

Hearing and Speech Action and Work with the Deaf Chairperson

Hearing Conservation and Work with the Deaf became a major Lions activity in 1971. In 1977, the title was amended to “Hearing and Speech Action and Work with the Deaf” to take into account people with all types of communication difficulties, thereby broadening the Lion’s base of service.

Chairperson Duties

- Become familiar with the Information for Chairpersons section on the association’s Web site
 - Utilize current resources and information gathered from official associations for people who are deaf or hard of hearing
 - Implement a district plan of action for a public education and awareness program to understand the needs of persons with hearing and/or speech impairments with the goal of improving their quality of life
 - Encourage support of schools, rehabilitation centers, hearing ear dogs and support services for persons who are deaf or hearing-impaired
 - Encourage support of recreational camps for the deaf and hard of hearing persons
 - Participate in the Lions Hearing Aid Recycling Program (HARP)
 - Cooperate with schools, professional organizations and agencies in organizing and conducting hearing screenings for children and adults
 - Consult with people in the community who are deaf or hard of hearing and convey information concerning their needs to clubs in the district
 - Visit clubs and suggest appropriate activities such as:
 - Organizing group screenings to detect hearing loss
 - Supporting research on ear diseases
 - Encouraging the collection of used hearing aids
 - Supporting Lions Hearing Aid Banks
 - Providing volunteer assistance or financial support to a hearing ear dog school
 - Keep the governor and the international office informed of district activities.
- Provide a summary report for your successor.