

An Appreciation of What The North Park Lions Club Does, by Lion Claude Edwards

The North Park Lions Club is an example of an organization that is small but mighty, a tight-knit group of passionate individuals who work together to fulfill the goals and vision set forth by Lions Club founder Melvin Jones. The work that they do refers to the projects and activities they accomplish under the simple but powerful slogan, "We Serve". The following are some of the many things they have done, and continue to do, in service to those in need within the community of North Park, as well as in communities further afield.

- Meeting and Greeting local residents at the recently-opened North Park Mini Community Park.
 - Soliciting and accepting donations of used glasses at the North Park Lions Club clubhouse.
 - Supporting the "In This Together" food program at the Blind Community Center in Balboa Park.
 - Hosting community tree-plantings in North Park; as well as in Tecate, northern Baja California.
 - Providing charitable support to the San Diego Center for the Blind on El Cajon Boulevard.
 - Community outreach to residents of Barrio Logan in coordination with the Chicano Federation.
 - Ongoing financial support of the North Park Little League boys and girls baseball teams.
 - Annual support of North Park-area elementary schools during the holidays.
 - Visiting hospital-bound children in collaboration with the Playas de Tijuana Lions Club.
 - Partnering with others in support of activities at Camp Jack in the mountains near Julian.
 - Sponsorship of a food program for residents of the Renaissance Apartments in North Park.
 - Hosting an annual High School Student Speakers Contest at their North Park clubhouse.
 - Bringing pumpkin pies to the annual San Diego Center for the Blind Thanksgiving celebration.
 - Providing monthly charitable support of the Blind Community Center of San Diego.
 - Spreading the word about what Lions Clubs do at the North Park Farmers Market.
 - Annual sponsorship of activities involving Boy Scout Troop #53.
 - Supporting the Blind Community Center at the annual December Nights event in Balboa Park.
- and • Welcoming guests to speak at monthly Board meetings.