

SIGHT CONSERVATION AND EYE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines and to acquaint the District 14-N Chairperson and Lions Club Sight Conservation Chairpersons in performing a service in Sight Conservation and Eye Research Activities, as a Liaison for the Clubs, District and the International Association of Lions Clubs.

SPECIFICS:

A. The Chairperson is to be appointed by the District Governor of 14-N and shall be the Coordinator for the entire District, working with each Lions Club's Sight Conservation Chairperson.

B. Each Lions Club shall have an active Sight Conservation Chairperson, appointed by the President of said Club, who shall be inclined to become involved in the District Sight Conservation activities.

C. The District Chairperson shall continually monitor, evaluate and guide effectively, all Sight Conservation activities prevalent in the District, to insure their relation to current needs and local conditions and to inform the District Cabinet of same.

GENERAL:

This Committee shall:

1. Be sensitive to the real needs and desires of the blind and the visually impaired. Consult with them and District Institutions in planning projects and activities of service for their use.

2. Be well informed and alert to new advances in Eye Research and treatment techniques, and support them through the District Governor's Sight related projects.

3. To promote effectively the District's Sight Conservation and Eye Research activities, through the District Governor's Newsletter, press, radio, and TV with the assistance of the Public Relations Chairperson. To educate and motivate each Club in the District to improve their Sight activities.

4. Make available films, presentations, names of persons willing and knowledgeable to speak to Clubs or associations on information of medical equipment for research and aids and appliances for the partially sighted and the blind.

5. To inform the Clubs and the general public of facilities available in the Sight related field(s) within or near District 14-N.

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6. Support blind and partially blind programs for education, rehabilitation and mobility.
7. Encourage Clubs to provide eye examinations for individuals or mass public screening, especially for diabetes and glaucoma, the two leading causes of blindness.
8. Encourage the collection of eyeglasses to be distributed through Lions Clubs and Sight Foundations to the needy.
9. Provide a report on all District Sight Conservation and Eye Research within the District and present it to the District Governor at Cabinet meetings and a final report at the end of the year to be submitted to the International Association of Lions Clubs Headquarters.
10. Motivate and promote fund raising activities among the Lions Clubs of the District to help to finance the District Governor's Sight related projects.
11. Coordinate all District related Sight Conservation and Eye Research, and assist the committee chairpersons of related activities such as Leader Dog, Diabetes, Beacon Lodge, White Cane, etc., wherever any possible need may arise.
12. Encourage District 14-N financial support to the Pennsylvania Lions Eye Research Foundation.
13. Provide for and promote Regional Christmas Parties for the blind residents of District 14-N.