

## **MD19 LION FOR LIFE Growth Award mentoring program**

### **Definition and purpose**

The MD19 LION FOR LIFE Growth Award mentoring program is designed to help new members become affective and valued Lions in their respective clubs, zones, and districts while serving our communities. This program can be used with any existing mentoring program or put in place with clubs that currently have no mentoring program.

After reviewing the past ten years of MD19 statistics regarding membership recruitment and retention of new members it was determined that our recruiting efforts were excellent. However our retention of new members was suffering significantly do to the lack of mentoring at the club level. Statistics were studied and district meetings were held to develop a multiple district wide growth program for new Lions, a program that would be fun for new members, easy for any size club to implement and above all powerful for club level growth.

At the fall Forum in Spokane, WA 2009 with the enthusiasm of the MD19 LEMPRR Team and the unanimous support of Council of Governors the MD19 LION FOR LIFE Growth Award mentoring program was kicked off.

### **The Program**

- 1) All clubs are eligible to be involved in the program. Any club wishing to be included in the program is required to register by faxing or mailing a completed "Club Registration/Commitment Form" to the MD19 office PO Box 66, Bellingham, WA 98227 (please retain a copy for your club records}
  
- 2) The sponsor and mentors are to mentor and help the new member record his/her progress to insure that an accurate record is being kept in the "Sponsor and Mentor a New Lion for a Lifetime of Service" guide.  
The pamphlet or wallet size member guide called "Sponsor and Mentor a New Lion for a Lifetime of Service" is all that is needed to guide a new Lion through the program's growth process. This pamphlet can be down loaded from the MD19 web site or wallet size tri-fold cards can be purchased thru the MD19 office at a nominal fee.
  
- 3) Upon completion of the program in the allotted time (2 years from the new members anniversary date) the new Lion has learned what Lions do, participated in many events, shared in leadership and has sponsored a new member into the program. At this time he/she will be eligible for district recognition and presented a prestigious LION FOR LIFE pin. The pamphlet or wallet sized card is to be completed and signed by the member, sponsor and club president and sent to the MD19 Office, Box 66, Bellingham WA 98227 along with \$4.00 for each new member completing the program. The pin(s) for the member and the certificates of appreciations will be sent to the District Governor to set up the presentations.

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This is an excellent tool for your membership and retention club officers to reinforce their recruiting and mentoring efforts. All resources for the program are available on the MD19 web site under the Lion For Life heading. You may also receive information and help through your district officers and your zone chairperson. This program is designed to be ***Fun, Easy and Powerful*** for all clubs and aide or develop your membership and leadership growth plan.