



LEADERSHIP NEWS



From your District A12 Leadership Chairperson

A12 MERLO TEAM MISSION STATEMENT

“We serve our District Lions by seeking to expand knowledge through information and support to help all Clubs grow and prosper.”

Embracing Change:

Change is all around us, and it is a fact of life for all of us. The world of 2006 is far different than it was 20, 10, or even 5 years ago...and it will be much different 10 years from now. The things we did in the past may not be what we need to do now...or in the future.

Change impacts countries, towns, families and individuals. It also profoundly affects Lions Clubs International, because the ability to serve others is dependent on how quickly and effectively we can respond to their changing needs.

Change can be a frightening experience, and that is why we often resist it. We may be asked to discard familiar ways of thinking or of doing things and embrace new, unknown territories. But, by looking at things from a new point of view, we have an exciting opportunity to grow, both in numbers and in service.

It is our responsibility to not just accept “what is,” but seek out “what could be.” But, the first thing we must do is develop a mindset that

Tools That Empower!

The following courses are available online for **all Lions** at the Lions Learning Centre.

Visit www.lionsclubs.org

- * Lions Leadership Course
- * Lions Goal Setting Course
- * Lions Delegation Course
- * Meeting Management Course
- * Lions Public Relations Course



welcomes and embraces change, and then pass that mindset on to other Lions.

Remember, “Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.”

Be a catalyst for change in your club and you may be surprised at how quickly others get on board.

We can't become what we need to be by remaining what we are. *Oprah Winfrey*

If you struggle with being down, uptight or negative...then you need to “Get over yourself!” You are in the way of you! You are defeating your success, relationships, health, prosperity and life. Take a good look and be willing to admit you need to change and work on you. Don't just talk about it, do it! If you are offended by this, there is your sign! If you agree with this, then get to work... you are worth it! **Remember, your success begins and starts with your attitude!**
Sam Glenn

Other Leadership development tools are available!

Check it out!

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Meet Your A12 MERLO TEAM

MERLO CHAIR:

VDG Peter McCague

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR:

PDG Dave Durant

EXTENSION CHAIR:

PCST Nancy Watt-Durant

RETENTION CHAIR:

Lion Albert Parsons

LEADERSHIP CHAIR:

PDG Kathy Daoust

ORIENTATION CHAIR:

PRC Barry Jaynes

Special points of interest:

- Lions Learning Weekend
- Attitude Stuff We Need to Know
- “It's not how heavy the load, it's how you carry it”.—John C. Maxwell
- USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



Lions Learning Weekend 2007 (LLW)

Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25th, 2007 marks the date of our 5th annual Lions Learning Weekend in A12. Have YOU participated in this learning opportunity before? If not, perhaps this is the year you do decide to attend.

There is no registration fee to attend the LLW this year. The fee is part of your District A12 dues. This is the opportunity your club has been waiting for. Every member is invited to come to the Riverside Inn in Bracebridge to learn more

about getting the most out of Lionism. This is another chance for YOU to experience some personal growth and help your club be more successful in the future.

There are a wide variety of topics that will be offered at the LLW including duties of a President, Secretary or Treasurer, conflict resolution, basic computer skills etc. You can choose the sessions that you are most interested in attending. You can come for part of a day, all day, two full days,

two part days or any other combination of time that suits your schedule.

Please see the LLW Registration Form on our District A12 website and/or in the District A12 Directory. Copies of this form will be available at the Cabinet Meeting on October 22, 2007 in Dorset for your convenience. If you wish to have refreshments when you arrive at the LLW plus lunch, you must register with me before March 15th, 2007.

What are you waiting for? Register today!

Attitude 'Stuff' We Need to Know

"Attitude is a Choice.

Choices determine where we go, who we become, and what we get."

Sam Glenn



Practice smiling more!
It makes you look good, feel good and attracts others.

Awareness is the key to expanding our vision of what attitude is and its potential.

Attitude is how we treat others
Attitude is the way we approach life.

Attitude is contagious
Attitude is how we respond to challenges

Attitude affects our health

Attitude affects our relationships

Attitude is our personal trademark

Attitude determines if we fly or fall

Attitude creates experiences for you and for others

A great life starts with a great attitude



A road trip to Columbus, Ohio, USA

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

On September 13th I had the wonderful opportunity to accompany 5 Lions from the Gravenhurst Lions Club to Columbus, Ohio to attend the 30th anniversary of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. They were all "first timers" and 4 of us traveled together sharing the expenses of fuel and accommodations while 2 hit the camping trail.

The cost was more than reasonable when sharing and we left Ohio on the 17th with the knowledge that we had all come away as better leaders. We certainly had a great fun time too.

We heard our International President, Jimmy Ross, speak a couple of times during our stay

and were so impressed with his enthusiasm and vision for LCI's future. Many changes are happening to our organization's image and we must be ready to take a new point of view. I will continue to tell you more of our trip in the next issue of the Leadership News.

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