

## Growing Together For Lionism



Every Lion who sponsors a new member during the January-February-March District Membership Growth Program is eligible to receive this clutch pin. District Governors are responsible for ordering pins for deserving Lions in their Districts.

Dear Fellow Lion:

"SHARE THE VISION OF SERVICE" is my theme as International President. It is a theme whose meaning looks both to history and to the future. Let's reflect on our past accomplishments and look ahead with the confidence that our goals will be met, thereby providing added services for those in need.

Bringing new members into our Association assures us that there will be more willing hands to help in our humanitarian endeavors. As our January-February-March District Membership Growth Program approaches, I urge you to make a special effort to invite one or more new, younger members into your Club. These men can contribute fresh ideas and share our work towards better serving mankind.

We are still working towards our 1.5 million member mark. Your support is vital if we are to remain the largest, most active service club organization on the face of the earth. The District Membership Growth Program provides an opportunity for each Lion to share in the growth of our Association.

There are several ways in which to enlarge your Lions Club's membership.

One way is to ask current Club members to provide a list of at least two civic-minded men who appear to be good candidates for membership.

Another is to ask "dropped" members if they would like to be re-instated as active, involved Lions.

Each Lion who sponsors a new member during this three-month program will receive a special membership pin, which will serve as a symbol to show that the Lions who wear it do "SHARE THE VISION OF SERVICE."

Please help us increase our strength as world needs grow. We must remain able and willing to serve mankind as humanitarian leaders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Everett J. Grindstaff".

Everett J. "Ebb" Grindstaff  
President,  
The International Association of Lions Clubs

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Smiling faces and stringers filled with fish attest to the day's success during the Shelbina, Missouri, Lions Club's fishing derby for underprivileged kids. The Club sponsored the event in cooperation with the Missouri Conservation Department, and the day was declared a rewarding experience for all involved.

### Dairy Days

by Linda Collins

Each June for the past twenty-five years the population of Enosburg, a small town in northern Vermont, swells by thousands as people from far and wide arrive to celebrate Dairy Month, which begins with the Lions-sponsored, three-day Vermont Dairy Festival.

The annual gathering began in 1956 as a means to promote the dairy industry and to honor the legion of dairymen throughout the state. The festival became such a popular event that it earned Enosburg the name "Dairy Capital of the World" throughout Vermont.

Over the years, as the popularity of the festival grew, so did the events. Midway rides were added, dairy princesses crowned and dignitaries from around the state take time to visit.

The highlight of the festival is the gala parade which pays homage to the dairy industry with floats, farm machinery and numerous bands from both the United States and Canada.

Festival Chairman Lion Rosaire St. Pierre said

he was pleased with community response this year. "We had help from all areas, from the village trustees, to the merchants, to the farmers...it is truly a community project." According to St. Pierre the cost of the parade ranges from \$6-8,000, a large portion of which covers the cost of feeding nearly nine hundred band members.

Dairy Days events include a 6.2 mile milk run, horseshoe pitching contest, dance, a chicken barbecue and the ever-popular horse and pony pull. Also, each year a prize milk cow and beef steer, chosen from the finest herds in Vermont, are raffled.

The production of the festival is no small task. Monthly meetings begin in December and increase in frequency as the day approaches. Over one hundred volunteers work eight to ten hours a day to insure that events run smoothly. Profits from the festival are used for various community projects and average two and three thousand dollars per year.