

THE DISTRICT GOVERNORS VISITATION

The visit of the District Governor is one of the highlights of the Lions year. Certain rules of protocol apply for the official visit.

The Governor maintains a very busy schedule during the year and courtesy would suggest that the Governor be contacted, in writing, suggesting a minimum of three (3) dates for the official visit.

The Governor is the only speaker to be scheduled for the meeting. Do not expect the Governor to compete with another speaker or with long, drawn-out business or board meetings. Usually, rules are suspended and all reports are tabled until the next regular meeting. Have an agenda to work from and start the meeting on time. Make sure all of the details are done in advance, greeters to be present, bell and banner displayed, region or zone chairmen invited, meal planned and, if a gift is being presented, make sure it is available at the meeting.

Notify the Governor, in writing, of all special club events and extend an invitation to attend. If the Governor is expected to be a participant in the event, provide advance notification, in writing, as to the level of participation requested by the club.

When the District Governor is recognized at any Lions meeting, club or district level, all Lions should rise and remain standing until the Governor signals them to be seated. Not only is this proper protocol, it is recognition of the office.

If a club wishes the Governor to induct new members during the course of an official visit, again notify of the induction in advance and provide a list of names of new members, and their sponsors. Make sure new member kits are ready for presentation.

The Governor can be introduced by the club president or one of the cabinet officers present. This should be done with dignity and include information concerning the Governors home club, business, offices held, Lionistic activities and family, if appropriate.

Introduction of the Governor should be done only once - when being presented to the assembly for remarks. The Governor sits to the immediate right of the podium with the President to the immediate left. It would be suggested that thirty (30) minutes be allowed for remarks by the Governor.