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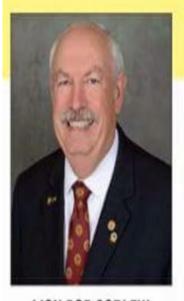


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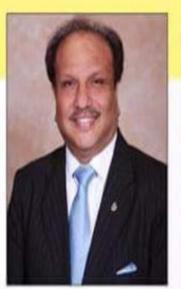
#### **MEET THE NEW OFFICERS OF**

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL





LION BOB CORLEW International President



LION NARESH AGGARWAL 1st Intl. Vice President



LION GUDRUN YNGVADOTTIR 2nd Intl. Vice President



LION JUNG- YUL CHOI 3rd Intl. Vice President

#### CHANCELLOR BOB CORLEW

#### INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Chancellor Bob Corlew, from Milton, Tennessee, USA, was elected to serve as president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 99th International Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan, June 24 through 28, 2016.

President Corlew is retired as chancellor for the State of Tennessee and a professor of law.

A member of the Murfreesboro Noon Lions Club since 1978, he has held many offices within the association, including charter club president, zone chairperson, district governor, cabinet secretary and council chairperson. He has been instrumental in the chartering of a number of new clubs. Most recently, he worked to charter a new club comprised of lawyers and judges, which gained more than 75 members during its first year.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the Leadership Award, the Builder Key Award, three International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Vanguard of the Melvin Jones Memorial, a Progressive Lindsey-Jennings Fellow and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, President Corlew has been active in the Boy Scouts of America, the Jaycees and the American Red Cross. He has also served as a councilman in Milton and was a Major in the U.S. Army Reserve.

President Corlew and his wife, Dianne, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have five children and five grandchildren.

#### NARESH AGGARWAL

#### FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Naresh Aggarwal, of Delhi, India, was elected to serve as first vice president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 99th International Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan, June 24 through 28, 2016.

Vice President Aggarwal is the chairman for a manufacturing and exporting company specializing in rice.

A member of the Batala Smile Lions Club since 1974, Vice President Aggarwal has held many positions within the association, including club president, district governor, district membership chairman, multiple district trainer and GMT Area Leader, Board Appointee, founder-chairperson of the Multiple District 321 Forum and chairperson the Lions of District 321-D Students Foundation.

Vice President Aggarwal has received numerous awards in recognition of his contributions to the association, including the Leadership Award, an International Membership Award, 52 Extension Awards, 23 International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Vice President Aggarwal has been active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the FICCI-SAARC Forum.

Vice President Aggarwal and his wife, Navita, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons, one daughter and seven grandchildren

#### **GUDRUN BJORT YNGVADOTTIR**

#### **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**

Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir, from Gardabaer, Iceland, was elected to serve as second vice president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 99th International Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan, June 24 through 28, 2016.

Past Director Yngvadottir is vice director of the Institute of Continuing Education at the University of Iceland.

A member of the Gardabaejar Eik Lions Club since 1992, she has held many offices within the association, including club president, leadership chair, Leo chair, Lions Quest chair, treasurer, vice district governor, district governor, multiple district LCIF coordinator, secretary and leadership development chair and coordinator for the Lions Leadership Institute in Iceland. She also served as a faculty member and presented at numerous Lions Leadership Institutes, Faculty Development Institutes and international conventions.

In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards including the 100% Club President Award, an Extension Award, the Governor's Extension Award, the Founder's Membership Growth, District Governor Award, eight International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Award, seven International President's Awards and an Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Past Director Yngvadottir is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Icelandic Association of Biomedical Scientists, Icelandic Association of Academics and the Association of Icelandic University Teachers.

Past Director Yngvadottir and her husband, Dr. Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson, a past international director and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son, one daughter and five grandchildren.

#### JUNG-YEOL CHOI

#### THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Jung-Yeol Choi, of Pusan, Republic of Korea, was elected to serve as third vice president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 99th International Convention, held in Fukuoka, Japan, June 24 through 28, 2016.

Director Choi is the CEO of an international trading company.

A member of the Pusan (First) Lions Club since 1977, Director Choi has held many offices within the association, including club president, cabinet secretary, district governor and vice chairman of Multiple District 309. In addition, he was a panelist at the 33rd OSEAL Forum, held in 1994.

In recognition of his service to the association, Director Choi has received numerous awards, including the Senior Master Key Award, the 100% District Governor Award, an International President's Leadership Medal, six International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Award and an Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Director Choi is CEO of Koala Company, Ltd. and vice chairman of the Dong-A University Alumni Association. He is also a past director of the Pusan Sports Association.

Director Choi and his wife, Seung-Bok, have four daughters.

### **129 Great Examples of Community Service Projects**



Are you interested in performing community service? Do you want examples of service projects you can do? Community service is a great way to help others and improve your community, and it can also help you gain skills and experience to include on your resume and college applications.

Read on for dozens of community service ideas to help you get started volunteering. What is Community Service?

Community service is work done by a person or group of people that benefits others. It is often done near the area where you live, so your own community reaps the benefits of your work. You do not get paid to perform community service, but volunteer your time. Community service can help many different groups of people: children, senior citizens, people with disabilities, even animals and the environment. Community service is often organized through a local group, such as a place of worship, school, or non-profit organization, or you can start your own community service projects.

Many people participate in community service because they enjoy helping others and improving their community. Some students are required to do community service in order to graduate high school or to receive certain honors. Some adults are also ordered by a judge to complete a certain number of community service hours.

Why Should You Participate in Community Service?

There are numerous benefits to participating in community service, both for yourself and others. Below are some of the most important benefits of volunteering:

- Gives you a way to help others
- Helps improve your community
- Can help strengthen your resume and college applications
- · Can be a way to meet new friends
- Often results in personal growth
- Gives you a way to gain work experience and learn more about certain jobs

**How Should You Use This List?** 

This list of over one hundred community service examples is organized by category, so if you're particularly interested in working with, say, children or animals, you can easily find community service activities more related to your interests.

**Thoughts About Community Service** 

In order to use this list most effectively, read through it and make note of any community service ideas that match your interests and that you may want to participate in. Some considerations to keep in mind are:

• Who would you like to help?

Is there a specific group of people or cause you are passionate about? Look for projects that relate to your passion and interests. You may also just want to perform particular community service activities that allow you to do hobbies you enjoy, like baking or acting, and that's fine too.

O Do you want a community service activity that is reoccurring or a one-time event?

O Perhaps you don't have enough time to regularly devote to community service. In that case, it may be better to look for opportunities that only occur once or sporadically, such as planning special events or helping build a house.

0 What kind of impact do you want to have?

O Some people prefer to participate in community service activities that have a quantifiable impact, for example, activities where you know the specific number of kids you tutored, dollars you raised, or cans of food you collected. This is in contrast to activities that don't have such clear numbers, such as creating a garden or serving as a volunteer lifeguard. Some people prefer quantifiable activities because they feel they look stronger on college applications, or because they simply enjoy knowing their exact impact on the community.

0 What skills would you like to gain?

Many community service activities can help you gain skills. These skills can range from teaching to medicine to construction and more. If there is a particular skill you'd like to learn for future classes, jobs, or just out of personal interest, you may want to see if there is a community service activity that helps you learn that skill.

#### List of Community Service Examples

**General Ideas: Donate or raise money for your local Red Cross** Organize a community blood drive Send cards to soldiers serving overseas For your next birthday, ask for charitable donations instead of gifts Hold a bake sale for your favorite charity Read books or letters to a person who is visually impaired Organize a wheelchair basketball team Participate in a charity race Organize an event or parade for Memorial Day Volunteer to help at a charity auction Participate in National Youth Service Day in April Contact a tree farm about donating Christmas trees to nursing homes, hospitals, or to families who can't afford to buy their own Collect unused makeup and perfume to donate to a center for abused women Help register people to vote Organize a car wash and donate the profits to charity Help deliver meals and gifts to patients at a local hospital **Helping Children and Schools:** Tutor children during or after school **Donate stuffed animals to children in hospitals** 

Organize games and activities for children in hospitals or who are visiting hospitalized relatives

Collect baby clothes and supplies to donate to new parents

**Organize a Special Olympics event for children and teenagers** 

Sponsor a bike-a-thon and give away bike safety gear, like helmets and knee pads, as prizes

Collect used sports equipment to donate to families and after-school programs Volunteer at a summer camp for children who have lost a parent

Sponsor a child living in a foreign country, either on your own or as part of a group

**Coach a youth sports team** 

**Put on performances for children in hospitals** 

Give free music lessons to schoolchildren

Become a volunteer teen crisis counselor

Organize a summer reading program to encourage kids to read

Organize an Easter egg hunt for neighborhood children

Create a new game for children to play

**Thoughts About Community Service** 

Organize events to help new students make friends Babysit children during a PTA meeting Organize a reading hour for children at a local school or library Donate used children's books to a school library Work with the local health department to set up an immunization day or clinic to immunize children against childhood diseases Volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School or other religious camps Organize a summer reading program to encourage kids to read Organize an Easter egg hunt for neighborhood children Create a new game for children to play Organize events to help new students make friends Babysit children during a PTA meeting Organize a reading hour for children at a local school or library Donate used children's books to a school library

#### **Helping Senior Citizens:**

Read to residents at a nursing home **Deliver groceries and meals to elderly neighbors** Teach computer skills to the elderly **Drive seniors to doctor appointments** Mow an elderly neighbor's lawn Host a bingo night for nursing home residents Host a holiday meal for senior citizens Make birthday cards for the elderly Donate and decorate a Christmas tree at a nursing home Organize a family day for residents of a retirement home and relatives to play games together Ask residents of a retirement home to tell you about their lives Pick up medicine for an elderly neighbor Perform a concert or play at a senior center Help elderly neighbors clean their homes and organize their belongings Rake leaves, shovel snow, or wash windows for a senior citizen Deliver cookies to a homebound senior citizen

#### Helping the Hungry and/or Homeless:

**Build a house with Habitat for Humanity Donate your old clothes** Volunteer at a soup kitchen Donate old eyeglasses to an organization that collects that and distributes them to people in need **Donate non-perishable food to a food bank Donate blankets to a homeless shelter** Host a Thanksgiving dinner for people who may not be able to afford their own Offer to babysit or nanny for a family in need Make "care kits" with shampoo, toothbrushes, combs, etc. to donate to homeless shelters Prepare a home-cooked meal for the residents of a nearby homeless shelter Collect grocery coupons to give to a local food bank Help repair or paint a local homeless shelter Donate art supplies to kids in a homeless shelter Help organize and sort donations at a homeless shelter Babysit children while their parents look for jobs Become a Big Buddy for children at a homeless shelter Take homeless children on outings Bake a batch of cookies or loaf of bread and deliver it to a soup kitchen **Build flower boxes for Habitat for Humanity houses** Organize a winter clothes drive to collect coats, hats, scarves, and gloves to be donated Make first aid kits for homeless shelters

#### **Reducing Crime and Promoting Safety:**

Volunteer at a police station or firehouse Become a certified lifeguard and volunteer at a local pool or beach Paint over graffiti in your neighborhood Organize a self-defense workshop Organize a drug-free campaign Sponsor a drug-free post-prom event Start or join a neighborhood watch program Create and distribute a list of hotlines for people who might need help Teach a home-alone safety class for children Create a TV or radio public service announcement against drug and alcohol use Become CPR certified

**Thoughts About Community Service** 

### **PROMOTING COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT**

**Paint park benches** Donate used books to your local library Become a tour guide at your local museum **Repaint community fences** Plant flowers in bare public areas Organize a campaign to raise money to buy and install new playground equipment for a park Participate in or help organize a community parade **Clean up vacant lot Produce a neighborhood newspaper** Campaign for more lighting along poorly lit streets Create a newcomers group in your neighborhood to help welcome new families Petition your town leaders to build more drinking fountains and public restrooms Volunteer to clean up trash at a community event Adopt a local highway or road and clean up trash along it Help fix or raise funds to repair a run-down playground Clean up after a natural disaster

**Next Steps** 

Now that you know what your options are for community service, you can take the following steps to start getting involved:

**1.** Look over your interests: Which activities seemed most appealing to you? Were they mostly in one particular category, like children or the environment? If so, that's a good starting place for choosing specific organizations to contact.

2. Figure out how much time you can devote to community service: Are you available for two hours every week? Are you not free on a regular basis but can volunteer for an entire weekend now and then? Think about transportation as well and how you'll be able to get to different locations. Knowing this information will help you choose which community service projects to pursue, and it's helpful information for volunteer coordinators to know.

3. Do some research to see what projects you can do in your community: Check at your school, place of worship, or town hall for more information on volunteering. You can also contact the place where you'd like to perform your community service, such as a particular animal shelter or nursing home, and ask if they take volunteers.

**Thoughts About Community Service** 

4. Start volunteering! This list ranges from small projects that you can complete on your own in a few hours, to much larger projects that will take more time and people. If you find a project you can start on your own, do it! If you want to do a project where you'll need more resources or people, check around your community to see if a similar program already exists that you can join. If not, don't be afraid to start your own! Many organizations welcome new volunteers and community service projects

# Highlights of the 2016-2017 International Theme:

The sights and sounds of our Incoming President Chancellor Bob Corlew's home state,

Tennessee, are many. From the rolling foothills and mountains to the sounds of the Mississippi River, agriculture, industry and wildlife, these sights and sounds create a unique atmosphere in which Tennessee's culture of warm hospitality developed. The people of Tennessee live by a long standing tradition of neighbor helping neighbor, stranger helping stranger. As a result, Tennessee will forever be known as "the Volunteer State."

It is the traditions of his boyhood in Tennessee and the independence passed on from ancestors who overcame challenges and seized opportunities to build a life in the foothills and mountains that inspired Incoming President Corlew to choose *New Mountains to Climb* as our 2016-2017 international theme.

Climbing a mountain is used as a metaphor. It represents something that is difficult and arduous and takes a maximum effort to accomplish. But it is only by climbing those mountains that we can excel. Each mountain represents a new challenge, a new opportunity. As our world continues to change, each of us faces new challenges and new opportunities to serve and each can be viewed as a mountain. Climbing these mountains provides a chance for Lions to make the world better.

As we celebrate 100 years of Lions service, we honor our past and embrace our present. But it is our future for which we must plan. If we are to ascend our next mountain, we must lay out a trail in front of us, marking our trail for future generations of Lions who follow and preserving our tradition of service. Reaching The Summit of Service Reaching the top of a mountain is not the end of a journey; it is the beginning of another. A new opportunity. We lead through service. That is our strength. We must continue to assess our service initiatives and programs to ensure we all share a vision where service drives the purpose of our organization. We must continue to lead through service, enhancing our position as the global leader in humanitarian service. Lions impact the well-being of communities in many ways, including our four primary areas of service: protecting our environment, enhancing the lives of our youth, working to minimize hunger and providing vision related service. Lions continue to fulfill our motto, "We Serve", embracing new opportunities to serve. No mountain is ever too high.

When we began our Centennial celebration in 2014, we asked Lions to climb our next mountain, the Centennial Service Challenge (CSC). The CSC encourages Lions to impact the lives of at least 100 million people in our four primary service areas by June 30, 2018. In the first year, we achieved over one-third of our goal. Now, as we approach the conclusion of the second year of our CSC, we are well past the two-thirds mark and are well-positioned to exceed our goal.

Providing needed service builds lasting bonds and allows Lions clubs to genuinely connect with communities. Every community, large or small, presents an opportunity for a Centennial Legacy Project. Lions around the world are stepping up to meet this new challenge by creating a permanent legacy, which will forever remind Lions and others in the community of the great work we perform, and the mountains we climbed during our Centennial year. Our goal is to have at least 20,000 clubs participate in Legacy Projects. All Lions are encouraged to participate in these special projects, making sure the Lions logo is prominently displayed as a permanent part of each, and each project is reported to LCI. Additional information about Centennial Legacy Projects is available on the Lions100.org website.

Leading Us Over The Next Mountain

As we strive to meet the growing needs for humanitarian service, climbing each mountain in our path, we need to do so effectively and efficiently. Good leaders can make that happen. It is only with effective leadership that our service can be strong, and strong service = strong clubs =member pride, engagement and enthusiasm.

As we celebrate our Centennial, we must plan for our future. Leadership development is the way to remain relevant and vibrant as we enter our next century of service. Succession planning is key – ensuring an adequate pool of knowledgeable, capable, enthusiastic, forward-thinking Lions leaders who will guide and support us for years to come.

If we are to climb to the top of a mountain, we need capable leaders, but it is also critical to have the right tools. Our leadership development programs, tools and resources have enhanced the skills of thousands of Lions around the world, preparing them not only to effectively address challenges, but to anticipate those challenges as well. Whether your preference is face-to-face training or technology-based learning, LCI offers something for everyone. Incoming President Corlew invites every Lion to climb even higher, by taking advantage of the various training and development opportunities offered by LCI and the GLT.

2016-2017 International Theme

#### **Building Our Team By Inviting For Impact**

Lions Clubs International is comprised of many teams working together toward the shared goal of enhancing our service to others. As we pursue our goal, we understand our individual roles and responsibilities, maintain a shared focus on achieving our goal together, believe in ourselves, trust each other and appreciate the individuality of each team member. These five values are essential to effective teams and lead to success in reaching summits.

Every member of our team matters and each makes an impact. We must encourage others to join us. Every new member will impact the lives of at least 30 people through service, which means for every 1,000 members who join, we can impact the lives of 30,000 people. This is why we need to expand our ranks - we must invite for impact.

Our goal during our Centennial celebration is for every club to induct a minimum of three new members each year, and every district to start at least one new club. This represents approximately 138,000 new members, just a five percent increase, but it represents impacting an additional 4.1 million people through service. Together, we can reach this summit!

#### **Connecting Mountains**

Mountains are never isolated entities. They are connected. They are part of a series of mountains called ranges like the Appalachian Mountains that run through Tennessee. Lions are connected, too, through service, through fellowship, through Lionism. Lions around the world are connecting to each other via the internet, making the world seem a bit smaller.

More than ever before, Lions are embracing technology, using social media to connect to the public. Clubs are experimenting with online meetings. Our International Officers are able to address gatherings of Lions in one country while being in another. There are many ways to use electronic communication, and just as many benefits, like reaching a wider, more diverse audience and saving time and money.

Our founder, Melvin Jones, spent many hours personally reaching out to Lions and to communities where there were no Lions clubs. His letters inspired Lions and motivated them to start new clubs. As we plan our future, technology will play a crucial role. In the spirit of efficiency, expediency, and extension of Lionism, we believe that Melvin Jones would approve.

#### The Next Mountain and Beyond

Long after our Centennial celebration is over, we will continue to be faced with new mountains to climb. The growing need for service around the world will challenge us as we move forward.

And we must move forward. Lions must climb each mountain - people depend upon us. LCI Forward is the strategic plan developed to expand our service impact, improve current operations, and pursue new paths to unite people in Lions' service. A primary goal of LCI Forward is to improve the lives of at least 200 million people each year – more than triple the number of those currently served.

In addition, we want to become the best-known volunteer brand and organization in the world, while achieving best-in-class service to clubs, districts and our Lions family, and while developing new and innovative ways to engage people in humanitarian endeavors under the Lions' umbrella.

We look forward to a significant announcement during the 2017 Centennial convention in Chicago as we launch a new global humanitarian service area of focus – a unifying service platform that will be embraced by all Lions and be highly recognized by the public. A new mountain that we, the Lions of the world, will be eager to begin to climb!

The View From The Top

New challenges to meet. New goals to achieve. New people to serve. New mountains to climb. Our job is far from concluded. We know we must ascend to the next level of service and mark our path along the way for the next generation of Lions. Incoming President Corlew invites all Lions to join him in this continuing journey as we climb to new heights.

