

Proposed Changes in Red

MD19 POLICY MANUAL , Chapter 4 “Opportunity for Youth Committee”

Opportunity For Youth Committee

A. Purpose: To provide the young people of MD19 with opportunities for achievement, learning, contribution and service, individually and collectively, through the sponsorship of activities identified as best practices in the field of youth development.

B. Committees Include:

- 1) Lions Peace Poster Contest
- 2) ~~Lions Youth Exchange Program (see, chapter 9, Foundations and Societies).~~ Youth Camp and Exchange Program.
- 3) ~~Lions Youth Outreach Program.~~
- 4) LEO Club Program.

Composition: The Lions Opportunities for Youth Committee for the MD19 shall consist of the Council Chairperson; Vice Council Chairperson; Executive Director, Ex-officio member; and Chairpersons from all Lions Youth Programs. LEO, Youth Exchange, ~~Youth Outreach B.C., Youth Outreach U.S.~~, Peace Poster.

D. General Responsibilities:

- 1) Become familiar with the various youth programs in the Multiple District.
- 2) Arrange meetings for youth chairs to exchange ideas and coordinate activities.
- 3) Encourage Lions Clubs to support youth activities.
- 4) Provide guidance to district level Lions Opportunities for Youth Committees.
- 5) Coordinate the Multiple District Lions Young Ambassadors of the 21st. Century Program.
- 6) Promote Lions Clubs International youth awards, including LEO of the Year, LEO Club Excellence Award, MD District LEO Club Chair Award, 100% MD LEO President Award, Top Ten Youth Exchange Chairperson Award, Youth Outreach Chairperson Award, New

Horizons Award in Youth Outreach, Lions Young Leaders in Service Awards and Lions Young Ambassadors Awards.

Youth Outreach Lions Quest Program

~~A. Purpose: To develop an awareness by the Lions, Lioness, and LEO Clubs of the many youth programs that have been developed and are being promoted under the world-wide umbrella of 'Youth Outreach' and can be achieved through information, involvement and action by these Clubs.~~

1. General Responsibilities: 1) Become knowledgeable of the three (3) curriculum levels offered through the Lions Quest Program, i.e. Skills for Growing, Skills for Adolescence and Skills for Action.

2. Encourage the participation of Lions Clubs in the promotion of Lions Quest in the schools of their area by providing curriculum information and guidelines through presentations to school administrators, faculty members, school boards and the public.

3. Encourage Lions Clubs to sponsor and fund Teacher's Training Seminars and curriculum start-up costs as a way of introducing Lions Quest to the elementary schools in their area.

4. Assist District, Zone and Club Chairpersons by providing information as the availability of materials and guidelines that are necessary to make informational presentations.

~~5) Promote the annual Peace Poster Contest and encourage Clubs to purchase Peace Poster Kits from Lions Clubs International and to make direct contact with those elementary/middle schools in the area to encourage them to participate.~~

~~6) Encourage Clubs to become involved in support of youth and youth activities by sponsoring youth sports teams, youth fishing, hiking, and camping activities; scholarships; school programs and consult with parents and youth to learn the needs of the community.~~

~~7) Encourage Lions Clubs to sponsor and support LEO Clubs and their service activities.~~

~~8) Encourage Lions Clubs to support and become involved in Youth Exchange~~

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