



Again, a New Year is ready Lions. It is the time New Year with hope and spirit, it is the time to Celebrate and Dance, to proclaim our confidence and spirit. New Year is a time that gives us an opportunity for fresh hope for a better future and success. The New Year also comes with glows of hopes in our mind. It gives us new confidence and courage for a fresh start.

We will face challenges with confidence. In this New Year may your dreams and hopes succeed with many blessings.

In this New Year our resolutions may be to face our challenges with courage and confidence. To spread love and affection to our dear and nears. To lead a life of success and victory. Pray for all these blessings and the energy to provide the service to our communities and those who need our assistance.

The New Year is a time for great resolutions that may change our life for ever. May all your New Year's resolutions and dreams come true.

LIONS VISION STATEMENT

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

LIONS MISSION STATEMENT

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

Leadership is critical to the overall success of any organization, including Lions Clubs International. An effective leadership team provides the vision, guidance and motivation necessary for our association to continue to fulfill its mission of providing quality, relevant service to communities around the world.

[The Global Leadership Team \(GLT\)](#) provides for an enhanced focus on leadership development, which is critical to the future vitality of our association. The GLT directs its efforts toward identifying and cultivating effective leaders through active training and leadership development initiatives, while providing necessary information, guidance and motivation.

Learning is a lifelong process and Lions Clubs International believes all leaders can benefit from training. In support of this idea, LCI provides a variety of development opportunities where current and future leaders can enhance their leadership skills.

Our Structure -- THE LIONS CLUB

You may be surprised to know that, while you are a proud and newly-minted Lion, you are not *technically* a member of the International Association of Lions Clubs! You are a member of your local club and the club is a member of the association. This is as it should be. The Lions club is the fundamental unit of Lionism. It is the structure upon which all else is built. The clubs are where the work gets done. It is clubs that make a difference in their communities. The association exists to serve and support your club and the 45,000 like it around the world. As you know by now, Lions clubs are made up of men and women who want to improve their communities and are committed to the work that will make that happen. Our volunteers serve their communities and communities around the world with unmatched integrity and enthusiasm. That is why wherever a Lions club gets together, problems get smaller and communities get better. You have every reason to be proud to be a Lion. Lions club membership is by invitation only. Open to persons of legal majority, of good moral character and good reputation in the community. As a Lion, you have become an active volunteer in a respected international organization. You are a leader in your community and a friend to people in need.

As a chartered member of the International Association of Lions Clubs, your club has pledged to abide by the International Constitution and By-Laws. It is important to familiarize yourself with this document which may be downloaded at the Lions Clubs International Web site. The officers of

your club include the president, immediate past president, vice president(s), secretary, treasurer, Lion tamer (optional; custodian of club property), tail twister (optional; promotes enthusiasm at meetings), membership development chairperson and others. Officers are elected annually for a term coinciding with the association's fiscal year (July 1-June 30). Most work in Lions clubs is done in committees appointed by the president. In many clubs, every member is assigned to a committee. Your committee assignment is an important part of your membership and deserves your best effort. Administrative committees may include attendance, constitution and by-laws, convention, finance, Lions information, membership, programs, public relations, greeter and leadership development. Activity committees generally conform to the major Lion activities. Each club and district sets its own annual dues to cover administrative costs. In addition, the club collects international dues to cover member benefits, including a subscription to LION Magazine. Money raised from the public must never be used to defray administrative expenses. Every dollar raised by Lions goes directly back into the community.

The importance of new member orientation cannot be emphasized enough. The information presented during orientation provides a foundation for new members. It helps them understand how the club functions, what their role will be and gives them the big picture of their district and the association. When new members are properly informed, they are more likely to feel comfortable with the club, become actively involved in club activities and remain in Lions for years.

The Leadership Team responsibilities are

- to identify potential leaders based on objective criteria
- Educate members about leadership development opportunities
- Encourage potential leaders to assume leadership roles and responsibilities to enhance their skills

- Promote the active involvement of Lions Leadership Institute graduates and other trained Lions in leadership responsibilities
- Motivate Lions to seek out proven leaders in the community to join as new members
- Conduct New Member Orientation sessions
- Conduct Basic Mentoring sessions for those who sponsored new members.
- conduct CEP Courses for those clubs who want to improve their clubs

The Leadership Team

Train, Educate, Mentor and Motivate Leaders to Maximize Effectiveness

- Establish annual leadership development plan
- Ensure effective delivery of vice district governor training
- Organize training for zone chairpersons, guiding Lions and others
- Ensure effective delivery of club officer training
- Implement Club Excellence Process workshops
- Encourage active coaching through Lions Mentoring Program

LIONS let's get involved in leadership. Show leadership by requesting training and getting involved in setting some great goals for the New Year and coming months.

A successful person finds the right place for himself.

But a successful leader finds the right place for others.

Note; Jan 13 Melvin Jones Birthday

HOW IS YOUR CLUB GOING TO CELEBRATE THE OCCASION

New Year is the time for great resolutions that may change our life for ever, may all your New year Resolutions and dreams come true, Happy New Year

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