

2016 Fall Council of Governors' Committee Report Environment Committee. 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 are 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/planning-projects/community-environment/index.php>

Lions Clubs International Convention-Fukuoka, Japan.

Attending and participating in the International Conventions makes this Olympic Peninsula Lion feel like I am part of a global force for good. Lions reach across barriers of language to connect and share smiles, trade pins and learn with each other. Sessions are informative. SMILE team helps with social media. Large media presentations give overviews of Lions' impact throughout the world.



Informal Displays-Interactive Fun!

When I attend District Lions Conventions, I take many displays that illustrate Lions projects that Protect Our Environment. Traveling to Fukuoka with limited baggage produced a great idea for creating “just in time” displays. I took many photos, handouts, posters, and art materials. Vendors gave us many cardboard boxes. In the big Gathering Hall, we invited passing Lions to give a hand creating and distributing display boxes with the message “Lions Protect our Environment.” The boxes ended up in hotels, on buses, in the Baseball Stadium and around town with local Lions. Several Lions grabbed on to this idea as a great way to create some energy around an idea and involve lots of participants. Try this at your next convention or meeting.



Promote the Environmental Photo Contest.

The Environmental Photo Contest is happening now. Please encourage all Lions to enter. This is a contest every Lion can enter and win! “The Lions Environmental Photo Contest provides a way for Lions and Leos to portray, through an original photo, their pride and commitment to improving, protecting and preserving the environment. The contest begins at the club level where every Lion and Leo can enter a photograph of his or her immediate surroundings into the club-level Lions Environmental Photo Contest. Winning photographs advance to the district, multiple district and international competitions.”

Let’s hold contests this year at the Club level. Cover the wall of Dens and meeting rooms with photos depicting the local environment. Submit the winning Club photo to the District Governor by December 15. DG’s submit the winning District photo to the MD 19 office by January 15. Encourage local Lions to assist each other in printing 8x10 copies of their entries so all can participate. Challenge each other to free the photos stuck in cell phones and win the photo contest!

Enjoy these winning photos from the LCI Annual Calendar of winning photos. From the left are photos by MD 19 2016 winner PDG John Kirry, an owl from Japan, a nest in the U.S. and an eagle and fish from Korea.



Share Our Work

Emphasize to Lions that we need to share our great work. Ask fellow Lions (or their kids or grandkids) to take lots of photos. Focus on action pictures. Submit articles to local newspapers, community newsletters, your Club Facebook page, and to me. I’ll write articles and post on MD 19 Environment Page, create posters, and make a database of environment projects when you send photos and information about Lions at Work on Protecting the Environment.



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