What are the Benefits of Being a Member?

• Help your community.
• Gain valuable skills.
• Make an impact on people’s lives, both locally and internationally.
• Learn to be a leader – and lead a respected organization.
• Network with business people in your community and around the world.
• Energize your life and have fun.

What is the Next Step?

If you have read this far, you have already taken the first step. Give our Club Membership Chair a call, send in the enclosed interest form or send us an email. Membership in our club is by invitation. There is a nominal initiation fee and modest annual dues. Members pay for their lunches at meetings. Now that you are interested in making the community a better place, just let us know! At this point the decision is up to you.
Who Are the Novato Lions?

The Novato Lions Club is made up of service-minded men and women who live or work in Novato. They all share a common goal— to make the world a better place through involvement in the Community. Our club is just one of more than 45,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world governed by the International Association of Lions Clubs (www.lionsclubs.org). The Novato Lions Club (www.novatolions.org) was chartered in 1946 and has been a force for improvement in this community ever since.

Who Makes Up the Membership of the Club?

We are made up of dedicated people, just like you! There are no restrictions on becoming a member, other than you must be an adult person of good moral character. You must also have a desire to become involved in Community Service! You probably already know many of our members as your friends, neighbors or business acquaintances.

What Do We Do?

Our Major Fundraising Project

• Bingo four times/year

Community Service Activities

• Collect, sort and recycle thousands of pairs of eyeglasses to needy people throughout the world.
• Participate in projects benefiting local government, schools and other nonprofit organizations.

Our funds support

• Wilderness Camp for Deaf Children.
• Low-cost hearing aids for the needy.
• Free eye exams, eyeglasses and eye surgery for the needy.
• Student Speaker contest scholarships.
• Dogs for the blind and physically challenged.
• Facilities for the hearing impaired at Margaret Todd Senior Center.
• Missions to countries in need for eye exams, eyeglasses and medical care.
• Aid to the homeless.
• Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts.
• Rescue animal care and placement.

And many other services throughout our community and the world.

Does This Take a Lot of Time?

Generally no, but you must decide the amount of time you want to spend by balancing your priorities. No one person is expected to do it all and teamwork is encouraged. Regular club lunch meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, start at noon and take about one hour. The Board of Directors meets once a month at lunch, usually the third Tuesday of the month. Time spent at meetings and on Lions projects should be based upon whatever you feel is comfortable for your situation. All members are expected to play an active role on fundraisers.

What are the Objectives of Lions?

The principal objectives are to:

• Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
• Encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward.
• Take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.