

Winter 2012

## **The FOOTSTEPS Continue**

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Half a Lionistic year already gone by. Half a year of opportunities to help your local community and other communities around the world. I hope that each of you has found the time to work on a service project. This is what we are all about, helping others, WE SERVE.

The Global Membership Team (GMT) and the Global Leadership Team (GLT) coordinators at the Multiple District and the District levels have been busy this fall in getting these new programs implemented here in Arizona. More Zone training and follow-up has taken place than we have seen in the past several years. Facilitators have been trained to work with clubs on the Club Excellence Process, and plans are in progress for this spring's training of next year's club officers, zone chairs and district officers.

Has your club been dropping in membership? Have members stopped coming to meetings? When was the last time your club inducted a new member? How long did you keep that member? If any of the forgoing question cause you some concern, your club might consider using the Club Excellence Process to take a look at the current needs of your community and at how the club is operating internally? This is a process that requires the club to look into itself for the positive and the negative things that are happening within the club structure and then to develop a plan for the betterment of the club. Contact your Zone Chair (or your District GMT or GLT coordinator) for more information. Each district has trained facilitators ready to meet with you and help to guide your club through the process.

Next year's governors are currently building their TEAMS with the selection of Zone Chairs. Have you served as a club president? How would you now like to use your skills to assist your district governor in helping other clubs in the district? This is what Zone Chairs do. The ZC is the direct link between the club and the district governor. Talk to your incoming district governor and offer to help. But do it soon, some Zone Chair training for next year will take place as early as the middle of March.

Club officers also need to plan on attending one of the officer training sessions to be offered (April 14<sup>th</sup> in Peoria, April 21<sup>st</sup> in Flagstaff, or April 28<sup>th</sup> in Tucson). Watch for more information in the Canyon State Lion as to locations and specifics about this year's training. There will be some changes from previous years.

Now, a bit about our candidate for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> International Vice President. Lion Joe Preston has been traveling around the world to each of the constitutional area Forums where he has met and spoken with the Lions and their leadership. Lion Joe has had the opportunity to talk at each of the Forums and has gained the support of Lions worldwide. Now it comes back to us, the Lions of MD21 to help support this campaign both financially and with our time. We will need lots of Lions in Busan, Korea, next summer to help further the campaign prior to the election. We will need Lions to hand out "Preston Pride" campaign materials, to walk in the parade, and to staff our campaign headquarters. I hope that you will be there to help. This is a great opportunity for Arizona Lions. Imagine, the first International President in Arizona's long Lions' history.

Lion Fay and I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming district conventions, where you will be voting for the leadership in your district, and then at the State Convention in May