

Lions Save the World?

Seems a simple enough question but can it be answered in the time it takes the elevator to get to the second floor? From Andallen Islands to Zimbabwe – Shuswap to Palau, why are there over 1.4 million Lions in over 200 hundred countries?

There is no shortage of NGO's in the world, particularly in North American and European societies. Plus, perhaps magnified by the previous pandemic and its effects, many groups are trumpeting their special causes as a priority for all of society.

In some cases, this is very relevant and they address a real need...however there are those in society who would identify only with their own ideology and believe it should be adopted by all without accepting the fascinating mosaic that makes up the human race.

Where do Lions fit into this and what is our message? How relevant is it?

Is the message in Lions itself? **The Lions motto : We Serve**

How much more powerful and yet absolutely unbiased can a statement be. There are no specifications or limitations in it. **We Serve** – pretty simple.

Where There's A Need – There's a Lion. No limitations, no exclusions.

All Lions worldwide, same motto. From pediatric cancer centers in Australia to doctor's treating river blindness in developing countries to working to deliver critical supplies to those in dire need, including wildfire relief in BC. All without fanfare or public acclaim. They do have fun though.....

The key lies in the motto and function. How many organizations that span the globe can state that the reward is service. *Not financial, not power, not even recognition or awards: Simply serving their community.*

If you were a Lion and your club had unlimited resources, what would you do?

If We Serve is your motto then the end goal is all people in need become of equal value and worth. Obviously Lions cannot fill every human need. They simply don't have the resources. What would happen if Lions did?

Naïve? Perhaps, but would the world be a more stable, less conflicted place if this were so? If the answer is yes – then there's your message.

Lions save the world – We Serve.

That many people in that many countries in that many cultures must be doing something positive. With the exception of wanting to serve and be of honest positive value to your local and global community, what barriers are there for a person to become a Lion? Race, religion, economic position, politics, etc are not barriers. You don't even have to be human....waiting for our first interplanetary member....

The Lions pin: It says you are a Lion, whether from across the street or a around the world, regardless of race,

religion, politics, gender, etc, you are a Lion. Your motto is: We Serve, Your community and the planet needs you. That's all that matters.

That's why You are a Lion. That's why you can become a Lion. Join us – have fun.

Know More?

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