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WOMEN'S MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND PARTICIPATION NEWS

Change in the Women's Membership Development Chairperson Position

At the International Board of Directors Meeting in Vienna, Austria, March 2008, the Membership Development Committee approved the expansion of the Women's Membership Development and Participation Chairperson. Beginning July 1, 2008 this position will extend to include family initiatives. This change will be reflected in the new title Family and Women Membership Development Chairperson.

A Family and Women Membership Development Chairperson Guide is in the process of being developed to assist you in your efforts throughout your term. This guide will be available online by August 2008. A printed copy will be included in the material packet sent to all Family and Women Membership Development Chairpersons.

Communications

This fiscal year is winding down and the reports show that the majority of the women chairpersons have had a successful year identifying and developing new community service projects and recruiting non-Lions from the community to help.

The district officers know what you have been doing, but have you let the clubs know what is going on. As a women chair you have a lot to report:

- Monthly women and family membership results for the district
- Let the clubs know of plans for the next year.
- New projects that are bringing in new women and family members
- Stories regarding family membership and the positive impact it is having on clubs

- Change in the title of the Women Membership Development and Participation Chairperson to the Family-Women Membership Development chairperson
- Highlights on cooperative efforts with MERL Chairpersons and any of the districts 16 activity chairpersons.

There are many ways to do this:

- Develop a monthly or bi-monthly e-newsletter to send to club officers (get e-mail addresses from zone, region chairs, and or the DG)
- Submit an article to the district and multiple district newsletters
- Contact club officers and let them know you are available to answer questions

Online Course – Managing Change



In this course you will learn how to become a change leader. Through activities, you

will recognize the roles in the change implementation process and the way different people react to change and adopt change. You will use checklists to assess resistance and develop a plan to implement a change that is needed.

http://lci.iperformonline.com/guest/login_lci.asp?CourseID=71&RL=1

2007-08 United in Service Awards

According to the April reports almost 300 districts and multiple districts are showing a net gain for 25 or more women members. An additional 55 districts may reach this goal by the end of the fiscal year. Each district and multiple district that has a net growth of 25 female members at the end of the fiscal year will receive the United in Service Award. These awards will

automatically be sent to the qualifying district and multiple district women chairs and the district governor.

From the Chairs

*The Birth of San Diego Premier Lions Club
by Teresita Paje*

It all started with a vision that by organizing a group of people working together as a team, we could make a difference in our community, in the lives of other people, and in our lives as we reach our full potential. As a financial adviser, and enhanced by the passion to help people in their life planning I had contact with and meet a lot of people in different situations with different needs. Meeting these people everyday I was able to build not just a business relationship with them but more importantly a friend to them. I enjoyed sharing ideas and tools that will help them improved their life goals.

Driven by my passion to help others in their life planning, and equipped with knowledge, abilities and capabilities, I was inspired to organize a Lions club. I came up with a list of names of clients and friends, whom I believed have the hearts, desires and readiness to help people. I approached several doctors and friends who gladly accepted my invitation, were very supportive of my plans and ready to assist in building a Lions club.

What I envisioned of the club is the acronym of the word, P R E M I E R- a Person who Respect an Excellent Mentor with Innovative Empowered Responsibilities. Encompassing the diverse concepts of each of our different ethnic backgrounds, cultures, careers, and occupations, will further enhance the visionary concepts and expand the territorial boundaries that are necessary to the success of the club. I strongly believe that working together we can utilize each of the member's capabilities and abilities to uphold the club's mission and vision.

The first organizational meeting held on September 23, 2007 was a big success. A total of 27 charter members were installed on December 17, 2007, there were seventeen women and ten men. The San Diego Premier Lions Club was born and became officially chartered on November 26, 2007. To date there are 29 charter members, and the club are constantly soliciting for more membership.



I will be ever grateful to all the members who accepted my invitation. Indeed, I am blessed and forever grateful to all members of the San Diego Premier Lions Club and I strongly believe that each of these members are potential leaders in their own right. Our club is absolutely ready and eager to begin our humanitarian service, as we use the association motto "WE SERVE". May our actions guided by our club slogan "enabling the weak, supporting the strong" reflect the true spirit within us members of the San Diego Premier Lions Club.

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