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Dear Spouse of the District Governor-Elect:

Congratulations--your spouse will soon be district governor! This will be an active, exciting and rewarding year for both of you. As your spouse assumes his or her new role, you will be an instrumental "team member", providing encouragement, support, and assistance. Lions Clubs International recognizes the importance of your role and has made every effort to help you and your partner have a successful year. Some resources that you might find particularly helpful are listed below:

1. **All About Lions Overview**

Learn about Lions history, structure, membership and badges through this brief presentation on the Lions Clubs International web site. To view the presentation, go to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org), and enter "All About Lions" in the search box on the upper left side of the screen.

2. **District Governor Spouse Guide**

Prepared especially with you in mind, the District Governor Spouse Guide provides information pertaining to fundamental aspects of Lions Clubs International, including hosting international guests, time management, conflict resolution, and public speaking. The guide will be a useful reference to you throughout the year.

3. **2008-2009 International Theme—Miracles Through Service**

Take a look at the highlights of the 2008-2009 international theme on the LCI website. In doing so, you will become familiar with many of the concepts and programs that your spouse will be referring to throughout the year. To view the highlights, go to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and enter "DGE Seminar" into the search box on the upper left side of the screen. Once on the DGE Seminar page, scroll down and click on "Theme Information".

4. **Spouses of past district governors**

Introduce yourself to spouses of past district governors. They can answer your questions, give you advice, and provide insight on the experience ahead of you, as well as offer support and friendship.

I also encourage you to accompany your spouse to the 2008 District Governors-Elect Seminar and International Convention in Thailand. At both the seminar and the convention, you will have numerous occasions to learn more about your spouse's responsibilities as well as how you can help. You will also have the opportunity to meet spouses of other district governors from all over the world.

This is an exciting time for you as you prepare for the year ahead. It is my hope that by learning about Lions Clubs International and your role as the spouse of a district governor, you will be well on your way to experiencing an extremely successful and satisfying year.

Yours truly,



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