

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONVENTION COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

May 16, 2025

Chilliwack, B.C Coast Hotel

The Council Meeting was called to order by Council Chairperson Patty Allen-White at 8:51 AM. Introductions of the Council and 1st and 2nd VDGs took place at this time.

The following Lions, Lioness, and Guests were in attendance and recorded as attended:

I. Council of Governors

Patty Allen-White, Council Chairperson
Steve Brooks, Vice Council Chairperson
Allan Hunt, Past International Director
Peter Anderson, Executive Director
Kevin Borde, District Governor, 19-L
Chuck Robinson, District Governor, 19-I
Beth James, District Governor 19-O
Leslie Chasse, District Governor, 19-N
Tammy Allan, District Governor 19-S
Elaine Luk, PDG 19-L
Michael Livingstone, PDG 19-I
Joel Haggen, PDG 19-O
Lisa Ikeda, PDG 19-N
Ken Cook, PDG 19-S

II. MD19 Committee Chairpersons & Appointees

PDG Steve Staudinger, Budget & Finance / Elections
PDG Steve Staudinger, for ZC Shelley Staudinger – LCI Conv.
PDG Georgia Medwedrich - Diabetes
Nancy Messmer Environment
PZC Linda DeRoche – LEOs
PID Don Shove for PDG Jan Weatherly – LCIF-US
PDG Debbie Bostock -Leadership (GLT)
PCC Hal Palmer – Membership (GMT)
PDG Peggy Harriman, Service (GST)
PZC George Sim – Extension (GET)
PDG Shelley Costello – Evaluation Committee
PDG Lonnie Morgan – Youth Exchange
PDG Harry Lippincott - Vision
PCC J.D. Nellor, I&T, Parliamentarian & Webmaster
PCC John Kirry, Governance / Strategic Planning
PDG Lorne Bunyan – Global Membership Approach

Foundations & Societies

Bill Lundin, Northwest Lions Foundation Chair.
PDG Brien Patton, MD19 Lions Foundation, Pres.

III. Lions, Leos, and Guests

Colette Arvidson	PDG Wanda Eddy	DGE September Stokes
Michele Barrie	PCC Lyndon Harriman	DGE Steve Sweeney
2 nd VDGE Craig Boothe	PDG Erma Kemp	Anna Corina Villarreal
Judy Brooks	Joanne MacLennan	ZC Rosemary Walkup
2 nd VDGE Michael Cheng	PDG Mark Mansell	Levi Walkup
Linda Reidel	Susan Nellor	Peter Walkup
Michael Contreras	2 nd VDGE Carolyn O'Dell	1 st VDG Rock White
1 st VDGE Elaine Cook	PZC Robert O'Dell	PZC Robin Woolmer
Karen Dukes	Laura Patton	PCC Polly Voon
PDG Michael Dukes	1 st VDG Joanne Payment	
1 st VDGE Bob Elliott	Ryan Stokes	

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Michael Livingstone, 19-I and seconded by District Governor Chuck Robinson, 19-I to accept the minutes of the Winter Council of Governors' Meeting, held February 8, 2025, as posted. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

DIABETES AWARENESS REPORT by PDG Georgia Medwedrich, Chairperson:

"Council Chairperson and Council,

With over 830 million people worldwide afflicted with diabetes, the majority of whom live in low and middle income countries, diabetes is a chronic, metabolic disease, a disease that over time leads to serious damage to the heart, blood vessels, eyes, kidneys and nerves.



Lions Clubs International has made Diabetes one of the eight global causes, asking Lions around the world to help reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those living with diabetes.

My approach has always been two-fold. One, to send a monthly newsletter giving Lions information and encouragement in their service with respect to diabetes in their communities. And two, I hold a fitness challenge encouraging all lions to 'step up to the plate' and get out there and walk. For me personally this is an added challenge as breathing isn't at a premium anymore. I still try.

As I will be continuing to be the MD Diabetes chairperson, I will continue with the newsletters and of course now that the other four districts other than mine now have a heard about the fitness challenge, we will continue on with the 'Golden Runner' starting in October."

KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND REPORT by Bill Scholl, President:

Championing Vision for the Next 100 Years!

Is your District, Zone or Club accepting the challenge to promote the vision projects you are doing and identified on Social Media? #HelenKeller100
Add just 1 new Vision Project this year!

Vision Screenings – Eye-Glass Recycling
Community Education and Collaboration with Resources
and Organizations of and for the Blind
Grandpa's White Cane – Beeping Egg Hunts
Accessible Activities – Inclusive & Accessible Meetings

To Let Us Know OR For More Ideas – www.MD19KOTB.org - Or Join KOTB

ZOOM Meetings 1st Tuesday Monthly:

ID: 862 5021 3577 PASSCODE: KOTB

Contact Committee Chairperson, Bill Scholl

BillScholl134@gmail.com (360) 520-6802 or

Secretary, Colette.Arvidson@gmail.com (360) 391-5880



LCIF-BC REPORT by PDG Simon Yau, Chairperson:

"Districts 19 L, I and O in BC, Canada, donations to LCIF as of May 1, 2025, is USD\$88,625.00, which represent 96% of the Chairperson's goal.

The District L Melvin Jones Fellowship Appreciation Gala was hosted by Vancouver Broadway and Vancouver East Lions Clubs on Thursday, April 24, 2025, with LCIF Chairperson PIP Dr. Patti Hill as speaker, and more than 175 Lions attending and, over 50 MJF and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship recipients; 12 lions joined the Lions Legacy Society Program, 1 major donor and total Fund \$98,200.00 raised for LCIF.

We have one more quarter to go this year, please continue encourage clubs to support and donate to LCIF, our own Foundation. Thank you."

MEMORIAL GARDEN REPORT by Wes Reynolds, Chairperson:

"The wheelchair accessible pathway is progressing slowly. The south side pathway is pretty much done. The west side path over to the fishpond is in progress.

The gate garden had nice daffodils and tulips this spring. Additions to this bed will be drought tolerant.

Roses are being trimmed and weeded now and should be beautiful by June. Thanks to Gloria Hardan.

The native row is looking good (except we lost the ceanothus to last year's harsh winter). This will be the easiest area to add sensory garden signage along the new south pathway..

Planting areas will expand as the pathways go in during this year and next. An herb garden is started and can expand as the old junipers are removed. Thanks to Jon Strebler for burning his chainsaw.

I will have a presentation about sensory gardens at the meeting in Chilliwack. Best way to contact me is by email: wesl.reynolds@gmail.com.



LIONS QUEST-BC REPORT by PDG Norma Bent, Chairperson:

"Lions Quest is one of our LCIF youth programs and these programs are very important to the social, emotional, learning of our youth today.

At the convention, ZC Betsy and I will be at our table with lots of information for both Canada and the US on how you can get these programs in your communities.

Please come by and see us."

YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM REPORT by PDG Lonnie Morgan, Chairperson:

"I am happy to report that Camp Camano will take place July 2 - July 10. This year, host family stays are from June 10- July 2 and will take place before camp.

We will collect campers from host families in Selah and drive to Leavenworth. From July 2 - 5 we will tour Leavenworth, float the Icicle river, on July 4 and enjoy breakfast benefiting 4-H. We will enjoy fireworks that evening in Walla Walla park in Wenatchee. We deeply appreciate the sponsorship and support of the Leavenworth Lions clubs that opens more of Washington state for exchange students to experience.

Relocating to the Seattle University Ballard campground on July 5th will be smoother than a 20 hour day collecting jet lagged passengers at SeaTac. Our signature sights will be Friday Harbor, Mt. Baker, and Whidbey Island will still take center stage as the beauty of Northwest Washington state is on full display. In many stops we will be joined by Skagit Valley Leo's. With help from the Coupeville Central Whidbey Lions clubs our campers will experience a hand on project at the Pacific Rim Institute. The Oak Harbor Lions will join us at Fort Casey bringing kites for everyone. Coupeville is a beautiful city for a side jaunt.

Our trip to Friday Harbor is a great Ferry ride; Friday Harbor lions pay for students' lunch. We drove around San Juan Island and that was an experience. I was tempted to stay forever and let someone else drive everyone back to camp. Mt Baker is a marathon day. A drive to and tour of MD19 headquarters. Drive to Mt Baker, lunch and snow if we can find it. Several hikes and then dinner in the park hosted by the Sedro Wooley and Concrete Lions clubs.

Arlington Lions show up on the day we return too tired to cook with food ready and tables set. Excuse the length and details of my report... but our wishes and dreams of hosting an exchange camp would never have happened even once, let alone getting stronger our 5th year.

We will have a year-end report of exchange students coming in and how many we sent out later."

MD19 VISION PROGRAM REPORT by PDG Harry Lippincott, Chairperson:

"I am sorry to report that the MD19 Vision Program did not have the success I had hoped. My original thoughts were to have the program be an important part of what our Lions Clubs do as they serve their communities. I aimed to have Vision screening recognized as a high-level program within the Multiple.

I believe some clubs screen for vision and hearing; however, the projects' reporting is extremely difficult to identify in the Lions Portal. I suspect it's the terminology clubs use when they identify the project.

I did experience some push-back, as it was felt that the program existed in another area and that the MD19 Vision Program was duplicating that program.

A basic reason for the program was to have the Vision Program be like other MD19 Committees, as it is the Lions Clubs of the MD that are performing the screening.

My goal was to have the Vision Chairperson be the focal point for program information, keeping clubs current on screening information, and assisting with obtaining funding. Really, to be a point of dialogue to have a greater program.

While there was not much success this year, I believe the program should continue to be pursued. Vision screening, especially for children, is too important for their future not to have a viable program. I recommend that the Council discuss how to proceed."

MD19 FOUNDATION REPORTS

LIONS OF BC HEARING CONSERVATION SOCIETY REPORT by PCC Surinder Gahir, President:

"Council Chairperson and Council member's greetings.

Since April of 1999 Lions of BC Hearing Conservation Society has been providing hearing aids to seniors and others who can't afford them, however requests have slowed down this year. A full report will be presented how we did this year to the Council after our AGM in May.

Only a few lions clubs have a hearing aid program or the recycling program. We do get some used hearing aids. The newer or digital hearing aids are sorted and sent to Island Deaf & Hard of Hearing Centre in Victoria for testing, reprogramming and reuse.

Lions of BC Hearing Conservation Society has a great awards program for deserving Lions; the Meade Sutherland Fellowship Award for \$500 and the Society Fellowship Award for \$50. Lions clubs can order these for deserving Lions.

My friends we remain deeply grateful for all your help and donations. For more information, please contact me at governor.gahir@gmail.com or Bob Jones at lions.bc.hearing@gmail.com"

MD19 LIONS FOUNDATION REPORT by PDG Brien Patton, President:

"We are 4 ½ months into the Foundation's year and we have already approved six grant requests. Those who have received a grant this year are the Ilwaco School District, Lake Chelan School District for FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), MD19 DGE, VDGE, ZCE training school, MD19 GAT team meeting, Poulsbo Lions for Leo's, and the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute. We have received another six grants that we are working on currently to see if they meet the foundation's criteria. We encourage more grant requests. You can contact your district representative for help applying for a grant or you can go to the Foundation's website to download the grant request form. You can get to the Foundation's website by going through the MD19's website.

Please help get the word out about the MD19 Foundation. The foundation has money for worthy Leadership and Service Development causes. One doesn't need to be a Lions club to apply for a grant."

NORTHWEST LIONS EYEGLOSS RECYCLING CENTER REPORT by Kerby Kee, President:

"The NWLERC would like to present the new FOCUS newsletter by our new editor, IPDG Lisa Ikeda. Anyone who has not received one can ask to be put on the mailing list. There is also a link on the MD19 website.

NWLERC finances are in good shape.

We are in the process of getting approval to buy cardboard shipping boxes at a cost of approximately \$7,000.

Eyeglass Collection Box Maintenance reminder: We continue to ask Lions Clubs to update their collection box contact information so that donated glasses are picked up and processed in a timely manner.

NWLERC OFFICERS FOR 2025-26 NEEDED:

VP OUTREACH: VACANT

VP ADMINISTRATION: VACANT

VP OPERATIONS: VACANT

DISTRICT DIRECTORS NEEDED:

DISTRICT L for 2025-27: VACANT

DISTRICT O for 2024-26: VACANT

Onsite Site Managers and Lensometer Technicians are currently in high demand.

Mission requests: See attached report from our Missions Coordinator, Malena Hine.

A copy of our Key Statistics for March is also attached.

NWLERC Mission Report

Report by: Malena Hine, Mission Coordinator

Mission Requests

01/19/25 - Mission Dates: 04/04/25 -04/12/25.

Mission #387: Accra, Ghana - Africa. Dr. Paul Chung Eastside SDA

Fellowship / Pacific Cataract & Laser Institute

Request: 2450 eyeglasses. 210 single (+), 240 single (-), 360 readers,

240 multi (+), 200 multi (-), 1200 plano sunglasses, 200 eyeglass cases Due date: 03/15/2025 Delivered/in-person pick up: 03/08/2025

01/23/2025 - Mission Date: 02/21/25

Mission #388: Dominican Republic. Christine Manzo Children of the Nations

Request: 3 pairs of eyeglasses, single vision +0.25 and +0.50. Paperwork for additional order of 30-40 pairs of eyeglasses was not received.

Due date: 03/04/2025 Delivered/in-person pick up: 02/12/2025

03/07/25 - Mission Date: 05/24/25 - 06/19/25

Mission #389: Zomba, Malawi - Africa. Lindsay Wellman Sedona Oak Creek Canyon Lions Club & Verde Valley School, Arizona

Request: 1000 eyeglasses. 350 single (+), 650 single (-) Due date: 05/10/2025

03/26/2025 - Mission Dates: 4/26/25 -12/2025

Mission #390: El Salvador - Central America. Darren Streff & Dr. Erica Tores Peace Health / Paz Salud, El Salvador Central America.

Request: 400 pairs of reading glasses, +2.50

04/04/2025 - Shipped via FedEx

Inventory Report: 19,550 pairs of eyeglasses that are mission ready.

***Multi vision +** 2300 eyeglasses (46 boxes) +1.75 thru +4.75 not available

***Multi vision -** 1650 eyeglasses (33 boxes) -1.25 thru -2.75, -3.25 not available

***Single vision +** 1950 eyeglasses (39 boxes) +1.00, +1.75 thru +2.25, +3.00 thru +4.00 & up not available

Single vision - 10,200 eyeglasses (204 boxes)

* **Readers** 3,400 eyeglasses (68 boxes) +.25, +.75, +2.25, +3.25 & up not available (*Low)

Other Activity

Received a couple mission reports, #48 and #49 from Peace / Health or Paz/ Salud El Salvador Central America. See our Facebook page for the article.

Darren Streff writes, 'thank you for providing this essential support to the economically marginalized seniors of El Salvador. The attached Paz Salud mission reports contain both photographs of the mission and additional specifics of the event.'

NORTHWEST LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE REPORT by PCC Lyndon Harriman, Superintendent:

"This year's NWLLI was held at the Ross Point Camp and Conference Center, located in beautiful north Idaho in Post Falls. The institute started on May 1, 2025, Thursday and ran through Sunday the 4th. The staff consisted of PDG Mark Mansell, his wife PDG Debbie Mansell, and CC Patty Allen-White. They were complimented with two excellent coaches, PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth, and 2nd VDG Rock White. The team truly came together and hosted an outstanding learning environment. You could see the students grow in knowledge, expertise and confidence.

We had 32 Lion students representing a true cross section of membership. Eight of the students were from MD36 (Oregon) and the remaining 24 were from MD19. They ranged in age from 75 to 21, and they all were enthusiastic about attending our institute. The outgoing survey from the students indicated they were very happy with the results from their studies and were excited to take their newly acquired leadership skills back to their clubs, districts and multiples and begin influencing change.

We did have our setbacks leading up to the conference. Two staff members dropped out due to medical reasons, we also lost two students from Oregon who became ill at the last moment and had to drop out. Further, our only two students from Canada decided not to attend due to the political climate. None the less, the institute staff pulled together and made things successful. Laura had agreed to shadow me as a potential assistant superintendent in the future. I drafted her to become a coach, and she liked it so much she has agreed to become PDG Lorne Bunyan's Assistant

Superintendent for 2025-2026 and is looking forward to becoming the superintendent once again at Ross Point for the 2026-2027 Lion year."

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Joel Haggen, 19-O and seconded by District Governor Tammy Allan, 19-S to accept the Consent Agenda, Convention and Forum reports. Motion approved.

District Governor Tammy Allan, 19-S spoke on something positive she learned as Governor and a highlight of her year.

REPORTS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

CARE REPORT by PDG Erma Kemp for PDG Bob Yeoman, Chairperson:

"Happily, I report that we are getting much closer to achieving our goal of \$40,000. We currently have \$36,150 donated to date from clubs and individuals. This represents a \$6,000 increase for the month of April, great job. We need just \$3850 in 2 months to achieve our goal. Thank you to all that have helped put us in this great position. Special thanks to District Governor Beth James and District O for having total donations of \$13,395. Beth told me in January her entire leadership team is promoting CARE on visitations and newsletters.

With six weeks remaining I encourage everyone to promote a \$25.00 per member donation for your clubs. That was suggested a month ago and it helped secure \$6,000 in donations during April. Another \$6,000 month will put MD19 over our goal. **We can do it.**

Remember to promote the Gordon F. Smith Fellowships. Currently we have 42 clubs that have donated the minimum of \$500.00. To receive a Gordon F. Smith Fellowship, the club/member must donate \$500.00 in the same fiscal year and it's their responsibility to request a GFS Fellowship from MD19 by 6/30/25.

Encourage District Governors, 1st and 2nd VDGs and CARE Chairpersons to promote to all clubs in the district. In real estate the key to success is location, location, location. To achieve our goal we need to promote, promote, promote. The year is not over until 6/30.

REMEMBER THIS IS A MD19 PROJECT, WE ALL SHOULD SUPPORT IT.

[Please note that the COG will be voting on one of the two new projects presented below for the next two years later in this COG meeting.]

CARE Proposal for Multiple District 19

Project Location: Guatemala

Funding Goal: \$40,000 Goal for Year 1 (\$80,000 goal for 2 years)

Fundraising Period: July 2025 – June 2027

Project Implementation: November 2026 – November 2028

Contact: Dana Tseng (dana.tseng@care.org)



For decades, CARE and Multiple District 19 Lions have partnered together to give life-changing help to poor communities in Latin America. We are grateful for this support and propose to continue this partnership through a new project in Guatemala.

Guatemala, a country rich in tradition and cultural, is facing enormous food insecurity with an estimate 2.3 million people lacking access to nutritious food. As food prices in Guatemala continue to rise due to global inflation and drought, and as families struggle to earn a living, the problem of severe food insecurity in Guatemala continues to grow. Children are particularly affected by the food crisis. According to World Bank data, almost half the population of Guatemala faces food insecurity and families cannot afford to provide their children with a well-round, nutritious diet.

As a result, the prevalence of stunting (impaired development due to malnutrition) in children under five is one of the highest in the world – and the highest in Latin America and the Caribbean, with 46.5% of children in Guatemala reported as stunted.

To address this crisis and improve the food security and health of the most vulnerable people in Guatemala, **CARE proposes the following two projects for consideration:**



Project Idea 1: Improve Water and Sanitation in Schools (part of School Food and Nutrition Education “EDUSAN” Program)

It is crucial to strengthen initiatives that ensure proper nutrition for school-age children, promoting better physical and emotional health and their ability to learn. For this reason, CARE is working with the government of Guatemala on various interventions, including through a school feeding program. However, challenges exist that must be addressed to safely provide students with school meals and snacks. Most schools in Guatemala City have inadequate infrastructure and fail to meet the minimum requirements for spaces suitable for food preparation. Moreover, schools currently lack appropriate kitchens for food

preparation, do not have dining areas, and lack handwashing facilities that promote food safety in the distribution process. Additionally, they lack the necessary equipment to promote the consumption of safe water for the preparation of school lunches.

With funding from MD19 Lions, CARE proposes to improve the infrastructure of schools in Guatemala City so that snacks and meals can be provided in a clean, safe environment where basic food safety and sanitation guidelines are followed.

To do this, CARE proposes a project that would install handwashing units, ensure access to clean water, improve bathroom facilities in schools and provide hygiene education, all of which will contribute to improve sanitation in schools.

With a grant of \$40,000 from Multiple District 19 Lions, CARE aims to work in 12 schools benefitting 3,018 children in Guatemala City, through the following activities:

- Improve water purification systems for safe drinking water (12 schools)
- Install handwashing units (3 schools)
- Construct bathroom facilities for boys and girls (1 school)

Project Idea 2: Home Gardens, Community Seed Banks and Agricultural Training

Rates of food insecurity and malnutrition are especially alarming in Guatemala's municipality of Chimaltenango, especially in rural areas. The report titled "Alta Verapaz and Chimaltenango, the two departments with the highest population in food insecurity," published on September 3, 2024, revealed that 24% of the population was suffering from acute food insecurity, and it was estimated that this figure would rise to 26% by March 2025. Dependence on subsistence agriculture, climatic variability, and limited access to resources and training exacerbate this situation.

To respond to this food crisis in Chimaltenango, CARE Guatemala proposes implementing comprehensive strategies that promote local agricultural production and ensure food sovereignty in the region. CARE has experience working with rural communities in Guatemala through our successful Field Farmer Business School approach, helping rural families improve their agricultural production. Through the proposed project, CARE will engage women, and their families involved in CARE Savings and Loans groups,



providing them with opportunities to grow nutritious foods at home while also establishing small businesses to improve household income.

With a grant of \$40,000 from Multiple District 19 Lions, CARE proposes to work with women farmers and families in Chimaltenango to:

- Establish **home gardens** that include 8 varieties of nutritious vegetables. Provide seeds, tools and composting kits.
- Develop **community seed banks** to offer seed loans to participating families and the wider community, providing local access to quality seeds.
- Provide **training on improved and sustainable agricultural practices** that are drought resistant and conserve natural resources, including training on food management production and harvesting and storing of seeds.

We are grateful for the generous support of Multiple District 19 Lions, and we hope to partner with you through one of the above projects to fight poverty in Guatemala. Thank you for your consideration!"

ENVIRONMENT REPORT by Nancy Messmer, Chairperson:

"District Environment Chairpersons

L-David Haynes I-Bernie Jensen O-Enoch Rowland N-Barak Gale S-Judy Riggers

MD 19 Environment Team Lions Year 2024-2025.

Representing all five districts, District Environment, Zone Environment and Club Environment Chairpersons work closely with four Lions serving as MD 19 Environment Co-Chairpersons. We are an Environment Team that meets monthly on Zoom, hosted by Council Chairperson Patty Allen-White. **We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 2p.m. and invite interested Lions to join us.** For invitation, write to able@olypen.com. Our team increases in size and scope as we are joined by Lions from throughout our MD and from across the continent.

Lions International Website and Facebook, along with LionsVirtual.org provide ideas, images, resources for Lions around the world. Spend time looking at what is available and learning from many, many videos.

When you post a Club Environmental Service project, use the hashtag #LionsGoGreen.



As Lion Environment Chairpersons and friends circulate through our districts, speaking to Lions, scanning Facebook pages & websites, these are some of the Lions Environmental Service projects we see. We want to learn more about best ways to share the stories of our service. This report features stories originally posted as Emails, Newsletters, Facebook and Instagram Posts, Posters and Flyers inviting participation, Service Reports, Oral Reports and more. We post them here to inspire ourselves and YOU to tell our stories widely and well. To read report, please go to link Below:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sl58HfDn5cAjm3OmdsUbYaCvu_tcvGVu

LCIF REPORT by PID Don Shove for PDG Jan Weatherly (US), Chairperson:

"11 month progress toward LCIF US Goals for 2024-2025

- Reach or exceed our base LCIF goal for **MD19 US** goal of \$154,505 - **We have reached 104% of our goal!**
- We have reached 68% of our stretch goal of \$251,071
- Increase our individual giving to 1 out of every 10 Lions or 10% - **6% of individual Lions have donated**
- Each district increases the percentage of clubs giving to 60% - **62% of clubs have donated this year**

A huge thank you for your efforts to ask CLUBS and LIONS to donate to LCIF

Your Lions Legacy * Join the Lions Legacy Society**

- Create a World of Good for Future Generations
- Take that next big step *** Include LCIF in your estate plan
- Share your intention with LCIF by completing the Planned Giving Declaration Form

Come to your LCIF booth to

- **Provide a chance to win a Melvin Jones Fellowship**
- See how LCIF gives back to you through grants
- Chat about your Foundation

Our LCIF US District Coordinators for 2024-2025

Reach out to thank these dedicated volunteers

- District L PCC Gary Reidel
- District I PDG Joyce Stevens
- District O PID Don Shove and PDG Ken Ball
- District N PDG Debbie Mansell
- District S PDG Melba Fujiura and PCC Lyndon Harriman

June 2025 ends our 3-year appointment as LCIF Coordinators at the district and multiple district level.

Recommendations for LCIF coordinators have been submitted to LCIF leadership for appointments for 2025-2028."

District Governors Leslie Chasse, 19-N and Beth James, 19-O spoke on something positive they learned as Governor and a highlight of their year.

MD19 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

GOVERNANCE REPORT by PCC John Kirry, Chairperson:

"The Governance Committee has drafted proposed changes to two chapters in the MD19 Policy Manual. Changes have been made in red to portions of Chapter 4 and Chapter 10. These changes will be reviewed, discussed and voted upon by the MD19 Council of Governors at the upcoming COG meeting. See Attached PDFs.

Per rule, when the final changes have been made and accepted, these will become effective at the close of the MD19 Convention.

Proposed Changes in Red For Submission to MD19 Council of Governors, Spring 2025

CHAPTER 10: Multiple District 19 Headquarters and Staff

Multiple District Headquarters: (hereafter referred to as the "MD Office")

Purpose:

- A. The purpose of the MD Office is to serve as the central administrative point for MD19. It exists to provide service to the multiple district/district/zone/club officers and the Lion ~~Lioness~~ and LEO members of MD19. It maintains the membership and financial records for each district and MD19.
- B. The MD Office is the networking link of the Multiple District. Under the Constitution and By-Laws, the office assists in planning the MD19 convention(s) each year and the Council of Governors' Meetings. The office staff publishes the MD19 Roster which is mailed to select club, zone and district officers and committee chairpersons. The office staff

assists with the publishing of the MD19 newspaper (*Border Crossing*) and emailing/ mailing of same to anyone who subscribes to have it mailed to them. The newspaper is also posted on the MD19 website for all to access.

C. Other activities of the MD19 Office revolve around ~~promotion of membership growth and retention, new club organization, and~~ sales of MD19 paraphernalia for International Convention participation.

D. Working Hours: The MD19 Office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Exceptions to this are holidays and (sometimes) the day which immediately precedes the Annual Convention Council Meeting. Any other closures are published in the MD19 Roster or MD19 Bulletin.

E. The office is administered by an Executive Director, hired by and accountable to the Council of Governors.

F. The MD19 office currently has an Administrative Assistant. ~~and Receptionist~~. The Administrative Assistant is full time. ~~and the Receptionist is part-time.~~

G. The office staff perform a variety of tasks. They are responsible for the MD19 Bulletin, and Contests and Awards data. They receive and enter all club MD19 dues, CARE and LCIF funds. They sell uniforms and pins. ~~They are responsible for all the paperwork for chartering new clubs in MD19.~~ They handle correspondence and filing.

H. STAFF: Job Descriptions for the staff of the Multiple District office will be maintained and available in the MD Office. It will be the responsibility of the MD19 Evaluation Team to ensure that the job descriptions are in compliance with the duties performed by the members of the staff and that the 'MD19 Handbook' is current.

MD19 Evaluation Team and Evaluation of MD 19 Executive Director

A. Purpose: The Evaluation Team will provide consistent job description reviews for the Executive Director. In addition to conducting these reviews, the Evaluation Team will share this information with the Council. The Evaluation Team's reviews will recognize outstanding efforts and assist the Executive Director in accomplishing mutually agreed upon goals. The Team will also serve as a Liaison between the Council and the Executive Director.

B. Make-Up: The Evaluation Team is comprised of the current Council Chairperson, or the Vice Council Chairperson, in the event the Council Chairperson is unable to attend, and three Lions serving staggered progressive three (3) year terms. Each Team member will serve as Chairperson during his/her final year on the Team.

C. Each year in February the Evaluation Team Chairperson will accept nominations in writing for the position that will be open June 30th on the Team. The Evaluation Team Members will select the new team member from the nominations made by the Immediate Past District Governors. ~~of the Districts affected~~. The Evaluation Chairperson will announce the name of the new Team Member at the Winter Council of Governors' Meeting. The endorsement by the Council of the MD19 Evaluation Team's three-year nominee will take place at either the Winter or Spring Council of Governors Meeting. For continuing balance of selection, there ~~should be no more than one (1) member from any district sitting on the committee. shall be appointed from each of the five (5) districts. The order in which these Regions will nominate a replacement on the Evaluation Team is as they are listed above.~~ If a Team Member is unable to serve their entire three-year term, a replacement is made for the remaining portion of the term using the same procedure as described in this paragraph.

D. A Nominee for the Evaluation Team must have all the following qualifications:

- 1) A Lion member for at least ten (10) years in MD 19.
- 2) A Past District Governor or ~~Past Zone Chair~~
- 3) Served for two years as a Multiple District committee member on one or more ~~as a three-year member of one~~ of the following MD 19 Committees:
- 4) Global Action Team, (~~Leadership, Membership, Extension, Service, Marketing~~), Budget and Finance, Contests and Awards, ~~Constitution and By-Laws~~, Strategic Planning, ~~Policy Manual~~, or Governance, or as a member of a Board of Directors of an MD19 endorsed Foundation for at least ~~two~~ ~~three~~ years.

- 5) In addition to the foregoing requirements, it would be most desirable for the nominee to have had experience in personnel supervision / evaluation.

E. The Evaluation Committee, in coordination with the Council Chair, shall create and maintain an 'Evaluation Team Handbook' for specific guidance regarding the evaluation of the Executive Director. All files and forms for the 'Evaluation Team Handbook' shall be maintained in the MD19 Office."

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Ken Cook, 19-S and seconded by PDG Lisa Ikeda, 19-N to accept the proposed changes to the MD19 Policy Manual, Chapter 10, Multiple District 19 Headquarters and Staff as presented. Motion approved.

"Proposed Changes in Red

MD19 POLICY MANUAL, Chapter 4 'Opportunity for Youth Committee'

Opportunity For Youth Committee

- A. Purpose: To provide the young people of MD19 with opportunities for achievement, learning, contribution and service, individually and collectively, through the sponsorship of activities identified as best practices in the field of youth development.
- B. Committees Include:
 - 1) Lions Peace Poster Contest
 - 2) ~~Lions Youth Exchange Program (see, chapter 9, Foundations and Societies).~~ Youth Camp and Exchange Program.
 - 3) ~~Lions Youth Outreach Program.~~
 - 4) LEO Club Program.

Composition: The Lions Opportunities for Youth Committee for the MD19 shall consist of the Council Chairperson; Vice Council Chairperson; Executive Director, Ex-officio member; and Chairpersons from all Lions Youth Programs. LEO, Youth Exchange, ~~Youth Outreach B.C., Youth Outreach U.S.~~, Peace Poster.

D. General Responsibilities:

- 1) Become familiar with the various youth programs in the Multiple District.
- 2) Arrange meetings for youth chairs to exchange ideas and coordinate activities.
- 3) Encourage Lions Clubs to support youth activities.
- 4) Provide guidance to district level Lions Opportunities for Youth Committees.
- 5) Coordinate the Multiple District Lions Young Ambassadors of the 21st. Century Program.
- 6) Promote Lions Clubs International youth awards, including LEO of the Year, LEO Club Excellence Award, MD District LEO Club Chair Award, 100% MD LEO President Award, Top Ten Youth Exchange Chairperson Award, Youth Outreach Chairperson Award, New Horizons Award in Youth Outreach, Lions Young Leaders in Service Awards and Lions Young Ambassadors Awards.

~~Youth Outreach Lions Quest Program~~

~~A. Purpose: To develop an awareness by the Lions, Lioness, and LEO Clubs of the many youth programs that have been developed and are being promoted under the world wide umbrella of 'Youth Outreach' and can be achieved through information, involvement and action by these Clubs.~~

1. General Responsibilities: 1) Become knowledgeable of the three (3) curriculum levels offered through the Lions Quest Program, i.e. Skills for Growing, Skills for Adolescence and Skills for Action.
2. Encourage the participation of Lions Clubs in the promotion of Lions Quest in the schools of their area by providing curriculum information and guidelines through presentations to school administrators, faculty members, school boards and the public.
3. Encourage Lions Clubs to sponsor and fund Teacher's Training Seminars and curriculum start-up costs as a way of introducing Lions Quest to the elementary schools in their area.
4. Assist District, Zone and Club Chairpersons by providing information as the availability of materials and guidelines that are necessary to make informational presentations.

- ~~5) Promote the annual Peace Poster Contest and encourage Clubs to purchase Peace Poster Kits from Lions Clubs International and to make direct contact with those elementary/middle schools in the area to encourage them to participate.~~
- ~~6) Encourage Clubs to become involved in support of youth and youth activities by sponsoring youth sports teams, youth fishing, hiking, and camping activities; scholarships; school programs and consult with parents and youth to learn the needs of the community.~~
- ~~7) Encourage Lions Clubs to sponsor and support LEO Clubs and their service activities.~~
- ~~8) Encourage Lions Clubs to support and become involved in Youth Exchange”~~

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Kevin Borde, 19-L and seconded by PDG Joel Hagen, 19-O to accept the proposed changes to the MD19 Policy Manual, Chapter 4, “Opportunity for Youth Committee” as presented. Motion approved.

EVALUATION COMMITTEE

PDG Shelley Costello, (19-I): 1 Year Position
PZC George Sim, (19-L): 2nd Year Position
PDG Ken Cook, (19-S): 3rd Year Position

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Tammy Allan, 19-S and seconded by PDG Elaine Luk, 19-L to accept the above Lions as the MD19 Evaluation Team starting with the 2025-2026 year. Motion approved.

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT by PDG Steve Staudinger, Chairperson:

“The status of the MD19 Financial Statements and Budget is as follows:

I have reviewed a printed copy of the financial statements for the nine months ended March 31, 2025. All data has been entered, and the accounts have been reconciled. These figures are unaudited and are subject to adjustments by the CPA producing the tax return.

Total revenue was \$267,298, total expenses \$176,772, leaving a net income for the nine months of \$90,526. Revenue and expenses were generally in line with projections. Again, these figures are subject to adjustments.

The status update for membership on the budget for the current year is as follows:

Membership is down by a net of 146 members for the nine months ending March 31st. As of April 30, the loss is 168. The loss of membership continues to negatively affect revenues for MD19 on a yearly basis.

In summary, given the above analysis, as of March 31, 2025, the MD19 finances are on track to show a positive net income for the year.

A 2025-2026 proposed budget will be presented at the COG meeting.”

2025-2026 Budget

MD19 Dues Income @ \$26.60				
	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
	2025-2026	7/1/2025		3/31/2025
MD19 Operations Account – 89%	\$210,249	\$ -	\$(210,249)	\$236,519
District Budgeted – 6%	\$14,174	\$ -	\$(14,174)	\$13,407
MD19 Convention Reserve – 3%	\$7,087	\$ -	\$(7,087)	\$7,971
MD19 Reserve Account – 1%	\$2,362	\$ -	\$(2,362)	\$2,657
MD19 Building Reserve Account – 1%	\$2,362	\$ -	\$(2,362)	\$2,657
Total Dues Income (gross)	\$236,235	\$ -	\$(236,235)	\$263,211
	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
MD19 Other Income	2025-2026	7/1/2025		3/31/2025

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Annual Convention	\$3,500	\$ -	\$(3,500)	
Grand Audio Visual Equip. (Foundation)	\$1,500	\$ -	\$(1,500)	\$85
Border Crossing Editor Grant (Foundation)	\$3,600	\$ -	\$(3,600)	\$2,500
Grant District & Zone Officer School (MD19 FDN)	\$9,000	\$ -	\$(9,000)	\$(2,579)
Building & Grounds Improvements	\$500	\$ -	\$(500)	\$1,565
Building – Memorial Garden	\$600	\$ -	\$(600)	\$805
New Club Paraphernalia	\$250	\$ -	\$(250)	\$2
Office Expense Recovered	\$200	\$ -	\$(200)	\$111
Sales Other	\$500	\$ -	\$(500)	\$18
Uniforms – Sales Income	\$1,000	\$ -	\$(1,000)	\$527
Roster	\$1,200	\$ -	\$(1,200)	\$742
Bulletin Subscriptions	\$100	\$ -	\$(100)	\$134
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,564	\$ -	\$(1,564)	\$(4,910)
Fundraising – MD19 General Fund	\$42	\$ -	\$(42)	\$75
Interest Income	\$500	\$ -	\$(500)	\$769
Property Tax Reimbursed	\$4,620	\$ -	\$(4,620)	\$4,643
Total MD19 Other Income	\$28,676		\$(28,676)	\$4,487
Total MD19 Income	\$264,911		\$(264,911)	\$267,698
Expenses	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
District Ops Account	2025-2026	7/1/2025		3/31/2025
District L	\$3,230	\$ -	\$(3,230)	\$ -
District I	\$2,204	\$ -	\$(2,204)	\$ -
District O	\$2,729	\$ -	\$(2,729)	\$ -
District N	\$3,411	\$ -	\$(3,411)	\$ -
District S	\$2,600	\$ -	\$(2,600)	\$ -
Total District Operations Accounts	\$14,174	\$ -	\$(14,174)	\$ -
International Convention / Forum / Director	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
	2025-2026	7/1/2025		3/31/2025
CC Elect (Seated VCC) July 2025	\$400	\$ -	\$400	
Convention Chairperson	\$600	\$ -	\$600	
Int'l Convention Expense (Hospitality Room)	\$250	\$ -	\$250	\$302
VCC to USA/Canada Forum	\$300	\$ -	\$300	\$300
1 st VDG to USA/Canada Forum	\$1,500	\$ -	\$1,500	\$300
Total Int'l Convention / Forum / Director	\$3,050	\$ -	\$3,050	\$902
	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
Capital Outlay	2025-2026	7/1/2025		3/31/2025
Office Equipment	\$200	\$ -	\$200	\$184
Copier Lease Canon	\$4,525	\$ -	\$4,525	\$3,531
Total Capital Outlay	\$4,725	\$ -	\$4,725	\$3,715
	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
MD19 Convention Expenses	2025-2026	7/1/2025		3/31/2025
Annual Convention Reserve – MD19 (3%)	\$7,087	\$ -	\$7,087	\$9,233
MD19 Annual Convention	\$7,000	\$ -	\$7,000	\$222
Total MD19 Convention Expenses	\$14,087	\$ -	\$14,087	\$9,455
	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
MD19 General Operations	2025-2026	7/1/2025		3/31/2025
Potential Bad Debt (MD19 Dues)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Credit Card Fees	\$150	\$ -	\$150	\$116
Accounting Compilation / Services	\$5,200	\$ -	\$5,200	\$4,025
Bank Charges	\$150	\$ -	\$150	\$89
Memorial Garden Expenses (Plants, Soil, Etc.)	\$750	\$ -	\$750	\$788
Building & Grounds (Cleaning & Repair)	\$3,000	\$ -	\$3,000	\$2,641
Business License / Non-Profit Corporation	\$75	\$ -	\$75	\$20
Maintenance – Auto & Equipment	\$1000	\$ -	\$1000	\$818
New Club Paraphernalia Expense (gong & gavel)	\$250	\$ -	\$250	\$ -
Post Office Box Lease (Canada)	\$200	\$ -	\$200	\$196

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	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
	2025-2026	7/1/2025		3/31/2025
Postage	\$2,800	\$ -	\$2,800	\$2,113
Printing and Office Supplies	\$3,300	\$ -	\$3,300	\$2,514
Printing Roster	\$2,500	\$ -	\$2,500	\$1,851
Purchases – Other Sales	\$500	\$ -	\$500	\$503
				\$15,674
	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
OTHER EXPENSES	2025-2026	7/1/2025		3/31/2025
Purchases – Wearables	\$2,000	\$ -	\$2,000	\$3,130
Computer Programs	\$800	\$ -	\$800	\$846
Exchange Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Utilities	\$9,000	\$ -	\$9,000	\$6,760
Total MD19 Operations - General	\$31,675	\$ -	\$31,675	\$42,084
	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
Insurance – Auto / Building	2025-2026	7/1/2025		3/31/2025
Auto Insurance	\$2,750	\$ -	\$2,750	\$2,126
Commercial Package Insurance	\$4,100	\$ -	\$4,100	\$3,823
Total Insurance – Auto / Building	\$6,850	\$ -	\$6,850	\$5,949
	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
Taxes (Non-Personal)	2025-2026	7/1/2025		3/31/2025
Personal Property Tax	\$200	\$ -	\$200	\$62
Building Property Tax	\$10,800	\$ -	\$10,800	\$4,644
Total Taxes (Non-Personal)	\$11,000	\$ -	\$11,000	\$4,706
	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
Personnel – Calendar Year	2025-2026	7/1/2025		3/31/2025
Compensation – MD19 Office	\$138,000	\$ -	\$138,000	\$101,755
Total Personnel	\$138,000	\$ -	\$138,000	\$101,755
	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
Support: Club, Zone and District	2025-2026	7/1/2025		3/31/2025
1 st & 2 nd Vice District Governors	\$900	\$ -	\$900	\$859
Awards and Trophies	\$1,000	\$ -	\$1,000	\$944
MD19 Bulletin	\$300	\$ -	\$300	\$229
Council Chairperson Expense	\$3,500	\$ -	\$3,500	\$2,516
1 st & 2 nd Vice District Governors	\$1,000	\$ -	\$1,000	\$916
Council Meeting – Fall	\$1,000	\$ -	\$1,000	\$980
Council Meeting – Winter	\$100	\$ -	\$100	\$45
Council Meeting – Spring	\$3,200	\$ -	\$3,200	\$1,155
District & Zone Officer Training	\$5,000	\$ -	\$5,000	\$1,566
Executive Director Expense	\$5,500	\$ -	\$5,500	\$3,874
MD19 District Team Expenses	\$500	\$ -	\$500	\$ -
LEO Liaison for MD19 Convention	\$150	\$ -	\$150	\$ -
Total Club, Zone and District Support	\$22,150	\$ -	\$22,150	\$13,084
	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
Telephone	2025-2026	7/1/2025		3/31/2025
Telephone	\$2,300	\$ -	\$2,300	\$1,712
Website	\$175	\$ -	\$175	\$ -
Total Telephone and Website	\$2,475	\$ -	\$2,475	\$1,712
	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
Zone Chairpersons	2025-2026	7/1/2025		3/31/2025
Zone Chairperson – Expense	\$9,000	\$ -	\$9,000	\$6,465
Zone Chairperson – MD19 Ann. Convention	\$2,500	\$ -	\$2,500	\$986
Total Zone Chairperson	\$11,500	\$ -	\$11,500	\$7,451

	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
Reserve	2025-2026	7/1/2025		3/31/2025
ID Candidate Reserve Fund	\$500	\$ -	\$500	\$ -
Payable to MD19 Reserve (1%)	\$2,362	\$ -	\$2,362	\$1,238
Payable to MD19 Building Reserve (1%)	\$2,362	\$ -	\$2,362	\$1,238
Total Reserve	\$5,225	\$ -	\$5,225	\$2,476
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total MD19 Expense	\$264,911	\$ -	\$264,911	\$193,289
RECAP				
Total MD19 Expense Budget	\$264,911		\$264,911	\$193,289
Total MD19 Income Budget	\$264,911		\$264,911	\$267,698
Net Income / (Loss)	(0)		(0)	\$74,409

The approval for the 2025-2026 MD19 Budget will be done later in this meeting under New Business by the 2025-2026 Council of Governors.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS REPORT, by PID Allan Hunt, Chairperson:

"All nominations for Presidential and Leadership Medals which made the criteria have been received. The Presidential Medals will be presented at the MD Annual.

Mission 1.5 continues along. Some Districts are doing well and in others there is room for improvement. Two Districts are positive; one is close and two really need to pick the pace up.

Accounts with Lions International continue to be a challenge. Clubs need to pay attention to their invoices."

Metting Recessed for Break: 9:44 AM
Meeting Resumed at 10:00 AM

District Governors Chuck Robinson, 19-I and Kevin Norde, 19-L spoke on something positive they learned as Governor and a highlight of their year.

CC Patty Allen-White took a moment of privilege to present to her Council a gift of Barn Quilts made from Aluminum.

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM

LEADERSHIP REPORT by PDG Debbie Bostock, Chairperson:

"We will have held our sessions with the DGs, VDGs, ZCs, GATs elect on May 15.

We have a GAT gathering that will take place May 16, 2025, from 2pm to 4 pm at the Mt. Cheam Lions Hall on Spadina in conjunction with the MD19 Convention. This will include the MD19 GAT team, District GAT team, incoming DGs, VDGs and Zone Chairpersons. At this gathering we will be setting/going over the goals for each district for the upcoming lion's year. The DG elects will have already had to submit goals to LCI, and this will give them an opportunity to plan with the leadership team of their District on how to go about carrying them out.

As well the Zone Chairperson Elect workshop, incoming DGs, VDGs, ZCS and GATs seminars will be held at the Coast Chilliwack Hotel on Thursday May 15 from 8:30 to 3 pm and the Zone Chairpersons will also have a morning session on the 16th. We have a great team working hard to make these sessions informative and enjoyable for the participants and are hopeful of a good turnout of the above officers.

I am continuing as the MD19 GLT for the upcoming year and as such will continue to hold monthly meetings with the District GLTs."

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by PCC Hal Palmer, Chairperson:

"The Global Membership Chairperson serves at the will of the Council Chairperson on the Global Action Team.

The following activities have occurred:

- Attended 3 zone meetings and 3 club presentations and brought in 1 new member.
- Asked each DG about providing a presentation at their District Conventions. No response from 3 of the DGs. One indicated there would be no room. The other provides a part of a table.
- Attended District 19O, 19N, and 19S conventions and passed out information.
- As the end of April, 19S is even with their July 1 and 19O was plus 9. The other 3 districts are below their starting numbers.
- Even with the goal of 'net 2, begins with you' it has not overcome the unrelatable 'Mission 1.5.'
- There are some stars that should be recognized: 19O Membership Chairperson Anna Corina Villarreal for organizing a hand across the border event for the worldwide Induction Day. Leading Oak Harbor Lions to be plus 16 members. And her husband is organizing Lions Day at Mariners for Aug. 3rd!
- o Port McNeil is plus 16
- o Lynden and West Seattle are plus 14
- o Lacey Sunrise is plus 14

Throughout MD19, 46% of our Lions Clubs are at 20 or below, despite the great service they provide. How can they provide a full LCI service in their community?

MEMS	Apr		Year	Apr	Year	Apr	Year	Apr	Year	Apr	Year	Mems	Gain	%Gain
6/30/24	Add		Adds	T-I	T-I	Drop	Drops	T-O	T-O	Die	Die	4/30	Total	Mems
L	2111	16	168	1	16	-26	-235	-8	-18	-1	-18	2024	-87	-4.1%
I	1401	7	127	0	5	-20	-127	0	-2	-4	-23	1381	-20	-1.4%
O	1701	14	184	13	25	-22	-153	0	-18	-3	-29	1710	9	0.5%
N	2207	17	207	2	35	-16	-246	-1	-33	-4	-33	2137	-70	-3.2%
S	1629	26	149	0	4	-11	-138	0	-4	-2	-11	1629	0	0.0%
MD19 Totals	9049	80	835	16	85	-95	-899	-9	-75	-14	-114	8881	-168	-1.9%

-64
-7.7%

EXTENSION REPORT by PZC George Sim, Chairperson:

"The GAT team was able to meet via Zoom several times and have a face to face session in Chilliwack. Unfortunately, I was on vacation and could not attend, but reports indicated it was positive and helpful. As the MD19 GET, I reached out to each of the DGs, and the District GETs and offered my help.

In March, I attended the 19O District Convention and conducted a session on 'Starting New Clubs', with PID Connie LeCleir-Meyer. It was well attended and interactive with many questions being asked.

I contacted a friend of mine who is a professor of business at the University of Michigan to see if there are any opportunities to work with a class involved in a Non-Profit Business Management course. I was told that we should pick a University and go to their website and find their Business School and see if they have a Non-Profit Business Course. If they do, contact the professor directly to see if there are any opportunities to have the class work on a business model for growing Lions. The advice given to me was to go directly to the professor instead of going through the University. The reasoning is that some professors do not like to be told to work on a project that was not initiated by themselves, so our chances for success would be higher if we can connect directly with the professor. I mentioned this in my winter report, but I mention it again here because I think this is an opportunity going forward and I hope that the new MD19 GET can use this information. CC Patty has contacted an acquaintance to pursue this project at UW. The other opportunity here would be to try and establish a Campus Club.

The MD19 GET was a new position this year and going forward, I would recommend that the incoming MD19 GET meet with the District GET's as soon as possible and set goals as a team so that they are all going in the same direction."

MARKETING REPORT by PDG Kathy Crawford, Chairperson:

"Due to some health issues, I haven't been able to contribute as much to this position as I had hoped. However, I have a few things to report for the last quarter of the year.

I worked with MD19 Leadership Chairperson PDG Debbie Bostock to promote the MD19 GAT gathering that took place this weekend.

I am working with MD19 Membership Chairperson PCC Hal Palmer on an idea to help our clubs reach out to graduating students as potential new members.

19N Marketing Chairperson Stephanie O'Dell has presented me with a proposal for a great marketing idea involving giant inflatable Lions. These would be shared with each of our Districts for use at club, zone, and district events. Stephanie would take the lead in coordinating this project. I am working with her to facilitate grant funding opportunities."

NEW BUSINESS

PROPOSAL FROM 19-N by DG Leslie Chasse

Subject: Inclusion of All Active Members Paying Full MD19 Dues in Voting Headcount

Motion:

I move that MD19 formally adopt the policy that all active Lions Club members who pay full Multiple District 19 (MD19) dues be counted in the official headcount used for voting representation at both Multiple District and District elections, regardless of any dues discount or status at the international level.

Background and Rationale:

At the international level, Lions Clubs International (LCI) provides certain dues discounts, such as those for qualifying family units or senior members. However, it is critical to recognize that these discounts apply only to the international portion of dues.

At the Multiple District 19 (MD19) level, all active members — regardless of international discount eligibility — pay full MD19 dues without any reductions. As such, from the perspective of MD19 operations and finances, every active member contributes equally and should be recognized equally. It is consistent, fair, and logical that any active member meeting their full MD19 financial obligation be included in the headcount for voting purposes at the multiple district and district levels.

Strong Argument for Adoption:

- Fair Representation: Every member who financially supports MD19 fully deserves a voice in its governance. Excluding any dues-paying member undermines the democratic principles of our organization.
- Equity and Inclusiveness: Our commitment to service and fellowship must extend to how we govern ourselves. Recognizing every active member equally fosters greater inclusion, unity, and morale among our clubs.
- Financial Alignment: Since MD19 receives full dues from each active member, there is no financial reason to differentiate among members when determining voting rights. Representation should reflect financial support accurately.
- Simplicity and Clarity: A uniform policy eliminates confusion at election time, removing the need for complex calculations about who qualifies. Every active, fully paying member counts — simple and transparent.

Counterarguments and Responses:

- Counterargument: 'Some members pay discounted dues at the international level, so they should be treated differently.'

Response: The discount applies solely to the international portion of dues, not to the MD19 portion. MD19's operations are fully supported by full dues from every active member. Our headcount and representation policy should reflect our own district's financial structure, not that of LCI.

- Counterargument: 'Differentiating members could maintain closer alignment with international practices.'

Response: MD19 has the autonomy to set policies that reflect its own financial and organizational realities. Our practice should align with how MD19 is funded and structured, not be constrained by international policies that are unrelated to the functioning of the multiple districts.

- Counterargument: 'Changing the policy could create confusion.'

Response: On the contrary, adopting this policy simplifies the process. Every active, full-dues-paying member is counted. There would be less room for confusion or debate about eligibility during elections.

Conclusion:

This motion ensures that MD19's practices align with its financial reality and organizational values of fairness, inclusivity, and transparency. It recognizes the full contribution of every active Lion and strengthens our governance through more accurate and equitable representation.

I respectfully urge the Council of Governors to support and adopt this motion."

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Leslie Chasse, 19-N and seconded by District Governor Beth James, 19-O to approve the motion shown at the beginning of DG Leslie's Report. Motion deferred for discussion.

After much discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Leslie Chasse, 19-N and seconded by District Governor Beth James, 19-O to amend the original motion by sending the proposed changes to the Governance Committee for their recommendation, considering the LCI reasoning for the vote count with family membership. Motion approved. Original motion as amended approved.

25+ NORTH AMERICAN YOUTH CAMP AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM by DG Tammy Allan (Oral Report)

The North American Forum will be in Seattle Feb. 25-28, 2026, and the 25+ Exchange Camp will begin March 1st and end on March 15th, so that will give us just a couple days in any location. It is imperative to get support from the current Lions Clubs to help pull this off, as the current Lions members will be hosting the Lions and Leos in their homes overnight and helping in sharing their area of the Pacific Northwest. The 25+ Exchange Program is for Lions and Leos ages 25 and up. We will be visiting 4-5 locations around MD19 boundaries to share with other Lions from around the world the beautiful Pacific Northwest. I am hoping to get help from Bellingham clubs in 19-O, Vancouver, BC area clubs in 19- L, Washington Coast Area clubs in 19-N, Leavenworth Area clubs in 19-I, and Yakima Area clubs 19- S.

MOTION: A motion was made by VCC Steve Brooks and seconded by PDG Michael Livingstone, 19-I to show Council support for the 24+ Exchange Program. Motion approved.

MD19 SPRING CONVENTION CHANGE PROPOSAL by DG Chuck Robinson, 19-I:

"The Council of Governors shall task the Strategic Planning Committee to evaluate the merits of scheduling the MD19 Annual Convention and the District Conventions six months apart – one in late spring and the other in early fall. The Targeted Goal for these two conventions should be different. One could be to celebrate the end of the year and the other to allow for leadership and officer training or meet-ups for brainstorming and problem solving. Both very important events. The progress and results of the committee's discussions should be reported at the Fall and Winter Council Meetings with the goal of voting on this change at the May Annual Convention.

I ask that this be brought to the floor for open discussion."

MOTION: A motion was made by VCC Steve Brooks and seconded by PDG Lisa Ikeda, 19-N to have the strategic planning committee look at the proposal and determine the pros and cons and make recommendations. Motion failed.

Further discussion ensued and it was determined that the Strategic Planning Committee would look at it.

NEW PIN DESIGNS FOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS by Executive Director Peter Anderson:



We are in the process of looking to update our Secretary Excellence Award pin as we have very few left, perhaps enough for the awards this year. The new design for the pin is on the far left. We also would like to have a Membership Director Pin created (design at right). The other excellence awards: President and Treasurer already have a pin, so it is only right that the Membership Directors are given one as well.

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Tammy Allan, 19-S and seconded by District Governor Leslie Chasse, 19-N to approve having the membership director pin produced and purchased. Motion approved.

At this time the Council transitioned to the 2025-2026 Council of Governors'.

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Kevin Borde, 19-L and seconded by PDG Leslie Chasse, 19-N to accept the 2025-2026 MD19 Budget. Motion approved.

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Leslie Chasse, 19-N and seconded by PDG Kevin Borde, 19-L to approve the CARE proposal of home gardens. Motion denied.

MOTION: A motion was made by CC Patty Allen-White and seconded by PDG Tammy Allan, 19-S to approve the CARE proposal for the water sanitation project as recommended by the CARE Chairperson, PDG Bob Yeoman. Motion approved

2025-2026 MD19 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2025 Budget & Finance: PCC Steve Noble, Chairperson (19-S)
L. PZC Burnie Smith
I.
O. Gloria Hardan
N. PDG Steve Staudinger
S. PCC Jon Whitman (19-S)

Border Crossing Editor: Rebecca Anderson (19-O)

Building: Dan Cantrell (19-O)

CARE: PDG Bob Yeoman (19-S)

Contests & Awards: 1st Year: PCC Patty Allen-White, Chairperson (19-O)
2nd Year: Diane Sawatzky
3rd Year:

Conventions:

2026 Annual Convention: PDG Shelley Costello (19-I)

2026 International Convention:

2025 USA / Canada Forum:

Diabetes Awareness: PDG Georgia Medwedrich (19-L)

Election Certification: PDG Steve Staudinger (19-N)

Environment: Nancy Messmer (19-L)

Evaluation Committee: PDG Shelley Costello, 19-I (1st Year); PZC George Sim, 19-L (2nd Year)
PDG Ken Cook, 19-S (3rd Year)

Governance Committee: PID Allan Hunt, Chairperson (19-O)

L. PDG Syrus Lee

I. PDG Michael Livingstone

O.

N. PCC Al Hedstrom

S. PDG Paul Kauzlarich

Webmaster: PCC J.D. Nellor (19-N)

International Relations / Participation: PID Allan Hunt (19-O)

International Youth Exchange: PDG Lonnie Morgan (19-S)

Knights of the Blind: Bill Scholl (19-N)

LCIF – B.C.: PDG Al Stobbart (19-O)

LCIF – U.S.: PID Don Shove (19-O)

Leader Dogs: PDG Carol Whitman (19-S)

LEO Clubs: PZC Linda Deroche (19-O)

LEO Liaisons: Nina Duffy -- duffyn289@gmail.com; Peter Walkup -- peterwalkup@icloud.com

Lions Quest – BC: PDG Norma Bent (19-I)

Memorial Garden: Wes Reynolds (19-O)

Parliamentarian: PCC J.D. Nellor (19-N)

Strategic Planning: PCC John Kirry, Chairperson (19-N)

L. PDG Leslie Smith

I. PDG Chuck Robinson

O. PDG Joel Hagen

N. PCC JD Nellor

S.

District Support Team: CC Steve Brooks, Facilitator

Global Leadership: PDG Debbie Bostock (19-I)

Global Membership: PDG Beth James (19-O)

Global Extension: PDG Ken Cook (19-S)

Global Service: PZC Jocelyn Wan (19-L)

Marketing: PCC Hal Palmer (19-N)

Global Membership Approach: PDG Lorne Bunyan (19-L)

Canadian LERC: PZC Barry Shiles (19-O)

Lions FDN of Canada (Dog Guides): Dave Pasin (19-L)

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Chuck Robinson, 19-I and seconded by PDG Kevin Borde, 19-L to accept the 2025-2026 MD19 Committee Chairpersons as presented. Motion approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:50 AM

2025 ANNUAL CONVENTION PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MAY 16

8:00 AM Council of Governors – Closed Session
8:30 AM Council of Governors Meeting – Rosedale Ballroom
9:15 AM Walking Mural Tour - Meet in Lobby
11:45 AM Kick-Off Lunch – Rosedale Ballroom

2:30 PM Breakout Sessions

Adopt-a-Road Outing – Meet in Lobby

The Dogwood Monarch Lions Club in Chilliwack proudly takes part in the Adopt-a-Road program, organizing regular cleanups to keep local streets safe and litter-free. With safety gear and

community spirit, volunteers help protect the environment and inspire others to take pride in their city. Want to make a difference? Come lend a hand, we'd love your help!

GAT Meeting: CC Patty, VCC Steve, and GLT Debbie – Main Street Hall

We are delighted to invite you to the MD19 GAT (Global Action Team) Gathering! This is a special opportunity for all District DGs (District Governors), VDGs (Vice District Governors), ZCs (Zone Chairs), and District GAT team members (Leadership, Service, Membership, Extension, PR) to come together and set your District Goals for the upcoming term.

Card Making: DG Beth James - Rosedale 3

Whether you're new to card making or a seasoned pro, this fun class is your chance to create heartfelt cards for friends and family. Explore techniques, add your personal touch, and craft something special!

Building Stronger Communities: Developing Meaningful Partnerships: Stephanie O'Dell - Fraser Room

Strong partnerships amplify community impact and expand service opportunities. This session provides practical strategies to identify, approach, and collaborate with local organizations for lasting, mutually beneficial relationships.

5:30 PM Dinner and Fun Night-Rosedale Ballroom

6:30 PM MD Got Talent (Streamed)

8:30 PM Live Band – The Lounge Hounds

8:30 PM Friday Leo Karaoke - 9233 Main St, Mt. Cheam Lions Hall

Join us for a night of music, laughs, and unforgettable performances! Whether you're ready to sing your heart out or just cheer from the crowd, this karaoke night is all about fun, connection, and a little friendly spotlight. Leo and Lions Welcome!

SATURDAY, MAY 17

6:30 AM BREAKFAST – Member and Guest – Rosedale Ballroom

6:30 AM PDG Breakfast – Fraser

8:30 AM MEMORIAL SERVICE – Rosedale (and streamed to Fraser)
Lynden Lions Club

L	A1	Vancouver Chinatown	Chuck Lew
L	A1	Vancouver Chinatown	Fred GT Wong
L	A6	Sunshine Coast	Brian C. Hardy
L	A6	Sunshine Coast	Phil Jones
L	A8	Vancouver Metropolitan	Jian Yuan Michelle Luo
L	A9	Vancouver Renfrew	Fred Cooper

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L	I1	Port Angeles	Jerry Austin
L	I1	Port Angeles	Hugh Ted Simpson
L	I2	Sooke	Barry Morrison
L	I2	Sooke	Mike Thomas
L	I2	Sooke Harbourside	Velma Jessiman
L	I2	Victoria	George Schellenberg
L	I2	West Shore	Gary Mitchell
L	I3	Salt Spring Island	Alan S. Coombes
L	I3	Salt Spring Island	Zoe Sikora
L	I4	Mill Bay	Robert E. Buzzard
L	I5	Comox Valley Monarch	Frank Price
L	I5	Qualicum Bay	James Fiddler
L	I6	Malcolm Island	Shane Fuller
L	I7	Gabriola Island	Paul E. Kuszyk
L	I7	Nanaimo	Ronald Lillie
I	1	Golden District	Peter Shular
I	2	Fernie	Rick Ganter
I	2	Fernie	George Shade
I	2	Sparwood	Glen Leyden
I	3	Cranbrook	James L. Hong
I	3	Creston	Louise Halvorson
I	3	Creston	Demetre V. Karountzos
I	3	Kootenay Lake	Robert G. Rowley
I	5	Northport	Janet K. Cwalinski
I	5	Rossland Golden City	Donald Keith Vinish
I	5	Rossland Golden City	Elaine M. Vinish
I	7	Leavenworth	Delores Alford
I	7	Wenatchee Central	Alfred W. Cordell
I	9	Kelowna Okanagan Mission	Richard Hobuti
I	10	Enderby & District	Annette K. Kazmar
I	10	Enderby & District	Ronald A. Surry
I	11	Sorrento	Hans J. Schmidt
I	12	Kamloops Aberdeen	Howard Swaren
I	12	Kamloops Brock Central	William Jackson
I	12	Logan Lake	Marion Bell
I	13	100 Mile House	Karen Ann Findlay
I	13	108 Mile Ranch	Jim Kulky
I	13	Quesnel	Beverly I. Tataryn
I	13	Williams Lake	Dean Halfnights
O	1	Richmond Mandarin	Greg Sun
O	1	Richmond Mandarin	Victor Yung
O	2	Langley	Angela Killen
O	2	Pitt Meadows	Ron Harris
O	3	Port Coquitlam	Antonio F. R. Hartley

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O	3	Port Coquitlam	Carole May Treloar
O	4	Chilliwack	Bill Lyle
O	5	Bellingham Central	PCC Denny Gudbranson
O	5	Bellingham Central	John Hooley
O	5	Ferndale Harborview	Veleta Young
O	5	Lynden	Shirley L. Baxter
O	5	Lynden	Freda W. Groen
O	5	Lynden	Mark Hildebrand
O	5	Lynden	Nancy C. Rourke
O	6	Concrete	James A. Parker
O	7	Coupeville	Colleen D. Parhaniemi
O	7	North Whidbey	Bob Brown
O	7	Orcas Island	Tanya Hutchins
O	7	San Juan	Don Galt
O	7	San Juan	Robert Schwartzberg
O	8	Everett Central	Robert E. Jones
O	9	Seattle First Hill	Jan Kumasaka
O	9	Seattle First Hill	Toshi Moriguchi
O	10	Redmond	Donald C. Bruce
O	10	Redmond	Hiroshi Goto
O	10	Redmond	Robert O'Keefe
O	11	Renton	Greg D. Fisher
O	11	Renton	Ray Peretti
O	11	Seattle Bituin	Vilma Laveturria Carver
O	11	Seattle Bituin	Cora Lasham
N	1	Bremerton Central	James C. Karosich
N	1	Port Orchard	PDG Carl Freeland
N	1	Poulsbo	Michael E. Alvarado
N	1	Poulsbo	Roger Sherrard
N	2	Olympia Host	Bill Buthorn III
N	2	Olympia Host	Edward Mayeda
N	2	Olympia West	Dorothy E. Miller
N	3	Gig Harbor	Anthony S. Petrucci
N	3	Tacoma Southeast	Frank A. Pearce
N	3	Tacoma Southeast	David K. Williams
N	4	Bonney Lake	Candy Moberg
N	4	Enumclaw	Chris O. Streuli
N	4	Greater Puyallup	PDG Chuck Waid
N	4	Kent	Ralph Bowen
N	5	Aberdeen	Price M. Chenault
N	5	Cosmopolis	Kristie Maupin
N	5	Cosmopolis	Debbi I. Moran
N	5	Hoquiam	Bill Bonney
N	5	Hoquiam	Rudy Spanich

N	6	Rochester	William Belcher
N	6	Toledo	Ronald L. Phillipps
N	7	Lacey Sunrise	Cliff Brandsma
N	7	Tenino	Mike D. Bye
N	8	Eatonville	Stephen W. Cossalman
N	8	Spanaway	Suzanne B. Gayda
N	8	Spanaway Parkland	Susan Foley
N	9	Longview Kelso Earlybird	Gerald Engebo
N	9	Longview Pioneer	Kenneth R. Botero
N	9	Longview Pioneer	Gary L. Henthorn
N	9	Longview Pioneer	PDG Jim Reinecke
N	9	Longview Pioneer	Marie Specht
N	9	Longview Pioneer	Walt Specht
N	9	Peninsula	Kathleen M. Condron
N	11	Camas	Dolores Dodson McRobert
N	11	Camas	Patrick Sheaffer
S	1	Naches	George D. Pickard
S	2	Toppenish	John Smith
S	6	Benton City	PDG Ronald R. Buel
S	6	Benton City	William Wolfe
S	6	Touchet Gardena	Greg J. Buckley
S	7	Moscow Central	Richard C. Bull
S	7	Pullman	Matt Carey
S	8	Ritzville	Rex Lyle
S	8	Ritzville	Dean Whitman
S	9	Rockford	Neil A. Davey
S	10	Spokane Central	Gerald E. Johnson
S	12	Almira	Gary S. Peterson
S	13	Rathdrum	Sharron L. McPhail

9:30 AM MORNING GENERAL SESSION – Rosedale (streamed to Fraser)

11:00 AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Harnessing AI for Lions Club Marketing: Stephanie O'Dell - Rosedale AB

Hands-on training session designed to help members use artificial intelligence to boost outreach and engagement. Learn how to create social media posts, write press releases, and streamline content using simple, free AI tools like ChatGPT. See real examples of how Lions Clubs are using AI to grow membership, promote events, and save time. This session includes live demos and practical tips to keep your message authentic. Walk away with the skills and confidence to enhance your club's visibility and impact through smart, meaningful technological use.

Which fruit are you? How are you being fruitful? PCC Hal Palmer - Rosedale C

Let's look at your club like a bowl of fruit. Are you all apples and no oranges? What would happen if you invited a pomegranate to join your club? Where do you find the grapes that sweeten your club? Come and enjoy a great discussion and develop a quick plan.

Mastering the Role of Club Secretary/Administrator: Michele Barrie - Fraser Room

What do you need to be a secretary of excellence? Using the Lions Portal - reporting service activities, new club officers, updating membership/club information, and finding resources for questions you may have.

Leo Showcase: Leos - Off-site

Youth from both sides of the border come together in a show of teamwork to retell the Liberian tale "Head, Body, Legs" using a giant puppet they created. The fable takes the audience on a journey as they discover the benefits of collaboration.

NOON

LUNCH – Rosedale (streamed to Fraser)

2:15 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Accessibility: September Stokes - Rosedale AB

Accessible meetings and events ensure all participants can fully engage by addressing mobility, hearing, visual, and communication needs. Key features include wheelchair access, assistive listening systems (like T-coil), closed captioning, accessible materials, and accommodations for service animals. Training and thoughtful planning—both in-person and virtual—are essential to creating inclusive and welcoming environments.

Sensory Garden: Wes Reynolds - Fraser Room

Sensory Gardens and why Lions would care. Several Lions Clubs have supported sensory gardens. We will discuss what goes in a sensory garden. They are gardens that even those with a limited sense can enjoy. Attendees' participation is encouraged in your favorite garden features. Your club could help a sensory garden at a school garden, at a local park, at a health care facility, at a senior residence, or the MD19 Memorial Garden.

Lions Wooden Toy Making Project Tour: Robert Prinse - Meet in Lobby (carpool)

Step into a world of craftsmanship and community spirit with a guided tour of the Lions Wooden Toy Makers! See firsthand how our talented volunteers turn raw wood into beautiful, handcrafted toys that bring joy to children in need. What You'll Experience:

- A behind-the-scenes look at our workshop in action
- Meet the incredible volunteers who bring these creations to life
- Learn about the impact of our toy donations on the community
- Maybe even try your hand at some woodworking!

3:30 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Gender 101 - Understanding Gender Diversity & Inclusion: Jackie Oldhaver - Rosedale AB

Gender 101 is an interactive session introducing the basics of gender diversity and inclusion. Participants will explore key concepts such as gender identity, gender expression, and the distinction between sex and gender. Whether you're new to the topic or looking to expand your understanding, this session offers practical insight into how gender impacts daily life and how we can foster more respectful and inclusive communities.

Sustainable Leadership Pipeline: John Kirry - Fraser Room

Succession planning helps ensure the long-term vitality of Lions clubs through a carefully planned system of identifying and preparing new leaders for all levels. This interactive seminar demonstrates how to identify and develop new leaders and how to plan and prepare for a successful leadership transition.

5:30 PM

DINNER SESSION –Rosedale (Streamed)

Voting results announced: PDG Wanda Eddy has been elected as 2025-2026 Vice Council Chairperson and VCC Steve Brooks has been elected as Council Chairperson for 2025-2026

8:30 PM Ice Cream Social with Mark: PDG Mark Mansell - Sardis / Hemlock
There will be a special Ice Cream Float event hosted by the campaign committee for our MD19 endorsed candidate for International Director, Lion Mark Mansell. Come by and enjoy a delicious ice cream float as a special way to wrap up the convention. Everyone is welcome!

Saturday Leo Karaoke: Leos - 9233 Main St, Mt. Cheam Lions Hall
Join us for a night of music, laughs, and unforgettable performances! Whether you're ready to sing your heart out or just cheer from the crowd, this karaoke night is all about fun, connection, and a little friendly spotlight. Leo and Lions Welcome!

SUNDAY, MAY 18

8:00 AM Leos Pancake Breakfast: Leos - 45580 Spadina Ave. Mt. Cheam Lions Hall
Wake up to the smell of sizzling pancakes and good vibes! This breakfast brings Lions and Leos together for a warm and tasty time, serving up fluffy stacks, sweet toppings, and plenty of smiles. Whether you're catching up with friends or meeting new faces, it's the perfect way to start the day with community, laughter, and a full plate. This breakfast brings Lions and Leos together for a warm and tasty time!. Come hungry and leave happy! Breakfast is by donation.

10:30 AM Violets Trail: Marc G - Meet in Lobby - Sunday 10:30 (by carpool)
Violets Trail (Named after Lion Vi Watson) is a short 300m loop through mature forest that crosses two man-made waterfalls. It is mostly moderate but does have a couple of steep sections and one set of stairs. Lexw Qwò:m (luhw KWOM) means 'always lots of moss' in Helqemeylem, and indeed the area is green and lush as it is tucked into the shady side of the mountain. The trail also features a rotating story walk, which starts at the picnic shelter above the parking lot.

Mural Tour: Michele - Meet in Lobby (on foot)
Sign up for a tour of murals in the heart of downtown Chilliwack. Starting in Downtown Chilliwack, we'll stroll through District 1881 and Central Village. We'll see murals by internationally renowned artists Hoxxoh, SATR, HENGone, Jarus, Jason Botkin, Ankh One, Curtis Hylton, Kevin Ledo, and hidden gems by local artists.