

District Governor's  
5 Star Club Award

The 5 Star Club Award is designed to recognize the Clubs in District 13 - E for their efforts in providing service to their communities. All clubs are eligible for the award and it is my hope that all of the clubs in the district will receive this recognition at the Convention in April. The contest begins July 1, 2010 and runs through March 31, 2011.

The award had been simplified and all that is required of the club is that the application form be filled out and in the hands of the District Governor by March 31, 2011.

The five stars represent the following club activities:

- Retention and Membership
- District Involvement
- Club Activities
- Club Visitations
- Humanitarian Activities

**The requirements are as follows:**

**Retention and Membership**

If we are to keep our clubs active and able to provide the services needed in our communities we have to work to insure that we have the membership needed to provide those services. The Star of **Retention and Membership** recognizes those clubs who have meet either of the two requirements listed below:

1. Retained all current members (with the exception of death or transfer to another club) and added two new members.

OR

2. Had a net gain of four members.

**District Involvement**

Strong leaders produce strong clubs. The district offers a number of activities throughout the year to develop leadership skills. These include the Officer Training schools, the Winter Retreat, the MERL training in October, and the zone meetings held three times each year in your zone. Each time a club President, Secretary, or Treasurer attends one of these events the club will be awarded a point. Every Club has the opportunity to receive 19 points with perfect officer attendance at these meetings. The Star of **District Involvement** recognizes those clubs who have obtained 14 points.

**Club Activities**

Strong Clubs are active clubs. By being an active club we not only provide service to our community but we also make certain that our clubs are known in the communities we serve. Activities cover a wide range and therefore the activities listed below are only offered as suggestions. If your club is involved in an activity not listed below all you have to do is check with your Zone Chairperson to see if it will fit the requirement. The club activities that we are recognizing under this star are as you can see from the list below are service projects. A fund raising activity does not count under this section. The Star of **Club Activities** recognizes those clubs who have completed 10 or more activities similar to the examples listed below ( you can only count an activity once):

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| Sponsor a Health testing project                | Host a membership night        |
| Provide eye glasses for an individual           | Clean up a public park         |
| Collect 175 eyeglasses                          | Take part in a parade          |
| Sponsor a family or provide food baskets        | Host a spouses or family night |
| Take part in a community beautification project |                                |
| Issue a monthly club bulletin                   |                                |
| Do a roadside cleanup                           |                                |
| Sponsor or host a youth exchange student        |                                |
| Other activities as approved                    |                                |

**Club Visitations**

Visits to other clubs help strengthen our clubs in several ways. The first is by visiting another club your members are exposed to different ideas and projects that can be taken back to your home club. The second is that when you visit a club and talk about what you are doing at your club the visiting club also has the opportunity to get ideas from you. The third benefit is from the fellowship and good will established by visiting. By visiting we can learn what strengths other clubs have that we may need to call upon for an activity we are doing at our home club or at the district level. The Star of **Club Visitations** recognizes those clubs who have meet the requirements for visitations listed below (A visit must include at least three members from the visiting club):

Clubs up to 20 members	-	4 visits
Clubs with 21 - 40 members	-	7 visits
Clubs with over 40 members	-	10 visits

**Club Humanitarian Activities**

Our motto is "We Serve" and Lions Clubs around the world are known for the humanitarian service they provide. Where a Lions Club makes its donations is strictly up to the local club. We encourage you to consider Lions related activities such as Lions Clubs International Foundation, the Ohio Lions Foundation, or the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation simply because by many clubs donating to such groups we can pool our money and be able to fund larger projects. If you club donates to a local activity not listed below just list the group the donation went to and the amount. Donations The Star of **Humanitarian Activities** recognizes those clubs that donated over \$50.00 to at least eight of the activities listed below.

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| Lions Clubs International Foundations | Ohio Lions Foundation |
| Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation    | Sight and Hearing     |
| Pilot Dogs                            | Ohio Lions Band       |
| Local Community or Zone Projects      | Central Ohio Eye Bank |
| Youth Committee Activities            | Diabetes Awareness    |