

Joining a Lions Club offers so many opportunities: the chance to help your fellow man, fellowship, meeting new and different people from all over the world, becoming a part of the global family of Lionism.

Lions are individuals who stand united by a common bond of humanitarianism. But our ability to meet the ever-increasing challenges of human need is only as great as our membership. In truth, the more we are, the more good we can do for people in need. This is why new members are vital to our work, and in recognition of those clubs and districts that attract new Lions, awards are given during our October and Founder's programs.

October Anniversary Membership Growth Program

This program offers a number of awards for participants who help add to the membership roster of a Lions Club.

On the club level:

- A specially designed clutch pin will be awarded to each Lion who sponsors at least one new member.
- The president, membership chairman and secretary whose club adds five or more new, transferred or reinstated members will receive an Achievement Medal.
- · The International President's banner

will be given to clubs reporting 10 or more new members.

On the district level:

- The district governor, membership chairman and cabinet secretary-treasurer will each receive a Certificate of Appreciation, signed by the International President, if their district averages an increase of one or more members per club.
- If the average is three or more members per club, the above officers will receive a Medal of Appreciation.
- An average increase of four or more members per club means the district governor will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and a carved Lion statue; the membership chairman for the district will receive a Melvin Jones Medallion.

Also, for every region that averages an increase of two or more members per club, the deputy district governor will receive a Certificate of Appreciation. If the average per club is three or more members, he will receive a Medal of Appreciation.

The zone chairman will receive a Certificate of Appreciation for an average increase per club of three or more members and a Medal of Appreciation if the average increase per club is four or more members.

Information about the October Program may be obtained from the 1988 October Program pamphlet (ME-7), which is mailed to each club with the July club statements and should be passed on the club's membership chairman. Copies of this pamphlet are also mailed in July to all district governors and respective cabinet members.

Founders (Melvin Jones) Membership Growth Program

This program is based upon net gains at district and multiple district levels.

It begins with the July 1 membership figures recorded at International Headquarters and ends with the closing figures taken from the June, 1989, reports.

On the district level:

- An attractive plaque will be awarded to each district governor whose district shows a net increase in membership of 2 percent at the close of the program on June 30, 1989.
- A similar plaque will be given to the district membership chairman.

On the multiple district level:

 An attractive plaque will be awarded to each multiple district membership chairman whose multiple district shows a net increase in membership of 1 percent at the close of the program on June 30, 1989.

All awards will be granted according to statistical records maintained at the beginning and end of the fiscal year at International Headquarters.

Information about the Founder's Program may be obtained from the Founder's Program pamphlet (ME-8), which is mailed directly to each district governor, district membership chairman and multiple district membership chairman early in the fiscal year.

Let's all work together to continue making Lions Clubs International the world's foremost service club organization. Look around your community to learn which individuals would be welcome in your club.

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