

## **MD19 Diabetes Report**

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### **Diabetes Report:**

Filed a MD-19 Diabetes update for the “Border Crossing” and the “Busy B” publications. This update was forwarded to all Club Presidents and Secretaries

Working on a Lions Diabetes “Strides” walk for our convention in Spokane. This includes getting our Lions liability insurance filed with the City of Spokane. Also, finalizing our shirt order for all walkers.

Had several conversations with the American Diabetes Association both in the State of Washington and the Canadian Diabetes Association. They are providing hand out materials to be available at the Spokane Convention. They are also providing a list of work schedules which any and all Lions are welcome to participate in. Also, I asked if they would provide speakers for our District Conventions. Brenda Wright said they would have speakers available and to let her know dates, times, and places for our conventions.

Our current Lions President, Robert Curlew, has made diabetes a primary focus for all Lions around the World. Remember, diabetes remains the 7th leading cause of death in the United States in 2010, with 69,071 death certificates listing it as the underlying cause of death, and a total of 234,051 death certificates listing diabetes as an underlying or contributing cause of death.