

MD 19 Leo Report

Lots, going on in the Leo world. We have a new Leo Club in Kelowna thanks to the efforts and support of the Kelowna Lions Club. The Leo Advisors are Lion Bob Ayotte, Lion Beverly Dawe and Lion David Lange. Their hard work and determination have brought about our 60th MD 19 Leo Club. Congratulations.

We are in the process leading up to Leo Club "Excellence Awards" these have to be in by August 1 to the 8 District Governors with Leo Clubs in their Districts.

The "Leo of the Year Award" has been judged and determined and will be presented at our MD 19 Convention in October.

The Leo Clubs are a challenge for our Leo Advisors but so very worthwhile, our recognition of Leos as partners in service and they are the future of our organization. Witness District H` VDG Patty Allen` Patty has taken steps to include two Leos in the District Cabinet. Placing Leos on our cabinet will demonstrate to Lions how outstanding these young people are and the contributions they will make to our Association. This will be the first time in our MD we have placed Leos in an advisory role. This will allow Lions to better understand Leo issues and take steps to help make Lions relationship with Leos better. These young people will contribute with enthusiasm to our meetings.

The Leo Essay Contest had 8 entries this year which is a three-fold improvement and three Senior (16 to 18yrs) and 2 Junior (14 to 15yrs) were winners. The funding for the Essay Contest was a grant from the `Lions North West Leadership Foundation`. Many thanks to them for their support of our youth and Leos. The judging committee was PZC Lynda Davidson, Lion Wendy Canessa and Lion Joyce Stevens, and a big thank you for their help in judging. Next year we would like to see many more entries, maybe to money ie: seeing the Leos that won will motivate more entries. This is just the second year and I can see where we are building a way of showing Leos we support them in tangible ways.

I have been appointed by `The LCI Board of Directors` to one of 24 positions on the LCI Leo Advisory Panel. The appointment is for LCI Area 2 (Canada). I`m not sure how this will be possible, it`s a big country if you have noticed, I think from what I have learned that most of the meetings and discussion will be on line. Another new skill to learn. It will be a challenge to find ways to reach out to Lions and Leos in Canada.

Right now we have a goal to get a few Leos to the "Canada/USA Forum" in Spokane if any of the Leo Advisors can let me know if any of their Leos are attending it would be appreciated if you could let me know at barryshiles@dccnet.com

Submitted Respectfully

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