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Leo Club Objectives

To provide the youth of the world with the opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international community.

Why Sponsor a Leo Club

Leo club sponsorship inspires Lions club members through involvement with their community's youth. Connections to youth can bring new energy to a Lions club. The sponsoring Lions club will become more visible in the community with exposure to new audiences, such as young professionals, students, and parents of school-age children. Leo clubs offer a way to mentor future community leaders and help foster future Lions.

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Relationship Between Lions and Leos

Leo clubs are a sponsored affiliation of Lions clubs. The sponsoring Lions club is responsible for guiding and counseling its Leo club. By working closely with Leos, Lions ensure that their sponsored Leo club operates within and benefits from the policies of LCI.

How to Start a Leo Club

1. Get approval from your Lions club to start a Leo club.
2. Have one or two Lions who would like to act as Leo advisors.
3. Decide if you are going to have an Alpha (ages 12-18) or Omega (ages 18-30) Leo club.
4. Decide whether the club will be a school based club, which will require a faculty-advisor who is a teacher or administrator to assist the Leo club advisors, or a community based club at a church or other location. Agree on the policies and regulations of Leo club activities with school or community officials.
5. Obtain names of potential Leos from schools, churches, youth groups, friends, and relatives of Lions club members.
6. Organize a Leo club informational meeting.
 - a. Set a date, time and place for the meeting.
 - b. Plan on having some finger food or snacks available.
 - c. Invite young people and their parents to this meeting.
 - d. Invite the district governor, Leo youth chair, and members of the sponsoring Lions club to answer questions the students and parents may have.
 - e. Have "Application of Membership" forms available to pass out to the prospective Leos (LEO-50 from LCI).
7. Set up a meeting for the prospective members and ask them to bring a friend. The school library, cafeteria, or meeting room works nicely. If at school make sure to OK this ahead of time. This is a good time to elect officers for the club. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Board Members.
8. Complete Leo Club Organization Report for Certification (LEO-51 from LCI) which entitles a Leo club and its sponsoring Lions club use of the Leo name and emblem, and members are eligible for LCI awards and recognition.

Costs and Fees

- Organization fees of \$100, a one time fee paid by the sponsoring club, covers cost of materials for the Lions club and Leo officer materials. The Leo club Certificate of Organization, entrance fees for 20 Leos and 20 Leo new member kits with lapel pins, membership cards, certificates and membership handbooks.
- If there are more than 20 originating Leo club members, a \$5 fee is charged to the sponsoring Lions club for each additional member.
- An annual levy of \$90 is assessed in August to the sponsoring Lions club, not matter the number of members in the Leo club. See page 6 of the Leo Club Handbook (LEO-65 from LCI) for pro-rated amounts depending on when the club was organized.

Planning the Leo Club Charter Night

- Planning the Charter Event takes a little time, you have to order the Charter and should get it signed by all the Charter Members and framed before the event occurs. You may choose a breakfast, luncheon or dinner event. You will want to make it a very special occasion and invite Leo's families and Lions officials as well as the faculty if it is a school based club.
- You will be inducting the members at this time and you will need to have the certificates signed and their pins all ready ahead of time.
- Remember this is their club and their special day, and they should have a big part in the planning to make it something they can be proud of.