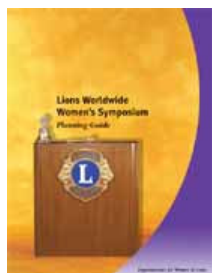




Women's Membership Development and Participation News

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Women's Symposiums

A symposium helps Lions demonstrate that they are a vital element within the community and can help stimulate membership development. Currently there are ten approved symposiums, three of which have already taken place and have been reported as "superb, excellent, fantastic, most timely and most appropriate". Though funding for your constitutional area from Lions Clubs International for this fiscal year may already be designated to other symposiums you are encouraged to hold a symposium of your own. You may seek funding from your district, nearby clubs and partner organizations of the symposium. Requests for FY2005-06 funding opens on July 1, 2005.

Quarterly Reports

Each quarter the Membership Programs Department will send out a CD with the spreadsheets (GN1569) listing the numbers of male and female members by club in your district. This information reflects the cumulative report and is based on the information the club secretary sends in on the MMR report.

Women's Seminar in Hong Kong



The Women's Seminar in Hong Kong will focus on how to put on a symposium in your district during FY2005-06. It will also highlight the successful symposiums held this fiscal year. This motivational seminar will be held at the Hong Kong Convention Centre on Thursday June 30, 2005 from 1:00p.m. to 2:30p.m..



United In Service Award

The United in Service Award is a continuing program challenging women chairpersons and district governors to achieve a net gain of 25 or more women members in their district during the fiscal year. Because of the dedicated efforts last fiscal year, **354** districts qualified for this award. For each qualifying district the Women's Membership Development and Participation Chairperson, along with their district governor, received the United in Service pin to recognize their outstanding efforts. For more information on this program contact the Membership Programs Department at (630) 571-5466, ext. 390 or email memberprog@lionsclubs.org.

Distribution of "I am a Lion" Brochure (ME-37)

Since it's introduction in 2003, over 160,000 copies of the "I am a Lion" brochure are currently in circulation.



To assist with your women's initiative activities, order copies of the "I am a Lion" brochure from the Membership Programs Department at International Headquarters by calling (630) 571-5466, ext. 390 or by e-mailing memberprog@lionsclubs.org. It can also be downloaded from the association's Web site at www.lionsclubs.org.

Women in Lions Facts:

- Women have been members of Lions clubs since 1987.
- The Women's Membership Development and Participation Chairperson conducts educational seminars and provide individual instruction on recruitment of women and project development for district members.
- There are currently **106** women district governors worldwide.
- Currently there are **6,698** women club presidents who make up **14.4%** of all club presidents worldwide.

Generosity is giving more than you can, and pride is taking less than you need.

- Kahlil Gibran

From The Chairs

- "Four new clubs have been chartered in the 2004-2005 year, through January 31, for a total of 107 new members. The important sidebar at this time is that the majority of the primary offices of each club are held by women."

-Judy Toft
Women's Chair, 1-A

- "Every district in our multiple has a woman running for VDG this spring. At this point none of us have anyone running against us."

-Kathleen Flock
Women's Chair, MD38

- "The Symposium gave us the best way to open the door to women from 20 Lions clubs."

-Gloria Dely de Rios
Symposium Chairperson S-1

- "I am so thrilled with our District. We have such wonderful women in our Lions that have taken on leadership roles. It makes the job of Chairperson for the Women's Membership Development and Participation a breeze and so much fun."

-Marcia Newyear
Women's Chair, 4-L1

- "The Lions Women's Symposium Guide was of great help in organizing and planning many aspects of this seminar."

- Dr Dia Papaioannou - Voniatis
Women's Chair, 117-B

Help Us Help You

Ever run out of ideas on what to do next or wonder what other districts were doing to invite and support women members? As a Women's Membership Development and Participation Chairperson one responsibility is to develop articles on the recruitment of women for district and international publications or for sharing with other women chairs. We want to share your success stories, unique ideas, inviting methods, and information on motivated women members. If you have something you would like to include in our next newsletter please direct your achievements to the Membership Programs Department at 630-571-5466 ext. 390 or by email at memberprog@lionsclubs.org.



Reminder: To receive the newsletter, current announcements, awards and other important materials it is imperative that we have your current mailing address and email address. Also if a chairperson has changed in your district the Membership Programs Department must be notified to insure materials are being sent to the appropriate person.