

## **LIONS QUEST JOB ROLES — DISTRICT LIONS QUEST CHAIR**

### **DISTRICT LIONS QUEST CHAIR'S GOALS**

To promote the implementation of the Lions Quest Programs to area School Districts as a positive approach to youth outreach.

To motivate and inform clubs to encourage them to support the program by providing funding for training and/or classroom materials.

To bring together other community groups (youth-serving organizations, service-based organizations, faith groups, etc.) to work for positive youth development.

### **DISTRICT LIONS QUEST CHAIR'S STRATEGIES**

#### **Be knowledgeable about the programs.**

Attend a Lions Quest School-based Workshop. Become familiar with the status of Lions Quest programs in your area. If you don't have the materials, call Lions Quest Canada toll free at 1-800-265-2680. For additional information contact Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) at 1-630-571-5466.

#### **Make sure District Officers have the information they need.**

Talk about the Programs with the District Governor, First & Second Vice District Governors, Region Chairs, Zone Chairs, and Lioness Officers. Discuss any questions they have. Offer to obtain pamphlets from Lions Quest Canada and LCIF for distribution at their Club, Zone, Regional, and District meetings. Discuss areas in which you can be of help. Ask them to help you in your efforts. Ask the Region Chairs and Zone Chairs to identify Clubs who could be potential sponsors of workshops.

#### **Be available to speak at every opportunity.**

Use available opportunities to speak clearly and forcefully about youth issues, remember to emphasize Canadian and provincial problems as well as the positive contribution young people make in our communities. Explain Lions Clubs International's commitment to positive youth development and that Lions Quest Programs are a very effective component.

#### **Establish a Team.**

Include the District Youth Outreach Chair, fundraiser, and regional representatives to create an ongoing group of committed volunteers. One successful strategy has been to identify one contact person for each School District. This spreads the workload, and makes it easy for teachers to connect with someone locally who is aware of the status of the program as well as the available funding. Another responsibility for this team could be to coordinate an Information Session for your area including representatives from the police, schools districts, parents, etc.

### **Follow up with interested Clubs and Schools.**

Lions Quest Canada can provide you with copies of information requests from your District. Contact these individuals to answer questions and encourage them to become involved with the program through sponsorship and/or participation in a Lions Quest workshop. Follow-up may also help interested teachers obtain the funding they need from their local Clubs.

### **Keep your District Governor informed.**

Maintain frequent contact with your District Governor. Keep him/her up-to-date on events related to the Program and its success in the District. Concise speaking notes would be very helpful.

### **Give material to the District Governor's Bulletin Editor.**

Don't let an issue of the Governor's Newsletter go by without having information about Lions Quest Programs prominently displayed. List the schools with trained teachers in your District. Encourage other teachers or Clubs to contact these teachers for information and backup about the Program. Announce any upcoming Lions Quest activities in your District, including workshops, parent meetings, information sessions, or other events.

### **Establish a list of participating schools.**

Establish a list of contact people within the school system and keep it current. Work with key contacts at the school board/district level to obtain up-to-date information, and please share it with Lions Quest Canada.

### **Spread the word about Lions Quest Programs**

Arrange for presentations at all District Meetings. Address every Club in the District about youth outreach & Lions Quest Programs at least once a year.

### **Meet regularly with School District Contacts.**

Train members of the school board/district's "Professional Development" committee at a Lions Quest workshop. Ask for their feedback after attending the workshop. Establish a regular meeting to discuss the partnership and upcoming plans (annually, semi-annually, or quarterly).

### **Forward the e-newsletter to all Lions Clubs**

The ideas in the monthly newsletter can benefit clubs – encourage Lions to subscribe online.

### **Check on the progress of your goals.**

Evaluate what worked and what could be improved and act on it.