

Dear Club President,

March 2007

This year Lions Clubs International will celebrate several significant anniversaries including the 90th anniversary of our founding. These celebrations will remind us that we must never lose sight of our most treasured traditions and must always hold fast to the ancient values which we hold dear. But when it comes to the way we conduct our business, it is equally important that the association stay as up-to-date as possible. In 2007, that means using the Internet and on-line resources to their best advantage.

The number of clubs using the Lions Clubs International Web site to file Monthly Membership Reports has been increasing steadily. This year, we will be taking that one step further by making information previously provided in printed Club President and Club Secretary Kits available in the Club Resource Section of the association Web site (www.lionsclubs.org). The only printed items we will be providing this year to all Lions clubs are the C-3 Membership Cards. Preprinted Monthly Membership Reports with LCI address labels will be sent only to those clubs who are not filing their forms online.

I have reviewed the Club Resource Section and am happy to tell you that it could not be easier to use. The team at international headquarters has done an outstanding job in making the section clear, concise and intuitive. It requires no special computer skills; even the most inexperienced Internet novice will be able to navigate the site with ease.

Making this information available online will not only conserve natural resources, but will allow club officers easier, faster access to more relevant information than ever before. Of course, not every club has easy access to the Internet, so a printed version of a combined Club Officers Kit will be available to clubs that request them. Requests for the Club Officers Kit should be directed to the English Language Department at international headquarters - e-mail: english_language@lionsclubs.org, fax 630-571-1693 or phone 630-571-5466 x 654. I invite you to visit www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/resources_clubs.shtml to see for yourself how much information is available at the site and how easy it is to use.

Children are our future, there is no doubt about it. But with more and more Lions Clubs adopting a family-friendly format, children are becoming an important part of our present! We should do all we can to educate these children about Lions Clubs International and what it means to be a Lion. What better way to do that than by engaging their imaginations with a coloring book. "The Pride of Lions - a Kid's Guide to Lions Clubs," now available from the Club Supplies Division, is an exciting new recruitment and membership tool. Scenes in the book depict Lions bringing food to and companionship to those in need, building community projects and taking part in other service activities - all with a friendly lion character overseeing the work. "The Pride of Lions" coloring book is approximately 18 inches by 23 inches and contains more than 30 pages of activities.

The books can be distributed at community events, presented to prospective members with young children and given to those children who already are part of your Lions Club family.

Order yours today and give your littlest future Lions a gift they will remember for the rest of their lives. For more information and to order call (800) 710-7822 or order online at <http://www2.lionsclubs.org/LionsClubsSuppliesStore>

As always, thank you for your service to your club 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 your club's good status by continuing 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.

Protect your active status by sending payments on a timely basis. If you have any questions about your clubs payment status please contact Lions Clubs International at districtadministration@lionsclubs.org or treasurer@lionsclubs.org. They will be happy to assist you.

Campaign SightFirst II News: Clubs increasing their CSFII commitments:

http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/pdfs/club_news_v2_i7_en.pdf

On February 26, 2007, CSFII leaders revealed new information about Campaign SightFirst II fund-raising progress and potential of Lions clubs around the world. Clubs have actually raised US\$81.5 million for CSFII, significantly more than the US\$72 million that has been officially received and processed to date by LCIF. Through SightFirst, we are fighting blindness and changing the world.

This March:

- Report and mail all funds raised for CSFII to Lions Clubs International Foundation.
- You and your club's donation today inspires another Lion to give tomorrow.
- Become a Model Club before the 2007 International Convention-less than four months away!

CSFII By the Numbers:

- US\$72 million raised by Lions to save sight -An additional US\$10.5 million raised by clubs, but not yet submitted to LCIF
- 1,650 Model Clubs -There are 1.4 million blind children in the world, a number that grows by one child each minute.

Sincerely

Jimmy M. Ross

International President

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