

# District 20-W New/Current Member Orientation Dates

**Monday, October 16th, 2023 at 7pm via Zoom**

**Monday, March 11th, 2024 at 7pm via Zoom**

Experience has shown that it is a good practice for each Club to hold a formal orientation session for all new members as a way of introducing them to the history and service opportunities available to them as Lions.

To help with this, the District holds an orientation session via Zoom at least twice per Lions year; typically one in the Fall and one in the Spring.

The two dates for this year are **Monday, October 16th, 2023 at 7pm** and **Monday, March 11th, 2024 at 7 pm**. This session has been well received in the past and runs around 50 minutes in length with Qand A during and at the end.

Members will be given a brief history and timeline for Lions Clubs International and show the MD-20 footprint, but will spend most of their time on Club officer and committee opportunities, current Club ideas for local service projects, fundraising, available grants, and an intro to affiliated Lions-supported organizations and programs.

- This program is designed to be held on an as-needed basis and can be held more frequently than indicated above.
- Additionally, if a Club has multiple new members and wishes to hold an orientation session as part of a Club meeting, that too can usually be arranged either in-person or via Zoom.

For planning purposes, when scheduling it as part of a Club meeting, please be aware that it will be a somewhat pared down version as to content and will take around 30 minutes. Planning for any time less than that will dilute it too much to be useful.

- It is encouraged that new members and their sponsor attend either session and of course, current members are always welcome.
- An invite will be sent out to Club Presidents and Secretaries a few weeks prior to each date so new members and sponsors can be notified.

Yours in Lionism,  
PDG Rick Brisee