



## **LEOS, OUR KEY TO THE FUTURE**

### **MEMBERSHIP / EXTENSION THE KEY TO QUALITY LIONISM AND LEOISM**

Why isn't every Lions Club in Texas sponsoring a LEO Club? Is it because the youth are not interested or is it because as Lions, we are not interested? If you are not sponsoring a LEO Club, you may be missing out on a wonderful opportunity to work with and recruit future Lions members.

The Lake Dallas High LEO Club is the first LEO Club to be chartered for 2000-2001 in Texas. Their sponsoring Lions Club, the Lake Cities Lions Club, was chartered in April of this year. The Lions Club is also working to start a LEO Club at the Middle School. LEO Melissa Quisenberry was appointed the Membership Director and she held a membership drive along with LEO Cherly Pornell on October 13, which brought in thirty-nine new members. The club held their charter night on November 14 and currently has fifty members. LEO Melissa is hoping to increase that number. LEO President Becky Jones and LEO Melissa are officers on the District 2-E2 LEO Board. The Lake Dallas High Leos have been participating in projects both on the local and district level since September. They usually have 20-25 youth at every meeting.

This LEO Club proves that if you ask, the youth will join. Youth want to learn leadership skills, to work together, to do community service, and to have fun. One youth shared with me that the reason they joined the LEO Club is that they got to decide on what service projects their LEO club did instead of having a project assigned by an adult leader or teacher. We must remember that LEO Clubs allow youth the opportunity to experience leadership other clubs don't. As a Lions Club, you must now ask yourself the question, "Why aren't we sponsoring a LEO Club?"

If you do not have a District LEO Chair or if you are a LEO Chair and have a question,

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## STATE LEO CONVENTION NEWS

Leos and advisors can make their hotel reservations for the State LEO Convention to be held May 24-26, in San Antonio. We have fifty rooms blocked for the Leos at the Crocket Hotel, 320 Bonham, San Antonio, Texas 78205, 210-225-6500. For one to two people in a room the cost is \$92/night and for four in a room the cost is \$102/night. We are not allowed to have more than four people per room. **Advisors and youth cannot be in the same room.** The hotel is a secure hotel; guests must use their room key cards to use the elevator.

We will be sending out information to you at a later date on the meals and their cost. We plan to have programs and a motivational speaker on Saturday morning and will have our State Board Meeting to elect State officers on Saturday afternoon. We plan to have a party after the meal on Saturday night.

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