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# Bylaws

## ARTICLE I Name

The name of this organization shall be the Lions Club of Danbury, Inc. chartered by and under the jurisdiction of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

## ARTICLE II Objectives

The objectives of this Club are as follows:

1. To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world,
2. To promote the theory and practice of the principles of good government and good citizenship,
3. To take an active interest in the civic, social and moral welfare of the community,
4. To unite the members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding,
5. To provide a forum for the full and free discussion of all matters of public interest except for partisan politics and sectarian religion,
6. To encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in business and professions, provided that this Club shall not hold out as one of its objectives, financial benefits to its members, and
7. To select and conduct public fundraising for humanitarian, educational and civic projects.

## ARTICLE III Membership

**Section A.** Subject to the provisions of Section B, any person of legal majority, good moral character and good reputation in the community, may be granted membership in this Lions Club. All members shall conduct themselves in a manner reflecting a favorable image upon this Club and the community.

**Section B.** Membership categories in this Lions Club shall be as follows:

1. **Active** An Active member is entitled to all rights and privileges and is subject to all obligations which membership in a Lions Club confers or implies.
  - a. Rights and privileges shall include the right to vote on all matters requiring a vote of the membership and eligibility to seek, if otherwise qualified, any office in this Club, District or International Association.
  - b. Obligations shall include regular attendance at meetings, prompt payment of luncheon fees and all dues – Club, District and International Association – and participation in Club activities.

<b>Danbury Lions Club Membership Categories</b>						
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Rights &amp; Privileges</b>			<b>Obligations</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>Voting Rights</b>	<b>Eligible to Hold Office</b>	<b>Eligible to Serve as Delegate</b>	<b>Participation in Club Activities</b>	<b>Attendance at Club Meetings Expected</b>	<b>Prompt Payment of Dues</b>
<b>1. Active</b>	Full	Yes	Yes	Expected	Yes	All
<b>2. Affiliate</b>	None	No	No	Optional	No	All
<b>3. Associate</b>	None	No	No	Optional	No	Club
<b>4. Honorary</b>	None	No	No	Optional	No	None
<b>5. Life</b>	Full	Yes	Yes	Optional	Yes	District & Club
<b>6. Member-at-Large</b>	None	No	No	Optional	No	All
<b>7. Privileged</b>	Full	No	Yes	Optional	No	All

2. **Affiliate** An Affiliate member is an individual who is not a member of any Lions Club nor currently able to fully participate as an Active member of this Club but who desires to support the Club and be affiliated with it. This status is conferred by the invitation of the Board of Directors.
  - a. Rights and privileges shall include the right to participate in Club activities, but shall not include any other privileges of Active membership.
  - b. Obligations shall include prompt payment of all dues – Club, District and International Association.
3. **Associate** An Associate member is an Active member of another Club who has a residence or works in this Club's community and desires to be associated with this Club. This status is conferred by invitation of the Board of Directors and shall be reviewed annually at the June meeting of the Board of Directors of this Club.
  - a. Rights and privileges shall include the right to participate in Club activities, but shall not include any other privileges of Active membership.
  - b. Obligations shall include prompt payment of all dues to the home Club as well as any other dues that may be assessed by this Club.
4. **Honorary** An Honorary member is an individual who is not a member of this Lions Club, but one who has performed outstanding service for the community or this Club and upon whom the Club desires to confer special distinction. The Membership Committee shall be responsible for making recommendations for Honorary membership to the Board of Directors.
  - a. Rights and privileges shall include the right to attend meetings and to participate in Club activities, but shall not include any other privileges of Active membership.

- b. An Honorary member has no financial obligations. This Club shall pay entrance fees and Club, District and International Association dues for Honorary members.
5. **Life Member** A Life member is any member of this Club who has maintained continuous Active membership as a Lion for 25 years or more and has rendered outstanding service to this Club, this community or the International Association; or any member of this Club who has maintained continuous Active membership for 20 years or more, has served as an officer of this Club or is at least 70 years old or critically ill. Life membership may be granted as follows:
- a. Recommendation to the Board of Directors by the Membership Committee,
  - b. Recommendation by this Club to the International Association,
  - c. Payment to the International Association of \$300 by this Club in lieu of all future dues to the International Association, and
  - d. Approval by the International Association's Board of Directors.

The rights, privileges and obligations of Life Membership are as follows:

- a. Rights and privileges shall include the right to vote on all matters requiring a vote of the membership, to participate in Club activities and eligibility to seek, if otherwise qualified, any office in this Club, District or International Association.
  - b. Obligations of a Life member shall include prompt payment of Club and District dues.
6. **Member-at-Large** A Member-at-Large is a member of this Club who has moved from the community or, because of health or other legitimate reason, is unable to regularly attend Club meetings and desires to retain membership in this Club, and upon whom the Board of Directors of this

Club desires to confer this status. This status shall be reviewed annually at the October meeting of the Board of Directors of this Club. The Membership Committee will be responsible for making recommendations to the Board of Directors.

- a. Rights and privileges shall include the right to attend meetings and to participate in Club activities, but shall not include any other privileges of Active membership.
- b. Obligations shall include prompt payment of all dues – Club, District and International Association.

7. **Privileged** A Privileged member of this Club is one who has been a Lion 15 years or more, who because of illness, infirmities, advanced age or other legitimate reason, as determined by the Board of Directors of this Club, must relinquish Active status. The Membership Committee will be responsible for making recommendations to the Board of Directors.

- a. Rights and privileges shall include the right to the right to vote on all matters requiring a vote of the membership, to attend meetings and to participate in Club activities, but shall not include any other privileges of Active membership.
- b. Obligations shall include prompt payment of dues – Club, District and International Association.

**Section C.** Membership shall be acquired by invitation only.

Application shall be made on forms provided by the Membership Committee and shall be signed by a member in good standing who shall act as Sponsor. No prospective new member shall be invited to join this Club until after this application has been approved in the following manner:

1. The sponsoring member shall present the completed Application for Membership to the Membership Chairman,

2. The Membership Chairman must certify that the applicant has attended a minimum of two meetings and has been introduced to the members of the Executive Committee,
3. The Membership Chairman shall submit the applicant's name to the Board of Directors for further investigation and majority approval.
4. If this approval is granted, then the applicant shall be invited to become a member of the Club.
5. A properly filled out Application for Membership form, together with a check for the entrance fee and first quarter's dues must be provided to the Secretary before the member is officially inducted into the Club and reported to the International Association as a member.

**Section D.** Any member dropped from membership may be reinstated within six months from the date of termination of membership by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. In the event more than six months have elapsed between termination and the reinstatement application, it will be necessary for the former member to apply as a new member. In this event, the Board of Directors, by a majority vote, can waive the Club's portion of the new membership fee.

**Section E.** This Lions Club may accept from another Lions Club, on a transfer basis, a member who has moved from that Club's territory to the territory of this Club. The Transfer Membership form must be completed and filed within six months from date of termination from the original Club. The applicant must have been in good standing in the former Club. The Secretary of the former Club shall provide a statement showing the transferring member's record in that Club. In the event more than six months have elapsed between the separation of the member and the transfer application, it will be necessary for the former member to apply as a new member.

## **ARTICLE IV: Fees and Dues**

**Section A.** Each applicant shall pay an entrance fee of \$50 which will include the current International Association entrance fee and will be collected before such applicant is enrolled as a member of this Club and before the Secretary reports such member to the Lions International Association. The Board of Directors may amend such fee from time to time.

**Section B.** Except for those categories listed below, each member of this Club shall pay regular quarterly dues that shall include an amount to cover current International Association and District dues to defray the subscription price of *The Lion* magazine, administrative and annual convention costs of the International Association and similar District and Club costs and which shall be paid in advance and in an amount as the Board of Directors shall determine with respect to each membership category. The Treasurer of this Club shall remit International Association and District dues to the parties specified in the respective International Association and District Constitution and Bylaws.

1. Life members pay District and Club dues only.
2. Honorary members pay no dues.
3. The Chaplain pays no dues.

**Section C.** Each Active member of this Club shall pay, along with quarterly dues, a quarterly luncheon fee. All other members will be billed for the luncheons that they attend in an amount determined by the Board of Directors.

**Section D.** Other assessments may be levied from time to time by a vote of the Board of Directors subject to an affirmative vote of the members eligible to vote.

## **ARTICLE V: Resignations**

Any member may resign from this Club. Resignation shall become effective upon acceptance by the Board of Directors. The Board may withhold acceptance until all indebtedness has been paid, all Club funds and property have been returned and all rights to the use

of the name "LIONS", the emblem and other insignia of this Club and the International Association have been surrendered.

## **ARTICLE VI: Forfeiture of Membership**

**Section A.** A member will be in arrears if an indebtedness is not paid by the end of the current quarter. The Treasurer shall submit to the Board of Directors the name of any member who is in arrears.

Any member who fails to pay an indebtedness to this Club by the end of the second quarter after notice from the Treasurer shall forfeit good standing and shall so remain until such indebtedness is paid in full.

The Board shall thereafter decide whether the member shall be dropped from or retained on the Roster in accordance with the Board's established Delinquency Policy.

**Section B:** Any member may be expelled from the Club for cause by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VII: Officers**

**Section A.** The officers of this Club shall be the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall comprise the Executive Committee; and the Immediate Past President, Lion Tamer, Tail Twister, Membership Director and all Directors.

**Section B.** No person shall be eligible to hold office in this Club unless an Active or Life member in good standing.

**Section C.** No officer shall receive any compensation for any service rendered to this Club in an official capacity. However, dues of the Secretary and Treasurer may be reduced by the Board of Directors.

**Section D.** The position of Chaplain is hereby established. The selection of the Chaplain shall be approved by the Board of Directors of the Club. The Chaplain shall not be an officer of the club, but should be a member of the clergy and shall perform such duties as is customary for that position, namely, to

offer the invocation at the opening of every Club meeting, to lead the Club in prayer at the annual Arbor Day Breakfast and Tree Planting Ceremony, to lead the Club at Necrology Services for fallen Lions, which may be conducted during calling hours at the funeral home with the consent of the family, and at other such events that call for spiritual leadership.

Prayers offered by the Chaplain shall be ecumenical in nature in order to embrace the variety of faiths that make up this Club.

## **Section E. Duties of the Offices**

1. **Immediate Past President** – The Immediate Past President and the other Past Presidents shall act as official greeters for members and their guests at Club meetings and events and shall represent this Club in welcoming all new service-minded people in the community served by this Club.
2. **President** – The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of this Club; preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and this Club; issue the call for regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors and the Club; appoint the Standing and Special Committees of this Club and cooperate with the chairpersons thereof to affect regular functioning and reporting of such committees; see that regular elections are duly called, noticed and held; and cooperate with, and be an active member of, the District Governor's Advisory Committee of the Zone in which this Club is located.
3. **Vice Presidents** – If the President is absent or unable to perform the duties of the office for any reason, the Vice President next in rank shall assume the duties of President. Each Vice President shall, under the direction of the President, oversee the functioning of such committees of this Club as the President shall designate.
4. **Secretary** – The Secretary shall be under the supervision and direction of the President and the Board of Directors and shall act as the liaison officer between the Club and the

District in which this Club is located and the International Association. In fulfillment of this, the Secretary shall

- a. Submit regular monthly and other reports to the Office of the International Association on forms containing such information as may be called for by the Board of Directors of the International Association,
- b. Submit to the District Governor's Cabinet such reports as it may require including copies of monthly Membership and Activities reports,
- c. Cooperate with, and be an active member of, the District Governor's Advisory Committee of the Zone in which this Club is located,
- d. Have custody of and keep and maintain general records of this Club, including records of minutes of Club and Board meetings, attendance, committee appointments, elections, membership categories, post office and email addresses and telephone numbers of members.

The Secretary shall serve no more than five consecutive years in this office.

**5. Treasurer** – The Treasurer shall

- a. Have care and custody of, and be responsible for, the funds of the Club and deposit all such funds in such bank or banks and in such account or accounts as the Board of Directors may designate,
- b. Maintain records for and issue statements quarterly to each member for dues and other financial obligations owed to the Club,
- c. Pay all Club obligations on authority given by the Board of Directors. Vouchers for checks or other payments shall be signed by the President and Secretary. All checks shall be signed by the Treasurer,
- d. Prepare and submit monthly and semi-annual financial reports to the Office of the International Association and the Board of Directors of this Club and prepare annual financial reports for the membership.

The Treasurer shall serve no more than five consecutive years in this office.

6. **Lion Tamer** – The Lion Tamer shall
  - a. Have charge of and be responsible for the property and paraphernalia of the Club, including flags, banners, gong, gavel, song books and button boxes and put each in its proper place before each meeting and return the same to the proper storage area after each meeting,
  - b. Act as Sergeant-at-Arms at meetings, see that those present are properly seated and distribute bulletins, favors and literature as required at Club and Board meetings, and
  - c. Give special attention to assure that each new member sits with a different group at each meeting to become better acquainted with other members.
  
7. **Tail Twister** – The Tail Twister shall
  - a. Promote harmony, good fellowship, life and enthusiasm at Club meetings through appropriate stunts and games and the judicious imposition of fines on Club members,
  - b. Impose fines, provided that no fine shall exceed two dollars, and no member shall be fined more than twice at any meeting,
  - c. Immediately turn over to the Treasurer all money collected.

The Tail Twister may not be fined except by the unanimous vote of all members present.
  
8. **Membership Director** – The Membership Director shall make monthly reports to the Club’s Board of Directors on new applications and other matters pertaining the Membership Committee.

The Membership Committee shall

- a. Consist of the Director and two other members, all three to be elected and
- b. Be charged with the responsibility of obtaining new, qualified members for the Club and retaining present members.

The tenure of the Membership Committee shall be as follows:

- a. Membership Director, 3<sup>rd</sup> year,
- b. Vice Director of Membership, 2<sup>nd</sup> year,
- c. Membership Committee member, 1<sup>st</sup> year.
- d. Each year a committee member shall be elected for a term of three years. Tenure shall be on an advancing system whereby members step up a grade each year. Only the Membership Director shall serve on the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VIII: Board of Directors**

**Section A.** The members of the Board of Directors shall be the Immediate Past President, President, the Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Lion Tamer, Tail Twister, Membership Director and six elected Directors.

**Section B.** Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly at such time and place as the Board shall determine.

**Section C.** Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by the President or when requested by five or more members of the Board of Directors at a time and place determined by the person or body requesting the meeting.

**Section D.** The presence of a majority of its members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Except as otherwise specifically provided, the act of a majority

of the Directors present at any meeting of the Board shall be the act and decision of the entire Board of Directors.

**Section E.** In addition to those duties and powers, expressed or implied, or set forth elsewhere in this document, the Board of Directors shall have the following duties and powers:

1. It shall constitute the Executive Board of this Club and be responsible for the execution, through the Club officers, of the policies approved by the Club. All new business and policies of this Club shall be considered and shaped by the Board of Directors for presentation to, and approval by, the Club members at regular or special Club meetings.
2. It shall authorize all expenditures. It shall not create any indebtedness that exceeds the current income of this Club, nor shall it authorize disbursement of Club funds for purposes inconsistent with the business and policies authorized by the Club membership.
3. It shall have power to modify, override or rescind the action of any officer of this Club.
4. It shall have the books, accounts and operations of this Club audited annually or, at its discretion, more frequently, and may require an accounting, or have an audit made, of the handling of any Club funds by any officer, committee or member of this Club. Upon request, any Club member in good standing may inspect any such audit or accounting at a reasonable time and place.
5. It shall appoint a bank or banks for the deposit of the funds of this Club.
6. It shall not authorize, nor permit, for any administrative purpose, the expenditure of the net income of projects or activities of this Club by which funds are raised from the public.
7. It shall submit those matters of new business and policy as it deems advisable to the respective Standing or Special Committee for study and recommendation to the Board,

8. It shall name and appoint, subject to approval of the Club membership, the Delegates and Alternates of this Club to District and International Association Conventions, and
9. It shall monitor the activities of the Danbury Connecticut Lions Charities, Inc., which provides a qualified tax exempt contribution vehicle in compliance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **ARTICLE IX: Elections**

The officers of this Club, excluding the Immediate Past President, shall be elected as follows:

**Section A.** A Nomination Meeting shall be held in March of each year. The date and place of such meeting shall be determined by the Board of Directors and a notice shall be mailed to each member of this Club at least ten days prior to the date of the Nomination Meeting.

**Section B.** The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee which shall be chaired by a Past President and include the First Vice President who together shall submit the names of the candidates for the various Club offices to the Club at the Nomination Meeting. At this meeting, nominations for all offices to be filled may be made from the floor.

**Section C.** If in the interim, between the Nomination Meeting and the Election Meeting, any nominee is unable to serve in the office to which nominated or for which office there was no nominee, the Nominating Committee shall submit at the Election Meeting, names of additional nominees for that office.

**Section D.** An Election Meeting shall be held in April of each year at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors. Two weeks' written notice shall be given to each member of the Club by the Secretary by mail or personal delivery. Such notice shall include the names of all nominees approved at the preceding Nomination Meeting and, subject to Section C above, a statement that these nominees will be voted on at this Election

Meeting. No nominations may be made from the floor at the Election Meeting.

**Section E.** Subject to the provisions of Section H of this Article IX, all officers, except as otherwise provided herein, shall be elected annually and shall take office on July 1<sup>st</sup> and shall hold office for one year from that date or until their successors are elected.

**Section F.** Two of the Board Directors shall be elected annually and shall take office on July 1<sup>st</sup> and shall hold office for three years from that time or until their successors are elected.

**Section G.** The election shall be by voice vote or by ballot by those present and qualified to vote. Elections shall be determined by a plurality vote.

**Section H.** Any officer of this Club may be removed from office for cause by two-thirds vote of the voting Club membership.

## **ARTICLE X: Vacancies**

**Section A.** In the event of a vacancy in any office, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.

**Section B.** In the event any officer-elect, before the term of office commences, is unable or refuses for any reason to serve, the President shall call a Special Nomination and Election Meeting to elect a replacement for such officer-elect. Two weeks' notice of such meeting, a notice setting forth the purpose, time and place thereof, shall be given to each member by mail or personal delivery. The election shall be held immediately after nominations have been closed and election shall be determined by a plurality vote.

## **ARTICLE XI: Meetings**

**Section A.** Regular meetings of this Club shall be held weekly on Thursday at a place recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the Club. All meetings shall begin at 12:15 p.m. and end as close to 1:30 p.m. as the program permits. With Board approval, a special event may replace a regular

meeting. Notice of regular meetings shall be given in such a manner as the Board of Directors deems proper.

**Section B.** Special meetings of this Club may be called by the President at any time and shall be called by the President when requested by the Board of Directors and held at a time and place determined by the person or body requesting the meeting. Notice of special meetings setting forth the purpose, time and place, shall be given to each member of this Club by mail or personal delivery at least ten days in advance of the meeting.

**Section C.** A Charter Night anniversary meeting of this Club shall be held every five years at which time special attention shall be devoted to the objects and ethics of Lionism and the history of this Club.

**Section D.** An Annual Meeting of this Club shall be held in June of each year at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors at which meeting the final reports of the retiring officers shall be read and newly elected officers shall be installed.

**Section E.** The presence of a majority of voting members in good standing shall be necessary for a quorum at any meeting of this Club.

**Section F.** Except as otherwise specifically provided, the act of a majority of the voting members present at any meeting shall be the act and decision of the Club.

## **ARTICLE XII: Emblem**

The emblem and colors of this Club shall be the same as the emblem and colors of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

## **ARTICLE XIII: Delegates to Conventions**

**Section A.** The incoming President shall be the Club's official Delegate to International Association Conventions.

**Section B.** The Board shall send additional Delegates or Alternates to the Multiple District, State and International Association

Conventions to conduct business as required by the Bylaws of the International Association.

**Section C.** The expenses of Delegates to Lions conventions and other meetings may be paid, in whole or in part, by the Club as decided by the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE XIV: Honorary Mailing List**

The International Association of Lions Clubs, the District Governor, Vice District Governor, Region Chairman, Zone Chairman and the Secretaries of the Clubs in this Club's Zone shall be included on the mailing list of this Club.

#### **ARTICLE XV: Parliamentary Practices**

Except as otherwise specifically provided in these Bylaws, all questions of order or procedure with respect to any meeting or action of this Club, its Board of Directors, or any committee appointed hereunder, shall be determined in accordance with the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

#### **ARTICLE XVI: Ethical Conduct**

**Section A.** This Club shall not endorse nor recommend any candidate for public office, nor shall partisan politics nor sectarian religion be debated by members in meetings of this Club.

**Section B.** Except for furthering progress in Lionism, no officer or member of this Club shall use membership as a means of furthering any personal, political or other aspiration, nor shall the Club as a whole take part in any movement not in keeping with its objectives.

**Section C.** No funds shall be solicited from members of the Club during meetings by any individual or individuals. Any suggestion or proposition made at any meeting of this Club calling for the expenditure of money for other than the regular obligations shall be referred to the Board of Directors.

**Section D.** No mailing lists or address labels of this Club, its officers or members shall be furnished to any individual or

organization without prior approval of the Board of Directors. Such lists or labels shall not be used for political or business purposes.

## **ARTICLE XVII: Committees**

**Section A.** The following Standing Committees may be appointed by the President:

1. Administrative Committees to run the Club
  - a. Attendance Contest
  - b. Awards
  - c. Bylaws
  - d. Convention
  - e. Finance
  - f. Fundraising
  - g. Jungle Jottings
  - h. Knights of the Blind
  - i. Lions Charities
  - j. Luncheon
  - k. Melvin Jones Fellows
  - l. Membership
  - m. Nominating
  - n. Orientation
  - o. Programs
  - p. Projects
  - q. Public Relations
  - r. Signage
  - s. Social Activities
  - t. Steak Roast
  - u. Sunshine
  - v. Telephone Tree
  - w. UN Day
  - x. Webmaster

2. Activities Committees to benefit the community
  - a. Ability Beyond Disability Group Home
  - b. Adopt-a-Street Neighborhood Cleanup
  - c. Arbor Day
  - d. Blood Drive
  - e. CRIS Breakfast
  - f. CRIS Radio
  - g. DHS Football Ticket Sales
  - h. Dress for Success
  - i. Eyeglasses for School Children
  - j. Eye Screening Clinic
  - k. Fire Prevention Poster Contest
  - l. Golf Tournament
  - m. Inter-Club Activities
  - n. Low Vision Center
  - o. Low Vision Support Group
  - p. Peace Poster Contest
  - q. Salvation Army Bell Ringing
  - r. Scholarships

**Section B.** The President may appoint, with the approval of the Board of Directors, such Special Committees as may be deemed necessary by the President or the Board of Directors.

**Section C.** The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

**Section D.** All committees shall consist of a chairman, and subject to Section B above, as many members as shall be considered necessary by the President.

**Section E.** All problems pertaining to either Administrative or Activity matters shall be referred to the corresponding committees for study and recommendation to the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE XVIII: Amendments**

**Section A.** These Bylaws, except as herein provided, may be amended at any regular or special meeting of this Club at which a quorum is present by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, provided the Board has previously considered the merits of the amendments.

**Section B.** No amendment shall be put to vote unless written notice thereof stating the proposed amendment shall have been mailed or delivered personally to each voting member of this Club at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which the vote will be taken.

**A true copy, voted on and approved by the membership  
on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2003, and attested to by**



**Frank P. Molinaro, Secretary**

**Bylaws Revision Committee:**

**Eric L. Gottshalk, Chairman**

**Nancy E. Lavers**

**Frank P. Molinaro**

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The opportunity I bring to you, Lions, is this: To foster and sponsor the work of the American Foundation for the Blind. Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?

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