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Leadership Corner

By Debbie Bostock, MD19 GLT

Leadership - What is it? "It is the ability of an individual or a group of people to influence and guide followers or members of a society, organization or a team." Leaders set direction and help themselves and others to do the right thing to move forward. To do this a leader creates an inspiring vision, then motivates and inspires others to achieve it. In other words, It is the accomplishment of a goal through the efforts of the team. One person cannot do it alone, you need to include other Lions to make it all work.

The team I am part of is the Multiple District Global Action Team (GAT). I am the Leadership Chairperson. We work as a team, as we believe that to accomplish even the smallest goal requires team effort. As such we have an opportunity for our District Governors and 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, MD19 GAT team, the District GAT teams and District Marketing (PR) directors, to come together on October 18th 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM in Chilliwack, BC at the Chilliwack Mt. Cheam Lions Clubhouse, 9233 Main Street.

In whatever capacity you find yourself in as a leader, know that there is so much support out there in educational opportunities. Below are some of the Zoom opportunities coming up in October.

Zone Chairperson:

- How to Rebuild/Reactivate your clubs 1 October
- The New Lion Portal for Club Presidents and Secretaries 2 October
- The New Lion Portal for Club Members 7 October
- Duties and Responsibilities of the Club Board of Directors 8 October
- New Member Orientation 21 October
- The Care and Feeding of New Lions 29 October

This schedule is always posted at the MD-19 website, LionsMD19.org on the home page left side box titled 'The MD19 Training Schedule'. The permanent training link is also posted there.

Link to More Information

Explore How LCIF Grants Can Help You Serve
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-toolkit>

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
<https://members.lionsforum.org/>

CARE Program
https://youtu.be/Md8S_XSXIw

Wondering about the future? Look here
<https://lionsmd19.org/calendar.php>

Lions Quest Canada
<https://www.lionsquest.ca/>

Lions Camp Horizon
<https://lionscamphorizon.org>

Lions Member Resource Center
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center>

Lions Virtual Events Center
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/virtual-events-center>

Lions International Calendar
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/lions-events-calendar>

MD19 Calendar
<https://lionsmd19.org/calendar.php>

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MD19 Council Chairperson

Patty Allen-White

Happy Thanksgiving (October & November) MD19 Lions Family!

Memories

As I was sorting some papers this week trying to decide what to keep and what to recycle, I noticed a note written in my mom's handwriting to my dad. My mom has been gone for more than 10 years so it was kind of cool to see her beautiful handwriting again. The note was written above a typed article by long-time Bellingham-Central Lions Club Bulletin Editor Ed Brown. My dad and Ed were in the same Lions Club and they loved swapping war stories about WWII. They were fellow Lions and they were buddies. The article was a poem that my mom wanted Dad to use in the MD19 Bulletin that he compiled each month as the MD19 Executive Secretary. I was immediately engulfed in a thousand different memories of these three people and the impact they had had on my life as a young person. We'll get back to this in a minute.



"Celebrate! Celebrate! Dance to the Music!"

As your Council Chairperson, I get invited to lots of fun events like club birthday parties which we officially call Charter Anniversary Parties. Some of these clubs have been serving their communities for a good many years. We celebrated 85 years in Creston B.C., 75 years in Lake Stevens, WA and Penticton, B.C., 45 years with Ok Falls., B.C and Oliver, B.C., and 30 years with the Richmond-Chinatown Lions. Birthday parties always have delicious food and cake!!! Sometimes even ice cream, which makes Rock, my husband, very happy. But the best part, of course, is the presents. At every single Charter Anniversary Party, there was a presentation (present) or two to Lions members in recognition of their unselfish and generous efforts to help people in need in their communities through the Lions. It just made me proud to be a member of this Lions Family. What a heritage!

At the same time, I have visited some meetings that have overwhelmed me with **the great need we have for officer and general Lions education**. There are excellent programs within our organization that help us reach out to people to invite them to become Lions like "Just Ask" and Lions International (LCI) has meaningful **induction ceremonies** to induct new members into our Lions Family once they have joined. There are also follow up programs to **educate these new Lions** about our organization. Those programs are usually referred to as **orientations**. There are PowerPoints on the LCI portal that can be downloaded and personalized for individual Lions to use in their club's own orientation or education sessions.

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Why I joined Lions...

By 19-N DG Leslie Chasse

Why I joined Lions, and why I remain a Lion.

For most of my life I had never a thought about Lionism. Then about 14 or 15 years ago my sister asked if I would help out during the Camas Lions July 4th Barbeque and beer garden at the marina.



Two or three years she did this, and eventually she asked if I'd like to attend the Camas Christmas Party at Camp Currie, and I had a ball. From the first moment I showed up to help I felt welcomed and part of the group, as if I had always been there.

Very soon I realized that these people were much like me in their beliefs and values. Nobody goes into being a Lion thinking, what's in it for me? We're all here for selfless service to our community. So, on July 1 at Brad Buhman's farm I was inducted by PDG Kathy Crawford.

I'm doing visitations now and I can see first hand how all of our clubs have the same mission, that though we are all very much individual clubs with our own personalities, we are also at the core all the same. And that makes us all feel like family.

I have always had a desire to feel a part of my community, a desire to give to it, to serve. Lions Clubs have proven to be exactly what I had always been looking for, and I expect many more years, as a Lion!

NEW, NEW, NEW!

MD19 Annual Convention...PLAN TO BE THERE!

The MD19 Annual Convention will be held in Chilliwack, B.C. May 16-17, 2025.

There will be new training for Zone Chairs, Vice District Governors and District Governors as well as members of the GAT immediately preceding the Convention. The theme for our Convention, Even With a Moving Target Lions Hit their Mark (Creating a Culture of Growth).

Join us at the COAST Chilliwack Hotel, 45920 First Avenue, Chilliwack BC and watch out for the details to come!

Take Action!

By PDG Kathy Crawford, MD19 Marketing Chairperson

We are now in the 4th month of our Lions' year. Are you still spinning your wheels trying to come up with the perfect plan to market your club, gain new members, or promote your next fundraiser?

STOP! It's time to stop thinking and start executing.

You have the tools you need to get the job done. If they are not in your hands right now, reach out to your fellow Lions. Your district cabinet members are just waiting to hear from you (think marketing, membership, service, leadership). Your zone chairperson or your district governor team will be happy to help you. [Lionsclubs.org](https://lionsclubs.org), [LionsMD19.org](https://lionsmd19.org), your district website, Facebook, and Instagram are just some of the places to find the resources you need.

I challenge you to complete a plan this week to meet a marketing goal. Will it be perfect? Probably not. So go back and tweak your plan. And keep moving forward.

If your club doesn't have a marketing chairperson, find that member who shows interest and ask them to take on the position. Get a couple of enthusiastic Lions to work with the chairperson.

If you can't find what you need, feel free to contact me. If I don't have the answer, I know people who do.



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If you need some help getting started, give this a try: [LCI_MarketingPlanner_en.pdf](#)

I suffer from analysis paralysis, so I know it can be hard to take that first step. I know that things work better when I stop worrying about making it perfect and just **TAKE ACTION!**

MD19 Lions CARE

MD19 Lions 2024-2025 CARE Project in Honduras:

Deforestation and related environmental degradation play a major role in climate-related stresses including flooding, contamination of water, heat waves and droughts – all of which pose a threat to the livelihoods of rural agricultural areas and are driving high rates of migration.

One such area is Northern Honduras, including the departments of Cortés, Santa Bárbara and Yoro, where small-scale farming families face extremely high rates of poverty, limited economic opportunity and gender inequality. Marginalized populations like women, small farmers, micro-entrepreneurs, and their families face enormous barriers to improving their livelihoods, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing economic crisis – and particularly by climate change and related natural disasters. CARE proposes to partner with MD19 Lions to **construct biodigesters to produce natural fuel.**

Our objective is to reduce the use of firewood in kitchens, helping address deforestation and contamination of water sources, and protecting the health of the population and the ecosystem. In addition, products such as organic fertilizers will be obtained.

Earn a CARE Banner Patch

When every Member in a Club contributes \$5.00 or more (US or Canadian) the Club is presented with a CARE Banner patch.



Donate and give an MD19 Lions Gordon F. Smith CARE Fellowship

PDG Gordon F. Smith, MD19 Executive Secretary-Treasurer for over 25 years, supported the far-reaching Lions-CARE partnership.

Donate \$500.00 US or Canadian Funds in one year's time and present a beautiful pin and certificate to a Lion or non-Lion. Call or email the MD19 Lions Office today.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 19 DIABETES CHAIR



Trying to get our clubs involved and motivated and thinking about Diabetes is a challenge, sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't. As your MD Diabetes Chair, I hope to help you bring awareness to your clubs and communities about Diabetes. In doing so, let's take care of ourselves first! For the past three years the former District I and the new District L have worked at the "fitness" approach. I initiated a "Step Challenge" to all clubs. This was going along with my theme when I was District Governor "Step Up to the Plate", I asked clubs to join in and step up for Diabetes.

Step Challenge

So to continue along this theme, I am challenging each of the five districts to participate in this step challenge. This year I would ask that each walker donate a participation fee of \$5.00 which will go toward sending a child to camp in either US or CA. All monies donated will be split by where the majority of the clubs are located and sent to either the American Diabetes Assoc. or Diabetes Canada.

How it will work

This will be a 30 week challenge with the winning District announced at the MD convention in May.

Each District will need a coordinator who will receive the total steps from each club in their District and forward to me each Monday of the 30 week challenge.

So tune up your Fitbit, I watch, pedometer and/or apps on your phones, get ready we are about to start!

Start to walk on **Monday October 7, 2024** (all weekly steps are from Monday to Sunday) report your steps to your club or District Coordinator, or even straight to me on the following Monday October 14. You will continue on like this for 30 weeks, I will send your coordinators, or clubs or whomever is designated encouraging words to share with you. I will send reports to the Border Crossing and District Governors to be shared of each District is doing. Last day walking **Sunday May 4, 2025** reporting to me on Monday May 5, 2025. The winning District announced at the MD19 Convention on May 17, 2025.

What the winning District will receive, BRAGGING RIGHTS. Yes, for one whole year the clubs in this District can brag that they are the fittest District in our Multiple District. Plus all those who participated will feel that much better for getting out for a small walk each day!

PDG Georgia Medwedrich
Multiple District 19 Diabetes Chair
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Council Chairperson - continued

Lions, be on the lookout for opportunities to attend educational sessions on these programs – Just Ask, Inductions and Orientations. Search the new LCI portal for information and check out the MD19 website.

The District **GAT (Global Action Team)** and Multiple District GAT are meeting October 18th just prior to the Council Meeting October 19th in Chilliwack, BC. These Lions are on the move to help your clubs get bigger and stronger. We are family. We are a team. We will work together to help each other. Our world needs the Lions. The Net 2 growth goal for each of our clubs depends on each of you to make it happen. **Net 2 Depends Upon You!**

Now, back to that poem that my mom gave to my dad with this note, "Gordon, this is good! It's written by Ed Brown". The work we do for our communities is important, but so is the 'family' atmosphere we create in our clubs.

Pressures heavy, face downcast
The day is long, you'll never last
It's time for Lions, with dragging feet
You fight your way on up the street

It's through the doors and up the stairs
Your mind is filled with world affairs.
Then through it all, there breaks a light
The greeter's smile, a handshake tight.

Friendly voices hail 'cross the room,
You feel alive, there's no more gloom.
Friendly insults, a joke or two;
A man feels wanted, what's more it's you!

A rousing meeting filled with laughter
We've come to seek, found what we're after.
A common purpose, a common end
To help the needy, the sick, a friend.

With quickened step, a lightened heart
We sally forth to do our part,
And, Fellow Lions, lest we forget,
The more you do, the more you get.

Lions is as much for its members as it is for those outside the club in the community. There is a need in all of us to belong. To belong to a group that sees you and knows you. Let's make our clubs like that. Let's each do our part to make our club into a family, a team. This is important. Be intentional to see your fellow Lions; notice when they're there and when they're not there. **As Sister Sledge sang, "We Are Family"**

IRS 990 Annual Tax Filing Reminder

Taken from Legal Division, Lions Clubs International - [Click for link](#)

Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts with annual gross receipts less than US\$50,000 that are not required to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as the 990-N). Please be advised this filing relates specifically to the 501(c)(4). If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.

Please review the Annual Tax Filing information below. Thank you!

[Annual Tax Filing Information](#)

Please note that Lions Clubs International is not authorized to provide guidance regarding your filing. For specific questions, please contact a local tax professional or the IRS.

From the Desk of our Vice Council Chairperson

By VCC Steve Brooks

Effective leadership is the key of Lions' service to our communities. Imagine volunteering for your club's pancake breakfast and somebody forgot to buy paper plates. After the initial panic has set in, someone will make a fast trip to the store to purchase paper plates. The person that made a decision to send someone to go get plates became an effective leader at that moment. We all can become effective leaders should the occasion arise. There will be plenty of opportunities to look back and see where improvements can be made.

With school back in session, many of our clubs are engaging in vision screening in our communities. I know all of our vision chairpersons spend many hours organizing, planning, and working on vision screening. Asking neighboring clubs to help can be a great opportunity to form new bonds while working for a common cause. Several clubs are using high school seniors to help with traffic flow of the kids coming to and from the classroom for vision screening. This provides these seniors with volunteer hours needed for graduation while giving them opportunities to see what Lions are about. Lion members benefit by helping to mentor younger people along with learning from our future leaders.

At the beginning of September, I had the opportunity to attend this year's USA/Canada Forum in Louisville, Kentucky. There were lots of panels and learning sessions to attend whether you are a seasoned Lion, a new Lion, or a Leo. It was encouraging to see many attendees from MD19 at the forum with several either presenting or moderating sessions. I would encourage every Lion or Leo to consider attending a USA/Canada Forum. Next year's forum will be September 18-20, 2025 in Atlantic City, NJ.

One panel that I attended was about bridging the generation gap where many examples of making service fun for all ages were presented. One of the key points was empowering newer members of our clubs to take on leadership roles on either new or existing projects with an older member acting as a mentor. Perhaps the new leader does not do things the way they have been done in the past, but change is good for an organization to grow. The most important part is to let new leaders take the responsibility of leading meaningful service for the club. Work with these new members on ways to improve or change going forward.

Improvements to the Lion Portal are continuously being rolled out by Lions International. From personal experience I can say that calling the support line they are responsive. Yes, they do get backlogged with calls, I personally have found it best not to call on a Monday morning as they are fielding calls from everyone on that day. Within the Lion Portal are links to all sorts of trainings on leadership, whether you are a club member or an officer. These training opportunities consist of Power Point presentations with a short quiz at the end. The nice thing is it allows the person to start and stop the sections to learn at their own pace. I would encourage each member to register for a portal account with your email as your login.

On October 18, 2024 we are having a gathering of our district and multiple district Global Action Team (GAT) members in Chilliwack, BC. Also attending will be the District Governors and 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors. GAT consists of Leadership, Membership, Extension (building new clubs), and Public Relations. This will be an opportunity to assist the districts in achieving their goals for this year. If anyone is interested in working in any of these areas within your district, please reach out to your district governor.

NOTIFICATION FOR HIGHER OFFICE

Candidates for Higher Office at the Zone & District level: Your letter of intent and your club's (Zone) letter of endorsement must be received by the MD19 Office, the District Governor, and your Zone Chairperson on or before December 31st. This is a Constitutional requirement!

Any Candidate for MD19 Vice Council Chairperson: Your letter of Intent, your Club's and Zone's Letter of Endorsement must be received by the MD19 Office, the District Governor, and the Vice District Governor on or before December 31st. Your district cabinet will also need to approve your endorsement. This is a Constitutional requirement!

Even if you are currently holding an office where you would normally advance to a higher position you will still need to fulfill these requirements.

VISITATION "Just Two a Month!" AWARD RULES

This contest will encourage Lions Clubs in MD19 to:

- Visit other Lions clubs within MD19 more often.
- Achieve a minimum number of visitations in a Lions year.
- Recognize Lions Clubs which achieve the minimum number of visitations.

With the catch phrase, "Just Two a Month", clubs are made aware that they only need to do an AVERAGE of two visitations per month (not including the summer) to earn this banner patch.

The Rules listed in the Visitation of the Year Award must be followed for the Visitation "Just Two a Month" Award Rules.

To be eligible for the Visitation "Just Two a Month!" Award, Clubs must:

1. Visit 20 different Lions Clubs in a Lions year (July 1 - June 30th)
2. Include a visit to each club in their own zone
3. To enter the Visitation Contest, the monthly Visitation Report Form must be mailed or emailed to the MD19 Office by the last day of the month. When no visitations are made a form is not required.
4. The MD19 Visitation Report Form is found on the MD19 Website.
5. Visitations must be submitted for the month in which they are made. Visitations not reported in the month they were made will not be counted.
6. This form can be submitted by the Club Secretary, the Club Visitation Chairperson, or a designated member of the participating club.

VISITATIONS ALLOWED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

1. A club visitation consists of a visit of 2 or more club members in "**Active Standing**" (Maximum of 6 members) of the same Lions Club to:
 - a. REGULAR Lions Club
 - b. CLUB BRANCH meeting when held on a different day and/or time than the Parent Club
 - c. CHARTER PRESENTATION NIGHT
 - d. CHARTER ANNIVERSARY NIGHT of other Lions clubs
 - e. INSTALLATION of another Lions club
 - f. ZONE MEETING of own zone
 - g. ZONE MEETING of another zone, EXCEPT when held in connection with a District Conference
 - h. MULTIPLE DISTRICT19 ANNUAL CONVENTION
 - i. DISTRICT CABINET MEETING
 - j. DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE
 - k. Lion's participation in a zone, a district or another club's service project(s) and/or fundraising activities. Since more than one club may be involved in a single project or activity, all points will be calculated as if it were one visit.
 - l. Visitations made outside MD19 will require only 1 member.
 - m. When attending the USA / Canada Leadership Forum or Lions Clubs International Convention, only 1 member is required.
2. No visiting club shall be given credit for more than three (3) visits to any one club during the same Lions year. Points will not be allowed for special club meetings held in conjunction with a District Conference or the MD 19 Annual Convention.
3. The District Governor cannot count as one of the two members making the club visitation.
4. To participate in this contest, the club visitations must be submitted monthly by the last day of the month rather than submitting them all at the end of the Lions year.

Recipients will be announced at our MD19 Annual Convention

Funding of MD19 Border Crossing:

The salary for The Border Crossing editor is partially funded by a grant from the MD19 Lions Service and Leadership Development Foundation. This is an example of your leadership dollars at work in the Multiple District.

Vital Information

CLUB DUES:

MD19 First Half Dues for 2024-25 are past due. If the Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer did not receive a dues statement, please contact the MD19 Office.

CLUB OFFICER CHANGES:

Please inform the MD19 Office right away when there is a change in your club President, Secretary or Treasurer. The new officer information will be included in the Cut-n-Paste section of the MD19 Website. We do not receive the information from LCI when you only post a change on the LCI website.

SUBMITTING THE CLUBS' WMMR:

Club Secretaries only need to submit their club's WMMR if there are membership changes to be reported. There is no need to contact the MD19 Office to let us know there are no changes.

ZONE MEETINGS (District Governor Advisory Meeting):

You probably have attended your first zone meeting for the 2024-25 year, whether in person or as a Zoom Meeting. Zone Chairpersons are required to report which Presidents and Secretaries (and Alternates if applicable) attended the meeting. **It is important** that you also record your club's attendance at the zone meeting on your Club's Monthly Visitation Form, indicating that the President and Secretary were in attendance. **This is only in case the Zone Chairperson does not send in the required report.**

MD19 2024-25 Roster:

We have a limited supply of the current MD19 Roster. Cost is \$7.00 and postage \$4.00 US and \$6.00 CDN. Contact us via email md19lions@lionsmd19.org or call: 360-733-4911. We also have a PDF version that can be sent at no cost.

Visitations:

As mentioned above, it is always a great idea to fill out the visitation form for zone meetings. We are encouraging clubs to start doing club visits once again. The Visitation form can be found on the MD19 Website: <https://lionsmd19.org/forms.php> Rules for the Visitation, "Just Two-A-Month" Award is found here: https://lionsmd19.org/downloads/rules_two_a_month.pdf

Please Note:

When checks are sent to the MD19 Office for donations, such as CARE or the Memorial Garden, etc., please write out separate checks, do not write one check to cover different donations. THANK YOU!

NWLLI

Can you say Leadership Impact Opportunities Networking Service?

Now shout it out "NWLLI" (that sounds like "NuWilly")

Now give it a roar "MD19" and then another roar "MD36"

This May 1- 4, 2025 at the Ross Point Camp & Conference Center in Post Falls, Idaho you can develop your unique Leadership style and make an Impact as you prepare for new challenges and responsibilities. You will have many Opportunities to role play and conduct self-assessments; as a strategist, manager, communicator, mentor, and team member. There will be plenty of time for Networking with Lions; learn from them and share your own ways to bring Service to your communities in MD19, potentially MD36 and possibly other MDs.



NWLLI applications are available now online. Click this link <http://nwlli.org/renderpdf.asp> to find a fillable form that is due by April 1, 2025. Cost for the amazing weekend is US\$350.00 or CAN\$375.00 with a US\$150.00/CAN\$175.00 deposit due with application. Special fee waivers of \$200.00 are available to all MD19 applicants. Visit www.nwlli.org for more information.

Border Crossing Ordering Options

The *Border Crossing* is automatically emailed by AWeber as a link to all club, zone, district and multiple district officers. Those wanting a hard copy of the newspaper, including the above listed officers, will need to purchase a subscription.

2024-2025 Lions Year:

Border Crossing: 6 issues in hard copy format. Subscription begins with the August issue. \$16.00 to U.S. Addresses; \$20.00 to Canadian Addresses.

Roster and Border Crossing:

2024-2025 MD19 Roster Only: Cost is \$7.00 U.S. Funds plus shipping and handling.

Add \$4.00 S/H for U.S. Addresses and \$6.00 for Canadian Addresses.

2024-2025 MD19 Roster plus Hard Copy of Border Crossing:

Mailed to U.S. Addresses: Border Crossing \$16.00 plus Roster \$11.00 = \$27.00 USD

Mailed to Canadian Addresses: Border Crossing \$20.00 plus Roster \$13.00 = \$33.00 USD

Send form below with your check or money order to cover all items ordered to MD19, 4141 Bennett Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226. No Credit Cards Please. All orders are pre-paid only. Questions: 360-733-4911 or md19lions@lionsmd19.org

Print Name on Line Above _____ Phone Number / Email Address _____

Print Mailing Address _____ City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Border Crossing Link! IMPORTANT! All club, Zone, District and Multiple District Officers and Email Border Crossing subscriptions will receive an email from Peter Anderson, via our AWeber email communications system sometime in late July with the Subject: **"Confirm You Subscription"**. Within that same email is a link that you need to click on in order to **give us permission** to send you the Border Crossing link and other important MD19 information during the year. You **must confirm your "subscription"** in order for us to **communicate with you by following this procedure**. If you do not confirm that you will accept further communications via AWeber, your email will be automatically removed from the list and nothing further can be sent to you.



Border Crossing / AWeber (Emailed Ads and Fundraising Events sent to MD19 Lions)

Name of Company or Club: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Billing Address: _____

Street Address / P.O. Box _____ City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip/Postal code _____

Size of Ad: _____ #of issues: _____ Amount Paid: _____

If paying by credit card, please complete the following: () Visa () Master Card

Card # _____ Expiry Date _____ / _____

Signature: _____ (payment will be in US Funds)

Border Crossing / AWeber (Emailed Ads & Announcements sent to MD19 Lions)
2023-24 Rates cover inclusion in 1 issue of The Border Crossing and 1 AWeber Message.

Full Page	\$160.00	(8.5 x 11)
1/2 Page	85.00	
1/4 Page	50.00	
Business Card	35.00	

The *Border Crossing* is published August, October, December, February, April & June with a publication date of the 10th of the month. All ad information **MUST** be in the MD19 Office by the last day of the month previous to publication.

The AWeber announcement with the ad will be emailed out to all subscribers within 10 working days of the *Border Crossing* in which the ad is published.

Submission Guidelines: Camera ready artwork in either a .jpg, .png or .tif file. When submitting written copy only, not camera ready, an additional \$25.00 will be charged for ad design. You will be asked to sign off on any ad created for you. Specify ad size and number of issues the ad will run.

Become a Puppy Raiser!

Taken from Leader Dogs for the Blind email by Vijay Joshi, Puppy Development Manager of Host and Raiser Experience
 Leader Dogs for the Blind

Have you considered [becoming a puppy raiser](#) for a Future Leader Dog? The care these puppies receive in their first year is critical for their success as guide dogs, but we can't do it without you.

As one of the amazing puppy raisers at Leader Dogs for the Blind, Margaret knows how the love and attention she gives to these puppies makes an impact. She has raised 18 Future Leader Dogs and hosted two Leader Dog moms, helping bring countless puppies into the world.

Margaret shared her heartfelt experience: "Volunteering at Leader Dog has been a wonderful way to change the lives of people who are blind or have low vision. It gives me courage and a new perspective on life."

Our affectionate puppies are eager to meet their future raisers! As a volunteer puppy raiser, you'll nurture a Future Leader Dog for one year, teaching them essential skills before their formal guide dog training begins.

Your dedication will help shape these puppies into life-changing companions for individuals who are blind or low vision. I encourage you to [apply today!](#)

MD19 Training Schedule

The latest MD19 training schedule is available for your download, click the link below or visit the website at <https://lionsmd19.org/> and scroll down until you see the boxes on left. It looks like this:

The screenshot shows a grid of event flyers on the left and detailed text on the right. The central calendar grid has a red circle around the 'The MD19 Training Schedule' flyer. A red arrow points from the text below to this flyer. The text on the right includes:

THREE CLUBS TO HOLD 80th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – The Abbotsford, Langley and Maple Ridge Lions Clubs are each turning 80. And to celebrate, they have gotten together and scheduled a joint anniversary party to be held from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at the West Langley Hall, 9402 208th Street, Langley, BC. The cost is CAN\$40⁰⁰ for a fantastic barbecue meal. Pre-registration required – **registration deadline is September 30, 2024**. Download the flyer. And for more information and reservations contact Dave Wallace at (604) 982-9737.

TOAST THE HARBOR 2024 – The Aberdeen Washington Lions Club is hosting its 37th annual "Toast The Harbor" Festival from 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 2, 2024, at the Quartz Beach Resort and Casino, 78 State Road 115, Ocean Shores, Washington U.S.A. Tickets are US\$20⁰⁰ pre-sale or US\$30⁰⁰ at the door. Wine, spirits and oyster tasting, and silent auctions and shopping highlight this great fundraiser. Download the flyer here. Log on to www.toasttheharbor.com for tickets and more information.

Of note in this schedule is a session on the Role and Responsibilities of the Club Director and the reduced number of sessions in September due to other commitments. As always, all members – not just club officers - are encouraged to connect.

<https://lionsmd19.org/downloads/md19-training-schedule.pdf>

LCIcon has been moved!

Join us in sunny Orlando, FL July 13-17, 2025 for the 107th Lions International Convention!

For more information: <https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/>

Special Donations 2024-2025

	LCIF	CARE
19-N PDG Emerson Bishop In Memory of Tom Burrell and PDG Carl Freeland		300.00

Click to donate to the Lions Clubs International [Disaster Relief Fund](#) to support communities impacted by recent flooding and other disasters.



The 2024 2nd Annual Virtual Holiday Party for the Blind and Those Who Have Limited Sight

Presented by the Knights Of The Blind Committee of Lions MD19

Enjoy Visually Impaired Performers and others as they bring the joy of the season to you and many others throughout North America and beyond!

Saturday December 14th at 5pm to 7pm Pacific Time

RSVP: Art Ruben artgruben@gmail.com

★ TALENT SEARCH! ★

If you know of someone who is blind or has limited sight and would like to share their talent for this event have them contact Art Ruben at artgruben@gmail.com



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND



If you would like to learn more about the Knights Of The Blind Committe contact Bill Scholl at billscholl134@gmail.com.

Memorials for August 2024

L 11	Port Angeles	Hugh Ted Simpson
I 5	Northport	Janet K. Cwalinski
O 3	Port Coquitlam	Antonio F. R. Hartley
O 7	Orcas Island	Tanya Hutchins
N 5	Cosmopolis	Kristie Maupin
N 5	Cosmopolis	Debbi I. Moran
N 7	Lacey Sunrise	Cliff Brandsma
N 9	Longview Pioneer	PDG Jim Reinecke
N 9	Longview Pioneer	Walt Specht

Memorials for September 2024

L A1	Vancouver Chinatown	Fred GT Wong
L A6	Sunshine Coast	Brian C. Hardy
L I2	Sooke	Mike Thomas
L I4	Mill Bay	Robert E. Buzzard
O 2	Pitt Meadows	Ron Harris
O 7	Coupeville	Colleen D. Parhaniemi
N 1	Poulsbo	Michael E. Alvarado
N 2	Olympia West	Dorothy E. Miller
N 8	Spanaway Parkland	Susan Foley
N 9	Longview Kelso Earlybird	Gerald Engebo

Knights of the Blind (KOTB)

By Bill Scholl, KOTB Chairperson

Since our last article the MD19 Lions Knights Of The Blind (KOTB) committee has been busy.

The committee decided that a new brochure was needed to be developed for all those entering the new world of Vision loss. This brochure is intended for ALL eye care professional offices, senior centers, assisted living facilities and wherever others might need the information. On this brochure, there will be many resources to aid those with visual impairments.

We are planning to have a presence at the Annual White Cane Day activities this year in conjunction with the Washington Talking Books & Braille Library (WTBBL) on October 13th. You will hear a proclamation soon on this day.

The KOTB committee is also working on the second holiday party. If you know of an entertainer that might be interested in performing for this fun night, have them contact PDG Art Ruben at artgruben@gmail.com.

Finally, many members are actively doing or scheduling presentations of the children's book called "Grandpa's White Cane" (GWC) in many elementary schools throughout our District. Along with these presentations our committee has joined with the authors to help get a second printing of this wonderful and educational book on spreading the word on how individuals can interact with a visually impaired person.

If you, your Club, Zone or District would like to join KOTB in raising these funds, contact Chairperson Bill Scholl (billscholl134@gmail.com) or Lion Colette Arvidson at colette.arvidson@gmail.com for more information.

"Friends of the Garden" donations are always welcome from individuals or Lions Clubs. The Garden at MD19 office can't exist without contributions. Encourage your Club to budget annual support (\$1.00 per member would be spectacular!)

For more information, contact the MD19 office at 360-733-4911

MD19 Calendar of Events 2023 - 2024

2024

MD19 Fall Council Of Governors Meeting	Chilliwack, B.C.	October 18-19, 2024
North West Lions Foundation meeting	Chilliwack, B.C.	October 19, 2024

2025

Winter Council of Governors Meeting	Zoom	February 7-8, 2025
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MD19 Memorial Garden Work Parties 9 am at MD office:
March 8, 2025, April 12, 2025, May 10, 2025, June 14, 2025, and July 12, 2025

District 19-O Annual Conference	Anacortes, WA	March 21-22
District 19-L Annual Conference	TBA	March 28-30
District 19-N Annual Conference	Longview, WA	April 18-19
District 19-S Annual Conference	Selah, WA	April 25-27
District 19-I Annual Conference	Penticton, B.C.	October 3-4, 2025

NW Lions Leadership Institute	Post Falls ID	May 1 - 4
Spring Council of Governor's	TBD	May 15 - 16
MD19 Annual Convention	TBD	May 16 - 17

Lions International Convention	Mexico City	July 4-8, 2025
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USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum	Atlantic City, NJ	September 18-20, 2025
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The Border Crossing
MD19 Lions Office
4141 Bennett Drive
Bellingham, WA 98226 USA

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Ask someone to become a Lion!