New Voices Speaking Points
2019-2020
Giving Every Lion and Leo a Voice!

Background:

New Voices is a new and popular initiative of Lions Clubs International that was launched in 2018-2019. Its mission has expanded from celebrating women’s contributions and promoting gender parity to a broader focus that now also includes young adults and other underrepresented populations. Its focus is on increasing the number of diverse new voices in our association.

New Voices is about hearing the story of the unheard, and is a platform for sharing new ideas and learning from each other. It hopes to encourage clubs to be dynamic and innovative by trying something new, while helping individual Lions to grow personally and professionally. New Voices is about creating a network of new voices in every district.

New Voices are individuals who are gaining acknowledgement for their contributions in one of four fields - leadership, service, membership and marketing. They are young and old, new and experienced.

We hope New Voices, and the nominees, will inspire and motivate others by sharing their achievements.

A New Approach:

Innovation and creativity are the hallmark of this program.

Its presence on social media is phenomenal. The public Facebook page has over 7,300 members.

It is about building confidence and creating opportunities for previously unheard voices to take up leadership roles.

The aim is to create gender parity and diversity in the organization and make our association more inclusive and innovative.

Each approach is regionally based and driven by local Lion leaders.

District Governor Involvement:

District Governor’s will identify local New Voices and nominate one from each category – leadership, service, membership, and marketing. District Governors and Council Chairpersons are encouraged to feature New Voices nominees at District events and in their communications.

Multiple District Coordinator (optional):

Each Multiple District is invited to appoint one Lion to help promote the program and encourage participation. The multiple district coordinator will work with the council of governors to encourage districts to nominate a Lion for each of the categories (Service, Membership, Leadership and Marketing). Working with the district nominees the multiple district coordinators will help promote New Voices.
Previous New Voices and 2019-2020 Nominees:

- New Voices are taking up service projects of interest to women, youth, and other underrepresented populations.
- They are collaborating with the Global Action Team to create an impact.
- They are organizing workshops and symposiums for collaboration with Lions and potential Lions, and in the process will partner with other like-minded groups to discuss a variety of topics.
- They host educational and topical seminars online as webinars.
- They use technology to bridge distances.

Service Opportunities:

In 2018, New Voices launched its worldwide project - *Health for Her* - where they bring dignity to women and girls by providing sanitary napkins. Balance can only happen if we empower girls and women.

Resources for Additional Information:

New Voices Orientation PowerPoint          Recorded Webinars
Role of New Voices Nominees               Women’s Symposium
District Governor Guide                   Women’s Workshop
Multiple District Coordinator Guide

For more visit the New Voices Website: [https://weserve.org/newvoices](https://weserve.org/newvoices)

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