



LEADER NETWORK



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2005-2006 – PASSION TO EXCEL

The 2005-2006 presidential theme, *Passion to Excel*, celebrates the passion inherent in all Lions. International President Ashok Mehta, invites all Lions to revitalize their passion for excellence in five key areas: service, growth, leadership, promotion and performance.

As a key leader in your area, you recognize that a *passion to lead* is essential to the success of Lions Clubs International. Lions serve best when supported and inspired by effective leaders, and when they have the opportunity to develop their skills and become leaders themselves. Encourage potential leaders to participate in the various leadership development opportunities provided by LCI, including Senior and Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes, MERL Chairpersons Seminars and the online courses available on Lions Learning Center. Many other tools including the new Club Officers Orientation Kit, Zone Chairperson Training, Orientation Guide and The Art of Recognition are readily available from LCI to support your efforts.

The passion of a Lion is not to be underestimated. It is passion that drives Lions to give of themselves in deference to others. It is passion that has made Lions Clubs International the world's largest and most active service organization. And it is the goal of the 2005-2006 international program, *Passion to Excel*, that passion may continue to unite Lions throughout the world as they strive for unparalleled excellence in service, growth, promotion, performance, and in leadership.

Share Your Passion for Leadership - Encourage Participation in Lions Leadership Institutes!

The 2005-2006 Lions Leadership Institute schedule includes twelve institutes around the world.

Information and applications regarding each institute are mailed to appropriate district governors and posted on the LCI web site four months in advance of each institute's start date. This year, in an effort to enhance the awareness of our Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes, club presidents are also receiving email notifications.

2005-2006 LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTES (dates and locations subject to change)						
CONSTITUTIONAL AREA	United States Of America, Its Affiliates, Bermuda & The Bahamas Canada	South America, Central America, Mexico & Islands Of The Caribbean Sea	Europe	The Orient & Southeast Asia	India, South Asia, Africa & The Middle East	Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia & The Islands Of The South Pacific Ocean
EMERGING	October 20-24, 2005 Oak Brook, Illinois, USA March 16-20, 2006 Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	March 2-6, 2006 San Salvador, El Salvador	April 20-24, 2006 Athens, Greece		February 9-13, 2006 Goa, Panaji, India	November 3-7, 2005 Christchurch, New Zealand
SENIOR	September 25-29, 2005 Peoria, Illinois, USA	January 22-26, 2006 Quito, Ecuador	November 6-10, 2005 Stuttgart, Germany	October 3-7, 2005 Sendai, Japan	December 5-9, 2005 Hammamet, Tunisia	May 17-21, 2006 Gold Coast, Australia

MERL Chairpersons Seminars

Multiple district and single district membership, extension, retention and leadership development chairpersons appointed for the 2005-2008 term are invited to attend a MERL Chairpersons Seminar. This includes multiple/single district MERL chairpersons in the Orient and Southeast Asia, and in India, South Asia, Africa and The Middle East.

2005-2006 MERL CHAIRPERSONS SEMINARS (dates and locations subject to change)		
CONSTITUTIONAL AREA	The Orient & Southeast Asia	India, South Asia, Africa The Middle East
LOCATION	October 4-7, 2005 - Sendai, Japan	December 5-8, 2005 - Hammamet, Tunisia

For additional information, please visit the LCI web site at http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_train.shtml or contact the Leadership Division's Institutes & Seminars Department at instsemi@lionsclubs.org or by phone at 630-571-5466 ext. 597.

NEW Club Officer Orientation Kit

The new kit, mailed to district leadership development chairpersons in May 2005, is designed to provide guidance in planning effective club officer training based on the needs of each district. The package is comprised of a Trainer's Guide, the World of Leaders video with script, and a resource CD including LCI publications, PowerPoint presentation files, training needs assessment form, and additional tools. The content was improved to include a suggested curriculum, information about training adults and a list of related resources for use by leadership development chairpersons.

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The Art of Recognition

We conclude our series on recognition with basic guidelines to help you make recognition a part of your life as a Lion:

1. Think outside the parameters of formal awards. If an action doesn't merit a pin or certificate, don't forget to "do something" to show your appreciation.
2. Determine what motivates your recipient. Get to know your members - find out what makes them feel appreciated.
3. Make recognition appropriate. Sometimes a simple handshake or a pat on the back may be all that's needed to let someone know you appreciate their efforts.
4. Make recognition genuine. Insincerity is easily detected. If you really mean it, it will show and will mean much more.
5. Be specific, tell them what it was that was done well, what impact it had, and how it made you feel.
6. Make recognition a habit. If you use every appropriate occasion to acknowledge effort and achievement, you will find that giving recognition will become a habit...a good habit!

The Leadership Challenge: Encouraging the Heart

Jim Kouzes and Barry Posner are experts in the field of leadership. In their book, "The Leadership Challenge," they wrote that most successful leaders are able to:

- Challenge the process
- Inspire a shared vision
- Enable others to act
- Model the way
- Encourage the heart



The service that Lions provide can be hard work, and sometimes it may seem like our goals are unattainable. True leaders can promote a positive team attitude by providing encouragement along the way.

To keep hope and enthusiasm alive, leaders **recognize** the contributions of individuals. Since every winning team needs to share in the rewards of team efforts, leaders **celebrate** their team's accomplishments, and make everyone feel like a hero.

Finally, by having a **positive outlook** and being hopeful themselves, leaders can make the impossible a possibility and motivate people to transform the possible into reality.

We hope you have enjoyed "The Leadership Challenge" series and that you have found some ideas that you can put into practice in your role as a Lions leader.

Training Tool – Creative Warm-Up Activity

Try this creative warm-up activity to set the stage for learning or for effective project planning. Ask table groups to brainstorm as many different uses for an object as possible in two minutes. You may give each group the same object or different objects. Such as a magnet, sandpaper, a rubber band, a coat hanger, a banana, or ball bearings. The goal is to get as many ideas listed as possible. Ask each group how many uses they have listed, and to share their best creative ideas. This activity establishes a welcoming, fun and relaxed environment, and can result in enhanced learning or more innovative planning for your next project.

Bright Idea

Time always seems to be at a premium during Lions' leadership development seminars. Many areas are using the online courses offered on Lions Learning Center to get a headstart on learning. By encouraging participants to take one of the LLC courses in advance of your seminar, they can arrive with an awareness of that topic, ready to actively participate in and contribute to related discussions. Visit Lions Learning Center to see how you can make use of this unique learning tool at http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/resources_learning_center.shtml.

We want to hear from you!

Our objective with The LEADER NETWORK is to provide you, our multiple and single district leadership chairpersons, with information and ideas you can use in your leadership development efforts. If you have a Bright Idea, suggestions for future issues or a specific topic you would like to see addressed in the next issue (November 2005), please let us know. Your comments will be welcomed at leadership@lionsclubs.org.

*"Only passions, great passions, can elevate a soul to great things."
Denis Diderot, French author & philosopher*

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