

The International Association of Lions Clubs
District 14B - Policy No. 308

Policy to Define the Duties of the
Hearing and Deaf Committee

PURPOSE: To work in all areas of the Hearing, Speech, Deaf Services and Research and act as a liaison between all the Hearing Agencies in the District, State and Lions International.

GENERAL:

1. The Chairman shall be appointed by the District Governor and shall be responsible for coordinating the activities and programs of the Associate Chairperson. He shall also be responsible for the collection of used hearing aids and for the distribution of such to agencies that can utilize the hearing aids.
2. The Committee will consist of an Associate Chairman who will work with the various Hearing and Deaf Agencies in the District (Pennsylvania Hearing & Research Foundation; Pittsburgh Hearing, Speech and Deaf Services and the Eye and Ear Institute Hearing Department) and any other groups that are associated with Hearing and Deaf.
3. The Associate Chairperson will be appointed by the District Governor.
4. The Committee shall promote effectively the District's Hearing Conservation and work for the hearing activities through the District Governor's Newsletter, press, radio and TV with the assistance of Public Relations Chairman. Also educate and motivate each club in the District to improve their hearing activities.
5. The Committee shall make available films, presentations, names of persons willing and knowledgeable to speak to clubs or associations regarding information about medical equipment for research and aids and appliances for the partially deaf.
6. The Committee shall inform the clubs and the general public of facilities available in the hearing related field(s) within or near District 14-B.

7. The Committee shall encourage clubs to provide hearing examinations for individuals or mass public screening through the use of the Lions Eye Mobile (Lions Community Services, Inc.).
8. The Committee shall encourage the collection of hearing aids to be distributed through Lions Clubs and Hearing Foundations to the needy.
9. The Committee shall provide a report on all District Hearing and Deaf programs within the District and present to the District Governor at the Cabinet meetings and a final report at the end of the year.
10. The Committee shall motivate and promote fund raising activities among the Lions Clubs of the District to help finance the District Governor's Hearing and Deaf related projects.
11. The District Governor has two (2) State appointments to the Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Research Foundation. One Lion to be appointed annually and one Lion appointed for a three (3) year term.

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