

## **Leo Report, Oct 25, 2018**

### **Whistler MD 19 Cabinet Meeting.**

Report by: ZC Barry Shiles, Chairperson

1. **Dual Leo Chairs for District “H”, “I”, “D”, “E”.**

After discussions with Lions International it has come to my attention that we are an exception in worldwide Lions Districts. MD 19 has four districts that cross international borders (Canada/USA) and these Districts have exceptionally large geographical areas. Both of these issues have caused the Leo Chairs difficulty in promoting and servicing their Leo responsibilities, as a result the District Governors and MD Leo Chairpersons in order to better promote expansion and better care of Leo Clubs, have instituted a dual Leo Advisor system, one in the US and one in Canada. This has helped expand our number of Leo Clubs. It has helped us better promote “Awards and Recognition” of our Leos and Leo Clubs. Our MD 19 Problem is Lions International only recognizes one Leo Chair per District, we can ask for an exception of this rule, which would fall into line with what we (MD 19) does. The change of rules/constitution at LCI level is far too complicated just to accommodate our needs in MD 19, for four Districts, so asking LCI for an “exception” is our best way for us to help Leos and Leo Chairs. In my conversation with LCI Leo Staff I was assured dual Leo Chairs can be made to happen, My one concern is dual Leo Chairs will be alright now but in 5 years when there are new Lions staff at LCI and new MD 19 Leo Chair has changed and no one can/will remember why this exception exists and then we go back to square one....This will remain a problem for future Council Chairs and the future District Governors for “H”, “I”, “D”, “E”, the appointment of dual Leos Chairs will have to be pointed out to LCI staff, “every year” should MD 19 wish to continue the practice.

2. **The 2019 Canada/USA Forum is in Spokane and a planning meeting was held last week in Spokane:**

The Planning Committee met for four days, the committee for next year’s Forum came from all over North America, mostly PDG’s and Past International Directors and one lonely ZC. There will be 90 plus panels, presenting a great opportunity for Lions learning and training, an expected 2000 to 3000 Lions are expected to attend.

The Saturday component at the Forum will be designated “Leo Day” and the entire day will be dedicated to Leo panels and service activities for Leos and Lions. Lions focus, now and into the future recognizes the importance of youth/Leos to the future of Lions International. “Leos are the future of Lions.” I can only highly recommend Lions from our MD 19 attend, this opportunity may not come along so closely situated for a few more years; there will many great panels and the opportunity to meet Lions from all over North America and maybe even our International President.

3. **Our Dual Leo District Chairs is actually working:**

District “H” has its US Chair working on at least three new clubs in their area.

4. **Adventures of MD 19’s LCI Leo Liaison Kyle Boutilier:**

Leo/Lion Kyle recently attended The Canada/USA Forum in Columbus, Ohio and the International Board of Directors meeting in California. The International Directors that I met in Spokane were amazed by Lion Kyle, in future years we’ll be able to say we knew Kyle as he goes on to bigger and better things in Lions and life.

5. Leo Club Excellence awards:

As far as I know MD 19 has had two winners of this prestigious LCI Award. District "A", Moscrop Leo Club and District "E" Creston Leo Club. Congratulations to these outstanding Leo clubs. I do suspect there are more winners of the Excellence awards but LCI does not inform the MD and District Leo Chairs of winners so we can't brag about all our outstanding Leos and Leo Clubs. The only way we learn of a winner is for the Club Leo Advisor to inform everyone. Communication and Publicity is one way we can promote the Leo Program in our Multiple District.

6. Congratulations to PDG Grace Hwo and District "A" on the formation of a new Omega Leo Club. This club "The Metro Vancouver Leo Club" is the first Omega Leo Club in MD 19. The Charter Celebration is November 4, 2018 at the Vancouver East Lion's Den, 770 Commercial Drive, Vancouver B.C., 11 am. to 1:30 pm.

Cost: \$15.00 for Leos and \$25 for Lions with a light lunch served.

All Lions are encouraged to attend and welcome our newest Leo Club.

District "A", Sunshine Coast Lions Club is working with their high school to establish a new Leo Club and District "H" Co-Leo Chair District "H" PZC Bruce McNair is working on two new Leo Clubs on Whidbey Island and one more at "Camp Horizon". The Leo Advisors hard work and determination will bear fruit in the near future. We all wish them success in establishing and continuing to grow our Leo Program.

7. Nov. 1, 2018 "Leo Video Contest" :

Nov. 1, 2018 is the deadline date for Leo Video Contest entries; MD 19 hopes to have at least one entry in this LCI contest.

8. Lions Service and Leadership Foundation: Leo Essay Contest.

Proud to announce we have three outstanding Leo Winners- District "D" Leo Elise Brulotte, Cascade High, Leavenworth Wa. (Senior, first place \$1000 USD) ,District "H" Leo Ewen Suelzle , Earl Marriott (Senior, Second place \$750 USD). District "H" Leo Paige Kruse (Junior, first place \$1000 USD.).

This was the first attempt at this type of contest for Leos and youth. The start-up was difficult and the Leadership Foundation deemed more interest was needed if it was to continue or possibly the Leo Advisors take over ,through a proposal, the "Essay Contest" and we might be able to continue the contest in that way.

Proposal to follow.

This contest and others offered to Leo Clubs and Leo Members is a very positive way to offer perks and incentives to Leos with a view to improving participation and building our Leo Program.

The indications of this report is our MD 19 Leo Program is strong and growing. We have many outstanding Leos as witnessed by the number of awards they have won. We can be very proud of Our Lions Clubs for sponsoring and administering, the District Leo Chairs for promoting and encouraging Lions and Lions Clubs to participate in this huge responsibility but rewarding Program.

Submitted Respectfully  
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