



District 19C Tools You Can Use, Issue No. 4



Happy New Year (almost)! The following is the latest edition of "Tools You Can Use". I hope that you find the information helpful. As always, I'll try to keep this short in the hopes that you'll be able to read and store the information that much easier.

Where does all that money go?

Something that I continue to get questions about is, "Exactly where does all that dues money go?" It seems like everyone is trying to figure out how to explain the dues situation to new members, existing members, and even to new clubs trying to get a handle on how to best manage their money. Here's the bottom line on dues:

New Member Fees (1-time; paid to LCI)

- ▶ New Member Induction Fee -- \$25
- ▶ Charter Member Fee - \$30
- ▶ Transfer Charter Member from existing club to newly formed club - \$20
- ▶ New Member Fees are waived for family members living under one roof, once the "head of the family" has paid the New Member, Charter Member, or Transfer Charter Member Fee and the family has been registered with LCI.

Dues

- ▶ Lions Clubs International - \$39.00/year per member
- ▶ Multiple District 19 - \$16.64/year per member
- ▶ Club – set by the club
 - ▶ If the club's dues aren't more than \$55.64, there's nothing left for the club's administrative fund!

Total Dues:

- ▶ Average in District 19C: \$55 – \$70/year, or about \$6 a month

SPECIAL CATEGORIES OF DUES

LIFE MEMBER: LCI dues are paid one time, for life to LCI once Life Member criteria has been met. Life membership does not exempt the club from paying MD19 dues for the member, or the member from paying club dues (at the club's discretion).

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Per LCI, "The club shall not report an Associate Member on its Membership Report." LCI dues shall not be assessed on an Associate Member. However, nothing shall prevent the club from assessing an Associate such dues as it shall deem proper.

STUDENT MEMBER: LCI and MD19 dues are assessed at ½ the normal rate. LCI dues must be paid in advance for the membership year.

FAMILY MEMBER: LCI dues are assessed at ½ the normal rate for members living under the same roof, once the household and "head of family" has been registered with LCI. There is no impact on MD19 or club dues rates.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

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