

Women's Membership Development and Participation News



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Spouse Fee Rebate Program

Effective December 2005-June 2006, existing members' spouses will be eligible to join their spouse's Lions club while receiving a rebate for the US\$25 entrance fee. For more information about the program, e-mail the Membership Operations Department at memberops@lionsclubs.org or call (630) 571-5466, ext. 340 or 356. Complete and submit the form [online](#) or download the form to submit by [mail or fax](#).

Former Member Fee Rebate Program

Effective December 2005-June 2006, former members will be eligible to join a Lions club while receiving a rebate for the US\$25 entrance fee. For more information about the program, e-mail the Membership Operations Department at memberops@lionsclubs.org or call (630) 571-5466, ext. 340 or 356. Complete and submit the form [online](#) or download the form to submit by [mail or fax](#).

NEW Reports Available



In addition to the monthly GN1569 reports LCI now has two new reports for the Women's Membership Development and Participation Chairpersons.

1. Monthly gain/loss of men and women by district and multiple district – includes number of clubs, number of women and men, increase or decrease for the fiscal year
2. Monthly gain/loss summary – displays information by constitutional area

These reports will be automatically sent via email to women chairs when the GN1569 reports are sent.

Promote Your District

Get the word out to your community. Customize [sample news releases](#) for Lions activities and programs. The fill-in-the-blank templates provide direction for the release content, layout and length. Localize and submit the release to the media for your next Lions event.

The Power of One

International President Mehta's Passion to Excel Program is designed to assist Lions in understanding the power of one member. If each club grows by one member and each district grows by one club, Lions International would have approximately 60,000 new members. As you can see, one member can make a difference!



Another focus of the Passion to Excel Program is to have a gain of 50,000 women in Lions Clubs worldwide. As a Women's Membership Development and Participation Chairperson you can be awarded the Presidential Star Diamond Pin for your efforts in gaining women members.

For more information on the Passion to Excel Program, including how to receive recognition for your recruiting efforts, go to the [membership section](#) of the Lions Club International Web site.

Worldwide Induction Day



Are you looking for a meaningful way to recognize or induct your new members? Consider participating in the 9th annual Worldwide Induction Day to be celebrated April 29, 2006. Contact your district governor to find out if your district is hosting a district-wide event (perhaps in conjunction with your district convention or other meeting). Or, plan your own club ceremony with our [Induction Day Planning Guide](#) (MK61). It contains everything you need to have a successful induction day event, including a sample induction ceremony and public relations tips to showcase your club or district participation. For more information, email inductionday@lionsclubs.org and see our [World Wide Induction Day webpage](#).

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

-Winston Churchill

International Convention - Boston



[Register](#) now to join Lions around the world in Boston, Massachusetts, USA in celebration of Lions Clubs International's 89th International Convention. The convention runs Friday June 30 through July 4, 2006. Only at the International Convention can 18,000 members come together to celebrate the true meaning of Lionism. For more information and registration information visit the [convention section](#) of our website or email convention@lionsclubs.org.

Family Friendly Lions Club

The Lions Clubs Family Friendly Concept is a modern approach to your community organization. Inviting relatives to meetings or club fundraisers gives them the opportunity to sense the benefits of becoming a Lion. And as a new member of Lions offer fresh ideas all while sharing family time and volunteer experience together. More information on the Family Friendly Lions Club will be sent via email.

Campaign SightFirst II

Thanks to your help and the continuing support of District leaders, [Campaign SightFirst II](#) is making great progress. The international team of Lions leading this vital effort now numbers more than 6,000. District and Group Coordinators are in place across the Lions' world to help lead the campaign locally. You can help today by working with your District Governor to spread the message of the SightFirst Program and CSFII during club visits, and by encouraging clubs in your area to conduct one extra fund-raising event this year for the benefit of the campaign. These early dollars will add to the already US\$11.9 million raised, and help prepare clubs for intensive fund-raising campaigns in Lions' years 2006-2007 or 2007-2008. On behalf of the 37 million people afflicted with blindness throughout the world, thank you for your service in CSFII this year.



From the Chairs

MD 19E is sponsoring a Women's Symposium on May 13, 2006. This will be a way to bring awareness to women and becoming a Lions Club member. We will be putting together an informational handout on the different clubs; the locations, meeting times, contact names and some of the club's activities. We will also have a sign-up sheet for interested participants to fill out so that clubs

can contact them for membership. We look forward to this being the first of an annual event.

Laura Wintersteen-Arleth 19-E

A contest entitled [W-I-N \(Women in Numbers\) Incentive](#) was recently developed by MD14 to promote women members within their district. Awards, designed by MD14, go to clubs and individuals based on the number of women they bring in. More information can be found by clicking the link above.

Jan Adams MD14

We will be having a tea for the guest speaker's wife at our midwinter conference which will give her an opportunity to meet with the women in Lions in District 33Y. Our guest speaker is PID Charles Costro and his wife Lion Claire is our guest who will be honored with a tea. I had 4 tea parties in our MD 33Y last year and found it a wonderful way to get the information about women in Lions to the public. I have been asked by 2 women (non-Lions) in 2 different communities to come to their town to host a tea party and will be doing that this spring. The word is getting out and there is an interest in communities for women who would like to know more about volunteering and especially Lions.

Christine A. Waller 33-Y

NEW The Quarterly Question



The Quarterly Question is a new feature in the Women's Newsletter, which allows Women Chairs to give their input on what LCI can do to help their endeavors concerning women in Lionism.

Many of you have set goals to accomplish throughout your tenure as Women's Chair. We are now currently at the mid-year mark. Some of you may be on target while others are struggling for ideas or support.

- Would an LCI supported project help you achieve your goals as Women's Membership Development and Participation Chairperson?

Submit your answer to memberprog@lionsclubs.org with any ideas you may have. Please reference the subject line Quarterly Question.

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