


<p style="text-align: center;">101st MD19 ANNUAL CONVENTION April 2022 NEWSLETTER</p>	
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COVID-19, which disrupted the last 2 years, seems to be pretty much under control. This has enabled us to dust off the plans we had for 2020 and to update and improve on them for 2022. The 101st MD19 Convention will be held on **October 13-15, 2022** in Penticton, BC, Canada. Don't be confused by the 2020 date on the pins, MD19 Lions still have, in **2022**, "Endless Vision For Providing Service."

PROGRAM

The program for this year's convention will focus on more centralized sessions, along with some traditional training and "round table" discussions. The bulk of those sessions will occur on Saturday. The reason for the changes is to allow more time for Lions to interact with each other and share successes that have emerged for having to adapt to a changed environment.

ACCOMODATIONS

The convention hotel, the Penticton Lakeside Resort and Conference Centre (website: www.pentictonlakesideresort.com), is ready to accept your reservations, you just need to tell them that your attending the MD19 Convention. Their number is 1-800-663-9400.

If you wish to book your room on-line, use the following link:
<http://www.onressystems.com/vendors/pentictonlakesideresort/Group-Reservations.html>

- Room rates are as follows:
- Queen Cityview \$138..... 40 rooms available
 - Queen Lakeview \$146..... 116 rooms available
 - King Cityview \$146..... 5 rooms available
 - King Lakeview \$154..... 31 rooms available
 - West Wing King \$175(ROH)..... 33 rooms available
 - Executive Suites starting at \$193.....Available upon request (call-in only)

Room rates ([in Canadian dollars](#)) are based on single/double occupancy, and subject to applicable taxes. Discounted room rates will be available to delegates three (3) days pre and three (3) days post, subject to availability at the time of booking.

TRAVEL

To get to Penticton you can either drive or fly. Penticton is located on Highway 97 about 1 hour north of the US border and about 1 hour south of Kelowna. Penticton has its own airport (15 minutes to the hotel) serviced by Air Canada out of Vancouver (2 daily flights) and WestJet out of Calgary (1 daily flight). Many more airlines service Kelowna, just 1 hour driving time north of Penticton.

WEATHER

Fall in the Okanagan Valley is usually dry, sunny and pleasant. The average high temperatures are about 14.3 Celsius (58 Farenheight) and the average low temperatures are about 3.2 Celsius (38 Farenheight).

RECEPTION

TIME Winery & Food Kitchen, at 361 Martin Street, will be open for Lions on Wednesday and Thursday – October 12 & 13 from 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm in their restaurant space. There will be 3 stations set with food and wine pairings at each. Guests would sample 1-2 wines per station along with bites that pair with those wines while their staff provided food and wine pairing education. They will be able to handle an estimated 50 guests per hour. The cost will be \$37.80 CDN (including taxes and gratuity) per person.

FRAUD AWARENESS

Rick Dellebuur, a retired member with 37 plus years of service in the RCMP. He has a wide variety of police experience and upon his retirement took on his current duties as the Penticton South Okanagan Similkameen Regional RCMP Community Policing / Crime Stoppers coordinator. He has been doing that job for over 7 years now. Alexis Hovenkamp assumed the duties as the Penticton RCMP Community Policing / Restorative Justice Coordinator in March of this year. She is experienced in working with volunteers, youth in the social sector, and community policing initiatives that focus on crime and disorder issues. She is also a volunteer fire fighter.

LIONS QUEST

Our Kids are Our Present and Our Future – Community Rally Workshop

“Are you passionate about creating a caring “village” for children & youth in your community? Join us for this interactive conversation that will educate and energize you to rally for change.”

At the MD19 Convention, turn the clock back and be a student ... experience what students learn when you support Lions Quest. The goals of the 90 minute Community Rally Workshop are to: *“Explore why our relationships with young people are so important; Identify Social Emotional Learning competencies; Learn how our simple actions can impact everyday life; Commit to making a difference.”* More details to follow in the months to come.

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

What Is Mardi Gras? Mardi Gras is French for “Fat Tuesday,” the final feasting day before the season of Lent, so ... it is also a time to PARTY ... the DJ is booked and we will have a special “photo booth” for costume pictures.

So, if you are looking for ideas for costumes, check out:

<https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-d&q=mardi+gras+costumes>

Prizes will be awarded.

GAME NIGHT

On Saturday evening, after dinner, we hope to be holding a Fun Casino, with funny money, if we can locate the appropriate equipment. If not, we will have a Game Night! We will ask attendees to bring their favorite games, for example Trivial Pursuit, Cribbage, Texas Hold'Em, etc. Attendees can experience different games and/or teach others how to play.

HOW YOUR CLUB CAN HELP

a) **Raffle & Silent Auction** - To assist us regarding the Raffle & Silent Auction, we will be asking clubs to supply a prize or an item, or simply make a cash donation. We will gladly accept whatever amount your club is comfortable with providing. Requests will be sent out again to clubs in late August.

b) **Service Project** -The Penticton Lions Club Signature Service Project is "Backpacks for the Homeless." As a result of fallout from Covid and job losses, we are noticing many more homeless in Penticton. We would like to provide other clubs with an opportunity to participate in the Service Project "Backpacks for the Homeless" ... another example of Lions "**ENDLESS VISION FOR PROVIDING SERVICE**" (See attached document.)

REGISTRATION – OPENS MAY 15, 2022

In April, we will be finalizing the MD19 Convention Registration form and registration process. So, look for those forms coming to all club presidents and secretaries in late April or early May and register early !!