

MD 19 Leo Report
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The Leo program is now back to work after the summer off and all Leo Advisors and Leo clubs are rebuilding after the usual graduation and transition after every year. We have the possibility of one new Leo club in "District H".

The Leo program has been asked to participate in several Lions initiatives and these are::
From PCC Al Beddoes "MD 19 Lions Leadership Foundation"-the Lions "Essay Contest" This contest has prize money attached (\$1,000 for the overall winner \$500 for District winners)and I had some interest from my Leo members , this contest has merit it just needs some tweaking and a start and finish date and also to setup judges. Leo Advisors only have to present it to our Leos and it will happen. Attached see "Pilot Proposal"

From Lion George Robinson, MD 19 "Youth Exchange Chair" Lion George proposed we attempt to get Leos involved in our "Youth Exchange Program". This proposal seems self-explanatory and I recommend that Leo Advisors also inform and encourage our Leos to participate where possible. Attached see:: Proposal.
Lions Peace Poster Contest: This proposal is a little more problematic as most Leo clubs have very few member 13 years of age or under. But it could be used as a tool to drive younger community members to join Leos. Leo Advisors have only to offer Peace Poster entries to their clubs and let's see what happens. The interesting thing about this proposal is it might encourage Leos to invite younger community members to join, especially if we offer these younger members something for them to be involved in. Entry kits are available from LCI at a small charge.

These proposals demonstrate how closely intertwined the Lions and Leo programs are and what new doors are opened for service, not thought of a couple of years ago. Leave us not forget the "Leo Club Excellence Awards" and the "Leo of the Year Awards".

Leo Training: Leo District "A" Convention: DG Grace Hwo has put together a Leo Convention at Burnaby North Secondary, This coming Saturday Oct. 21, 2017 10am. To 3:30 pm. The key note Speaker is International Director Tom Gordon. This Convention is to further develop Leo's Leadership skills in the areas of project management, communication, teamwork, creativity/innovation and planning community service projects. Registration is \$10 per person and lunch is provided. All Leos are welcome. Pre-registration is requested.

Leos clubs serve and fund raise in their communities every bit as much as their sponsor Lions clubs in some cases the Leos are more active than the sponsoring Lions Club. Leo Clubs are Lions partners in service. Leos supply new energy and ideas and are the future of Lions if we include them in our "Lions Association."
I am now about to make a proposal. After attending the Canada/USA Forum in Portland and listening to our Lions International President Aggarwal encourage us to invite 50,000 more members to join taking Lions from 1,450,000 members to 1,500,000 members before the end of this year. I had an idea.

My idea is we are already at 1,625,500 members these members already serve their communities alongside their Lions sponsors. They fund raise just like a functioning Lions clubs they serve their communities in new and different ways, with energy, strength, enthusiasm. The 175,500 Leos in 7,020 Leo clubs that serve their communities should be accorded the respect of recognition by Lions International as full members in service. Still Leos but given credit just like in 1987 when women were recognized and allowed to join as full members in our association. Women grew lions in so many ways, numbers, service ideas and service. LCI has been

telling us for the last few years that “Leos are our Future” well the future is now. This Council of Governors” should immediately request or propose to the International Board of Directors of Lions International that Leos be accorded full membership in Lions and counted in our Lions International stats to make our membership world-wide 1,625,000. The members are there we just need to recognize them, a stroke of the pen is all it will take.

Submitted Respectfully
Your in Lions
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