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Good Leaders Say Thank You

By PDG Wanda Carisse, MD19 GLT Leadership Coordinator

I was recently in a meeting and a wise lion said this profound statement: 'Leadership is service'. How many times to we think that "I just want to serve my community, I'm not interested in leadership."

When you think about it – to effectively serve your community, your leadership skills are needed. To run the most effective service project – you use your leadership skills. To have an effective Lions Club that serves your community you need an effective Lions Club – leadership skills are needed. So often we hear "leadership skills" and think Zone Chairperson or District Governor, but that is not the case. Leadership skills are needed for that Lion that wants to "just serve my community".

Do you think you can expand your leadership skills? Are you interested in learning time management skills; how to work in groups; how to promote your event; or how to manage conflict?

Consider these opportunities:

The Lions Learning Centre - <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/lions-learning-center>

The Northwest Lions Leadership Institute - <http://www.nwlli.org>

Hope to see you at the MD19 Annual Convention – another great Leadership Opportunity!

2018-19 Additional Excellence Awards

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Wenatchee Sparkles!

We're ramping up the fun factor at the MD19 convention in Wenatchee! Fun night is "Hattitude-Bring It On" so wear your most sublime, wacky or outrageous hat Friday night.



Our Saturday banquet will be DRESSY with a twist.

The attire will be Dressy / Business Attire / Club Uniform. NO WHITE

COATS! And the sparkling twist is this: wear GLITTER SHOES to the banquet! Bling them up and you could win a fabulous Prize for best GLITTER SHOES!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM INSIDE

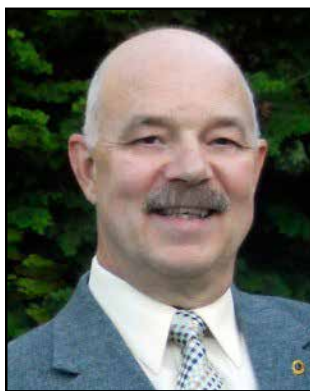
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MD19 Council Chairperson

J.D. Nellor

It is Time to Vote

It was almost two years ago that I had the distinct privilege of being included with (then) Council Chairperson Jon Whitman and Vice Counsel Chairperson John Kirry in discussions about issues facing MD19. What surprised me was how much each of our "to do" list priorities were in sync. That made it easy to dig in and start working on things that would take more than one Council Chairperson year to accomplish.



Two of the highest priorities on each of our lists were: (1) Dealing with (not kicking down the road) the deteriorating financial health of MD19, and; (2) Eliminating inconsistencies and confusion between the myriad constitutions, bylaws, policy manuals and "local knowledge" that MD19 club members have to wade through to find what should be quick, clear answers to their simple questions.

Plans were adopted and committees were commissioned way back in PCC Jon Whitman's Council Chair year. Now, awaiting your approval at the Annual Convention in Wenatchee, are the fruits of that work— two ballot measures, one asking that your Club delegates approve a "dues" increase and a second seeking the adoption of a revised MD19 Constitution and Bylaws.

I urge all Wenatchee delegates to vote Yes on both measures.

A Dues Increase Is Critical To The Financial Health Of MD19

First, let's make sure we are talking about the same thing: By "dues", I mean the assessments MD19 charges a club for membership in MD19. The proposed increase is not for the "dues" your club charges you; Your dues will not go up or down unless your club decides to raise or lower its dues for membership in the club.

Why do we need an MD19 "dues" increase? The simple answer is that costs and expenses have gone up and revenue has gone down since the last time funding of MD19 operations was considered. Just two examples are illustrative: The last MD19 dues increase was 9 years ago. MD19 clubs have lost more than 3,600 members in that time, which equates to \$66,900 less annual revenue; Minimum wage, \$8.55 per hour in 2011, is now \$13.50 per hour, and going up— that works out to an annual increase of \$10,296 for an entry-level hourly employee.

How much of an increase are we talking about? The proposal before you at the convention, unanimously adopted by the Council of Governors, is for an increase of \$6.00 U.S. per capita annually. MD19 bills clubs for member assessments twice a year, 1/2 in July and 1/2 in January. Current MD19 "dues" are \$18.60 U.S. annually, billed 1/2 (\$9.30) in July and 1/2 in January. With the proposed change, the math works out to annual MD19 "dues" of \$24.60, billed 1/2 (\$12.30) in July and 1/2 in January.

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Lions Supporting Track Meet for Blind

By Stephen Staudinger
Governor 19-G

One of the major service projects my club does, The Fort Vancouver Lions of Vancouver, Washington, is to host the annual Washington State School of the Blind (WSSB) track meet for blind students. The students come from around the Northwest to this track meet to



participate in a variety of track events. Events include various track races, shot put, baseball throw, high jump, and long jump. The event starts around 9 AM and concludes around 2 PM with an awards ceremony. It is amazing how well these blind students can perform these events.

Our main function, as Lions, is to officiate the events. Over the years, I have been involved with activity judging the shot put, the high jump and my favorite was shooting the starting gun for the track races. It is actually a loud horn not a starter gun. Recently I have been involved in cooking the Johnsonville Brats for lunch. As the host, we supply lunch for all the participants, the families and the workers of the event. We feed nearly 325 for lunch. Lunch consists of Brats on a bun, potato salad, macaroni salad, fruit, cookies and water. This year we had a few pizzas too. All items are donated. Years ago, we had a fund raiser with Johnsonville Brats and formed a good working relationship with them. We have continued to nurture that relationship and the Brats are the hit of the lunch. I wear a t-shirt while cooking, on the front it says, "Johnsonville Brats with their logo." On the back it says, "Don't ever call me a weenie." I get lots of comments as I cook away.

This is a fun service project and our club really enjoys putting this on for the school each year.

Born and raised in Montana, Stephen joined the USAF Airforce, 1974-78. He is a graduate of Montana State University (1982) and then moved to the Pacific Northwest. Steve has been married to Shelley for 37 years, and they have two children, Alison 36 and Malcolm 32.

Currently a semi-retired CPA, he recently sold his tax practice to make time for hobbies including Lion pin trading, hiking, visiting the National Parks, road trips around the country, landscape photography and driving his Kubota tractor on his rural acreage north of Battle Ground.

He joined the Fort Vancouver Lions Club (19-G) in August 2003, was awarded Club Lion of the Year 2005-2006 & 2011-2012. He was Club President 2006-2007, Zone Chairman G2 2010-2011, LERC (Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center) Director 2009-2011 and LITPC (Lions International Trading Pin Club) Director 2012-2014, 2016-2018.

MD19 Council Chairperson Continued...

When do the new “dues” start? The increase is to take effect starting January 1, 2020. Then an automatic increase of \$1.00 will take effect in 2022, 2024 and 2026.

\$6.00 per year. Think about that for a minute: \$6.00 a year is 50¢ a month. Another way to look at it: A \$6.00 increase now is 60¢ a year since the membership set MD19 annual “dues” at \$18.30.

Obviously, no one “wants” a dues increase. But there is simply not enough money coming in the door to fund the basic needs all of our clubs and MD19 Lions have that are being handled through the MD19 office. A lot of hand-wringing, discussion and thought has gone into recommending the proposed increase to you for approval. But the time has come to put our fiscal house in order. My thanks go out to the budget and finance committee, those in the MD19 office who did all the number-crunching, and to the Councils of Governors during the last two years for their courage in tackling an unpopular subject and making the hard decisions necessary to address a looming financial crisis. I hope all of you join me voting Yes on making MD19 financially strong.

The Revised Constitution And Bylaws Is The First Step In Getting MD19 Governance Documentation In Sync. It may sound strange to hear that a project which has taken the better part of the last two years to bring to the table as a “first step”. An explanation seems in order.

The revised Constitution and Bylaws you will be voting on at the convention is not a substantive change from the current Constitution and Bylaws. Instead, it does, and is intended to do, two things: First, it has removed all, or as many as possible, duplications or repetitions of matters in the current MD19 Constitution And Bylaws that are covered by the Standard Form Lions Clubs International Multiple District Constitution and Bylaws and the Lions Clubs International Constitution and Bylaws. The revision leaves all items we hold near and dear, and that are unique to MD19’s Constitution and Bylaws, in place. Second, it removes all items duplicated in, and items more effectively addressed by, the MD19 Policy Manual.

What is left is a streamlined version of the substantive matters set forth in the current MD19 Constitution and Bylaws: 5 pages of Constitution and 10 pages of Bylaws, down from the current, 20 pages.

What happened to those 5 pages of... stuff? It has all been handed off to the Policy Manual committee to begin work on a revision of the current MD19 Policy Manual. Which is the “second step” alluded to above.

Once again, I need to take a step back as a little background is in order: There are two standing committees that affect the governance of MD19: the Policy Manual committee and the Constitution and Bylaws committee. Each committee is supposed to be composed of 1 representative from each District— that means we need 18 Lions for two committees. In practice, neither committee has been able to fill all 9 slots for several years, and getting committee members together has, to the frustration of the committee chairs of both groups been problematic, at best.

The solution was to create a single, “Governance” committee, comprised of the members of the Policy Manual and Constitution and Bylaws committees to take a holistic approach to synchronizing both documents. That gave us a good cross-section of thought from around the Multiple District, and eliminated the inconsistencies that were inevitable with two groups working on two critical documents in a vacuum.

The task facing the Governance group has been daunting. The governing documents of MD19 have blossomed over the years to 165 pages of single-spaced, 12 point type: 20 pages of the MD19 Constitution, 73 pages of the MD19 Policy Manual, 52 pages of the Standard Form Lions Clubs International Constitution and Bylaws and another 20 pages of the Lions Clubs International Standard Form Multiple District Constitution And Bylaws.

What the Governance group soon discovered was that synchronizing the Constitution, Bylaws and Policy Manual with each other, and with controlling documents from LCI, was a chicken-and-egg thing. It was almost impossible to figure out what to keep and what to remove from the Policy Manual until revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws were settled. So the “master plan” became: Get a streamlined version of the Constitution and Bylaws done first, and then build a Policy Manual. Thus, you are voting to approve the first step—the streamlined Constitution and Bylaws, the document upon which a revised Policy Manual depends.

Truth be told, work has already begun on cutting the chaff from the Policy Manual. Estimates are that half of the 73 pages in the current MD Policy Manual duplicate other sources and can be tossed without affecting the substance and purpose of the document. And the Governance committee is chomping at the bit, waiting for you to vote, to get on with its assigned task. My thanks to the Governance committee, led in this phase of this project by PCC Larrie Taylor with much assistance from many Lions throughout MD19 who put in countless hours sweating the details of words, commas, sentences, paragraphs, pages of prose. The revised Constitution and Bylaws now before us may not be “perfect”, the wordsmithing may not be stated “your way”, but that is what committees are for. The revised Constitution and Bylaws reflects the collective wisdom of our membership discerned over the last two years by a group of Lions who care very much about making life as an MD19 Lion easier and more efficient. Please join me in voting Yes to this first step in making the MD19 governing documents easy to understand and conform to what we actually do.



Lioness News September/October 2019

By Linda Schaffrick, MDLL

I hope everyone had a happy and safe summer. Most of the clubs are now getting back into full swing as some take time off by not holding meetings or just slow down for the summer.

Lioness make a difference every day in many ways. Everyone has a role to play and when we play together, someone somewhere is getting assistance. Lives can be saved and dreams can be restored as we choose to assist those with hearing problems, blindness, special needs or any other challenges. Sometime it's just that friendly smile that brightens up a person's day.

Remember - many small people in many small places do many small things that can alter the face of the earth!

Kelowna D-7 26 Members Hours: 514

Helping at the Senior's games; had a table at the opportunity fair to hopefully recruit new members; served lunch for the Line dancers. Assisted with Freedoms Door lunches once a week plus other catering. They are gearing up for another busy year.

Moses Lake D-5 20 Members

Busy in their Spaceburger booth at the Grant County fair

Nanaimo Harbor Lites I-7 9 Members Donations: \$500

Donated towards to new Endoscopy Department. Members went to Bellingham to attend the MD19 Memorial Gardens. A rose was planted in honour of PDG Sid Roemer at the MD19 Memorial Garden.

Oliver D-9 7 Members Hours: 65 Donations: \$850

Assisted with the Youth Ambassador program; helped at the Roots & Fruits parade and festival.

Hosted the Cops for Kids serving them lunch and raising \$3100.00 in an hour and a half. Back in the arena concession for another season and delivering hot meals to the elementary schools.

Donations to Special Olympics, LCIF and Cops for Kids

Parksville I-7 17 Members Hours: 405 Donations: \$11,650

Volunteering with Beachfest as gate ambassadors and greeting visitors from all over the world who come to see the sand sculptures. They continue with the Oceanside Community Safety volunteer office. Serving seniors lunches; catering and help with gardening. Seniors bingos; preparing food for the homeless. Preparing for raffle and Christmas Craft fair.

Donations to Camp Shawnigan, Salvation Army soup kitchen, the food bank, school lunch program and the volunteer fire departments.

PORT McNeill I-6 14 Members Donations: \$500

Although they may have been quiet during the summer they are making up for it by having a pie and ice cream booth at the fair - selling every slice and winning 2nd place for the booth decorated for the Harvest theme. Hosted a Hard Times/Spirit community family dinner

Donations to the Soup and breakfast program at the High School

Priest River E-11 35 Members (no report)

Sooke District I-2 28 Members Hours: 391 Donations: \$650

Assisted at the Lions Salmon derby; food bank; night market; museum and Fine Arts show. Music program for the Ayre Manor residents; fall fair; bagging toiletries for Transition house; and a school supply program to ensure 184 children would "start school" with new supplies.

Donations to Transition house and school.

Toledo G-4 12 members

Busy at a rest area serving coffee, water and treats. Also served cheesecake at the Lions club picnic

Vancouver Chinatown A-1 28 members Hours: 6

Busy with Legacy bingo.

Victoria Chinatown I-2 28 Members Hours: 487

Busy with the Victoria Dragon Boat Festival and had a team on the water. One Lioness accompanied an elderly senior on her flight to Edmonton to meet with her family. Volunteered at the Government House museum; bee-keeping volunteering with the country fairs; serving at church food markets. Lioness members serve on many non-profit boards, foundations and community clubs.

Williams Lake D-10 17 Members Hours: 113 Donations: \$1,000

Helping at the Red Cross. Assisting their sponsoring Lions club selling raffle tickets; pancake breakfast and attended a Celebration of Life for Lioness Vera Sturmeay.

Donations for bursary

Winlock G-4 (no report)

Even though it is summer time and many clubs take a rest from meetings - the Lioness are still out and about.

"We Serve Too"!

Lioness Photos - September/October 2019



Lionesses Irene and Amanda with Lion Barry Mah Ming.



Bees 113 Saanich Fair Bees section - Lionesses Amanda and Irene



Lionesses Amanda, Irene, Gaylene, Lily with Veterans Victor Wong & Gordon Quan.



Pei Mei Chia and her Vic Vixen team medal



VIP Tent Team: Amanda, Pat, Gloria, Joanne

Youth Exchange - My Opinion

By PDG George Robison

I have been active in the Lions Youth Exchange Program (YE) for over 30 years, having served as YE Chair in two districts, as MD19 YE Chair for five years and as MD19 YE Foundation President. My wife, Lion Cindy, and I have hosted many youths and have arranged both for the visits of dozens of youth desiring to come here and youth from here to go to places they wish to explore.

Lions Youth Camps and Exchanges is a program of Lions Clubs International. The LCI policy actually requires that every Lions District and every MD have a YE Chair. Further it provides that when a YE Chair is not appointed that the function is to be performed by the DG or the Council Chairperson. In MD19 about half the districts do not have a YE Chair, basically meaning that in those districts there is no YE.

In 2018 the MD19 YE Foundation gave out two scholarships and in 2019 gave out three. Each applicant received a scholarship and the youth travelled to Australia, Italy, Spain and Japan. Through the MD19 YE, other youth also travelled, to Switzerland, South Carolina, Italy and Japan. Over the years, through the MD19 YE program it has been possible for our youth to visit many countries. Because MD36 does not have an active YE program, we also arranged for a youth from Oregon to visit New Zealand and Australia.

Failure to participate in the Lions Youth Exchange Program deprives potential hosts in MD19 the opportunity to share the beauty of the Northwest and make friends with the youth and families from other countries. It also deprives our youth the opportunity to explore other cultures and gain new experiences.

In my opinion, each club, zone and district should participate in YE by appointing a YE Chairperson. They should also show support of the program by contributing to the MD19 YE Foundation, which can be done by sending a check to Treasurer Tammy Allan at 312 S 1st St, Selah WA 98942. Without financial support, the Foundation will run out of funds and the scholarships will end.

Burlington Lions Club Annual Potato Feed

Come to the potato feed party! Baked potato with all the trimmings.
Proceeds to benefit: Club Charities, Projects & Activities.

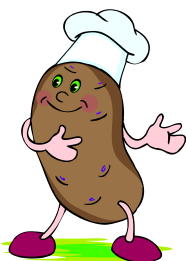
The location: Burlington Eagles Club
311 N. Cherry St. Burlington WA 98233

Saturday, November 9, 2019
Doors open 5pm - Dinner served at 6 pm

Tickets: 360-708-8935 or 360-770-9096
Email jonesatterberry@hotmail.com

Come for dinner, come for the fun, come because you care.

Price \$15.00 per person
Motto: WE SERVE



Dining in the Dark With by Burien Lions

Dining in the dark is a unique sensory awareness experience giving guests a first-hand glimpse into the lives of those who are blind taking them on an unforgettable journey in the dark.

Saturday, October 26 at 6:00 pm at
Angelo's Restaurant, 601 SW 153rd, Burien, WA 98166

Only 60 seats available so purchase your tickets now by calling Enoch,
Burien Lions Club Vice President at 206-433-0715
Tickets are \$40.00 and include dinner

Most of the proceeds raised from this event will support Leader Dogs for the Blind and Camp Leo for children with diabetes.

Delicious desserts will be raffled off, so come join in on the fun!

Donations of canned food for the homeless in Burien would be greatly appreciated!

Lions Team Up on Project in Community

The Camas Lions Club is building community partnerships with the goal of taking on unfulfilled needs in Camas and Washougal. They're starting by serving those who serve at the beloved Inter-Faith Treasure House.

On Saturday, August 17, the Lions came together to address several yard work issues at the house, and worked with Triangle Resources just down the road to cover all the debris removal costs.

"The opportunity with the Treasure House presented itself when Casey O'Dell and I went to visit a new member," Stephanie O'Dell said. "We saw all of the good work that other volunteers were doing, but they had this unmet need to do more of a labor-intensive project. And that's exactly what a lot of our membership loves to do."

Beginning very soon, the club will also formally undergo a thorough Community Needs Assessment to evaluate where the organization can best serve the community. Partnerships with the cities, schools, churches, and businesses are all expected to benefit from the assessment. In following with the global mandate of Lions to "serve those with the most need," the Camas club saw the work being done by the Treasure House as just that. Since 1969, the house has worked with and for those in need of assistance and social services in Camas and Washougal. "It's community helping community, and the more we can partner together, the better off our community will be," said Treasure House Director Nancy Wilson.



Wilson recently became a member of the Camas Lions, and explained several of the needs at the facility. Now, the club is considering adopting Treasure House, as an ongoing project.

Treasure House currently has four staff members in addition to Wilson, along with 150 volunteers who contribute over 1,000 hours a month to the organization. During the week and Saturday, Treasure House's food pantry gives out food boxes to people in need.

That equates to roughly 6,500 pounds of food into the community every month, feeding 300 to 400 families, Wilson said. According to funds, the house also assists Camas and Washougal residents with rent and utility costs, and provides holiday food boxes with Christmas gifts. Recently, the house began the Backpack Program filling 170 bags of food for students at Camas Schools.

"It's a great pilot project for how we put projects together," Casey said. "This is right up our alley. We love doing yard work, and cutting things down. We've got a lot of people with chainsaws."

As an annual project, the Camas Lions take point on clean up at J.D. Currie Youth Camp, on the north side of Lacamas Lake. With a small army of tractors and chainsaws, the group cleans the grounds, clears trails and makes it safe for campers.

At present, the Camas Lions have 28 members, and meet twice a month.

Photo top left: Su Scott (front), Bryn Howell (next back), and Nancy Wilson (last back) clean out garden beds at the Inter-Faith Treasure House in Washougal. Photo by Jacob Granneman

Photo bottom left: Camas Lions Club member Dick Golladay uses a chainsaw to cut down overgrown hedge bushes at the Treasure House cleanup. Photo by Jacob Granneman

Photo to right: Lions Club members Dick Golladay (left) and Chris Dierickx (right) are shown here cutting back an overgrown laurel hedge at the Treasure House cleanup. Photo by Jacob Granneman



MD19 Lions are Recognized at Lions University Graduation

On September 19th at the USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Spokane, Lions from across North America including MD-19 were recognized for graduating from the Lions University program. Lions University is an online learning program offered free of charge that allows Lions to enhance their knowledge and leadership skills starting at the club level and moving the district level and beyond.

The Lions University program courses are offered at three different levels of achievement. These levels are identified as Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate. Although these are not official degrees, they do identify increasing levels of skills and knowledge at different leadership levels in Lions. The Bachelor's program offers Lions a way to develop the skills necessary to lead at the club level, whereas the Master's level program focuses on how to lead at the zone and district levels. The third and highest recognition occurs with the completion of the Doctorate program which focuses on the skills and knowledge needed to be a Lions training facilitator.

PDG Bob Yeoman from District E received both his Bachelors and Masters this year at the Forum. He stated, "Not having studied in the last half century (class of 1967) I was a little intimidated initially. But the tests were fairly simple and passed most all with 100%. The Masters was just a little more challenging, but with taking good notes I found that passing the tests was definitely achievable the first time." Lions Casey and Stephanie O'Dell from District G both completed the Bachelors program. Stephanie shared, "We were honored to be acknowledged for this achievement publicly at the graduation ceremony. We hope others will be inspired to go through the Lions University degree programs. It will definitely help themselves as a Lion and their club."



As part of the ceremony, graduates received a special Lions University pin (different for each level) and a certificate of program completion. Lions Clubs International 1st Vice President Judge Haynes Townsend personally congratulated each graduate as they received their recognition. Of the 23 MD19 Lions in this year's graduation, five received their Doctorate recognition, the highest level possible. Past International Director Don Shove, G-2 Zone Chair Debbie Mansell, MD19 Executive Director Peter Anderson, A-4 Zone Chair Ken Coping and 19-A Lion Dr. Timothy Ng, all completed this rigorous program over the past year by finishing all the required course work as well as creating the required unique Lions learning experience that was videotaped and presented for evaluation of their facilitation skills.

Congratulations to all the MD19 Lions University graduates for their accomplishments. Registration in Lions University and all course work are provided at no cost but attending one USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum for each level achieved is required in order to graduate. More information about Lions University programs can be found at www.LionsUniversity.org and future Forums can be found at <https://lionsforum.org/future-forums/>

Nelson Lions Provide Wheel Chair Accessible Swing for Park

By Paul Bogaard, Nelson Lions Club President

The Lions Club of Nelson has completed the purchase and installation of a wheel chair accessible swing for the Nelson Lions Park.

We received incredible help from Nelson Home Hardware with a \$4,000 donation to offset some of the total budgeted cost of \$17,000. The City of Nelson was very helpful saving taxes and doing the installation. We are very grateful for community support of our Lions Park. This wheelchair swing is only one of a few in Canada and we are very proud to provide this experience to people with mobility challenges.



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

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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.

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Vital Information

CLUB DUES: MD19 First Half Dues for 2019-20 are past due. If the Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer did not receive a dues statement, please contact the MD19 Office.

ANNUAL CONVENTION: Please remind your Delegates that they need to remember to bring their voting certification form(s) with them in order to vote at the Convention in Wenatchee, WA. Delegates will be able to vote immediately upon certifying. You must be current in your dues.

CLUB OFFICER CHANGES: Please inform the MD19 Office right away when there is a change in your club President, Secretary or Treasurer. The new officer information will be included in the Cut-n-Paste section of The Border Crossing and the master mailing list will be updated for future mailings from the MD19 Office. We do not receive the information from LCI when you only post a change on the LCI website.

SUBMITTING THE CLUBS' WMMR: Club Secretaries need to be aware that if no membership changes have occurred in the month of the report they STILL NEED TO GO ONLINE and indicate that nothing has changed by clicking on "Report no Membership Changes for (current month)" under the 'task' section on their clubs' MyLCI site. Otherwise they will not be given credit for submitting a report for that month. Please submit SAR each month.

Backdated information for the previous two months submitted during the next month will not be considered the missing months' report. Submitting the information is good for keeping accurate membership records. That is important and encouraged, but you won't receive credit for submitting the MMR that was not submitted by the last day of the specific month.

When submitting your report for the month it is better to submit earlier in the month in case there are internet issues with LCI on the last day of the month.

ZONE MEETINGS (District Governor Advisory Meeting): You probably have attended your first zone meeting for the 2019-20 year. Zone Chairpersons are required to report which Presidents and Secretaries (and Alternates if applicable) were in attendance at the meeting. It is important that you also record your club's attendance at the zone meeting on your Club's Monthly Visitation Form, indicating that the President and Secretary were in attendance. This is in case the Zone Chairperson does not send in the required report.

The Border Crossing: Officers of MD19, which includes Club Presidents, Secretaries, Zone Chairpersons, etc., who have supplied the MD19 Office an email address are automatically added to our AWeber communications system and sent a link for *The Border Crossing* when a new issue is uploaded to our MD19 Website. If you do not receive any AWeber messages from this office then you will need to sign up for *The Border Crossing* through our website. On the main page of the site (www.lionsmd19.com) select 'Border Crossing' followed by 'Border Crossing Sign-Up'. Fill out the form and hit submit. You will receive a confirmation email that you need to give permission in order for AWeber to send you messages.

Simply the Best - Seminars

Simply the Best! Join us October 17-19 in Wenatchee, WA for our Annual Convention. Some of the highlights include:

Thursday Seminars & Tours:

- Getting the message out - press releases, displays and posters
- Ongoing Environmental Projects - beach cleanup, food distribution, parks, camps & more
- Walking tour downtown (self-guided)
- Shopping at Pybus Market (self-funded!)

Friday Seminars

- A look at C & A - time to re-invent
- What's First? Meetings or Projects
- CARE
- NW LIONS Foundation
- MD19 Lions Service & Leadership EDW with NW Lions Leadership Institute
- B.C. Lions Society for Children With Disabilities

Saturday Seminars

- My Lion
- President's Rap session
- LCIF
- Global Action Team Rap session
- Zone Chair Rap
- Secretary Rap
- How To 3 minute Video like a Boss

*sessions subject to change and substitutions



Port Coquitlam Lions Club



70th Anniversary Celebration

Westwood Plateau Golf & Country Club
3251 Plateau Boulevard, Coquitlam BC

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Tickets \$50 per person
Includes gourmet meal and first cocktail

Doors Open 6 p.m. / Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Contact Sharon Hughes 604.351.4651

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

By Melissa Smith, NWLLI Public Relations Chairperson

Are you ready to unleash your inner BEaST?

We're excited to announce that registration for the 2020 Northwest Lions Leadership Institute has gone live on our website (www.nwlli.org) on September 1.

The 2020 Institute will be held at beautiful Harrison Hot Springs in British Columbia, Canada, and will be three days packed full of leadership training to help you be the BEaST Lion you can for your Club and District.

A deposit of \$150, US funds is required with your application. The remaining balance of \$200, is due at the time of check-in at the Institute. MD19 Lions may qualify for a fee reduction that can be applied towards Institute registration fees. This fee reduction is provided by the MD19 Lions Service and Leadership Foundation.

If you attended the Council of Governors meeting and/or the District Governor and Zone Chairperson Training in Yakima in June, you will have more than likely viewed the three minute video put together for the Institute and listened to Wanda Carisse, Steve Somerset, and myself tell you about all of the benefits of attending. If you haven't seen the video, or would like to view it again, please visit our website.

At the District Governor and Zone Chairperson training we challenged each of the DGs and ZCs in attendance to make the Institute an agenda item to discuss at Club, Zone, and Cabinet meetings. Registration at the Institute is limited to 60 students, so make sure to get the word out as soon as you can.

If you haven't attended the Institute in the past, we'd love to have you join us. If you are a graduate of the Institute, we'd love to have you encourage any other Lions you know to check us out.



"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 PDG Ed Brunz at 360-708-0370 or MD19 Office at 360-733- 4911

A Journey from Youth Exchange Lions

By Nanami Carlson, Club Membership Chair (2019-2020)

In the late summer of 2018, I took part in the Lions Youth Exchange Program (YEP) with the Gabriola Lions Club, (19-I). I was not a Lion myself, but I was looking for an opportunity to expand my knowledge of the world. This experience would ignite in me a desire to help others and to eventually become a Lion myself.

Currently I am focusing on earning a Bachelor of Science Honours Specialization in Psychology. I chose this field as I desire to help those who suffer with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Although I've had this vision of helping others for as long as I can remember, joining the Lions as an avenue to do so never crossed my mind. Although I volunteered in service activities with the Gabriola Lions Club, it wasn't until I participated in the Youth Exchange and journeyed to Greece that I began to see the value of being a Lion.

I have always wanted to travel to Greece. I had just completed my second year of University and thought this would be a great time to travel and experience on my own a part of the world that had always intrigued me. Upon my arrival I was warmly greeted by my host family. I remember thinking that it was amazing that at that moment I was fulfilling a life-long dream! I spent the first week with them in the city of Thessaloniki. My host brother, Nick Leopardi was the coordinator for the YE program and he and his family contributed so much to my experience. Through them I felt as if I were an actual resident of Greece society, rather than a tourist. During my week with them I could see the hard work that went into preparing for the camp portion of the program (second week). I saw the community coming together to support the Lions Club. Everyone I met was extremely friendly and welcoming.

Later in that first week, I learned that the Lions District in the area we visited were not financially able to support the YEP, along with the Multiple District. However, all the food, accommodations and activities for the camp were supported by other area Lions Clubs, individuals and area companies in the community. As a whole the community welcomed 11 youth from different counties and made sure we were comfortable and had all we needed. During my third week I was again in Thessaloniki with my second host family and met with other youth who were also being hosted in the area.

My memories of that trip are many; however I want to speak to the Lions Club that I am now a member of. Upon my return to Canada I realized that I wanted to be part of the Lions Clubs International - an organization that gave back to their community. As my university was in Ontario I looked into the area clubs and found the Central London Lions Club. Diving right in, I volunteered at a club barbecue and attended a meeting. From there I was directed to another club, the West London Lions Club, where the average age of the members was 19 and meetings were held on campus.

I contacted President Kyle Boutillier (formerly from 19-H) and asked to join their club. I was welcomed and became a charter member as the club was just being formed. Our sponsor club, Dorchester & District Lions Club was a huge factor in the development of our club. We were pleased to have then President Gundrun Yngvadottir, her husband, and hundreds of other Lions come to show their support of our club at our Charter Night Celebration. From the moment I became a Lion I have met amazing individuals, not only in my club but also in the Lions community. Our club's first large event was coordinating the first Canadian Young Lions Retreat. It was a huge success! We hosted young Lions from British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario. All were inspired by the fellowship from not only the participants, but from the local Lions Clubs as well.

We are now entering our second year as a club. During our first year we served at least 168 people, served around 1200 hours and completed 29 activities. Our membership remains consistent and new ones are being added. We are all excited to be serving our community!

On a personal note: it is inspiring to see youth come together and work to create a better world. It is my hope that, as you read these words that Leos will be encouraged to consider becoming a Lion to further help their community. Also, I would encourage local Lions Clubs to come alongside the youth in your community to join and serve. The West London Lions Club is an example of what can be accomplished by youth when the main focus is on helping others.

The Youth Exchange Program was the start of my journey towards becoming a Lion. I am thankful for the opportunity to learn what our world has to offer. It is my hope that other youths will be able to have a similar experience - where one can experience a different culture and will ultimately lead them in the direction of service.

Lions Help with Interurban Trail

It was a brisk and chilly morning on September 28, 2019 when nearly 70 volunteers gathered at 8:00 a.m. to begin planting 3200 plants for the Interurban Trail.

Many thanks to our Zone Chairperson, Lisa Ikeda, who worked with the other zone clubs to assist in this Zone project. Many people contributed their time and efforts in creating the flyer (Lion ??), assembling the Facebook information for distribution (Lion Pete Lewis).

King Lion Bob Baggett of the Auburn Noon Lions coordinated the volunteers from Kent and Federal Way Lions along with 14 Auburn Noon Lions (including Leanne Guier who is also Mayor of the City of Pacific), City of Pacific employees, 40 members of a local church group, two Girl Scout troops from Federal Way and Eagle Scouts from Auburn. Because of our volunteers and their tremendous response to our call for help, our first Zone Project in twenty years was a HUGE success.

What made this event so memorable was the section we were working on is part of The Interurban Trail that links Seattle to Pacific following the historic Interurban Rail Line and from there Connect the Foothills Trail and the Riverwalk Trail to a new TRI-Trail connecting Seattle to the foothills of Mt. Rainier and to Tacoma along the Puyallup.

This was a great way to beautify our environment and encourage people to get more physical activity. Our smiling volunteers worked tirelessly to dig holes, plant trees and various other plants in a large wetland area near the trail. With so many volunteers assisting, we were able to complete the entire project in four hours. The parks department from the City of Pacific provided goodie bags, beverages, snacks and sandwiches.

This final Interurban link is expected to be completed in 2024 and we look forward to seeing people biking and hiking along the trail.



Volunteers busy digging and planting



When all said and done, these volunteers may be tired, but very proud of their hard work and the camaraderie of working together with like-minded folks.



Lions Partnering with Lions

By Debbie Bostock Governor 19-D

At the beginning of June, the Canadian Football League's BC Lions hold their training camp in Kamloops. Every year they have a Fan Fest Day free to the community where Lions are asked to cook up burgers and hotdogs for the public, volunteers and players. The football players play a 'football game' with the local youth football players. It is such fun to watch these young kids get an opportunity to play with the 'Big Guys'. The professionals even let them get a touchdown or two. The players always do an autograph session and play a short football game for all to enjoy.



Meanwhile we cook up the food! The junior players are given tickets for a free meal which they all enjoy with their choice of burger or hot dog with potato chips and beverage. The general public is always very appreciative of a bite to eat or cold drink when the sun is blazing and the temperature is high.

The event ends with a fireworks display. When the fireworks start then the professional football players get fed. They can eat 2 or 3 burgers and hotdogs. They really are big boys. Always very polite and thank us Lions feeding Lions!!

The money raised from the concession sales is donated to the Minor Football program in town.

This event always has a great response from the club members, as all are needed to successfully do this event. Our cashier asks for hugs from the pros, and they willingly do so, as well as sign autographs for anyone who wants one.

DG Debbie was born in Kamloops and grew up east of there on the family cattle ranch near Pritchard. Debbie has worked as bookkeeper for most of her working life. She is now retired from a paying job!

She has been a member of the Kamloops Paddlewheelers Lions Club since 1992 when she first joined Lions and has held a number of offices within the association, including zone chair, cabinet secretary, bulletin editor, district conference, membership, contests & awards, peace poster and international understanding chairs. At the multiple level, she has been peace poster chairperson and contests & awards chairperson. In recognition for her service, she has received numerous awards including an International President's Leadership Award. In addition she is the recipient of a number of service related awards & certificates. DG Debbie is a Melvin Jones Fellow. Her partner Angus Benedict is also a long time Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow.

MD19 Lions Annual Convention Tour

MISS VEEDOL AT PANGBORN MEMORIAL AIRPORT

Miss Veedol was the first airplane to fly non-stop across the Pacific Ocean. On October 5, 1931, Clyde Pangborn, with co-pilot Hugh Herndon, crash-landed their plane in the hills of East Wenatchee, Washington, in the central part of the state, becoming the first to fly non-stop across the northern Pacific Ocean. The 41-hour flight from Sabishiro Beach, Misawa, Aomori Prefecture, Japan won them the 1931 Harmon Trophy, symbolizing the greatest achievement in flight for that year.



Afterward, Miss Veedol was sold and renamed The American Nurse. On a 1932 flight from New York City to Rome for aviation medicine research, she was last sighted by an ocean liner in the eastern Atlantic, before disappearing without trace.

A local group founded the Spirit of Wenatchee a nonprofit organization of EAA Chapter 424 pilots. They are attempting the ambitious project of recreating the historic flight and have built a replica of the Miss Veedol.

Loads of Changes Service Project

You know Lions have made a difference when paying for a woman's laundromat service gives her enough cash to replace tires on her recreational vehicle so she doesn't end up homeless. This was actually the case in June.

After attending the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute in May 2018, Poulsbo Lion Terry Blais submitted a service project for a \$500 NWLLI grant for free laundromat service for low and no income people. The grant was matched by her club. Half of the grant was given up front and the new project started October 2018 with four households being served for \$38.

The Loads of Change program is going strong at the Village Laundromat in the Poulsbo Village Shopping Center. A monthly reminder is sent out on Facebook on the Poulsbo Lions page, as well as to the local food banks (Fishline in Poulsbo, Sharenet in Kingston, and Helpline House on Bainbridge Island). Poulsbo Lions have included the service project in its 2019-2020 budget.

Since October, Poulsbo Lions have held Loads of Change the third Wednesday of every month from 2-6 p.m. Flyers are posted on the laundromat doors. Anywhere from 3-11 households and up to 50 loads of laundry have been taken care of each month, averaging \$90 a month, including donations. Donations received have ranged from quarters and cash to laundry detergent, fabric softener, toiletry kits, fruit, water, protein bars and even new plastic tubs, socks, gloves and umbrellas. The Loads of Change program has been very well received in the North Kitsap community.

Only two people are needed to feed quarters into the machines. Lions and volunteers don't touch the clothing, they only feed quarters into the machines and offer snacks and toiletries. Some people do one load, while others have shown up with as many as 11 loads. We provide the free laundry services to anybody who asks for it.

This is an easy service project that even the smallest clubs may do with limited resources.



2019 19-A Vancouver Fraser Charter Night Celebration

Special Donations 2019-2020

CARE

19-H PCC Surinder & Mohinder Gahir \$150.00

Memorials for August 2019

C 3	Enumclaw	Charles Russell
C 3	Enumclaw	Jim R. Wetton
D 2	Leavenworth	Deanne M. Clark
D 7	Kelowna Okanagan Mission	Barbara May Fennig
E 1	Spokane Shadle North	Bernice Ent
E 5	Trail	Ronald Healey
E 6	Fernie	Chuck Brewer
G 2	Ridgefield	Kenneth Bisbee
G 2	Ridgefield	Charles Michael Ethridge
H 6	Chilliwack Mt. Cheam	Ken Parke
I 2	West Shore	Wayne Lemire
I 3	Sidney	William Foster

Memorials for September 2019

B 5	Burien	Kevin Daniels
B 5	Seattle Bituin	PDG Nathalie J. Fuentes
C 4	North Mason	Ginny Gail Knittel
E 4	Cranbrook	Ron J. Rushworth
E 10	Golden District	Wayne Clark
F 7	Potlatch	Richard B. Roberts
F 8	Lind	Rodney N. Biermann
G 1	Peninsula	Gloria Hallard
G 1	Peninsula	Nadine Long
G 2	Ridgefield	Robert J. Hyatt
H 5	New Westminster	PDG Thomas H. Tait
I 5	Willow Point	Ben Petkau

Percentages of WMMRs received, SARs completed for month of September 2019 and First Half Dues Paid for 2019-20

	WMMRs	DUES
19-A	62%	62%
19-B	50%	78%
19-C	67%	96%
19-D	58%	87%
19-E	77%	77%
19-F	64%	68%
19-G	62%	85%
19-H	80%	88%
19-I	100%	88%

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MD19 Calendar of Events 2019 - 2020

2019

Council of Governor's	Wenatchee, WA	October 16-17
98th MD19 Annual Convention	Wenatchee, WA	October 17-19

2020

MD19 Winter CoG, Best Western	Bellingham, WA	February 7-8
MD19 Spring CoG, Howard Johnson Hotel	Yakima, WA	May 20-21
MD19 DGE & ZCE Training, Howard Johnson	Yakima, WA	May 21-23
NW Lions Leadership Institute	Harrison Hot Springs, BC	June 4-6
LCICon 2020	Singapore	June 26-30
99th MD19 Annual Convention	Penticton, B.C.	October 15-17

Spring Conferences 2020

District 19-H Holiday Inn Express & Suites	Langley, B.C.	March 6-7
District 19-F Selah Civic Center	Selah, WA	March 20-21
District 19-B Hilton Garden Inn	Bothell, WA	March 27-28
District 19-D Coast Hotel	Kamloops, B.C.	March 27-28
District 19-I Beban Park Social Centre	Nanaimo, BC	April 3-4
District 19-C LaQuinta Inn & Suites	Tacoma, WA	April 17-18
District 19-A Morris J Wosk Centre for Dialogue	Vancouver, B.C.	April 24-25
District 19-G Shilo Inn	Ocean Shores, WA	April 24-25
District 19-E Best Western Plus	Coeur d'Alene, ID	May 1-2

2021

MD19 Winter CoG, Best Western	Bellingham, WA	February 5-6
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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!