



LEADER NETWORK



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2006-2007 International Program

The 2006-2007 International Program, *We Serve*, focuses on Lions clubs, the vital essence of our association. International President Jimmy Ross asks Lions leaders to promote the motivation, growth, strength and vitality of our clubs. When clubs grow and thrive by succeeding in meeting members' needs, the association will grow and thrive.

Remember, each individual member has a unique reason or reasons for becoming and staying a member. As leaders, we need to take the time to discover those reasons. We must know, understand and appreciate the needs and expectations of our members and clubs. And we must meet those needs so we can strengthen our ability to serve.



The focus of this year's program, *We Serve*, is service to clubs and members. Through club renewal and development, we will renew and develop our association to better serve a modern society.

How does this action respond to the needs and expectations of our membership and renew the value of their involvement?

This is the key question to be answered for everything we do.

Senior Lions Leadership Institutes

The Senior Lions Leadership Institute program provides current and future Lions leaders the opportunity to expand and enhance their leadership skills through lecture, sharing of ideas, successes and challenges and interactive activities.

During 2006 – 2007, LCI offers six Senior Lions Leadership Institutes each facilitated by a team of knowledgeable, experienced, enthusiastic Lions leaders.

Applications are provided to district governors and posted on the LCI web site approximately 4 months prior to the institute's start date.

2006-2007 SENIOR LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTES (dates and locations subject to change)					
United States Of America, Its Affiliates, Bermuda & The Bahamas Canada	South America, Central America, Mexico & Islands Of The Caribbean Sea	Europe	The Orient & Southeast Asia	India, South Asia, Africa & The Middle East	Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia & The Islands Of the South Pacific Ocean
September 17-21, 2006 Columbus, Ohio, USA	January 11-15, 2007 Cochabamba, Bolivia	October 13-17, 2006 Bournemouth, England	November 7-11, 2006 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	December 4-8, 2006 Mumbai, India	April 16-20, 2007 Palmerston North New Zealand

Encourage qualified Lions to take advantage of these unique and lively leadership development opportunities!

MERL Chairpersons Seminars

During 2006-2007, multiple and single district membership, extension, retention and leadership development chairpersons and MERL team coordinators of Constitutional Areas I & II (United States of America, its Affiliates, Bermuda and The Bahamas and Canada) and Constitutional Area VI (Europe) will have the opportunity to meet, exchange ideas and enhance their knowledge of LCI resources and leadership skills.

During the discussion-based seminar, participants will work in diverse groups, with chairpersons of their own discipline (M-E-R-L), and in their MERL teams to identify challenges to membership growth and to develop creative solutions.

The seminars will be facilitated by teams of well-respected Lions leaders who have demonstrated success with membership growth efforts.

Invitations to attend are sent to multiple district MERL chairpersons and MERL team coordinators. This year, sub-district MERL team members will be invited to participate on a space available basis.

2006-2007 MERL Chairpersons Seminar (dates and locations subject to change)	
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September 17-20, 2006 Columbus, Ohio, USA	October 14-17, 2006 Bournemouth, England

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Faculty Development Institutes

Dedicated to the development and expansion of the pool of skilled Lions faculty, the Faculty Development Institute curriculum focuses not only on presentation skills, but encompasses many of the skills and concepts that impact the quality of training delivery and ultimately, the effectiveness of LCI's leadership development programs.

The 2006-2007 schedule for this innovative program includes seven institutes, one in each constitutional area, with twenty participants per institute. Potential participants will be recommended by the international directors in each constitutional area, in consultation with local area leadership. Eligible candidates for participation include those Lions who have some experience serving as faculty at Lions training events and who would benefit from this intensive skill refinement course. Candidates must have demonstrated basic instructional skills and have a keen interest to further develop those skills.

2006 - 2007 Faculty Development Institutes (specific dates and/or locations to be announced)						
United States of America, Its Affiliates, Bermuda & the Bahamas	Canada	South America, Central America, Mexico & Islands of the Caribbean Sea	Europe	The Orient & Southeast Asia	India, South Asia, Africa & The Middle East	Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia & The Islands of the South Pacific Ocean
February 2007 Oak Brook, Illinois, USA	April 2007 Canada	May 2007 San Jose dos Campos, Brazil	May 2007 Krakow, Poland	March 2007 Daegu, Korea	February 2007 Bhubaneswar, India	March 2007 Melbourne, Australia

For further information, please contact the Institutes & Seminars Department (instsemi@lionsclubs.org, 630/571-5466, ext. 597).

FDI: Phase Two - In an effort to enhance the quality of trainers on a more local basis, a second phase of the Faculty Development Institute program was developed. This phase allows FDI graduates to apply for limited funding to support a Regional Faculty Development Institute in their area during the fiscal year following their participation.

The maximum allowable reimbursement amount is \$170 per Regional Faculty Development Leadership Institute participant, up to a maximum of \$3,400.00, and only one grant per 2005-2006 Faculty Development Institute graduate will be considered. Working in collaboration with the graduate who serves as coordinator, all grants will be administered through the host multiple or single district.

Information outlining this unique opportunity will be mailed to all 2005-2006 Faculty Development Institute participants in August 2006. For further information, please contact the Leadership Administration Department (leadership@lionsclubs.org, 630-571-5466, ext.385).



Embracing Change

Change is all around us, and it is a fact of life for all of us. The world of 2006 is far different than it was 20, 10, or even 5 years ago...and it will be much different 10 years from now. The things we did in the past may not be what we need to do now...or in the future.

Change impacts countries, towns, families, and individuals. It also profoundly affects Lions Clubs International, because the ability to serve others is dependent on how quickly and effectively we can respond to their changing needs.

Change can be a frightening experience, and that is why we often resist it. We may be asked to discard familiar ways of thinking or of doing things and embrace new, unknown territories. But, by looking at things from a new point of view, we have an exciting opportunity to grow, both in numbers and in service.

As leaders of our association, it is our responsibility to not just accept "what is," but seek out "what could be." But, the first thing we must do as Lions leaders is develop a mindset that welcomes and embraces change, and then pass that mindset on to other Lions.

Remember, "Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

Be a catalyst for change in your club and in your district, and you may be surprised at how quickly others get on board.

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Training Tool: Change and You - Check Your Attitude



Why is checking your attitude about change important? As the amount and frequency of change increases in our world, Lions need to be more receptive so that we can benefit from new processes, perceptions and innovation.

Ask a group of Lions to answer the following questions:

Do you see change as a rose or a thorny branch?

Do you see the dangers and threats of a change or do you see the opportunities and potential results?

If there is a problem that could be solved by a change, are you part of the solution or part of the problem?

By answering these questions, each person can recognize their attitude about change and can decide if they need to pursue a personal goal of being more open to change.

Remember, the true leader seeks life long learning and self-development.

M-E-R Newsletter Links

Membership/Retention - News & Notes - http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/news_notes.pdf

Extension News - <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/extnl.pdf>



Bright Idea

MD-118 (Turkey) recognizes that strong, healthy clubs are vital if our association is to expand and flourish, and that effective leadership within the clubs is the key to their overall health.

In 2005-2006 they organized an "Incoming Club Presidents' Camp" for all incoming 2006-2007 club presidents. The goals of this innovative program were to impart the skills required to empower the members of their clubs, to experience the strength and scope of the association by sharing ideas with incoming presidents from far distances, and to promote networking.

According to Past International Director Nesim Levi, the camp's organizer and a faculty member, "All three goals were not only reached, but exceeded beyond our expectations. Participants have set up Internet groups, are visiting each other's clubs and are working on joint projects. The best part is that they are disseminating their enthusiasm to their club members. What more could we expect?"

What a bright idea!

We want to hear from you!

Our objective with *The LEADER NETWORK* is to provide you, our multiple and single district leadership development chairpersons, with information and ideas you can use in your leadership development efforts. If you have a Bright Idea, suggestions for future issues or a specific topic you would like to see addressed in the next issue (November 2006), please let us know. Your comments will be welcomed at leadership@lionsclubs.org.

"It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change".

Charles Darwin

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