

Information & Technology / Webmaster Report

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Council Chair, Governors, Immediate Past Governors, Lions, Lioness, Leos & Friends – Hard to imagine that 7 and a half years ago, my husband PZC Lion Ken & I were approached to provide support to the Multiple District Office in the form of Technical Expertise and, to maintain & manage the MD19 website.

During this period we have seen the MD19 office undergo a complete computer change, with brand new equipment and software; all thanks to the generosity of Lions, through assistance with the Council. We have made several trips up and down the I-5 corridor from our home in Mount Vernon; given up many a Saturday or weekend, or evening, in an effort to help. (We're still both among the ranks of the gainfully employed and so, cannot leave mid-day to answer the call.) You probably already know this, but just in case you missed it, the staff at the MD19 office is a group of truly dedicated, hardworking professionals who care about the work they do and the people they serve. They are to be commended, regularly, for how well they represent our fine organization! They take pride in their work and they love Lions! If you haven't done this lately, THANK them for what they do for you!

Moving on then; Ken and I have received phone calls at our home; received countless emails from Lions in the Multiple District seeking our technical expertise and even gone to some people's homes to see what we could do to step in and offer support.

We both have spent countless hours over the past seven years, working to make a decent and informative MD19 website; it has undergone two major changes in the look and feel since we took this project on. And we've enjoyed doing it.

The time has now come to pass the reigns on to someone else; someone perhaps with a different vision; someone who can be available on a moment's notice to fix a problem, or meet in the middle of a work day.

We leave the website in good hands; the domain registration is valid now until June 2021 – that means, the MD19 office owns the website address until then. We would encourage you to stay on top of that so as not to lose the address as has happened in the past. While many viewers DO turn to Facebook as a means of communicating and getting the word out; many more viewers cannot keep up with or do not like the constant changes in how Facebook operates and so, they turn back to view websites to obtain data.

Remember too, to please keep what you have started; a practice of ensuring your staff has good functioning computer equipment! Given the type of data we handle and its sheer volume, second hand equipment simply will not do.

Thanking you, deeply, for this opportunity of having served you and the Multiple District, and wishing you well in the days and years ahead.

Yours in Lionism,

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