



LEADER NETWORK



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A Message from the Chairperson...

With the recent innovation to adopt the Faculty Development Institute from the beginning of the new Lions year, it is essential that multiple districts and constitutional areas look at the opportunities offered by the Association for Regional Lions Leadership Institutes.



This style of institute has been used in many areas around the globe and has been very successful, so successful in fact, that it has allowed us to move forward and introduce the Faculty Development Institute which is so eagerly anticipated in many countries, and seen as a natural progression in sharing leadership knowledge with all our members.

I urge you to read the information assembled here which, I am sure you will agree, will be beneficial to all our Lion members in the future.

Cliff Heywood
International Director
2005-2006 Leadership Committee Chairperson
New Zealand

NEW

Lions Faculty Development Institute

2005-2006 marks the first year for an exciting new learning initiative designed to benefit the entire association.

The training of current and future Lions leaders can sometimes be inconsistent in terms of materials, focus, and program delivery. One necessary step to ensure more worthwhile experiences is to develop skilled facilitators who can deliver leadership training in a professional and educationally sound manner at all levels within the association.

The Lions Faculty Development Institute will not only provide an opportunity for many interested Lions to develop their training facilitation skills, but it will increase the number of qualified faculty for our many seminars and institutes.

This year, one Lions Faculty Development Institute will be held in each constitutional area. The multi-day training will concentrate on topics like presentation skills, the use of visual aids, training session management, and understanding adult learner characteristics.

Participants will be actively involved throughout the institute, and all will demonstrate their mastery of these skills in a final project presentation.

This new program will make a difference in LCI's leadership training, and plans are already being made for more Lions Faculty Development Institutes in 2006-2007. Contact us if you would like to know more about the Lions Faculty Development Institute.

Regional Lions Leadership Institute

The Regional Lions Leadership Institute program continues to grow, reaching thousands of Lions worldwide every year. A total of 33 Regional Lions Leadership Institutes have been approved to be conducted during 2005-2006.

2005-2006 Regional Lions Leadership Institutes

Multiple District #	Location	Date of Institute	Multiple District #	Location	Date of Institute
2	Texas	3/10/2006	105	England	1/19/2006
5	South Dakota	7/24/2005	106	Denmark	3/24/2006
6	Colorado	9/30/2005	109	Iceland	10/22/2005
11	Michigan	11/11/2005	118	Turkey	3/24/2006
19	Washington	2/15/2006	300	Taiwan	9/2/2005
20	New York	10/27/2005	305	Pakistan	3/31/2006
22	Maryland	2/1/2006	310	Thailand	4/23/2006
24	Virginia	10/21/2005	315	Bangladesh	1/4/2006
33	Massachusetts	3/10/2006	321	India	9/30/2005
35	Florida	4/20/2006	322	India	11/18/2005
51	Puerto Rico	10/14/2005	323	India	9/9/2005
41	Canada/Maine	4/28/2006	324	India	10/24/2005
U	Canada	10/28/2005	325	Nepal	11/19/2005
60	West Indies	5/12/2006	411	Kenya	TBA
H	Peru	10/28/2005	SD 50	Hawaii	1/14/2006
J	Uruguay	3/6/2006	SD 128	Israel	6/1/2006
LD	Brazil	3/31/2006			

The Regional Lions Leadership Institute program allows multiple districts to apply for funding to support their leadership training efforts. Participating multiple districts are eligible to receive up to US\$10,000.00. The content of the Regional Lions Leadership Institute is based on that of the LCI-sponsored Lions Leadership Institute.

To receive a detailed packet providing Regional Lions Leadership Institute program information including a 2006-2007 Regional Lions Leadership Institute Funding Request Application, please contact: leadership@lionsclubs.org or call 630-571-5466 ext. 385.

Apply now! All Regional Lions Leadership Institute Funding Request Applications for 2006-2007 must be received by April 30, 2006.

MER Newsletter Links

Membership/Retention - News & Notes

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/news_notes.pdf

Extension News

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VDG/DGE Training Program: YOU ARE KEY!

As you know, this year we have implemented an innovative approach to training our vice district governors/district governors-elect. The 2005-2006 training format was designed in direct response to feedback from Lions and addresses four key issues related to this training: "training should be provided earlier", "curriculum must be relevant to each area", "curriculum should cover nuts & bolts, not just theory" and "sharing ideas is the most valuable part of the DGE Seminar".

Our vice district governors/district governors-elect have been receiving assignments since September 2005, which they are completing with guidance and support from their 2006 DGE Seminar group leaders. This individualized learning, coupled with your local training, will prepare them to fully participate in and benefit from the 2006 DGE Seminar in Boston, Massachusetts, USA.

The success of this new training program is contingent upon the enthusiastic participation of all involved. As multiple district leadership development chairperson, you are key to that success. We are confident that with your knowledge and expertise, we can maximize our effectiveness and enhance each future district governor's success.



Lions Learning Center: New Courses **Meeting Management**

Meetings are an important part of our association. They are our opportunity to discuss, plan, and evaluate our service to the community. But too often our meetings are lengthy, boring, and disorganized.

A new Lions Learning Center course on the LCI website will focus on the preparation, facilitation, and follow-up that can improve your meetings. You'll be provided with a number of meeting management tools that will help make your meetings interesting and enjoyable for your members and guests.

Public Relations

You asked, we listened!

In response to requests from Lions, a new e-learning course on Public Relations will soon be on the Lions Learning Center. This course is designed to provide the tools necessary to plan and implement a successful public relations campaign. Lions can make use of the many resources, public relations tips and practical ideas presented. All Lions can benefit from increased recognition in their community and in the world community. Take this online course to find out how you can do your part to promote Lions clubs!

Current Lions Learning Center online courses include:

- Lions Leadership Course
- Lions Coaching Course
- Lions Goal Setting Course
- Lions Delegation Course

Visit the Lions Learning Center at

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/resources_learning_center.shtml

Distribution of the 2006-2007 DG Manual is in progress.

Training Tool: Using a Story

Using a story, or a fable, is a powerful training tool to introduce or illustrate your training content. Telling an interesting story is a way of getting everyone's attention; they will relax and become engaged in listening to you without judgment. The story will make a lasting impression.

One example is using a fable that is familiar, such as "The Ant and the Grasshopper" to illustrate the value of planning and time management. The story of "tiny frogs and the tower" demonstrates the importance of motivation. You can also use personal stories from your experience with family or pets, or a group experience such as a memorable sports event, or historical or record breaking event. Remember to give credit to the source if it is not your personal story.



Bright Idea

Esther LaMothe, Leadership Development Chairperson, MD 11, was pleased to advise that their 2005 Regional Lions Leadership Institute was a great success with 109 participants. One key element to this success was changing the group composition after each session. This rotation enhanced the group synergy and motivated participants to exchange ideas with different people.

MD 11 believes changing the composition of classroom groups was an important factor in maintaining the participants' enthusiasm throughout the institute. Enthusiasm is key to achieve the ultimate goal of developing strong leaders for our Association.

We want to hear from you!

Our objective with *The LEADER NETWORK* is to provide you, our multiple and single district leadership development 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 (May 2006), please let us know. Your comments will be welcomed at leadership@lionsclubs.org.

"It is what we think we know already that often prevents us from learning."

Claude Bernard
French Physiologist

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