

Greetings fellow Lions! Spring is almost here and now is the time to revisit your club's goals and also to begin planning for the last three months of the Lion Year. On the LCI Calendar of Events for 2012-2013, under the month of April, several bullets are listed, but I am asking you to consider two items as goals for your club. The items are Leo Club Awareness Month and Protecting Our Environment Global Service Action Campaign.

If we wish to ensure the future of Lionism in District 20-Y1, then please consider sponsoring and supporting a Leo Club in your community. What are the benefits to your club? You will have a positive influence on today's youth who will become tomorrow's leaders. An excited Leo may take that excitement home and share his/her experiences. Positive experiences may trigger their parents and/or other adults' curiosity and the end result may-be new members for the sponsoring club, thus making Lions a family experience. Another benefit is more hands to help fulfill your club's service project goals. Leo Clubs will give students the opportunity to participate in community service- a requirement for graduating seniors in many school districts. The future of our District is in our hands, will you help lead the way? Please check the LCI website for more information on how to start a Leo Club in your community. At the District 20-Y1 level, contact Lion Rae Haynes.

Last year International President Tam asked Lions to plant trees. This year your club may wish to consider some other ideas such as: planting flowers; beach or riverbank clean-up; raise awareness of the benefits of "going green"; recycle batteries or cell phones and clean-up a park or playground. These are some of the ideas from a LCI brochure "20 Project Ideas For Protecting Our Environment".

I believe we are all stewards of the planet earth and I urge you to become pro-active in the process to ensure clean air and water. Some projects have side benefits. For example, plants use carbon dioxide in the photosynthesis process and at the same time add a degree of beauty to our world. Perhaps your club can lead the way to begin a community wide effort to clean-up and preserve an area of your community. To help you plan your event, please refer to the LCI website where you will find the resources you need to be successful. In the search box, type in protecting our environment.

April is also the month for club secretaries to submit to LCI your club's PU-101 Report. I am in the process of putting the District 20-Y1 Directory together for next year. The PU-101 Report will help to ensure that your club and club officers information is up to date and accurate. Thank you for your assistance!

Lion Linda and I wish you and your family a great Spring!

Yours in Lionism,  
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