

# INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING REPORT

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## THE MD DIGEST

A MONTHLY SUMMARY OF THE LATEST LION NEWS

We hope you're enjoying your Leader Digest. As multiple district and international leaders, you're receiving this information first. We'll send district and club leaders their digests later this week. Now take a look at what's happening this month in Lions.

### DISTRICT NEWS

#### **Reminder: Submit Leadership Development Grants Reimbursement Forms**

If you were approved for funds through the Leadership Development Institute Grant Program and Leadership Development Multiple District/District Grant Program, remember to submit reimbursement documentation within 60 days of the completion of your institute or training. [SUBMIT NOW](#) 

#### **Reminder: District Goals Pre-Assignment Due January 31**

District Governor-Elects: Work with your team to complete your District Goals Pre-Assignment by January 31. This, along with the upcoming Action Planning to Achieve District Goals e-learning course, can help prepare your team to develop your district's goals. [VIEW MATERIALS](#) 

#### **Nominate Specialty Club Program Coordinators for Extension Awards**

Did you know that Specialty Clubs program coordinators support new club development and help achieve district membership growth goals? Recognize their success by nominating them for Extension Awards. [LEARN MORE](#) 

#### **2021 Virtual FVDG/DGE Seminar Schedule Now Available**

We have an exciting lineup of learning and fellowship planned for the upcoming virtual FVDG/DGE Seminar (Days 1-3). Check it out now! [START PLANNING](#) 

#### **Find the Tools You Need to Start a New Club**

Looking to start a new club? Our customizable materials and resources can help you find greater success with new club development. [LEARN MORE](#) 

#### **DGEs: Start Planning Your 2021-22 District Goals**

Now's the time to focus on goal planning. The District Strategic Plan Workbook and Sample Action Plan Booklet are great tools to guide your planning and keep you on track for the June 30 deadline. [LEARN MORE](#)



### CLUB NEWS

### **Important: Leadership Institute Schedule Changes**

Due to the impact of COVID-19, Lions Certified Instructor Program trainings for 2020-2021 have been cancelled. Faculty Development Institute and Advanced Lions Leadership Institute schedules have also changed. Please check the website for updated dates and locations. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Reminder: Report your Service**

Service reporting is critical to measuring our impact and growing membership — so report your in-person or virtual service in MyLion® or your regional reporting system today! Visit the Service Reporting webpage for more information. [REPORT SERVICE](#)

### **Start Planning for Worldwide Induction Day**

Worldwide Induction Day is April 24, 2021, and it's a great opportunity to celebrate and recognize your new Lions! Find out how you can participate and work with your district on planning this exciting in-person or virtual event. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Develop Your Club's Vision for Added Success**

The "Build a Vision" planning guide and PowerPoint can help you discover your club's strengths, areas for improvement and new opportunities that will help your club grow and thrive. Start building your club's vision today. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Explore New Ways to Serve Safely**

Visit the "Serving Safely" webpage to find virtual service ideas and inspiring Lion stories, including socially distanced service project ideas and the innovative ways Leos are serving during the COVID-19 pandemic. [START PLANNING](#)

### **Lioness Bridge Benefits Ending June 30**

If your club sponsors Lionesses, please note that the Lioness Bridge Program is ending on June 30, 2021. Make the most of the special benefits being offered in transitioning to Lion membership, including charter and entrance fee waivers, half international dues and more. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Read Lions' Success Stories and Share Your Own**

Want to see how Lions are serving around the world? Visit the GAT webpage to read Lions' stories from the field — and share your club's successes! [READ MORE](#)

### **Online Learning Opportunity: Time Management**

Learn to work smarter, not harder! Take the Time Management course in the Lions Learning Center (LLC) today to explore strategies for completing your activities and tasks in a timely manner. [GET STARTED](#)

### **LCIF: Fighting Hunger Through Pilot Grant Program**

Nearly 1 billion people worldwide experience food insecurity. With funding made available through LCIF's Hunger Pilot grant program, Lions magnify their support of school-based food programs, food banks, food centers and other programs and organizations providing food to those in need. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **2021-22 Peace Poster Contest Kits Now Available**

Visit the Lions Shop to order your 2021-22 Peace Poster Contest Kit today. The kit includes everything your club needs to encourage local children to tap into their creativity and share their visions of peace! [SHOP NOW](#)

### **LCIF SightFirst: Leading a Vision for All**

For 30 years, SightFirst grants have significantly impacted comprehensive eye care systems in underserved communities. Find out how LCIF SightFirst funds helped Lions build optical clinics where eye care was previously unavailable or unaffordable in Burkina Faso. [READ MORE](#)