

## **Leadership 101 / Membership 201 Report**

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Since my appointment to be the Leadership 101 / Membership 201 coordinator position last fall it has been busy. The interest in our training programs continues to grow and this is inspiring. There has been a challenge in assembling a list of presenters for both programs. This seems to be one of our best kept secrets and it is my goal to work with the MD19 Club Support team to obtain a list of facilitators.

District G held a Leadership 101 course just after the fall convention and provided a very valuable report after it was over. This report gave an insight as to the state of our Leadership 101 and the realization that there are many opportunities for improvements.

Shortly after my appointment, EST Patty Allen and I traveled to Kamloops in District D to put on a Leadership 101 course. This was a great group that was the exact demographic the Leadership 101 program was addressed to cover. In preparing for this training event, I have come to learn that every person that has taught Leadership 101 in the past has a copy of the slides which has been modified. The end result is the notebooks no longer match the slides and there is no consistency in what slides are actually used. I am working towards improving this but it has turned into a bigger challenge than first anticipated.

Districts C and E are both planning Leadership 101 events during their spring conferences. District C is making Leadership 101 free to anyone that participates and is covering all expenses using district funds. Both districts are planning on using in-district facilitators rather than utilizing out-of-district facilitators. My personal past experience is the training programs may not be as good using people familiar with the participants. This is not taking anything away from the trainers as all of them are highly qualified but more importantly about the experience for the actual participants.

To my knowledge District B is the only district looking at doing a Membership 201 course as part of their spring convention. The district GMT, Jacqueline Nelson, has been working with MD19 GMT Laura Wintersteen-Arleth and myself in putting this together. District B has lost several inactive clubs and members in recent months. One club that turned in their charter because members can no longer afford to pay dues in an economically depressed town. The spirit of Lions will continue in this town but they can no longer afford to be Lions at this time.

Respectfully submitted

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