

2017 Spring Council of Governors' Committee Report
Environment Committee
Report by Dr. Nancy Messmer-Chairperson

As the Environment Chairperson for Multiple District 19, I work to encourage Lions to include environmental projects in their array of service projects, and to highlight the good work that Lions are doing.

We serve! Our motto is “We Serve”. Why do we serve?

We serve because there is a need for our service. People need us. Our communities need us. The planet needs us. As we grow as an organization around the world, we are able to offer more service and help more people. Each Lion is part of a force for good that impacts locally and globally.

“Protecting Our Environment”

Centennial Global Service Action Campaign and LCI Forward

Lions all over the world are implementing projects to improve and protect our environment locally and globally. Our work is part of a 4-year Centennial Challenge, ending in June 2018. Local Lions spearhead community and environment improvement projects and also join other groups in coordinated projects. We are reporting our projects in monthly service reports and sharing the news across our communities.

Now, Lions Clubs International has launched the LCI Forward initiative to take us into the future. It is highlighted in the December/January Centennial edition of Lion Magazine and on the Lions website <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lci-forward/index.php>.

SERVICE IS THE REASON WE EXIST. IT'S WHY WE BECOME LIONS AND WHY WE REMAIN. YEAR BY YEAR, COUNTRY BY COUNTRY, WE HAVE INCREASED OUR GLOBAL IMPACT, SAVING LIVES AND HELPING MILLIONS MORE AROUND THE WORLD. AND THE WORLD NEEDS US NOW MORE THAN EVER.

A NEW SERVICE VISION FOR THE FUTURE

To ensure that Lions are ready to meet the needs of a changing world, we will formally launch our new global service framework in 2017 that prepares Lions for our second century of service. It will bring Lions together to address global humanitarian challenges:



VISION

DIABETES

HUNGER

ENVIRONMENT

PEDIATRIC CANCER

Protecting Our Environment is a service goal that represents countless hours of work currently for Lions, Lioness, and Leos. It is also a bridge to more members in the future as Lions work together and in partnership to ensure that future generations inherit a livable world. The LCI website presents a cornucopia of project ideas, media, and support materials to assist Lions in planning and reporting Environment projects: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/community-environment/index.php>.

Share Our Work. Learn from Each Other. Inform the Public.

We need to share our great work. Ask fellow Lions (or their kids or grandkids) to take lots of photos. Focus on action pictures. Submit articles to local newspapers, community newsletters, your Club Facebook page, your Env. Chair and to me.



Make display boards and display boxes for public places telling your stories. Use your Project Sandwich Boards to tell the public that Lions are at work.



I'll write articles and post on MD 19 Environment Page, create posters, and make a database of environment projects when you send photos and information about **Lions at Work Protecting the Environment**.

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Start an Environment Committee in your District. Increase your impact.

Local Lions, Lioness, & Leos Protect Our Environment:

Planting trees, Recycling eyeglasses & hearing aids, Recycling community items-rummage sales, thrift shops, Recycling books-giving libraries, Building & supporting parks and camps, Growing gardens, Distributing food, Highway cleanups, Beach & shoreline cleanups, Civic cleanups, Stream/forest restoration, Sensory gardens, Preserve and restore old buildings and structures, Gardens in Schools, Education programs in schools & communities, Decrease plastic consumption, Build and maintain trails and playground equipment, Recycle durable medical equipment, and much more.