

## 11. CLUB VICE PRESIDENT – THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS

**Presenter: Dr. Dennis Cobler, PID**

*Lion Dennis, an optometric low vision specialist, joined the Muskegon Northside Lions Club in 1980 serving as a 100% club president in 83-84, a 100% District Governor in 87-88 and was elected an International Director for 1998-2000, serving as chairman of the Leadership Committee during 99-00. Lion Dennis has received numerous recognitions, including the Ambassador Membership Key, 8 Extension Awards, 8 Presidential Medals, the MD11 S.A. Dodge Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is a PMJF and has over 20 years experience with vision missions. He served as Sector Chair for the LCIF/ CSFII, his team finishing at 107% of goal. Lion Dennis is married to Lion Kathleen for over 39 years and they have two adult children, Amy and Mike.*

This seminar will be covering the basics for preparing early for your year as club president. It is intended to be interactive as we learn from each other. It is my hope that our short time together will be productive and useful in guiding you toward a rewarding and successful year as your club's chosen leader.

I. Preparing for President while being the Vice President A. Getting a beginning handle on the basics.

1. Read and understand the Constitution & Bylaws of LCI and your club. 2. Make use of the available officer training guides from LCI and your District officer training times. 3. Study your club's committee structure.

- meet with the other club vice-presidents, assign each to a group of committees 4. Meet with representatives from your community for input for new or updated service projects. 5. Make sure that the secretary sends in the PU101 form for your club's new

officers by the end of April. 6. Hold special meetings with as many members present as possible for next

year's planning. 7. Food for thought – Prepare a list of questions for discussion at this special

meeting (April is best). Ask members to comment on their personal likes of the club Ask members to comment on their personal dislikes of the club Ask members for comments on the meetings your club has, both positive and negative Length of meetings – quality of the programs or lack of programs Ask for their thoughts on the fund raising efforts of the club and if the service projects are adequate.

Membership : Ask your membership what size club they think you should be and to be maintained. There are many other questions you can add or delete from this list, main thing is to get input.

II. There will be time for open discussion. There are many ways to be successful and these are but a few of the ideas that will work. Other ideas will come forward during the session. The main thing is to create a plan and then work that plan. Do

not let a meeting or a month slide by as you will never get it back. LCI is built on the successes of the local clubs, it is our role and responsibility as a club president to ensure that success.