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FDI In Full Swing – What’s Next?

The Faculty Development Institute program is already having an impact on leadership training worldwide. Over 130 Lions enthusiastically participated in this unique program during 2006-2007. In addition, 2005-2006 FDI graduates have received funding and conducted an additional 18 regional FDIs this year. This means that the pool of skilled leadership trainers has increased by several hundred willing and able Lions already. What’s the next step?

If you are a multiple district or district leadership chairperson, you have access to a number of highly-qualified potential faculty members for your local next leadership institute, for your VDG or DGE training, or for any other Lions training programs you are planning for the coming months. You also have the opportunity to support them in conducting an FDI in your own area, and in so doing, you enlarge your own base of skilled trainers even further. Check the Leadership Resource Center for names of FDI graduates in your area.

If you are an FDI graduate yourself, we hope you have already contacted key Lions leaders in your area, introduced yourself, and offered your time and skills. We encourage you to emphasize your willingness to play a role in all levels of Lions training, and to partner with your fellow graduates to deliver your own FDI.

Training needs exist and skilled trainers are available. All you need to do is make the connection. We are on the threshold of an exciting time for Lions leadership development. Let’s make use of our new resources.

FDI Participants

The success of the FDI program goes far beyond the curriculum presented and those presenting it. It is directly related to the Lions participating. These Lions are dedicated to quality leadership development and are committed to sharing their knowledge and sharpening their training skills.

The international directors of each constitutional area have been asked to consult with you, our multiple and single district leadership development chairpersons, to identify potential participants – those Lions who could be not just good, but GREAT Lions instructors. These are Lions who have had some experience serving as instructors and who have demonstrated a keen interest in and enthusiasm for quality Lions leadership development.

Through the course of your activities, please be on the look out for those Lions whom you feel would benefit from participating in a Faculty Development Institute and, most importantly, advise your international directors of these Lions so that they can recommend them to LCI. Lions Clubs International is counting on your support to maximize the effectiveness of the FDI program and to ensure our Association’s future with quality leadership around the world.

2007-2008 FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTES

(dates and locations subject to change)

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
April 11-14, 2008 Atlanta, Georgia, USA	February 8-11, 2008 Calgary, Alberta, Canada	May 9-12, 2008 Lima, Peru	January 11-14, 2008 Malaga, Spain	March 28-31, 2008 Chiba, Japan	April 18-21, 2008 Johannesburg, South Africa	March 14-17, 2008 Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia

Help Us Grow the Leadership Resource Center

We hope you have visited the new Leadership Resource Center on the LCI website. Initial feedback has been very positive, as Lions around the world find these easily accessible and adaptable resources extremely valuable in conducting local training programs. We encourage you to continue to give us your feedback and suggestions. If you haven’t checked it out yet, go to www.lionsclubs.org, and click on “Leadership Resource Center”- the fifth link under “Members” in the navigational bar on the left.

The Tips and Tools section contains tips, tools and ideas for effective training and leadership development. We are looking to expand this section and need your assistance. Please submit tips and tools that you think would be useful to other Lions to leadership@lionsclubs.org. We appreciate your help!

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Lions Clubs International Convention Leadership Seminars

The 90th International Lions Clubs Convention will take place in Chicago, Illinois, USA from July 2-6, 2007. Don't miss these leadership seminars - back by popular demand:

The Leadership Exchange – offered twice this year!

Tuesday, July 3, 2:30pm – 4:30pm, McCormick Place, S504-ABC

Thursday, July 5, 2:30pm – 4:30pm, McCormick Place, S504-ABC

Get in the game as you share your leadership ideas with fellow Lions in this fast-paced interactive session. Join our all-star team of experienced Lions leaders from around the world in this series of roundtable discussions focused on a variety of leadership topics. You may even win a piece of Chicago sports memorabilia!

Role of an International Director

Wednesday, July 4, 2:00pm – 3:30pm, McCormick Place, S503-B

Interested in knowing more about Lions Clubs International leadership? Explore the process of selection, qualifications, and responsibilities of an international director, along with the competencies and personal image required of those who aspire to the office.

And don't forget to stop by the LCI Headquarters booth on the convention floor – your Leadership Division staff looks forward to welcoming you to the Windy City!

Club Officer Orientation Kit

This Club Officer Orientation Kit provides resources for planning an effective club officer training using a variety of strategies including pre-assignments, learner needs assessment, multiple sessions, and online team assignments, etc. The kit includes a CD of PowerPoint slides and handouts and a video, "World of Leaders." These files can also be downloaded from the Leadership Resource Center in the Training Materials section: http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_train_leader_train_mat.shtml

We recognize that club officer training is done many different ways in our international community of Lions. Successful training meets the needs and time commitments of the club officers in each district. The kit will help you design a district club officer orientation program to specifically suit your needs.

If your district needs a new kit, you can request one from the Leadership Division at leadership@lionsclubs.org.



Training Tool – Six Thinking Hats

This metaphorical method of putting on a different hat and thinking in a specific way is a simple method of expanding your group's usual thinking to six dimensional thinking. In groups of six, assign each person one of the six hats of different colors and you will expand your group's thinking as listed below:

- White hat: be neutral, present information and facts
- Red hat: express emotion, liberate the intuition, feelings and impressions
- Black hat: be a critic, judge, and explain reasons for objections
- Yellow hat: express optimism, identify the positive side and possible benefits
- Green hat: be creative and generate new ideas
- Blue hat: be in control, organize, supervise the discussion and consideration of thoughts

This can be used in a variety of training activities such as project planning or problem solving.

Reference: *Six Thinking Hats* by Edward de Bono.

MERL Appointment Reminder

New three-year MERL team terms for Constitutional Areas III (South America, Central America, Mexico and the Island of the Caribbean Sea) and Constitutional Area VII (Australia, New Zealand, Papua, New Guinea, Indonesia & Islands of the South Pacific Ocean) will begin on July 1, 2007. Job descriptions, responsibilities and applications have been sent to council chairpersons (multiple districts) and to vice district governors (districts).

To ensure proper support of your MERL team, it is critical that LCI receives the names of your MERL team members by May 15, 2007. All MERL team members in our database will receive information related to training, resources, and funding opportunities, along with The LEADER NETWORK and other MERL newsletters.

If there has been a change in your MERL team, please advise the Leadership Division at leadership@lionsclubs.org.

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M-E-R Newsletter Links

Membership/Retention - News & Notes - http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/news_notes.pdf
Extension News - <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/extnl.pdf>

Senior Lions Leadership Institutes

The Senior Lions Leadership Institute program provides present and future Lions leaders the opportunity to enhance their skills through lecture and discussion, sharing ideas, successes and challenges with fellow Lions along the way.

Eligible participants are Lions in good standing who have completed a successful term as club president, but have not yet attained the level of vice district governor. Applications for each institute will be provided to district governors and posted on the LCI website five months prior to the start of each institute.

Encourage qualified Lions to take advantage of this valuable leadership development opportunity – promote leadership excellence and ensure a bright future for our association!

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November 15-19, 2007 Oak Brook IL, USA	September 20-24, 2007 Santiago, Chile	September 13-17, 2007 Amsterdam, The Netherlands	November 15-19, 2007 MD-300 Taiwan	October 18-22, 2007 Dubai, United Arab Emirates	February 14-18, 2008 Sydney, Australia



Bright Idea

Quality training begins with using the most skilled faculty.

This idea was conveyed by Lion Chih-Yue Liu, Multiple District 300, Taiwan, an experienced instructor himself. Lion Liu believes that "training is essential for membership growth and training should begin as soon as one joins to ensure their continuous involvement in the association." But to accomplish this, skilled instructors are required.

Through the Regional Lions Leadership Institute program, Multiple District 300, Taiwan has trained more than 300 Lions and advanced the teaching skills of over 100 instructors. Lions from each district who have demonstrated the interest and potential to be an excellent instructor are invited to serve as assistant faculty or an instructor for Multiple District 300, Taiwan training events. It is critical that these developing faculty are encouraged to refine their skills through practice, participation in the local training, and participation in LCI's Faculty Development Institute.

According to Lion Liu, "A truly great instructor is measured not by the number of participants he or she trained, but by the number of good instructors he or she mentored."

Congratulations to Multiple District 300, Taiwan for their ongoing dedication to developing skilled Lions faculty!

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 (August 2007), please let us know. Your comments will be welcomed at leadership@lionsclubs.org.

All that is valuable in human society depends upon the opportunity for development accorded the individual.
Albert Einstein

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