

COUNCIL MEETING REPORT for January 21, 2017—Lions Services for Children Committee Chairperson
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The basic premise of this committee is to organize service projects and activities for underserved children and to undertake service projects that:

- Encourage clubs throughout MD-6 to support efforts that aim to improve the lives of children and adolescents living in adverse circumstances.
- Encourage clubs throughout MD-6 to provide programs and assistance to underserved children, such as: health screenings, provision of eyeglasses, hearing aids, assistive technology to improve literacy, summer reading programs, immunizations, toy and clothing collections, school lunch and community feeding programs, support of recreational camps and sporting events for children with disabilities, and participation in global missions.

I would like to again state my goals as MD-6 committee chairperson; they are:

- to survey clubs to see what is currently being done in this service area and to evaluate the effectiveness of current club-level projects and activities.
- To compile by district, the effectiveness of projects and activities and help districts develop goals and a district action plan.
- To inform clubs through The Mane Lioner and district newsletters plus club-level and multiple district websites what the goals are and provide project ideas to assist individual clubs.
- To encourage clubs to share news of their projects for underserved children.
- To encourage clubs to work with local health care professionals, educators, children's agencies, and organizations to determine community needs and provide the most appropriate services.
- To solicit feedback on how the multiple district and districts can further support clubs in planning projects for children in need.
- To provide tools and resources to assist clubs in developing projects and activities.

I will be surveying all clubs in MD6 (with the help of each of the District "Lions Services for Children" committee chairs) to find out what kinds of projects and activities they are currently doing for underserved children in their communities plus asking them to respond with projects and activities their clubs would like to see in their communities to meet the needs in that respective district. The survey will be a checkoff format to keep it relatively simple with a "comment" section. Three of the four districts have a District Committee Chairperson identified (NE—Michelle McGowan, SE—Michelle Swan-Walt, and C—Sandra Russalesi). District 6W has Phyllis Hahn as committee chairperson of Youth Services. If Lion Phyllis agrees, she could be the contact person in 6W. I will be contacting these committee chairpersons in the very near future.

Once we know what is being done and what the needs are in MD6, this could then lead to holding a Children's Symposium. The Children's Symposium Program is an ideal way to gather community partners, educators, and health care professionals of underserved children in a community, district, or multiple district.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions about this committee.