



*"Service through Leadership"*

# MD 13 GLT Newsletter

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## The GLT and GMT Working Together Key to Success - Guiding Lions

As information about the new GLT and GMT procedures become better known it is obvious that the two teams must work together if either one is to be successful.

A prime example of this cooperation is found in our need to have certified Guiding Lions ready to provide their service to the new clubs and those that need to rebuild. As the GMT goes about their work of starting new clubs and rebuilding clubs they will count on the GLT to have provided the training to certify the Guiding Lions needed for these clubs.

*"Leadership is more than service, it is enabling others to be more productive"*

### **Changes in the Guiding Lion Program.**

There have been three recent changes in the Guiding Lions Program. The first is that anyone who is currently certified as a Guiding Lion is required to recertify every three years. Further in this article you will receive information on how to recertify. The second recent change is that Guiding Lions are no longer limited to helping new clubs, they can now be used with clubs that are rebuilding. The third change is in the signoff for certification. Starting this year the District Governor or the District GLT Coordinator can sign off on the verification form.

### **What is the role of the Guiding Lion?**

Traditionally the role of the Guiding Lion has been to shepherd new clubs through their first two years of operation. This traditional role

has been expanded to utilize Guiding Lions with clubs that are rebuilding. In either situation the role of the Guiding Lion is not to tell the club how to do things but rather guide, motivate, orient, and support the officers and members as they grow.

### **The certification and recertification process**

The process to be certified for the first time or to be recertified is basically the same and can be accomplished in two ways. It can be done on your own at home or it can be done in a training session.

If you choose to become certified on your own there are four steps involved:

1. Download the Certified Guiding Lion Course Workbook from the Lions Club International website. (see instruction later in article)
2. Study the workbook and complete the exercises included with the workbook.
3. Answer the questions that can be found at the end of the workbook.
4. The final step is to complete the verification form from the back of the workbook and schedule a meeting with your District Governor or District GLT Coordinator to review your answers and discuss areas of further development. Upon approval they can sign-off and submit your test and verification form to the address on the verification form.

If you choose to be certified at a training session the procedure is only slightly different than the one for doing it at home.

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To become certified or recertified at a training session there are 5 Steps:

1. Download the Certified Guiding Lion Course Workbook from the Lions Club International website. (see instruction later in article)
2. Go through the workbook and complete the exercises before the date of the training session
3. Attend the training session
4. The test will be administered, and the verification paper work completed and signed.
5. Your certificate will be sent to the District Governor for presentation.

**Locating Material At LCI Website**

1. Bring up the LCI Home Page
2. Click on Member Center
3. Click on Membership & New Clubs
4. Click on the third tab on the left - Starting a new club
5. Click on the sixth tab on the left - Guiding

**Lions and Certified Guiding Lions**

6. At the bottom of that page you will find the Certified Guiding Lion Course Workbook (pdf)

**Training Options**

There are several options for providing training to certify or recertify Guiding Lions and the State GLT Executive Committee is ready to work with the District Governors and the District GLT Coordinator to accomplish this training. We will be discussing options at the State GLT Committee meeting on Saturday August 6, 2011. It seems that we have three options:

1. Hold a single training session in Columbus.
2. Have several Districts go together and hold the session for those districts at a central location.
3. Individuals can take the course on line and meet with the District Governor or District GLT Coordinator to verify.

We need to have input so that we can make a decision at our October 8, 2011 meeting.

*Thoughts on Leadership.....*

**Are you a good LISTNER?**

<b>Poor Listener</b>	<b>Effective Listener</b>
tends to "wool-gather" with slow speakers	thinks and mentally summarizes, weighs the evidence, listens between the lines to tones of voice and evidence
subject is dry so tunes out speaker	finds what's in it for me
distracted easily	fights distractions, sees past bad communication habits, knows how to concentrate
takes intensive notes, but the more notes taken, the less value; has only one way to take notes	has 2-3 ways to take notes and organize important information
is overstimulated, tends to seek and enter into arguments	doesn't judge until comprehension is complete
inexperienced in listening to difficult material; has usually sought light, recreational materials	uses "heavier" materials to regularly exercise the mind
lets deaf spots or blind words catch his or her attention	interpret color words, and doesn't get hung up on them
shows no energy output	holds eye contact and helps speaker along by showing an active body state
judges delivery -- tunes out	judges content, skips over delivery errors
listens for facts	listens for central ideas

# Are You Looking At Me?



As you have undoubtedly learned from reading this newsletter, our Mission Statement specifically states that our committee is to "facilitate the identification and development of present and future leaders for the clubs and sub districts within Multiple District 13..."


With this in mind, we have prioritized our goals, to accomplish this accordingly, and have developed Action Plans for each. Clearly, one of our very first priorities would logically suggest that it is reasonable to determine our strategies for identify our future leaders. Therefore, this is our first goal...that we will identify future, and existing leaders. So, as you can see, we have our hands full.

Our state, districts, and clubs have many exceptional individuals who have shown themselves to be outstanding leaders, and yet for one reason or another, they have remained behind the scenes, and virtually unknown. We all need to help to bring these Lions to the forefront, and

we need your help in identifying these exceptional individuals. But, how do we begin? Well, read on...

One of our first identification tools is a simple postcard, which will be a resource of each Zone chair, and District officer. All we ask is that as you make your visitations, you keep your eyes open for anyone who you feel would be a good future leader and whom deserves being brought to our attention. We purposely have not asked for a great deal of information on the card - but only the basics. Once they have been completed, we would ask that you return them to your GLD District coordinator. Our intent is to then create a database of potential leaders for use by all levels of Lionism - from the Multiple District, Districts, Zones, and Clubs. I have included a sample of the postcard below and they are available from your District GLD coordinators (as of August 6th). Feel free to make as many copies as you wish. Please don't hesitate to call any of us with any questions.

By PDG Barry Brandt

	<h2>Leadership Recommendations</h2>
<b>1) Leadership potential for which areas?</b> Club? ___ Zone? ___ District ___	<b>4) Background and Contact Information</b> Please include any information that would provide us any insights as to why the candidate should be included in the Global Leadership Program. Please return this form ASAP to your District Coordinator.
<b>2) Submitted By:</b> Name: _____ Phone Number: _____	
<b>3) Candidate:</b> Name: _____ Club: _____ Dist: _____ Current Office (if any) _____ Address: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email: _____	