

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: REGAIN YOUR ENTHUSIASM IN 2005!

Are you ready to get excited again about Lions?

Where is the Excitement? The Enthusiasm? The Passion? Are we getting old here, folks? I am not ready to admit that just yet, no matter what my hair color and eye doctor may say.

I joined Lions believing I could do some good in this old world. I was excited because I thought I might help a first grader do better in school by getting her a new pair of glasses. I thought I might make a difference in a teenager's life by giving him a scholarship – and a vote of confidence – when he couldn't afford to go to college. I thought I might make it possible for a parent to keep his job and feed his family by helping him get cataract surgery.

And you know what? By being part of the world's largest service organization, I have done it all. But I am still excited, because there still is more to do.

You know that old saying about getting out what we put in? I have a challenge for you. If you want to recapture that wonderful tingle of enthusiasm that brought you to Lions in the first place, put in something extra for Lions every day for the next 30 days. Yes, I said Every Day. It sounds awful, doesn't it? But I promise, you will get way more out of this experiment than you put in.

What can you do? Maybe your something extra will be as simple as showing up 10 minutes early for the next club meeting to greet all the members – or staying a few minutes after to help clean up. Maybe you can go to that board meeting you usually would skip, or make a phone call to a fellow member who hasn't been at club for a while. Maybe you remember to tell your program chair about a friend who could speak to your club. Maybe you spend 10 minutes just thinking about what you personally can do to make your club better. Or maybe you finally get around to asking your neighbor, co-worker, sister, pharmacist or the manager of the grocery store to think about joining Lions.

What you do is actually less important than just doing something – some little thing for Lions every day for 30 days. Keep yourself a log or note it on the calendar – and then just watch to see what return you get on the time you invest.

We can keep on talking about our declines in membership and how unappreciated we all feel – or we can get off our you-know-what and do something about it. I just saw a sign that says “We don't get much done today by starting tomorrow.” So start today! Let's all get excited again about this great organization of ours and make some really great things happen!

(Let's share our successes - I am at karensell@aol.com - let me know what return you get on this investment. I will be EXCITED to hear from you!)

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Let's Get Growing!