



LEO CLUBS

Omega Leo Lion Panel Discussion: Optimizing the Leo Lion Relationship

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Panel Agenda

- a. Enhancing the Leo Lion Relationship
 - Club Level
 - Zone/Regional Level
 - District/Multiple District Level
- b. Best Practices: Key Elements of a Good Relationship
- c. From Leos to Lions
- d. Question and Answer Session
- e. Closing

ENHANCING THE LEO LION RELATIONSHIP: CLUB LEVEL





1. The Lions Club

- a. Build an open-minded relationship between the Lions and Leos.
- b. Ask for active counseling during the founding process by the district Leo chairperson, Leo district president, and the Lions district governor.
- c. Appoint a Lions member to be a contact for the Leos – i.e. the Leo club advisor.
- d. Invite Leos to Lions club meetings.
- e. Visit Leo club meetings and activities.
- f. Plan an annual or bi-annual team event for both Lions and Leo club members.
- g. Plan, organize and do hands-on activities with Leo club members.



2. The Leo Club Advisor

- a. Stays in regular contact with the Leos.
- b. Visits Leo club meetings and activities consistently.
- c. Acts as the first point of contact for any questions and concerns the Leos may have.
- d. Funnels information between the Lions club and the Leo club – e.g. meeting minutes.



3. The Leo Club

- a. Invite Lions to Leo club meetings.
- b. Respond to Lions club invitations.
- c. Take on responsibility to stay in contact with the Lions club – even when communication seems to be quite limited.



Examples of working together on a club level:

- a. Team Events
 - Organize a game evening
 - Organize a “Lions evening”
- b. Meetings
 - Coordinate special evening meetings like guided tours
 - Have a holiday party together
 - Co-host a shared seminar for new members
- c. Activities
 - Co-host a bingo night or a holiday party at a home for the elderly



ENHANCING THE LEO LION RELATIONSHIP: ZONE / REGIONAL LEVEL





1. Make contact with other Lions & Leo clubs

- a. Plan and conduct activities with other Lions and Leo clubs in the same zone or region.
 - Offering help with other Lions clubs' activities can help bridge the gap between Leo and Lions clubs in one zone or region.
- b. Attend meetings of other Lions and Leo clubs in the same zone or region.
 - Visiting other clubs helps build Leo Lion relationships and offers networking opportunities.





2. Take advantage of the zone meeting

- a. Have Leos present to meeting attendees about the Leo Club Program.
- b. Share dates of activities that are on the zone calendar so that Leos and Lions can visit one another's club activities.



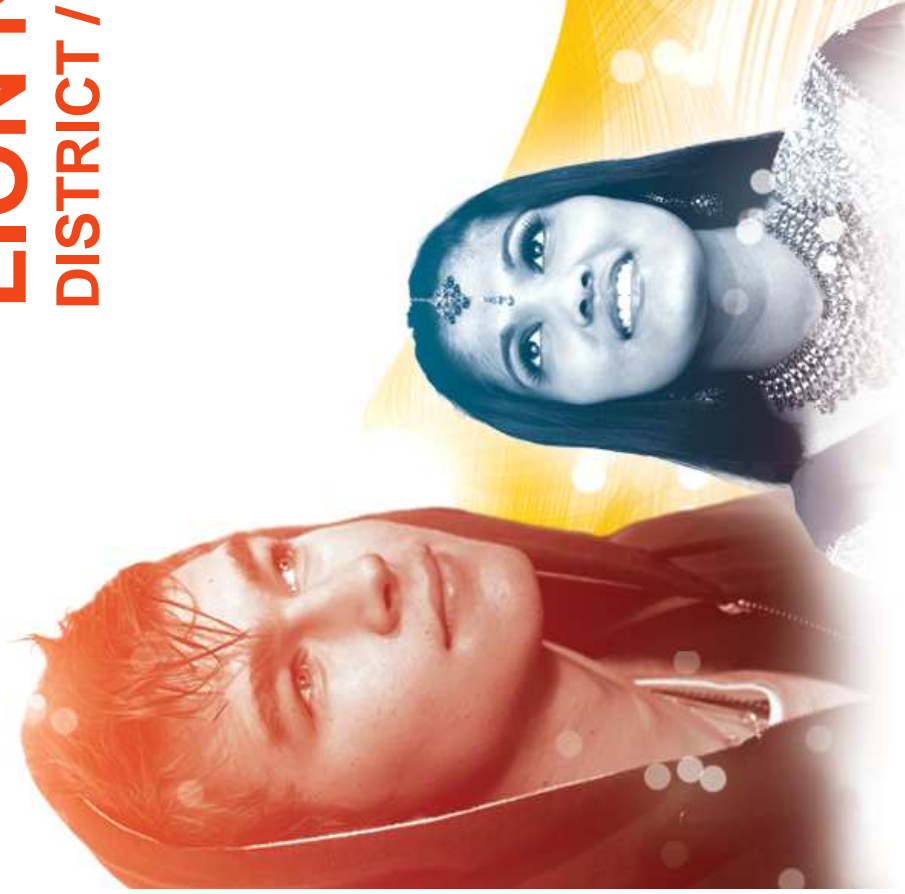



Examples of working together on a zone level:

- a. Create a zone activity calendar.
- b. Host club presentations for other clubs in the same zone.
- c. Visit and help at each club's activities.
- d. Coordinate shared activities between two or more clubs in the same zone.



**ENHANCING THE LEO
LION RELATIONSHIP:
DISTRICT / MD LEVEL**



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1. Leos should be part of the Lions district or multiple district council.
 2. MERL Teams should work together to help enhance the Leo Lion relationship.
 3. Leos and Lions should involve each other in the early stages of district and/or multiple district activities.
 4. Leos should be seen not just as helping hands, but also as creative thinkers and movers.



5. Leos should utilize their Leo district president.

- a. Leo district and multiple district presidents are representatives for the Leos in their respective district or multiple district and should be utilized as such.
- b. Leo district and multiple district presidents should help introduce Leos to Lions in their respective district or multiple district.
- c. Lions should invite not only the district governor and council chairperson, but also the Leo district or multiple district president and the Leo club chairperson to official district and multiple district events.
- d. Leos and Lions of the district/multiple district board should be in regular contact with one another.



Examples of working together at district/MD level:

- a. National activities
 - National conventions with a combined start
 - MERL Team seminar weekends – with Leos and Lions as speakers or seminar leaders
 - Combined Leo Lion service day
- b. District meetings and conventions
 - Reports about Leos and from Leos
 - Combined dates for meetings
- c. International Convention
- d. Exchange visits to Lions and Leo seminars
- e. Exchange articles in Lions and Leo magazines and web pages


**BEST PRACTICES:
KEY ELEMENTS OF THE LEO
LION RELATIONSHIP**





1. Appoint a knowledgeable Leo Advisor.

Advisors:

- a. Are familiar with the constitution and by-laws of the Leo Club Program
 - b. Are seen as mentors
 - c. Are concerned about club members' welfare
 - d. Are approachable and accessible
 - e. Motivate and encourage
 - f. Insist on regular financial and other reports at club meetings
 - g. Organize regular orientation and training programs for club members
 - h. Strengthen the link between Leo clubs and Lions clubs
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2. Promote harmony & friendliness.

- a. Avoid involvement with Leo club politics and/or cliques
- b. Avoid racial and/or tribal discrimination
- c. Promote teamwork

3. Recognize excellence & achievements.





4. Appoint a Leo club advisory committee.

- a. Composition: Leo club advisor and two Lions
- b. Function: Periodically meet to review actions of the Leo club and its board of directors

5. Financial obligations

- a. Payment of annual Leo club levy of US\$90
- b. Financial support for Leo club service projects
- c. Financial support to help Leos attend relevant workshops





6. General recommendations

- a. Approach one another in an open-minded, trustful and respectful way.
- b. Listen to each other.
- c. Present new members and new activities to each other regularly.
- d. Discuss expectations with one another on an ongoing basis.





Working together is fun for both Leos & Lions if...

- a. You show each other that every Leo and every Lion is important.
- b. You communicate regularly.
- c. You visit each other.
- d. You share the minutes of club meetings.
- e. You ask again, even if someone is not answering.



FROM LEOS TO LIONS






Leos are the Future of Lions

- a. Leos are responsible young people who want to be developed and supported by Lions.
- b. Leos help make a Lions club “younger” – both statistically and by bringing fresh, new ideas.
- c. Lions and Leos should both work toward being open-minded to one another.
- d. Leos and Lions share similar values, basic thoughts and views.



Jim and Bill Graver Experience

- a. The Jim and Bill Graver experience shows how the formation of the Leo Club Program came as result of the deep father-son relationship between the two.
- b. The idea of a Leo club was partly conceived and nurtured to fruition out of their passion for working with one another.
- c. Their respect for one another and their ability to work closely together is a great example of how the Leo Lion relationship can work successfully.



The Leo Lion relationship is at its best when Leos and Lions see themselves as partners who live the motto, “We Serve.”



From Leos to Lions



QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

