charter members:** 26
- **Market Day Facts:** First 7 acres purchased in 1972 for \$20,400 (now > 20 acres)
- **Community Contributions:** Approaching \$5 Million in contributions to the Wimberley Community (Non-Profit Grants, Scholarships, Parks, Programs, Community Infrastructure, Emergency Relief & more)





# Our Bylaws & Constitution

## Updated via In-Person Quorum General Meeting in January 2026

- **Bylaws (3 pages)**
  - Prohibits Politics, Religious Debate, and Solicitation
  - Outlines Standing & Specialized Committee Organizations and Oversight
  - Specifies Market Day Focus Areas and Structure
- **Constitution (16 pages)**
  - Club Objectives
  - Membership Categories
  - Fees & Dues
  - Officers
  - Board of Directors Duties & Powers
  - Elections & Vacancies
  - Meetings
  - Legal Processes / Disputes
  - Code of Ethics

# Club Officers (2025-2026)

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- President: Mindy Curnutt
- Immediate Past President: Doug McLean
- Vice President 1: Hilda Carpenter
- Vice President 2: Aaron Jones
- Vice President 3: Lori Olson
- Secretary: Joyce Willoughby
- Scholarship Director: Stephanie Gutierrez
- Membership Chairperson: Chris Gerling
- Market Day GM: Mike Crusham
- Treasurer: Joe Stubbs
- Club Marketing: Gale Wiley
- Lion Tamer: Miguel Lopez
- Tail Twister: Bob Hambrick
- Director: Vic Willoughby
- Director: Hoytt Rachels

Board Members Serve an Annually  
(July – June)



# Elections

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- Officers are elected annually
- Nomination committee is appointed in March
- The nomination committee selects candidates
- The club votes in April at the General Meeting
- The term begins July 1<sup>st</sup> and goes through June 30<sup>th</sup>

# Programs & Committees



Over \$4M raised since 1969

Market Day is the Primary Fundraiser

- Grants to Local Non-Profits and Organizations
- Scholarship Program for Local Students
- Vision & Diabetes Screening
- Eyeglasses and Hearing Aid Recycling
- Glasses Vouchers
- Texas Lions Camp
- Youth Exchange (Inbound & Outbound)
- Leo's Clubs (Wimberley HS & KAPS)
- Roadside Cleanup
- Shred It, Clean Up, and RX Disposal Day
- Civic Projects (Park near Cypress Creek, Community Center, Library...)
- Quarterly Community Forums



# Scholarships & Grants

- Currently **\$66,000**/year paid out annually in Scholarships
- Approximately 8 foreign exchange students from Wimberley High and KAPS
- Annual Grants and Donations to 30+ Local Non-Profit and Community Organizations:

*Barnabas Connection, Crisis Breadbasket, Habitat for Humanity, Wimberley Library, Wimberley EMS, KAPS, Wimberley Radio, PAWs, Hill Country Chorus & Orchestra, ME2U!, Arts League, Dark Sky, and more ...*



# Texas Lions Camp

- Located in Kerrville ~500+ Acres
- Residential camping facility for disabled children, Type-1 Diabetes, Cancer, and Down's Syndrome
- All Campers attend for **FREE**
- Over 60,000 Campers since 1953
- Wimberley Lions sponsor a picnic meal for campers each summer





# SPOT Vision Screening

**S - Screening:** The process of testing vision to identify potential issues.

**P - Pediatric:** Focused on children, as early detection is crucial for vision problems.

**O - Ocular:** Relating to the eye, emphasizing the importance of eye health.

**T - Testing:** The method of evaluating visual acuity and eye function.

*Screening provided for children 3 years and up*

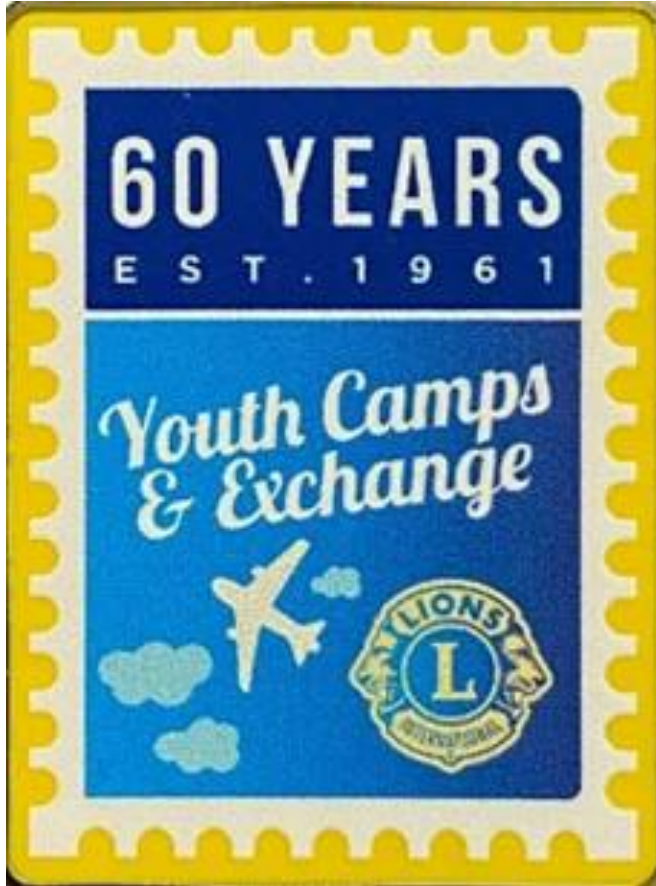
*Early identification of vision issues*

*Referrals Provided*

*New Voucher Program*



# Youth Camp & Exchange



## Outbound

- Up to 8 Wimberley area HS students annually
- 123 Lions Youth Exchange Camps across the globe
- 3-4 weeks

## Inbound

- JC Hyer Camp Program (Texas)
- Approximately 15 Students
- 5-week program
- One week spent in Wimberley

# Wimberley Market Day

*FIRST SATURDAY MARCH THROUGH DECEMBER*



10 Concession stands operated by Lions

Parking lots operated by Lions

Hauling provided to customers

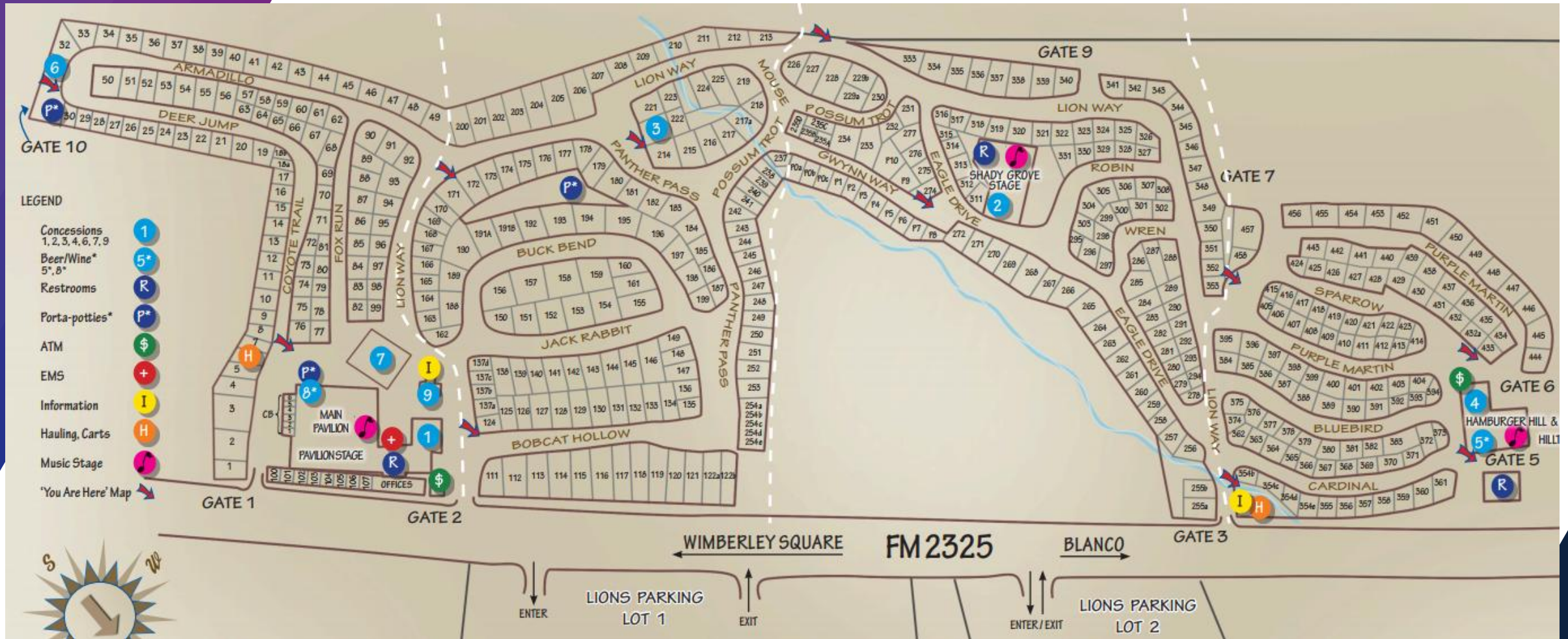
487 Booths

~ 383 Vendor owned (annual lease)

~ 134 Lions Club owned (annual and daily rentals)

**FUN FACT:**  
It takes at least  
150 volunteers  
to pull off a  
Market Day!!

# Market Day Map



 Concession

 Music Stage

 Info Booth

# Market Day Volunteers

**100% Staffed by Volunteers**

Volunteers are both **Wimberley Lions** and members of the Community, many from **Non-Profits**

Submit willingness & availability to:

[Volunteer@WimberleyMarketDays.com](mailto:Volunteer@WimberleyMarketDays.com)



# Awards

**While service is its own reward, special accomplishments and milestones should be recognized and celebrated. Below are some of the awards that all Lions can achieve.**

- Lion of the Year
- New Lion of the Year
- President's Appreciation
- Service Recognition
- Melvin Jones Fellowship
- Progressive Melvin Jones
- ROAR of Recognition
- Membership Keys (Sponsoring Members)
- Chevron Awards (Years of Service)

# Member Dues

(per member)

Total Dues: \$90/Year + (\$52/MD Tips)

Club dues: \$26

District and multiple district dues: \$66

International dues: \$50

## District & International Breakdown

- Texas Lions Camp (\$31)
- District Dues (\$14)
- District 2-S3 Charities (\$3)
- Texas Lions Museum (\$2)
- Leader Dogs for the Blind (\$2)
- Texas Eyeglass Recycling (\$2)
- Sunshine Kids (\$5)
- Youth Opportunities (\$2)
- Other Charities (\$5)

## Administrative Costs of Club

- Awards Recognition
- Convention / Meeting Fees
- Lions Merchandise for New Members
- Leos Levy
- Meeting Snacks
- Meeting Agendas & Handouts
- Office Supplies
- Special Events / Projects
- President's Discretionary Fund

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| \$ | 90   | Total Paid Yearly per Member                                  |
| \$ | (50) | Lions International Dues                                      |
| \$ | (14) | District Dues   |
| \$ | 26   | Wimberley Lions Dues  |
|    |      |   |
| \$ | 52   | Texas Lions Camp & Charities paid for with Funds from MD Tips |

# Meetings

| Meeting Type            | When  | Time   | Where                      |
|-------------------------|---|--------|----------------------------|
| General Meeting         | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday                         | 6pm    | Wimberley Community Center |
| Board Meeting           | 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday                         | 6pm    | Wimberley EMS              |
| Post Market Day Meeting | Thursday following Market Day                   | 5:30pm | Wimberley EMS              |
| Quarterly Forum         | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, month chosen Quarterly | 6pm    | Wimberley Community Center |



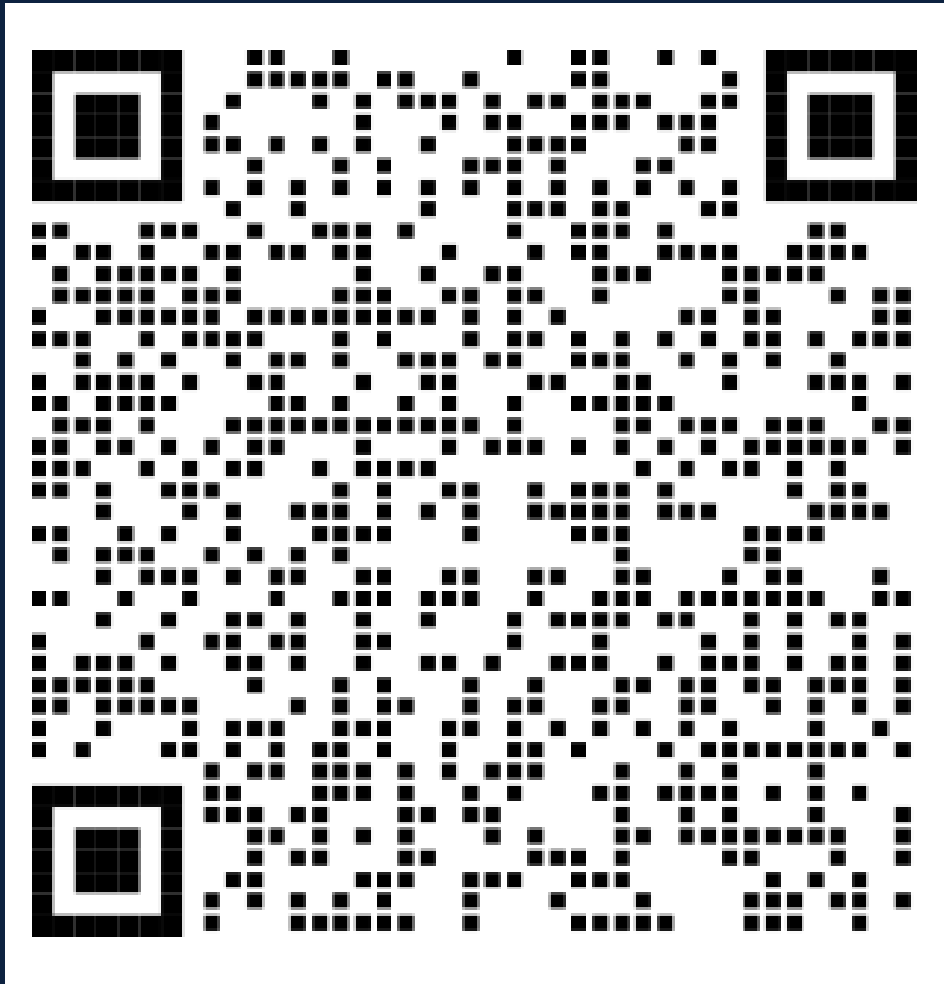
# What Members Should Do

- Participate in Market Day
- Attend Membership Meetings
- Get Involved (there is more than just Market Day)
- Ask your sponsor if you have a question
- Be aware of club activities: Participate!
- Mingle! Get to know other club members
- Look for ways to foster Lion-ism in the community
- Help recruit New Members
- Learn about the Board and other key positions. Get engaged!
- Bring your ideas to the club

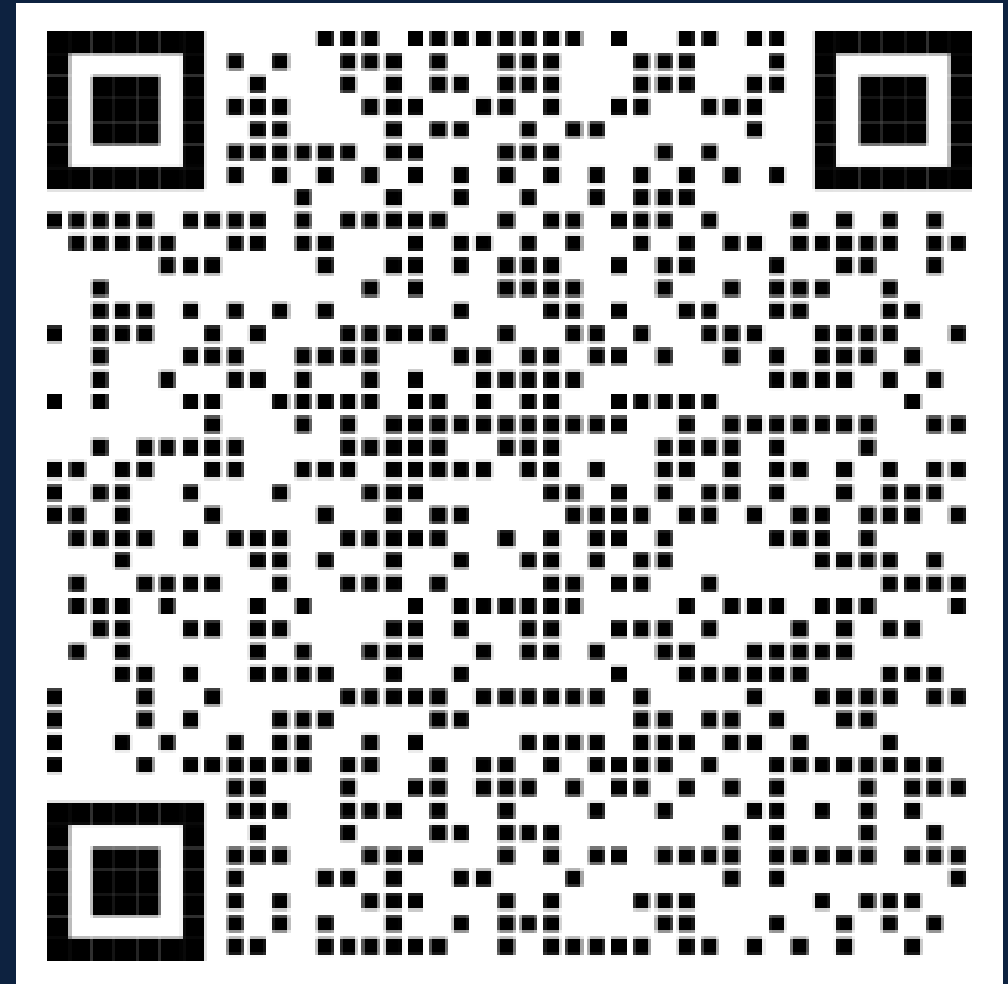


# How we Communicate

## Wimberley Lions Club



## Wimberley Market Day



# Need Help?

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Contact your Sponsor

Email our Secretary at [secretary@wimberleylions.com](mailto:secretary@wimberleylions.com)

Email our President at [president@wimberleylions.com](mailto:president@wimberleylions.com)



# Welcome to our Lions Club!

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Any Questions?

