

# LEADER NETWORK

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Lions Clubs International

## Everyday Leadership Heroes

Our International President, Al Brandel, has taught us that Lions are “Everyday Heroes” who perform acts of heroism from simple to complex all around the world, serving individuals and communities in thousands of different ways.

In this issue of the LEADER NETWORK we would like to thank some of our own “Everyday Leadership Heroes” who quietly serve with no thought of reward. You may never have spoken to any of us at International Headquarters, or been a part of any of our leadership programs, but you are a hero to us because you embody what leadership in our association is all about.

There are too many of you to name, but we hope you recognize yourself in the descriptions that follow:

- Thanks to the outgoing club officer who took the time to review all of his records with his successor, and to offer to help with any problems that arise.
- Cheers for the new district officer who stepped up when an illness resulted in a vacancy, even though she was busy with work and raising her family.
- Bravo to the Lion who mentored a new member through the Lions Mentoring Program and encouraged participation in Lions Leadership Institutes and watched with pride as the protégé took on a club leadership role.
- A pat on the back to the young Lion who introduced technology to her club, resulting in improved communication and public relations.
- A big “Hurrah” to the established Lions leader who tirelessly supports leadership development by offering his services as an instructor at district, multiple district, and LCI-supported institutes and seminars.

The list of leadership heroes could go on and on, and hundreds of names could be included, but you did

not perform these “heroic” acts for public recognition. You did them because you recognize that it is only with strong leadership that we can have strong clubs, and strong clubs mean greater service.

We salute you...our Everyday Leadership Heroes!

## MERL Team Appointments

MERL team members for Constitutional Areas I (USA & Affiliates, Bermuda and the Bahamas), II (Canada) and IV (Europe) are being appointed for the three-year term beginning July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012. MERL appointment letters have been e-mailed to council chairpersons and district governors. It is imperative that LCI receive the names of your appointed MERL team by May 15, 2009, as training will begin at the start of their three-year term. Only MERL team members of record will receive information related to training, resources, and funding opportunities, as well as the Leader Network and other MERL publications.





**FDI Graduates**

Every year, Lions from all over the world have the opportunity to participate in a Faculty Development Institute. This LCI-sponsored program focuses on increasing the pool of qualified, skilled instructors capable of effectively leading seminars and workshops in their area. We encourage you to discuss their skills and experiences with them to determine how their training skills may benefit programs in your area.

Listed below are graduates of recent Faculty Development Institutes that were held in Brussels, Belgium on November 14-17, 2008 and China, Hong Kong on December 1-4, 2008.

**Brussels, Belgium  
November 14-17, 2008**

- 105A, United Kingdom, Viresh Paul
- 105A, United Kingdom, Michael Baldwin
- 105A, United Kingdom, Elliot Shubert
- 105D, United Kingdom, Brigid B. Hendy
- 105M, United Kingdom, Phil P. White
- 106A, Denmark, Henrik F. Nielsen
- 107B, Finland, Eeva Suomenaro
- 111MS, Germany, Marina Gobl-Farquharson
- 111N, Germany, Frank Gerlinger
- 111N, Germany, Barbara Grewe
- 115CS, Portugal, Maria Inacia C. S. Caldeira
- 116B, Spain, Rafael Martinez-Gandia
- 117B, Cyprus, George T.H. Papas
- 118E, Turkey, Tunc Berge
- 118K, Turkey, Ender Tukay
- 118U, Turkey, Cuneyt A. Erginkaya
- D121, Poland, Jacek Dehnel
- D122, Slovakia, Juraj Schwarz
- D124, Romania, Florin Somodi
- D124, Romania, Iulia Elena Tutuianu
- D128, Israel, Arnon Ron
- D131, Lithuania, Daiva Griksiene

**China, Hong Kong  
December 1-4, 2008**

- 300A1, MD300 Taiwan, Wei-Chung Chen
- 300A2, MD300 Taiwan, Li-Chen Chien
- 300A3, MD300 Taiwan, Shu Hua Hsu
- 300B1, MD300 Taiwan, Yung-Hsin Chang
- 300B2, MD300 Taiwan, Hsi-Chiang Chen
- 300C3, MD300 Taiwan, Su Ching Shih
- 300D1, MD300 Taiwan, Hsien-Ping Liao
- 300F, MD300 Taiwan, Min Ching Lee
- 300G1, MD300 Taiwan, Chen Kuang Huang
- 301B, Philippines, Jude Pasillos Abenoja
- 301D1, Philippines, Guillermo M. Urbano, Jr.
- 301E, Philippines, Teresita Y. Javellana
- 308A, Malaysia, Eu Hea Chieng
- 308A1, Singapore, Oyo Cheow Kang
- 308B1, Malaysia, Molly Yee Yoke Fah
- 308B2, Malaysia, P. Ravindrakumar
- 308B2, Malaysia, Teck Chong Michael Yeap
- 330C, Japan, Hiroaki Muto
- 331A, Japan, Tomio Yamaguchi
- 332C, Japan, Eigo Tabata
- 334A, Japan, Kiyooki Inagaki
- 334C, Japan, Kiyotaka Watanabe
- 335A, Japan, Chizuyo Ohigashi
- 336B, Japan, Masatomi Matsumoto
- 337C, Japan, Takenori Kitajima
- 354B, Republic Of Korea, Jai-Suk Yoo
- 354C, Republic Of Korea, Heung-Joo Kim
- 354D, Republic Of Korea, Jong-Woo Bae
- 354F, Republic Of Korea, Maeing-Hee Kim
- 355B1, Republic Of Korea, Gil-Moo Park
- 355D, Republic Of Korea, Nam-Sik Han
- 355D, Republic Of Korea, Yong-Seok Oh
- 355G, Republic Of Korea, Shin-Chul Kang
- 355H, Republic Of Korea, Ki-Ho Kwon
- D301, Philippines, James Lee So
- D303, China Hong Kong, Christina Po Nga Yiu
- D303, China Hong Kong, Greta Wai Yin Ma
- D380, China Shenzhen, Yan Zhou Lin
- D381, China Guangdong, Huimin Sun





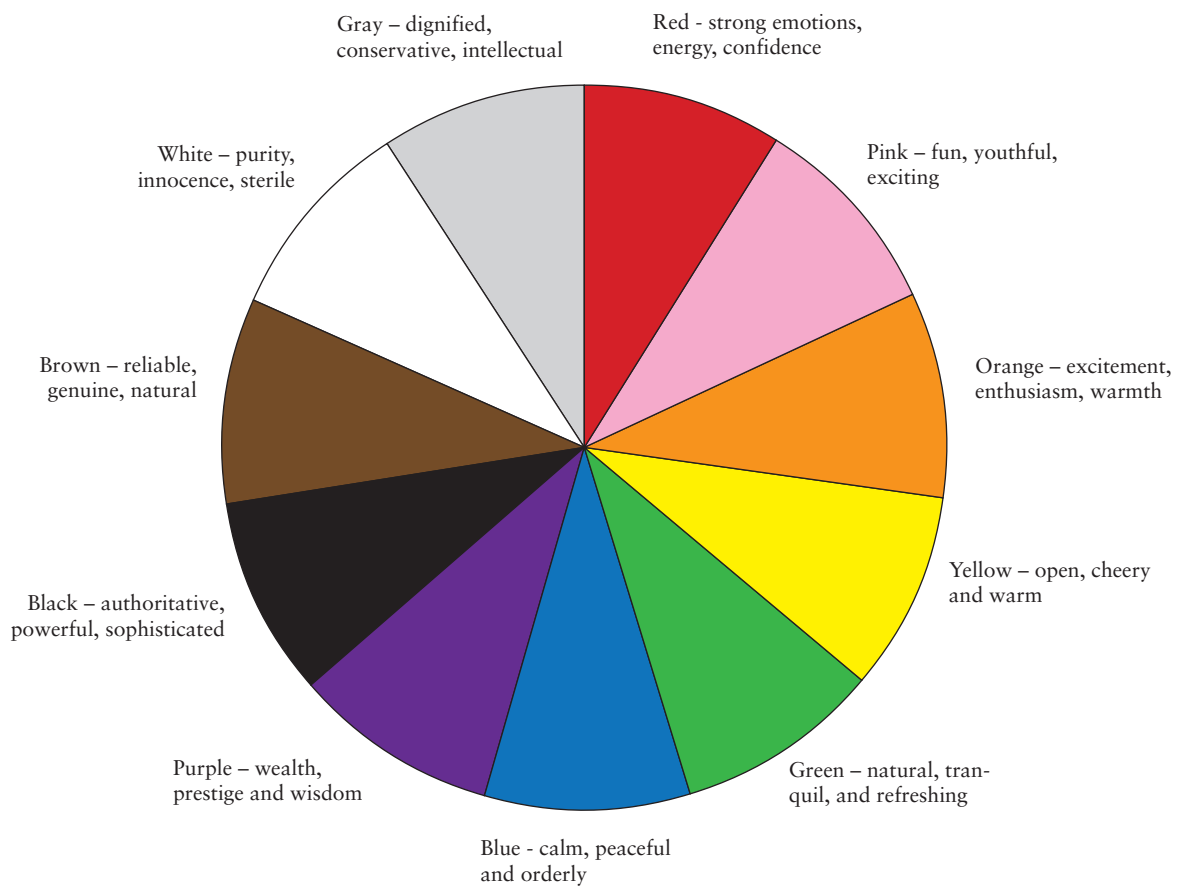
### Training Tool – What is Your Favorite Color?

This activity can be used with a group or team, who are already acquainted, for the purpose of knowing each other better. Ask, “What is your favorite color and what does that color represent to you?” This activity allows you to learn how each member of a team perceives themselves as they explain why they chose the color and what it represents to them. This activity also encourages each member of a group to speak and participate, which could have an impact on group productivity and commitment to the group decisions.

To have some fun, you can then present information about color psychology, such as the psychological effects of color and how it relates to each individual’s color choice. Colors in the red spectrum, red, orange and yellow, are generally known as warm colors. The warm colors evoke feelings of warmth and comfort to feelings of anger and hostility. Colors in the blue spectrum, blue, purple and green, are called the cool colors. These colors are reputed to have a calming effect, but can also make you feel sad or indifferent. Listed below are more colors and accepted effects associated with each color.

Remember this is not an exact science, and it is an opportunity to have fun while learning how members of a team think and express themselves in responding to the thought provoking question, What is Your Favorite Color and What Does that Color Mean to You.

### Psychological Effects of Color



### Bright Idea

Getting to know a new group of people can be stressful. When District 50 (Hawaii) held their Regional Lions Leadership Institute they found a way to make the initial meeting more comfortable. One of the local Lions hosted the participants and faculty in their home for a barbeque. This gave the participants and faculty an opportunity to meet each other in an informal setting. All enjoyed the barbeque and the informal setting put the group at ease and promoted closer friendships. What a Bright Idea for starting off a Regional Lions Leadership Institute right!



### Leadership and Teams

Leadership is not a static situation. Our roles and purposes change, and the people who make up our teams change as well. We may be leading a brand new team on a new project, or we may find that many or most of the team members we started with have been replaced. In either case, there may be some team-building to do to ensure success.

Building and maintaining effective teams is an important task, but not an impossible one. One way to get newly-formed teams going, and to help existing teams that are struggling to work well together, is through team activities.

Click on [Team Tower Activity](#) to get the directions to an activity you can try at your next team meeting. It won't take long, the equipment you will need is minimal, and the results you see in team performance may be surprising.

If you would like to learn more about teams and team-building, the Lions Learning Center online course, "Effective Teams," provides a detailed look at teams and how they function. It can help you assess your current team and take action to move your team forward. Visit the Lions Learning Center at: [http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/resources\\_learning\\_center.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/resources_learning_center.shtml)

### MERL Newsletter Link

[http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/merl\\_news.pdf](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/merl_news.pdf)

### 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 2009), please let us know. Your comments will be welcomed at [leadership@lionsclubs.org](mailto:leadership@lionsclubs.org)

*A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.*

John C. Maxwell  
Entrepreneur and Author

### 2009-2010 Regional Lions Leadership Institutes

The 2009-2010 Regional Lions Leadership Institute application packets are now available. Multiple districts are invited to apply for funding in an amount up to US\$10,000 to support local leadership training efforts. To receive detailed information, which includes the funding request application, please email us at [leadership@lionsclubs.org](mailto:leadership@lionsclubs.org) or call 1-630-468-6797. To qualify for consideration, the Leadership Division must receive your completed 2009-2010 funding request applications no later than **April 30, 2009**.

### Plan Early for 2009-2010 Multiple District Funding Support

Due to the increasing popularity of the Multiple District Funding Program, all funds for 2008-2009 are gone having been allocated to submitted applications. If you plan to request MD-funding in 2009-2010, you should submit your application early as funding is distributed on a first come, first serve basis. MD-funding applications for 2009-2010 will be available beginning in August 2009. Keep in mind that an application must be submitted and approved before any funding will be allocated.

