

Letter from Your District Governor

My fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos,

It is with great honor and deep humility that I am able to be writing this letter to you, accepting the responsibility as District Governor of MD-14L. Our District is a district with a history of tradition and accomplishments. There have been many Governor's and District leaders in our past that have played a big part in shaping what we are today. Our job as Lions is to pick up the ball and to continue running it toward the goal line. I know that we have the players that can and will help me and our District Leadership move the ball ahead.

My mission statement is "Growing Lions to Serve". There are many ways to define the word grow; it can be to increase membership, expand our knowledge of Lions, improve our leadership skills, increasing the number and quality of our service projects and many more than I can list here. The important part is for each Lion, Lioness or Leo, Club and District Committee to determine how they want to grow Lions. We are a part of the world's best service organization yet we at times play second fiddle to the others. We all do good things but as Lions we need to step out, be proud of what we do and not be bashful of telling others. The most visible measurement of how we are doing is in the growth of membership. With fresh, enthusiastic members we can do anything that we set our mind to. A positive, can do attitude is necessary for us to meet the mission and objectives.

As we start the 2010-2011 year, it is a time to re-commit to the pledge and Mission Statement that we agreed to follow as we were inducted into Lions and that is "to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs." Sounds like a lot of words but that is what we do every day as Lions. How we accomplish it is different at every club. The common point should be to continue and grow the process, to do that we need to grow the organization. More hands mean more help. This should be the objective of every member. We all can do more and the more we do the better we feel about the accomplishments.

I would challenge each member to work closer with their club and district to continue the rich tradition already established. Think about that person you were going to ask to join with you at the next club meeting. Why not ask them now? If every member of the District brought in one new member this year, we would grow our membership by close to 100% and would be able to provide so much more service to humanity.

Don't forget our motto "**WE SERVE**", and as a wise Past District Governor of ours says we serve better together. Let's go out and make this a year to remember for Lions.

Yours in Lionism,
DG Larry