

Ideas for Retaining Younger Members

Put them on committees

Ask them for input for opinions, suggestions

Ask them to "chair" projects

Efficient meetings - timewise

Encourage LEO clubs

Put younger member on committee with sponsor

Get them involved with youth activities

Get them involved with annual pancake days

Get them involved in a service activity

Make them feel important in the decision making for our club

Let older members do what they have always done

Let younger members do what they want for a project

We gave them their own project - a bike ride for sight

Sponsor must be mentor also

Our club tries to keep the meetings fun and our dues low

We also have an extra meeting at someones home in the months that have a fifth Tues. nite and those meeting are fun, we play games and have informal meeting after dinner

Seek input from them to determine their "hot buttons"

We have sought their input through interviews and involved them on sight investigations early on

Involve (seek input also)

Education through training and mentoring

Be sure to have timely newsletter

Lion statuette travels with a Lion and has picture taken at various places which are posted on Facebook or website

Use Internet

Nothing - that is why I am here. I'm a 78 year old Lion with 33 years perfect attendance. Our club needs some younger Lions. Hopefully this seminar helps

Refresh and renew club projects, meetings, open to new ideas

Have experienced members to sit with them

Orientation for new members and their mentors (sponsors)

Assign projects that are more of a hand-ons (not like white cane type) get their fingernails dirty type

Not having a meeting requirement if they just want to do service projects

Having more than one set of officers for younger people to use the time they can give

Input from new members for service projects

Mentoring

Character and training

Encourage them to attend their childrens functions

Praise them when they do make it to meetings and are there for club projects

Family first

Make sure to incorporate THEIR ideas

Try to get them involved with activities - eyeglass recycling, peace poster, student speaker, "fundraising" activities

Get involved in serve projects

Education

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Training and mentoring

Listen to what the younger generation says

Have attendance program where you get points towards attendance for being involved in community projects versus going to meetings

Be more diligent about asking new young members to get involved with projects

To give them a job, but not to overload

Starting with important, but smaller assignments for sub project or committee

Give responsibility for areas of interest

Web page builds

Organize fundraiser project

Use branch clubs

You can't recruit children of the 80's by living in the 50's

Cyber clubs. Mutual interest in a particular activity or charitable cause

Shorter meetings

Students of the week - allows us to let them see what we do

Night meeting - hard for Gen X-ers -- to make meetings during the day

LISTEN to what they are saying

Babysitter hired for young children

Eliminate vests

Give them simple, but important chairperson of easy project

We have a major project broken down to parts with chairpersons, each person has a different responsibility, for blood donor, one person in charge of getting cookies, drinks for donors. Gives them a chance to GIVE

Treat them as individuals and as equals - comfort level calling their fellow Lions at Joe/Mary rather than Mr. Smith/Ms. Jones

Make meeting more interesting for younger members

Don't pounce on younger members for leadership roles, start small and slow - ease them in

Keep an eye on \$\$ concerns that younger Lions may have (dues, dinner, shirts, etc.)

Used the "How Are Your Ratings" questionnaire results from all members as input to a club retreat

Not enough

Immediate orientation - club, district

Gradual leadership roles

Sponsor responsibility to mentor, participate in fundraisers, not chair

ACCEPT their ideas

Find their passion (why did they join?)

Provide a fun filled orientation in a good learning environment.

Listen to young members

Give them responsibility early on

Praise their efforts regularly

Ask for their ideas

Community needs assessment

Mentoring system

Communicate their way - text, facebook

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Get them involved
Look for new projects that would interest them
Listen to their ideas
Do what new members want to do
Effective club meetings that are no longer than they need to be - no meal, just business
Fellowship built through optional social activities
Be OPEN to new ideas for fundraisers and projects - don't "shoot it down". Let them "run with it" they may surprise you with the results
Use internet for communication
Put them on club evaluations to future planning and community needs assessments
Keep them visible
Thank them - public news items
Get them involved
They like hands on service
Find out the new Lions "passion"
Keep them involved
Keep them involved and utilize their skills
Make meetings fun
Allow them to share ideas
Fundraisers that interest them
No pushing them into things
Keep them active
Don't split up family
Keep it interesting
Celebrate club successes
Tap into members resources, teachers, accountants, doctors
Survey club members
We put them to work
Listen to younger members
Timely newsletter
Take a picture with a Lion
Internet
Get people to do S.M.A.R.T. goal - have overall goal for year and have individual goals
Give education to members so they can pass it on to the next generation
Chairs for women and families - military families
Keeping busy, finding strengths, assigning mentors
The key to an active club is versatility
Find what they love and keep doing it
All on "group list"
Keep them involved in community projects
President go and visit members who do not attend
Back up their ideas
Nothing - Unwilling to try any suggestions given by Zone Chair

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Be flexible on rules of attendance
Lion / Cub award for new member for service during year
Have socials / mixers family oriented
Give them a job to do - not an office in the club
Form special lion interest clubs
Gotten them involved as best we could. We support the causes they're passionate about
Allow people to try something different at the risk of failure [applies to all ages]
We are still looking - the President was 69 yesterday and he is the youngest member in the club
Give them a long lasting purpose
Think and allow projects outside 'traditional' lion projects -- road cleanup, raffle, etc.
Try event that bombed in the past with new twist
Encourage - don't discourage
Be flexible in allowing less traditional ways of doing Lions business
Don't be too quick to drop people for lack of attendance
Flexible membership status - associate members (they have night jobs and can't attend, but want to contribute)
Listen
Praise - more important to this gen x group
Assign buddies
Have a greeter
Keep young people involved with projects they care about at their own pace
Relax dress code - formerly all meetings were coat and tie
More electronics use in communications - email, newsletter, website
Keep them involved in projects
Flexibility
Gratification important
Utilize high technology
Email use
Assist elderly
Retention should be a primary responsibility of the members sponsor. Take an hour to talk one on one to learn interests and skills
Don't rush them!
Stay in touch
Started a Lion Cub award which is given to 1st year Lion
A young couple in our club had a baby, so we all brought them baby presents for an impromptu baby shower - beats a funeral
Encourage interest with officer mentoring
We have told them it was ok to not make all the meetings because of their schedule
Fun night programs - comedy night - social activities
Don't tell them how to do something, just tell them what needs to be done . . . Their process just might impress you
Ask the younger generation what they would suggest for moving forward on projects and fundraisers and never dist what they say
Never, ever say we tried that

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New people bring new enthusiasm which can be contagious
Get them involved in service projects
No pressure to leadership role
Keep the club fun
Monday night football, tailgate meetings, Leo night
Facebook page and web page
Encourage, give them credit, they need it, need more positive
Number / color seats to keep people moving. Socialize more and have fun at meetings
Keep them busy
Do projects that they are interested in
Let the new members fail if doing a project, but let them know it is okay and what they could learn from it
Short term projects
Community projects
Show appreciation
Have fun projects
Report out what has been accomplished at your meeting
Try to suppress bickering in club meetings
Don't make younger members officers too soon
Allow children to come to meetings
A good orientation program
We have them speak and we value their opinion
Be flexible with their time
Emails - communicate
Listen and compromise with their needs
Less business at club meetings
Relevant guest speakers
Listen and interact - be ready for change
Welcome and encourage
Able to change current formats to suit a newer generation
Able to listen to new ideas "no resistance to change"
Family friendly club
Don't scare new younger members away - 2 much, 2 soon
Let them be themselves
Shortened meetings
Dinner is optional (\$)
We pair new, younger members - right away with a committee chair to get them involved right away
in club activities plus learn about Lionism