

Women's Membership Development and Participation News



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Welcome New Women Chairpersons

As we begin a new fiscal year and a new tenure for the Women's Membership Development and Participation Chairpersons we welcome many Lions as new Women's Chairpersons. Throughout the next three years the Membership Programs Department will assist and guide you towards your goals by providing you with the most current facts and figures, reports and symposium information. The Membership Programs Department can be reached by email at memberprog@lionsclubs.org or by phone at 630-571-5466 ext. 390 or 339.



2006-07 International Program

International President Ross has challenged the Lions of the world to reach a goal of inviting 50,000 new women members into Lions. According to the growing trend of the past three years, this goal is achievable. Women remain the fastest growing demographic in Lions. As you develop and institute your three-year plan keep in mind, the women's initiative has created a paradigm shift from what has always been done from inviting women members into Lionism to identification and development of new community projects.

Women's Symposiums

Holding a women's symposium in your community is an outstanding way to further the opportunities for women in your district by providing service activities and programs about which new members can feel passionate. Not only will your community benefit from the additional service, but Lions clubs can be made stronger by the recruiting of enthusiastic service-minded individuals to clubs who will dedicate themselves to meeting the needs of those less fortunate.



Lions Worldwide Women's Symposium Program has a funding component that offers up to US\$2,000 to help defer symposium costs. Women Chairpersons may apply according to

application guidelines and the Rules of Audit outlined in the [Symposium Planning Guide](#) (MP101). The guide contains complete details regarding the funding aspect of the program as well as a grant application. Requests for FY2006-07 funding opened July 1, 2006.



Family Initiative

The LCI Family Initiative was passed at the Boston International Convention. The Family Membership Dues rate will take effect on January 1, 2007, for those Lions that are certified as family members by November 30, 2006. The first family member will be required to pay the full International Dues with up to four more qualifying family members eligible to each pay one-half of the International Dues.

The family dues rate applies to Lions in and/or joining the same club living in the same household related by birth, marriage and other legal means, including such common family relations as parents, children, spouses, aunts/uncles, cousins, grandparents and in-laws of spouses.

For more information visit the [Family Membership Dues Rate page](#) on our website. Remember to check back often as new developments are announced.

Spouse and Former Member Rebates

Continued through December 31, 2006, spouses of members joining the same existing Lions club will be eligible to receive a rebate for the US\$25 entrance fee. Complete and submit the [form](#) online or download the [form](#) to submit by mail or fax. For more information about the program, e-mail the [Membership Operations Department](#) or call (630) 571-5466, ext. 340 or 356.

Effective through June 30, 2007, former members will be eligible to join a Lions club while receiving a rebate for the US\$25 entrance fee. Complete and submit the [form](#) online or

Everything we do should answer the question: How does this action respond to the needs and expectations of the members and renew the value of their involvement?

–Jimmy Ross, International President

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Lioness Service Credit

Former Lioness members, who are now active members of their Lions club or who become active members of a Lions club on or before June 30, 2007, may apply all of their prior Lioness service toward Life Membership eligibility. Lioness members who become active members of a Lions club after June 30, 2007, will not be eligible for Lioness service credit for the purposes of Life membership eligibility.

Reports Available

To assist you in keeping up with your membership efforts, each month the Membership Programs Department will email the GN1569 reports, which list the number of male and female members by club in your district or multiple district. Along with the GN1569 report you will also receive the Monthly Gain/Loss of Men and Women Report and the Monthly Gain/Loss Summary Report. To guarantee you receive these reports and the latest figures for your district, please ensure the Membership Programs department has your current email address.



United in Service

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. For each qualifying district the women's chairperson, along with their district governor, will receive the United in Service pin to recognize their outstanding efforts. For more information on this program email the [Membership Programs Department](#) or call (630) 571-5466, ext. 390.

Resources

The [membership section](#) of the Lions Clubs International web site contains a great deal of valuable information. In the Chairperson Resources section you will find the [Women Chairpersons page](#). Throughout the year updates and announcements will be posted on this page – so check back often.

Other useful publications and web pages for the Women's Chairperson include:

- ["I am a Lion"](#) (ME-37)
- ["Women's Symposium Guide"](#) (MP101)
- [Family Membership Web Page](#)
- [Lioness Bridge Program](#)

Women Lions Facts 2006-07:

Currently reported:

- ◆ There is 1 woman international director.
- ◆ There is 1 woman board appointee.
- ◆ There are 12 women council chairpersons.
- ◆ There are 135 women district governors.
- ◆ There are 7,010 women club presidents.



Quarterly Question

As we start the beginning of a new term for the Women's Membership Development and Participation Chairpersons, what goals do you have for your district or multiple district?

Submit your response to memberprog@lionsclubs.org and reference the subject line Quarterly Question.

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