

**NICHELE SMITH  
LEO-LION BOARD LIAISON**

Nichele Smith of Sint Maarten, has been appointed by International President Mark Lyon to serve as the Leo-Lion Representative to the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors for 2026-2027.

Smith has dedicated the past 10 years to service as a Leo-Lion, building a solid foundation in leadership, mentorship and community impact. Her journey began as a transfer student in the United States, where she was first introduced to the Leo program — an experience that sparked her passion for service and leadership. Today, she is a proud member of the Lions Club of Sint Maarten.

Smith holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in forensic psychology. She leads the planning, execution and evaluation of national projects, manages finances and teams, oversees resources and reporting, and designs youth development programs — most notably the Sint Maarten Youth Brigade.

Throughout her Lions and Leo career, Smith has held numerous leadership roles, including Leo club president, Leo district president, Lions club vice president, multiple district Leo chairperson and Leo advisory panelist for Constitutional Area I. She is also an Omega Leo and a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Among her many accomplishments, Smith is especially proud of expanding a Period Poverty Project into a regional initiative that served communities across 12 Caribbean nations, demonstrating the power of collaboration and shared purpose. She also organized a district-wide Leo talent show benefiting LCIF. As a 2026-2027 Leo-Lion Board Liaison, she aims to actively engage young leaders, foster innovative dialogue and strengthen collaboration across clubs worldwide.

Outside of her Lions and Leo activities, Nichele enjoys spending quality time with her son, whether watching movies or relaxing at the beach. She also maintains an active lifestyle through gym workouts and also enjoys reading and singing karaoke.