

## THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS – MULTIPLE DISTRICT 36



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## LEGAL OPINION

### FUNDS RAISED FROM ACTIVITIES

•**Question:** May funds raised from the public be used for administrative or other non-public purposes?

•**Opinion:** No! The Articles of Incorporation of the International Association of Lions Clubs Clubs state that the Association is organized, among other things, “to govern all such chartered clubs so that they shall be non-political, non-sectarian, not for profit of the individual club or its individuals members.” Therefore, the the Articles of Incorporation of the International Association of Lions Clubs expressly forbid that any part of the net earnings from activities shall inure to the benefit of any individual Lions and Lions Clubs. This proscription, by implication, runs to District Administrative expenses as well.

The wisdom of this proscription is clear. To finance and fulfill their basic function of service, Lions Clubs ask the public to patronize fairs, circuses, raffles, shows and the like, and to purchase products infinite in variety. This public support is sought, and given, on the mutual understanding that the net funds raised thereby will go to finance such community needs. Consequently, any diversion of such funds to other purposes constitutes a breach of faith with the contributing public. The proscription in Article quoted exists to prevent any such breach and to protect and preserve the image of Lions Clubs International. Therefore, the use of any such funds to finance convention trips, politics or candidates, or administrative dues, deficits or expenses at the club, district or International level is a breach of faith and an express violation of the basic document of the Association.