

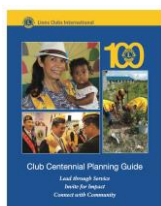
MD19 Environment Report

Report by: Dr. Nancy Messmer-Chairperson

As the Environment Chairperson for Multiple District 19, I work to encourage Lions to include environmental projects in their array of service projects, and to highlight the good work that Lions are doing.

“Protecting Our Environment” is one of the four Centennial Global Service Action Campaigns, with Lions all over the world implementing projects to improve and protect our environment locally and globally. MD 19 Lions spearhead community and environment improvement projects and also join other groups in coordinated projects. These projects will be highlighted in the Border Crossing and media presentations. The LCI website presents a cornucopia of project ideas, media, and support materials:
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planningprojects/community-environment/index.php>

Centennial Community Legacy Centennial Projects: Legacy projects can encompass multiple goals. For instance, creating community gardens protects our environment, engages youth and prevents hunger. These are the kinds of ongoing, multi-partner projects that enable Lions to leave a true legacy for many generations. LCI provides multiple resources to support Lions Clubs in planning, promoting, managing and reporting their Centennial Service Projects and Community Legacy Projects. See <http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php>.



Environmental Photo Contest: The winner of the MD19 Environmental Photo Contest will be announced soon and the winning photo will be sent on to Japan to the LCI International Convention. This is the worldwide contest that all Lions can enter, simply by taking and printing a picture of the community in which they live. Many districts post all District Contest entries on the walls and hallways at Spring Conferences. Encourage Lions to get photos ready for the contest next fall.

Spring Conference Workshops on Protecting Our Environment. As MD19 Environment Chairperson, I will be attending eight of the nine District Conferences and am working to partner with District Environment Chairpersons offering workshops that facilitate sharing among Clubs and learning with each other about great Environment Projects happening around our Multiple District. We will use workshop materials provided by LCI, and will hope to create a network among Clubs as we help each other accomplish our common goals.

Seeking Information from Each District to Create an Online Databank of Multiple District 19 Environment Projects, including contact people and particulars. Please tell me what is happening in your district. I am looking for photos and information. Projects seem to fall into these categories: Tree Planting, Gardens, Beach Cleanups, Highway Cleanups, Community Cleanups, Recycling, Stream/Forest Restoration, and Parks.



Bellingham Harborview / Lynden Lion Beach Cleanup--Nanaimo Highway Cleanup--Duncan Recycling Gabriola Island Scotch Broom Pulling--Renton Post Office Cleanup--Clallam Bay Sekiu Gardens

MD 19 Lions work to engage Lions from around the Pacific Basin for Earth

Day Beach Cleanups. At the June LCI Convention in Honolulu and the December Hilo Symposium for Marine Debris and Tsunami Driftage, Clallam Bay Sekiu Lions Nancy Messmer and Roy Morris networked with

Lions and multiple partners to create a healthy ocean for future generations. The local Lions spent many hours in Honolulu, meeting Lions and networking about marine debris efforts. In Hilo, I made a presentation to the Symposium audience of volunteer groups, government agencies and researchers, working in seminars on multiple solutions. The Symposium was followed by an all---day beach cleanup at one of the most remote beaches on South Point, Hawaii Island, where plastic pieces and marine debris are regularly deposited. Hawaii Lions Clubs participate in numerous beach cleanups, as Hawaiian beaches are especially hard hit by marine debris, since Hawaii is right on the edge of the North Pacific gyre. Lions around the Pacific Basin are joining with other partners to clean beaches and work on efforts to recycle/reuse and stop dumping. For more information, write to: <http://www.coastsavers.org> Select Pacific CoastSavers on top menu bar.



Convention Mobile Displays-----Tired Multi-National Crew-----Lion Roy Morris Unloads Buckets

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