



We Serve

Winnipeg River Area Lions

Mar 2023 – Jun 2024



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This past year (our very first!) has had many milestones. We welcomed our first two members on Mar 10, 2023 which grew to twenty-one by Mar 2024. Our very first donation was made in the fall of 2023 with \$300 going to the Pine Falls Arena. Prior to that, we supported many community events starting with the Great Falls Centennial Celebration in summer 2023 followed by hosting free Barrel Train rides for the kiddos at the 4P Festival and parade. Another donation went to the inaugural Winter Wonderland event where we also ran a fun hockey station. The first annual Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides at the Village Green in Apr 2024 raised funds benefitting all Canadians in need of a service dog, while bringing our community together for a few hours of fun; plus providing smiles to residents of the long-term care home when the pups stopped for a visit. We have partnered with Winnipeg River Seniors Services to start-up a Men's Shed, for men looking for a fun and welcoming place to hang-out - next meeting in July. We regularly team-up with other Lions and volunteers for Kidsight vision screening throughout the Eastman area. The screening technology identifies vision issues in children as young as six months. Another vision-related project involves recycling eyeglasses using the collection boxes we've distributed around the region - helping our community to help others in need. We are active in the region's food security network, collaborating with various agencies to get food to those in need. In Jun-Jul we were honoured to prepare and serve hot meals for those in need in Pine Falls. These are the highlights of our first year and while there's more to mention, there is so much more to come!

The types of service projects we do is determined by the needs of the area and the members of the club. Lions International offers many resources to help clubs lead successful projects. It's one of the many positives of belonging to an international service organization.

Lions guarantee that 100% of all funds collected from the public go back into the community. Therefore, membership fees are necessary for ongoing administration.

Our current membership is a fantastic representation of folks in our region. From Great Falls, Silver Falls, St. Georges, Powerview-Pine Falls and as far away as Tyndall. We are a compassionate diverse group that includes single people, couples, working professionals, retired & semi-retired. Many members are involved in other community groups as well. The common quality is a dedication to improving and giving back to the community. We try to meet only as needed and can offer a Zoom connection.

Winnipeg River Area Lions were recognized by Lions International as an official club on April 26, 2024. Anyone that joins **before July 25, 2024** will be welcomed as a charter member and formally acknowledged at our charter celebration planned for Sep 22, 2024. It is an exciting time to be a Winnipeg River Area Lion!



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Winnipeg River Area Lions – Membership Fees

Single member OR Head of household (for couples or family members)

New member fee: \$48

Add prorated fee for the month you join: _____

Total new member fees: _____

| Month | Prorated fee |
|------------|--------------|
| Jan or Jul | \$45 |
| Feb or Aug | \$28 |
| Mar or Sep | \$22 |
| Apr or Oct | \$17 |
| May or Nov | \$11 |
| Jun or Dec | \$6 |

Going forward, fees are \$45 semi-annual payable in June & December OR \$90 for the year payable in June.

Couple or Family member(s)

New member fee: \$48

Add prorated fee for the month you join: _____

Total new family member fees: _____

| Month | Prorated fee |
|------------|--------------|
| Jan or Jul | \$29 |
| Feb or Aug | \$14 |
| Mar or Sep | \$11 |
| Apr or Oct | \$8 |
| May or Nov | \$5 |
| Jun or Dec | \$3 |

Going forward, fees are \$29 semi-annual payable in June & December OR \$58 for the year payable in June.

Do you want to support the Winnipeg River Area Lions but just aren't able to attend meetings or participate in service projects? Then consider becoming an '**Affiliate Member**' which identifies you as a Lion and a strong supporter of the club along with the community service initiatives it delivers. Affiliate Members help keep the club in good standing and demonstrates a high level of community support for the club. Fees are the same as above.

E-transfer to: wralionsfunds@gmail.com (no password required)

Make cheques payable to: **Winnipeg River Area Lions**