

## **MD 19 LEO REPORT**

After my appointment as Leo chair for MD 19, I contacted Past Leo Chair Barry Shiles. He was very helpful in facilitating my contacting the Leo clubs in our multiple district. I introduced myself to the local Leo directors and their clubs via email. It was a heart-warming experience to find out what each local club was working on currently and what successes they have had in the past.

After discussion with Barry, and an examination of the qualifications, I selected Leo Andreas Kamp as my Leo co-chair. He has been very excited about this appointment and we have exchanged numerous emails sharing our vision of Leos. Unfortunately, following the difficult conclusion of last school year and an isolation summer, Andreas has learned his Leo club Creston Leos has lost all of their members save for himself. He is in his senior year. With no club to support him and a heavy school load, studying to prepare for university, he is backing away from the position.

Across the boards, every club was struggling with Covid 19 restrictions for their meetings and activities. Now that a new school term has begun, many of the clubs have started meeting in person, following social distancing and mask requirements. A few clubs hope to resume several activities as restrictions ease.

Constitutional area One Leos held a virtual meeting/presentation/discussion. I attended and it was very informative. Leos discussed successful fundraising activities and service projects conducted during the last year.

The Leo Chair, Ojas Chitnis, has agreed to do a presentation on "How Leos and Lions can work together" during the MD 19 Convention. He also wishes to help chair a panel discussion on Leos, with participating Leos from our district. Both of us are excited about the inclusion of Leos in our MD 19 Virtual Convention.

Through contact with 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Patti Hill, I was able to contact the Leo panel participants from Constitutional Area 2. I invited several to attend our convention with the option to present. Unfortunately, I received little feedback from my inquiries.

I am hopeful we will have many Leos attend our virtual convention. Since the cost is a minimal \$5.00 and can be paid by the sponsoring Lion club, we should have good participation.

Respectfully submitted: PDG Lyndon Harriman, Leo Chair