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## Virtual Meeting Tips

By PDG Wanda Carisse, MD19 GLT Leadership Coordinator

With the impact of the COVID-19, clubs are moving online. It's a great way to keep people connected, keep momentum going, and provide a much-needed sense of routine in a time when many people's lives are disrupted. I was thinking it might be helpful to search for some helpful hits. I found the Toastmasters International to be the most helpful source.

Here's a few tips if you are ATTENDING a meeting

1. Test your Technology to make sure your camera, microphone and speakers are working. Arriving 5-10 minutes before the meeting starts allows you time to check that everything is working well.
2. Eliminate noise. If possible, find a quiet space. Try to eliminate background noises such as dog's barking or children playing in the background. Remember to mute your phone. Some microphones will pick up small noise such as paper rattling or the person typing on their computer or the person breathing. All of these can be distracting for other participants.
3. Mute your microphone when you are not speaking.
4. When Talking, make eye-contact with your camera not your screen. Some sites even suggested putting a stickie note by your camera to remind you where to look.
5. Think about your background. Try to clear any distracting items from behind you. Some technology, like Zoom, have backgrounds you can use. To be most effective, these backgrounds need a solid colored background or greenscreen. Try them out in advance as you might find them to be too distracting.
6. Use proper lighting. Work in a well lite room and avoid light sources that are directed at your camera.
7. Treat it Like Any Other Meeting. Dress, speak and behave like you would in any other meeting. If you wouldn't do a particular behaviour in an in-person meeting – don't do that behaviour in a virtual meeting.

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## Link to More Information

MD19 Annual Convention 2020 Penticton hotel reservation link <http://www.onressystems.com/vendors/pentictonlakesideresort/Group-Reservations.html>

From there, attendees can simply enter the conference dates with promo code "MD19"

LCI Responds to COVID-19 <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/coronavirus>

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>

Make a donation to LCIF Campaign 100 here <https://lionsclubs.org/en/give-how-to-give/campaign-100>

Canadian Clubs donate here: <https://lionsofcanadafundforcif.ca/>



## Council of Governors Meeting

Will be held Saturday, June 27, 2020 in a new online only format starting at 10 am.

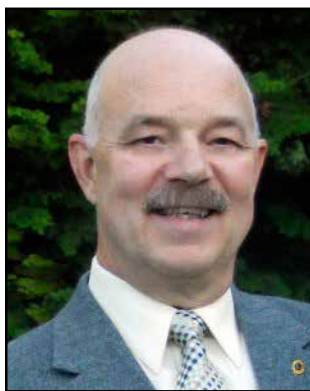
If you wish to participate, contact Executive Director Peter Anderson at [executivedirector@lionmd19.org](mailto:executivedirector@lionmd19.org) or 360-733-4911

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## MD19 Council Chairperson

**J.D. Nellor**



### Now Maybe I Can Catch up

Time flies, right?

It is impossible for me to wrap my head around the fact that this is my last Border Crossing message as the MD19 Council Chair. It seems like only yesterday...

Susan's and my opportunity to personally celebrate the 2019-2020 year with your Districts this spring was sidelined by something called SARS-CoV-2. But my thoughts about this year are defined way more by what I saw that you, the Lions of MD19, do than the sideshow we have faced the last couple of months. Every visit we made, every Lion we met, every meeting, celebration, every project we had the pleasure of attending left Susan and me with memories that will last our lifetime. And here is a confession: With every visit throughout the Multiple District, a quote attributed to Mahatma Ghandi kept coming to mind:

*"There go my people. I must hurry to catch up with them for I am their leader."*

It is your work, ideas and passion that made MD19 tick. I had the pleasure of a front row seat, watching in amazement, and it has filled me with pride.

I offer congratulations to incoming Council Chairperson Al Hedstrom and Vice Council Chairperson John Moralek. It is comforting to be able to hand off MD19 to such committed, passionate Lions.

To my governors: Dr. Ken Liu from 19-A, who stepped in following the passing of DG Bob Nordlund; Mike Lally, from 19-B; Pat Burch from 19-C; Debbie Bostock from 19-D; Frank Bega from 19-E; Ken Allen from 19-F; Steve Staudinger from 19-G; Patty Allan, now Patty Allan-White, from 19-H; and Cec Specht from 19-I. You were thrown quite a curve ball just as the second half of your DG year began. I am frustrated that the ability to offer you the face-to-face congratulations this spring that you each have earned were scuttled. That chance will come, though. I wait with great anticipation to deliver the handshakes you each richly deserve.

PDGs Wanda Carisse, David Walk, and Crystal Walk. Respectively the MD19 GLT, GMT, and GST, together the MD19 GAT. It has been a constant source of joy to watch this team work.

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## Northwest Lions Foundation

By Bill Lundin, Chairperson Northwest Lions Foundation

I want to share with each of you important program changes necessitated by the Covid-19 pandemic to the Northwest Lions Foundation.

During an Emergency Executive Board meeting in March the committee curtailed all Lions Support Projects for 2020 with the exception of our Hearing Program. These include Patient Care Grants, Project Support Applications and all Screening programs and events. The Executive Board was successful funding the continuation of our Hearing Aid Program for the remainder of the year. None of us can predict when we will be allowed to re-engage with the public and resume even modified screening programming. Our hope is to renew our school and public health screenings when the pandemic subsides.

### How Clubs Can Help? "White Cane Days"

Your Club support is needed today more than ever. We are asking every Club to look for ways to increase contributions for 2020. Our 2020 WCD Goal is \$200,000.00 and every dollar will be used to support community programs. With the support of our MD19 community, this is an attainable goal!

For over 50 years, the Lions of Washington and North Idaho have used the White Cane Days as the primary fundraising tool for the Foundation. At that time, a huge Public Relations push was essential for the clubs and their communities to know just what the Foundation was and 'Just what are they doing with our money'?

It is still essential for the clubs to contact their local media, to make them aware of our projects and our goals. Thank the community for all that they have done for you, and let them know that they are appreciated.

"White Cane Days" is just a name for our annual fundraising campaign. How your Club raises funds is up to you. Very few Clubs continue today to stand in front of their local store asking for public donations. Here are some examples of successful projects.

Monthly or Bi-monthly reoccurring Club fundraisers:

- Bunco nights
- Weekend breakfasts or dinners
- NO Show meals
- Weekly No Show bowling teams
- An annual NO golf tournament
- Engage the business community

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## Virtual Meetings Tips - con'd from page 1

Here's a few tips if you are running the meeting

1. The above tips apply to you too!
2. Have an agenda and share it in advance with participants.
3. Consider having an advance sign-in so you know who will be attending.
4. Encourage participants to come early to test their technology.
5. In addition to yourself, consider a Technical Host. Although not a role in a traditional club meeting, the technical host is an important role in online meetings. This might be a club member who is particular good at technology but could also be Your Lion Tamer, or a Director. The technical host sets up the meeting and makes sure members are muted so background noise isn't heard. In addition, they monitor the written chat part of the meeting and respond to any technical problems people are having with the audio or video.

I hope these tips are useful. Have fun with this new format. It may be different but as we all experienced we need each other and meeting in this format is very valuable.

Also, if you are looking for virtual Lions Events, check out this link <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/virtual-events-center>.

Take care of yourselves. Kindness matters.

## Mow, Mow, Mow the Lawn

MD19 extends a HUGE thank you to Bellingham Central Lions Club!

The riding lawn mower that had been in use for many years was well past its prime with rocks spitting up through the mower deck. Bellingham Central was gracious enough to purchase a brand new riding lawn mower for MD19.

MD19 would like to offer any one interested in mowing the MD19 headquarters and Memory Garden lawn the chance to try this baby out!! It only takes about an hour and a half of your time.

Contact us for more details.

**Thank you  
Bellingham Central Lions Club!**

## MD19 Election Results

By Steve Noble, MD19 Election Chairperson

The election was held a "little differently" this year with eight of the nine Districts having cancelled their convention.

19-H held the election in the traditional manner, all others were held by mail-in ballot. The Canadian Ballots were sent out and returned to a Canadian address to expedite the process. Many of the letters mailed to our office around that same time had been opened and inspected by the border patrol. The US clubs all mailed back to the MD19 office in Bellingham.

Of the ballots cast, the majority were in favor of the election of Council Chairperson Al Hedstrom and Vice Council Chairperson John Moralek.

Overall, approximately 19% of the MD19 Clubs responded by mail. It is unknown what percentage vote in the traditional convention.

Thank you to the election committee!  
(Committee composed of: Steve Noble, Wendy Canessa, Linda Davidson, Michele Barrie & Peter Anderson)

## Northwest Lions Foundation - continued

Find events that fit your Club and Community Support. It is our hope your Club will have at least TWO White Cane Day events each year: one in the Spring and a second in Fall.

If you need additional information contact a Foundation Trustee, the NLF office or send me an email.

[bill.lundin@sightlife.org](mailto:bill.lundin@sightlife.org)  
<http://www.nlfoundation.org/>





## Lioness News May/June 2020

By Linda Schaffrick, MDLL

This report for the Lioness of MD19 will be much abbreviated. Even though clubs are taking a necessary but "unwanted" break from most services due to the Covid-19 some are still doing minimal service and keeping "safe distancing". While the current situation has had a significant impact on how volunteers and community service organizations operate, kindness matters now more than ever.

Hopefully this finds all well and still in good health. Right now, we can just bide our time and hope that it will all end soon - there will be a rainbow at the end of the tunnel!

### **Kelowna D-7 26 Members**

Have held a Zoom meeting and an "outside" meeting. These girls will be transitioning to become the Kelowna Sails Lions Club.

### **Moses Lake D-5 16 Members Donations \$4,000.00**

Opened the Spaceburger booth the beginning of March and did blanket tying before things came to an abrupt halt. They are hoping to be back in their booth this summer for the fair. They donated 15 blankets to the Cancer Foundation and 5 to the Boys & Girls club. Donations made to the Food bank and Boys & Girls club.

### **Nanaimo Harbor Lites I-7 9 Members**

Will cease operations as of June 30, 2020 with one member planning on joining the Lions

### **Oliver D-9 7 Members Hours: 31 Donations: \$750**

Made Easter tray favors to brighten up trays for the hospital and Sr. Home. Making phone calls to members and seniors and picking up groceries for those unable to. Held a "back yard" meeting. Will remain as Lioness for 2020/1. Donations made to the Food bank, Camp Winfield and the Juvenile Diabetes

### **Parksville I-7 16 Members Donations: \$1,500**

These gals plan on continuing as a Lioness club for the 2020/1 year and have no plans to transition to a Lions club. They are meeting by e-mail and phone and checking in to make sure all are well. Donation made to the Salvation Army Food Bank

### **PORT McNeill I-6 16 Members**

Continuing as a Lioness club for 2020/1 and will fold June 2021.

### **Priest River E-11 35 Members (no report)**

### **Sooke District I-2**

Bridged over to Lions Club of Sooke District Lioness as of 25 March 2020. Charter celebrations are on hold at this time.

### **Toledo G-4**

Will be disbanding as Lioness and will become their own non-profit club.

### **Vancouver Chinatown A-1 28 members Hours: 23**

The club did not have any live in-person activities in May but had virtual business/social meetings via Zoom. They will remain as Lioness until June 2021.

### **Victoria Chinatown I-2 25 Members Hours: 228**

Soap for Hope project. Donation made to Rapid Relief Fund - Victoria Foundation.

### **Williams Lake D-10 17 Members**

Will disband as of 31 December 2020 with one member and possibly more joining the Lions.

### **Winlock G-4 (no report)**

**"We are all navigating this new normal together. As we lock arms virtually and try to help one another in the ways we can, our vast world suddenly feels a little smaller and a lot more connected. And for that, we are grateful."**

**"We Serve Too"!**



## Lost and Found

By Mel Fernandez, Zone Chairperson

The corona virus is really raising havoc on the activities of Lions. The activities of the clubs in B2 is in limbo and nothing to report at this time except for an email I received from Russ Elti regarding a plaque he found buried among construction debris 13 years ago. It is a full size bronze replica and I have it in my possession. The plaque was from the Kobe Lions and presented to the Seattle Lions during the Seattle-Kobe Sister City celebration in 1965.

The original plaque that was given to the Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association is presently in the Seattle Center at the site of the Pagoda and Kobe Bell. The photographs shows the plaque attached to a rock. The engraving on the plaque reads: " KOBE-SEATTLE, LIONS CLUBS AFFILIATION, JULY 19, 1965, THE LIONS OF KOBE JAPAN PRESENT THIS PLAQUE TO THE LIONS OF SEATTLE WASHINGTON AS A TOKEN OF OUR FRIENDSHIP AND AS A SYMBOL OF OUR MUTUAL INTEREST IN THE OBJECTIVES OF LIONS INTERNATIONAL. WE SERVE."

At this time, I don't have a place for it but have several places in mind – donating to Seattle Parks and Recreation to be placed at Kobe Park Seattle or donating to MD19 HQ Bellingham to be placed in the Memorial Garden. If there are other sites to consider, please let me know.

Mel Fernandez: [mel4358@outlook.com](mailto:mel4358@outlook.com)



## MD19 Annual Convention Info

### SATURDAY SPEAKER

Dr. Grant Bogyo - He could tell you how penniless he was when he met his wife of 44 years in East Africa and their adventures in disaster relief work in Haiti and Dominica or being detained on suspicion of terrorism. He might tell you about his recent trip driving an ambulance from BC to Honduras or of his December 2019 trip to Venezuela where he was charged with smuggling drugs (primary care medications for 40,000 people). Better still, he would like to tell you about the pediatric oncology medications that resulted in life for a few young patients who would have otherwise died and the joy of their families who went from despair to joy knowing their child would live.

### LIONS QUEST

Our Kids are Our Present and Our Future  
At the MD19 Convention, turn the clock back and be a student ... experience what students learn when you support Lions Quest. More details to follow in the months to come.

### FUN NIGHT - the theme is Mardi Gras!!

What Is Mardi Gras? Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday," the final feasting day before the season of Lent, so ... it is also a time to PARTY ... the DJ is booked and we will have a special "photo booth" for costume pictures. So, if you are looking for ideas for costumes, check out: <https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-d&q=mardi+gras+costumes>  
Prizes will be awarded.

### HOW YOUR CLUB CAN HELP

- Raffle & Silent Auction - To assist us regarding the Raffle & Silent Auction, we will be asking clubs to supply a prize or an item, or simply make a cash donation. We will gladly accept whatever amount your club is comfortable with providing. Requests will be sent to clubs in late August.
- Penticton Lions Club signature project "Backpacks for the Homeless." - To assist us regarding "Backpacks for the Homeless," an example of "ENDLESS VISION FOR PROVIDING SERVICE," you can either supply one or two of the items that are included in the backpacks, or make a small donation to cover the cost of one or two of the items. We buy most of these items from a dollar store. Requests, including the list of items to choose from, will also be sent out in late August.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>99th</b> <b>MD19 ANNUAL</b> <b>CONVENTION</b> <b>REGISTRATION</b> <b>PROCEDURES</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Bob Elliott, Convention Chair wrjell99@telus.net</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rick Harker, Convention Co-Chair rickharker89@gmail.com</p>

### General Registration Information

Each person registering, whether a Lion, Lioness, Leo, Guest/partner, must complete their own registration form. The early registration deadline is September 18, 2020.

The form is a fillable pdf. You can download it, complete all boxes on the form, select the applicable check boxes, total the events selected, save it, and email it as an attachment. If you are unable to deal with the form as a fillable pdf, you can print it out, complete it, sign it, scan it, and email it in. As a last resort, if you don't have the ability to scan the completed form, just mail it in. If you are unable to apply a digital signature, we will consider your email as your signature.

All prices are in Canadian Funds. US attendees please use your credit card or submit a postal/money order in Canadian funds. Note: Canadian banks do not accept US checks.

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

Because of the uncertainty associated with the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, if you were planning on making your payment using a credit card, be advised that we will **NOT PROCESS** any charge against your card until we are confident that the convention will be able to be held as planned.

If you were planning on making your payment by cheque (Canadians only) or a postal/money order, do **NOT SEND** in a payment to us when you register. When we are confident that the convention will be able to be held as planned, we will contact you for payment.

You can mail your registration form to Lion Don Stasuik, Registrar, MD19 Annual Convention c/o 2486 McKenzie Street, Penticton, BC, V2A 6H7 CANADA ...

OR you can email your registration form to [md19annual@gmail.com](mailto:md19annual@gmail.com)

### Hotel Reservations

The following is the information needed to book your hotel room(s) for the convention.

Host Hotel: Penticton Lakeside Resort & Conference Centre

Phone: 1-800-663-9400 or direct 1-250-493-8221

Hotel website: [www.pentictonlakesideresort.com](http://www.pentictonlakesideresort.com)

If you choose to make your reservation on-line, go to the reservation link:

<http://www.onresstems.com/vendors/pentictonlakesideresort/Group-Reservations.html>

Select the desired dates (convention rates will only be available on contracted room block dates) and enter promo code **MD19**.



# Multiple District 19 Annual Convention October 15-17, 2020 Endless Vision for Providing Service

Receipt Date

Registration #



**Penticton Lakeside Resort & Conference Centre**  
21 Lakeshore Drive West, Penticton, BC, V2A 7M6 1-800-663-9400

Please book rooms directly with Hotel, *indicate conference attendance*  
Special Lions rate starting from: \$133 per night (plus taxes).  
Includes complimentary parking



Lion <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Print Registrant's Name</u>	<u>Print Registrant's Club</u>	District:
Lioness <input type="checkbox"/>			1 <sup>st</sup> MD Convention?
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Guest* <input type="checkbox"/>			
Address		City	Prov/St:
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Special Dietary Requests: (For example: allergies, gluten-free, lactose intolerant, diabetic, etc. must be received by <b>October 8<sup>th</sup></b> )		Email (please print):	

\*NOTE: Partners and guests need to complete their own registration form.

**All prices are in Canadian Funds. US registrants please use credit card or submit Canadian funds money order**  
**Please NO! USA checks (as these are not accepted by Canadian banks)**

Function	CAD\$	TOTAL
Early Registration	\$25.00	
Registration: After Sept 18th	\$30.00	
Leo Registration	\$10.00	
Friday District Picnic Lunch	\$24.50	
Friday Dinner & Fun Night	\$36.00	
<b>choose</b> – Jambalaya		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>or</b> - Capocolli Stuffed Chicken Breast		<input type="checkbox"/>
Friday Fun Night ONLY	\$15.00	
Saturday PDG & Partner's Breakfast	\$25.00	
Saturday Lunch with Intl Dir Marrero	\$25.75	
Saturday Pride of Lions Dinner	\$43.00	
<b>choose</b> - Poached Salmon Filet		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>or</b> - Bacon-Wrapped Pork Lion		<input type="checkbox"/>
Wine Station Grazing*	\$28.75	
<b>TOTAL PAYABLE (Canadian Funds)</b>		

See PAYMENT INFORMATION in Registration Procedures attached, before completing this box.

**Complete the following to pay by credit card:**

Select Card Type:  Visa  Mastercard  
Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_  
(exactly as it appears on credit card)

*Note: a small processing fee may be added to total.*

Expiry Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (mm/yy) CVV \_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Prices include taxes. White jackets not required for Banquet  
\*Participants will be contacted for Wine Grazing Scheduling

**Send registration and payment to:**  
**MD19 Annual Convention**  
2486 McKenzie Street  
Penticton, BC V2A 6H7  
Email: md19annual@gmail.com  
Phone: 250-493-7954



**Join us for Mardi Gras on Fun Night!**  
**Costume contest! Games!**  
**Photo Booth! Prizes!**



**(NOTE: MEAL TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE CONVENTION)**



## 98 year old South Whidbey Lion

Ninety eight year old Clayton Engebretsen of Freeland, South Whidbey Island is Building bird houses and selling them to support the local community of South Whidbey Island. Clayton, who is known as Clayt to his friends is a long-time member and officer of the South Whidbey Lions Club and the South Whidbey Lions Foundation. He is also a WWII veteran who served as a Navy Pilot in the South Pacific and then in the Reserves until he retired. Clayt lives alone on Mutiny Bay near Freeland. He boasts that he will have to renew his drivers license when he turns 103.

He started building bird houses as soon as the Stay at Home order was implemented in order to supplement the funds of the South Whidbey Lions Clubs foundation (a 501-c-3 organization) for their programs that help support the local community.

The money raised is all going to The South Whidbey Lions Club's Foundation to support their Sight and Hearing programs and to support the local, regional and international communities with donations to other projects and charities such as the local food bank. Since the Covid-19 crisis started, the Lions have not been able to do any fund raising until Clayt started his bird house project. The Foundation has so far donated \$1600 to the local Food Bank.

If you want to buy a birdhouse or donate materials such as weathered boards, Clayton can be reached on his home phone (360) 331-6290. The best time to contact him is Noon or 4pm. His email address is redeye@whidbey.net

Submitted by:  
Kent Renshaw, South Whidbey Lions Club President  
Phone (206) 747-9759  
Email potlatch@whidbey.com



**Do you have a club project that you are PROUD of?**

**Would other Lions benefit from hearing about it?**

**Would you be willing to present at Our Annual Convention in Penticton?**

If you answered yes to any of these questions, drop me an email at [lionwandac@gmail.com](mailto:lionwandac@gmail.com) by July 1, 2020 describing a little about the project and an outline of presentation.

**Hope to hear from you soon!**



## 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](mailto:md19lions@lionsmd19.org)

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City \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.



**Border Crossing / AWeber (Emailed Ads and Fundraising Events sent to MD19 Lions)**

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Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

**Communication Link:** Whenever a new name is added to the MD19 **AWeber email list**, the person will receive an email from Peter Anderson with the subject: "Confirm your 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.

Club Presidents and Secretaries who don't have an email address, please provide an email address to MD19 so you receive information that is emailed via AWeber.

**Secretaries have two option for their year-end report:**

**Activities Summaries.** A summary of the year's activities shall be prepared by the Secretary and received by the MD19 Office, with a copy to the District Governor, no later than July 25th. A sample summary report and format are included in the online Contests and Awards Book.

**OR**

The MyLion Metrics report shall be printed and submitted directly to the MD19 Office by the Club Secretary with a copy forwarded to the District Governor no later than July 25th. For those secretaries who have the capability, it is possible to take a screen shot, paste it to a Word document, save it and email it to the MD19 Office; otherwise the report must be mailed directly to the MD19 Office.

**Other MD19 Recognition – Notification has been emailed to Secretaries.** Forms found on MD19 website under "Toolbox > Forms > Club Forms"

1. MD19 Club President Recognition of Excellence Form. Deadline postmarked by July 25th.
2. Club Membership Director Recognition of Excellence Form. Deadline postmarked by July 25th.
3. Club Treasurer Recognition of Excellence Form. Deadline postmarked by July 25th.

**MD19 2020-21 First Half Dues Statements:** In late July or early August, the 1st Half MD19 Dues Statements will be emailed out to Lions Club Treasurers or Secretary-Treasurers. If no email address has been provided on the LCI Club Officer Report Form, the Dues Statements will be mailed as hard copies.

**Lioness Clubs:** The Lioness Annual Administrative Assessment Statements will be sent out in late August.

**The 2020-2021 MD19 Roster:** The rosters will be mailed out in **August**. They will automatically be sent to each Lions and Lioness Club President and Secretary, the MD19 Committee Chairpersons, members of the Council of Governors, all Vice District Governors, Zone Chairpersons and anyone who has purchased a roster. If you ordered a roster or your name appears on the list above, but you do not receive it by the end of August, please contact the MD19 Office.

**2020-21 Club Secretaries:** Incoming secretaries will be receiving a packet of information from the MD19 Office in early July. There will be instructions for using the MyLCI site for reporting your Club's WMMR and MyLion Service reporting and information about the upcoming MD19 Annual Convention in Penticton, B.C.

**IMPORTANT:** LCI and MD19 will no longer give dues credit for dropped members reported on the July and January WMMRs. Dropped members need to be reported on the June and December WMMRs in order to avoid paying for members no longer in the club.

## MD19 Lions Website

If you haven't checked out the MD19 website lately - do it today!

Visit <https://lionsmd19.org/> to see announcements like "WHO IS THAT MASKED MAN?" and other office updates.

You can also:

- Learn more about Districts and Clubs in MD19
- Check out the Calendar
- Visit the Toolbox for proposed changes to the Policy Manual or Council of Governors Meeting Minutes or get Clip Art for a district or club newsletter
- Share the Be A Lion page with potential members
- Click on Contact to get a hold of us

## MD19 Council Chairperson - continued from page 2

The committee chairs we always seem to forget: PDG Brien Patton and his budget and finance crew; Patty Easterling, PDG Erma Kemp and the CARE team; PDG Patty Sparks (2020) and Bob Elliot (2021), the MD Conventions crew; PDG Tom Smarsh, Diabetes Awareness; Elections chair PDG Steve Noble; the four corners of the earth PDG Kim DiRienz, Dr. Nancy Messmer, PCC Enoch Rowland, and PZC Lynda Davidson; Evaluations chair PDG Paul Kauzlarich and his team; the ad hoc Governance committee led by PCC's Larrie Taylor and Jim Kemp, and PDG Chuck Waid (who did double-duty as MD19 Parliamentarian); PID Don Shove for International Relations & Participation; Tammy Allan and the International Youth Exchange; LCIF chairs PDGs John Moralek (BC), Bob Yeoman (East) and Dr. Mark Mansell (West); Leader Dog coordinators PDG Carol Whitman (East) and ZC Debbie Mansell (West); Lioness chair Linda PZC Schaffrick; PZC Barry Shiles, Leo Club and Canadian LERC coordinator; Suzanne Gayda, Northwest LERC; Lions Quest B.C. coordinator PDG Norma Bent; MD19 Building coordinator Dan Cantrell; Memorial Garden chair PDG Ed Brunz, and the Strategic Planning team of PDGs Janet Reinhart and Shelley Costello, and PCC Gary Reidel, and; USA/Canada Forum chair, PID Anne Smarsh. Thank You all for your time and for your service to MD19.

And then there is the Bellingham crew: Executive Director Peter Anderson, "Miss Everything" Michele Barrie, and the uber-helpful Forrest Gust. There are no words to describe what these three treasures mean to this Multiple District. Add in Rebecca Anderson to this group for her terrific stewardship of the Border Crossing. We are very lucky Lions here in MD19, indeed.

As I make my way to the exit, I must acknowledge IPCC John Kirry and PCC Jon Whitman, my immediate two predecessors. Both were difficult acts to follow. Their friendship and wisdom as I made my way to and through this year were much appreciated. I am mindful that Susan and I would have never met John (and Sharon) and Jon (and Carol), had it not been for Lions. And that would have been a shame. It was an honor to be the last leg of "three Johns, no waiting" team.

So there you have it, MD19 Lions. The time has come for our annual changing of the guard.

Godspeed to each of you in the year to come. And I will see you down the road.

## New from the 2020 Northwest Lions Leadership Institute - See You There!

By Melissa Smith, NWLLI Public Relations Chairperson

June is upon us and the staff of the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute is continuing to monitor travel restrictions between British Columbia and the United States. At this point, we still remain optimistic that the Institute will be held September 24-26 at the Harrison Beach Hotel at Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia. Just over three months away!

Our attendance is near capacity and we registration remains open until July 20. If you have been planning to fill out an application and turn it in, now is the time! For a copy of the application, please visit <http://www.nwlli.org/register>.

If you have questions about your registration, please feel free to reach out to Registrar Art Weatherly at [chief.campleo@gmail.com](mailto:chief.campleo@gmail.com) or 360-480-4392.

We continue to hope for a safe return to our way of life. However, if there is still a threat please know that your safety is of paramount importance to us, and the Institute will be canceled. In the case of cancellation, your deposit will be returned.

In the meantime, our faculty and staff remain committed to bringing you an innovative and fun small group learning experience. We hope that you will still join us to help unleash your inner "BEaST" and take the next step in strengthening your leadership abilities.

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## Washington Lions 19-B LCIF Grant Results - June 2020

On April 3, 2020, the Lions of District 19-B were awarded a disaster relief grant in the amount of \$10,000 from Lions Clubs International Foundation. This grant was to be used to help fight the COVID-19 Pandemic. Because the District covers both King and Snohomish counties, the 19-B Lions Alert Disaster Relief Team decided to split the money equally between the two counties. This team met several times via online conferencing to determine the most effective way to spend the grant monies.

### King County Washington - - - LCIF Grant Monies Recap

After researching and discussing various needs throughout this county, it was determined the best return on these funds was to purchase much needed hand sanitizer for King County Emergency Management Department. Working closely with StatLabs, a manufacturer of hand sanitizer, we were able to purchase and deliver 240 gallons of this sanitizer to King County Distribution Warehouse. They in turn distributed this product to the most needed facilities in the county. Some photos of the product, manufacturing equipment, and warehouse storage are shown below.

### Snohomish County Washington - - - LCIF Grant Monies Recap

After researching several of the most needs in Snohomish County, our Lions Alert Team focused on a project that the City of Everett, Washington Emergency Management was working on. Brent Stainer, Division Fire Chief and Emergency Manager, asked if purchasing machines that sanitized face masks would comply with the LCIF grant parameters. We agreed that such a piece of equipment would allow the re-use of masks instead of using once and discarding the masks. These machines will completely sanitize masks in less than 5 minutes using ultra-violet rays. These machines fit very well into the personal protective equipment (PPE) category and will save many masks for reuse. Through the help of our LCIF grant, we were able to provide 18 of these machines that are being used by the City of Everett Fire, Police, Public Works, Water Dept. & Everett Transit.



The three white boxes are the 3M Lumin machines used to sanitize face masks to be reused again.

- (l-r)
- Rachael Doniger – Public Information Officer & Educator
- Tyler Klein – Fire Dept. Recruit
- Jereme Clark – Fire Dept. Recruit
- Doug Houghton – Wash. Lions 19-B Treasurer
- Brent Stainer – Dir. Of Emergency Mgmt. & Div. Fire Chief
- Michael Lally – Wash Lions 19-B Dist. Governor
- Sarah LaVelle – Emergency Planning & OPS Coordinator

Hand sanitizer in production



Gallon size hand sanitizer



Warehouse crew shipping product to King County



## Jump on the Band Wagon!

Jerdil Castillo is a native of the state of Pennsylvania and currently studies Music Education at Pacific Lutheran University. He has an idea that, he feels, will change the lives of students in Washington, Idaho, and British Columbia. And the idea is music and, more specifically creating an MD19 Lions Band.

Mr. Castillo enlisted in the army in 2014 and was stationed at the Joint Base Lewis McChord. He has just finished his Junior year at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA., where he is furthering his education to complete a bachelor's degree in music. Being a music teacher has been a lifelong dream and he knows that music has the ability to transport individuals beyond their current struggles, whether family issue or stressful situations.

During high school, Castillo and his sister, who is a music teacher, received an invitation to play with the Lions All-State Band in Pennsylvania. The experience changed his view of music and how playing in this band established his opinions of music and how he wanted to move forward in his life.

Meeting people from all over Pennsylvania helped him build connections that he has to this day. Recently, this past May, a request came from the PA Lions band to do a virtual band video of Alumni playing the PA Polka. For him, this request affirmed that connections made, even after a long period of time will always hold value.

While in the Lions Band, Jerdil attended four conferences in Gettysburg, Valley Forge, Toronto, and Pittsburgh. After his first tour, Jerdil realized that the Lions Band had given him an opportunity that no other musical group that he was a part of in high school could give in that he and his Lions band mates connected in a way they could not if they'd been in a competitive environment. The music-making was so much better; filled with so much more emotion. Several Lions expressed that their favorite part of attending a function where they would be performing was to experience outstanding high school band students playing music.

The band had a bigger role than giving students venues to play music. The Lions Band represented an organization that helps millions of humans – Lions Clubs International. They shared their gift of music with others to uplift and transport the listeners, who also serve, through their performances. Jerdil knew that music helps bridge the divide between people. And because of the experience of being in the Lions Band, he knew he wanted to do something bigger than himself – he wanted to serve and help others. This led him to join the Army and serving his country which he knows not many would choose to do today.

Jerdil seeks to give students an opportunity to learn that life isn't always about helping yourself. That service to others is a rewarding gift, changing not yourself but the world, one act of service at a time. He knows the world needs more Lions in it because what Lions do bring home the point that even in the most challenging times humanity is worth fighting for and music is one way to do just that. Jerdil's desire is to see an MD19 Lions Band be formed, with students from both sides of our International Multiple District.

Here are several of Jerdil's former bandmates comments on their experience in the Lions Band:

*Lions band is important to me because it is an opportunity to play with many people, with a wide range of instruments as well as stretch my abilities and learn and read familiar and unfamiliar pieces of music. Lions Band is a chance for me to get to play music even more than I would on a normal basis, and try to become a better musician.* -Jaquiline Watkins, Contrabass Clarinet

*I love Lions Band now, and have loved it since day one. Every time I attend a state convention or international, the high impact musical experience that is Lions Band makes me work harder to achieve my goal of being a better Music Educator. To me, Lions Band means Excellent Musicianship and a large family of people who care about each other and will push each other so to create the best music possible. I've made so many friends because of Lions and I don't know what I would do without many of them.* -Cody Kelly, Trumpet

*Lions Band is how I met some of my closest friends today. It was one of the best experiences I have ever had in my whole entire life. Lions Band was like a family to me. It means being able to play something that you are good at and passionate about with people who feel the same exact way. It is about building bonds with people who you haven't met before or making your previous ones stronger.* -Emily Taylor, Percussion

Mr. Castillo firmly believe that creating a Lions band is not just having a group that will play at conventions. It means genuinely caring about our youth's future and this is another way we can positively impact their lives and to show them what it means to be a Lion! Who knows? There could be a Lions Club in their near future! As evidenced by two of Jerdil's favorite quotes, music and service definitely go hand-in-hand:

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."*– Mahatma Gandhi

*"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything."* – Plato

Mr. Castillo can be reached at: castiljl@plu.edu or band21jer@gmail.com Or contact the MD19 Lions Office, Executive Director Peter Anderson for further information.

## MD19 Memorial Garden

A great shout out thanks to the 21 Lions who showed up on a misty Saturday morning, May 16th! Starting at about 8:00 AM with Lion Ed Bechtel of the Burlington Lions Club, this crew crew pulled weeds, trimmed shrubs, raked up debris, and filled the dumpster almost three times in two and a half hours! A couple of Lions from Bellingham-Central even showed up the day before to mow the lawn and use the weed eater around the edges of the lawn.

Those who enjoyed the morning while maintaining social distancing were:

H-1 Bellingham-Central Lions Patty Allen (aka DG Patty Allen-White), Peter Anderson , Dean Bates (worked on Friday), Mark Costello, Past Council Chair Denny Gudbranson, Ron Miller, and John Wilson.

H-1 Bellingham Fairhaven Lion Joel Haggen, Zone Chairperson H-1

H-1 Bellingham-Harborview Lion Michele Barrie, 19-H Bulletin Editor

H-1 Ferndale Lion President Harvey Unruh

H-2 Burlington Lions Ed Bechtel, Julie and President Darren Bell,

19-H Cabinet Secretary Katy Carter, Mike Forst, Matt and Teresa Tonkovich (who were supposed to be getting married!) and Past Zone Chair Rock White.

H-7 Coupeville Lions Ginny Munn and Dorothy Brotheson

H-7 North Whidbey Lions H-7 Zone Chairperson Jack and Christina Peebles

We will be returning to the scene and getting after those ever growing weeds again. Hope you can join us!! Mark your calendars – **JUNE 20TH 9:00 AM.**

Pictures of generous volunteers, photo credits go to Jack Peebles



## Your Article Could Be Here!

We want to hear from you!

What are your clubs doing right now? How are virtual meetings working for you? What are your future plans? How has the state of things changed what you're doing to do as a club as you move forward? What other news do you have to share with our MD19 Lions community?

If you have an article or article idea, please send to [bordercrossing@lionsmd19.org](mailto:bordercrossing@lionsmd19.org)

We can't promise every submission will be printed, but we would love to include more articles submitted from our Lions community.

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### Special Donations 2019-2020

Lions	LCIF	CARE
PDG Breakfast Annual Convention, Wenatchee, WA		\$340.00
2018-2019 District Governors For PCC John Kirry		\$500.00
19-C PDG Emerson Bishop In Memory of Lea Bishop		\$200.00
19-D Moses Lake Lions Club Donation for DG Debbie Bostock		\$500.00
Kelowna Lioness		\$250.00
19-F Pasco (Cancelled Club)	\$1,233.34	
19-H PCC Surinder & Mohinder Gahir Michele Barrie For Dylan, Dami, Ian and Scott		\$150.00 \$150.00
Burlington Lions Club		\$1,000.00
19-I District 19-I Lioness (Sooke)		\$100.00

### Memorials for April 2020

D 10	108 Mile Ranch	Jennifer A. Boden
E 2	Davenport	Mike Stauffer
E 8	North Pend Oreille Valley	Robert Shanklin
F 8	Lind	Masami Nagamitsu
G 1	Kalama	Gene Hutchinson
H 3	Fort Langley	Ronald Bell
H 6	Chilliwack Mt. Cheam	Jack Byers
H 7	Coupeville	Patricia L. Kohlmann
I 4	Cowichan Lake	Samuel Beldessi
I 4	Duncan	Sylvia Peacock

### Memorials for May 2020

B 6	Stanwood	William Patrick Metz
C 3	Federal Way	Carolyn L. Harestad
C 4	Bremerton Central	Barbara Buxman
E 3	Post Falls	Richard Houser
F 2	Toppenish	Robert Taft
F 8	Ritzville	Jacob Harder
G 1	Castle Rock	Donald Powell
G 2	Fort Vancouver	Ronald L. Neilsen
G 2	Ridgefield	John W. Burrow
G 3	Aberdeen	Gene LaMont Shillinger
G 3	Cosmopolis	Robert Sevey
H 1	Lynden	Robert P. Inge
H 7	Coupeville	William E. Bainbridge
H 7	San Juan	Robert Nieman
I 3	Gordon Head	Mary 'Mari' Hall
I 5	Comox Valley Monarch	Norman Lundie
I 7	Alberni Valley	Donald W. Clark

### Percentages of WMMRs received for month of May 2020 and Second Half Dues Paid for 2019-20

	WMMRs	DUES
19-A	54%	80%
19-B	71%	90%
19-C	67%	91%
19-D	85%	96%
19-E	96%	94%
19-F	49%	91%
19-G	67%	97%
19-H	81%	92%
19-I	100%	98%

### 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.

## MD19 Calendar of Events 2019 - 2020

### 2020

Memorial Garden Clean-up	June 20, July 18, Aug 8
Memorial Garden 2019-2020 dedication	August 15
NW Lions Leadership Institute, Harrison Hot Springs, BC	September 24-26
99th MD19 Annual Convention, Penticton, B.C.	October 15-17

### Spring Conferences 2021

District 19-D Kelowna Ramada Hotel & Conf Centre, Kelowna B.C.	March 5-6, 2021
District 19-H Four Points Sheraton, Bellingham, WA	March 12-13, 2021
District 19-F Stay tuned for more details, Tri-Cities WA	March 19-20, 2021
District 19-B Bothell Hilton Garden Inn	March 26-27, 2021
District 19-C LaQuinta Inn & Suites, Tacoma, WA	April 9-10, 2021
District 19-I Mary Winspear Centre, Sidney B.C.	April 16-17, 2021
District 19-A Delta Hotels Burnaby Conf Centre, Burnaby B.C.	April 23-24, 2021
District 19-E Red Lion Hotel Templins on the River, Post Falls ID	April 30-May 1, 2021
District 19-G Red Lion, Kelso WA	May 7-8, 2021



Remember back in the day when lots of us wore those big "ASK ME ABOUT LIONS CLUB" pins like this one? They were great conversation starters and could be again. Your club can design its own and have it made very inexpensively. All your members can have one, and even your new A-Frame can wear one in its lapel whenever it goes stepping out.

***The Border Crossing***  
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**The future depends on YOU!**  
**Ask someone to become a Lion!**