

# 99th

## MD19 ANNUAL CONVENTION

### COG Report

#### REGISTRATION FORMS – completed and posted on MD19 website

Registration forms received up to and including June 14, 2020 (14) We are not accepting payments until we are confident that the convention will be able to be held.

#### ACCOMODATIONS

The convention hotel is ready to accept reservations, you just need to tell them that your attending the MD19 Convention. For people wanting to extend their stay, the hotel will honor this rate three days before and three days after the convention, subject to availability at the time of booking. If you wish to do so, please call the hotel directly.

#### MEALS and EVENTS – menus set

The Great Estates Wine Experience Centre and Tasting Room will be open for Lions on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday – October 14, 15, & 16 from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm for a “wine station grazing”. The cost will be \$25.00 CDN per person.

Breakfasts are on your own, but we have arranged for a Grab & Go breakfast like they had in Wenatchee last year.

The “District Picnic Lunch” on Friday will provide Past and current DG’s with the opportunity to have a special meeting with attendees from their district to present district awards, special thank you’s and promote district projects and discuss the future.

#### GUEST SPEAKER - booked

Dr. Grant Bogyo – will tell us about the pediatric oncology medications that he delivered which resulted in life for a few young patients in Venezuela who would have otherwise died.

#### FUN NIGHT - the theme is Mardi Gras !!

... the DJ is booked and we will have a special “photo booth” for costume pictures. Prizes will be awarded.

#### CANADA LIONS CENTENNIAL

This will be an opportunity for MD19 Lions clubs to recognize and celebrate 100 years of Lions providing service in Canada.

#### LIONS QUEST - workshop

##### **Our Kids are Our Present and Our Future**

At the MD19 Convention, turn the clock back and be a student ... experience what students learn when you support Lions Quest.

## Province of British Columbia's RESTART PLAN

### Phase 4

Date to be determined

Conditional on at least one of the following; wide vaccination, "community" immunity, broad successful treatments ... applicable to:

Activities requiring large gatherings, such as:

Conventions

Live audience professional sports

Concerts

International tourism

Our biggest challenge is related to COVID-19. If the border hasn't opened (see International Tourism) under Phase 4 above, there would not be any way we could get Lions from the United States to the Convention. And, if it was open, they would likely have to quarantine for 14 days before attending the convention.

Realistically, with the naming of Conventions under Phase 4 above, and with the conditions that must be in existence before one would be able to hold a convention, it doesn't seem likely that we will be able to have the MD19 Convention in 2020.

Given the above, and with Peter Anderson's permission, I contacted the Lakeside Hotel, to discuss holding MD19 2022 at this same location. The response from the hotel is as follows:

*"(will) place a hold on some alternative date options (October 13-16 **2022**) as a backup. In the case that the (Convention) cannot move forward due to COVID-19 ... we will apply your deposit towards the rescheduled dates. Our rebooking policy requires the rebooked event to take place within 1 year of the original event dates, but due to the circumstances we will be as flexible as possible and make an exception on this for your Group."*

And of course, Penticton Lions are willing to be the host club in 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Elliott, Convention Chair

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