

## Who are the Salem Lions?

**Men and women of varying ages drawn together for a common purpose: To make a positive difference in our community, in Connecticut, and throughout the world.**

## How do we serve?

- **We donate our time and talent to help others.**
- **100% of every dollar raised by the club directly benefits the charities we serve.**
- **Administrative costs are raised through members and dues, insuring no fundraising money is used for this purpose.**

## **A brief history of Lions International**

Lions Club International is the world's largest service organization with 1.35 million members in 206 countries.

Lion members are dedicated men and women who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes.

Founded in 1917, the association's motto is "We serve". Worldwide, Lions clubs are recognized for their service to the blind and visually impaired. Today, they extend this commitment through local projects and international programs.

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# **The Salem Lions Club**



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## **We Serve**

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**We need caring people wishing to help the Community and those less fortunate**

## Please Join Us

**Learn more about your local chapter of the World's largest and most active service organization**

*Serving the Salem community since 1973*

## Whom do we serve?

### In our community.....

- **Special Projects** to aid seniors, those in need, and the community as a whole.
- **Easter Egg Hunt at Salem School**
- **Memorial Day Parade support**
- **Community Calendar** delivered free to every household.
- **Scholarships** presented annually to two graduating seniors living in Salem.
- **Civic & Grange Awards** to deserving 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Salem School.
- **Cutting firewood** for senior citizens.
- Sponsor **Youth Baseball Team**
- **Secret Santa**
- **Community Needs**: Providing eyeglass collection, eye examinations, and eyeglasses for the needy, and adaptive equipment for the disabled.

### And beyond .....

Our yearly fund-raisers also support:

- **Camp Rising Sun**: providing summertime camperships to children with cancer
- **CT Lions Eye Research Foundation**: providing grants to CT hospitals and projects for eye research and equipment
- **CRIS Radio**: a reading service for the blind and print-handicapped, reading newspapers and magazines. Local broadcasting at Three Rivers Community College in Norwich
- **Diabetes**: providing funds for research and equipment
- **Lions Club International Foundation**: providing grants for worldwide disaster relief. Setting up hospitals and training for physicians worldwide; its goal to eradicate all causes of preventable blindness

### Also supporting .....

- **Hearing & Speech**: providing funds for research and equipment
- **Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation**: Bloomfield, CT: providing funds to train guide dogs for individuals who are blind.
- **Lions Low Vision Center of Eastern Conn.**: Located at Uncas on Thames Hospital in Norwich. Provides low vision devices, equipment and evaluation at no charge to individuals with low vision or who are legally blind.

### ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS

- Salem Road Race
- Community Calendar
- Tag sale
- Journey for Sight Walk-a-thon
- Firewood – Campfire/by the cord
- Super Bowl Roses
- E-bay Auctions