

# What is a Club Branch?

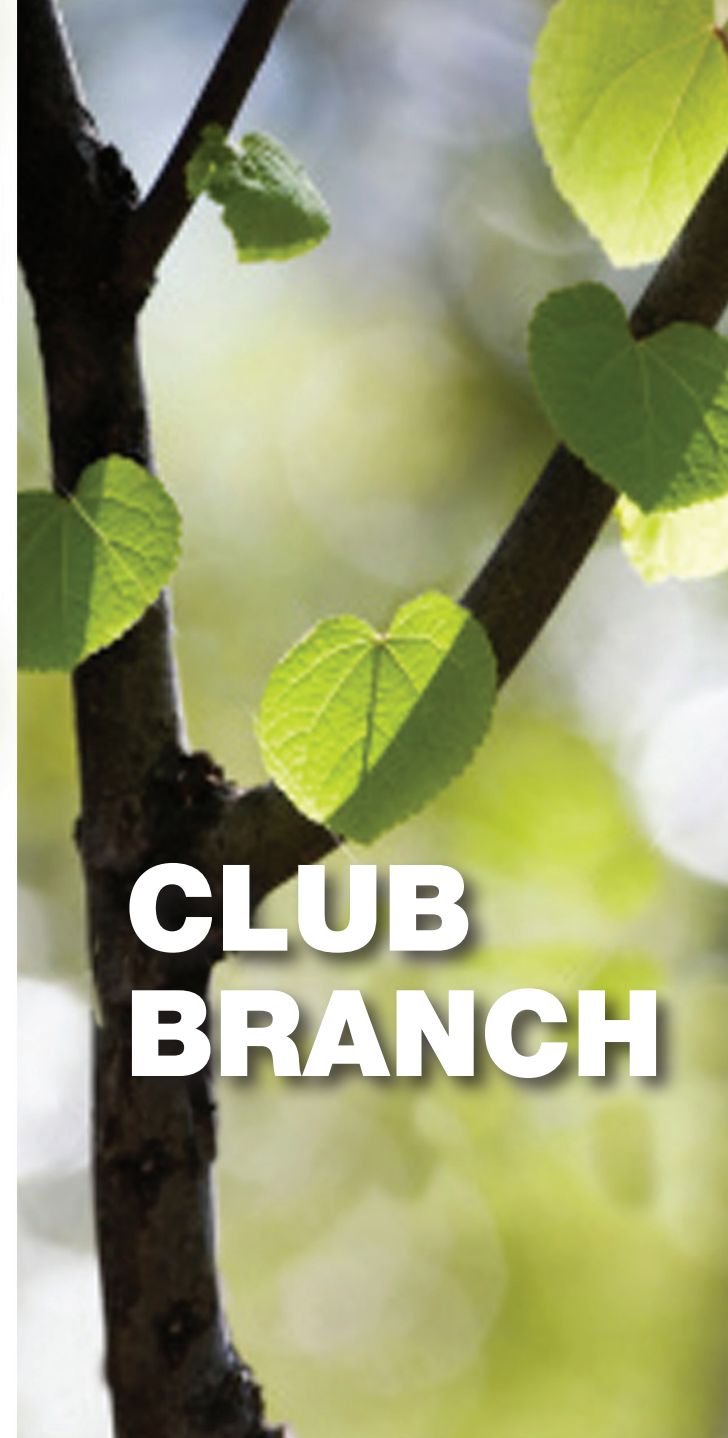
A club branch enables a small group of people to form a Lions club and start making a difference in their community sooner. Branch members are part of an existing “parent” club, but hold independent meetings and select their own projects and activities. Forming a branch creates an opportunity for Lions clubs to expand in communities where it is difficult to reach the 20 member minimum necessary to charter a new club.



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## Who are Lions?

Lions groups of service-minded men and women who are interested in improving their communities. The 1.35 million members that serve in over 45,000 clubs from over 200 countries make Lions Clubs International the world's largest service club organization.

Lions are best known for preventing blindness, but also participate in different kinds of projects ranging from assisting the underprivileged to providing supplies to victims of natural disasters.

## What does Being a Lion Offer?

Lions offers new experiences and the opportunity to help others and make a difference in the community. To become a Lion is to become an active volunteer, a member of a respected international organization, a leader in the community and a friend to people in need.

As a Lion, you will use your time and talents to make an impact locally and around the world. Volunteering your time not only helps those in need, but also energizes your life and allows you to be part of something bigger than yourself.

## How is a Club Branch Formed?

Lions club branches get started when members of the community are invited to join. Lions volunteers host informational meetings to continue building membership and to discuss possible project ideas that are meaningful to the community.

A club branch requires a minimum of five members to open and elects a president, secretary and treasurer. The parent club appoints a branch liaison to serve as the go-between for the parent and branch and provide assistance to the branch. Together, these individuals make up the executive committee.

The Notification of Club Branch (CB-1), along with a one-time entrance fee of US\$35 per Lion, is submitted to Lions Clubs International to open the club branch. The parent club can either submit a Branch Membership Update (CB-2) along with the notification, or add new branch members using MyLCI.

Annual international dues of US\$43, in addition to any local and club dues, are billed to the club bi-annually. Entrance fee exemption and reduced international dues are available to qualifying family members, students, graduating Leos and young adults with proper certification.

Once the club builds to 20 members, the branch may charter a new Lions club.

## What are the Benefits?

There are many reasons to form a club branch or become a club branch member. You will have all the privileges and responsibilities of a Lion and will receive advice and support from a parent Lions club. You will be able to help your community and make a difference in the lives of others while gaining valuable skills and networking with Lions in your community and around the world. Being part of a club branch will allow you to have fun while grow personally and professional.

