BEING A FOREST GROVE LION...

...means working with others to contribute to the betterment of your community, state, country and the world. Members:

- Attend club meetings, and participate in club activities and projects such as:
  - Collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids for those in need.
  - Supporting Pacific University Amigos to provide donated eyeglasses to needy recipients in other countries.
  - Conducting student vision and hearing screenings.
  - Maintaining Lions Garden.
  - Supporting local sight and hearing activities and Gales Creek Camp.

- Learn about the Constitution and Bylaws of the local Club, Multiple District, and International Association of Lions Clubs.

- Learn about the objectives and aims of Lionism, the Lions Code of Ethics, and the customs, rules and practices of the Club, District and International Association.

- Support Club officers.

- Mutually share the rewards of Lionism with others.
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

Lions International was established in 1917 by Melvin Jones, a Chicago businessman. Today the organization has grown into the world’s largest service organization, with nearly 1.4 million members in 193 countries.

Inspired by a challenge from Helen Keller in 1923 to become “Knights of the Blind,” the growing organization adopted sight preservation and restoration as its major international program. Later, services expanded to include focus areas in hearing loss prevention, diabetes awareness, fighting drug abuse, and youth development programs that provide positive lifelong skills.

LIONS EYE BANK OF OREGON

Lions Clubs are the bedrock of community support for the Eye Bank, a non-profit organization created in 1975 by Lions who recognized the need for banked tissue to provide transplants, research and medical education in Oregon and Clark County, Washington. More than 18,000 people have received the gift of sight from tissue obtained and screened by the bank. Much more tissue has been donated for research and surgical training of medical students.

Lions also provide invaluable service as couriers, transporting tissue to hospitals all around Oregon and Clark County Washington at any time of day and night, to enable rapid processing of eye donations. Local Lions transport tissues more than 1,000 times each year.

Among the institutions supported by provision of eye tissue donated to the Lions Eye Bank of Oregon are the Devers Memorial Eye Institute of Good Samaritan Hospital and Casey Eye Institution at Oregon Health and Sciences University.

The Lions Eye Bank of Oregon Board of Directors consists of Lions, funeral home representatives and medical doctors.

OREGON SIGHT & HEARING FOUNDATION

Since 1959 the Foundation, in partnership with local Lions Clubs, has protected the health of Oregonians and helped children to see and hear through seven sight, hearing and health assistance direct service programs for uninsured or underinsured community members:

- Free Mobile Health Preventative Screenings at schools and community events throughout the state in cooperation with local Lions clubs and school districts.
- Patient Care Program to help Oregonians receive eye and ear surgery or treatments they need but cannot afford.
- Low Vision Clinic providing developmental exams to Oregon children with visual impairment.
- Mission Cataract Oregon offering free cataract surgery to low income individuals of all ages who are uninsured and don’t qualify for government assistance.
- Eyeglass Recycling Program to collect used glasses for redistribution in developing countries.
- Hearing Aid Bank to provide high quality rebuilt hearing aids at low cost to people who can’t afford new aids.
- KEX Kids Fund, overseen by an Oregon Lions staff member, which raises money through annual radiothon to help thousands of kids receive eyeglasses and/or hearing aids.