

Roles and Responsibilities of a  
**New Century Lions Club**  
**Guiding Lion**



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The Guiding Lion program provides the new club with an experienced, qualified Lion whom the officers and the club can turn to for guidance and assistance to help the young club through its first year of operation.

In addition to a solid knowledge of club operations, The New Century Guiding Lion should have the ability to adapt the club's operation to meet the needs and lifestyles of young community-minded adults. To accomplish this the Lion should have a special understanding of the needs and lifestyles of young adults.

Only one Guiding Lion is appointed to each new club. The Guiding Lion should be appointed by the district governor before the organizational meeting and is usually a member of the

sponsoring club. However, the Guiding Lion may be selected from a Lions club other than the sponsoring club in extenuating circumstances, and with the approval of the sponsoring club.

NOTE: The Guiding Lion cannot be the district governor, the district extension chairman or a member of the new club.

## New Club Supplies

Once the club's application is received, and charter is approved at Lions Clubs International, the new club's supplies are mailed to the Guiding Lion. This gives the Guiding Lion the opportunity to meet with the new club officers to discuss their responsibilities and to provide training.

Supplies include:

- Charter pins and charter member certificates
- Club constitution and bylaws
- Monthly Membership Reports
- President and Secretary Manuals
- Other forms and materials to help officers manage the club

## Guiding Lion Responsibilities

The Guiding Lion should,

- attend the new club's organizational meeting
- deliver club supplies to the new club president and review their purpose
- meet club officers to review officer responsibilities and provide officer training
- attend the new club's meetings or arrange for a substitute to attend the meeting
- assist in developing community service projects
- encourage fundraising activities
- be available to assist new club officers
- assure the new club becomes a strong and active Lions club

The Guiding Lion attends club meetings to assist and guide the club by providing suggestions and advice when requested by the officers. The Guiding Lion must be careful not to appear demanding or aggressive, but instead be supportive and helpful. The main objective is to help the club become independent and self-sustaining.

## Guiding Lion Reports

The Guiding Lion should submit a six-month and a 12-month report to Lions Clubs International using the Guiding Lion Evaluation Form (EX-533). This

brief report keeps the district governor, the zone chairman and Lions Clubs International aware of the new club's progress.

## New Century Guiding Lion Award

After both reports have been received and evaluated, along with other available information, the Guiding Lion will receive the Guiding Lion Award. The award is sent to the current president of the new club for proper presentation.

## New Century Guiding Lion Award Patch

To receive the New Century Guiding Lion Award Patch, the sponsoring club must:

1. Appoint a committee to cooperate with the Guiding Lion
2. Assist with the new club's orientation
3. Encourage new club officers to attend zone meetings
4. Encourage joint meetings between the new and sponsoring clubs
5. Appoint members to attend new club meetings, accompanying or substituting for the Guiding Lion
6. Furnish education and advice on a one-to-one basis to the new president, secretary, club officers and committee chairmen
7. Help the new club plan its charter night, if the new club chooses to have a charter night celebration

For more information about the Guiding Lion Program  
or other new club support, contact:



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