

Frequently Asked Question – FAQ

If my Lions Club joins Lions SaveSight Centre (Singapore) as an Ordinary Voting Member, must my club be obligated to raise more money to support the LSSC programs and activities in addition to Lions Home for the Elders and Lions Befrienders Service Association?

NO of course; the Management Boards of LSSC, like the LHE & LBSA are elected to managed the independently registered societies with the Registrar of Societies, Singapore. Therefore such elected Management Boards are to evolve their own fund raising action strategies and plans to meet their own respective programs and activities. They should cut their clothes according to the size of their cloth. No Lion or Lions Club, who are ordinary voting members, has ever been penalized for not doing anything at all for these societies.

However, LHE & LBSA are District Endorsed Programs. Therefore the District Administration sees it right to extend moral support to help them raise funds by instituting guidelines in the annual District Competition for Lions Clubs - thus probably became a stress level for those on the winning streak. Such fund raising guidelines are by no means mandatory - you actually have a choice and any Lions Club can make its own decision.

LSSC being on the Lions Clubs International 1 Global Program on SightFirst and Sight Conservation is requesting your support to be an Ordinary Voting Member is **FIRST** to allow our very own Singapore Lions Clubs involvement and participation in this wonderful and magnificent LCI global program but **MORE IMPORTANTLY**, LSSC wants to see that we are not unduly side-lined as a lower priority program and all fund raising activities for LSSC, a LCI approved program, are not recognized in the District Competition for Lions Clubs going for the higher district awards.

As a matter of fact, LSSC is operating an eye clinic and clinics (in the longer run) as well as later oversea programs to reach the shores further beyond are essentially self financing except where local requirements of needy Singapore citizens and others takes priority. Even LBSA has already requested for free-of-charge LSSC services for their elderly and that those requiring glaucoma treatment. LSSC right now is applying for the Charity Status and IPC Status to address this special need as we evolve. The recent generous direct donations of Lions Club of Singapore Nanyang, Lions Club of Singapore (Host) and the many others, the Charity Movie Premiere by 12 Singapore Lions Clubs are but some of the funds raised for LSSC that were done **TOTALLY VOLUNTARILY**. We welcome all voluntary support to help us further our mission to eliminate preventable and reversible blindness and to answer Helen Keller's call to be 'Knights of the Blind'.

All duly chartered Lions Clubs, who are operating and registered under the Societies Act (Cap311) Singapore are all welcomed to join this Centre as ordinary voting members. The support and endorsement has no mandatory dues, financial obligations and/or duties commitment.

Therefore, Lions Clubs who join LSSC as Ordinary Voting Members, your support and endorsement for LSSC shall not be a mandatory obligation to raise funds for LSSC. Instead, it shall always be treated as your voluntary contributions, as decided by you and your Lions Club at your own choice, time, convenience and pleasure. Even if your Lions Club did nothing at all, LSSC will **NOT** hold you on ransom.