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Leadership Input

By PDG Sharon Sikes, MD19 GLT Leadership Coordinator

It is that time of year when we begin to think about many things. Spring, Olympics, Spring, Warmer Temperatures, Spring, Club Leadership Candidates, Zone Leadership Candidates, Committee Leadership Candidates, In-Person meet-ups, Hybrid Meetings, Virtual Meetings, and of course, Spring.

Each of these has some aspect of leadership. Is there something we can we learn & build from these leadership examples? Where do we start? Who do we consider? With so many changes occurring at the LCI level, what tools and/or interests does our "leader of tomorrow" need to lead our committees, clubs, zones and districts productively into the future? WE SERVE is the answer.... not we meet, not we don't listen to new ideas or new ways to do old things, or the inability to break through cliques. What are important attributes in our future leaders?

PASSION is a key to leadership success. Passion to make a difference; Passion because it is something a volunteer/member wants to give their time for; Passion which is often displayed via enthusiasm – which leads to new member interest. It has a positive domino effect.

ENTHUSIASM is contagious...are we showing it? Enthusiasm is often seen as "having fun", "making a difference", and personal time appreciated and well used. Can you see that enthusiasm in new members and leaders and are you listening? Do you have longer term Lions with creative ideas...are you listening?

EFFECTIVE LISTENING is another excellent way to discover what your volunteers/members are interested in. When was the last time you asked them? If your members are burned out from re-serving in leadership roles, look to other passionate members in your club or partner with other community organizations to work together to serve your community. Are you listening? Community partnerships can lead to new members.

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Link to More Information

LCIF Key Partnerships - The Carter Center
<https://www.cartercenter.org/donate/corporate-governement-foundation-partners/archives/lions-clubs-key-partnership.html>

USA/Canada Lions Future Forums:
<https://lionsforum.org/future-forums/>

Having a challenge with MyLION/MyLCI? Spend some time at this website <https://mylion.zendesk.com/hc/en-us>

District Goals Planning video series: [JumpStart January: Road to Success Series Playlist](#)

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MD19 Council Chairperson

John Moralek

Resilience in the Face of Change
Musings of the Council Chair ~

I would like to talk a more about Awards and Recognitions that are available in Canada and the US. In this issue, I will concentrate mostly on the Canadian side.



Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides

The Foundation trains dog guides in seven different categories and provide dogs free of charge to those in need.

They have a large selection of awards and recognitions. The most prestigious is the Judge Brian Stevenson fellowship. This is awarded for a donation of \$500. The recipient receives a certificate, medallion & and a lapel pin. In addition, they offer a JBS Progressive Fellowship for a \$500 donation. This is a way to further honor an individual who has received the JBS award. It comes with a certificate, a ruby lapel pin and a gold bar for the medallion. They also offer a Foundation Fellowship for \$250, a Life Membership for \$100 that includes a certificate and for an additional \$50 would be mounted. Lastly, they offer a Progressive Life Membership for \$100. This includes a certificate that can be upgraded as well as a pin.

BC Lions hearing Conservation Society

The Society recycles hearing aids and supports the purchase of hearing aids for those that cannot afford them. They offer a Meade Sutherland Fellowship that includes a certificate, lapel pin and a medallion for a \$500 donation.

BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities (Easter Seals)

The Society runs camps for challenged individuals of all ages as well as operate Easter Seals House, which supplies housing to families of children from out of the Vancouver, BC area that are in BC Children's Hospital. They offer a Larry Schrodtt Memorial Award for a donation to their foundation of \$500. The recipient would receive a letter, a certificate and an engraved clock.

Lions Quest Canada

The Quest supports youth to avoid bullying and make healthy choices in life. They offer a Q Bear Fan Club for a \$100 donation and for a \$500 donation a Lions Quest Fellowship.

As you can see, there are quite a few ways we can offer recognition. These are Canadian charities, but for our American Lions I am sure they would be more than happy to accept your donations too.

In the next issue, I will focus on some cross-border donations and awards/recognitions from the US.

Candidate for Council Chairperson

By VCC Lyndon Harriman



It is with great excitement that I announce my candidacy for the office of council chairperson.

I have been a Lion for over 20 years. Never in my history with the Lions have I ever witnessed such changes occur as are happening right now. As an organization, we must act now

to ensure that the vibrancy, health and success continues into the foreseeable future. Over the last several years, we have been bleeding members at an alarming rate, this was exacerbated by Covid-19. Further, Covid forced Lions to change how we interact. This caused us to lose our greatest asset, face-to-face interactions. Now we are at an alarmingly low level of membership.

We must take steps to mitigate our losses and strengthen our districts, zones and clubs. Towards that end, our multiple district has been examining redistricting to strengthening our districts by consolidating nine districts into five. This will allow new interactions within the new districts, hopefully sparking new ideas, new projects and new leaders. I have been involved in the Redistricting Committee since its inception over a year and a half ago. Personally, I researched the wants and needs of the potential leaders in my own district. Further, I have examined every variable, plan and change submitted to the committee. The current proposal is the least disruptive and most conducive to the success and growth of our multiple district.

As the incoming council chairperson, I believe that I can be instrumental in this transitional period. During my term as council chairperson with nine districts, I want to bring about a feeling of positivity and anticipation for what could be a Multiple District of five. I plan to foster a climate of comradery, cooperation and forward thinking. I believe Lions of Multiple District 19 can and will rise to the occasion. I think that we need to reconnect with our roots of personal interaction. I plan to listen to concerns and problems from Lions and perhaps provide solutions. I want to foster, encourage and develop ideas that promote fun and competitiveness between clubs, zones and districts. We need to embrace our strengths and focus on the future. I would like to see a multiple district competition involving every district with one or two zones in each acting as an anchor or home to the activity. I look forward to suggestions from Lions, clubs, zones and districts.

If you are unfamiliar with my history in Lions, I can assure you that I have held every office at the local, zone, cabinet and district level. I am completing my term as Vice Council Chairperson; it has been exciting and fulfilling. My leadership experiences outside of Lions is just as extensive.

KidSight NW Lions

By Kris Reinbold, Seattle-Lake City Lions
lionkrisr@gmail.com

Does your club help with Vision Screenings in your schools and/or communities? Wonder why we need to report the results? The NW Lions Foundation reports this information to an organization called Lions KidSight USA.
<https://www.lionskidsightusa.org/>

Lions KidSight USA has been working with Lions Clubs performing vision screenings since the late 1990's. With their years of experience and experts on their Board of Directors, they have developed a comprehensive training manual so that we, Lions, can become "Specifically Trained Volunteers" to help in school settings around the USA.

We share the following data after a screening event: Number Screened, Number Referred, Age Range of Participants, and Screening Instruments Used. There is no personal information or individual results collected by any of our Lions Clubs. It is up to each school nurse or administrator to determine how they want the results reported to them, we just gather final counts.

What does Lions KidSight USA do with the information they collect? They have been using it to research trends in school reporting and children's vision. Information just like this, is what helped change the law in Washington State in 2017, so that both near and far vision screenings are now required for school aged children.

If you would like more information about this program contact Dave Risley at davidrisley@comcast.net
Ready to report your screening results? Please send to md19screeningdata@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 23, 2022 5-10 PM

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IN THE MARIE ANTOINETTE ROOM
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Lions Health Screening Unit

By PDG Mike Parker, former Operations Manager LHSU

My wife, PZC Pat and I operated the 66 foot long truck and trailer used for health screenings for almost 20 years.

The LHSU is a unit that has test equipment to test adults for visual acuity, glaucoma, blood sugar (diabetes), hearing, and blood pressure. The main focus was testing kids for vision and hearing. In the 20 years that we operated the unit, approximately 35,000-40,000 adults were tested. Additionally, approximately 450,000 kids, almost exclusively kindergarten through 7th grade students were tested.

This was probably the most rewarding job I've had during my entire working career. Seeing kids and adults receive help when problems were detected made every minute worked or mile traveled worth it. I knew that money donated to the Foundation and every dollar budgeted to the LHSU was doing good. To have a teacher tell you that a student 'blossomed' when they got new glasses, made the travel and hours more than worth it.

We got to know all of Washington and Northern Idaho very well. Traveling 35,000 miles per year in trips from one day to two and one half months could be exhausting but, again it was more than worth it.

To all Lions who have contributed to the Foundation or are considering doing so, know that the money goes for a good cause. Look at a child who just got glasses and see the smile on his face. You can't help but smile with them.



Calling all Lions & Leos



DISTRICT H SPRING CONFERENCE

March 12th, 2022

[Click for more information](#)

Zoom Details to be advised prior to conference

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Spring Conference - District B

The District 19-B 2021-2022 spring conference, scheduled for April 2, 2022, has gone Virtual. Contact conference chair [PDG Mel Fernandez](#) for more information.

Spring Conference - District A

District 19-A has scheduled its 2021-2022 spring conference for April 15 to 16, 2022. Contact conference co-chairs [PDG Henry Ng](#) or [PDG Peter Cheng](#) for more information.



Don't miss out on the fun! Reserve your spot today!

Admission to the main event is \$5 – An additional \$10 includes a "Party Pack" to enhance your conference experience!

Sign up now at <https://www.19fdistrictgovernor.com/>
[select Upcoming Events to get to the registration page]

Looking forward to having you join us!

Spring Conference - District D

Save the date! District 19-D has scheduled a Virtual 2021-2022 spring conference for April 23, 2022. Check back here for more details as they become available. Contact conference co-chairs [PDG Joe Nilles](#), [PZC Dorothy Nilles](#) or [PDG Shelley Costello](#) for more information.

Spring Conference - District C

District 19-C has cancelled its 2021-2022 spring conference (originally scheduled for April 8 to 9, 2022). Elections will be conducted online and there will be a banner-passing this summer at a date to be determined. Contact conference co-chair [PDG Marilyn Danby](#) for more information.

Spring Conference Countdown is On! District I Convention is on April 1-3, 2022

Register to get in for our EARLY-BIRD DRAW before February 28, 2022. The link to register is below. Any refunds will be refunded after March 15, 2022.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/district-19-i-spring-convention-tickets-204674094727>

Hotels for accommodation options:

The Grand Hotel - 250-758-3000
Inn on Long Lake - 250-758-1144
Best Western Northgate - 250-390-2222

Friday Night we will roar back to the 20's so bring out those costumes. There will be an open bar, games, prizes.

Saturday Morning after our opening session there will be three morning panels: Tail Twisting, Discover how your personality type fits into your Lions Club, Lions Quest.

Saturday Luncheon/Afternoon - Stay tuned for updated information.
Our guest speaker during the banquet is PIP Joe Preston

Sunday Morning we will hold our Celebration of Life

LET'S GET READY TO ROAR LIONS IN STYLE!!!

Spring Conference - District E

District 19-E has scheduled its 2021-2022 spring conference for May 6 to 7, 2022. Contact conference co-chairs [PDG Ken Cook](#) or [Peggy Harriman](#) for more information.



[Click for more information](#)

**IT IS CONFERENCE TIME
IN DISTRICT 19G
LIVE!**

At The Heathman Lodge

7801 NE Greenwood Drive
Vancouver, Washington 98682

May 13 and 14, 2022



Katelyn's Story - Two Brown Eyes

By PDG Ken Cook, District E Foundation Trustee

In 2005, the Rathdrum Lions Club asked the Northwest Lions Foundation for help with a Patient Care Grant in the amount of \$8,500.00 for a cornea transplant for a little three year old girl. After the surgery, she looked in a mirror and made the comment that she had two brown eyes.

Now 17 years later, here is that girl. Her mother said, she never slowed down. She went through school like any other girl. In middle and high school, she played three different instruments in band. She worked for McDonald's, then went to college to become CNA. She earned her degree and now is working at a senior living home.

Her mother wants to thank the Foundation again, as for her it is a miracle that her daughter can see out of both eyes and it still hasn't slowed her down. Katelyn and her fiance, Kyle, have purchased a home and plan to marry in the summer.

This is what the money we collect for White Cane Day is used for. Katelyn is very glad that we do this, and says "Thank you"!

Cornea transplant brings normalcy to three-year old



Katelyn Shove of Rathdrum, Idaho liked what she saw when she looked in the mirror following her cornea transplant surgery. A Lions Patient Care grant from the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing and the Rathdrum Lions made the surgery possible.



"Friends of the Garden" donations are always welcome from individuals or Lions Clubs. The Garden at MD19 office can't exist without contributions. Encourage your Club to budget annual support (\$1.00 per member would be spectacular!)

For more information, contact the MD19 office at 360-733-4911



LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

LEADER DOG NEWS FOR LIONS

February 2021

From Suzy Farbman, Read the Spirit

Lions are “Message Carriers”

What Happens When an International Advocate for Women Needed a Miracle? A Divine Message Placed by a Lion Appeared



While Wendi was working to help women learn to read by the water wells in South Sudan, her eyesight started to diminish. She was going blind from Retinitis Pigmentosa.

Receiving such a tough diagnosis, she decided to go camping on her own for a week. “I didn’t want to fall apart in front of my kids.” From her home in Wisconsin, she went to Bridgeman, MI, camping on the sand dunes. She made a list of everything she’d miss, including the chance to someday see her grandkids’ faces. The concession stand on the beach happened to have a Lions Club brochure featuring a “really cute” guide dog from Leader Dogs for the Blind. “I’d never have guessed that seven years later that organization would make a profound difference in my life.”

She didn’t fall apart. *Continued next column*

“I thanked God for saving me from a nervous breakdown.

I just decided not to give up. The inspiration I got from my refugee friends gave me the strength to go on.

I’m a storyteller and a fundraiser who’s committed to positive change. I could still be that person. My life’s work now has become decreasing the stigma of blindness and other disabilities caused by ableist attitudes.”

Only 10% of legally blind people use a white cane or a sight dog to go places on their own. When you use these aids, she says, you gain independence, but you make your blindness known to others. “For me, coming out with my blindness gave me my life back.” At first Wendi was “embarrassed” to be going blind. “Not anymore,” she says. “My goal now is to help others with low or no vision remain independent.” She’s dedicated to combatting ableism and to improving the safety and accessibility of environments.

As baby boomers mature, Wendi says, age-related blindness is a growing concern. “I’m sounding the alarm. We’re reaching a crisis point. We need many more resources to help people with sight loss stay independent.”

Order free brochures for your club to post on our website (under Lions/Resources).

BE OF SERVICE
LeaderDog.org/Lions

FOLLOW THE LEADER   

2022 Northwest Lions Leadership Institute Registration Deadline Extended to March 25, 2022



**LEADERSHIP:
UNLEASH YOUR
INNER
BEAST**

at the
**NORTHWEST
LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

May 5-8, 2022
Harrison Beach Hotel,
Harrison Hot Springs,
British Columbia, CAN

www.nwlli.org

*Are you ready to take the next step to
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We invite you to join us at the

2022 NORTHWEST LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE!

When: May 5-8, 2022

Where: Harrison Beach Hotel
Harrison Hot Springs
British Columbia, CAN

Cost: \$350 (deposit of \$150 US/CAN at par)
*Applicants from Clubs in MD19 can apply
for a special fee waiver, which can reduce
the cost of the Institute by \$200.*

The cost covers:

- 3 nights lodging
- 4 meals
- All training materials

The application process includes several
steps which **all** must be complete and
submitted by **February 1, 2022**.

For more information, visit our website:
www.nwlli.org

Or contact:

Art Weatherly
registrar@nwlli.org ♦ 360-898-0060

Border Crossing Ordering Options

The *Border Crossing* is automatically emailed by AWeber as a link to all club, zone, district and multiple district officers. Those wanting a hard copy of the newspaper, including the above listed officers, will need to purchase a subscription.

2020-2021 Lions Year:

Border Crossing: 6 issues in hard copy format. Subscription begins with the August issue. \$16.00 to U.S. Addresses; \$20.00 to Canadian Addresses.

Roster and Border Crossing:

2020-2021 MD19 Roster Only: Cost is \$6.00 U.S. Funds plus shipping and handling.

Add \$4.00 S/H for U.S. Addresses and \$5.00 for Canadian Addresses.

2020-2021 MD19 Roster plus Hard Copy of *Border Crossing*:

Mailed to U.S. Addresses: Border Crossing \$16.00 plus Roster \$10.00 = \$26.00 USD

Mailed to Canadian Addresses: Border Crossing \$20.00 plus Roster \$11.00 = \$31.00 USD

Send form below with your check or money order to cover all items ordered to MD19, 4141 West Maplewood Ave., Bellingham, WA 98226. No Credit Cards Please. All orders are pre-paid only. Questions: 360-733-4911 or md19lions@lionsmd19.org

Print Name on Line Above _____

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City _____

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Zip/Postal Code _____

Border Crossing Link! IMPORTANT! All club, Zone, District and Multiple District Officers and Email Border Crossing subscriptions will receive an email from Peter Anderson, via our AWeber email communications system sometime in late July with the Subject: "Confirm You Subscription". Within that same email is a link that you need to click on in order to give us permission to send you the Border Crossing link and other important MD19 information during the year. You **must confirm your "subscription" in order for us to communicate with you by following this procedure.** If you do not confirm that you will accept further communications via AWeber, your email will be automatically removed from the list and nothing further can be sent to you.



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Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Billing Address: _____

Street Address / P.O. Box

City

State/Prov.

Zip/Postal code

Size of Ad: _____ #of issues: _____ Amount Paid: _____

If paying by credit card, please complete the following: () Visa () Master Card

Card # _____ Expiry Date ____ / ____

Signature: _____ (payment will be in US Funds)

Border Crossing / AWeber (Emailed Ads & Announcements sent to MD19 Lions)

2020-21 Rates cover inclusion in 1 issue of The Border Crossing and 1 AWeber Message.

Full Page	\$160.00	(8.5 x 11)
1/2 Page	85.00	
1/4 Page	50.00	
Business Card	35.00	

The *Border Crossing* is published August, October, December, February, April & June with a publication date of the 10th of the month. All ad information **MUST** be in the MD19 Office by the last day of the month previous to publication.

The AWeber announcement with the ad will be emailed out to all subscribers within 10 working days of the *Border Crossing* in which the ad is published.

Submission Guidelines: Camera ready artwork in either a .jpeg, .png or .tif file. When submitting written copy only, not camera ready, an additional \$25.00 will be charged for ad design. You will be asked to sign off on any ad created for you. Specify ad size and number of issues the ad will run.

Vital Information

The MD19 Second Half Dues statements were emailed January 11-12, 2022 to Club Treasurers or Secretary/Treasurers. If no email address available, they were mailed January 13th. Dues are based on the December 31st membership total or from the most recent WMMR received at LCI. If your club has not received an MD19 dues statement, please contact the office ASAP – md19admin@lionsmd19.org or call 360-733-4911.

Secretaries and Treasurers: Check the MD19 Website (www.lionsmd19.org) under "Toolbox>Stats" to make sure your dues were received and posted. If you've sent a check it could be that it has not yet been received. Check with the office to confirm.

District Spring Conferences/Conventions: Many of our District Conferences/Convention will be held virtually. In these cases, club secretaries will receive an email with information on their delegate allotment. They will also receive a district officer ballot with instructions on where to send the ballot.

For districts having an in-person conference delegate/alternate forms will be sent to the secretaries at least three weeks before the conference with a letter and instructions.

Regardless of whether the conference is virtual or in person the club's must have their MD19 2021-2022 First Half Dues paid prior to the District Conference in order for delegates to vote.

Club Officers for the Lions year 2022-2023 should be elected prior to April 15th. Your PU101 (International) must be completed and **received** by LCI AND the MD19 Office on or before **May 15th**. Instructions for doing the PU101 online with your clubs' MyLCI site can be found in the MD19 Contests and Awards Book under Secretary Excellence Award Rules. An AWeber notification with the instructions will also be sent in March.

Canadian LCIF Donations: Send donations directly to LCIF. Canadian clubs requiring a tax receipt send checks to: Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF, C/O Stan Durward, Box 38, Sunderland, Ontario L0C 1H0. If only an acknowledgement letter is needed (no tax receipt required) send your donation to: Lions Clubs International Foundation, P.O. Box 2425, Station "A", Toronto, Ontario M5W 2K5. All cheques must have proper identification of donors (full club name / club number and member name and number). **US clubs** send your checks to: LCIF, Department 4547, Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547, USA.

CARE Donations, both US and Canadian are sent to the MD19 Office, 4141 W Maplewood Ave., Bellingham, WA 98226. Make checks out to: MD19 Lions CARE.

ADDRESS CHANGE FOR MD19 OFFICE: Come May, 2022, the address we currently have for the MD19 Office – 4141 W. Maplewood Ave. will be changed to **4141 Bennett Drive**. We will start using this new address on all our correspondence to Lions.

Christmas Ship Cancelled

The Lions Christmas Cruise has been cancelled for the year 2021 because of UNRESOLVED issues regarding SOLAS (Safety Of Life At Sea) regulations currently in discussion between the USA and Canada governments. These are requirements for vessels carrying passengers and guests on International Waters. They will require extensive changes in vessels and their crew training. The cost is tremendous and cannot be completed in time for the Christmas Cruise.

There is no ship this side of the Great Lakes capable of qualifying in time for us. On the singularly positive side, it appears that we will be running in 2022.

Funding of MD19 Border Crossing:

The salary for The Border Crossing editor is partially funded by a grant from the MD19 Lions Service and Leadership Development Foundation. This is an example of your leadership dollars at work in the Multiple District.

Leadership Input - continued from page 1

RISK is a factor in every aspect of our lives. The risk of if we do and the risk of if we don't. Change is a risk. Are you ready for change? Have you considered how it could work and stepping away from why it won't work? Not enough volunteers to make something happen? Reach into your communities for help...extra hands and possible new members.

Passion, Enthusiasm, Effective Listening, Risk = PEER. It is our peers who make things happens. It is our peers who provide leadership and work force to get things done. It is our peers who passionately and enthusiastically make things happen. Are we providing ours peers the opportunity to share their passion and enthusiasm in needed leadership roles? February is a great time to start that thinking process.

UPCOMING VIRTUAL TRAINING

REQUIRED: Zone Chairperson, First & Second Vice District Governors Friday, May 20, 5:00-9:00 pm and Saturday, May 21, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Club Officer Virtual Training dates will be available in next Border Crossing

VCC Candidate - continued from page 2

I started teaching in 1978, and quickly became involved in the local educational association. I held every office locally and moved onto the state level. I served 12 years on the Idaho Educations State Board of Directors, six years on the Professional Standards Commission, two of the six years was as the chairperson, working directly with the State Board of Education. Moving onto the national level, I served eight terms as the State Representative to the National Education Associations Delegate Assembly, where I had the privilege of debating points of education law in front of 10,000 delegates. For a more complete biography, check out the MD archives.

I truly look forward to serving you, my fellow Lions of Multiple District 19. I humbly ask for your support during this transitional period in our history. Please Vote for Lyndon Harriman as your next Council Chairperson. Thank you all!

Northwest Lions Foundation, Example of Community Collaboration

By Donna Oiland, Trustee, District B, Northwest Lions Foundation

A few months ago the president of Lions Clubs International challenged clubs to find ways to collaborate with other community organizations on a service project. Lion Karen Ko of the Seattle First Hill Lions Club contacted the Seattle Chinatown International District Public Development Authority and the International Community Health Services (ICHS) organization to if there was away the club could participate in a project. The First Hill Club is active in their community but, because of the challenges of the last few years does not have the financial resources usually available.

A representative from ICHS shared a need to help the Seattle World School get glasses for children of immigrant and refugee families. The idea of helping these kids adjust to life in this country seemed like a perfect project for the First Hill Lions.

The New York based company Warby Parker has stores in Seattle and has made a corporate commitment to give away a pair of glasses for each pair the company sells. Warby Parker agreed to provide 20 pair of glasses for students at the school.

The next challenge for the club was to get eye exams for 20 students. The exams could be done for \$125 each for a total of \$2,500. The First Hill Club didn't have the total amount but, felt they could cover half of the cost of exams. After inquiring about funds available from different sources in District B, the First Hill request was presented to the NW Lions Foundation Board of Trustees. Although the parameters of the project were a little outside the guidelines of Foundation usual requests, at the December meeting of the Foundation Board, the request was approved on a urgent need basis. There you have it. Twenty students needing glasses, a Lions Club following through to find a way to collaborate with community organizations and the Northwest Lions Foundation helping make it possible.

Where there is a need there is a Lion.

Early pricing extended until March 31

As we look forward to our 104th Lions Clubs International Convention in Montréal, we realize that current international travel guidelines continue to change. In order to give all Lions and Leos a better opportunity to make their travel arrangements to the convention, we are extending the early discounted pricing deadline to March 31, 2022.

Register by March 31, 2022, and pay the discounted US\$175 registration fee.
We can't wait to see you in Montréal!



Registration
is now OPEN

Go to the LCI website and click on LCIcon to find the link for registration.

Also check the Facebook Page for updates and information...

MD19 visits Montreal

JUST AN FYI... Montreal live is still on, but here's a new component: LCIcon 2022 Virtual Access

Since our first international convention in 1917, meeting face-to-face with Lions from all corners of the world has been the cornerstone of our flagship Lions event. Each year, we strive to bring Lions a unique and exciting experience. And that is exactly what we have our sights set on for the event in Montréal. However, we know this year may present unique challenges, preventing some Lions and Leos from joining us in person.

While there are many things we can't control in today's world, we can ensure Lions won't have to miss out on some of the most time-honored traditions and exciting moments of LCIcon.

A Word from Our International Director

By ID Allan Hunt

Here we are, heading into the last half of this Lions year. One that will continue to evolve toward a time in which we can get back to a somewhat normal way of doing business and interacting with each other. Zooming works but, being in person is better.

I know that currently the MD19 Strategic Planning Committee is continuing to work on a redistricting plan directed by the Council of Governors. Having been through this once before in this MD and being an observer in other MDs it is not an easy task. There are times when the entire committee must feel like a group of lion tamers, in a cage, with real african lions. Any change is a challenge but, as has been said many times, we need an open mind. A mind is like a parachute if it isn't open, it isn't working.



Our Vision statement is "To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service"; our Motto is "We Serve". As most of you know, I serve as the Chairperson of the Lions International Service and Activities Committee. We look at service that is reported on a very regular basis. One of the interesting things I see is, in those areas where Lions are out visibly serving, we are attracting new members. Where we are not out visibly serving our communities, we are struggling to maintain the members that we have. Service also gives our members a purpose in this time of somewhat challenging mental attitudes, getting out and serving in any capacity benefits our attitudes as well. Serving is a win-win and reporting it makes it even better.

One of the other areas covered by the Service and Activities Committee is advocacy. The committee is responsible for Lions Day on Capital Hill in Washington DC, Lions Day at the UN, and other Lions Days around the world. We have a first Lions Day on Parliament Hill coming up this fall, where we will be acquainting the federal politicians with what we Lions are all about. In the USA, the government has reached out to Lions to assist with the Afghan resettlement program where we have been asked to help integrate Afghan families into USA society. The Afghans involved all had a direct relationship to supporting the US military when they were in Afghanistan. This is a purely humanitarian effort, nothing more or less. At the end of the day, it is anticipated that any club that becomes involved will be zero dollars out of pocket. If you have questions, please contact me.

Speaking of dollars and conventions, our vision is to have the first face-to-face convention since Milan, in Montreal. The DGs of the current year who did not get to go to an International Convention can register for this convention for a significantly reduced price. Voting this year will be electronic however, you need to be registered to vote. One of the items on the ballot is a carry over from Singapore (the one that never happened). This item is a dues adjustment of \$7 over three years starting in July 2023, the first year is a \$3 (USD) increase followed by two \$2 (USD) increases. By the end of this proposed adjustment, our dues will still be lower than what the other major service organizations in the world currently are.

I was recently at an event where many Lions were inducted into our association. One of the speakers spoke of the key to success as a leader, it is simply, show up. Remember that We Serve a World in Need. We Serve from the Heart.

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MD19 ANNUAL CONVENTION

Save the Date

OCTOBER 13 - 15, 2022



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	LCIF	CARE
19-A PZC George Sim*		100
19-C PDG Emerson Bishop In Memory of: Lea Bishop & PZC Bob Kelley		200
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19-E VCC Lyndon Harriman*		75
19-F Karen Durke*		35
19-F DG Melissa Smith*		500
19-G DG Marilyn & PDG Steve Patterson*		50
19-G 2nd VDG Leslie Chasse*		20
19-G PDG Stephen adn Shelley Staudinger		50
19-H CC John Moralek*		50
19-H Walnut Grove Leo Club (H-3)		250
19-H Michele Barrie* In honor of her children: Scott, Dylan and Ian		150
Council of Governors' CARE Pledge (10/16/2021)		
19-A PDG Grace Hwo		200
19-A Eric Miura		500
19-B PID Roger & PDG Rosemary Richert		100
19-B PID Ann & DG Tom Smarsh		100
19-C PCC Al Hedstrom		100
19-C PZC Bob Johnson		50
19-D PDG Joe & PZC Dorothy Nilles		100
19-D DG Joyce Stevens		200
19-E PDG Harry Lippincott		500
19-G DG Marilyn & PDG Steve Patterson		50
19-H Michele Barrie		50
19-I DG Lorne Bunyan		50

* Pledge given at MD19 Convo

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Memorials for December 2021

A 2	Mount Seymour	Bruce Higgins
A 4	Granisle	Paula Forbes
A 4	Granisle	PDG Dave Herd
B 1	Snohomish	Marie Calozza
C 4	Silverdale Sunrise	William A. Swope
D 1	Vernon	Gary Raasch
D 5	Moses Lake	Susan C. Hodges
D 5	Quincy Valley	Anne M. Durfee
E 11	Priest River	Janice Mullaley
E 11	Priest River	Betty Lorraine Simkins
F 7	Potlatch	David Harris
G 2	Fort Vancouver	De Lores J. Milligan
G 2	Vancouver Dawn	Don Relyea
G 3	Aberdeen	Fred J. Thurman
H 3	Maple Ridge	Fer Ramak
H 4	North Delta	Allan Debruyne
H 7	Coupeville	John C. Purcell
I 7	Gabriola Island	John E. Barton

Memorials for January 2022

B 2	Seattle University Ballard	Kathleen Maki
B 2	Seattle University Ballard	Christine P. McGarry
B 3	Mill Creek	Roy A. DeSoto
B 5	Kennydale	Dale J. Jenks
C 1	Lakewood First	John R. Fitzpatrick
C 5	Mineral Lake	Edward McMains
D 2	Wenatchee Valley	Peggy Wolfe
D 5	Moses Lake	PDG Frank Karas
F 2	Sunnyside	Carol Stone
F 3	Dayton	Brian Kaczmariski
F 7	Moscow Central	Kenneth White
G 3	Aberdeen	James H. Weyrich
G 3	Cosmopolis	Bob J. Dieter
G 3	Cosmopolis	Ricky Lee Hill
G 3	Cosmopolis	Rodney F. Mayte
H 1	Lynden	Mark A. Jordan
H 2	Mount Vernon	Lisle C. Russell Sr.
H 3	Aldergrove	Gordon Mufford
H 5	Port Coquitlam	Steve Pellerdi
H 6	Chilliwack Dogwood Monarch	Weston Hawes
H 7	Coupeville	Dale R. Riddle
H 7	Lopez Island	Joyce E. Seifert
I 3	Mayne Island	William Holmgren
I 5	Baynes Sound	Marc Vercleyen
I 6	Port McNeill	Joe Varga

Percentages of WMMRs received for month of January 2022 and Second Half Dues Paid for 2021-2022

	WMMRs	DUES
19-A	63%	46%
19-B	61%	57%
19-C	70%	63%
19-D	100%	67%
19-E	73%	67%
19-F	60%	62%
19-G	71%	55%
19-H	74%	70%
19-I	100%	65%

MD19 Calendar of Events 2021 - 2022

Winter CoG Meeting – Virtual Style
Spokane Central 100th Anniversary Celebration
NW Lions Leadership Institute

February 18-19, 2022
April 23, 2022
May 5-8, 2022

District Conventions

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| • 19-H | Virtual | March 12, 2022 |
| • 19-F | Virtual | March 25-26, 2022 |
| • 19-B | Bothell, WA | April 1-2, 2022 |
| • 19-I | Nanaimo, B.C. | April 1-3, 2022 |
| • 19-C | Cancelled | |

Hey Lions April 8th Trivia: MD19 Admin Michele & MD19 ExecDirector Peter share that as their birthday! Who's bringing cake? DQ Ice Cream Cake preferred!

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| • 19-A | Richmond, B.C. | April 15-16, 2022 |
| • 19-D | Virtual | April 23, 2022 |
| • 19-E | Post Falls, ID | May 6-7, 2022 |
| • 19-G | Vancouver, WA | May 13-14, 2022 |

Lions Clubs International 104th Convention Montreal, QC June 24-28, 2022
You can register for the 2022 international convention now: [registration site](#)

46th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Calgary, AB September 15-18, 2022

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