



**“We Serve”**

The Phelps Lions Club meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 pm at the Phelps Hotel, 90 Main Street in the village of Phelps.

**The Phelps Lions Club  
- In Our Community -**

Founded in 1956 in Phelps by service-minded people, the local Lions Club has become a vital part of our community. Of the 34 original charter members, we still have 2 active in the club. Our Lions Club distributes Christmas food baskets and toys to the needy and fruit baskets to senior citizens every year. Monies collected at Lions’ fundraisers benefit the local food cupboards, the House of John, Boy Scout Troop 46, the Phelps Historical Society and the Phelps Library - to name a few.

You will see Lions volunteering their time and talents at the Phelps annual Sauerkraut Festival, doing free vision screenings for children at our community events, and providing other services vital to making Phelps a great place to live. Our slogan “We Serve” says it all.

**History of the Lions**

The International Association of Lions Clubs was organized in 1917 with 22 clubs in nine states and has grown to 45,923 clubs with 1.4 million members in 193 countries. The International Association of Lions Clubs, through it’s fundraiser called “Campaign SightFirst”, is trying to prevent or even cure 40 million cases of blindness worldwide. Lions from all around the world have raised over \$148,600,000 for this program



**Lions Club Commitment to  
Sight Conservation**

The Lion’s major work is in the area of sight conservation, although other projects such as drug awareness programs in schools, diabetes awareness and other programs specific to individual clubs. Lions have taken up the mission of sight conservation as their major goal after a speech by Helen Keller. At the Lions Convention in 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become “Knights of the Blind”. Today, Lions collect more then 5 million pairs of glasses



annually. We provide thousands with free, quality eye care, Braille-writers and large print texts, white canes and guide dogs. In addition, the Lions Clubs provides free professional glaucoma screenings and make cornea transplants possible.

The Phelps Lions Club continues this commitment by collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids at various locations in the villages of Phelps and Clifton Springs. The club also provides free vision screening for children up to age 6. This screening, done in a “clinic without walls”, can detect many vision problems such as: amblyopia (lazy eye), strabismus (mis-aligned eyes), cataracts, hyperopia (far-sightedness), myopia (near-sightedness), astigmatism, and anisometropia. These problems, if caught early in children, are easier to correct.

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**How Can I Help?**

We are looking for community minded persons to help us help our town. Our Lions Club is open to both men and women who have a desire to make a difference and to help those less fortunate.

For more information, please contact Terry Featherly (Membership Chairman) at (315) 548-2312 or visit us on the web:

**www.PhelpsLions.org**

## Present Activities

- Produces and sells an annual Community Birthday Calendar
- Provides financial assistance for eye care and glasses for those in need
- Supports the Harvest Festival and other community activities
- Provides humanitarian assistance as needed
- Provides state of the art PhotoScreening for children for ages infant to age five
- Refinished and maintain three “Welcome to Phelps” signs
- Grounds crew for the annual Sauerkraut Festival
- Founded and chartered the Penn Yan Lions Club
- Provide Christmas fruit baskets to senior citizens.
- Provide Christmas food baskets and toys for the needy
- Sponsors an annual broom sale
- Assisted with the Village of Phelps Sesquicentennial project
- Sponsor of Boy Scout Troop 46
- Annual Dick Kemp memorial dinner to benefit the Historical Society and Library
- Maintains eye glass collection boxes
- Supported a district project to build a basketball court at Camp Badger
- Member of the Phelps Chamber of Commerce
- Produced the Sesquicentennial edition of the Phelpsopoly game

## Benefactors

### Local

- Boy Scout Troop 46
- High School Scholarship Award
- Midlakes Athletics
- Phelps Community Center
- Phelps Chamber of Commerce
- Chemical Free Graduation Party
- Local Food Cupboards
- House of John
- Phelps Historical Society
- Phelps Library

### District and State

- Empire Speech and Hearing Clinic
- Finger Lakes Region Lions Hearing Foundation
- Lions Camp Badger
- NYS Trooper Foundation
- Stroll for Strong Kids
- Strong Hospital
- Fast Break to Reading Program
- Upstate Guide Dogs

### National and International

- Lions Club International Foundation
- Guide Dogs
- Leader Dogs
- Industries of the Blind

# PHELPS LIONS CLUB

Phelps, New York



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*Serving our Community since 1956*

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