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VISITATION CONTEST

CONTEST PERIOD: August 31 through March 31

Purpose: To encourage friendship and the exchange of ideas among Lions, Lioness, and Leo Clubs.

Rules:

1. Official Visitation includes any regular meeting of another club, including charter night; zone, region, and district meetings; and any lions club-sponsored activity.
2. The number of lions required for an Official Visitation is as follows:

<u>Club Size</u>	<u>Minimum Visiting Lions</u>
30 members or less	3 Lions
31- 49 members	4 Lions
50 - 70 members	5 Lions
70 members or over	6 Lions

3. Only one (1) visitation to the same club in the same month will be counted for the club contest or individual contest. If more than one (1) visit is made in the same month, the one with the higher points will be considered.
4. Any Cabinet Officer or Committee member performing duties on behalf of their office or committee during their visit will not count in either the individual contest or club contest.
5. No candidate campaigning for the District Governor and Vice District Governor offices will be allowed to compete in the club and individual contests.
6. Visitation Points:

Club Contest:

- a) One (1) point per required Lions per one-way mile. For each Lion over the required minimum, three (3) points per one-way mile will be given.
- b) Minimum of 100 points for any club visitation, plus 50 bonus points for any club within your zone, 75 bonus points for clubs within your region, and 100 bonus points for clubs outside your region.
- c) One hundred (100) points per member for any district 4-L6 sanctioned organizations social and fundraising events attendance.
- d) Maximum of 200 points per member for out-of-district visitation.



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Individual Contest:

- a) Each Lion will receive one (1) point per visitation, either visiting with a group or alone.
- b) If an individual makes 50 visitations, 50 points shall be accumulated. No additional credit, e.g. mileage, shall be considered, except to break any ties.

7. Awards:

- a) Club Contest - First and Second Place awards will be given to the clubs with the greatest number of points in the following categories based on Club Membership, as of the beginning of the Lion Fiscal Year (July 1):

Category I: 0 - 35

Category II: 36 or more

- b) Individual Contest - First and Second Place awards will be given to the Lions who make the greatest number of visitations.
- c) Winners will be awarded during the District Convention.

8. Reporting:

- a) All visitation reports must be submitted to the District Visitation Chair within thirty (30) days after the event, beginning August 1. Reports not received by the District Visitation Chair within given time period will not be considered.
- b) Reports are to be signed by the Club Visitation Chair, Club President, or Club Secretary.
- c) All reports are to be postmarked no later than April 1.
- d) All decisions of the District Visitation Chair are final.

9. Protocol:

- a) Contact the host club president or secretary in advance of the date of your intended visitation and the number of the visiting members.
- b) Bells, gavels, and banners are the only items subject to borrowing, and then, only between the opening and closing of the meeting. Any property purloined before the opening of after the closing of the meeting will, upon action of the District Governor, void the visitation.
- c) Clubs that have borrowed (purloined) property, as outlined in the paragraph above, must notify the affected clubs president or secretary within 48 hours, so the losing club may return the visitation to reclaim their property. Failure to do so by the borrowing club will, upon the action of the District Governor, void