

# VOLGA LIONS CLUB SURVEY

Please help evaluate the Volga Lions Club by taking a few minutes to complete this survey. Your input is important to me and to your fellow club members. 16 RESPONSES (52%)

I have been a Lion for 1 to 50+ years. I joined the Volga Lions (please indicate a reason): I joined Lions because Arlyn Roe invited me. To help others. Because it is a service-community oriented organization. For opportunities to serve the community. I wanted to get involved in a service organization. We began a club here—Charter member. Because my husband who was a member encouraged me to join. To assist in serving the community. To meet people, get better involved in community. New to town—a way to get acquainted. My wife was one. Wanted to belong to a local club. My husband was a good member for years till death in 93, a good reason I felt I could do good for the Volga community. Invited-new in town-get to know local folks-do something good for others. \_\_\_\_\_

There are 7 possible reasons for joining listed below. Please prioritize them by putting a 1 beside the most important reason and then 2 for second choice, etc. You may not think all 7 are relevant, so just rank them as far as you think applies to you.

- 1121\_211131x211 a.) to help people in Volga who are in need of help.
- 22321323244\_3\_2 b.) to help people in South Dakota who are in need of help.
- 1343\_43\_35\_5\_3 c.) to help people around the world who are in need of help.
- 2417214\_665x114 d.) because the Volga Lions Club was known for the service the members provided.
- 16742\_62413x415 e.) because I liked the people who were already members.
- 2565\_7\_77\_727 f.) because I wanted to learn some leadership skills.
- 1756\_54522x616 g.) for fun and fellowship with other members.

Please place a check mark or “X” in the box which best expresses your feelings about each of the following statements. SOME LIONS DID NOT RESPOND TO ALL ITEMS.

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Seldom	Never
I enjoy the Volga Lions Club.	5	6	1	1	
I feel involved in club activities & an important part of the club.	4	7	2		
My input during club meetings is valued.	3	6	5		
My input during committee meetings is valued.	3	3	4	2	
My club has committees for projects & activities.	1	7	3	3	
I enjoy the committee(s) I serve on. NO COM. ASSIGNMENT	3	3	1	1	
The activities I am involved with are meaningful to me.	4	4	4	1	
My club responsibilities take too much of my time.		2		8	2
I feel I have too many club responsibilities.			3	5	4
There are well-established “groups” or “cliques” in the club.			2	5	5
All members feel like they are an important part of the club. ?	3	3	4	1	1
I have continually performed the same role in a committee.	1	2	2	2	3
Club meetings are boring			5	4	5
I prefer to perform the same role/function each year. N/A		1	5	3	1
The members in our committees have essentially remained unchanged in the last several years. N/A		4	3	3	2
I prefer the committees to remain unchanged.			3	3	4
I think we should have more female Lion members. N/A	4	1	3	1	
I like the way our meetings are conducted.	6	6	1		
Members set at the same table every meeting.		1	4	2	5
Club meetings are informative and we have good programs.	7	3	3		
We have a good tailtwister & he/she adds fun to the meeting.	3	4	3	3	
The club members work together harmoniously to reach goals.	4	7	2		
New ideas, projects, & services are encouraged.	5	4	3	1	
Friction between club members causes our club to be unproductive.				4	9
There are people in my club that make me feel uncomfortable.				4	9
The men and women in our club get along well.	11	3			
I feel we do not do enough service.	1	1	7	3	1
I feel we do not have enough members to provide all the service	2	2	6	2	

that is needed.					
I think we should have more members.	8	2	4		
I enjoy working on projects but do not like attending meetings.	1	1	1	4	5
I would like to be an officer but feel I do not know enough.			6	1	4
The club meeting time is a good time for my schedule.	8	4	1		
The club meeting date is a good date for my schedule.	9	3	1		
I would like to bring family members to meetings.	2	1	7		2

My favorite club project is: Basketball books. Candy sales. Selling Halloween candy. Summer Old-Timers. ?(2) Scholarships. National Fed Blind Reader. Candy bagging (2). Mint. \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite fund-raising activity is: Candy sales & popcorn sales (2). Candy sales. Selling Halloween candy. Selling popcorn @ parades. Don't have a favorite. ? Making crafts. Having a table at "Old Timers Day" (food & crafts). Selling candy in Volga. \_\_\_\_\_

The best thing about the Volga Lions Club is: Willing to buy glasses. That we are a community oriented group. Good fellowship. Group camaraderie. Variety of members. The people. Committed members. We get it done. At present it is Joan's leadership. Friendliness. They work together. There are a number of people who have been involved for many years. \_\_\_\_\_

My least favorite club project is: None (3). Don't like bake sales (I'm in my 80's now!) ? We haven't had any bad projects. Candy & popcorn selling (no, don't drop it). We don't have many projects. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes  No I think this project should be dropped.

My least favorite fund-raising activity is: None (3). Don't like bake sales (I'm in my 80's now!) Popcorn sales (yes, drop it). ? Walking sales (yes, drop it). Candy sales. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes  No I think this fund-raiser should be dropped.

Our club strengths are: Candy sales. Good number of members. Good fellowship—well known members, willing members. Good people & great leaders. We seem to work together well. Those who attend come regularly & do well @ meeting goals. In the members of long standing. Perseverance. \_\_\_\_\_

These are the primary areas I think need improvement: Attendance at meetings. More willingness to do things & volunteer—get some younger members. Club projects & membership. Need more members—younger than several of us, those who would be willing to take some of the offices! More community projects & service. Finding ways to get some who (?come more?) to meetings (SORRY, I COULD NOT READ 2 WORDS HERE-JM). More interest & donations for the Kurtwell Reader. We really don't do much, I feel, as a club. \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make the following suggestions: Get younger members. Get more ideas about club projects & preferred club activities from members. My age is against me, I am close to 90 years old. If this club is to survive it needs new blood (nothing new about that idea), I feel like we are stagnant & boring, we need new activities/ projects to get people involved. \_\_\_\_\_

What should the District Governor and District 5-SE do to help make the Volga Lions Club better? This was a good idea. (You are doing fine) momentum needs to improve at the club level. ? The District Governor did an excellent job at our last meeting, we need to follow her. That's a very good questions & I think you brought some good information to us when you visited—that may help. \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: A NUMBER IN PARENTHESIS INDICATES THE NUMBER OF LIONS WHO GAVE THE SAME RESPONSE.

COMMENTS: Am not able to participate because of age (88) and heart problem & loss of hearing.

I am one of those Lions who pays his dues & seldom attends meetings or projects. This due to my living an hour away from Volga. Being this distance away & my work doesn't allow me the time to get off & involved. I will always support Volga Lions. Thank you for a well written letter!