

Rethinking How We Serve
Learn to Roar – 2021
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TAKE YOUR OWN NOTES!!!

*“It is amazing how much good can get done
when you don’t care who gets the credit!”*

Traditionally, Lions identified a few service initiatives each year that would be dubbed a “LIONS SERVICE PROJECT” (capitals on purpose). Typically required significant advance planning and coordination and everyone in the club was encouraged to turn out and be part of “OUR SERVICE PROJECT” (capital on purpose!). Often these projects were longstanding – the club had been doing the same project once a year, for years (for example, throwing a Christmas party for a certain charity or organization every year).

Everything shared here is do-able by every club in the District if you CHOOSE to try any of these things. None of the projects and ideas to be shared were carried out by more than 10-12 Lions – and most of them fewer than that!

First -- Who Are Your Workers?

Strategies for Choosing and Implementing Service Projects:

Celebrate Individual Efforts – *You have Lions who serve in other ways and other organizations all the time.*

Think Small – *Look for projects that need to be done, but that don’t need a lot of people to do.*

Good Artists Copy, Great Artists Steal! – *Look around at what others are doing for ideas of how to put your own members to work. The fact that someone else is also doing that service doesn't make the service of the Lions any less important.*

Something for Everyone (break it down into individual tasks) – *Think of all the steps that need to be followed to pull off a service project and see if you can separate out things to be done by members with different skills/abilities.*

Collaborate – *it doesn't take away from the service your Lions are doing in any way to have them joined by, or to join in with, Lions from another club, or non-Lions from your community.*

Look for Project That Are Timeless – we are used to thinking of service projects as being held at a certain time and being finished at a certain time or by a certain date. There is nothing wrong in having service projects that are never-ending.

Extend the impact of your project – *take something you are planning to do already and add more service to it.*

Resources:

Seeds of Caring – their director makes a great speaker for a meeting! Brandy Jemczura

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Take a look at their website (seedsofcaring.org) and ask to be on their mailing list.

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