

# MD 19 Global Service Team Report

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Lions is a successful organization based on one thing we do extremely well, and that is 'WE SERVE'. I also believe that, for most of us, serving is in our blood, that's one of the reasons we joined Lions. However, only forty-five percent of the clubs reported service in September. I believe we can do better, and I believe that there is a lot more service being done than is being reported.

District/ Goal	FY Club Reporting
L - 84%	45%
I - 80%	50%
O - 84%	43%
N - 86%	53%
S - 89%	32%
TOTALS	45% Average

As leaders, we need to stress that whether our members are teaching Sunday school, mowing a neighbor's yard, baking desserts for an auction or bake sale, or anything in between, they are performing a service and should be reporting it to the club secretary or Service Chair.

October is Vision Awareness Month, and Thursday, October 12 is World Sight Day. Remember, this is a cause brought to Lions in 1925 by Helen Keller when she addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA, and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind." Since then, we have worked tirelessly to aid those who are blind or visually impaired, and as Lions we have done a fantastic job with over 26.2 million served. So fellow Lions keep up the good work and do a service project this month focusing on Vision.

Other news: Dates to remember regarding the Kindness Matters Award.

- **September 15 – October 31:** D GST coordinator sends one signed nomination to the multiple district (MD) GST coordinator
- **October 31:** Nominations close. Deadline for MD GST coordinator to send one signed nomination to Lions International and copy the multiple council chairperson.

Dates to remember regarding the MD 19 Global Service Action Plan:

- **October 31** - clubs should be able to identify and contact at least one or two organizations for potential partnerships.  
In addition, the DG will send an email or other form of communication to all club presidents and secretaries, to encourage them to complete one service project with another service organization or Lion's club by March 1, 2024.
- **December 15** - Clubs would select a partner, decide on a collaborative project and report to the Zone Chair.
- **December 31** – Zone Chairs would report club progress.
- **March 1, 2024** - The new collaborative service project has been completed.
- **March 15, 2024**- Each president will send in a picture and description of their collaborative service project to their zone chair. The zone chair and DG will select one collaborative project to represent the zone.
- **March 31, 2024** - After submissions from every zone have been received, the DG will select one completed collaborative project to represent the district. A picture and description of the project will be sent to the MD19 Border Crossing for publication.