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Attached are the August Membership numbers.

As you will see, MD 33 is dangerously close to dropping below 9,000 Lions. We all need to pay very close attention to **recruiting** new members and **retaining** those we have. The MD Membership Committee is ready to assist the DG's and their MERL teams in any way.

Please, let us know what we can do to help.

Sometimes people say numbers are not important. But **Numbers ARE** important:

The **number** of community service projects a club holds
The **number** people whose lives will a little bit brighter
The **number** people who will see their first sunset
The **number** of times we can replace childrens' tears with smiles
The **number** people who go through the Eye Mobile
The **number** of lives saved by organ donations.
The **number** of hands to build a handicapped ramp
The **number** of times food will be on an otherwise empty table
The **number** of children who will NOT abuse alcohol and drugs
The **number** of fund raisers for Mass Eye Research, Scholarships, Anti-drug programs, bicycle safety programs, senior citizen dinners, etc., etc., etc.

What's important is that every new member and every current member represent the:

NUMBER of hands that can make our communities and our world
a better place for all of us.

Happy days.

PDG Dick