



2006-2007 DISTRICT 8-S
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**MAKE SURE YOU BRING THIS TO YOUR CLUB AND
READ IT DURING CLUB CORRESPONDENCE!**

From the desk of Bryan Foret, District Governor

As we get closer and closer to the end of the year we also begin plans for new officers for the coming year and hopefully the elections should be completed during this month. The prime officers of your club (President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chair) should have the qualifications to lead your club and keep the information flowing between your club and the district and Lions International. Please, please complete your PU-101 either online (preferable) or on paper form (also available online) or from me and have them completed by April 15 if possible. This is a requirement of Lions Clubs International so they and your district know who and how to make contact with your club. If the officers have an e-mail address update the members address online or by including it on the printed PU-101 form.

Lions International is trying to be good stewards of your dues and as such will not mail out the packet for club officers and a supply of membership and activities reports as they have in the past. These items are available either at the International website <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.shtml> and select the "Club Resource Center" on the left side of the page or if you do not have access to the internet or a printer, then call LCI at (630) 571-5466, ext. 344 (Club Administration) and ask for a copy of the information. The Lions website has a wealth of information (far more than LCI sent in the packet) for you as a club officer or even a club member to review and print as desired.

This month let's talk about the importance of one of your club committees, namely the Membership committee. Several years ago Lions International began a formal group of Lions with the emphasis and importance of this committee as one of the life bloods of your club. Lions International added to the Standard Club Constitution and By-laws an officer known as the **Membership Director**. According to the Constitution and By-Laws, the Membership Director is defined as "The membership director shall be the chairperson of the membership committee. The responsibilities for this position shall be:

- (1) Development of a growth program specifically for the club and presented to the board of directors for approval.
- (2) Regular encouragement at club meeting to bring in new quality members.
- (3) Ensuring implementation of proper recruitment and retention procedures.
- (4) Preparation and implementation of orientation sessions.
- (5) Reporting to the board of directors on ways to reduce the loss of members.
- (6) Coordination with other club committees in fulfilling these responsibilities.
- (7) Serving as a member of the zone level membership committee."

It further defines the Membership Committee as: "A membership committee shall be composed of three elected members for a three year term. Initially three members will be elected. One member shall serve for one (1) year, the second member for two (2) years and the third member for three (3) years. Each year thereafter, a new member will be elected. Each member shall serve for three (3) continuous years on a rotation system subject to annual confirmation for the years remaining by the club's board of directors. The first year member shall be a member of the committee, the second year member shall be its vice chairperson and the third year member shall serve as its chairperson and as membership director on the club's board of directors. The first-year member is encouraged to focus on

membership development, the second-year member is encouraged to focus on retention and leadership, while the third-year member (chairperson) is encouraged to focus on extension.”

Does your club follow these guidelines? Based on the recent membership statistics and new clubs the most recent of which is the Schriever Lions chartered in December of 2002, the new members while plentiful have been greatly exceeded by the number of drops (retention). For your club, and this district to survive we need to turn each of these parts around NOW. As announced at the 4 Region meetings held this past month Lion Kenny and I have asked your club to adopt the “*My Lions Club: Refresh*” program presented and hold a “*Welcome Night for Prospective Members*” along with other clubs within your Region before the end of this Lion year (June 30, 2007) so these prospects will be shown by the June, 2007 M&A report to Lions International and to the district. As I promised I told you that I would report progress on a monthly basis, and your clubs reaction to the 10% club growth initiative is identified further in this report.

District Governor Calendar for March

- 21-22 **Lions Camp meeting** at the Best Western (2720 W MacArthur Drive, Phone: 318-445-5530) in Alexandria. Book early and ask for the Lions Camp rate for the best deal. The Executive committee meets at 11 A.M. the General membership starts at 1. Some of the 2006-2007 representatives have received notification that they are in danger of being dropped as Voting or Advisory members due to lack of participation. If you don't want to serve, speak now there are other Lions that would like to serve representing our district.
- 26 **District 8-S Charities** 7 P.M. at the T-Caillou Lions Home in Chauvin, if you don't know how to get there let one of your Charities representatives know and they can give you instructions.

Third Cabinet Meeting – Results The elections held at the cabinet meetings has the constitution change passed and Lion **Elliott Bauman** elected as the 3 year representative. A great meal was prepared by the **Marrero Lions Clubs** and many thanks to all that attended.

Secretaries: The State Convention committee is putting together the Memorial ceremony and need your support. Please provide either of the two below with a list of all of your deceased members to complete the program. This list should include all members (Lionesses also) that have passed away since the last State Convention. Please notify either Lion Lois Foret (3107 Orris Lane Apt 102, Metairie, 70002 504-887-5728 ms.roadrunner@cox.net) or DG Bryan Foret (4220 Haring Road, Metairie, 70006 504-455-3973 bryanforet@hotmail.com) as soon as possible.

Happenings around the District

The Lockport Family Festival, benefiting the **Lockport Lions Club**, among other civic organizations will be held April 20-22 in Lockport.

The **Luling-Boutte Lions Club** will be sponsoring their first annual Beauty Pageant on Sunday April 29 in Paradis. The winner in the Ms. Contest will have free entry to the next Louisiana Fairs and Festivals Pageant among many other prizes they will be awarding. Contact Lion **Denise Lirette** at 985-785-9553 for additional information.

The **Metairie Lions Club** will hold a book sale at the Clearview Mall on April 21 and 22, they promise to have a large quantity of books to choose from while the sales runs from 10 am to 9 pm on Saturday and noon to 6 pm on Sunday. All are invited to attend.

On April 11 at 6 p.m. a check will be presented to the **Terrebonne Parish Consolidated government** for equipment replacement at the Recreation District 6 playground in Montegut (\$54,904) and at the District 7 playground in Chauvin (\$43,449.00) as received from **Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)** Hurricane Relief funds. Please come out in your club vest as this is presented to the recreation department,

On April 12 at 1 p.m. a check will be presented to the **Plaquemines Parish** government for the replacement of playground equipment at the Leroy Harvey Park in Boothville and Roger Halphen Park

in Buras totaling \$40,540 as received from **Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)** Hurricane Relief funds. Please come out in your club vest as this is presented to the recreation department,

District 8-S has received notice from **Lion ID Bob Eichhorn** that at the last International Board of Directors meeting in March a couple of grants were approved directly affecting MD 8. One was for \$38,000 for replacement kitchen equipment for the Lions camp. The vast majority of the match for this grant came from the **New Orleans Central City Lions Club** (actually all but a few hundred dollars came from them, good job NOCC. The other grant was for Dr. Kaufman's research efforts in the amount of \$150,000 for specialized equipment.

State Convention Urgent Allons e'Lafayette is fast approaching with only 9 weeks left (May 4, 5 and 6 in Lafayette, LA) before the beginning of the annual Multiple District convention. The convention committee has been working tirelessly making this one of the best yet. You can count on some great timely speakers for the weekend including the Saturday lunch speaker Bobby Jindal, U.S. Representative from the 1st District of Louisiana Sunday morning speaker Dr. Frederick P. Cerise, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, and our special Lions International Guest Past International President Clement "Clem" Kuziak, served as International President for the 2004-2005 Lions year. Lion Clem was also the chair of LCIF that was so instrumental in the Lions recovery after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. You will also be treated to the inaugural performance of the Louisiana Lions Jazz Band at the various functions of the convention.

State Convention Chairman, Bob Andrepont, PDG is asking you and your Lions club to bring "copies" of photos of Lions doing hurricane relief work. Photos will be displayed in the lobby of the convention center during the convention. After the convention they will be gathered together and placed in a photo album and shipped to Past International President Kuziak.

Let us not forget to recognize your members, candidates, businesses with ads in the Convention program book. Ads are \$200 for a full page, \$100 for a half page and \$50 for a 3 line contribution ad. The committee is also accepting any draw one prizes or donations for the committee chairs (Lions Fred and Sissy Lantz) to purchase gifts for you to win. Every Lion in the state received an application in the most recent copy of the "Louisiana Lion" so get yours turned in now!

Leadership Chair MERL Team 8-S – Lion Bob Williams, PDG Not Your Vision?

If you're not part of your organization's senior leadership team, the broad organizational vision probably didn't come from you. Your job is to understand and communicate the vision in a way that is relevant to you and your group. To better communicate and build support for the vision, ask yourself:

- What is your organization's vision?
- How do you connect to your organization's vision and understand your role in achieving that vision?
- What do you do that shows your passion and enthusiasm for the vision and the organization?
What do you do that undermines the vision?
- What obstacles are in the way of communicating your organization's vision?
- What can you do to surmount those obstacles? What new behavior can you model for others?
What new actions can you take?

This article is adapted from [Communicating Your Vision](#) by Talula Cartwright and David Baldwin.

The above article seems to be about something other than leadership but that's not true. Leadership in any organization is based on the belief of set goals and objectives, failure to understand that is a failure

of leadership. Members should be given proper orientation not once but continually through out their association with the organization. That responsibility of orientation falls not only to the organizational leadership but to the ones receiving that orientation. To learn you must seek out the knowledge yourself, don't blame others if you don't know.

District 8-S has held two Orientation Seminars this year (2006-07) one more will be held before July 2007 make plans to attend. More information will be sent to the clubs.

Moving around - During the past month we have received updated information on a couple of Past District Governors who have different mailing addresses. Lions PDG Jack Wallace and Peggy Wallace (President of Bayou Blue-Coteau Lions) new address 2804 Kingman Apt C, Metairie, LA 70006 (telephone numbers stay the same).

International Convention – As you have seen in your monthly Lions magazine the Lions Clubs International 90th Convention is fast approaching at the beginning of July. Hopefully you as a recipient of this newsletter have also been stressing to your members the importance of convention and the opportunity to join with other Lions from around the world in this week of Lions friendship. Check your Lions magazine or the Lions website for information.

From Lions International President Jimmy Ross: We all have good reason to be proud of all we have accomplished as Lion leaders - but we all know there are always things that can be done better. One of the most important ways we can improve the way our association does business is by taking full advantage of everything that technology has to offer.

As a part of this process, the Lions Clubs International Web site has undergone and extensive redesign and this year, information that has traditionally been provided in Club President and Club Secretary Kits will be made available primarily online. This new distribution method will not only conserve resources, but will make even more useful and up-to-date information available to the leaders of our clubs. This club officer's information is contained in the Club Resources section of the redesigned Web site. I would like to commend the team at international headquarters for all they have done to make this site clear and easy to use. I invite you to see for yourself by visiting, <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.shtml>

I hope that you will make it a point to communicate to the Lions in the district the many advantages and ease of using this Web site.

Of course, there are some clubs that do not have easy access to the Internet and for these clubs and those who still wish a printed version of the information, a unified Club Officers Kit will be sent upon request.

Show Children What it Means to be a Lion!

I am pleased to announce an exciting new recruiting and education tool that will help clubs reach out to families with young children. "The Pride of Lions - a Kid's Guide to Lions Clubs" produced by Really Big Coloring Books of St. Louis, Mo. can provide hours of activity designed to teach children in kindergarten through sixth grade about Lions Clubs International.

The books can be distributed by clubs at community events, presented to prospective members with young children and given to those children who already are part of the Lions Club family. They can be ordered from the Club Supplies Division at (800) 710-7822 or online at www.lionsclubs.org.

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Families are an increasingly important part of Lions Clubs activities. As your international president, it has been one of my objectives to see Lions Clubs International stake out a unique place among service clubs as "the family organization." I am happy to say that we are making great strides in that direction. In January, more than 2,600 new members have joined Lions Clubs as part of a family unit.

I congratulate all district governors who have been successful in bringing family groups into the mainstream of Lions' activity and hope that you will do everything possible to make these new members feel welcome in our association.

Thank you for all you do to serve your clubs and your community,

Jimmy M. Ross
International President

Reminder!!! New Payment Rules go into effect July 1, 2007 Effective July 1, 2007, clubs with past due balances beyond **150 days**, equal to as little as one per-capita, could cause the club to be placed on automatic suspension and automatic cancellation within 90 days.

Protect clubs in your districts good status by encouraging them to send payments on time. Currently, some clubs could be in jeopardy of becoming inactive if past due balances are left unpaid as follows:

- Balances unpaid beyond US\$1000 and over 90 days, could be placed on status quo, unless payments are received between now and June 30, 2007
- Second semester 2006 per-capita must be paid prior to May 31, 2007. This is necessary in order to maintain a good status.

If you have any questions about a clubs payment status please contact Lion Bryan Foret, DG 8-S, Lions Clubs International at districtadministration@lionsclubs.org or treasurer@lionsclubs.org. They will be happy to assist you.

Club	Begin of year Membership 7/1/2006	10% Growth Amount	Goal by 6/30	As of 3/31/2007
Arabi	38	4	42	38
Belle Chasse	27	3	30	20
Bourg	27	3	30	27
Chauvin	22	2	24	24
Chauvin T-Caillou	29	3	32	36
Evergreen L C	53	5	58	46
Golden Meadow	14	1	15	14
Hahnville	23	2	25	23
Harahan	48	5	53	44
Houma	40	4	44	42
Houma Bayou Blue Coteau	47	5	52	35
Houma East Houma	18	2	20	27
Houma La Bonne Terre	19	2	21	22
Houma Terrebonne Inner City	24	2	26	25
Houma Terrebonne Parish	41	4	45	41
Houma West Houma	19	2	21	18
Jefferson	33	3	36	35
Kenner	20	2	22	24
Kenner Central	28	3	31	26
Kenner University Park	25	3	28	25
Labadieville	30	3	33	31
Lockport	37	4	41	28
Luling Boutte	36	4	40	29
Marrero	47	5	52	45
Metairie	43	4	47	41
Metairie Airline	23	2	25	21
Metairie Clearview	10	1	11	10
Metairie Delta	28	3	31	28
Metairie Lakeside	19	2	21	19
Metairie Pontchartrain	17	2	19	15
Southshore Guatemala	16	2	18	16
Montegut	36	4	40	35
Morgan City	14	1	15	14
New Orleans Algiers	15	2	17	15
New Orleans Central City	25	3	28	24
New Orleans Filipino American	25	3	28	25
Norco	29	3	32	29
Raceland	33	3	36	33
River Ridge	12	1	13	14
Schriever	32	3	35	40
Terrytown	27	3	30	26
Thibodaux	66	7	73	61
Vacherie	18	2	20	18
West Bank	47	5	52	47
Westwego	14	1	15	12
3 Dropped clubs members	45			
	1339	133	1427	1268

