

What is a sponsor's job?

According to information from International publications the following should be the main focus of a new Lions member's sponsor.

- Make your new member feel welcome:
- Introduce your new member to all club members:
- Provide your new member with information about the club, its officers and constitution:
- Arrange for orientation sessions for the new member:
- Make sure that your new member becomes active in club activities and projects:
- Be ready and willing to answer any questions that might arise:
- Encourage your new member to discuss with you any problems and offer possible solutions:
- Assist your new member in developing into an outstanding Lion.

Making your new member feel welcome

1. As soon as your new Lion turns in his/her application and fees make

sure you congratulate them on deciding to be a member.

2. Be in close contact with your new member either by making phone contacts or meeting for a cup of coffee.
3. Call a few days before the next club meeting and remind him/her of the meeting and offer a ride to the meeting.
4. Once he/she arrives at the meeting explain some of the routine that happens before the meeting such as the payment of meals or any other unique events that precede the meeting.

Introducing your new member to all club members

1. In a small club this is not as difficult as it is in a larger club
2. Regardless make sure you introduce your new member to members at the meeting.
3. It is a good idea to have the secretary do a verbal roll call using the Lions first and last names when new members are in attendance. This helps reinforce the face-name recognition process.

4. Encourage Lions at the meeting to use the phrase "Lion (First Name)" when addressing one another during the business meeting.

Providing your new member with information about the club, its officers and constitution

1. As you make introductions make sure that you identify the Lions who are officers in the club
2. Make sure that you explain the responsibilities of the offices of Tail Twister and Lion Tamer
3. Make sure you give your new member an overview of the major service projects that your club performs for the community
4. Also talk about your fund raising activities.
5. If your club has a constitution make sure that you get a copy to the new Lion.

Arranging for orientation sessions for the new member

1. Talk with your Membership Chairperson or Membership Committee in regard to scheduling orientation for your new member.

2. Consider using the MD-13 Orientation Guide. It is available at www.ohiolions.org.
3. Set a time and a place to conduct the orientation.

Being ready and willing to answer any questions that might arise

1. Make sure you answer any questions the new Lion may have.
2. If you don't know the answer make sure you find it and get back to him/her.
3. Try to anticipate certain things that may be a mystery to your New Lion.

Encouraging the new member to discuss with you any problems and offer possible solutions

1. Make it clear that any time there is a problem that your new Lion should let you know about it.
2. Look for signs that there is a problem and he/she is not saying anything.
3. Unusual quietness or sudden absences from meetings or projects are good clues.

4. Don't be afraid to ask if there is something going on.
5. Occasionally it is a Lions club problem or it is a problem at home or related to work conflicts. In any case you need to know what is happening and try to find a solution if it is in your realm of capability.

Assisting the new member in developing into an outstanding Lion

1. Keep him/her involved by making sure that your new member is on at least one committee
2. Encourage your new member to consider taking a leadership position either as an officer or a committee chair.
3. Invite the new member to attend a zone meeting or other district meetings.
4. Encourage your new member to attend the district and state convention.

In short the sponsor's job is to help the new Lion live up to the Lions motto:

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Pocket Guide

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