

DISTRICT 1-D LIONS

Leadership Training For
Presidents
Vice-Presidents



Duties of The President

- 1. Be the Chief Executive Officer of the Club.
- 2. Preside over all meetings of the Club and of the Club's Board of Directors.
- 3. Call for regular and special meetings of the Club and Board of Directors.
- 4. Appoint the Standing and Special Committees.
- 5. Be an ex-officio member of all committees and cooperate with the chairpersons there of to effect regular functioning and reporting of such committees.
- 6. See that regular elections are duly called, noticed, and held.
- 7. Be an active member of the District Governor's Advisory Committee of the Zone in which this Club is located.
- 8. Make sure that treasurers has filed documents with IRS and State Department of Revenue.
- 9. Make sure delegate forms get to Cabinet Secretary 10-15 days prior to District and State conventions.

Rules for 100% Presidents Award

- Your Club shall have no unpaid balances to International as of the end of the fiscal year.
- Attend two zone meetings in person and have representation at all other zone meetings.
- Your club must:
 - Have officer representation (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) at District training.
 - Participate in one inter-club activity.
 - Conduct one major fundraising activity with substantial membership participation.
 - Have one presentation each of an International, State, and Foundation program or activity.
 - Have representation at conventions of your District or State.
- You must complete three of the following:
 - Personally sponsor one new member to be inducted prior to June 30.
 - Attend District training for Presidents.
 - Attend District Golf or Awards event.
 - Tour the Center for Sight & Hearing.
 - Attend at least one Lion's convention: Your District, State, or International convention preceding or during your year in office.
- Eligibility requires recommendation by the zone chairperson and must be certified by the District Governor.
- Your 100% award application must be submitted by your Club Secretary to your Zone Chairperson no later than two weeks after the completion of your year as President.

Duties of The Vice-Presidents

The Lion Vice President Shall:

- 1. Serve on the Board of Directors and accomplish special projects as may be assigned by the President.
- 2. Conduct the Club meeting in the President's absence.
- 3. Oversee the functioning of such committees of this Club as the President shall designate.
- 4. See that each Committee Chairperson makes regular reports to the club, to the bulletin editor and to the Public Relations Committee for news releases to the press and other media.

Lions Code of Ethics

- TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to that end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.
- TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.
- TO REMEMBER that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.
- WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards my fellow men, to resolve such doubt against myself.
- TO HOLD friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
- ALWAYS bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor, and means.
- TO AID my fellow men by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.
- TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

OBJECTS OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

- TO CREATE and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- TO PROMOTE the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- TO TAKE an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- TO UNITE the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- TO PROVIDE a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- TO ENCOURAGE service-minded men and women to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

Ten Rules of Leadership

1. A leader must be SELF-CONFIDENT. Confident from within. Believing in yourself. Getting right up if you're knocked down. It means proud, but not arrogant.
2. A leader must be IN CONTROL. A person who can't control themselves can't control others. This takes concentration, self-discipline, calmness under pressure. No flying off the handle allowed.
3. A leader must be FAIR. That means being impartial, tolerant, having a keen sense of justice, being consistent in how you treat problems, people. Liberal with praise and constructive with criticism.
4. A leader must be DECISIVE. Know how to make decisions, have the courage to make them, to make them quickly, to stand behind those decisions.
5. A leader must be PREPARED. This is a big one. You have to know your job, you have to know the jobs of those you lead, you have to do your homework, understand goals and priorities and the process of planning.

Ten Rules of Leadership (cont.)

6. A leader must be A TEAM PLAYER. You're not a loner—you're part of a team. Be loyal to that team. Listen as well as talk. Motivate, teach, tell people why, so they understand their roles on the team.
7. A leader must be HONEST. With yourself, with others! Integrity is the big one here, character. No one can teach you this. No one can order you to have it...it has to come with you and from you.
8. A leader must be COMMITTED. Ambition, ego, drive, dedication...all come into play here. Commitment means you don't make goals, you try to reach them. It means you make commitments, not idle promises.
9. A leader must be COURAGEOUS. Not afraid to fail. Not afraid to admit a mistake. Not afraid to fight for an idea or person you believe in. Not afraid to make an unpopular decision
10. Above all, a leader must be HUMAN. Strong enough to be gentle. Empathy is important here, understanding those you work with are people, not machines...people have problems. People aren't perfect. Understanding we're all in it together in this game of life.

Your Clubs Strengths

My Club's Strong Points Are...

Participation

Fundraising

Leadership Development

Tail Twisting



Your Clubs Weaknesses

My Club's Weak Points Are...

Unorganized meetings

Repetition—not adding new projects or
content

Community Visibility



Fundraising Ideas

- Raffles—Car, Truck, Boat, TV, etc.
- Concerts
- Sale of Pork Chops
- Christmas Tree Sales
- Bag Toss Tournament
- Carnival
- Antique Car Show
- White Elephant Auction
- Las Vegas Night
- Pancake Breakfasts



Service Project Ideas

- Sponsor a Scout Troop
- Provide Educational Scholarships
- Adopt a Highway
- Sponsor Blood Drive
- Provide for a Food Pantry
- Build a Picnic Shelter/Pavilion
- Send Medical Supplies to Impoverished Countries
- Sponsor a Free Concert/Movie in the Park
- Buy Books for Local Libraries
- Send Care Packages to Service Men and Women

Lend a Hand...



Vision

- Seeing the whole picture and “sharing”/articulating that perspective with others.
 - This creates a common purpose
 - Mobilize people and coordinates their efforts into a single, coherent, agile enterprise



Trust

- Or vision is empty. Being predictable: sharing info and power.
 - Creates culture of candor: binds people together
 - Creates strong, resilient organization



Participation

- Unleash and focus members' energy; inspire others to pitch in with minds and hearts
 - Everyone participates and exerts effort.
 - Feel ownership, pride, responsibility



Learning

- Deep understanding of self, strengths and shortcomings; willing to adapt to new.
 - Model so that everyone is self-aware, open to change, refreshing skills and renewing spirit



Diversity

- Accepting difference as difference; appreciating positive aspects of differences; mutually respectful of others; understanding and working on own biases.
 - Foster power of diversity and extinguish poison of prejudice.
 - Foster culture of mutual respect.



Integrity

- Standing for something, your VALUES
 - Model essential value of team of ethics, principles as basis for actions.
 - Enable team members to act ethically and to resolve ethical differences.



Community

- Mutual commitment; stress the team's responsibility to the surrounding society.
 - Inspire the highest performance and commitment.



Problem Solving

- Sometimes problems are solved easily. Sometimes a problem is complex or its solution unclear. Then we need a systematic method to solve it.
- Ask yourself the four following questions when solving problems.
 1. What is the problem?
 2. What is the cause of the problem?
 3. What are possible solutions?
 4. What is the best solution?

Problem Solving (cont.)

- Nothing can aggravate problem-solving more than trying to find out “who’s to blame” or “why do we have this problem.”
- Leaders will have more success if they concentrate on what has to be done now and forget about who caused the problem.
- **Enhance problem-solving by:**
 1. Encouraging each group member to communicate openly and freely.
 2. Encourage each member to probe and question each other’s ideas and opinions.
 3. Avoiding competition among members that can result in “winners” and “losers.”
 4. Resolving any personality clashes among members.
 5. Staying focused on the group’s overall goal!

Preparing for The Governor's Visit

The District Governor holds the highest office in the District. When he or she pays your club an official visit, they are the attraction. Do not expect them to compete with another speaker or with long, drawn-out business or Board meetings.

When the District Governor is recognized at any Lions meeting (Club or District Level), all Lions present should rise and remain standing until the Governor signals them to be seated.

The District Governor's visitation is an important event for a Lions Club. The Governor will bring your club "up to date" on Lions activities—a sort of "State of Lionism" message.

Notify the Governor of all special club events and invite him or her to attend. If he is expected to be a participant in the event, let them know in advance.



Introduction Of District Governor

Tell something about the Governor—his club, business, offices held, Lions Activities, wife, family.
Pronounce his name correctly.

The Governor should be introduced only once—when he is introduced for his speech. Prior introduction is incorrect and detracts from his recognition at the time of his speech.

The following are questions and answers which may be appropriate for the Governor's visitation:

1. Do you have a regular program? **NO.** The Governor is the program. Allow him 30 minutes and he should not be detracted by another program.
2. Do you have committee reports? YES, but only committees having activities in process. He will be interested in your activities. Keep reports short.
3. Do you have a Board meeting? YES—following the regular meeting. The Governor will probably request one. He will probably ask the club officers some questions, offer suggestions, and clarify any questions the club may have.
4. Do you induct new members? POSSIBLY. However, don't detract from the Governor's major purpose. If he is to induct the new members, he should be notified in advance.
5. Do you present pins or awards? Same as #4.
6. Do you have Ladies Night? DEBATABLE. Ladies nights are usually "party nights"—to entertain the ladies. The Governor should be invited, but his official visitation is for business and not necessarily entertainment.
7. Do you ask the Cabinet Secretary to make remarks? YES. He may have announcements to make. He plays an important role in District Lionism and should be recognized.
8. Do you pay for the District Governor's dinner? It is a nice gesture. Same for the Cabinet Secretary.