

## Miscellaneous Tail Twisting Ideas

- + We had once collected childhood pics of all our members, and the person recognizing most won, it was hilariously nostalgic. From Lion Ruchitaa (India)
- + Silly Socks, Crazy Ties, Crazy Hats, Color of the month (everyone has to wear something of that color/theme or pay a small fine). From Debra
- + Middle name flash cards or list (members match provided middle names to fellow members. Most correct wins prize). From Debra
- + The Tail Twister (TT) Memory Challenge. TT provides a list of five random mystery items, via post in club newsletter, message on club website or blanket email to members, at least a week before the dinner meeting. At dinner meeting, TT will pass out a post-it note, to each member, and ask members to put their name at the top & then list the five items. When done form a line for TT to see who listed all five items correctly, in the fastest time. Winner gets prize. From Debra
- + TT posts winner's name & prize won, in Club Newsletter/Website (this hopefully gets more members to meetings) & TT also keeps an annual record of all 'winners' to award a small 'Champion' trophy, at year's end, for member who wins the most games.. From Debra
- + Guess the Tail Twister's historical event, by reviewing & putting together the 'Clues' (1) handed out at Business Meeting, (1) posted on club website, (1) emailed to each member & (1) hidden somewhere in the club newsletter. Our Club meets for a business meeting (2nd week) & a dinner/speaker meeting (4th week) of each month. From Debra
- + No silverware is placed on the dining table. As club members come through the food line or being served they must RENT the silverware from the TT. .25 or so. From Dan
- + Our club fines for being late, phones ringing, etc. We also fine our tail twister if he leaves the room (unanimous vote) When my husband was tailtwister, he cut off a tie one time. From Nicole
- + I just love informercials. And I have a great weight loss plan. You need a postage scale and basket for this one. Tell everyone you have a great weightloss plan that you can promise most people will loss some weight at that meeting and for \$1.00 each you will tell them about it. Collect your money. Then get out the postage scale and basket. zero the scale with the basket on it to weigh the "weight loss" NOW have everyone empty his/her pockets. No cheating ladies, purses do not count. The person with the most weight loss got 1/2 the pot the rest went into the tailtwister fund. Of course all the money could be kept too. Everyone loved this and it is amazing just how much weight we carry in our pockets, especially the men. From Linda Webb, MD3-H
- + Our club has a weekly trivia question, generally one that none of us can answer. Everyone puts a quarter into the pot for a try at the question, and if you answer correctly you get your quarter back (maybe!). We also fine for not "addressing" the club correctly, wearing your lions pin, or advertising in the paper without referencing Lions! From Crystal

+ One we do at our club in Niagara Falls Canada is get a bunch of straws and inside insert paper with a fine amount scale from zero to whatever you club has set its limit out club is 0- \$2 and go around having each member draw a straw From Frank

+ Heads or Tails

This is a good one if you are unprepared like I was at last meeting. Get all members to ante up some coin. Then get them to stand Flip a coin. Get All members who think its Heads to put hands on head. If they think its Tails they put their hands behind their back.

As they lose they sit down. Eventually it comes down to 2 or 3 players final winner gets half or all of pot. From Lion Gerry Gillis PZC, North Surrey Lions Surrey B.C. Canada

+ My club got very sloppy about wearing our vests to meetings. The next year the new Tail Twister started fining anyone who wasn't dressed properly. After a few meetings everyone showed up with their vests. The next meeting he showed up without a vest on and fined everyone who had a vest ( the Tail Twister is always right). From then on people would be watching to see if he had a vest or not before they put theirs on.

After a couple of weeks of almost no fines we thought we were safe but he said we all had to be fined. He pulled up his pant cuffs to show us that he had one yellow sock and one purple one. Naturally no one had matching socks. He said he found that odd because he had another pair the same color at home.

This fellow brought a lot of laughter into meetings with the constant battle to try and predict what was coming next. From Ken

+ Maybe bring a cup, golf club and golf ball to the meeting see who can make the putt and keep their quarter. From G. Grant

+ I am a first time Tail Twister and have had 3 very successful meetings. The first meeting I went to Wal Mart and a purchased 2 \$3 bottles of wine, removed the label and replaced it with a homemade label saying "Sangre de Leon" . I was into the whole project for\$15. I auctioned one bottle off for \$28 and the other for \$35. The club loved it. It was a simple project.

My other project was a little more time intensive. I took a bra (44DD) and dyed it purple. I affixed the Lion logo as pasties and added all sorts of crazy gold bling. I managed to talk one of the guys into wearing it. The club had a blast taking pictured and stuffing money into the cups. We made \$52 off that one! From Lisa

+ The whole idea of tail twisting is to add fun to a club meeting.

- Envelope game – I do this on the district level – approximately 60 people at the meeting. It could be done on a smaller scale. I come up with trivia questions. Lots of time I use the information from the District newsletter, WI Lions Magazine, the Lions International, State and local website, trivia books, the Internet – wherever I can find trivia. Each person receives an envelope with a question in it. If they are able to answer it there is no fine, if they are unable to answer it, they are fined \$1.00. I think this could work on the club level – I don't think every member should get an envelope at every meeting. You might have several meetings a year using this method. You would not need to set the fine at \$1 either – whatever works.

- Tail twisters access fines for a variety of reasons. Possible suggestions might include: For not addressing someone as “Lion” and see below
  - For not having a Lions sticker on their car
  - Not wearing a Lions pin
  - Not wearing a Lions vest
  - For wearing blue jeans
  - For wearing matched socks
  - For having buttons correctly buttoned
  - For wearing a hat
  - For not wearing a hat
  - For wearing a belt
  - For not wearing a belt
  - For wearing matching shoes
  - For driving to the meeting
  - For owning a truck
  - For owning a tractor
  - For riding a bicycle
  - For using hair color
  - For shaving
  - For not putting on deodorant
  - For wearing perfume / after shave
  - For having children
  - For having grandchildren
  - For having exercised today

From Lion Sue Doell, Medina-Dale-Readfield Lions Club