

What is a sponsor's job?

- Make your new member feel welcome:
- Introduce your new member to all club members:
- Provide your new member with information about the club, its officers and constitution:
- Arrange for orientation sessions for the new member:
- Make sure that the new member becomes active in club activities and projects:
- Be ready and willing to answer any questions that might arise:
- Encourage the new member to discuss with you any problems and offer possible solutions:
- Assist the new member in developing into an outstanding Lion.

Making your new member feel welcome

1. As soon as that new Lion turns in his/her application and fees make sure you congratulate them on deciding to be a member.
2. Be in close contact with the new member either by making phone contacts or meeting for a cup of coffee.
3. Call a few days before the next club meeting and remind him/her of the meeting and offer a ride to the meeting.
4. Once he/she arrives at the meeting explain some of the routine that happens such as the payment for meals or any other unique events that precede the meeting.

Introducing your new member to all club members

1. In a small club this is not as difficult as it is in a larger club
2. Regardless, make sure you introduce the new member to members at the meeting.
3. It is a good idea to have the secretary do a verbal roll call using the Lions first and last names when new members are in attendance. This helps reinforce the face-name recognition process.
4. Encourage Lions at the meeting to use the phrase "Lion (First Name)" when addressing one another during the business meeting.

Providing your new member with information about the club, its officers and constitution

1. As you make introductions make sure that you identify the Lions who are officers in the club.
2. Make sure that you explain the responsibilities of the offices of Tail Twister and Lion Tamer.
3. Make sure you give the new member an overview of the major service projects that your club performs for the community.
4. Also talk about your fund raising activities.
5. If your club has a constitution make sure that you get a copy to the new Lion.

Arranging for orientation sessions for the new member

1. Talk with your Membership Chairperson or Membership Committee in regard to scheduling orientation for the new member.
2. Consider using the MD-13 GMT Orientation Guide. It is available at www.ohiolions.org.
3. Set a time and a place to conduct the orientation.

Being ready and willing to answer any questions that might arise

1. Make sure you answer any questions the new Lion may have.
2. If you don't know the answer make sure you find it and get back to him/her.
3. Try to anticipate certain things that may be a mystery to the New Lion.

Encouraging the new member to discuss with you any problems and offer possible solutions

1. Make it clear that any time there is a problem that the new Lion should let you know about it.
2. Look for signs that there is a problem and he/she is not saying anything.
3. Unusual quietness or sudden absences from meetings or projects are good clues.
4. Don't be afraid to ask if there is something going on.
5. Sometimes it is a Lions club problem. Sometimes it is a problem at home or related to work conflicts. In any case you need to know what is happening and try to find a solution if it is in your realm of capability.

Assisting the new member in developing into an outstanding Lion

1. Keep him/her involved by making sure that the new member is on at least one committee
2. After some time encourage the new member to take a leadership position either as an officer or a committee chair
3. Invite the new member to attend a zone meeting or other district meetings
4. Encourage the new member to attend the district and state convention.

In short the sponsor's job is to help the new Lion live up to the Lions motto:

We Serve



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If your sponsors do all of these things, then your club will never get a note like this?

"I'm the person who was asked to join your Lions Club. I'm the person who stood up in front of all of you and promised to be faithful and loyal. I'm the person who came to your meeting and no one paid attention to. I tried several times to be friendly to some of the members, but they all had their own friends that they talked to and sat next to. I hoped very much that somebody would have asked me to take part in a project or something, but no one saw my efforts when I volunteered.

I missed a few meetings after joining because I was sick and couldn't get there. No one asked me, at the next meeting, where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much to the others whether I was there or not.

Another meeting I decided not to come. Maybe it was because I didn't feel well, or that the

weather was bad, I just can't remember. It just didn't seem like a priority to go out to a meeting. The following meetings I attended, but no one asked me where I was when the last meeting was held.

I consider myself to be a good person, a good family person who holds a responsible job, loves my country, state and community. Do you know who else I am? I'm the person who never came back.

It amuses me when I think back on how the heads of our organization and the members were discussing why the group was losing members. It seems interesting to think that they all spend so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time. All they needed to do was to make me feel needed, wanted and welcome. I wish they had made me feel a part of things."

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