

MINUTES OF THE MD19 WINTER COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

February 8, 2025

Zoom Meeting

The Council Meeting was called to order by Council Chairperson Patty Allen-White at 9:00 am, followed by Introductions of the Council.

The following Lions, Lioness, and Guests were in attendance and signed the Attendance Sheets.

I. Council of Governors

Patty Allen-White, Council Chairperson
Steve Brooks, Vice Council Chairperson
Steve Noble, Past Council Chairperson
Peter Anderson, Executive Director
PID Allan Hunt
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

Foundations & Societies

PDG Wanda Eddy, BC Lions Society
PZC Barry Shiles, CLERC
PDG Brien Patton, MD19 Lions Foundation
Dave Pasin, Lions FDN of Canada Dog Guides
Bill Lundin, NW Lions Foundation
PCC Lyndon Harriman, NWLLI

II. MD19 Committee Chairpersons & Appointees

PDG Steve Staudinger, Budget & Finance
PDG Brien Patton, MD19 2025 Annual Convention
PDG Sharon Sikes, USA / Canada Leadership Forum
PDG Georgia Medwedrich, Diabetes
PDG Steve Staudinger - Elections
Nancy Messmer - Environment
PZC George Sim - Extension
PDG Debbie Bostock, Global Leadership
PCC Hal Palmer, Global Membership
PDG Peggy Harriman, Global Service
PDG Lorne Bunyan, Global Membership Approach
PCC John Kirry, Governance
PID Allan Hunt, International Participation / Relations
Colette Arvidson & PZC Bill Scholl: Knights of the Blind
PZC Linda Deroche, LEOs
Amy He, Leo Liaison
PDG Simon Yau, LCIF - BC
PDG Jan Weatherly, LCIF - US
PCC J.D. Nellor, Parliamentarian / Webmaster
PDG Norma Bent, Quest B.C.
PCC John Kirry, Strategic Planning
PDG Harry Lippincott, Vision

III. Lions, LEOs and Guests

Michele Barrie	ZC Larry Luthor	PDG Al Stobbart
Russ Carlsen	PDG Mark Mansell	Corina Villarreal
Michael Contreras	PCC John Moralek	PCC Polly Voon
Gloria Hardan	PID Don Shove	PZC Rock White
ZC Sherre Holden		

Council Chairperson Patty Allen-White spoke on the accomplishments of PDG Chuck Waid, who was the Committee Chairperson for the MD19 Governance Committee and has recently passed away. A moment of silence was held in respect.

PCC Steve Noble shared that he had received a medal from LCIF. After some research he learned that each of his district governors (L-S) had raised, through their clubs' donations close to or over \$30,000 to LCIF for a total of \$300,000. Contributions for 2023-24 were: 19-L, \$93,000; 19-I, \$57,000; 19-O, \$52,000; 19-N, \$71,000 and 19-S, \$27,000.

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Michael Livingstone, 19-I and seconded by PDG Joel Haggen, 19-O to accept as posted the Minutes of the MD19 Fall Council of Governors' Meeting, held in Chilliwack, B.C on October 19, 2024. Motion approved.

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Chuck Robinson, 19-I and seconded by District Governor Tammy Allan, 19-S to accept the Consent Agenda Items, after the removal of the Northwest Lions Foundation report. Motion approved.

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

CARE REPORT by PDG Bob Yeoman, Chairperson:

"The letter below is from the President and CEO of CARE telling about her recent trip to Honduras and the work that MD19 is participating in. The article highlights two women and tells of how converting pig manure into energy has changed their lives.

Bob Yeoman, MD19 CARE Chairperson.

'I am just back from a trip to visit our CARE Honduras team, who continue to do amazing work in the face of 60% poverty rates. The challenges are particularly severe among women – they are less able than men to engage in paid work, less likely to have a bank account or own a home, and face one of the world's highest rates of femicide. In some communities, migration has seemed like the only viable path to opportunity.

But the main takeaways of my trip were not the challenges, but the resilience and ingenuity of the micro-entrepreneurs and smallholder farmers I met. I sometimes worry that in bearing witness to suffering we can spread more despair than hope – so, in that spirit, here is one example of ingenuity:

Sometimes simple innovations can be revolutionary. An afternoon with María Barahona, Nelo Porras, and their daughters Alexa and Nohelia was a compelling window into what a biodigester can do to change the quality of life of a family and community. María and Nelo showed us the miraculous changes this simple technology has brought to their life – they combined their pig manure and water into the biodigester and then demonstrated how it produced gallons of rich fertilizer that is nourishing their garden, providing gas for household cooking, reducing dangerous smoke inhalation for the family, and saving María 8 HOURS of daily collection of firewood. The biodigester is estimated to last 20-plus years and pays back its value within the first year. And on top of all that, each installed biodigester sequesters more than 10,000 tons of methane a year, can fuel cooking and power lights for more than eight hours, and eliminates the odor of the pigs! The CARE Honduras team is looking to partner this powerful solution to thousands more farmers in Honduras and, with a little bit of philanthropic seed capital, families can afford to purchase the technology directly. As María and Nelo told us, the biodigester provided many gifts, one of them was the ability to dream about how much more they could accomplish for their family and community.

— Michelle Nunn, President and CEO of CARE™

DIABETES AWARENESS REPORT by PDG Georgia Medwedrich, Chairperson:

"Council Chairperson and Council,
MD19 Step Challenge Update:
This challenge is ongoing until May 4th with the winning district announced at the Multiple District 19 convention on May 17 in Chilliwack, BC



I have only had **20** clubs contact me of their interest. That doesn't mean that other clubs aren't participating, it just means that they haven't contacted me. Now is the time to let me know that you are taking part in this event. Each participating club/member is asked to submit \$5.00 per participating member which will support diabetes in your area.



For the USA clubs, US dollars and US diabetes camps. Send donations to PCC Gary Reidel who will send to the diabetes camps in WA State. PCC Gary Reidel, 221 Alderwood Circle, Port Angeles, WA 98362.

For the Canadian clubs, the funds are sent to Diabetes Canada who then forwards on to Camp Kakhamela in Gibsons, BC to help send kids to a diabetes camp. Clubs can make the cheque payable to 'District 19' with Step Challenge in the memo line. Mail to: District 19L, 54 -941 Malone Rd Ladysmith, BC V9G 1S3 –E- transfers can be made to: esmithmd19i@gmail.com

To date I have an accounting of over **100 million steps** since we started the challenge. Way to go Lions. Join in anytime. Contact me for more information: gdalmaine@gmail.com

LEADER DOGS REPORT by PDG Carol Whitman, Chairperson:

As of this writing the following districts have donated to Leader Dogs for the Blind at Rochester, MI.

District L:	\$0.00
District I:	\$300.00
District O:	\$3,058.00
District N:	\$5,492.75
District S:	\$7,020.00

Total donations by MD19 are **\$15,870.75** for the Lions Year 2024-2025

In the past years we have had larger donations. I still encourage all the clubs to add Leader Dogs to their budgets every year. This is such a worthwhile program."

LCIF – BC REPORT by PDG Simon Yau, Chairperson:

"Multiple District 19 BC, Canada donation to LCIF at the end of second quarter USD \$51,487.00 which represent 56% of this year's goal of \$91,610.00.

District 19L Vancouver Broadway and Vancouver East Lions Clubs are Co-hosting the LCIF Melvin Jones Fellows Appreciation Gala on Thursday, April 24, 2025. LCIF Chairperson IPIP Dr. Patti Hill is confirmed to attend the event as the keynote speaker and MJF Awards presenter.

Please continue to encourage the clubs to support and donate to LCIF, our own Foundation."

MEMORIAL GARDEN REPORT by Wes Reynolds, Chairperson:

"A paver path is started and almost complete along one side. A lot more has been possible this January compared to last January's ice storm. The next pathway over to the pond should progress in the rest of winter. Special thanks to Skagit Valley Leos."



LEO CLUBS REPORT by PZC Linda Deroche, Chairperson:

"**LEOS** - the new word in the vocabulary of Lions Clubs.

I'm so excited to share that I am approached on almost a weekly basis by Lions Clubs on both sides of the Border to provide information packages and participate either at in-person meeting or by Zoom.

I had the distinct privilege of attending the Everson Lions on January 21st to give a presentation introducing the wonderful world of Leos supported by a further presentation by Leo Advisor Rosemary Walkup of the Skagit Valley Leos. Also in attendance was a Lion from the Lynden Lions whose Club is interested in entertaining the startup of a Leo Club.

It is so wonderful to see so many Lions Clubs jumping on the Leo train and reaching out to find out what they can do to start their own Leo Clubs. **SO ENCOURAGING.**

I have spoken to the North Delta Lions, Nelson Lions, 100 Mile House Lions, Everson Lions and Lynden Lions to name a few, giving them the scoop on Leos, who they are, what they can do for Clubs, what Clubs can do for them, as well as working through paperwork. **SO ENCOURAGING.**

I am looking forward to attending District Governor Beth James' convention being held on March 21-22 in Anacortes with several Canadian Leos in tow. We will also be joined by several Leos from Skagit Valley Leos and the Coupeville Leos. What a blessing to have Leos from both sides of the Borders connecting, sharing ideas and building friendships.

The other huge thing on the Leos horizon is LeoCon being held in Langley, B.C., at the end of June 2025. This Convention is being put on by the Leos for Leos. **JUST ASK** me if you would like to get involved or have any questions.

Talking with active Leo Advisors as well as potential Leo Advisors, I am encouraged that the program seems to be coming to life and taking on a whole new direction. **LEOS FOR THE WIN.**

LEOS provide so much energy and enthusiasm in all they do.

LEOS are our future, help me to help them be the best they can be."

LIONS QUEST – B.C. REPORT by PDG Norma Bent, Chairperson:

"Happy New Year Everyone.

My report is a review of 2024 sent by Lions Quest Canada and what they are proposing for 2025.

Empowered Communities:

- 204 adults engaged in 11 workshops
- 98.9% rate our training as effective or very effective
- 26 additional presentations / events
- 12 newsletters sharing research & resources

Impact on Children & Youth:

- Over 4,500 more children & youth with improved social emotional well-being
- 3,772 Child ID Kits distributed

Lions Quest Champions & Supporters:

- 4 Champions of Youth
- 22 Lions Quest Fellows
- 8 Lions Quest Stewardship Awards
- 39 Q Bear Fan Club Members
- 172 Lions Club investments
- Over \$25,000 from 173 Individual donors

What's Coming in 2025

- New Lions Quest Program for Youth Justice settings - program & training
- Updated Lions Quest School-based training
- Building Capacity for Social Emotional Well Being in Young People training

As the year ends, we at Lions Quest Canada want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support. Together, we've empowered young people across the country with vital skills that build resilience, foster connections, and prepare them for life's challenges.

We're inspired by the difference we've made together this year and look forward to an even brighter future. Together, we can turn the page on the challenges of the past and write a story of resilience, compassion, and empowerment.

Your support is an investment in a brighter, more connected future for us all. Learn more about how you can be more involved with our mission on our [website](#).

As the saying goes - it takes a village to raise a child, we thank you for being a villager.

The 'goings on in 19-L' – PZC Vivian has a fundraiser Talent Show coming up. 19-0: DG Beth has LQ Executive Director Joanne McQuiggan coming to her convention in March. District 19-I: PDG Norma is sending out information to all Clubs on the Youth ID Kits and an order sheet and plans to have a District 19-I online workshop before the end of this Lions Year."

VISION REPORT by PDG Harry Lippincott, Chairperson:

The MD19 Vision Program aims to enhance the quality of life for individuals by promoting vision and hearing screenings through our network of clubs. Despite best efforts, the response from the districts has been tepid.

Current Status

To date, the engagement from MD19 clubs has ranged from minimal to moderate support. This lukewarm response is surprising, given the program's potential to make a significant impact on community health.

District Support

Interestingly, conversations reveal strong support for the program at the Governor level, but this enthusiasm does not seem to trickle down to the club level. This discrepancy is a major obstacle to the program's wider adoption and success.

Challenges Faced:

Awareness and Communication

One of the primary challenges is raising awareness about the importance and benefits of vision and hearing screenings.

Resource Allocation

Clubs may be hesitant to participate due to perceived resource constraints, both in terms of manpower and financial investment.

Strategies for Improvement:

Enhanced Communication

We need to establish more effective communication channels to ensure the program's benefits are understood well at all levels.

Introducing incentives for clubs that actively participate in the program could motivate more clubs to get involved. Recognition awards, certificates, and public acknowledgments can serve as effective motivators.

I will continue to promote the program, confident that with time and sustained effort, we will achieve our goals and improve vision and hearing health in our Lions communities."

MD19 FOUNDATION REPORTS

CLERC REPORT by PZC Barry Shiles, Chairperson:

"Since our last report we have had 90 boxes (40 lbs. each) sent from our Delta shipping hub. Vancouver Island District L has shipped approximately 40 boxes of glasses.

Previously reported was that Canada has shipped 16.2 tons of glasses to CLERC, in Calgary of which 40% or 6.2 tons came from British Columbia alone.

Districts L, I, O, have a remarkable group of Lions collecting and shipping glasses to CLERC in Calgary. While we collect an amazing amount of glasses there are many more locations and businesses that we could collect glasses from and it's a very easy project for new Lions to get started on.

One thing to remember is CLERC needs our support by collecting and shipping glasses, but they also need financial support.

Lions Club Executives please remember to budget funds for CLERC operations, which last year cost \$200,000. While Districts L, I, O, are the biggest contributors of glasses to CLERC for recycling and shipping overseas we are well behind in financial donations.

Please remember to support this Canadian wide project."

KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND REPORT by PZC Bill Scholl, President:

"Since our last report, the committee members have been in several Grandpa's White Cane presentations to 3rd graders throughout our district, with several more scheduled soon.

Along with the presentations the committee has been very active in helping to raise funds for the second printing of the wonderfully educational book. Another 1000 books will be on hand soon. We are still looking for Lions clubs that might be interested in doing a fun presentation to some awesome 3rd graders.

Many KOTB representatives are planning to attend the upcoming districts conventions as well as the MD19 in British Columbia in May.

Another project that the MD19 Lions Clubs could be looking forward to with the Easter season coming up might be Audio Easter Egg hunts. There are several options to this project with very high rewards not only for the Visually Impaired, but for the Lions members involved. For more information contact Chairperson Bill Scholl at: billscholl134@gmail.com or Colette Arvidson at: colette.arvidson@gmail.com"

NORTHWEST LERC REPORT by Kirby Kee, President:

"The NWLERC has been busy as usual. We received two new CL-300 Lensometer's and have put them to good use.

At last week's meeting the executive committee recommended the purchase of a new pallet jack with a attached scale. This would be very helpful for preparing our shipments to ReSpecs, eliminating the need to weigh and label each box as it was packed.

Missions: #385 Vista Missions to Mexico, Jan-Feb 2025, requested 125 SV, 560 MV, and 25 readers, completed and picked up on 12/12/24; #386 Venture Mission to Mexico, Feb 24-28, requested 2885 eyeglasses, provided 2016 pair from inventory, pick-up date is pending.

Requests for readers: Nisqually Tribal Elders for 50 pairs completed and Lisa volunteered to deliver them; Kitsap County Homeless Event for 115 pairs, plus 50 sunglasses, 4 boxes of hard cases, and 3 boxes of new frames, needed by 1/29/25, in progress; Veterans Stand Down for 50 pair, completed and picked up.

Current Inventory: 18,100 mission ready eyeglasses; still low on multi-vision plus, multi-vision minus, single-vision plus, and readers other than mid-strength.

Malena noted the need to be careful with the available shelving space in the Mission Room. Glasses received from Airway Heights are being stored there before being packed, as well as the large number of donated reading glasses delivered by Kerby two months ago. It was suggested to check with other LERCs to see if they could use them or reduce the excess inventory and send it to ReSpecs. PCLI/Eastside SDA Fellowship Church for missions to Africa.

Inventory of small mission-ready boxes and large shipping boxes is getting low, and it may be time to order the former since they are a special size and require printing. Linda will check on the vendor that was used for previous orders to see if they are still able to provide our customized LERC boxes."

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

"Council Chairperson Patty and Council Member's, greetings.

Since April of 1999, Lions of BC Hearing Conservation Society has been providing Hearing Aids to seniors and others that can't afford them. However, requests have slowed down this year. A full report will be presented on 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 have 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 worthy 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:

"The Foundation's new year just started on January 1, 2025. The Foundation operates under the regular calendar year. Last year the Foundation approved 17 grants; some went to school Districts for leadership training and others went to Lions programs. The foundation has already approved a grant this year for the Ilwaco High School music program for leadership training for over 100 students in the music program. We have another grant request for Leo's at the 19N Convention that we are reviewing.

The Foundation wants to see more grant requests. Grant applications can be downloaded from the foundation's website.

Please help get the word out about the MD19 Lions Foundation. The Foundation has money to spend on worthy Leadership and Service Development causes."

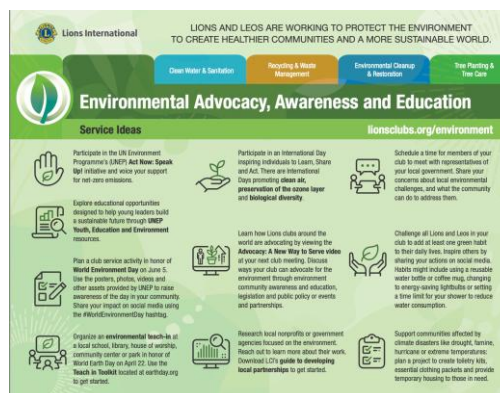
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ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT by Dr. Nancy Messmer, Chairperson:

"MD 19 Environment Team Lions Year 2024-2025.

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

Representing all five districts, District, Zone and Club Environment Chairpersons work closely with four Lions serving as MD19 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.** Contact me at: 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 provide ideas, images, resources for Lions around the world. When you post a Club Environmental Service project, use the hashtag #LionsGoGreen. Read toolkit. <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/lions-advocacy-toolkit>

District N Environment Chairperson, Barak Gale Responds to concerns from Lions that Advocacy is 'political' and thus not acceptable service for Lions. He argues for the importance of non-political advocacy: **Lions Are Environmental Leaders:** 'The earth sustains human life. Our environment is more than a background: it's our home. And we're committed to caring for it.' (Lions Global Causes). **Advocacy is Part of Lions' Mission:** 'Advocacy is an essential tool to ensure good public policy.' (Lions International) Speaking up for better waste management or recycling is responsible leadership and good stewardship. **Making It Political by Naming It Political:** Calling good public policy 'political' seems to make it political when it wasn't in the first place. **Bipartisan Successes Exist:** House Bill 1085, a 2023 bipartisan law in Washington, tackled plastic pollution with support from both sides. Good environmental policy is not partisan—it's common sense. **Keeping the Conversation Open:** Instead of seeing advocacy as divisive, let's ask: How can we work together on practical solutions? If we stay silent, we leave others to shape policies without us.

Summary of 19N Projects. Some Advocacy in Action. Winter 2024-25. Barak Gale.

- 1) Lion President Roland Adler, Port Orchard, WA Lions, composed and presented to Zone N1 a letter addressed to Kitsap County Commissioners. The letter urges them to amend their County Plan regarding recycling, to make it more effective, and ultimately to help **protect the Boreal Forest of Canada** from massive deforestation for our tissue and other paper products. The proposal was directed to the clubs for consideration.
- 2) A proposal is submitted for a **card writing session at the April Convention**, advocating for sewage spill transparency and reform of recycling in WA.
- 3) Zones N2 (Olympia) and N7 (Lacey) have **collected 11,000 lbs. of plastic wrappings** for Trex recycling in 2023-24.

4)19N Environmental Director Barak Gale **has restarted visits to clubs**. He visited Longview Pioneer Lions recently for a presentation titled: 'Carrying the Albatross: Environmental Challenges and How Lions Are Making a Difference'.

As the Environment Chairpersons circulate through our districts, speaking to Lions, scanning Facebook pages & websites, these are some of the Lions Environmental Service projects we see:



Yakima Lions helped build a bridge in Randall Park. Shown, a recently installed sign.



DG Tammy Allan assisted with tree planting in Brazil on a Youth Exchange trip

Protection Island Lions collected 40 large bags of winter Clothes and over \$4000. Clothes & Cash Drive for Unhoused and vulnerable folks in Nanaimo area.



The Earl Marriott Leo Club has set a target of conducting a park clean up in the South Surrey / White Rock area each month. So far, they have held a cleanup of Alderwood Park in September, Bakerview Park in October and Maccaud Park in November.



Spanaway Lions Dianne Whittlesey & Mike Exley. Bremerton Central Iris Young is a lensometer reader.



Thanks to Vancouver East, Vancouver Pacific, Richmond Lahoo Lions Clubs and Vancouver Lahoo Leo Club for volunteering at TWECS Eyeglass Warehouse.

Kamloops Brock Central Lions use wooden cutlery and compostable plates at their BBQ's & Pancake Breakfasts...Leos clean beaches.... create and maintain parks...Lions do watershed restoration.... grow and distribute food...work with partners to advocate for a global plastics treaty.

MD19 Environment Chairpersons. Call or Email. We can assist you with ideas and resources: **Bob Johnson:** 253-353-3043, bobjohnson.centennial@gmail.com **Steven Wong:** 604-218-1002, stevenruns@telus.net **Lia Versaevel:** 250-606-1515, versaevel.liamarie@gmail.com **Nancy Messmer** 360-963-2442, able@olypen.com



USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM REPORT by PDG Sharon Sikes, Chairperson (Oral Report):

Learn, grow and lead is the theme for the USA/Canada Leadership Forum that will be held in Atlantic City, N.J., September 18-20, 2025. It will be held at the Harrah Casino. I was out there recently to do a planning session with 40-45 leaders, planning aspects of the Forum. This is an incredible group of people and we are going to have an amazing Forum this year.

The Harrah Casino is a brand new, state of the art location and will be a great place to come together and have sessions. The Forum is hosted by the New Jersey Lions Clubs. (At this time, Sharon shared her screen to give an overview of the USA/Canada Leadership Forum website and how to navigate the site to find information).

The Forum is a fabulous place to learn new things and get new ideas to bring back to your clubs and at the same time make new life-long friends.

I know that we've had questions regarding exhibitors and sponsorships and there is a price associated with both. If we open the tab for Friends of the Forum, we see that any individual can become a friend of the forum by contributing a donation. For a couple it is \$250, for an individual it is \$150 and for a club, district or multiple district it is \$250. The issue for the MD to make a financial contribution is where would we get the \$250 to make such a contribution? And I would submit that since this is centered around leadership, that this would be a good grant request to submit to our MD19 Foundation. The deadline to have this taken care of is by the printing date of August 1, 2025, and I would suggest the MD19 have their input in at least 30 days prior to that date. This will give MD19 recognition throughout the forum.

A tentative schedule is also available on the site.

Funding the Sponsorship: PDG Brien Patton, president of the MD19 Foundation replied that all that would need to be done is to submit an application, which would then be looked at by the grant committee for consideration and they would let the foundation know of their recommendation and then the board would vote on it. It is a rather quick process.

Council Chairperson Patty Allen-White asked that PDG Sharon Sikes, as Chairperson of the USA/Canada Forum Committee, to submit a grant application to the MD19 Foundation for \$250 for the Sponsorship level at the Forum.

PCC Polly Voon confirmed that registration for the Forum is open, but that attendees should be aware that Atlantic City airport only has two major airlines - American Airlines and Spirit flying in. The suggestion is to fly to into Philadelphia. Currently the Forum is in discussion with a transportation company to arrange for buses to shuttle attendees from the airport to Atlantic City. Cost will be around \$90, to and from the Forum. Travel time is around an hour and a half.

LCIF – US REPORT by PDG Jan Weatherly, Chairperson:

“Six month progress toward LCIF US Goals for 2024-2025

- Reach or exceed our LCIF goal for **MD19 US** goal of \$154,505

We have reached 51% of our goal

- Each district increases their individual giving to 1 out of every 10 Lions – 10%
4% of individual Lions have donated
- Each district increases the percentage of clubs giving to 60%
27% of clubs have donated this year

Melvin Jones Fellowships

- Encourage your clubs with large LCIF balances to turn these into Melvin Jones Fellowships to be awarded at your district conventions.
- Ask your District Coordinator for assistance in identifying club balances. Many balances are well over \$1000.
- MD 19 has over \$1,000,000 in LCIF donations that could be turned into Melvin Jones Fellowships!!!

Los Angeles FIRES

- Individual donations to the LA Fires are eligible for a Certificate of Appreciation from PIP Dr. Patti Hill. Ask your District Coordinator for one.
- 250,000 people effected with 180,000 evaluated from their homes
- **The financial toll of the wildfires is projected to be in the tens of billions of dollars, potentially making this disaster the costliest blaze in U.S. history.**
- Initial LCIF grants to 2 districts equal \$30,000. Full recovery is estimated to take over 3 years. More grants will be requested.

Our LCIF US District Coordinators for 2024-2025

Many thanks to 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

NORTHWEST LIONS FOUNDATION REPORT by Bill Lundin, Trustee Chairperson:

“We want to thank MD19 for allowing the Northwest Lions Foundation to work with them at the Fall Council of Governors meeting in Chilliwack, BC. After the Council of Governors meeting, we had a very well attended and spirited meeting for the Northwest Lions Foundation. It was a pleasure to see so many of our Canadian Club members and those from the Washington and Northern Idaho Clubs. We look forward to doing this again in Winter 2025.

The Northwest Lions Foundation rolled out how we vision our Canadian Hearing Aid Program can assist Canadian MD19 Lions Clubs providing ‘New Starkey Multi-channel’ hearing aids for little cost to those in financial need in your local areas. Many questions were fielded and answered.

The Northwest Lions Hearing program, available today, is designed to help Clubs who have No viable local Hearing Aid assistance programs available in their communities or Districts.

The Project Support Grant Committee has awarded Part 1 of our Semi-Annual 2025 grants to:

- 1) Diabetes Association of Pierce County a grant of \$2000.00
- 2) Camas Lions Foundation a grant of \$3000.00

Applications for our next grant cycle are due into the NLF office by April 1, 2025

With the start of this New Year 2025, I am pleased to announce that we will be having a Foundation meeting in Seattle later this month. We have invited some outstanding speakers to motivate us how to better plan our activities and serving Clubs MD19 into the future.

Just as our local Clubs must do Annual Community Assessments our Foundation must review our past and plan for new opportunities moving forward.

I encourage each Club to continue your financial support of the Northwest Lions Foundation annually. We encourage Clubs to find a community fundraiser to support our 58th Annual Northwest Lions Foundation 'White Cane Days'. Thank you to the many Clubs who have already sent in their Club donations for this year. If you have any questions how your Club can help please contact your Northwest Lions Foundation District Trustee or Marsha Rastatter at our NLF office. Please be sure all checks are noted NLF White Cane Days."

MD19 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION & RELATIONS REPORT by PID Allan Hunt, Chairperson:

"Nominations for Presidential and Leadership Medals have been submitted, results will be circulated to the DGs once they are received.

Mission 1.5 continues along. Some Districts are doing well and in others there is room for improvement. Remember the goal/target is for clubs to be Net 2 by the end of June.

Accounts with Lions International. Clubs need to pay attention to their invoices. There have been more than one occasion where a club's check has been processed but the club's account was not credited. The funds have all been located in LCIF but not before the Clubs were placed in Financial suspension. For Canadian Lions Clubs there is Pre Authorized Debit system which allows Lions International to withdraw funds, in Canadian funds directly from your account, with permission being necessary for each transaction. Once a club is signed up, the process is quick and trouble free. The forms can be found on the Lions of Canada webpage, www.lionscanada.ca look under resources."

MD19 2025 ANNUAL CONVENTION REPORT by ZC Roger Chevrier, Co-Chairperson:

"Event Overview

- **Event Name:** MD19 Lions Convention
- **Date:** May 16, 2025
- **Location:** Coast Hotel, 45920 First Ave, Chilliwack, B.C. V2P 7K1
- **Theme:** *From Growth to Impact: Hitting the Mark*
- **Expected Attendance:** ~300 Lion members

Key Planning Updates

Logistics & Venue

- The venue is Coast Hotel-Chilliwack and is confirmed and secured.
- Meal selections have been made, and arrangements are almost finalized.
- Venue setup and technical requirements are still under review.

Program & Activities

General

- Guest Speakers & Symposium: Under development
- Silent Auction-sponsor club requests are in the works, we will present the ask at the zone meeting on Feb. 8, 2025
- Fun Night: 'Actions Stations' for food items (Dim Sum & Fajitas), entertainment
- Talent Show: Under development.
- The live band is confirmed - "The Lounge Hounds". Voted Chilliwack's Band Of the Year
- Opening Ceremony: Native drummers confirmed, land acknowledgment.
- Opening Banquet- Sardis Secondary Drumline to lead head table into conference room- Working out details

Field Trips / Outings

- Field Trip: The Lions Wooden Toy Makers tour - Robert Prinse - Chilliwack Lions - 15 min drive each way. 30 or 45 mins on site
- Adopt-A-Street - Debbie Martin - Dogwood Monarch Lion. First Avenue Steet cleans up. This is the street the hotel is on. From Young St. to Prest Rd. Drive some to the end of First Ave. and work way back.
- Bingo - Dogwood Monarch Lions online bingo - 6 pm Thursday, May 15 at the Mt. Cheam Main St Lion's Hall 9233 Main St. which is two blocks away from the hotel. Bingo cards will be \$5.00 per page. There will be \$40,000 in prizes that night and will take about 1.5 hours. Lions can come for a tour and play during the live airing of the game or play along at the hotel on YouTube. It raised over 800,000 this year to put back into the Community. Hope Lions and Agassiz-Harrison Lions both sell cards for this online bingo game to help raise money for the communities.
- Window Display - Dogwood Monarch Lions have done a window display at the Bookman bookstore every June for Helen Keller for the last three years. We were able to get the month of May this year and we will be doing a window display representing the full spectrum of Lions' eight global causes to tie into the convention as well as share with the public. Three blocks from the hotel to walk over.
 - Mural tour - we will have guided walking tours - time to be determined.

Promotion & Outreach

- The Convention logo was finalized and will be incorporated into materials. More info at the end of this report.
- Sponsorship and ad space sales in the work..
- A marketing strategy for outreach across British Columbia, Washington, and Idaho is being developed.
- We are actively ensuring that all convention materials are visually accessible, making them easier to read and navigate for all attendees. This includes using clear fonts, high contrast, larger text sizes, and structured layouts to improve readability. Our goal is to make the convention experience more inclusive, and we are working to set a standard for future Lions events.

Leadership & Team Structure

Convention Committee:

Chair: Roger Chevrier (Zone Chairperson, O-4)

- **Co-Chair – Registration:** Shannon Croitor
- **Co-Chair – Logistics:** Tim Croitor
- **Advisor** – PDG Brien Patten
- **Symposium Coordinator**-PDG Debbie Bostock
- **MD19 Liaison**-Executive Director Peter Anderson
- Additional volunteers being recruited for on-site roles.

Outstanding Items & Next Steps

Immediate Priorities

- Finalizing session speakers and workshop schedule.
- Structuring ad space and sales approach for sponsors.
- Confirming additional entertainment or networking activities.
- Registration - Cheddar Up program
- Convention Programs

Next Phase of Planning (March–April)

- Opening registration and tracking attendance numbers.
- Developing printed programs and promotional materials.
- Coordinating volunteer roles and event-day logistics.

Challenges & Considerations

- Balancing a **regional and local** focus in sponsorships.
- Ensuring the **venue setup supports accessibility** for all attendees.
- Keeping the **program engaging and high-energy** throughout the event.



Visually Impaired-Friendly Description

The logo features a **gray target with three rings that darken as they move inward, leading to a bright yellow bullseye at the center.**

Each ring represents a different level of Lions Clubs International:

- The **outermost ring** represents the **international level**, where Lions serve on a global scale and work toward their shared mission.
- The **middle ring** represents the **district and multiple district levels**, where leadership and regional initiatives take shape.
- The **innermost ring** represents **local clubs**, where hands-on service happens

in communities.

At the center is a **yellow bullseye labeled 'Service Fun,' representing Lions Club members.** The phrase **'Service Fun'** reflects the belief that service is not just a responsibility—it is something Lions enjoy and take pride in.

Eight icons, symbolizing Lions' global causes, are scattered throughout the rings: **Diabetes, Vision, Hunger, Environment, Childhood Cancer, Disaster Relief, Youth, and Humanitarian Efforts.**

A **black arrow points to the bullseye**, symbolizing focus, precision, and the impact of Lions' service.

Below the logo, the tagline appears in two lines: **'From Growth to Impact'** and **'Hitting the Mark'** in bold.

'Hitting the Mark' represents the Lions' commitment to setting goals at every level—club, district, and international—and achieving meaningful, measurable impact.

3. The Meaning of the Logo: This logo represents the mission of Lions Clubs International, capturing both focus and growth. At its center, the **yellow bullseye labeled 'Service Fun' represents Lions Club members**, who drive service and make an impact. The words **'Service Fun'** reflect the belief that service should not feel like a duty, but something that brings joy and fulfillment. Surrounding the bullseye are **three distinct rings that darken as they move outward**, symbolizing growth at every level:

- **Local clubs** stand on their own as the foundation of Lions service, making a direct impact in communities.
- **Districts and multiple districts** provide leadership and support, helping clubs connect and take on larger projects.

- **The international level** unites Lions worldwide, combining efforts for global humanitarian impact. These levels are **independent yet connected by a shared mission of service.**

Eight icons, placed throughout the rings, represent Lions' global causes: **Diabetes, Vision, Hunger, Environment, Childhood Cancer, Disaster Relief, Youth, and Humanitarian Efforts.** A **black arrow pointing to the bullseye** represents **precision, focus, and the Lions' commitment to making a meaningful difference.**

The tagline, **'From Growth to Impact: Hitting the Mark,'** reinforces that **Lions don't just aim to serve—they set clear goals at every level and achieve them.** **'Hitting the Mark'** represents the success of **Lions Clubs** in making real, measurable change, from individual growth to global service.

IT'S A TALENT SHOW! – 'MD19 LIONS GOT TALENT!'

On **Friday night, May 16th at the Annual Convention**, we are having an honest-to-goodness **Talent Show!** We tried this at a district convention, and it was great fun! We're calling it **'MD19 LIONS GOT TALENT!'** I have heard and seen some of this talent over the years traveling around as the Executive Secretary and it's time to show it off to the rest of the MD19 Lions!

The District Governors will select the talent contestants to represent their district in the Talent Show. The Governors can do that in the manner they see fit.

Here are the ground rules:

1. Each district is allowed three entries (total) from the District's Lions and Leos. Governors, you select the talent to represent your district in the talent show. Leos will compete against Leos and Lions against Lions. From each district, there must be at least one Lion entered. In other words, all your entries cannot be Leos.
2. Each contestant is allowed 5 minutes to perform. (8 minutes max for performance & set up)
3. Entrants must bring their own accompaniment.

4. Entrants can perform in a group, but space is limited so we may have to limit the number of people allowed in the act. It will be decided on an individual basis. There will be a phone number on the entry form to call if more than 3 people want to perform at the same time.
5. There will be monetary rewards and bragging rights for the 1st and 2nd place winners for both Lions and Leos. The check for each prize will be made out to the contestant's individual Club, but the winner(s) get to say how that money is spent or on what project it will be used.
6. For this Talent Show, we are eliminating jokes, skits or funny stories.
7. Your district can have up to three entries, so, yes, you could enter two Leo entries and one Lion or two Lion and one Leo or two Lion and no Leo. If your district has no Leo Clubs this year, then you are allowed only two Lion entries.

We know that every district has people who can play a musical instrument whether it is a saxophone, a keyboard, banjo, or guitar etc. We know you have singers and people who can dance ballroom or jive, yodel or even impersonate Elvis singing! We want to see them perform at the first ever **MD19 Lions Got Talent** show! There will be judges and we will let the judges decide which district has the most talent. Will it be someone from 19-L, 19-I, 19-O, 19-N or 19-S?????

Entry Forms and prize amounts will be sent out very soon to the Governors. Watch for 'em! Make sure your Governor knows about the talent that is hiding in your district. Your District just might have one of the winners!"

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT by PDG Steve Staudinger, Chairperson:

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

The non-profit income tax return for the year ended June 30, 2024, is being worked on. The due date, with extension is May 15, 2025.

I have reviewed a printed copy of the financial statements for the six months ended December 31, 2024. 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 \$134,358, total expenses \$126,562, leaving a net income for the six months of \$7,796. Revenue and expenses were generally in line with projections. Again, these figures are subject to adjustments.

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

Membership is down by a net of 192 members for the 6 months ending December 31st. The loss of membership continues to negatively affect revenues for MD19 on a yearly basis.

In summary, given the above analysis, as of December 31, 2024, the MD19 finances are on track to show a near break-even for the year. A revised mid-year budget will be presented at the COG winter meeting.

2024-2025 Budget with DEC. 31, 2024 Membership				
MD19 Dues Income @ \$26.60	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
	2024-2025	12/31/2024		
MD19 Operations Account – 89%	\$209,153	\$110,258	\$(98,895)	
District Budgeted - 6%	\$13,928	\$6,441	\$(7,487)	
MD19 Convention Reserve - 3%	\$7,048	\$3,751	\$(3,333)	
MD19 Reserve Account - 1%	\$2,350	\$1,238	\$(1,112)	
MD19 Building Reserve Account - 1%	\$2,350	\$1,238	\$(1,112)	
Total Dues Income (gross)	\$234,829	\$122,890	\$(111,939)	
MD19 Other Income	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2024-2025	12/31/2024		
Annual Convention	\$6,000	\$85	\$(5,915)	
Grant Audio Visual Equipment (FDN)	\$1,500	\$ -	\$(1,500)	

	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2024-2025	12/31/2024		
Border Crossing Editor Grant (FDN)	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$ -	
Grant District & Zone Officer School (MD19 FDN)	\$8,000	\$ -	\$(8,000)	
Building & Grounds Improvement	\$1,500	\$1,565	\$65	
Building – Memorial Garden	\$200	\$176	\$(24)	
New Club Paraphernalia	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Office Expense Recovered	\$300	\$91	\$(209)	
Uniforms – Sales Income	\$1,000	\$362	\$(638)	
Roster	\$500	\$442	\$(58)	
Bulletin Subscriptions	\$100	\$80	\$(20)	
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,533	\$1,100	\$(433)	
Fundraising – MD19 General Fund	\$50	\$18	\$(32)	
Interest Income	\$750	\$406	\$(344)	
Property Tax Reimbursed	\$4,620	\$4,643	\$23	
Total MD19 Other Income	\$28,553	\$11,468	\$(17,085)	
Total MD19 Income	\$263,382	\$134,358	\$(129,024)	
Expenses	Projected	Actual	Variance	
District Ops Accounts	2024-2025	12/31/2024		
District L	\$3,388	\$586	\$(2,802)	
District I	\$2,279	\$886	\$(1,393)	
District O	\$2,855	\$ -	\$(2,855)	
District N	\$3,625	\$86	\$(3,539)	
District S	\$2,654	\$27	\$(2,627)	
Total District Operations Accounts	\$14,801	\$1,585	\$(13,216)	
International Convention / Forum / Director	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2024-2025	12/31/2024		
CC Elect (Seated VCC) July 2023	\$400	\$400	\$ -	
Convention Chairperson	\$600	\$600	\$ -	
Int'l Convention Expense (Hos. Rm.)	\$250	\$302	\$(52)	
VCC to USA / Canada Forum	\$300	\$300	\$ -	
1 st VDG to USA / Canada Forum	\$300	\$300	\$ -	
Total Int'l Convention / Forum / Director	\$1,850	\$1,902	\$(52)	
Capital Outlay	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2024-2025	12/31/2024		
Office Equipment	\$200	\$ -	\$200	
Copier Lease - Canon	\$4,525	\$2,417	\$2,108	
Total Capital Outlay	\$4,725	\$2,417	\$2,308	
MD19 Convention Expense	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2024-2025	12/31/2024		
Annual Convention Reserve – MD19 (3%)	\$7,048	\$3,715	\$3,333	
MD19 Annual Convention	\$12,500	\$1,233	\$11,267	
Total MD19 Convention Expense	\$19,548	\$4,948	\$14,600	
MD19 General Operations	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2024-2025	12/31/2024		
Credit Card Fees	\$150	\$116	\$34	
Accounting Compilation / Services	\$4,200	\$3,569	\$631	
Bank Charges	\$150	\$56	\$94	
Memorial Garden Expenses (Plants, Soil, etc.)	\$2,000	\$1,156	\$844	

	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2024-2025	12/31/2024		
Building & Grounds (Cleaning & Repairs)	\$3,000	\$1,206	\$1,794	
Business License / Non-Profit Corporation	\$75	\$ -	\$75	
Maintenance – Auto & Equipment	\$900	\$818	\$82	
New Club Paraphernalia Expense – gong & gavel	\$250	\$ -	\$250	
Post Office Box Lease-Canada	\$200	\$200	\$ -	
Postage	\$2,800	\$1,846	\$954	
Printing & Office Supplies	\$2,500	\$1,851	\$649	
Printing Roster	\$1,800	\$1,642	\$158	
Purchases – Other Sales	\$500	\$503	\$(3)	
Other Expenses	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2024-2025	12/31/2024		
Purchases – Wearables	\$2,500	\$2,114	\$386	
Computer Programs	\$1,000	\$780	\$220	
Utilities	\$9,000	\$4,552	\$4,448	
Total MD19 Operations - General	\$31,025	\$20,409	\$10,616	
Insurance – Auto / Building	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2024-2025	12/31/2024		
Auto Insurance	\$2,200	\$2,126	\$74	
Commercial Package Insurance	\$3,800	\$3,822	\$(22)	
Total Insurance – Auto / Building	\$6,000	\$5,948	\$52	
Taxes (non-personnel)	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2024-2025	12/31/2024		
Personal Property Tax	\$100	\$62	\$38	
Building Property Tax	\$9,200	\$4,644	\$4,556	
Total Taxes (non-personnel)	\$9,300	\$4,700	\$4,594	
Personnel – Calendar Year	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2024-2025	12/31/2024		
Compensation – MD19 Office	\$130,000	\$65,567	\$64,433	
Total Personnel	\$130,000	\$65,567	\$64,433	
Support: Club, Zone and District	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2024-2025	12/31/2024		
1 st & 2 nd VDG Governors	\$1,000	\$489	\$511	District Cabinet Mtgs.
Awards & Trophies	\$1,200	\$944	\$256	Plaques, Patches, etc.
MD19 Bulletin	\$150	\$125	\$25	Border Crossings
Council Chairperson Expenses	\$4,000	\$2,271	\$1,729	
1 st & 2 nd Vice District Governors	\$1,000	\$335	\$665	MD19 Council Mtgs.
Council Meeting – Fall	\$1,800	\$1,839	\$(39)	
Council Meeting - Winter	\$125	\$125	\$ -	
Council Meeting – Spring	\$3,000	\$125	\$2,875	
District & Zone Officer Training	\$8,000	\$1,868	\$6,132	Hotel, Mileage, Fees
Executive Director Expenses	\$6,000	\$2,397	\$3,603	
MD19 District Team Expenses	\$500	\$ -	\$500	
LEO Liaison for MD19 Convo.	\$100	\$ -	\$100	
Total Club, Zone and District Support	\$26,875	\$10,518	\$16,357	
Telephone	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2024-2025	12/31/2024		
Telephone	\$2,000	\$960	\$1,040	Local, cell, internet

	Projected	Actual	Variance
	2024-2025	12/31/2024	
Website	\$175	\$ -	\$175
Total Telephone & Website	\$2,175	\$960	\$1,215
Zone Chairpersons	Projected	Actual	Variance
	2024-2025	12/31/2024	
Zone Chairperson – Expenses	\$9,000	\$5,385	\$3,615
Zone Chairperson – MD19 Annual Convention	\$2,500	\$1,326	\$1,174
Total Zone Chairperson	\$11,500	\$6,711	\$4,789
Reserve	Projected	Actual	Variance
	2024-2025	12/31/2024	
ID Candidate Reserve Fund	\$500	\$ -	\$500
Payable to MD19 Reserve (1%)	\$2,350	\$1,238	\$1,112
Payable to Building Reserve (1%)	\$2,350	\$1,238	\$1,112
Total Reserve	\$5,200	\$2,476	\$2,724
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total MD19 Expense	\$262,999	\$128,147	\$134,852
RECAP			
Total MD19 Expense Budget	\$262,999	\$128,147	\$134,852
Total MD19 Income Budget	\$263,383	\$134,358	\$129,024
Net Income / Loss	\$383	\$6,211	\$(5,828)

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Chuck Robinson 19-I and seconded by PDG Lisa Ikeda, 19-N to approve the revised Mid-Year MD19 Budget. Motion approved.

PDG Steve Staudinger asked if there could be an 'Elevator Speech' generated that Lions could use when explaining about what the Lions are. CC Patty Allen-White thought this a very good idea and will work with the GAT Team to produce one.

2024 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT by PDG Steve Staudinger for ZC Shelley Staudinger, Chairperson:



"The 107th International Convention is Sunday, July 13-Thursday, July 17, 2025, at the Orange County Convention Center, Orlando.

Lions International has been slow to rerelease details for the convention; nevertheless, some details have been confirmed.

The general schedule of events, list of hotels and their descriptions is online now.

<https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/>

Registration is 'live', and it is possible to change your previous Mexico City registration to Orlando. Coming soon: map of convention hotels so you can better understand the layout of the city and an easy price comparison list.

Want a head start on Orlando??? <https://www.internationaldriveorlando.com/>

International Convention To-Do List

Register for Convention:

1. Early Bird Registration open until March 1, 2025, \$190
2. Regular Registration open until July 10, 2025, \$265

Reserve Lodging:

You may register for any convention hotel that suits your fancy. We will not have an 'assigned' hotel to allow everyone to determine what best meets their needs.

Do consider looking at other ways to reserve lodging than just through Lions International hotels listed on the convention website.

Get Your Name on the MD19 Roster: Email: shelley-staudinger@comcast.net to be added to the MD19 roster. Due to privacy obligations to members, Lions International does not provide the MD with a list of convention registrants. So please let me know you're signed up to attend so I can add you to convention communications such as What's App and Facebook groups launching later this spring."

DISTRICT SUPPORT TEAM REPORTS

LEADERSHIP REPORT by PDG Debbie Bostock, GLT:

"The GAT Gathering held prior to the Council of Governors' meeting in October was a success, with good attendance and information exchanged. The district GAT teams worked together, as well as each of the GAT groups. The consensus was that this was a very worthwhile gathering and had a beneficial effect on working as a team, that you are not alone and there are many resources available to the attendees, just reach out.

I am meeting monthly with the District GLTs on the 2nd Tuesday, changed from Monday since the attendance was not what I had hoped for.

I am promoting opportunities for Lions in the Multiple to attend ELLI training in California in March and NWLLI in Idaho in May. I am currently working on sessions for the MD19 convention and ZC and VDG training.

Have attended zoom meetings with the MD19 GAT members.

We are working on a standardized Secretary session that will be presented at MD19 convention. We will make this available to the DGs to pass on to their GLTs to be used for District / Zone sessions. We were hoping to have the same for all the officers but it was a bit too ambitious. Our plan is to work on the other offices and have them available asap."

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by PCC Hal Palmer, GMT:

The Global Membership Chairperson serves at the will of the Council Chairperson on the Global Action Team. The following activities have occurred:

- Attended the Ontario Growth Summit.
- Attended the MD19 GAT Summit
- Signed a grant award from LCI for \$4,500 that can be used in developing membership After we gain 100 members and 2 new clubs they will release 50% of the grant. After we gain 200 members and 4 new clubs they will release the balance.
- I attended the 19O cabinet meeting to give a 'Just Ask' presentation
- We performed a 19N Growth Summit with 20 Clubs and 40 Lions present with the intent to replicate it in the other four districts.
 - o After disclosing this to my LCI contact, they indicated that the grant was only for 'Lion to Non-Lion' events not 'Lion to Lion' events.
 - o After several calls and emails, LCI remained firm.
- Two districts contacted me about using the grant to start clubs. After learning that they would only get reimbursed after the club was formed, they expressed their displeasure at having to pull money out of their pocket. We are considering talking to the MD19 Leadership Foundation to get 'advance' funds.'
- We have been working on a BIG GOAL: i.e., **How to motivate the District GAT teams to work the GAT program.** ie. Global Membership approach. 19N has performed a SWOT analysis and has set the Goal-setting session for February 22nd.

D	MEMS	Jan	Year	Jan	Year	Jan	Year	Jan	Year	Jan	Year	Mems	Gain	% Gain	Clubs
	6/30/24	Add	Adds	T-I	T-I	Drop	Drops	T-O	T-O	Die	Die	1/31	Total	Mems	Canc.
L	2111	12	108	0	12	-6	-184	0	-9	-3	-13	2025	-86	-4.07%	2
I	1401	25	81	0	5	-14	-90	0	-1	-1	-12	1384	-17	-1.21%	0
O	1701	12	121	0	11	-6	-109	-1	-6	-9	-19	1699	-2	-0.12%	1
N	2207	17	149	2	8	-6	-201	-2	-6	-1	-20	2137	-70	-3.17%	1

S	1629	13	98	1	4	-17	-99	0	-2	-2	-4	1626	-3	-0.18%	2
	9049	79	557	3	40	-49	-683	-3	-24	-16	-68	8871	-178	-1.97%	6
			6.28%				7.70%								

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SERVICE REPORT by PDG Peggy Harriman, GST: (Oral Report)

I do not have a report for, as you know I put out a report monthly that goes out to all the District Governors, VCC Steve and CC Patty. But I am pleased to announce that districts N and I have reached or will shortly reach 70% reporting of service activities. I have told district GST Chairpersons that I will come to any district to give a lesson on reporting service and PCC JD Nellor has placed, on our website, a video on how to report a service activity. It is important that we have our secretaries and service chairpersons educated to do the reports. Some of the clubs do not even have their officers listed for this year and as you well know that if you do not have your officers reported then no service reporting can be done. We need to train our club officers better on what the expectations of LCI are in regards to service activity reporting.

EXTENSION REPORT by PZC George Sims, GET:

“Since the Fall Council of Governors’ meeting, our MD19 GAT team has had several Zoom meetings to update each other and to share ideas about growth. Two options for new Clubs we are looking at are Campus Clubs and Virtual Clubs. Also, there is a new option I was made aware from District N and that is a specialty club focused on preparation and disaster relief. N is working on one in the Clark County area, and another is up in the Puget Sound area. These are modeled after the Lions Alert program.

Here is where the Districts are working on developing new Clubs...

- District L - no information
- District I - Salmon Arm, Grand Forks, Omak
- District O - Marysville, Factoria/New Castle
- District N - Midland, East Vancouver and the Specialty Club for Preparation and Disaster Relief
- District S – Kennewick

Another option we are investigating is to seek a course at a University Business School that focuses on non-profit Management. We are hoping to see if we can work with a business school to get them to do a live study on ‘Lions’. If we can find interest we would supply the course with detailed information and task them with coming up with suggestions for success. We would also use this method for the opportunity to create a Campus Club at that School.

I look forward to seeing new clubs in MD19 in the coming months.”

OLD BUSINESS

COLLECTION OF DUES VIA E-TRANSFERS by ED Peter Anderson (Oral):

We are receiving e-transfers for dues from Canadian clubs, and it seems to be working quite well. We are working on setting up the US side but the regulations are different, so that may take more time to get taken care of.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF MD19 CHAIRPERSONS

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Mike Livingstone, 19-I and seconded by District Governor Chuck Robinson, 19-I to approve the appointment of PDG Steve Staudinger as the MD19 Elections chairperson. Motion approved.

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Joel Haggen, 19-O and seconded by District Governor Beth James, 19-O to approve the appointment of PCC John Kirry as the MD19 Governance Committee chairperson. Motion approved.

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Beth James, 19-O and seconded by District Governor Chuck Robinson, 19-I to approve the appointment of ZC Roger Chevrier as the 2025 MD19 Annual Convention chairperson. Motion approved.

Council Chairperson Patty Allen-White asked Amy He, one of the two MD19 Leo Liaisons (the other being Nathan Chien) to give the report that she and Nathan sent to the Council.

LEO LIAISON REPORT by Amy He and Nathan Chien:

"How to Support Leos as a Lion"

Note: All the specific examples are simply to give you a more detailed understanding of each point. However, there are countless ways to support Leo Clubs outside of these bullet points, and everything is greatly appreciated!

- As Lions, many of you have years and years of valuable service experience. Offering this knowledge to guide Leos organizing events and/or initiatives similar to what you have done in the past.
 - Example: A Lion might tell a Leo how a certain location might work better for this event, or let Leos know about different grant opportunities that they can use.
- Lions Clubs can also assist with sponsoring and participating in various Leo events.
 - Example: Offering to cover the cost of volunteer meals for a full day event or donating items to a Leo clothing drive.
- Keep creating opportunities for Leos to connect with Lions
 - Example: The MD19 Conference each year is a great example, creating a space where Leos and Lions can learn from each other.

The Need for More Leos

In the present day, there is an oversaturation of small scale youth service groups and nonprofits. While these independent projects can definitely succeed, they are usually on the smaller size, difficult to start up, and are at risk of being disassembled once the original founder graduates from high school. In contrast, Leo Clubs provide much more support for service-oriented youth with its organized framework and broad network of Leos and Lions everywhere. As a result, Leo Clubs are more likely to remain for years and create a long lasting impact. This means that Leo Clubs are generally not only extremely beneficial for young people who are looking to build their leadership skills and to serve, but also very efficient in helping the community.

Benefits of Sponsoring a Leo Club

Leos gain invaluable leadership experience by taking on responsibilities and working collaboratively in teams. Through service projects, they actively shape their communities, developing a proactive mindset to recognize and address issues around them. Sponsoring a Leo Club also connects young members with their peers, the local community, and the global Lions/Leo network, fostering meaningful friendships and mentorship opportunities that support their growth.

For Lions Clubs, sponsoring a Leo Club brings fresh perspectives, new initiatives, and innovative ideas. Many Leos transition into Lions, ensuring the continuity of the organization and strengthening its legacy. Supporting youth enhance community ties and demonstrate a commitment to the next generation. Additionally, Leos increase visibility for Lions Clubs by sharing their events through schools, media, and social platforms. With Leos involved, Lions Clubs can take on larger, more ambitious service projects that not only impact the community but also prepare Leos for future leadership roles.

Collaboration on the CARE Project

CARE Project Goals

With the support of MD19 Lions, CARE aims to implement the following activities:

- Construction of 20 biodigesters with corresponding ovens in selected homes.
- Conducting an environmental education campaign involving households participating in the Nutriendo el Futuro project, as well as schools and children.
- Organizing reforestation campaigns with community participation, using native plants from each region.
- Providing training for families involved in the construction of biodigesters.
- Raising awareness about the project and making its primary impacts visible.

Source: CARE Honduras 2023-2025

Possible Areas for Leo Involvement

- Sending a group of Leos to assist with biodigester installation.
 - This idea is likely unfeasible, but it can still be something to consider
- Leos can design promotional materials for environmental education and reforestation campaigns.
- Leos can also help create training guides for families constructing biodigesters.

- Leos can establish a social media team to help raise awareness and visibility about the project.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MD19 Leo of the Year Nominations into the office by February 16th
MD19 Distinguished Service Award nominees need to be received by April 30, 2025
MD19 Symposium for all ZCE, VDGE, DGE May 15-16 Chilliwack Coast Hotel, Chilliwack B.C.
MD19 Spring Council of Governors May 15-16 Chilliwack Coast Hotel, Chilliwack B.C.
MD19 Annual Convention May 16-18, Chilliwack Coast Hotel, Chilliwack B.C.