

## **Fellow Lions of 22-C:**

Our current region and zone structure is 6 regions with 2 zones in each. This has been in place for many years. With the most recent losses, we are now down to just 51 clubs. Most zones have only 4 clubs; no region has more than 9 clubs.

From the LCI Constitution and By-Laws:

Section 4. **REGIONS AND ZONES.** (a) Organizational. Regions and zones shall be subject to change by the district governor, when in his/her sole discretion; he/she shall deem the same necessary to the best interests of the district and the association. The district should be divided into regions of sixteen (16) to ten (10) Lions clubs. Each regions should be divided into zones of between eight (8) and four (4) Lions Clubs, giving due regard to the geographical locations of the clubs.

**To conform with these guidelines, it appears we must realign the regions and zones. My goals for any such realignment are:**

- Ø It must conform to LCI guidelines (4-8 clubs per zone, 10-16 clubs per region)
- Ø Keep regions and zones geographically compact and contiguous
- Ø If possible, keep all DC clubs in one zone
- Ø Club proximity has more priority than geographic boundaries
- Ø Minimize disruption in inter-club relationships
- Ø Provide margins for growth and/or loss of clubs

**Although there are several choices, I prefer an alignment of **Four Regions**. My reasons:**

- Ø It puts us at the midway point for both zone and region size
  - Ø Although there is impact on the present alignment, it is more realistic in terms of our current situation
  - Ø It provides margins for both growth and loss
- After receiving some useful suggestions from the Cabinet and the Honorary Committee, here is my proposed alignment:

### **Region Zone # of Clubs**

<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Damascus, Laytonsville, Monocacy, Montgomery Central - Derwood, Potomac, Randolph, Rockville</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Burtonsville, Colesville, Kensington,</b>

**Leisure World, Olney, Sandy Spring**

<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Beltsville, College Park, North Silver Spring, Silver Spring, Takoma Park, University Park</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>American University, Chi-Am, Columbia Heights, Fort Stevens, Midtown, Palisades /Georgetown, Special Olympics, Washington Host</b>
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<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Bowie, Greenbelt, Hyattsville, Laurel, Riverdale, Suburban</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Accokeek - Bryans Road, Hillcrest – Marlowe Heights, Mt. Rainier - Brentwood, Silver Hill, South Gate - Clinton, South Potomac</b>
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<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Brandywine, Gateway, Calvert County, La Plata, Northern Calvert, Upper Marlboro, Waldorf</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Hollywood, Leonardtown, Lexington Park, Mechanicsville, Ridge</b>
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My goal is to have the new structure in place for the start of next Lions Year and my term as DG. Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

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