



Lions Information Schedule November & December 2025



New Member Orientation third Monday of every month

Computer Security Basics	3 Nov
Building and Growing an LGBTQ+ Club *	5 Nov
Intro to Lions Quest *	6 Nov
Service Reporting: Why and How	10 Nov
Brief Intro: MS PowerPoint	12 Nov
Club Leadership: Dealing with Resistance to Change *	13 Nov
New Member Orientation	17 Nov
The Conversation: (Just) Brian and Lori Sheehan of Bird Island, MN *	19 Nov
Duties and Responsibilities of the Club Secretary	20 Nov
New Voices in Lions *	21 Nov
The Conversation: Tony Camoroda, Rotary District Governor *	1 Dec
District Global Service Team: Duties and Responsibilities	2 Dec
Swapping Stories: Your Favorite Tail Twister Tales	4 Dec
The Global Membership Approach: A Proven Plan for Success	5 Dec
The Lions Leadership Challenge	10 Dec
Branch Clubs: Why and How	11 Dec
New Member Orientation	15 Dec
Duties and Responsibilities of the Club Board of Directors	17 Dec
The Northwest Lions Leadership Institute	18 Dec
MS Excel: The IF and LOOKUP functions	19 Dec

* Denotes special expert guest speaker, see page 2.

Please RSVP for all training to Al Hedstrom at LionAl@Hedstrom.ws.
Each session is free, starts at **7 PM Pacific** and most are about one hour in length. 晚上 7 時開始, 約一小時

This schedule is always
posted at LionsMD19.org

Permanent Training Link: [Click here](#)

The online Zoom connection requires the following on your computer, tablet or smart phone: A web browser (such as Edge, Firefox, Chrome, Safari, etc.) to download and install the Zoom web-based application, a microphone and speakers or headset. While a camera is optional, we would like to see your smiling face.

 **Selected sessions are recorded and posted on YouTube.
To view, search YouTube for Al Hedstrom.**



More Training Opportunities

Free online training available at the Lions Learning Center (in the Lion Portal on the Lions International web site, LionsClubs.org) and even more at LionsUniversity.org.

* Guest Speakers *

Building and Growing an LGBTQ+ Club: **Lion Joshua Smith** serves as the Global Leadership Team Coordinator for District 20-K2, where he helps Lions grow their skills and confidence through training, club development, and leadership workshops. A passionate advocate for inclusive service, Joshua is a Charter Member and current President of the Long Island Pride Lions Club. He actively supports community projects across Nassau, Suffolk, and Bermuda. Beyond titles, he views leadership as a service-first approach and strives to create environments where Lions feel equipped, valued, and inspired to make a meaningful impact.



Intro to Lions Quest: Nicole Matia has been with Lions International for over eight years, first in the Service Activities Division where she helped curate volunteer opportunities for corporate partners as well as the annual service projects which take place at the International Convention. In 2022, Nicole moved to Lions Quest in LCIF, where she works with Lions in the U.S. and surrounding areas, Canada, India, South Asia, and the Middle East.



In December, 2024, Nicole completed her Master of Divinity. She is a member of the Burr Ridge-Hinsdale-Oak Brook Lions Club and enjoys the opportunities to serve her surrounding community. She received a Melvin Jones Fellowship in May, 2025.

Club Leadership - Dealing with Resistance to Change: Ken Ibarra, from San Bruno, CA, was elected to serve a two-year term as International Director of Lions International in 2021 and 2023. Ken has over 40 years of experience as a licensed architect and also served on the San Bruno City Council for 22 years.



A member of the San Bruno Lions Club since 1992, he has held many offices within the association including Club President in 1998 and District Governor in 2009. He has also served as Leo Advisor for six years.

Past Director Ibarra and Lion Amy Fink have been together for over 25 years and have a blended family of four children and six grandchildren. They currently live in Brentwood, California.

The Conversation: Past International President Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori Sheehan from Bird Island, MN. Brian was elected to serve as international president at the International Convention held in Montréal, Québec, Canada. Brian is the founder and CEO of Rural Computer Consultants, a software development company. A member of the Bird Island Lions Club since 1991, he has held many offices within the association, including council chairperson, women's initiative chairperson, and GLT area leader.

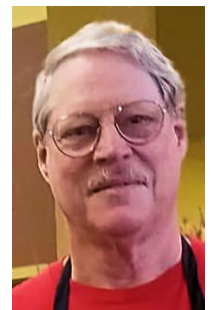


Lion Lori joined the Bird Island Lioness Club in 1998 and later joined the Olivia Lions Club in 2003. She and Brian are part of a four-generation Lions family. She owned and operated a family health club and is a dedicated advocate of personal and family health. She is part of an all-women's climbing team for charity, and recently climbed Mt. Kenya to help raise funds for an LCIF-designated grant, building a dormitory for a low-vision school in Tanzania.

In recognition of her service to the association, Lion Lori has received numerous awards including MD5M Hall of Fame, International President's Leadership Award, International President's Award and the Ambassador of Good Will, our association's highest honor bestowed on its membership.

Lori and Brian have two sons, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

New Voices in Lions: Past District Governor Leslie Chasse has been a Lion since 2014. Following early retirement during the pandemic, he was asked to consider moving through the leadership track to become District Governor, regardless of his personal skepticism about possessing "the right stuff." The help he has received from others created a debt he felt was impossible to repay. He once shared this with his mother, explaining the intention to honor this debt by helping others in the same way she helped him. She confirmed that this was always the expectation, a reciprocal arrangement she also had with her own mother.



Lions International offered Leslie the ideal platform to fulfill this commitment. While the definition of "the right stuff" remains elusive, the trust he places in many Lions colleagues led him to accept their judgment. He suspects this quality is less about rhetoric and more about action, and a willingness to embrace change while respecting established history.