

New Voices are Endless

Whether it's new clubs, new voices or branch clubs – it's all possible no matter which way you go about it!

Branch Clubs

- *What is a branch club?* A club branch allows your club to expand into new areas or activities by bringing together a small group of people who want to make a difference in their community.
- *What You need to know*
 - Is part of an existing “parent” club
 - Requires at least five new or existing members
 - Hold independent meetings
 - Allows you to expand your service into new areas
 - Accommodates members’ needs
 - Helps to leverage and diversify Lions club membership
- *What type of club branches can be formed? You can create a club for:*
 - A family club branch, which can consist of extended family members (Sibling, children, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews)
 - The young professional club branch comprises young adults who are starting their careers.
 - Leo-Lion club branch, former Leos, wants to continue their service as Lions.
 - Community groups club branch — existing groups in our community as members of the chamber of commerce, various hobbyist groups, local PTA and other community-based organizations.
 - Virtual club branch — these individuals prefer to meet online via mobile platforms, social media community groups, emails, or virtual conference applications like Google Hangouts or Zoom.
 - Cultural club branches comprise specific community groups with a common regional/language background and are interested in serving their communities.
- *What does it do for Your Club?*
 - Expand your service impact to serve more individuals.
 - Expand you club’s pool of leaders while providing additional leadership and development opportunities
 - Expand the vision of a parent club while improving the public view, engagement and relationship with your Lions club.
 - Increase Fellowship
- Your District Governor can help your form a Branch Club! Please contact them or me!!
- My Club had 4 Branch Clubs!
 - One branch club developed into our newest District Club – the Columbus Eastside Club
 - We helped the Whitehall Area Lions to keep from folding by making them a branch club of our club.
 - We have 2 other Branch clubs who are helping their communities
 - Giant Killer Nation – Free store and Food Pantry
 - Village of Hope

New Voices

- **The New Voices Initiative** promotes gender parity and diversity and seeks to increase the number of women, young adults and underrepresented populations within our association.
- It helps to inspire others and promote our organization's efforts to non-lions in our communities. *Inspired Lions are likely to serve more, recruit more, become better leaders, and spread the message of Lions International.*
 - For sharing new ideas and learning from each other. It seeks to encourage clubs to be dynamic and innovative by trying something new, and to give all the opportunity to grow personally and professionally.
 - For acknowledging the hard work of Lions and Leos excelling in the areas of marketing, membership, leadership and service
 - For inclusivity and hearing the voices of underrepresented populations
 - For barrier breaking and encouraging Lions and Leos to take leadership roles
- Everyone is a New Voice!
 - Do you promote stronger and more inclusive memberships?
 - Encourage and mentor others to take up leadership roles?
- New Voices Workshops help to
 - Explore factors surrounding the recruitment and retention of women, young Lions and Leos as well as diverse populations
 - Devise strategies for increasing membership and diversity in Lions and in leadership positions
 - Create action plans for implementation
 - Identify new community projects that are of interest to women, young Lions and Leos as well as diverse populations
 - Promote new clubs within the community
 - Identify potential members
 - Charter a new club/club branch to complete a new community project
- Our recent workshop helped us explore Combating Hunger
 - How to further the process (print out materials)
 - Everyone walked away with more ideas to help them expand what they are currently doing and ways to make what they are doing better to reach more children and low income families than ever before.
 - We found ways to help each other out!
 - Without programs like these it's difficult to do things alone in our communities. By coming together and figuring out what's missing and what we can do together to expand what we do and make it better for all organizations involved and maybe someday we'll see an end to them.