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## **Global Service Team Coordinator Report Submitted by Lion Jane Jarrow, GST- OH5**

There is some significant planning being done at the State level concerning a focus on service during this Lions' year. Those plans include:

1. Having a statewide MONTH of service, in October, instead of the targeted "week of service" from the past two years.
2. Picking up on LCI President Patti Hill's theme of "Changing the World," CC Dave Stockum has suggested that we adopt the theme of "Make Change" for the state, and encourage all clubs to have their members collect spare change to be given over to worthy causes. (More about this to be presented at the meeting.)
3. Efforts are being pushed from the State level to combine service projects with the newly introduced Mission 1.5 campaign (to reach 1.5 million members worldwide) by emphasizing service – that is, recruit new members by showing them that they can be part of our service agenda.
4. Have 100% of the clubs across the State report service to LCI during the year, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row.

I will be emphasizing all of those goals throughout the year in my posts to the *Pride Report* and my presentations at zone and club meetings. Taking a cue from discussions with attendees at the Learn to Roar, we need to provide suggestions for service projects that can be carried out by clubs of ALL SIZES. One of the things I am hoping to promote within the district this year is for clubs to consider promoting service while DOING service. There is no reason that service projects identified and arranged by the Lions Club need to be carried out ONLY by Lions. We could extend our reach (serve more people) and, potentially, entice some new members, if we invite others to join us in service. In the coming months, I will give examples of service projects to be done WITH local school kids, or WITH Senior Citizens, or WITH other service organizations (yes – even if it means partnering with your local Kiwanis or Rotary Club! GRIN).

With help from *Pride Report* editor Christina, I have initiated a "Trading Post" column in the *Pride Report*, for folks to share leftovers from service projects, fundraisers, or even parties (anyone for Lions' colored Christmas decorations?) with other clubs. I hope more clubs will join in and offer up their leftovers for use by others.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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