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Leadership Corner

By PDG Frank Bega

Desire, Dedication, Diversity
 What are some ways that Leadership is best acquired?
 How about the three "D"s?

Let's start with Desire. How much energy and time do you feel is necessary? What goals do you perceive as necessary? How intense are you in attaining your goals? Where do you start practicing Leadership? These are some questions to ask yourself as you aspire to move up the leadership ladder.

What is your level of Diversity? How long can you see yourself promoting new ideas, new service activities, mentoring new members, and helping those new members to become dedicated Lions?

Address your Dedication. You are told by fellow Lions that what you are seeking has been tried and has not worked. Will you keep trying? Will you come up with different plans or just change the plans you have?

What helps make you a proficient Leader?

An effective leader has the following characteristics: self-confidence, strong communication and management skills, creative and innovative thinking, perseverance, willingness to take risks, open to change, levelheaded and reactiveness in times of crisis.

What are the fundamentals of leadership?

Communication. Leaders would be hard-pressed to accomplish anything worthwhile without an effective way to communicate across the entire organization, etc. ...

What are the 3 most important qualities of a great leader?

Communication. Often said to be one of the most important qualities of great leaders, communication is the glue that binds an effective and productive team together – enabling them to function at their collaborative best. ...

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Link to More Information

Explore How LCIF Grants Can Help You Serve
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-toolkit>

Wondering about the future? Look here
<https://lionsmd19.org/calendar.php>

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
<https://members.lionsforum.org/>

2023-2024 Key Leadership Dates

November

TBD (90 min): ZOOM - Succession Planning for ZC/DGE/VDGE/GAT (90 Minutes) (Prior to December 31 completed application filing)

January

TBD (4 hours): ZOOM - Guiding Lions Training (4 hours)

February

TBE (90 min): Succession Planning for Clubs & Potential Club officers (prior to Mar/Apr elections)

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MD19 Council Chairperson

Steve Noble



Why is Lions International pushing mission 1.5? The simple truth of the matter is we have about the same amount of members now that we had 10 years ago, 20 years ago and 30 years ago. And that time the world's population has almost doubled. With more population that means the needs are greater for childhood cancer, sight and hearing, environmental concerns, emergency disasters and all the causes that we care about. We are trying to manage double the worlds population with the same amount of members that we've had for 30 years now and that just doesn't work. In order for Lions to meet the needs of the service community we need more members.

Mission 1.5 has the goal of reaching 1.5 million members by July 2027. We can do that by retaining existing members, bringing in new members and starting new clubs. If your club is bringing in new members and adding new clubs then keep doing what you're doing. If you're looking for a new method international is suggesting we try GMA. The Global Membership Approach. GMA is a structured process that your club can go through so that you can reach the goals that you want to reach. All of our clubs spend a lot of time talking about ideas, but unless those ideas are put into action they really don't change anything. GMA is a process that sets up goals, action steps and assigns people who are responsible for each action step and then follow up on the steps. Following that approach you're much more likely to be successful and in fact, this system has worked in many places in helping membership.

Why do we have a multiple district office and why do we pay dues to the multiple district office? The most important thing that matters in our organization is the service that's what we do. In order to do service we need to have members. We always need to be bringing a new members to replace those members that no longer work on service projects. The job of the multiple district is the make your club stronger, make service projects better and help to bring in more members. MD19 provides support to zone chairman, district governors and the council chairperson. In turn all of us are there to support Clubs. The primary purpose of this support structure is always to make clubs stronger. To make all of this work we really need clubs to pay their dues to the multiple district. Most clubs pay on time and we thank you for that, but there are some clubs that are in arrears and it would make everyone's job a lot easier if they could get those dues paid.

Vision Awareness Programs

By DG Lisa Ikeda, District N



I'm excited to be the District Governor of District 19N, that combines both C and G and I am looking forward to my club visitations. My goal is to volunteer with as many clubs as possible.

I'm very passionate about the many projects that focus around our various Lions vision programs. Several years ago, when our son was 4 years old, we visited the Lions sponsored Health Screening Van. The vision screening results recommended that he should see an optometrist. Thankfully it was caught early, and he was prescribed eyeglasses for myopia (nearsightedness). Had we not attended that Lions event, he would not have been vision screened until the following year after he started Kindergarten. <https://nlfoundation.org/>

Vision Screening:

My absolute favorite volunteer activity is the Vision Screening program. Knowing within seconds if there's a concern with a child's vision is incredible with the use of the state-of-the-art technology that's now available. The Plusoptix Vision Screening machine can detect the following conditions: Anisocoria (one pupil is larger than the other) Anisometropia (asymmetric refraction between the two eyes). Astigmatism (blurry/distorted vision), Hyperopia (farsighted) and Myopia (nearsighted). It is also designed to detect signs of Amblyopia (lazy eye where one eye is weaker than the other) - a common pediatric condition which hampers early development. I've been using the PlusOptix machine for several years and find that it to be a very rewarding and life changing service project. <https://www.plusoptix.com>

Knights of the Blind:

The Knights of the Blind Committee is a committee under MD19. I have sat in on several KOTB Zoom meetings over the last year. The meetings and discussions have been very informative and educational. I now have several friends, plus three of my fellow club members, that serve on the KOTB committee. I love that the recent KOTB project using the Grandpa's White Cane book to help educate and bring awareness to 3rd grade students. One of my most recent projects was helping KOTB create their website: www.MD19KOTB.org

Beep Baseball:

Beep Baseball is an activity I've recently learned of. I am not an athletic person but found it immensely enjoyable to volunteer to help a local visually impaired/blind baseball team play Beep Baseball. I mainly sat and worked the base switch, that alerts the players on which base to run to and I rooted for the players. It was fun and I felt very welcomed by the team.

Their team is always looking for volunteers to assist the players during the game and other teams visually impaired or sighted to play. To play, all players are blindfolded to make

the game fair. If you google Beep Baseball continued on page 4

The Sooke Harbourside Lions Club

*Invite you to join us as we
Celebrate our
20th Charter Anniversary*



Guest Speaker will be International President Dr. Patti Hill

Join us on Sunday December 3rd, 2023

"Happy Hour" at 6pm

Followed by dinner at 7pm

In the Sooke Community Hall (upstairs)

Sooke, BC

Entertainment will be provided by Victor Pasta

Gift Basket draw and 50/50



Tickets, Contact: Lion Maggie Vause

Email:

harbourside20thanniversary@gmail.com



\$40.00 per ticket

Fun & Fellowship Guaranteed!

Dress Semi Formal

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Seattle, many articles prior to Covid are written about this fun sport.

For more information about Beep baseball in Pierce County, WA please contact Lion Andy Bacon, Spanaway Lions Club at andyndeeinroy@msn.com

Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (LERC):

LERC located in Olympia, WA is one of my favorite places to volunteer at. I love meeting the various volunteers from the different clubs and the community that come to volunteer. I enjoy learning about different community projects and listening to members who have been on overseas vision mission trips. I especially enjoy that there is something for everyone. Individual volunteers and groups are welcome to help weigh, inspect, sort, select, wash, polish and examine the many eyeglasses they receive. For those with more time, can train to use the state-of-the-art lensometer to measure prescriptions or train to become a volunteer site manager. It is a fun group activity that anyone can help do. I personally find it relaxing placing the glasses on the tray, washing them in the dishwasher, shaking the water off and bringing them to the table. Hours do vary, so it's best to call and schedule your visit. www.lionsnwlerc.org

Leader Dogs for the Blind:

Last August, I had the opportunity to visit the Leader Dogs campus in Rochester, Michigan. I enjoyed every aspect of the experience. We listened to passionate speakers and clients, we toured the facility, and practiced some orientation and mobility training using the White Cane and a retired guide dog. The trip really made me appreciate the vision I have. It gave me a deeper appreciation for what these sweet and highly intelligent canines do to help their person lead independent lives. Since returning, I have enjoyed visiting clubs and Zones and talking about this amazing program. Using my notes and photos from my visit to create a PowerPoint presentation. Leader Dogs is our District 19N Project for my District Governor year. We will continue to support the Childhood Cancer Initiative that was started in District C several years ago. www.leaderdog.org

Corbin Low Vision Resource Center:

Another wonderful program I need to mention is the Corbin Low Vision Resource Center, in Olympia, WA. The volunteer staff really works hard to provide vision aids, free of charge to those with visual impairments, and recently expanded to include everyone living within MD19 N District. I'm happy to announce that the Olympia Host Lions Foundation has received a recent LCIF Community Impact Grant that will help continue to provide much needed resources to our community. www.Olympiahostlions.org

Thank you for this opportunity to share with you some of my favorite Lions sponsored programs. I truly believe it was kismet that I joined the Lions and I met so many others passionate about our various vision programs within our organization.

Help Wanted

By PID Allan Hunt, Host Committee Chairperson

For those of you who have been following along, MD19 will be Hosting the Spring 2024 International Board Meeting in Vancouver, BC. The dates for this event are March 14-20, 2024. The actual meeting is March 16-19, but as a host committee we have obligations from the March 14-20, 2024.

We need help from Lions to meet arriving Board Members at Vancouver International Airport. We will know who is arriving and when. Once they are all in Vancouver, we won't need help at the Airport. We will need to provide Lions at the Host Desk inside the hotel each day of the board meetings. If anyone wishes to assist with any of these opportunities, please contact me via email at allansiphone4s@gmail.com.

Our biggest ask though is support for a Host night where we can meet and greet the Executive Officers, International Directors, Spouses and Staff. We have no budget provided for this; this is something we need to figure out ourselves. We have asked each District to assist with \$500 which will be helpful, but will not cover our anticipated costs. We are asking each Lions Club and Lions in MD19 to assist us with a contribution of \$25 dollars or more. These funds can be sent to MD19 Lions Office with the Host Night Contribution on the memo line. Lions in the USA can send the check to the MD19 Office in Bellingham (4141 Bennett Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226), Canadian Lions can send the check to the MD19 Box 1621, Aldergrove BC V4W 2V1.

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A positive attitude. ...

The ability to delegate.

How can a person become a Leader?

To be an effective leader, you must understand your own motivations, strengths, and weaknesses. Great leaders connect with their team by facilitating open communication, encouraging employee growth and development, and giving and receiving feedback.

As you can see, the three Ds are directional, but nothing works without two-way communication.

MD19 Convention - Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides

By Lion Carol Martin

Getting more than 250 Lions from our MD19 and into one place at one time, is a feat in itself. Surrey, B.C. Canada became our destination.

The highlight was Emily Hammersmark who came all the way from Chilliwack, B.C. with Yazzie, Dog Guide for Autism. Emily's son, Noah, has Autism and now through knowing and living and learning with Yazzie at his side since June of this year, Noah's life has improved immensely. Emily was so grateful for the Lions and the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

Another highlight and there were so many(!) was the presentation of a \$75,000 cheque from a generous donor to Lion Polly Voon with sights on our new training centre for Dog Guides in Canada. What a huge donation!!

Primarily, I set up a Dog Guide presentation giving out information and encouraging everyone to enter the free draw for some awesome prizes, sponsored by PDG Simon Yau, Chairperson for LFCDG (Mainland), and Yukon & BC Director PZC Richard Simonson and his home club, Coquitlam River Lions who came and helped out. I also donated two Puppy Calendars as Chairperson for LFCDG (Vancouver Island). Saturday night I had the pleasure of announcing the winners of the draw, six of them, from the podium giving a brief and heartfelt message of thanks to all for a tremendous Convention.

Leos from the local area were amazing, organizing the Carnival Fun Night and helping with the Memorial Service.

True dedication to a great global organization. In the words of IP Dr Patti Hill, we are "Changing the World".

Emily Hammersmark and Yazzie



from left to right: Richard Simonson, Emily Hammersmark with Yazzie, Simon Yua, Carol Martin, Linda Schaffrick, Polly Voon, Christina Peebles and Jack Peebles



Polly Voon

Multiple District 19 Proclamation
October 15th as White Cane Awareness Day and
The First Full Week of February as White Cane Week

WHEREAS, since 1925, when asked to champion the blind by Helen Keller, Lions Clubs International has a long history of serving the blind and visually impaired. We remain committed to this mission into the next century.

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs International Global objective for VISION is, "prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind or visually impaired."

WHEREAS, the white cane, which every blind member of Multiple District 19 has the right to carry, demonstrates and symbolizes the ability to achieve a full and independent life and the capacity to work productively in local, District, Multiple District and International service; and

WHEREAS, the white cane, by allowing every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, makes it possible for the blind to fully participate in and contribute to our society and to live the lives they want; and

WHEREAS, every citizen should be aware that the law requires that motorists and cyclists exercise appropriate caution when approaching a blind person carrying a white cane; and

WHEREAS, Multiple District 19 recognizes our blind members as individuals with productive capacities and skills; and

WHEREAS, Since 1946, thanks to the Canadian Council of the Blind's initiative, the first full week of February has traditionally been celebrated as "White Cane Week" in Canada; and

WHEREAS, Since 1964, the President of the United States and later the World Blind Union designated October 15th as White Cane Safety Day and White Cane Awareness Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Noble, Council Chairperson of Multiple District 19, do hereby proclaim

October 15th as WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY

And

The First Full Week of February as WHITE CANE WEEK

in Multiple District 19 and do call upon our local Clubs, Districts, and Multiple District to offer full opportunities for training to blind persons; to utilize the available skills of competent blind persons and to open new opportunities for the blind in our rapidly changing society; and upon all members to recognize the white cane as a tool of independence for blind pedestrians on our streets and highways.

Multiple District 19 Council of Governors



Steve Noble, Chair

Oct 15, 2023

Date

How the Longview Pioneer Lions Developed "Lions Roaring for Reading" Book Give Away

By Longview Pioneer Lion Marilyn Patterson, PDG

When funding ceased for the local school district program called Reading is Fundamental, the district's elementary schools were no longer able to provide a free book to give to the students. That was when Longview Pioneer Lions Club members decided to offer their services to Columbia Heights Elementary School. About five years ago, Lion George Moore was instrumental in establishing the relationship with the school to continue this wonderful program.

Our current Committee Co-Chairs, Steve and Marilyn Patterson communicate with the school Librarian for scheduling the free book event and for ordering books through the Scholastics Literacy Partnerships. Books are chosen for a variety of reading levels, subject matter, and age appropriate. Pioneer Lions provide funding for the free book distribution, one per student each time we meet. The students get to choose a book to keep for themselves. We refer to it as their "Forever Book". Included with the book is a specially designed Pioneer Lions bookmark so the student and parents can read about who we are and where the donation came from. We schedule two book giveaway days during each school year.

During the event, individual classrooms are sent to the library for a 20-minute session with our Pioneer Lions. A Lion volunteer reads a brief story to the children and then they get to choose from books laid out on the tables. We read to students in Kindergarten through 3rd grades then share with the 4th and 5th graders about what Lions do in the community. Our mission is to encourage children to develop a love for reading and expand awareness of what serving others means.

Coincidentally Columbia Heights Elementary School's mascot is a Lion. Cute!

Details:

Photos taken at the October 23, 2023 book give away event

Students served: 365

Cost of books: approximately \$1,000 to \$1,200 per event

Volunteer hours on October 23, 2023, included 10 Lions totaling 34 Service hours. This was a school day from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM minus the lunch break.

Organizing hours by the Committee Chairs are hard to estimate and are not included, but most likely are 12 hours.

Left to right: Donna Schmoyer, Steve Patterson, Marilyn Patterson, Erik Halvorson, Pat Fulton and Susan Farquhar



Left to right: Steve Patterson, Mark Koelsch, Marilyn Patterson, Anne Camarda, Greg Firth



Lion Anne Camarda



Lion Greg Firth



Lion Erik Guttormsen



100th

Anniversary Gala

Please Join

Longview Pioneer Lions

In Celebration of
100 Years of Service
to Our Community

November 30th, 2023
6:00 PM

Featured Speaker
Lions International President

Dr. Patti Hill
2023-2024 Theme—
“Changing the World”

Cowlitz County Event Center
Main Building
1900 7th Avenue
Longview WA 98632
Free Parking

\$65.00 per person

Dinner Menu— Choose From:

Apricot Chicken and
Bacon-Wrapped Filet of Beef
with Cherry Mushroom Sauce
(entrée includes both dishes)

Vegetarian — Veggie Lasagna with
Squashes, Onions, Garlic, Peppers,
Fresh Basil, Herbs and Cheeses;
Seasonal Veggies; Focaccia Bread

For more information, please contact:

Past Council Chair Hal Palmer

360-431-2733

lionhal@gmail.com

or

Lion Greg Firth

360-430-4839

gfirth47@hotmail.com

**PLEASE RSVP
by November 15, 2023**

Payment by check or money order
in US currency appreciated,
mailed with this form to:

**Longview Pioneer Lions
P.O. Box G
Longview WA 98632**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____

Phone: _____

RSVP for # of guests: _____

Payment enclosed: \$ _____

Meal Selection @ \$65.00 Per Person

Apricot Chicken and # _____
Filet of Beef

Vegetarian Lasagna # _____

Payment accepted: check, money order, cash

Please enclose check
or money order payable to:

Longview Pioneer Lions
or email registration to:
PCC Hal Palmer
lionhal@gmail.com

and follow with payment via postal mail.

Online fillable form

*Thank you for sharing this
special evening with us!*

MD19 Annual Convention Recap

The MD19 2023 annual convention has just recently concluded and reports are still coming in about how much fun Friday night was with the participation of over 30 LEO members who created a wonderful carnival atmosphere! Carnival games included such things as ring toss, basketball, target shooting, photo booth and bean-bag toss, just to name a few. You could win fabulous prizes such as wooden cars and trucks, and stuffies that had been donated to the LEOS for this Fun Night. One notable addition to the fun night was board breaking booth hosted by the MD19 Knights of the Blind committee members. There is something satisfying about the trust it takes to blindfold yourself, facing the challenge, and both hearing as well as feeling the board snap in half as you strike it with your hand. Everyone should give that a try! Fun night concluded with dancing and Karaoke.

The voting that took place on Friday and Saturday resulted in both suggested ballot measures being adopted. It should be noted that one of the items voted on was only for the delegates of the Canadian Clubs, who voted on a procedural change to the way the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides representative would be elected.

Lots of sessions to educate us, and plenty of time to chat with friends were some of the comments overheard as the convention drew to a close. The Saturday night was closed out by more dancing that was preceded by an invitation from two of the 2024 Host Committee members who had an entertaining way of telling us all about the next convention. Imagine a bugle call sounding the start of the race horses, and then imagine the bugler was PDG Steve Patterson and his bugle was a Kazoo! PDG Marilyn Patterson joined him on stage as they invited everyone of us to go to the 2024 MD19 Annual Convention May 23-25, 2024.

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.

2023-2024 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:

2023-2024 MD19 Roster Only: Cost is \$7.00 U.S. Funds plus shipping and handling.

Add \$3.00 S/H for U.S. Addresses and \$5.00 for Canadian Addresses.

2023-2024 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 \$12.00 = \$32.00 USD

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Print Name on Line Above

Phone Number / Email Address

Print Mailing Address

City

State/Province

Zip/Postal Code

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



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Card # _____ Expiry Date ____ / ____

Signature: _____ (payment will be in US Funds)

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2023-24 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 .jpg, .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

CLUB DUES: MD19 First Half Dues for 2023-24 are past due. If the Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer did not receive a dues statement, please contact the MD19 Office.

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 MD19 Website. 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.

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 it 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 2023-24 year, whether in person or as a Zoom Meeting. Zone Chairpersons are required to report which Presidents and Secretaries (and Alternates if applicable) attended 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.

MD19 2023-24 Roster: We have a very limited supply of the current MD19 Roster. Cost is \$7.00 and postage \$3.00 US and \$5.00 CDN. Contact us via email md19lions@lionsmd19.org or call: 360-733-4911.

Prince Rupert Lions Club

Greetings Fellow Lions!

MD19 L A-4 Prince Rupert Lions Club in BC Canada are supporting a safer community and making the world a better place.

Prince Rupert Lions Club in BC Canada donates cheque funds of \$2,000.00 supporting Prince Rupert Youth under Lions Club umbrella for Youth Safety event for Halloween festivities. Presented by President Len Lovering, Mascot Lion, Zone Chair Ken Copping and Lion Anne Copping.



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.

Be a Part of the Lions Knights of the Blind Committee (KOTB)

By PDG Art Ruben

First Annual CHRISTMAS PARTY. IT WILL BE FUN!

MD19 Lions KOTB along with the KOTB of Hawaii will host a live Zoom Christmas broadcast on December 16th at 5 p.m. Pacific time. All attendees must register as capacity is limited.

Registration link is: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZMvcOGpqqzMuH93zJrSbY19G3mK9x_eJ0S-0

The Christmas party will be accessible to everyone. From the shores of Hawaii and all the way to the Maritimes of Canada. And to all of MD19 and South Dakota, North Carolina and even North Pole, Alaska! This will be a major cooperative event, U.S. and Canada according to Bill Scholl, the current Chair of MD19 Lions KOTB. Bill says, "We will have videos and/or recordings from local sighted and non-sighted, and Lions and non-Lions. If you want to provide something, contact Bill at billscholl134@gmail.com with your submission.

PCC Al Hedstrom will serve as the "real" Santa and emcee. He is excited about his role and practicing his "HO, Ho, HO" for U.S. and Canadian and worldwide audiences. Santa says he always likes a good party and the Lions always do it the best." He says volunteer to Partipate and/or register for a seat on Zoom. Don't hesitate; participation and seating are limited. Contact Bill at billScholl134@gmail.com.

The Knights of The Blind Committee is a standing committee of MD19. One of their goals is to encourage members and clubs to meet Helen Keller's challenge to be the Knights Of The Blind and work with and for the blind and visually impaired. For more information about the committee contact Colette Arvidson at colette.arvidson@gmail.com.

Special Donations 2023-2024

		LCIF	CARE
19-S	PDG Harry Lippincott		100.00

Percentages of WMMRs received for month of September 2023 and First Half Dues Paid for 2023-2024

	WMMRs	DUES
19-L	99%	67%
19-I	97%	63%
19-O	72%	78%
19-N	65%	83%
19-S	52%	76%

Memorials for August 2023

L 12	Sooke	Gerry St. Laurent
I 12	Logan Lake	Curtis A.G. Eddy
O 6	Arlington	Stephanie R. Murphy
N 4	Auburn Noon	Laurence E. Smith
N 4	Greater Puyallup	Merritt Smyth
N 5	Hoquiam	Gordon Lanning
N 6	Adna	Herbert Creed
N 9	Peninsula	Mary Markley
S 3	Walla Walla Downtown	William Lake
S 5	Kendrick	Rose M. Brocke
S 5	Lewiston	William R. Evans
S 5	Troy	Liz Cordova
S 6	Touchet Gardena	Larry Bussell
S 7	Pullman	W. J. Pat Crook
S 12	Davenport	J. B. Lilje
S 12	Davenport	John C. Sawyer

Memorials for September 2023

L A1	Vancouver Chinatown	PDG Hin-Fong Yip
L A4	Prince Rupert	Wayne R. Lundman
L A4	Skidegate Inlet	Robert Jonegeward
L A7	Vancouver Broadway	PDG Troy Dalen
L 11	Clallum Bay Seiku	John Murphy
L 17	Nanaimo	Ray Nelson
L 17	Nanaimo	Dorothy Sartore
L 17	Parksville	Phyllis Gould
I 3	Cranbrook	PDG William Inman
O 2	Langley	Jo-Anne Beech
O 5	Lynden	John Edmunds
O 6	Stanwood	Oisteen Boge
O 10	Redmond	Robert M. Scramlin
N 9	Longview Pioneer	James W. Woodworth
S 8	Ritzville	Jerry R. Crossler
S 10	Spokane Central	William T. Henry

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

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

MD19 Calendar of Events 2023 - 2024

2023

Longview Pioneer Lions 100th Anniversary with guest International President Dr Patti Hill
Sooke Harbourside Lions 20th Anniversary with guest International President Dr. Patti Hill

November 30, 2023
December 3, 2023

2024

Winter Council of Governor's meeting
District 19-N Annual Conference
District 19-O Annual Conference
Lions Clubs International Board Meeting

Zoom
Olympia Hotel, Olympia WA
4points Sheraton Bellingham, WA
Vancouver B.C.

February 16-17, 2024
March 1-2, 2024
March 22-23, 2024
March 14-20, 2024

April 8th: Hey did you know that Peter & Michele share their birthday TODAY?

APRIL 8th

First 10 people to email us at md19lions@lionsmd19.org THAT DAY and say Happy Birthday will be entered into a random drawing for a gift from us to you!

District 19-L Annual Conference
District 19-S Annual Conference
District 19-I Annual Conference
Spring Council of Governor's
MD19 Annual Convention

TBA
Coeur D'Alene Casino, Worley, ID
Ramada Kelowna Hotel, Kelowna, B.C.
Silver Reef Casino, Ferndale WA
Silver Reef Casino, Ferndale WA

April 12-13, 2024
April 19-20, 2024
April 26-27, 2024
May 16-17, 2024
May 17-18, 2024

The Border Crossing
MD19 Lions Office
4141 Bennett Drive
Bellingham, WA 98226 USA

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Ask someone to become a Lion!