

CLUB PROGRAMS FOR NOVEMBER

- I. Rights and Privileges of Citizenship
- II. Armistice Day
- III. Red Cross Program
- IV. Thanksgiving

CALENDAR EVENTS

November 3—Independence Day (Panama)

4—Flag Day (Panama)

7—General Election Day

10—Saints' Day (Panama)

5-11—American Education Week

11—Armistice Day

19—Anniversary of Discovery of Island of Puerto Rico by Columbus

11-30—Red Cross Roll Call

23—Christmas Seal Sale Begins

28—Independence from Spain (Panama)

23—Thanksgiving Day

I. Rights and Privileges of Citizenship

The first meeting in November, when local elections will take place in most communities, gives the Citizenship and Patriotism Committee an excellent opportunity to further its program for the year.

In addition to taking the responsibility for getting out the voters in local elections, this committee is in a fine position to arrange a very interesting and instructive meeting centering around the Lions codified activities program of Citizenship and Patriotism, adopted as one of the eight major fields of endeavor.

The Lions Code of Citizenship and Patriotism, in lithographed form, was included in the February, 1939 issue of The Lion, and many Lion members at that time detached this from the magazine and had it framed for their offices or homes.

The suggestion is made that at this meeting the committee arrange for an address on citizenship and patriotism, stressing a rededication on the part of the individual member, to the Lions Code of Citizenship and Patriotism.

Many clubs will wish to obtain additional copies of the Code as mentioned above, and present one to each member on this occasion. The Code of Citizenship and Patriotism is listed in the catalogue of Lions Club supplies.

It is suggested that a member of the committee read this Code to the club during the meeting, following which each new member should be presented with a copy suitable for framing. If sufficient time is available, the club might like to have one copy of the Code framed for each member, and have these presented at this meeting.

II. Armistice Day

For the Armistice Day meeting an appropriate speaker would be one able to present "news of the day" and up-to-the-minute information on the international situation.

A good song leader will have ready a group of songs, suitable for Armistice Day, including the old favorites which were popular during the World War.

Through the co-operation of patriotic organizations in the community, clubs will be able to include presentation of colors with color guard and probably a special musical presentation to suit the occasion.

III. Red Cross Program

Clubs everywhere are familiar with the work of the American Red Cross, and the plan followed by that humanitarian organization in staging its annual Roll Call in November of each year.

This year the National Headquarters in Washington, D. C., has a new service to offer Lions Clubs in the form of several 16 mm. films picturing the work of the Red Cross throughout the world. The pictures may be obtained in either silent or sound, without charge, except for actual shipping expense. If it is desired to give a showing of one or more of these films at a meeting in November, get in touch with The American Red Cross, National Headquarters, Washington, D. C., advising whether you desire silent or sound films, and indicating your choice of titles and choice of dates.

The following titles are available in 16 mm. sound or silent and in 35 mm. sound:

FOOTSTEPS (a film dramatizing the training and varied experiences of the Red Cross nurse).

BEHIND THE FLOOD HEADLINES.

THE GREATEST MOTHER.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS TO THE RESCUE.

WHY NOT LIVE?

IV. Thanksgiving

Club interest in the harvest season, and in the welfare of the underprivileged, particularly the boys and girls of the poor families, offers a Lions club fine opportunity to carry on very worthwhile activities during Thanksgiving.

The program for Thanksgiving week is usually a night meeting, with a banquet and a lively program of special interest to the boys and girls who are honored guests.

At such a meeting each Lion is responsible for one or more of the underprivileged children of the community, and sees to it that the guests are returned to their homes safely after the meeting.

Plenty of community singing will get the meeting off to a good start, and the program also should include some special music and a stunt program of interest to boys and girls. If pictures are to be a feature of the program, these should center around friendships, home ties, and other related themes.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

"Education for the American Way of Life" is the theme for the nineteenth annual observance of American Education Week, November 5-11.

This week is an opportune time for the parents and citizens of the country to learn what the schools are doing to prepare citizens for democracy, and to evaluate these activities.

Clubs may participate by urging local participation in putting on an "Open House" in the Schools, through the co-operation of the parent-teacher organizations, school boards and faculty members.

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

Hallowe'en will soon be along with interest for everybody, and some communities have decided that if there is any cleaning up to do in connection with Hallowe'en, the youngsters can help do it; so they subtly combine clean-up campaigns with city-wide celebrations, which usually begin with a general parade for everyone. Carefully tended bonfires are built, and different groups compete to see who can burn the most rubbish.

CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE CAMPAIGN

The National Tuberculosis Association has, since 1907 through the annual sale of Christmas Seals, helped to eradicate tuberculosis in the countries where it operates. During these years of concentrated effort the death rate from tuberculosis has been cut seventy-five per cent. The good work must, obviously, continue to keep the dread disease as much under control as possible.

Lions International recommends participation in the purchase of these seals.