

MINUTES OF THE MD19 WINTER COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

February 2, 2019

Tacoma, WA

The Council Meeting was called to order by Council Chairperson John Kirry at 8:30 am. Invocation was given by District Governor Wayne Atkinson, 19-D. Introduction of Council and Guests.

The following Lions, Lioness, and Guests were in attendance and signed the Attendance Sheets.

I. Council of Governors

John Kirry, Council Chairperson
J.D. Nellor, Vice Council Chairperson
Jon Whitman, Past Council Chairperson
Peter Anderson, Executive Director
Kenneth Liu, District Governor, 19-A
Donna Oiland, District Governor, 19-B
Sharon Sikes, District Governor, 19-C
Wayne Atkinson, District Governor, 19-D
Lyndon Harriman, District Governor, 19-E
David Heath, District Governor, 19-F
Mark Mansell, District Governor, 19-G
Gord Graves, District Governor, 19-H
Mike Dukes, District Governor, 19-I
Ron Smircich, PDG 19-C
Wanda Carisse, PDG 19-D
Crystal Walk, PDG 19-F
Bill Karcher, PDG 19-G
Corinne White, PDG 19-H
Joyce Boyle, PDG 19-I

II. MD19 Committee Chairpersons & Appointees

PDG Brien Patton, Budget & Finance
PDG Erma Kemp, CARE
PDG Janet Rinehart, Contests & Awards
PZC George Sim, 2018 Annual Conv. / 2019 Int'l Con.
PDG Tom Smarsh, Diabetes
PDG Wanda Carisse, Global Leadership
PCC Hal Palmer, Facilitator Development Training
PDG David Walk, Global Membership
PDG Crystal Walk, Global Action (Service)
Nancy Messmer & PCC Enoch Rowland - Environment
VCC J.D. Nellor, Webmaster
PID Don Shove, International Participation / Relations
PDG Bob Yeoman, LCIF – U.S. East
Debbie Mansell & PDG Carol Whitman – Leader Dogs
ZC Barry Shiles, LEO Clubs
PDG Rosemary Richert, Parliamentarian / Evaluation
PCC Jim Kemp, Policy Manual
PDG Norma Bent - Quest

Foundations & Societies

ZC Barry Shiles, CLERC
Bill Lundin, Northwest Lions Foundation

III. Lions, Lioness, LEOs and Guests

1 st VDG Patty Allen	Gloria Hardan	1 st VDG Bob Nordland
Michele Barrie	Peggy Harriman	ZC Marilyn Patterson
1 st VDG Frank Bega	PDG Al Hedstrom	PDG Steve Patterson
PDG John Bergvall	PCC Allan Hunt	Laura Patton
PDG Emerson Bishop	Sonja Hunt	ZC Ed Poquette
2 nd VDG Ed Brandstoettner	1 st VDG Mike Lally	PID Roger Richert
2 nd VDG Orson Christensen	PCC Gary Lockert	PDG Art Ruben
PDG Marilynn Danby	PZC Bill Miller	PID Anne Smarsh
Patti Easterling	PDG John Moralek	1 st VDG Cec Specht
Cindy Ficklett	Roy Morris	1 st VDG Stephen Staudinger
Lewie Ficklett	1 st VDG Donna Murr	2 nd VDG Darrell Toombs
	ZC Elizabeth Nordland	2 nd VDG Hans Wong

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Wanda Carisse, 19-D and seconded by PDG Corinne White, 19-H to accept as posted the Minutes of the MD19 Annual Convention Council of Governors' Meeting, held in Whistler, B.C., October 25, 2018. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

BUILDING REPORT by Dan Cantrell, Chairperson:

"The building needs some preventative maintenance:

1. Additional venting of attic as recommended by the roofing contractor. Expected completion this spring. Estimated cost \$550.
2. Evidence of some dry rot in soffits, to be addressed this summer (subject to item 3)
3. Exterior trim needs painting; have discovered that trim has lead based paint.
4. For council consideration: Possible option remodel front bathroom to make wheelchair accessible, estimated cost \$3,800."

DIABETES REPORT by PDG Tom Smarsh, Chairperson:

"Happy New Year to all the Lions of MD19. This year is an exciting time to be a Lion. We have so many more chances to better our communities because it seems the needs continue to rise each year. LCI continues to provide each Lion with additional tools, on line trainings, more up to date literature, and programs to grow our clubs.

The Lions Diabetes newsletter this month will focus on a very special opportunity in line with one of our Lions Global initiatives, Diabetes. This ongoing very successful program gives participants the ability to better learn and control their diabetes. I would strongly encourage any MD19 Lion that has diabetes to come to this great program.

This conference would also be very beneficial to any Lion that has a family member with diabetes or if you are involved in any of our Diabetes Camps for Kids. The article below was submitted to me to encourage Lions to learn the very latest products and techniques to better manage their diabetes. Now, it's up to each of you to take better control of this devastating disease!

Information submitted by Brian Ballard, Community Outreach Manager for Taking Care of Your Diabetes Co.:

'Since 1995, Taking Control of Your Diabetes has been transforming the way people live with diabetes by encouraging them to take a more active role in their condition through education, motivation, empowerment and believe it or not...humor.

The humble beginning of TCOYD started out as a desire for more. Founder and Director Steven Edelman, MD, a type 1 himself, wanted better care than what was currently offered to the diabetes community he belonged to and a new way of understanding what stood in front of those with diabetes.



In 1995 TCOYD hosted their first ever conference at the San Diego Convention Center to inspire those with diabetes to take control of their condition and live the best life they can. This event set a new standard as TCOYD did things differently by bringing the most important information about diabetes care and management straight to the person with diabetes.

TCOYD has grown to become the national leader in providing world-class diabetes education both to people with diabetes and healthcare providers. At the close of 2018, TCOYD has hosted over 450 programs and events and has continued to provide a cutting-edge continuing medical education program that provides the most up-to-date care and management strategies from world-class key opinion leaders to healthcare professionals.

For over two decades, TCOYD has been the name in the diabetes community when it comes to in-person events to motivate, educate and inspire. In 2017 the TCOYD brand expanded to add a digital platform to adapt to the ever-changing landscape in the diabetes world. This evolution created a one-of-a-kind experience that combines live in-person events with a one-stop resource center focused on digital relationships and information.

From the very beginning, Founder Dr. Steven Edelman has made sure to keep it light and entertaining in order to make a difficult subject palatable. His humor has always defined the TCOYD experience and this is showcased in every interaction with the organization. TCOYD continues to fully embrace what has always set it apart...humor

The TCOYD mission, experience and way of life gives every person affected with diabetes the freedom to have fun, TAKE CONTROL and be YOU!

TCOYD brings their flagship national conference and health fair to the Seattle area on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the Meydenbauer Center. The event runs from 7:30am until 5:00pm and lunch will be included."

MD19 WEBMASTER REPORT by VCC J.D. Nellor, Webmaster:

"The new MD19 website was launched in June 2018, shortly after the Spring Council Meeting and training sessions.

In general, the new website appears to be working well with lots of positive comments, which is nice. Debugging is going easier than anticipated.

There is not a lot new to report since the October convention. There are changes to the website at least weekly: announcements, ads and events are added as received and deleted as the events are held; changes to club officers, directors, meeting places and times are updated as received; typographical and grammatical errors have been repaired through ongoing proof-reading (many thanks to Summer Stokes for going through the website line by line!), a process that will never end; colors used in the website were updated when LCI color issued a new color pallet; under the hood, updates to make it easier for the site to be handed off to new webmasters and easier to enter the raw data.

How can Lions help with the website?

- Encourage anyone who spots an error, or finds something that does not work, to inform the MD19 Office. They should identify the page where the problem was found or where the information needs to be changed (makes it easier for me to find it!). In most cases, we can correct problems or update information almost immediately, rarely does it take more than a day.
- We like ideas! If someone has an idea about something they would like the website to do, let the MD19 Office know.
- Encourage clubs to submit stories for the club Brag Pages.
- Encourage clubs, zones and districts to get calendar information to the MD19 Office on their event as soon as possible so they can be posted on the Calendar. The Calendar is intended to serve (in addition to the obvious) as a way for clubs, zones and districts to schedule events and avoid conflicts with other clubs, zones and districts.

What's on the agenda over the next few months?

- Move the site to its own account. Currently, it is living on my office account, which is currently fine, but it deserves its own account. There is a cost that we need to budget for: about \$6.00 to \$9.00 a month depending on the hosting package. Between the domain name registrations and the hosting, we should budget about \$90.00 to \$120.00 a year for the website. The timing: the second half of this fiscal year.
- Building a database so the MD Office can edit club, officer and meeting information on the fly, which means the website and the roster data will automatically update with a single entry in a single place. The timing: Most likely 3rd quarter of the fiscal year, but I may want to go through one more manual annual update.
- Convert all of the old forms on the website into editable pdf files.
- Create data entry pages so that Zone Chairpersons (and Clubs) can fill out and file their MD reports from the website, instead of downloading the forms, printing them out, filling them in, and mailing or emailing them to the MD19 Office.
- Create payment pages where Clubs and Lions can make online payments of MD19 assessments, registrations for the MD19 Conventions and council meetings, and the like.
- Fully documenting the site for successor webmasters.
- Getting a committee of webmasters to monitor and help update the site.

I hope you are all enjoying the new web site."

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE & YEP FDN REPORT by PDG George Robison, President:

"This is my third year filling this position, for the second time around. The first year I asked the Council to request that every Club, Zone and District that had a separately operated Youth Exchange Program to report that program to me so that an MD19 list of all the activities could be prepared and distributed. Four clubs, one zone and one district made reports. Since then I have found other districts with some type of program and two districts that have funds but few applicants to use the funds. It would be nice if a single Youth Exchange Program fund could be had in MD19. Entities that have sister-city exchanges or similar exclusive exchanges would not be included.

This winter there have been four youth from Australia and one from New Zealand hosted in MD19. It was not easy lining up homes for these youth, unlike last year. The five youth are being hosted in three homes, two in 19C and one in 19F.

We received three applications to the Foundation for Youth Exchange scholarships, all from young ladies. One application is from 19F and two are from 19C. There may be others from districts that don't go through the MD19 YE Program. One young lady wants to travel to Switzerland, one to Spain and one to Italy. They will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship to assist in travel expenses. One of the young ladies is president of her Leo Club. Every high school Leo Club in MD19 received information, including a scholarship application. MD19 Administration sent the information through AWeber.

A solicitation to donate to the Foundation was also sent out by MD19. One zone and six clubs have donated a total of \$700. To make the scholarship program sustainable will require much more than that.

LCI has assured me that the Youth Camps and Exchange Program is a vital LCI program. However, no funding comes from LCI and the programs are either self-supporting or supported by donations. It would be nice if every Lion in MD19 donated 50 cents a year.

Youth Exchange in MD19 has not been a priority of the Council or most District Governors. That seems to be the main reason that it is difficult to get participation. I regularly hear from Lions who have been members for some time that they have never heard of Youth Exchange. It is simply not possible for the MD Chairperson or a District Chairperson to visit or contact every club. Youth Exchange needs to be promoted when leadership visit clubs.

Please, as you visit clubs in your district, promote the Lions Youth Exchange Program."

LEADER DOGS REPORT by Debbie Mansell & PDG Carol Whitman, Chairpersons:

"MD 19 Leader Dog Donations by Districts - First Quarter Lions year (July –September, 2018)

District/Donations

19 A	0.00
19 B	250.00
19 C	150.00
19 D	1,500.00
19 E	1,200.00
19 F	100.00
19 G	100.00
19 H	100.00
19 I	0.00
Total	\$3,400.00

Club suggestions for Leader Dog Fundraisers:

1. **Dinner in the Dark Event-** Participants are blindfolded for dinner to simulate the challenges that the blind and visually impaired encounter at meal time. There are a lot of clubs who have done these fundraisers and we're sure LD would share information on how to plan this event.
2. **Dog Friendly Fun 5K Walk/Run:** Encourage runners and walker to bring their canines out for a fundraiser for Leader Dogs.

3. **On line Fundraiser for Leader Dog.** Leader Dog has pre-set templates that clubs can utilize to set up a fundraiser on their social media pages.

MD19 LEO REPORT by Barry Shiles, Chairperson:

"This year is indeed a special year as there is so much happening with Leos. New initiatives from Lions Clubs International included the 1st Canadian Young Lions Retreat, March 22-24, 2019 at the Quality Inn in Woodstock, Ontario. Leos aged 16 and above and young Lions aged 18 to 40 were invited to attend.

2019 3rd annual USA/Canada LEO Leadership Foundation's, July 24- 28, 2019 at the Hilton Mesa/Phoenix, Arizona. This will bring together Leos from North America and the Caribbean

Canada/USA Lions Leadership Forum in Spokane, WA, September 19-21, with Saturday the 21st being 'Leo Day' at the forum. There will be many panels run by Leos from the Leo point of view. On Saturday there is a plan for a Lions/Leo service project, at this point still in planning stages.

March 9, 2019 was the 41st 'Annual Lions Day with the United Nations'. Last year, Leo/Lion LCI International Board Liaison Kyle Boutilier, from MD19 spoke at the Day with the UN and there will be Leos attending again this year.

Leo of the Year 2019 Nominations: Deadline was February 1, 2019 (to MD19 Office and Council Chairperson John Kirry) to get nominations submitted. Last year we had eight nominations from five Districts which resulted in five Districts having Leo of the Year winners and those were forwarded to CC Jon Whitman and his committee to select the MD19 winner, which was Jeffery Pang from the Burnaby Moscrop Leo Club. Thanks to all the Leo Chairpersons and Leo Advisors for all their hard work.

Leo Club Excellence Award nominations are coming up real fast. These awards are to recognize your Leos/Leo Club for having an excellent year of service. Award nominations are due before August 31, 2019. Last year we had four winners; let's see if we can have six or eight nominations this year.

We are having a Leo Essay Contest with a grant from the Northwest Leadership Foundation. We have the opportunity to reward Leos for participating in this contest and their Leo Clubs will benefit with an equal prize for their clubs. All entries must be submitted by May 31, 2019 to Leo Essay Contest Committee at: md19leoessay@gmail.com

Leo Clubs planning for the future: election of next year's Leo Officers is approaching fast. Ask your Leos to put their names forward. Teach them how democracy and Leadership works by having them step up and lead their club in the next year and please be sure to enter them along with their new members for next year on the LCI website.

One question I am frequently asked by Leos is: 'What is there for Leos after we graduate from High School or age out at 19 years?' The solution seems obvious: Lions should form 'Omega Leo Clubs' at Universities. Obvious but NOT EASY. Yet, this is a way to build the Lions organization for the future. In four or five years later when the Omega Leos graduate from University the next logical step is to charter their own Lions Club. This is a way to have them join Lions but the 'Young Lions Club' (Your Club, Your Way) will be tailored to the young people/members wants and needs. Now, we all should admit that young people want to have a club that suits their own demographic needs with their peers. If Lions will continue with this type of initiative we can build something special. I remember when I joined 43 years ago I was the youngest member in my club at 31 years of age, with a minimum age gap of 10 years. Now, if a 21-25 year old or even a 31 year old joins at most there is approximately a 40 to 50 year gap. 'Young Lions Clubs' will build and bridge this gap and build a successful future for new up and coming Lions and their 'Young Lions Clubs'. All of this is based on Lions support of the current Leo program in their clubs.

I know how much hard work a Leo Club is for Leo Chairpersons and Leo Advisors but the future of our organization is at stake and anything we can do to make sure it continues is worth the effort. Something to think about Lions?

Supplemental

In addition to my initial report I realized I left out some details and information. Statistics for MD19: there are 52 Leo clubs with 1247 Leo Members, in eight districts.

I was just informed that we have lost the Logan Lake Leo Club due to lack of young people in the area. On a positive note there are indications that Lynden Lions are interested in forming a new Leo Club in their area. We look forward to working with the Lynden Lions to get this new club started."

LIONESS REPORT by PZC Linda Shaffrick, Chairperson:

"The Lioness clubs for MD19 are all keeping busy.

There are 13 Lioness clubs in MD19 with 204 + members (some clubs have not sent in reports)

The clubs are still in full swing. This report is for three months: October – December.

A brief overview of the some of the activities for this report: helping at care facilities, baby clinics and blood donor clinics; rand bells for the Salvation Army Kettles; knitting for women's shelter; blanket tying for cancer; preparing food for the Foster Families annual holiday dinner; gift wrapping at Christmas; serving senior meals; served turkey dinner to seniors; helping at food banks; making Santa sacks; collecting used eye glasses; assisting at the costume museum; helping at the Red Cross equipment cupboard; mammography van registrations; making tray favors for seniors home and hospital; helping to prepare Christmas hampers; Christmas caroling with the Fire department; hockey arena concession. This is naming only a few of the many projects that the Lioness do. Total hours: 3087+

Donations were made to: Camperships for Camp Winfield and Camp Winfield improvements; Gospel Mission; Freedom's Door; diabetes camperships; Habitat for Humanity; New Hope Christmas Family Gifts; Books for Babies; Food Bank; homeless task force; Lions Foundation of Canada; school lunch program; fire department; Salvation Army; philharmonic concession; car show; gifts for Transition House; Santa Anonymous; school breakfast program; forestry camp; yuletide dinners; Special Olympics; Gleaners sock program and many more worthy causes. Donations: \$46,652.00+

As some of the clubs have not sent in reports, I would like to ask the District Governors to please encourage the Lioness clubs in their district to send their reports to me so that the work of all the Lioness clubs in MD19 can be acknowledged.

We Serve Too!"

LIONS QUEST BC REPORT by PDG Norma Bent, Chairperson:

"Happy New Year. It looks like a good year for Lions Quest BC in our MD. Over all we have three District Chairpersons and one liaison chairperson out of five Districts in place. All district chairpersons and the 1st VDG from each District in our MD were invited to a Lions Quest Canadian Team Meeting in Toronto, Ontario, January 25-27. It was a very good weekend with about 50 people from across Canada.

I have copied the district reports from two of our districts.

19-I: PZC Michael Stanford:

- September 4, 2018, District 19-I hosted a Lions Quest Workshop at Port McNeil, BC at Sunset Elementary School. It was well attended by teachers & early child educators. The workshop was paid by a District LQ Community Grant!
- Next plan is to hold four Promotional LQ Workshops with North, Central and South Vancouver Island areas. Dates will be set either late May or early June, 2019.
- 1st Vice District Governor, Cec Specht & myself will be attending the LQ Leadership Conference in Toronto Ontario.

19-D: PDG Norma Bent

- 19-D received a Lions Quest Community Grant from LCIF in November, 2018.
- Working with Thompson Rivers University in doing school based programs workshops for 1st and 2nd year student teachers to be held this spring.
- Lions Quest Canada Executive Director, Joanne McQuiggan will be attending the 19-D Spring Conference, April 5-6 and doing a community workshop on April 7th in Penticton.
- There are two other Community Workshops to be planned in our District before June 30th.
- Penticton Lions are working with the Penticton School District on a school based workshop.

- Kamloops Lions Quest Committee are working on an information speaking blitz to youth organizations and Lions Clubs in Kamloops and area.
- 1st VDG Debbie Bostock and I will be attending the LQ Canadian Team meeting in Toronto, Ontario.”

LCIF EAST – CAMPAIGN 100 REPORT by PDG Bob Yeoman, Chairperson”

“All of you should by now be aware of Campaign 100. During this campaign we are attempting to raise 300 million dollars and serve 200 million individuals in each of three years. Dollars raised in 2017-2018 will apply towards our goal of 300 million over the next three fiscal years. The following figures I will be mentioning are from clubs in Districts D-E-F and located in U.S. This year (July thru Dec.) U.S. Clubs in D-E-F have donated a total of \$25,356 - **Thank You!** However this amount comes from 39 clubs out of 92 total clubs, so there are still many clubs that have not donated yet.

Members have all been asked to donate \$100.00 this year in an effort to support Campaign 100. This equates to \$2.00 a week or a cup of coffee. To date 41 members have donated a total of \$13,103 which is included in the above figure of \$25,356. A **big** thank you to those 41 members. These 41 members averaged \$319.00 per donation; this is excellent. Six members have donated \$1000.00 **and 1 non-member has donated \$1000.00.**

All donations to LCIF can be applied towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship unless otherwise noted. When a member makes a personal donation this goes into his/her personal account towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship. A member donating \$100.00 a year for 10 years would have \$1000.00 credit and be awarded a MJF. **Melvin Jones Fellowships are not purchased and are not for sale. A MJF is given in recognition of supporting and sacrificing so that the Lions Clubs International Foundation can continue to give grants where grants are needed.** Club donations also accumulate from year to year. Currently there are many clubs and members with enough credits for Melvin Jones Fellowships. District Governors, contact me for information in your district.

Remember our Motto is, 'We Serve'. We are doing a great service for others when we donate to LCIF. Below is a sample of what \$100.00 will do:

- * 245 people die each day from measles. \$100.00 provides measles vaccination for 100 children.
- * Every two minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer. \$100.00 helps purchase equipment.
- * 800 million people go to bed hungry. \$100.00 helps provide food to 14 individuals in need.
- * 400 million people are living with Diabetes. \$100.00 provides diabetes screenings for 18 people.
- * By 2025 half the world's population will not have clean water. \$100.00 provides clean water for 14 people,

Remember **PDG** stands for **Please Donate Generously**. Donate on line. Log onto LCI, select the box in upper right hand corner and follow instructions.”

MD19 FOUNDATION REPORTS

BC LIONS SOCIETY FOR CHILDREN W / DISABILITIES: Newsletter Report for January, 2019:

“Dear Lion / Lioness,

The Lions and Lioness Clubs have been a valued supporter of the BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities / Easter Seals BC/Yukon (Society) for decades. We are grateful for this support as it has helped us help families from across the province, and from your neighborhoods, for 66 years. Thank you.

Over the last two years, the Society's Board of Directors and Management have been going through the process of planning our long-term future. Like many charities today, our Society is facing rising costs, aging real estate assets, large capital expenditures, technological advances, declining philanthropic giving, fewer bequests and reduced government funding.

To better understand our challenges and opportunities, the Society conducted a review through a strategic planning and research process. Stakeholders were consulted, surveys to families were gathered, community meetings were held, interviews were conducted, and feedback collected.

What became abundantly clear is that we must continue to support children with diverse abilities and also look to support them as they age. We have learned that as these children become adults, they experience increasing levels of poverty, unemployment and isolation. Disabilities do not end at age 18, and neither should our support.

To build a better future for children with diverse abilities, and build a more financially secure future for the Society, we are pleased to share this update on our plans for 2019 and beyond.

Recently, the Board of Directors approved the first phase of a 10-year plan marking the new beginning where children will be supported throughout their lifetime. The trailblazing vision will see our current facilities evolve into vibrant year-round community hubs. This is about building on our legacy of helping children and making best use of our facilities.

Our plan looks to reimagine our camps into community hubs that will still offer summer camps for kids of diverse abilities and will also offer new programs for skills and employment development, mixed housing, social enterprise, and so much more. By reimagining the way we use each of our real estate sites, through new programs and services, we will attract new and different partners as well as sources of income, funding and capital – which will address our financial shortfalls.

To fund this vision, the Society will launch a \$50 MILLION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN to:

1. **Build a new Shawnigan Lake Camp(us) for year-round use** – the goal is to develop the site over several years and turn it into a year-round community hub while retaining the site for our cherished summer camps for kids. In 2019, Camp Shawnigan Lake will open for summer camp in August.
2. **Upgrade Winfield Camp(us) for year-round use** – The goal is to upgrade the site over several years and turn it into a year-round community hub while retaining the site for our cherished summer camp for kids. In 2019 Camp Winfield will offer summer camp in July and the Society will work with the community and municipality to begin planning its upgrade.
3. **Camp Squamish** – Due to zoning restrictions within the Agricultural Land Reserve, the vision for Squamish is uncertain. The Society's Board is considering all options including its sale and due to this uncertainty and funding shortfalls, summer camp at Squamish will be suspended for 2019
4. **Build a new Urban Campus** – Looking to the future, the Society is considering the consolidation of its programming into one site in the Lower Mainland. Over the next 10 years, supported by a capital campaign, it is the Society's goal to reimagine and redevelop its Lower mainland facilities.

2019 Summer Camps

For 2019, our summer camps will operate at Winfield in July and Shawnigan Lake in August. Also, in 2019, we will launch a new summer Urban Activity Program for youth and young adults with diverse abilities in the Lower Mainland. Registration and information will be posted on our website by February, 2019.

Find Out More

If you would like more information sent specifically to your club about ways to get involved, please contact: reimagine@eastersealsbcy.ca

Thank you! We are extremely grateful to the Lions and Lioness Clubs of BC and Yukon, our early supporters and founders, who have fundraised and volunteered for Easter Seals House and Easter Seals Camps over many, many years. You have brought positive change to the lives of so many.

We very much look forward to working together to transform the way children, youth AND adults living with diverse abilities, as well as their families and the communities in which they live, are supported.

Sincerely, Charlene Krepiakevich, President & CEO
Tracey Lakeman, Board Chairperson

CANADIAN CLERC REPORT by ZC Barry Shiles, Chairperson:

"Glasses keep coming in. Last week we shipped 32 apple boxes of glasses to CLERC in Calgary, AB, and there are more to be picked up from Lions Clubs and shipped. We continue to meet our commitment to the sight challenged and people that can't afford glasses. The great work of all the Lions who quietly go about the business of putting out collection boxes, then picking up the glasses when the boxes are full, is the best kept secret of Lions service. Keep going Lions, you are making a difference in the world!

Once again, I am asking you to collect more glasses. Ask at every Optometrist or eyewear shop if you can leave a collection box, or if they have a box ask if it has been picked up lately and is the Lion coming by regularly; we have had some calls from several shops that have had some missed pickups.

If any of you need collection boxes call or email me, Barry at: 604-594-6579 or barryshiles@dccnet.com

CLERC Calgary operates on a budget of around \$200,000 per year. If the clubs that collect glasses could each send \$100 that would help pay for boxes and operating expenses. Lions Clubs, who don't collect glasses, could think about donating as a service to the Blind and sight challenged.

It has come to my attention that some clubs collect glasses but do not use our Lions CLERC system. Instead, they use the glasses for their own private, or church, missions. While the work is commendable, the question is 'Why aren't we, as Lions, using the CLERC system we have worked so hard to build?' CLERC takes every kind of glasses: sunglasses; prescription glasses; readers; broken glasses; loose lenses; swim goggles and safety glasses. The most important thing about this is that Lions can get the glasses they need from CLERC. They can be shipped to the lower mainland FREE; all they need to do is order what they need and pick them up. If there are Lions Clubs out there that are sorting and throwing glasses away (everything but readers), why aren't they at least giving the throwaways to CLERC? We can put them to good use.

Keep up the good work Lions we are making a difference in the world."

LIONS OF BC HEARING CONSERVATION SOCIETY REPORT by PCC Surinder Gahir, President:

"Council Chairperson John, Council Members, Lions, Lioness, Leos and Guests, greetings.

Lions of BC Hearing Conservation Society is working very hard to provide a one of a kind service to our communities; making it easier to communicate with one another and making life a little better for those who cannot afford hearing aids.

This year, so far, we have provided thirty one (31) hearing aids to deserving clients. The society spent over \$46,000 to provide this service.

Canadian Lions Clubs collect used hearing aids and send them to us. The hearing aids are sorted and sent to the Island Deaf & Hard of Hearing Centre.

We have a great awards program; we have the Meade Sutherland Fellowship Award for \$500 and the Society Fellowship Award for \$50. Lions clubs can order these for deserving Lions.

My friends, we remain deeply grateful for all your help and donations. For information please send me an email at governor.gahir@gmail.com

I want to thank all the Lions clubs members, District Governors, Zone Chairpersons and the Hearing Chairpersons for supporting and promoting this great organization."

MD19 LIONS SERVICE & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FDN REPORT by PZC Brian Morin, President:

"2018-19 Approvals:

1. **Funding to assist with the purchase of a new MD19 Vehicle and the loan of approximately \$9,500US to assist MD19 in purchasing a vehicle interest free over 32 months at \$300US per month.**
2. \$6,000 funding budgeted for Global Action Team members of District and MD19 to attend annual Town Hall meeting (\$200 US per team member).
3. \$6,488 US to support the USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM 2019 in Spokane, Washington in September, 2019
4. Leo Clubs Committee: \$2,000 for Leo writing contest.
5. \$4,000 approved for MD19 new and replacement Audio Visual equipment.
6. \$6,000 approved for Global Action Team to provide Leadership training in remote areas of MD19.
7. \$4,500 total to MD19 Districts for Leader training.

MISSION STATEMENT: **'To provide funding for the development of leadership training, educational and service programs for Lions, schools, business and service organizations'.**

To achieve the mission the foundation will:

Provide funding for the development of educational and leadership skills;

Develop contests and the funding to encourage community leadership and service programs;

Develop and encourage personal growth and participation for those with leadership abilities;

Develop and encourage programs involving the youth in their school and communities;

Request donations to continue the funding of our mission."

CONVENTION AND FORUM REPORTS

2019 ANNUAL CONVENTION – WENATCHEE, WA REPORT by PDG Patti Sparks & Lori Reed, Chairpersons:

"They say it's never too early to start planning for a convention, so here is our invitation to all of you to come to Wenatchee in October, 2019. The Lions Clubs of Zone D2 promise that your experience will be 'Simply the Best' because we will offer you:

Simply the Best.....

Convention Center with multiple break-out rooms, a large exhibition hall, beautiful banquet facilities and an excellent sound system.

Convention Hotel with a roof top restaurant, indoor/outdoor heated swimming pool, and free parking with a charging station for your smart cars.

Banquet menus with a talented chef and friendly efficient servers.

Historic Downtown shopping area including restaurants, pubs, boutiques, and an antique mall.

Walking and biking trail that stretches for miles along both sides of the Columbia River.

Collection of 'Art on the Avenue' sculptures for you to explore and enjoy.

Fall weather in the most beautiful valley east of the Cascades in Washington State.

Lions Convention team dedicated to providing you with a world class event.

And best of all, this is your opportunity to make new friends and reconnect with old friends and to have some fun.

The MD19 Annual Fall Convention will be in Wenatchee, WA October 16-20, 2019.

It will be Simply the Best, you don't want to miss it!!"

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Mike Dukes, 19-I and seconded by District Governor David Heath, 19-F to accept the Consent Agenda reports as presented. Motion passed.

REPORTS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO BE GIVEN ORALLY

CARE REPORT by PDG Erma Kemp, Chairperson:

"Let's take a look at the CARE project you chose to support for the next two years.

The project is in Honduras, 'School Gardens for Healthy Nutrition'. The focus of this project to create garden learning space at schools to improve agricultural & nutritional food knowledge, promoting conservation & preservation.

This pilot project will target 40 communities in five municipalities in southern Honduras.

As I look at our current giving, we have ways to go. So, I encourage each Governor, Care Chairperson, Zone Chairperson, President and Lion to better promote this project.

We have several months to go. We have raised \$16,355 according to the MD19 December, 2018 report. Our goal is \$40,000.

I would like to congratulate District H CARE Chairperson, Patty Easterling with \$4,290 in district donations.

Let's each plant the seed & watch it grow.

WE CAN BECAUSE WE CARE”

A short video from CARE President, Michelle Nunn was shown in which she thanked the Lions of MD19 for their years of support for CARE.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT by Dr. Nancy Messmer & PCC Enoch Rowland, Chairpersons:



In late December, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the center photo of earth taken from the surface of the moon. These NASA images remind us that the planet we depend on is in our hands. In 1972, Lions Clubs International adopted a policy on the human environment, stating, 'Lionism is one of those international organizations that should join efforts for the preservation & improvement of the human environment, for the benefit of all the people for their posterity.' Lions accept the challenge.

SERVICE IS THE REASON WE EXIST. IT'S WHY WE BECOME LIONS AND WHY WE REMAIN. YEAR BY YEAR, COUNTRY BY COUNTRY, WE HAVE INCREASED OUR GLOBAL IMPACT, SAVING LIVES AND HELPING MILLIONS MORE AROUND THE WORLD. AND THE WORLD NEEDS US NOW MORE THAN EVER. (LCI)



As the Environment Chairpersons for Multiple District 19, we work to encourage Lions to include environmental projects in their array of service projects, and to highlight the good work that Lions are doing.

Contact Us. We will assist with project planning, displays, workshops, connections, newsletter articles, Facebook entries, ideas, and links.

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NORTHWEST LIONS FOUNDATION REPORT by Bill Lundin, Trustee Chairperson:

"The year 2018 was a positive year for the Northwest Lions Foundation (NLF). We are honored to again be reporting the work we have accomplished in coordination with the Lions and their respective clubs, throughout MD19.

To that end, we are pleased to report that this last year SightLife gave the gift of sight to over 33,000 people. It trained 278 community health workers in Asia, in a first of its kind prevention program, as well as, training over 1,000 surgeons to provide corneal services in developing countries.

The Northwest Lions Foundation and The Northwest Lions Endowment had very busy year with the following accomplishments:

- We screened 25,000 children and 1035 adults in our Lions Health Screening unit.
- NLF has approved and trained screening teams for our four Mini-Screening Units located in districts B, C, E and F.

A special thank you to PDG Dave Risley for his outstanding efforts in managing the Mini Unit Training Program.

\$135,000 PROJECT SUPPORT and LIONS ENDOWMENT GRANTS AWARDED to:

- Washington State School for the Blind
- Kinderling Center
- NW School for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children
- Diabetes Association of Pierce County
- Spokane Central Lions Pre-School Screenings
- Edith Bishel Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired
- VIC Vision for Independence Center
- Sight Connection
- Lions Eye Bank of Houston (Hurricane Harvey Relief)
- Canadian District I (Diabetes Door Knocker Program)

The Lions Foundation gave \$150,000 in matching grants for hearing aids and \$60,000 in matching grants given to low income patients for sight related treatments.”

Bill Lundin, Board of Trustee Chairperson, made special mention that the Northwest Lions Foundation is 50 years old this year! He also asked that he be given 10 minutes at the district conferences in order to show a 10-minute video about the Foundation. The Foundation has also started a Fellowship program that will be available to any Lion and will be in increments of \$500 and \$1000. More information on the fellowships will be forthcoming.

2018 MD19 ANNUAL CONVENTION – WHISTLER, B.C. REPORT by PZC George Sim, Chairperson:

“First of all I would like to thank my committee for their endless hours of work and their dedication to put this convention together and to make it fun for everyone that attended. I would also like to thank Peter Anderson, Executive Director, for the countless hours he put in as well.

This convention was well attended with a total of 481 registrations - (450 paid and 31 comp attendees). We also had 83 Lions attending their very first MD19 Annual Convention. Many of these ‘first timers’ enjoyed themselves immensely and can’t wait for the next one! From the many positive comments we received on the venues, the functions and the Whistler location, I can assume that the convention was a success. I was happy that they were not many food complaints (other than the runny lasagna) as we did not want this convention to be remembered for terrible food like the last USA / Canada Forum.

If everyone used it to register it would be a lot easier on the registrar as the information is all in one place. You can also send out messages to all attendees so it can work as a good communication tool. I think our age group struggled with this new technology, but it is the way of the future. If it is used again, just make sure that you have 'idiot proof' instructions and that you ensure that the registrants read them thoroughly before filling out their forms.

On the negative side...we took a hit financially. There are many reasons for this. Two weeks before the convention we were advised that the Convention Center did not have an adequate sound system for a convention of our size. This had never been mentioned in any previous meetings. The A/V bill for the Convention Center was \$1900 and this was not budgeted for. The same issue arose at the hotel when their A/V Company wanted \$2600 for the use of two microphones for the COG meeting Wednesday night and Thursday morning. We were able to avoid this cost by renting a sound system in North Vancouver for \$172 and setting it up ourselves. Another unexpected cost that blindsided us was the \$1000 fee for their staff to sell us drink tickets for the Friday and Saturday night functions. Added to that, we missed our Food & Beverage minimum dollar amount at the Convention Center and that cost us \$1500. A lot of people that registered did not attend all meals so our numbers were down a bit.

A big part of this shortfall was due to an unsanctioned hospitality suite during the Friday night that took a lot of people away from the Fun Night Dance after the show. We anticipated selling drinks from 9-11pm and we asked that the hospitality suite not be opened until 11pm and that was agreed to....but then I heard they sent out invitations that said come at 10pm then they verbally told people at Fun Night to come at 9pm so this cost us!

In trying to meet our Food & Beverage number we added items to coffee breaks and meals. What hurt us there was the high cost of taxes and service fees. Every time we added something to bump up our F&B number the taxes and fees were over and above and they added up quickly. In the end we have a short fall of \$7400 and in wrapping up my comments about the finances I can say that this could have been a lot worse. We were fortunate to have approx. \$9,000 in sponsorships and we raised over \$7,000 in our raffles and auctions. Peter and I worked hard to minimize our losses and I have to thank my club for stepping up and covering some of the additional costs for us. And just so you are all aware, the Fun Night grand prize TV that was donated by my club and won by the MD19 Office team was returned and the funds put towards the convention.

In future, I would recommend that we use a large hotel with banquet facilities instead of a hotel and convention center as there were a lot of costs that we could have avoided by using a single venue. I would encourage the next convention to focus on getting people to register and attend all meals so that it adds to their bottom line. We all need to ask Lions to come to this convention and support it by attending all cost related functions.

So...let's all get behind promoting Wenatchee during our travels this year."

2019 USA / CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM REPORT by PID Anne Smarsh & PZC Ed Brandstoettner, Co-Chairpersons:

"USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is happening right here in our own multiple district! **We need the support of every Lions in our multiple district to make this successful.**

As the Host Committee, we have been given a goal of having 10% of the Lions in our multiple district attend. This a huge number and we are reaching out to all to assist us.

The Forum will feature great seminars, new exhibits, new sponsors and awesome keynote speakers. During the opening ceremony, The High Street Show Band will be entertaining us. We have partnered with a Tour Company to provide a variety of pre and post forum tours. We will also be providing blood sugar and blood pressure screenings in the NW Lions Sight and Hearing Unit for participants by nursing students from WSU College of Nursing.

A special thank you to NW Lions Foundation, who is our Featured Sponsor. We are appreciative of the financial support of the Forum.

Thank you to MD19 Lions Service and Leadership Development Foundation for financial support to the Host Committee.

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Now, we are asking for each Lion to promote the Forum in your club. We would love to see representatives from each club attend the Forum. This is OUR Forum.

The Forum website is open for registration now. www.lionsforum.org. More information will be added to the website, so check back frequently. There are several hotels to choose from which are all close to the convention center. **Please register for the Forum. The Forum will not be in our multiple district for several years, so take advantage of this great opportunity.**

The Forum Facebook site is also open: Go to Facebook and search USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. Click 'like'.

We also need your help at the Forum. We will have a wide variety of opportunities for volunteering, but it will take many to make the Forum successful. **Contact PDG Brian Ross to help at the Forum. We have about 500 volunteer spots to fill. Please give of your time. bandross@centurylink.net**

Help share the pride we have in our communities. We will be providing gift bags for our dignitaries who will be at the Forum. We would like to give items which show who we really are as a multiple district. We are asking that clubs bring small items which show your community. Each bag will be different filled with items from different communities. Please bring your items to the Conferences where we will collect them. Thank you in advance. Share your pride of your community.

Want to learn more about Spokane visit: www.visitspokane.com

We will have Forum representatives at each conference. We look forward to talking about the Forum and signing up volunteers.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions:

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Vice Host Chairperson: Ed Brandstoettner brandsen@comcast.net

LIONS PROJECT NEW HOPE REPORT by PDG Ron Smircich for Pat Buchnell, President: (Oral Report)

The main goal for Lions Project New Hope is to provide workshops and retreats for Veterans, and their families, who are suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. We now partner with the PTSD Foundation of America. They provide all of the workshop leaders, free of charge and Project New Hope provides the funding for the retreat locations and the meals and other costs associated with the retreats for Veterans and their families.

In 2018 we provided 13 retreats and workshops. We served 372 adults (Veterans and their spouses). We served 249 children who are part of these volunteer workshops and we had 35 Lions volunteers helping us out.

One of the goals we try to accomplish in each of the workshops, is to make sure that, when the Veteran's leave, there is follow-up by providing the support they need.

This is a program that we've now had for about eight years. It has been very successful – we get a lot of compliments from those who attend. We find that a lot of the families tell us that coming to the retreats / workshops has really helped their families. We are the only organization that provides a 'family' type of atmosphere in our retreats for combat Veterans and their families.

To run the retreats/workshops it costs us roughly \$40,000 per year. We appreciate all the finances we've received from Lions Clubs and we hope that Lions Clubs will place us, as a line item, on their budget so we can keep this program going because we still have a lot of Veterans out there that we still need to serve as well as their families.

District Governors Donna Oiland, 19-B, Gord Graves, 19-H and Lyndon Harriman, 19-E shared a special and fun event that happened in their districts.

MD19 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT by PDG Brien Patton, Chairperson:

“The proposed 2nd half budget you are receiving has a deficit of \$6,755. There are just a couple of larger adjustments to the budget that we are presenting. The first one is Line 21, under income. We budget \$5,000 income from the Annual Convention but lost \$7,480. Line 85, under Expenses, is the car payment for the new car. The payment is \$300 per month and is a new line item for the budget. There will be nine (9) payments in this budget.

One of the smaller changes is the raise that was given to the office receptionist. Minimum wage went up .50 cents an hour to \$12.00 per hour.

The rest of the changes were minor adjustments that we can discuss at the Council Meeting. The budget is as close to being a balanced budget if all the dues money is collected.

I want to thank the committee for their work on the budget and for giving up their evenings to go through the budget line by line. Thank you to Executive Director Peter for getting all the information together so we can make the right recommended adjustments.

2018-19 Budget with April 30, 2018 Membership					6% (Year)	6% (10 months)			
Income					2018-2019	Actual	Variance	2018-2019	
MD19 dues, \$18.60	1/31/2018	4/30/2018	4/30/18	12/31/2018	Budget	12/31/2018		Budget	2%
MD19 Dues	Members		less 2%	% Dues Pd.					
District A	1135	1184	1160	66%	\$1295	\$639	\$(656)	\$1295	23.68
District B	806	800	784	88%	\$875	\$530	\$(345)	\$875	16.00
District C	1475	1480	1450	89%	\$1619	\$756	\$(863)	\$1619	29.60
District D	1246	1238	1213	72%	\$1354	\$704	\$(650)	\$1354	24.76
District E	1327	1339	1312	94%	\$1464	\$809	\$(655)	\$1464	26.78
District F	1296	1304	1278	85%	\$1426	\$581	\$(845)	\$1426	26.08
District G	1273	1307	1281	93%	\$1429	\$713	\$(716)	\$1429	26.14
District H	1570	1578	1546	100%	\$1726	\$1018	\$(708)	\$1726	31.56
District I	1227	1227	1202	84%	\$1342	\$872	\$(470)	\$1342	24.54
Totals	11,355	11,457	11,228	85.67%					229.14
MD19 Operations Account – 89%					\$185,866	\$98,234	\$(87,633)	\$185,866	
MD19 Convention Reserve-3%					\$6265	\$3311	\$(2954)	\$6265	
MD19 Reserve Account – 1%					\$2088	\$1104	\$(984)	\$2088	
MD19 Bldg Reserve Account – 1%					\$2088	\$1104	\$(984)	\$2088	
Total Dues Income (gross)					\$208,838	\$110,375	\$(98,463)	\$208,838	
					2018-2019	Actual	Variance	2018-2019	
					Budget	12/31/2018		Budget	Notes
MD19 Other Income									
Draw from Building Reserve					\$18,500	\$18,182	318	\$18,182	
MD19 Annual Convention					\$5000	\$2926	\$(2074)	\$(4780)	
Grant Centennial Project					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Grant Audio Visual Equipment (Foundation)					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Border Crossing Editor Grant (Foundation)					\$2000	\$ -	\$(2000)	\$2000	
Grant for District & Zone Officer School (LCI)					\$1525	\$ -	\$(1525)	\$1525	
Grant for District & Zone Officer School (MD19 Foundation)					\$9125	\$ -	\$(9125)	\$9125	
Grant Leader Development Programs (Foundation)					\$11,000	\$ -	\$(11,000)	\$11,000	
MD19 District Support Team Grant (Foundation)					\$3860	\$ -	\$(3860)	\$3860	
Credit Card 3% Fee					\$20	\$9	\$(11)	\$20	
Building & Grounds Improvements					\$500	\$65	\$(435)	\$500	
Building-Memorial Garden					\$1500	\$1035	\$(465)	\$1500	
International Convention					\$100	\$ -	\$(100)	\$ -	
New Club Paraphernalia					\$500	\$488	\$(12)	\$500	
Postage Recovered					\$200	\$88	\$(112)	\$200	
Printing Recovered					\$100	\$48	\$(52)	\$100	
Sales –Award Banner Patches					\$150	\$235	\$86	\$235	
Sales - Other					\$1000	\$810	\$(190)	\$850	
Pins – Sales Income					\$75	\$2	\$(73)	\$5	
Uniforms – Sales Income					\$1500	\$311	\$(1189)	\$500	
Roster / C&A Sales					\$300	\$116	\$(184)	\$150	
Roster / C&A Advertising					\$800	\$525	\$(275)	\$800	

Bulletin Subscriptions				\$100	\$83	\$(17)	\$83	
Bulletin / AWeber Advertising				\$250	\$48	\$(202)	\$75	

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				2018-2019	Actual	Variance	2018-2019	
				Budget	12/31/2018		Budget	Notes
Lioness - Awards				\$225	\$120	\$(105)	\$175	
Lioness-Roster				\$195	\$153	\$(42)	\$165	
Miscellaneous Income				\$ -	\$1897	\$1897	\$1897	½ garbage fee
Fundraising – MD19 General Fund				\$10	\$ -	\$(10)	\$ -	& UBC refund
Exchange Income (information only)				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Interest Income				\$500	\$25	\$(475)	\$50	
Membership / Rebuilding Clubs				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total MD19 Other Income				\$47,410	\$8,984	\$(38,426)	\$52,892	
Total MD19 Income				\$256,248	\$119,358	\$(136,889)	\$261,730	
EXPENSE				2018-2019	Actual	Variance	2018-2019	
District Ops Accounts 1/31/18				Budget	12/31/2018		2nd ½	
District A	1135			\$1295	\$639	\$656	\$1295	
District B	806			\$875	\$530	\$345	\$868	
District C	1475			\$1619	\$756	\$863	\$1573	
District D	1246			\$1354	\$704	\$650	\$1432	
District E	1327			\$1464	\$809	\$655	\$1580	
District F	1296			\$1426	\$581	\$845	\$1445	
District G	1273			\$1429	\$713	\$716	\$1410	
District H	1570			\$1726	\$1018	\$708	\$1800	
District I	1227			\$1342	\$872	\$470	\$1331	
Total District Operations Account				\$12,530	\$6623	\$5907	\$12,530	
				2018-2019	Actual	Variance	2018-2019	
International Convention Forum / Director				Budget	12/31/2018		2nd ½	
Council Chairperson – Las Vegas				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Council Chairperson Elect (Seated VCC) Las Vegas				\$400	\$71	\$329	\$71	
Convention Chairperson - Las Vegas				\$400	\$400	\$ -	\$400	
Int'l Convention Exp. (Hosp. Rm) Las Vegas				\$500	\$500	\$ -	\$500	
VCC to USA / Canada Forum				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
VDG to USA / Canada Forum – Columbus, OH				\$1800	\$1500	\$300	\$1500	\$2700 max
Total Int'l Convention/Forum/Director				\$3100	\$2471	\$629	\$2471	
				2018-2019	Actual	Variance	2018-2019	
Capital Outlay				Budget	12/31/2018		2nd ½	
Major Capital Expense (i.e. roof replacement)				\$18,500	\$18,182	\$318	\$18,182	
Office Equipment				\$200	\$ -	\$200	\$200	
Copier Lease Konica & phone system				\$4515	\$2263	\$2252	\$4515	
Vehicle Purchase Contract (\$300 per month - \$9510.22 32 pay)				\$ -	\$900	\$(900)	\$2700	
Total Capital Outlay				\$23,215	\$21,345	\$1870	\$25,597	
				2018-2019	Actual	Variance	2018-2019	
MD19 Convention Expenses				Budget	12/31/2018		2nd ½	
Convention Reserve-MD19 (3%)				\$2500	\$2500	\$ -	\$2500	
MD19 Annual Convention				\$4000	\$982	\$ -	\$982	
Total MD19 Convention Expenses				\$6500	\$3482	\$3018	\$3482	
				2018-2019	Actual	Variance	2018-2019	
EXPENSE				Budget	12/31/2018		2nd ½	
MD19 General Operations				Budget	12/31/2018		2nd ½	
Potential Bad Debt (MD19 Dues)				\$500	\$117	\$383	\$500	
Credit Card Fees				\$200	\$146	\$54	\$200	
Accounting Compilation / Services				\$3500	\$3814	\$(314)	\$3814	
Bank Charges				\$300	\$104	\$196	\$300	
Memorial Garden Expense (Plants, Soil, etc.)				\$1000	\$536	\$465	\$7069	
Building & Grounds (Cleaning & Repairs)				\$1200	\$895	\$305	\$1200	
Bond – Employee (This appears to be covered in Commercial Policy)				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Business License / Non Profit Corporation				\$10	\$ -	\$10	\$10	
Maintenance – Auto				\$1400	\$29	\$1371	\$500	
Maintenance – Other Equipment (computer)				\$400	\$ -	\$400	\$400	
New Club Paraphernalia Expense- personalized gong & gavel				\$400	\$526	\$(126)	\$700	
Post Office Box Lease - Canada				\$80	\$61	\$19	\$61	
Postage				\$5000	\$2741	\$2260	\$4000	
Postage Supplies (Dymo Labels)				\$600	\$90	\$510	\$600	
Office Supplies				\$600	\$203	\$397	\$600	
Printing and Stationary Supplies				\$2000	\$688	\$1312	\$2000	

Printing Roster / Contests & Awards Books			\$4000	\$3863	\$137	\$3863
Purchases – Other Sales			\$1000	\$866	\$134	\$1000
Purchase Vest Rental Refund			\$100	\$80	\$20	\$100

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Purchases – Uniforms for Sale			\$800	\$366	\$434	\$800	
Computer Programs			\$800	\$727	\$73	\$727	
Exchange Expense			\$10,000	\$2578	\$7422	\$7000	
Utilities			\$6200	\$2606	\$3594	\$6200	
Total MD19 Operations – General			\$40,090	\$21,034	\$19,056	\$35,575	
			2018-2019 Budget	Actual 12/31/2018	Variance	2018-2019 2 nd ½	
Insurance – Auto/Building							
Auto Insurance			\$2200	\$677	\$1523	\$677	
Commercial Pkge Insurance (Bldg., Liability, Crime, Employee Dishonesty)			\$2475	\$2276	\$199	\$2276	
Total Insurance – Auto/Building			\$4675	\$2953	\$1722	\$2953	
			2018-2019 Budget	Actual 12/31/2018	Variance	2018-2019 2 nd ½	
Personnel-Calendar Year							
Bulletin Editor			\$1800	\$975	\$825	\$1800	
Medical Insurance – April 2018			\$12,875	\$5865	\$7010	\$12,875	
Payroll – Admin Assistant - \$14.00			\$29,232	\$14,714	\$14,518	\$29,232	
Payroll – Executive Secretary - \$20.00			\$41,600	\$20,800	\$20,800	\$41,600	
Payroll – Receptionist \$11.50	\$12.00		\$14,950	\$7410	\$7540	\$15,210	
SUI (Employ. Security 1.77% x \$44,000 max per employee)			\$1550	\$790	\$760	\$1555	
FICA Social Security 6.2% gross			\$5430	\$2722	\$2708	\$5446	
FUTA – Fed. Unemployment 0.006% x \$7k max			\$168	\$30	\$138	\$168	
Medicare – 1.45% gross			\$1270	\$637	\$633	\$1274	
L&I –SDI (Worker's Comp –L&I .1764 x reg hrs)			\$973	\$502	\$441	\$992	
FMLA			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$200	
Pension-Exec Sec. 6% or .06 of gross payroll (6/30/2018)			\$665	\$665	\$ -	\$665	
Pension-Admin Asst. 6% or .06 of gross Payroll (6/30/2018)			\$1650	\$1650	\$ -	\$1650	
Pension-Reception. 6% or .06 of gross payroll			\$803	\$ -	\$803	\$ -	
Total Personnel			\$112,133	\$56,760	\$55,373	\$112,667	
			2017-2018 Budget	Actual 1/31/2018	Variance	2 nd Half 2017-2018	
Taxes (non-personnel)							
Personal Property Tax			\$100	\$ -	\$100	\$100	
Building Property Tax			\$5500	\$2655	\$2845	\$5500	
Total Taxes (non-personnel)			\$5600	\$2655	\$2945	\$5600	
			2018-2019 Budget	Actual 12/31/2018	Variance	2018-2019 2 nd ½	
Support: Club, Zone and District							
1 st & 2 nd Vice Dist. Governors at District Cabinet Meetings (\$800 + \$800)			\$1600	\$389	\$1211	\$1600	
Awards & Trophies – Plaques, Banner Patches & Embroidery, Certificates			\$1000	\$840	\$160	\$1000	
MD19 Bulletin (Border Crossing): Expense of printing & AWeber			\$800	\$261	\$539	\$600	
Council Chairperson Expenses			\$4000	\$823	\$3177	\$3000	
1 st & 2 nd VDG's at MD19 Council Meetings			\$3500	\$2178	\$1322	\$3500	
Council Meeting – Fall @ Whistler, B.C. 2018			\$2200	\$2953	\$(753)	\$2680	
Council Meeting – Winter @ La Quinta, Tacoma, WA 2019			\$3000	\$266	\$2734	\$3000	
Council Meeting – Spring – Yakima, WA 2019			\$2600	\$ -	\$2600	\$2600	
District & Zone Officer Training Yakima, 2019			\$12,500	\$ -	\$12,500	\$12,500	
District & Zone Officer Training – Admin 2018			\$10,000	\$ -	\$10,000	\$10,000	
Executive Director Expense			\$5000	\$3232	\$1768	\$6000	
MD19 District Team Expense			\$2000	\$ -	\$2000	\$ -	
Membership / Rebuilding Programs			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Extension Chairperson 50%			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Club, Zone & District Support			\$48,200	\$10,942	\$37,258	\$47,480	
			2018-2019 Budget	Actual 12/31/2018	Variance	2018-2019 2 nd ½	
Telephone							
Telephone (Local, LD, Fax, Cell & Internet)			\$3500	\$1332	\$2168	\$3200	
Website			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Telephone & Website			\$3500	\$1332	\$2168	\$3200	
			2018-2019 Budget	Actual 12/31/2018	Variance	2018-2019 2 nd ½	
Zone Chairperson							
Zone Chairperson – Expenses			\$10,000	\$6154	\$3846	\$10,000	
Zone Chairperson – MD19 Annual Convention			\$6200	\$2754	\$3446	\$2754	

Total Zone Chairperson				\$16,200	\$8908	\$7292	\$12,754	

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				2018-2019	Actual	Variance	2018-2019	
Reserve				Budget	12/31/2018		2nd ½	
Payable to MD 19 Reserve				\$2088	\$1104	\$984	\$2088	
Payable to Building Reserve				\$2088	\$1104	\$984	\$2088	
Total Reserve				\$4176	\$2207	\$1969	\$4176	
Contingency				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total MD19 Expense				\$279,919	\$140,713	\$139,206	\$268,485	
Total MD19 Expense Budget				\$279,919	\$140,713	\$139,206	\$268,485	
Total MD19 Income Budget				\$256,248	\$119,358	\$(136,889)	\$261,730	
Net Income / (Loss)				\$(23,672)	\$(21,354)	\$ -	\$(6,755)"	

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Mark Mansell, 19-G and seconded by District Governor Lyndon Harriman, 19-E to accept the MD19 Budget for the second half of the 2018-2019 Lions year. Motion passed.

Council Chairperson John Kirry spoke to the necessity of a dues increase. It was recommended that the Budget & Finance Chairperson, PDG Brien Patton and the Executive Director, Peter Anderson provide talking points for the dues increase proposal for each District Governor to take back to their districts to support the dues increase for MD19.

MOTION: A motion was made by CC John Kirry and seconded by District Governor Sharon Sikes, 19-C: WHEREAS... MD19 has lost over 3600 members since 2002, and WHEREAS... this loss has had a direct negative impact on income to the MD19 operational budget, and WHEREAS...MD19 dues have not been increased since 2013, and ongoing efforts have been made year over year to cut expenses in all areas possible, and WHEREAS ...increased personnel costs from state mandated minimum wage and benefits laws will put a significant future burden on the MD19 operational budget, and WHEREAS... any dues increase must, per the MD19 Constitution and Bylaws, be voted upon by the full membership at the next MD Annual Convention in Wenatchee in October, 2019.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the COG recommend action considering an increase of MD19 dues to \$25, with a biennial increase of \$1, to be revaluated in 2026, and BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the MD19 Executive Director, working with the finance Committee shall, by the end of February, 2019, create an information packet to go to COG members so that they may fully explain this proposed increase to their constituent District members in a timely manner, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MD19 COG shall schedule a "Pass/No Pass" vote recommendation at the June, 2019 COG Meeting in Yakima, with final vote by the MD19 membership at the Annual Convention in Wenatchee, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such passed dues increase would be effective January 1, 2020 and billed as such to clubs. Thereafter, the biennial increase will commence effective July 1, 2022 and will be billed as such to clubs.

The motion was passed unanimously.

POLICY MANUAL REPORT by PCC Jim Kemp, Chairperson (Oral Report):

The Committee is waiting until the Constitution & By-Laws Committee has finished with their changes that will align our Constitution with Lions Clubs International, while retaining items that are particular to Multiple District 19 before we make the necessary changes to the Policy Manual.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS REPORT by PCC Larrie Taylor, Chairperson:

1. "There have been no requests submitted for amendments to the existing documents, since the last Council of Governors' meeting.
2. The Ad Hoc committee struck by Council Chairperson to undertake a comprehensive review of the Constitution and Bylaws is progressing and will have a proposal ready for the Spring Council meeting."

Meeting Recessed at 9:53 AM
Meeting Resumed at 10:12 AM

Council Chairperson John Kirry and PDG David Walk (GMTC) showed videos promoting the Gig Harbor Lions Club, C-1 and the "Lions Journey" to highlight making videos to promote one's club to their community. CC John would like to have a "Film Festival" at the 2019 Annual Convention in Wenatchee, WA with clubs showing their videos.

CONTESTS AND AWARDS REPORT by PDG Janet Rinehart, Chairperson:

"With the Contests and Awards changes that took effect this year, the 5-Minute Achievement speech (Highlighting One Current Year's Club Project) will be the only 'live' contest held at the multiple district level. There will be a talent show; participants will not be judged.

Club Secretary Excellence Award: I am asking this Council to approve adding the phrase "or" on the Club Visitation Form ..." (as shown in red) to the Club Secretary Excellence Award Rules. This is in Section 3: Zone, District and Multiple District Meetings:

- A. He/she shall attend at least 2 out of 3 Zone/District Governor Advisory Meetings for his/her Zone and be represented by a member of his/her club if absent from the 3rd. 20 points for each Zone Meeting (MAX 3) based on the Zone Chairperson's Zone Meeting Report Form supplied by the MD19 Office **or on the Club Visitation Form submitted by the Club.** (Max) **60**

Zone chairpersons do not always submit a zone meeting report as they are expected to do which means not all secretaries received the points to which they are entitled. However, with this addition, the rules posted on-line will be consistent with what secretaries are told during their training session; and, furthermore, everyone will have access to the same information."

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Wanda Carisse, 19-D and seconded by District Governor Sharon Sikes, 19-C to add the recommended changes to the MD19 Secretary Award Rules, Number 3, letter A. Motion carried.

Club Treasurer Excellence Award Rules. I have attached the rules / points for a Club Treasurer Excellence Award as proposed by 1st VDG Stephen Staudinger (19-G). This was first brought to the Council at the last COG meeting and has since been revised. Please note the phrase, 'and/or on the Club Visitation Form submitted by the Club Secretary' has been included in paragraph 2.C. Rules for a Treasurer of the Year Award are also attached. It is recommended that the Council of Governors approve the Club Treasurer Excellence Awards as presented.

CLUB TREASURER EXCELLENCE AWARD RULES

To all Lions Club Treasurers who qualify for this honor, Multiple District 19 presents a Treasurer Excellence Award at the Annual Convention following their term of office. This Award shall be given by the Contests & Awards Committee based on the statistical record of the MD19 Office for the period of July 1 to June 30. A Charter Treasurer of a club is eligible to receive this Award if the Club's Charter Night is held prior to October 1, and a minimum of 290 points is earned. Questions concerning the decision of the Committee must be sent in writing to the MD19 Contests & Awards Chairperson by December 31, of the year in which the Secretary's term of office is completed.

TO QUALIFY FOR THIS AWARD, A MINIMUM OF 290 POINTS MUST BE EARNED FROM THE FOLLOWING:

POINTS

- 1. The Treasurer shall have served faithfully and diligently, for a minimum of six (6) months, during his/her term of office as attested to by the Club President.

2. ZONE, DISTRICT AND MULTIPLE DISTRICT MEETINGS(115 points)

- A. He/she shall attend his/her District Conference during his/her term of office. **(25 points)**
- B. He/she shall attend the MD19 Annual Convention during his/her term of office. **(25 points)**
- C. He/She shall attend a treasurer training session at the zone or district level. Attendance at the meeting will be reported on the Leadership Training Form and/or the Club Visitation form. If the training session was not held by the preceding Zone Chairperson, or by the District, the current Zone Chairperson, or the District,

may hold a training session by September 30th. A treasurer may attend and receive these points. **(50 points)**

D. He/she shall attend his/her club planning session during his/her term of office. **(15 points)**

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3. GOOD FINANCIAL STANDING (50 points)

A. His/her club shall be in good financial standing with the Multiple District as of July 1st. **(25 points)**.

B. Semi-annual MD19 dues paid in or before September and March. **(25 points)**

4. TIMELY FILING TAX RETURNS (50 points)

Timely file the required annual IRS tax return for the previous fiscal year. If there is no requirement in the club's jurisdiction for filing a tax return, points are automatically awarded.

5. ANNUAL BUDGET PRESENTED AND APPROVED BY THE CLUBS BOARD OF DIRECTORS (50 points)

By September 30 of the current physical year present and have approved a budget for the club and its foundation if applicable.

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS PRESENTED TO THE CLUBS BOARD OF DIRECTORS..... (max 60 points)

Present a monthly report of the financial activities to the board of directors. **(5 points per report per month)**

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 325

All Club Treasurers who earn the required number of points through the above criteria must submit a Club Treasurer Form to the Multiple District 19 Office postmarked by July 31st of the following Lions year. The form is required to be signed by the Club President and Club Secretary. **The Multiple District 19 Office will email out this form to all Lions Club Secretaries in March.**

TREASURER OF THE YEAR AWARD RULES

The selection of the Treasurer to receive this Award shall be made by the Contests and Awards Committee from the records of the Multiple District 19 Office through June 30. The Award will be given at the Annual Convention.

1. Qualified for the Treasurer Excellence Award;
2. Attended both the District Spring Conference and MD19 Annual Convention during his/her year in Office

IN CASE OF A TIE

All individuals will share the award as co-winners."

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Sharon Sikes, 19-C and seconded by District Governor Gord Graves, 19-H to accept the recommended addition to the MD19 Contests and Awards, the Club Treasurer and Treasurer of the Year Award Rules. Motion passed

PDG Janet Rinehart announced the winner of the 2019 MD19 Peace Poster contest (2018-19 Theme: Kindness Matters) – District 19-B sixth grader Isabella Tolen, 11 years old from North Lake Middle School. She was sponsored by the Lake Stevens Lions Club, B-6. Her quote: *"You can't choose to do peace and kindness in your dreams; you have to act on it in reality."*

EVALUATION TEAM REPORT by PDG Rosemary Richert, Chairperson:

"The MD19 Evaluation Team currently consists of CC John Kirry, 2nd year member PDG Paul Kauzlarich, and PDG Rosemary Richert as 3rd year member and Chairperson. The 1st year position is vacant due to resignation and presents a tremendous challenge to fill. [Please, see later in report.] Our job includes liaising with the MD19 Executive Secretary Treasurer, observing job practices, and providing an annual performance review, among others.

The Evaluation Team has had consistent and extensive interaction with Executive Secretary Treasurer Peter during the 2018-2019 Lions' year ~ in-person, by phone, and through emails. In conjunction with him, we have developed a new job description as is the Evaluation Team's responsibility, when necessary. Included in that job description is a new job title – that of **Executive Director**. This is a title change only and does not indicate

nor intimate a change in salary. It simply reflects a contemporary status within the employment community. The Evaluation Team would appreciate the Council of Governors' confirmation of this title.

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Another Team responsibility is to annually survey the Council of Governors' members regarding their interactions with and observations of the seated Executive Secretary Treasurer. Traditionally, this has been done via a paper survey. Far fewer responses than requested have been received over the years. This year, with CC John Kirry's approval, we held an oral survey which included telephone calls with all council members and standing committee chairpersons. Of those queried seven respondents indicated having had brief interactions with the EST, nine indicated a moderate number of interactions with Peter, and 12 indicated extensive interactions with him during the year. I am pleased to report that EST Peter received an overall positive review.

The Evaluation Team requests that the Council of Governor's seriously review the current criteria under which Standing Committee members are required to be chosen. Those requirements currently make it nearly impossible to fill committee positions with qualified people due to the numbers of years needed as having been Lions and the number of positions necessary to have been held on other certain committees. An immediate need for change exists. Currently, to the best of our knowledge no other qualified person exists for this year's 1st-year Evaluation Team position. Soon, a person must be nominated for next year's 1st-year position. That means there are two vacancies to be filled, and few if any qualified candidates available. The positions on this Team are critical to providing continual oversight of the functioning legal business side of Multiple District 19. We implore the seated Council of Governors to make the necessary changes in committee member policies, before the end of the 2018-2019 year, in order to maintain continuity in the MD19 Evaluation process.

Additionally, I have observed over the last three years on the Evaluation Team that a considerable number of council members have never visited the MD19 office. Therefore, they have very little knowledge of what really goes on there, or the value of the office and staff to the Lions of Multiple District 19. I strongly suggest that some sort of COG gathering take place in Bellingham, bi-annually, so that each Council member can experience visiting the site that its decision-making represents.

Thank you for the opportunity of serving as MD19 Evaluation Team Chairperson."

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Wanda Carisse, 19-D and seconded by District Governor Mark Mansell, 19-G to accept the new job title of **Executive Director** for the EST, as well as the job description. Motion passed.

Updated changes are found in the MD19 Employee Handbook kept at the MD19 Office.

"The Evaluation Committee is proposing the following changes be made to the MD19 Policy Manual, Chapter X (ten), Letter C, Number 2: Make-Up of the Evaluation Team:

- a. A Lion member for at least ten (10) years, **with at least 5 (five) of them in Multiple District 19.**
- b. A Past District Governor
- c. **If at all possible**, served as a three-year member of one of the following Multiple District 19 Committees: Extension, Leadership, Membership, Public Relations, Budget & Finance, Contests & Awards, Constitution & By-Laws, Strategic Planning, or Policy Manual.
- d. **If at all possible, have had experience in personal supervision / evaluation."**

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Wanda Carisse, 19-D and seconded by District Governor Lyndon Harriman, 19-E to refer the proposed changes to the MD19 Policy Manual, Chapter X (ten), Number 2: Make-up of the Evaluation Team to both the Constitution & By-Laws and the Policy Manual Committees for inclusion with their current document revisions. Motion accepted.

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION REPORT by PID Don Shove, Chairperson:

Global Services

- LCIF Impact
- a. Lions Quest
 - b. Vision
 - c. Youth
 - d. Disaster

Global Causes

- Diabetes
Vision
Hunger
Environment
Childhood Cancer

- e. Humanitarian Causes
- f. Fight Diabetes
- g. Childhood Hunger

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- h. Environment

There's a world in need. Fortunately, Lions are here to SERVE."

District Governors Mark Mansell, 19-G; Sharon Sikes, 19-C and David Heath, 19-F shared a special and fun event that happened in their districts.

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM REPORTS

LEADERSHIP (GLT) REPORT by PDG Wanda Carisse, Coordinator (Oral Report):

We've had several Leadership Development Programs with several more to come. The most current one was in 19-H and it was quite successful and there is one scheduled for March in 19-D. Along with PDG Brian Phillips, who is the Leadership Development Coordinator we will be re-evaluating the program and making any necessary changes to make it even better.

PCC Al Beddows, who is not here, is our Training Chairperson and we are looking at the training material for the school and looking at different ideas, such as having sessions where you are broken into districts with your zone chairpersons, doing the session together; a bit of team building and not necessarily in groups, such as having all the VDG's together, etc.

FACILITATOR DEVELOPMENT TRAINING REPORT by PCC Hal Palmer, Chairperson (Oral Report):

I just returned two weeks ago from the Faculty Development Institute, in Reno, NV, where 40 of us were trained. This program has been totally revamped. The purpose behind the institute was to train people to do Lions Clubs International events only. However, I came out of the Institute with some ideas that we could incorporate here in MD19. There are 20 minute versions of our 90 minute seminars with power points and instructor guides and what I would like to do is to train people in each one of your districts. Please contact me so we can get this started.

What will that do for you in the future? Well, that will make you eligible for the Faculty Development Institute. And, as you well know, we call it Facilitator Development here in MD19, but that is what I'd like to do here – develop facilitators. So, governors, talk to your conference chairperson. I have programs and I will travel.

MEMBERSHIP (GMT) REPORT by PDG David Walk, Coordinator (Oral Report):

So, as a soldier, we focus on the mission. Military people do that. I see our mission at this point, not so much all the things that we could put into an email or in a power point or in a video. But the most important thing we can do is to get new people. Without new people, all the rest of it is silly. Hence, the GAT Initiative.

Please get on board with this. Let us together make a lot of new clubs. Otherwise this meeting will be like a memorial service and I don't want that.

SERVICE (GST) REPORT by PDG Crystal Walk, Coordinator (Oral Report):

You know that not of us would be here unless we wanted to service, right? One of my favorite things to do when I go to clubs is, I ask a member why it was they joined their Lions Club. And I've never had someone say, "So I could go to a meeting..." They always mention service as that is what we are all about.

Reporting our services is important. There are many reasons why reporting them are important but a couple of them do stand out for me. It attracts partners for big money – that's a good reason to report our service. Another is that it attracts new members to our own clubs. And it also attracts new members who want to become a new club on their own.

The Club Service Chairperson is a new LCI position. Please have your clubs put that person into their MyLCI Club Officer Report. That will help the secretary, who have been responsible for reporting services. However, the services have not been reported very efficiently. A great number of clubs haven't been reporting any. So, this position will help lift the 'burden' from those secretaries. So, please clubs do that – get a Club Service Chairperson.

The District Service Coordinators are also an LCI position. District Governors, if you don't have a district coordinator for service, please get one.

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The Lions of MD19 are awesome! We've had 285,905 Lion hours of service so far this year. That's a lot of service. 348 clubs have reported activities and that's wonderful. Only 62 clubs have not reported any activity. I say only, but if 62 clubs have not reported any activities do you think that there are 62 clubs out not doing anything? No. They just didn't report it. So we are working on getting all clubs to report their activities. We do have the one newly formed club that chartered yesterday. They had 22 members but will go up when they have their next meeting on Thursday.

We Serve is not just our motto: Service is the key to everything. We are a team – Leadership, Membership and Service, but if there were no service, we wouldn't need the others right? Meaningful service retains membership. Meaningful service increases membership and meaningful service increases leadership opportunities. But most importantly, meaningful service improves our world and the lives of all of us who live here.

District Governors Mike Dukes, 19-I; Wayne Atkinson, 19-D and Kenneth Liu, 19-A shared a special and fun event that happened in their districts.

OLD BUSINESS

LEO REPRESENTATION

It has been determined that districts with both US and Canadian Leo Clubs may have a representative for each country but that Lions Clubs International will only recognize one. For the purpose of signing Leo Awards, the 'non-recognized' Leo Chairperson can sign the nominations but it has to be sent with a letter from the sitting District Governor stating the signature is valid as well as the award nomination form.

2019 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – MILAN, ITALY by PZC George Sim, Chairperson:

As you know, when we get into the plenary sessions in Milan, it's usually difficult to find our group. Peter and I will be in Milan a little bit earlier and we will have seats designated for our group and that will be sectioned off for MD19. As of last week there are only 30 people registered to attend the International Convention. But that doesn't include the incoming District Governors, which could be another 15. I am hoping that we get a lot more people attending.

When we get into the convention center and the sessions you'll be able to see this large MD19 standing banner and so will be a focal point to where we are located. The designated hotel for MD19 is the Sheraton Hotel and we'll have a suite there for the hospitality room, starting on the 5th, running through the 7th or more likely, for four days. I do have some agendas if anyone is interested. There is not a lot of information yet on the LCI website but the agenda of events is there. I was told that will be adding more information as time goes on. I have not been sent much from but I've been told that it will be coming soon and when it does we will share it with everyone.



There was also the presentation of the official MD19 Uniform for Milan – a Neon Raspberry Pink polo shirt that will be worn with khaki pants and comfortable shoes. There is anticipation that a group will be formed to assist in determining what the 'official' MD19 uniform will be each year.

Also a reminder that trading pins representing MD19 (Pin Traders Association) were available from PID Don Shove and 1st VDG Stephen Staudinger. Cost: \$1.50 for the small pin and \$2.00 for the larger pin.

NEW BUSINESS

2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Penticton Lions Club, D-9 have put forth a bid to host the 2020 Annual Convention:

“Good Morning, Peter.

At our Jan 24th Lions meeting, we passed the following motions with respect to being the Host Club for the 2020 MD19 Annual Convention.

After Lion Bob's presentation, discussion and questions it was moved/seconded by Lions Rick Harker and Gus Bayon, that the Penticton Lions Club endorse the submission of the MD19 Annual Convention Host Club Application to host the Annual Convention in October, 2020; carried.

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It was moved and seconded by Lion Dave Ellis and Rick Harker that the club propose 'Lions Have 20/20 ... Endless Vision for Providing Service', as the convention theme; carried.

I believe I have all the other information I need to complete the Host Club Application but that would depend on which proposal ... the Lakeside Hotel or the Penticton Trade & Convention Centre proposal is chosen for the convention.

I would like to talk to you again about the next steps and timing regarding the approval process. By the way, I have been asked, and have agreed, to manage the Registration desk at the upcoming District Conference in Penticton in April, 2019. More experience for me and Penticton club members."

Additional Information:

Bob Elliot and Rick Harker, from the Penticton Lions Club will be the Convention Co-chairpersons. The Annual Convention would be held October 15-17, 2020 at the Penticton Lakeside and Resort Conference Centre. Hotel room rates will be \$128-141 (CDN) for standard rooms, lakeside or street side. There will be a \$10 parking fee.

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Wanda Carisse, 19-D and seconded by District Governor Wayne Atkinson, 19-D to accept the Penticton Lions Club (D-9) bid to host the 2020 Annual Convention. Motion carried.

FAMILY & WOMEN'S SPECIALIST APPOINTMENT

Darling McInturff's name has been brought forth to fill this position on the MD19 District Support Team. She is from 19-F. She will finish out the 2017-2020 term.

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Sharon Sikes, 19-C and seconded by District Governor David Heath, 19-F to accept the appointment of Darling McInturff (19-F) as the MD19 Global Family & Women's Specialist. Motion approved.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Memorial Garden Clean Up	April 20, May 18, June 15	MD19 Office
NW Lions Leadership Institute	April 26-28, 2019	MD36, Quality Suites, Keizer, OR
2019 Spring Council Meeting	June 12-13, 2019	Howard Johnson, Yakima, WA
2019 Dist. & Zone Officer School	June 13-15, 2019	Howard Johnson, Yakima, WA
LCICon	July 4-9, 2019	Milan, Italy
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum	September 19-21, 2019	Spokane, WA
MD19 Annual Convention	October 17-19, 2019	Wenatchee, WA

Meeting Adjourned at 12:25 PM