

2022 Winter Council of Governors Committee Report

Multiple District 19 Environment Committee



District Environment Chairs:

A. Kitty Chiu & Wendy Yau, B. PCC Enoch Rowland & PDG Mar Murillo,
C. PZC Bob Johnson, D. PZC Angus Benedict, E. PDG Kim DiRienz,
F. PZC Judy Riggers, G. 2VDG Leslie Chasse,
H. PZC Jones Atterberry, I. VDG/PDG Lia Marie Versaevel.

Representing all 9 districts, one or two District Environment Chairs work closely with six Lions serving as Multiple District 19 Environment Co-Chairs. This makes an Environment Team of 14, that meets monthly on Zoom, hosted by CC John Moralek or PCC Al Hedstrom. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at noon and invite interested Lions to join us.

April & Earth Day coming up soon. What are you planning?

MD Lions Active with Environment Service Projects Throughout Pandemic. When the world is challenged with a pandemic, Lions Clubs roar into service across the globe addressing the needs of humanity with intelligent and committed service. Throughout the last challenging couple of years, Lions have responded with creative ways to raise funds and directly serve our communities safely. Across MD 19, Lions have grown food, and helped to distribute food. We have delivered services and family fun as drive-in events. We have adopted parks and trails and beaches and roads, cleaning and maintaining natural areas for all to enjoy. Lions across Washington and N. Idaho work with the Trex project to recycle tons of sheet plastic that usually ends up in landfills. The Environment Team is working to collect and tell these stories.

Environment Featured at Convo2021. Lion Dr. Barak Gale, led off the seminars on Friday afternoon with the presentation “Five Global Causes and a Warming World to Boot.” Lion Dr. Nancy Messmer, coordinated a seminar called “The Five Global Service Causes: Why These Five?” featuring five presenters from Michigan, Iowa, and Washington, three of them on video and two live for Convo2021. The Environment Team hosted an online display table of resources, hosted by Environment Chairs available for discussions. At the Convention, we noticed that Environment questions and service needs are more prominent now in Lion conversations and practice.

Environment Team Facebook Page. District G Environment Chair, 2VDG Leslie Chasse has started a new Facebook page to connect Lions as an active environment team. Active helpful Facebook pages require lots of participation. Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/Lions-MD19-Environmental-Committee-103269998770756>.

Evening Environment Presentations. The Environment Team is building a schedule of mid-monthly Evening Talks. In September, Lion Leslie Chasse hosted a presentation on *Backyard Composting*, featuring a knowledgeable Master Composter running effective programs in SW Washington. District C, led by Chair Bob Johnson, hosted its first Climate Summit, featuring the new *District C Environment Plan, Regenerative Agriculture & Environmental Advocacy*. District C Environment Committee will offer an evening program every other month, including a presentation on *Plastic Recycling/Trex (Bags to Benches)* projects on Thursday, February 17 at 6:30 pm. The MD 19 Environment Chair Team is planning presentations for March and May.

Growing Lions with Environment Service Projects. PZC Bob Johnson is both the District C Chair and serves as one of the MD 19 Environment Chairs. He has created the District 19C Environment program in which 18 Clubs are participating so far, working towards a recognition patch for their Club banner. In the last month they added 4 Environment Chairs and are now up to 10. District C has hosted a district-wide Clean-up/Wetland Restoration project multiple times a year for several years now. Many projects underway across the district!

Lions and Leos Tell Service Stories in Newsletters, Posters, and Social Media.



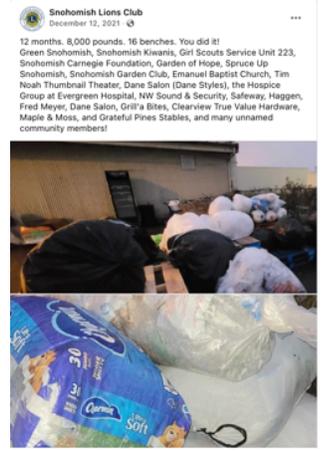
Surrey Earl Marriott Leos-Clothing Collection- Re-use.



District A Monthly Tips



Snohomish Lions-8000 lbs plastic recycled!



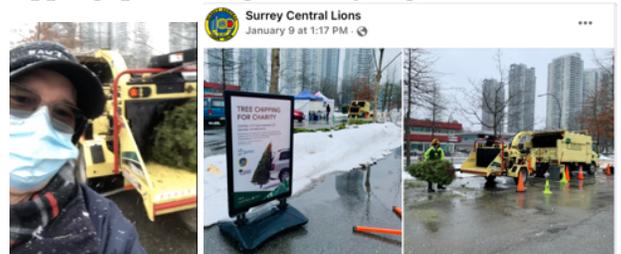
Environment Service projects across Multiple District 19. October-January.

- Vancouver Dawn Lions partner with Vancouver Urban Tree Group. Plant trees 3-4 times annually.
- Gabriola Island Lions-Trail work removing invasive plants. Nanaïmo Lions Dumpster Diving/Recycling
- Tulalip Lions-recycling cell phones for vets. Castlegar Selkirk Lions-Adopt-A-Road Cleanup
- Kamloops Paddlewheelers maintain train at park-provide education on animal habitats.
- Silverdale Sunrise Lions & Leos-Clear Creek Trail Cleanup Tacoma Centennial Lions "Adopt-A-Spot" projects
- Lakewood First Lions-Adopt-A-Street litter control Post Falls Lions-Quarterly 4th Street Cleanup.
- Pierce County Virtual Lions sewed/distributed 80 re-usable cloth masks. Selah Valley Lions Collected over 500 Eyeglasses.
- Hood Canal Lions-Pioneer Cemetary Cleanup, Repair, Maintenance. Camas Lions-Recycle Styrofoam.
- Whidbey Island Lions Adopt-A-Park in Oak Harbor Gig Harbor Lions Adopt Borgen Hill Climb
- Olympia Host Lions maintain Sensory Garden-marina trail. Hazel Dell Lions-Brush Cleaning-Mulch for Gardens
- Kent Lions collaborate with Rotary, Kiwanis, & others to clean Green River Trail.
-(insert your Club Name & project here).....

Many Lions work with partners to do annual Tree Chipping, producing mulch for gardens.



Vancouver Cathay New Century, Vancouver Templeton, & Vancouver Broadway Lions



Surrey Central Lions

Enjoy this poem by PZC Angus Benedict. District C Environment Chair

When I was young and in my prime
 The environment was never on my mind
 But as I grew older – middle aged
 Environment discussions were all the rage
 Science was telling us to take heed
 But we ignored the desperate need
 Pay attention to our air and dirt
 Maybe drought we can avert

Forest fires and smoky air
 Loss of homes and much despair
 So if we hope to turn this around
 We will all need our boots on the ground
 Pick up our garbage and all the waste
 Deposit it in the proper place
 Recycle, Reuse, Re-purpose now
 Your local lions club will show you how

MD 19 Environment Chairs. Call or email. We are here to assist you with ideas & resources.

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