

District Awards Handbook

2018—2019

202D



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RECOGNITION

Recognition can be defined as, “acknowledgement with a show of appreciation.” It is important that club officers let members know their service is noticed and valued.

Lions Clubs International has an extensive formal recognition program to reward Lions for special achievement. Recognition can also be a more personal reinforcement that we call informal recognition. From a simple “thank you,” to buying lunch, to sending a note, to naming a club event in their honour, club leaders should be creative in their efforts to let others know they appreciate their hard work. For more ideas, refer to the publication *The Art of Recognition* on the LCI Web site;

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/ldsp003.pdf>

Recognise Club Members: Recognition is an excellent way to maintain morale in the club. Clubs may determine guidelines for honouring the service of its members. The secretary is responsible for maintaining accurate awards records and ordering awards. Suitable awards honouring outstanding service are available from the Club Supplies Catalogue. Awards should be ordered as early as possible to ensure timely delivery.

Host Appreciation Dinners: Many clubs choose to hold an appreciation dinner for all community residents who have helped their club. It is a good opportunity to say “thanks” to everyone.

Membership Awards: Descriptions of the various membership award programs are available on the LCI Website; <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/awards/index.php>

DISTRICT AWARDS

CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award program has provided clubs with guidance and goals that expand their service and strengthen the effectiveness of club management. It is more than an award...it helps our association build stronger clubs and stronger communities!

Qualifying clubs can receive a Club Excellence Award pin for the club president and a handsome banner patch.

Elements of Excellence: There are seven

Service, LCIF donations, Club Membership Development, Communication, Leadership Development, and Club Activities and being in "Good Standing".

1. Service – Complete three service projects

Humanitarian service, whether in your local community or globally, is what Lions are all about. Your club may have existing projects that have become a tradition, or perhaps you are ready to try something new, when your club has completed three service projects, your club has fulfilled the service requirement for the Club Excellence Award!

The Community Needs Assessment or Making It Happen publications are there to guide clubs looking for ideas!

2. Donation to LCIF – Expand your club's humanitarian reach!

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) provides Lions clubs with an opportunity to make a global impact. Grants support both local and global humanitarian initiatives that are too large for individual clubs or districts to undertake themselves. A donation, large or small, fulfills the donation requirement for the Excellence Award. You have heard from PDG Leo Danz about the work of LCIF both here in NZ and Globally!

3. Membership Development – Have a net increase of one member!

Of course Lions are needed to support projects and events. To qualify for the Excellence Award, a club needs a net increase of only one member. Clubs with a Membership Development Plan are healthy and able to respond to the community needs of the future.

The Club Quality Initiative and the "Just Ask" program can help your club reach its potential through exercises designed to refresh and refocus your club to increase participation and activity.

Assistance and guidance is available from our Global Membership Team Coordinator.

4. Communication!

Keeping your members and the public aware of your activities increases participation and visibility. There are several tools available to assist your club, including a free web-site! Take advantage of any of these ideas, or develop your own strategies, with the likes of Facebook to fulfil the requirement for the Excellence Award.

Brochures and materials – Promote membership and involvement by distributing professionally designed brochures and materials. Great for special occasions and community events.

5. Leadership Development – Proper elections, attend officer training and attend zone meetings!

To qualify for the award, all officer positions must be filled by qualified Lions in accordance with the constitution and by-laws. The club must also be represented during zone meetings and a majority of the club officers must have participated in a leadership training program. The training could include training offered at a zone, district, multiple district or International event, courses offered online from the Lions Learning Centre, participation in a Club Quality Initiative Workshop or completion of the Certified Guiding Lion course. Establish a Club Leadership Development Plan to make sure your members take advantage of the training that is available.

6. Club Activity

The club must meet regularly and submit the membership report, service activity report, and club officer report for the incoming year. Submitting these reports are easy thanks to the advancement of MyLCI.

7. Club Maintains Good Standing

To fully participate in Lions activity, your club must be in good standing at the end of the fiscal year. To be in good standing the club cannot be in status quo and all International dues billings and new member entrance fees need to be paid in full.

Many Clubs would qualify for the 2018-19 award. Applications need to be with IPDG Phil Theobald by 31st January 2019

DISTRICT BULLETIN AWARD

There are two awards for the bulletin:

- Best Hard Copy
- Best Electronic Copy

Judging Criteria:

The District Governor and Contact Editor must receive the Club Bulletin each month either by email or hard copy - any Club that does not follow this procedure is automatically eliminated from entry.

The Club Bulletin **MUST** include the following:

- Name of Club, plus postal address and meeting place and time
- Name and Address of Editor

Other details, which should be included, are:

- Name, Address & Telephone Number of Club Officers (not all members)
- Resume of previous meeting (not actually the minutes)
- Announcements of actions taken by the Club
- Committee Reports
- Clubs, Zone, District and International news and coming events.
- Some humour
- News of Members
- Editorial (optional)

Judging will take into account:

- Presentation + Effectiveness + Originality + Illustrations

The winner of the District Bulletin Award goes forward to the Multiple District's Ron Rowe Bulletin Award.

MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Club Growth Award

The Club with the highest net gain in membership for the calendar year will be presented with this award at the March Convention. The aim is to recognise Clubs who have worked extremely hard to increase their membership, and have achieved this goal.

WAVERLEY AWARD

The purpose of this award is to encourage participation in Community Service Projects. It is permissible for each Lions, Lioness or Leo Club to submit one entry each Lions year for consideration for this award.

The basis for judging is as follows:

- Involvement of Club Members in the Project
- Participation of Club in the Community
- Initiative, originality & enterprise of the idea
- The benefit to the community from the Project
- Manner of Presentation

For more information, please refer to the Service Activities and Environmental Handbook.

DISTRICT 202D ENVIRONMENT AWARD

Aims and Objectives:

- To promote the responsible care of our environment
- To encourage participation in environmental projects
- To demonstrate Lions Clubs commitment to caring for our environment
- To share, with others environmental projects Lions are involved with
- To acknowledge Lions Clubs who participate in environmental projects

For more information, please refer to the Service Activities and Environmental Handbook.

DISTRICT 202D YOUTH AWARD

To further promote Youth activities within the District, the District Cabinet has a District Youth Award. This award is to be awarded annually to the Club who submits a Youth Activity Project (small or large) to the District Governor of the day, by the 31st January each year.

Aims and Objectives:

- To encourage vigorous Club participation in Youth Activities
- To stimulate friendly rivalry between Clubs by implementing exciting and adventurous Youth Programmes
- To enable worthy projects to be recorded and make available for use by other Clubs

For more information, please refer to the Youth Handbook.

THE PAT RYAN YOUTH AWARD

The Project which wins the 202D Youth Award is forwarded to Multiple District for judging, along with the winning entries from the other districts in Multiple District 202. The Award was instituted to encourage clubs to participate in Youth Activities, and in doing so, stimulate friendly rivalry between Clubs as they implement new, exciting and adventurous programmes for our Youth. The winning project will be announced at the Multiple District Convention. Regular participation in this Competition ensures that all worthy projects are recorded, and the details made available for use by all other Clubs.

LIONS YOUNG LEADERS IN SERVICE AWARDS

The "Lions Young Leaders in Service Awards" recognise youth for their community service within a 12 month period:

- 50 hours of Community Service - Silver Seal Award
- 100 hours of Community Service - Gold Seal Award

For more information, please refer to the Youth Handbook.

Melvin Jones Fellowship

The Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) recognizes donations of US\$1,000. It is the backbone of LCIF, providing 75 percent of the foundation's revenue. As recognition of humanitarian work, an MJF is an honor presented to those who donate US\$1,000 to LCIF or to people for whom a donation was made by others.

Contributions can be made by individuals (including non-Lions), clubs or districts. Donations may be in one sum, or in installments of a minimum of US\$100 over a five-year period (Recommended). Melvin Jones Fellows receive an attractive lapel pin, a plaque and a congratulatory letter.

It is possible to make a donation and choose the MJF recipient later. Write "Melvin Jones Fellow to be named later" on the check or bank draft. When an individual's or group's personal donation(s) are accumulated for a club's or district's use to select a Melvin Jones Fellowship recipient, LCIF needs the signed consent. Please include such documentation with the completed MJF application that is sent to LCIF Donor Services.

To apply for a fellowship, complete the [MJF Application form](#).

Lloyd Morgan Recognitions Awards

Trust Recognition Awards These are available to recognise individuals, (Lion or non-Lion), and other organisations or companies in a uniquely New Zealand fashion.

The categories available have become the most respected way in which our Lions family can pay tribute to the services of those that they feel deserve special recognition.

The individual categories are:

- **Life Membership:** This is the highest honour and is available to all Lions and members of their families and, at the discretion of the Trustees, such other persons whose contributions to Lions deserves special recognition. A framed certificate is issued as well as a lapel pin for Lions. Suggested donation \$600.
- **Honoured Recognition:** This is available for presentation to Lions and other members of the community, to include posthumous award to recognise outstanding service to the Lions organisation or the community at large. A framed certificate is issued as well as a lapel pin. Suggested donation \$300.
- **Honour Roll:** The Honour Roll is displayed electronically at District Conventions and the actual Honour Roll is available for viewing at MD Conventions. The roll perpetuates the memory of Lions, Lioness, and Leos who have passed away, and who gave so much of themselves to their Club and to others. Their names, linked to the name of their Club, become part of the history of Lions in New Zealand. A framed certificate of "Recognition and Remembrance" may be issued on request. Contributions are left to the Club's discretion.
- **Friend of the Trust:** Available to anyone who wishes to show their belief in the value of the Trust. A white lapel pin is issued, and this category may be used as a stepping stone to higher honours, which are recognised when the minimum required contribution is reached. Suggested donation \$100.
- **Benefactor Recognition:** Available for presentation to any organisation or individual whom Clubs feel have supported their Club or community, or to any organisations or individuals who want to support the ideals and objectives of our Lions Trust. A framed gold certificate is issued. Suggested donation for Commercial Organisations--\$600, Individuals--\$300.