

## **Leadership Goals A TIME FOR TRAINING**

Cliches don't get the leadership development job done, but they are sometimes descriptive. In Texas Lionism, it's time for a change; we are at the crossroads; or, maybe, things aren't like they used to be. All of the above apply. It's true; things aren't what they used to be because we now truly have leadership from all over the world, including women. It's time for a change. Recruiting of new members needs to include a consideration of, "Is this a quality prospective member who will become a leader?" It's also true that we are at a crossroads. Leadership development can go down the road of training those who are already experienced Lions or we can choose the road of focusing leadership training on younger potential leaders. The key to this is to train the younger one, but integrate their development with the fine, experienced Lions on whom we now depend.

Please don't read me wrong. PDGs and other long-time Lion leader are not on their way to the pasture, but younger Lions with abundant energy and ideas must be trained to enter those leadership positions. Those PDGs and others with great experience must play key roles as mentors and ready problem-solving supporters.

It's my vision, as MD-2 Leadership Development Chairman, to see Lions in training sessions who will openly say that they want to become a zone or region chairman or a District Governor. It's also my vision that Lions who know how to do these things will be the ones guiding them in their quest.

I am ready to come to any district to join with your district leadership trainers in working toward this vision.

Call me and I'll be there.

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