

LEO Report

MD 19 Cabinet Report- Feb. 2, 2019

This year is indeed a special year there is so much happening with Leos from club, District but mostly from the Leadership of the International President and Board of Directors. New initiative's including the "1st. Canadian Young Lions Retreat" March 22-24 at the Quality Inn in Woodstock, Ontario. Leos aged 16 and above and young Lions aged 18 to 40 are invited to attend. "See attached information."

"USA/Canada Leadership Foundation" 3rd. Annual 2019 USA/Canada Leadership Forum July 24th to July 28th, 2019 at the Hilton Mesa/Phoenix, Arizona. This will bring together Leos from North America and the Caribbean. "See attached information"

Canada/USA Forum, Spokane Wa. Sept. 19 to Sept 21., with Saturday the 21st. being "Leo Day" at the forum. There will be many panels run by Leos from the Leo point of view. On Saturday there is a plan for a Lions/Leo service project, at this point still in planning stages.

Mar. 9, 2019 41st. "Annual Lions Day with the United Nations", what has this to do with Leos well last year Leo/Lion LCI International Board Liaison Kyle Boutilier from MD 19 spoke at this Day with the UN and there will be Leos attending again this year.

Leo of the Year 2019 Nominations: Time is short Feb. 1, 2019 to (MD 19 Office and CC John Kirry) to get nominations in but well worth honoring our outstanding Leos in the MD. Last year we had eight nominations from 5 Districts which resulted in 5 Districts having Leos of the Year winners and those were forwarded to MD 19 CC John Kirry and his committee to select the MD 19 winner that turned out to be "Jeffery Pang" "Burnaby Moscrop Leo Club." NOMINATE A LEO FROM YOUR LEO CLUB NOW" as I always say, don't, let our Leos down by Lions not doing the paperwork. Thanks to all the Leo Chairs and Leo Advisors for all their hard work.

Leo Club "Excellence Award" nominations are coming up real fast. These awards are to recognize your Leos/Leo Club for having an excellent year of Service. Award nominations are due before Aug. 31, 2019. Last year we had 4 winners let's see if we can have 6 or 8 nominations this year.

We are having a "Leo Essay Contest" with a Grant from the Northwest Leadership Foundation we have the opportunity to reward Leos for participating and their Leo Clubs will benefit with an equal prize for the winner and their clubs. All entries must be submitted by May 31, 2019 to Leo Essay Contest Committee at: md19leoessay@gmail.com See attached rules and entry form.

Leo Clubs Planning for the future: Election of next year's Leo Officers is approaching fast, ask your Leos to put their names forward. Teach them how democracy and Leadership works by having them step up and lead their club in the next year and please be sure to enter them along with their new members for next year in the computer at LCI website.

One question I am frequently asked by Leos is what is there for Leos after we graduate from High School or age out at 19 yrs. The solution seems obvious Lions should form "Omega Leo Clubs" at Universities as our Leo graduate and move on to Universities. Obvious but NOT EASY, but this is a way to build the Lions organization for the future. Four or five years later when the "Omega Leos", graduate from Uni. The next logical step is to charter their own "Young Lions Clubs" specially built out of "My Club My Way" especially for these young potential Lions we are not getting or keeping in Lions. This is a way to have them join Lions but the Lions Club will be tailored to the young people/members wants and needs. Now we will all be first to admit maybe young people want to have a club that suits their own demographic with their peers. If Lions will continue with this type of initiative we can build something special. I remember when I joined 43 years ago I was the youngest member in my club at 31 yrs. old, but we were all close in age with an age gap of 10 years. Now if a 21 year old to 25 years old or even a 31 year old joins most clubs there is approximately a 40 to 50 year gap in ages. "Young Lions Clubs" will build and bridge this gap and build a successful future for new up and coming Lions and their "Young Lions Clubs". All of this is based on Lions support of the current Leo program in their clubs. I know how much hard work a Leo Club is for Leo Chairs and Leo

Advisors but the future of our organization is at stake and anything we can do to make sure it continues is worth the effort. Something to think about Lions?

Submitted Respectfully

Yours in Lions

ZC H-5 Barry Shiles

MD 19 Leo Chair

Supplemental

In addition to my initial report I realized I left out some details and information.

Statistics in MD19: there are 52 Leo clubs with 1247 Leo Members, in the eight districts with Leo Clubs.

Was just informed that we have lost the Logan Lake Leo Club due to lack of children in the area.

On a positive note there are indications that Lynden Lions are interested in forming a new Leo Club in the area. We look forward to working with the Lynden Lions to get this new club started.

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