

10. “CLUB PRESIDENT - THE BACKBONE OF LCI SUCCESS”

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A Lion for 30 years, PDG Richard has been a Lion of the Year in his district as well as in his Multiple District, MD33. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a recipient of a Leadership Medal. He was CSF II Sector Coordinator. PDG Richard is a senior account sales rep. He belongs to several civic groups and is the Director of the Milford Legion Base- ball.

Those of you who have achieved the ultimate opportunity of becoming President of your Lions Club, truly understand the meaning of these words - ” it was most rewarding”. It’s true, talk to any Lion and he or she will say the same. But there are those who will respond when asked, no I found it most difficult , frustrating and felt like I was on a sinking ship. They also say they received no help or guidance from club members. Here lies the conversation or discussion we can have, whose responsibility is it. Should a Presidents ultimate success be the responsibility of the Club or the individual serving in the leadership role of your local Lions Club. 16In the time allotted to us we will have the opportunity to explore every avenue of this most important role of your Lions Club President. I am an advocate of the statement that to be a successful leader you must be able to communicate effectively.

Good communicators often become great leaders. A boss says “Get going!” A Lion Leader says, “Lets go!”

Truly, I’m sure you will all agree that a strong leader must see that change is needed and make that change. The challenge and willingness to change is a direct result of the kind of positive leadership one must have to succeed even as Club President.

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When it is all said and done, the one characteristic that stands out the most in any success is leadership. Without strong leadership qualities, no one will have the opportunity to achieve any kind of success, or even reach any goals he or she might have set for themselves.

Let’s just spend a few moments on leadership.

L E A D E R S H I P

**LOVE WHAT YOU DO EXTEND A HAND FOR HELP WHEN NEEDED
ALWAYS GIVE CREDIT FOR TASK WELL DONE DETERMINE YOUR
GOALS**

**EDUCATE YOURSELF AND OTHERS REMEMBER IT’S SUPPOSE TO BE
FUN**

SUCCESS OF YOUR CLUB SHOULD BE SHARED

**HELP OUT AND LEAD BY EXAMPLE INITIATE FEED BACK POSITIVE
MENTAL ATTITUDE**

We will in our session begin to evaluate steps we all should take in preparing ourselves for the role of leadership as Club President. What the Club leadership should do and what is needed for the individual wishing to become Club President. I often observe many Lions Clubs nominating a member just to fill the slot. Often times making promises to those individuals that if they say yes, we will help you anyway we can. And very often we forget the promise. Let's examine whose responsibility it is to prepare for the leadership role of your new Lions Club President.

Let's also discuss the following which is either going to make a Lions Club President's year a success or failure - the Club, its members and meetings.

Leadership, Motivation and Communication only begin to describe a Lions Club President that will make a difference in being the "Backbone of LCI"

Often a leader who has some managerial skills or techniques will have a positive effect on how he or she conducts himself or herself themselves during their term of Club President. Making club meetings interesting with just a simple but detailed agenda and program will provide an atmosphere in your club that will be so positive that your members will be motivated and want to support you, but most importantly can't wait for the next Lions meeting.

Successful Club Meeting Short Hints:

Have an agenda Start promptly Have guest speaker or interesting program End on time

During our session in presenting Club President: The Backbone of LCI Success, we will travel in many directions. We shall discuss the ingredients that will make your year as club president one that you and your club will truly remember. We shall encourage and prepare for group participation in any direction that you may wish to go. In the end, as we better to prepare for our leadership role, the true positive result is that we become stronger leaders - not only for LCI, club members and you, but for those thousands of folks whose lives we make a difference.

Leadership is making a difference because of your actions!