

## **LIONS JAYCEES COOPERATION**

At the October 1997 Board Meeting, the International Board of Directors approved a Cooperative Service Agreement with Junior Chamber International and authorized a Lions Clubs International (LCI)/Junior Chamber International (JCI) Service Credit Program, effective January 19, 1998.

This new policy will encourage former Jaycees to become active Lions and claim their prior JCI years of service as part of their Lions service record. Current Lions who are former JCI members have two years from January 19, 1998 to utilize this program. All JCI members retiring from Junior Chamber International at age 40 will also have two years to become Lions and claim their JCI years of service credit. All normal entrance or charter fees and dues are required to be paid in the same manner as other Lions would pay in joining the organization. Membership in a Lions Club is by invitation and acceptance by the club's membership.

To request this prior JCI credit, a Lion must complete the Junior Chamber International Service Credit Form, indicating the service and chapter history from their JCI record. This information will be verified with JCI Headquarters, attached to a monthly Membership.

Upon verification, the Lion's record will be revised to show the prior JCI service years. A special Lions/JCI Commemorative Service Lapel Pin will be sent to each of the participants in the program.

It is anticipated that this partnership will increase the establishment of new Lions Clubs and Jaycee chapters. Additional areas of joint participation include inviting officers to participate in the international conventions of both organizations, the area forums of LCI and national conventions of JCI; the preparation and submission of articles dealing with activities brought about by this agreement to each other's magazine; inviting one another to attend local meetings, service activities, conferences and conventions, communication in the development of local programming and projects; assuming leadership roles in partnership to promote volunteerism in the public sector; and cooperating in the development of joint programming at each other's international headquarters.