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Leadership Corner

By Debbie Bostock, MD19 GLT

We are coming into our busy season not only for club projects, but also for educational sessions for our incoming DGs, VDGs, ZCs and GATs. These will be taking place on May 15th, in Chilliwack prior to the MD19 Convention. The sessions will start at 8:30 am Thursday morning. This means you may have to come in the night before if you have any distance to travel. We have our team of presenters lined up; all are looking forward to help make your year ahead a great one. We suggest you bring your tablet, laptop or smart phone with you.

Incoming Zone Chairs will also have a morning session on Friday from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. Please remember that to get your reimbursement you must attend all the sessions.

At the convention, we will have a variety of panels for everyone to choose from.

Friday Afternoon Panel:

1. Integrating Technology: AI- Stephanie O'Dell

Saturday Morning Panels:

1. Building a Sustainable Leadership Pipeline – John Kirry, Debbie Bostock
2. Creating Inclusive Environments – Accessibility Best Practices - September Stokes, Bill Scholls
3. Mastering the Role of Club Secretary/Administrator – Michele Barrie

Saturday Afternoon Panels:

1. Gender 101 – Jackie Oldhaver
2. Which fruit are you? How are you being fruitful? – Hal Palmer
3. Integrating Technology: AI & Web Solutions – Stephanie O'Dell, Dottie Scott
4. MD19 Sensory Garden – Wes Reynolds

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>

Lions Easter Seals Camps - BC/Yukon
<https://www.eastersealsbcy.ca/summercamp/>

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MD19 Council Chairperson

Patty Allen-White

So much to CELEBRATE with our Lions family!

There are Charter Anniversary Galas, aka Birthday Parties, going on all around us in Multiple District 19. Wenatchee-Central just celebrated their 95th Birthday in March and Bremerton Central is turning 100 in April! Wow! 195 years of SERVICE to celebrate!



"Dance to the Music", Lions! We are celebrating the further education of 15 Guiding Lions during a face-to-face session in District 19-S. The discussions were interesting and educational. The 19-S Lions are ready for the new clubs that are being planned for and organized to be chartered!

The NW Lions Foundation (Sight and Hearing) held an in-person Trustees Meeting with a good speaker, the demonstration of some wonderful visual assistance equipment and action on a grant to provide financial assistance to one of our Lions Clubs.

Another one of our multiple district foundations, the MD19 Lions Foundation, continues to award grants for leadership education and valuable service projects. What a cause for "CELEBRATION"! All indicators point forward and up; MD19 Lions are on the move in a positive direction!

Protect our Lions Family. In this present turbulent world, please be intentional about promoting and supporting the many "Acts of Kindness" done by both the Lions in the US and Canada who work TOGETHER as friends to help provide a hand up to those discouraged and in need of assistance. Ladysmith Lion Carol Martin in 19-L created the poster to my right. Let's spread the message that the Lions Family is above the world of politics and is greatly needed. Lion Carol is quite happy for you to use the picture she created.



Districts 19-O and 19-L recently celebrated the 2024-25 Lions Year at their District Conventions. Both Conventions highlighted the Governors' theme for the year.

Governor Beth and District 19-O encourage all of us Lions to "Give 'Em Something to Talk About". Show the world that Lions fill needs wherever, whenever and for whomever, even across borders.

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New Lions Event - Come Stride for Sight

Attention runners and friends of runners! Registration is open now for the brand new Lions Stride for Sight in Lacey, WA April 12.

Sponsored by Olympia Host Lions, Stride for Sight will offer a 5k/10k walk, run or roll along the Chehalis Western Trail. A free one-mile course will give families a chance to get in their steps as well.

Runners will be running a timed race on a certified course. Blind running teams are welcome too – and the sighted guide/partner runs for free.

Sign up now at [HTTPS://runsignup.com/Race/WA/Lacey/StrideForSight](https://runsignup.com/Race/WA/Lacey/StrideForSight).

Entry fee is just \$35 per runner or get a \$5 discount for each runner and your club name on the event t-shirt when your club signs on as a Sponsor by March 31.

All proceeds benefit our District 19N Lions Low Vision Resource Center in Olympia - making strides for sight throughout western Washington.

Register now to run, or call James Reddick at 360-338-1838 to learn how your club can be a sponsor.

5K/10K RUN/WALK/ROLL

April 12, 2025
9 a.m. start
Chehalis-Western Trail
Lacey, Washington

STRIDE FOR SIGHT

Run with the Lions to fight vision loss

Family Friendly
USTAF Certified
Free Tshirt
Blind Runners Welcome
(Sighted guide/partner runs free)
Register Now

Sponsored By:
 Olympia Host Lions Club
 PARC Foundation
 Law Offices of Harold D. Carr

<https://runsignup.com/race/wa/lacey/strideforsight>

Proceeds benefit Lions Low Vision Resource Center in Olympia, WA

Exchange Program

By DG Tammy Allan

I am so excited to share about my experience participating in the 25+ Exchange Program, this past January! If you are a Lion in good standing and your club is also in good standing, then you are also eligible to experience this program. It's that simple! As Lions we have the privilege to expand our love of travel, and meet incredible like minded Lions from all around the World.

Literally, for the cost of my flight and \$250 camp fee, I was able to spend three weeks in beautiful Southern Brazil. We traveled to five separate States, staying with Host Families along the way. Most of the host parents couldn't speak English, and none of us knew Portuguese, so we got very familiar with Google Translate on our phones. It was interesting learning what the Lions were doing in the areas that we visited, and the projects they were so passionate about. Every place we went, we were treated like royalty and became fast Lion friends.

Our team will be working on bringing this experience to the beautiful Pacific Northwest in late February 2026! It will follow the Youth Exchange North American Forum that's coming to Seattle on February 25-28, 2026. So Lions of MD19, please welcome these international Lion travelers with open arms. I'm looking forward to sharing our Multiple District with our new Lion friends.

Will you join me? Call me at 509-697-7966



Lion Rob Setlow to Speak at 47th Annual Lions Day with the United Nations

Taken from Letter written to Lion Rob Setlow from Fabricio Oliveira

On behalf of Lions International, it is my honor and pleasure to invite you to serve as official program speakers, at the 47th Annual Lions Day with the United Nations (LDUN) event taking place on Friday, March 21, 2025, in New York. This event is a platform to highlight how the joint work of Lions, UN agencies and Permanent Country Missions to the UN directly contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The event theme for this year is The Future of Service. This aligns with the UN's Summit of the Future and Pact for the Future, and it shines a light on how important it is for civil society to have a voice. To put a finer point on that, we're exploring the future of service as human connection. In the future, we will all continue benefit from the human connection that volunteer service creates. This is true for those that provide and receive volunteer service.

MD19 STEP CHALLENGE

**NOW UNTIL MAY 4/25
(START ANYTIME!)**

Walkers track their steps from Monday to Sunday each week, sending their totals to either their District Coordinator or directly to gdalmaine@gmail.com every Monday.

A one-time, \$5 participation fee will be paid to your District Diabetes Chair who will send the money to the Diabetes Camp in your area. Updates will be posted in the MD19 Diabetes Newsletter.

The winning District will receive bragging rights and be the holder of the exclusive Golden Runner award for the year and will be announced at the MD19 Convention on May 17, 2025.

**All money raised
will send kids to
Diabetes Camps
in US and Canada**

For more information
contact MD19 Diabetes Chair
PDG Georgia Medwedrich
at gdalmaine@gmail.com



CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT DIABETES CHAIR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Snohomish Lions Club Fund-A-Need - Camp Leo

By Lion Vicki Adams

Camp Leo is a camp that is specifically for children who have diabetes. Their mission, as stated on their website is: "Fostering a Community that Empowers, Educates and Inspires Those Impacted by Type One Diabetes Through Year-Round Programs for Children, Adults and Families." Our Snohomish Lions Club has been a yearly contributor to aid with scholarships, so that children in need are able to attend this exceptional camp and develop a sense of belonging and rid themselves of feeling alone.

In 2024, at Snohomish Lions' annual Thanksgiving Banquet and Auction, we added a special FUND-A-NEED to the auction. We invited James Davidson to speak about his experience. In his very heartfelt presentation, James spoke about what Camp Leo has meant to him. He began his journey at the age of 8, not knowing what to expect. When he came home, he couldn't wait to go back and has attended every year since. As an adult, he is now one of the counselors because Camp Leo has meant so much to him and wants to help others gain the confidence that he has been given.

After James spoke, the auction began. "Raise your paddle if you would like to donate \$500," paddles when up. "How about \$250?" and so it went. At the end, of the evening every paddle placed in the bowl was a \$10 donation as well. We were so pleased to be able to award nearly \$8,000 to Camp Leo. It was a thrill to gather with James and Tina Ghozen, the camp administrator, to present this check!

Then, at our January 20 member meeting we were privileged to hear, first hand, the stories from our scholarship recipients whom we sponsored to Camp Leo last summer.



Vivien, age 10, delivered an impressive presentation about the unique sense of acceptance she found at Camp Leo, which contrasted with her experiences at her school where there are no other students with Type 1 Diabetes. At camp, it is normal for everyone to have devices making beeping noises and have tubes visible because all the campers and staff have Type 1 Diabetes. This environment fosters a sense of belonging and understanding among the children. Vivien's mother, who attended the meeting with her daughter told us, "Before attending Camp Leo, Vivien was timid and seemed to forget that she is still a kid that can do normal kid stuff. She didn't want to play and seemed fearful of her diagnosis. But Camp Leo made a big difference."

Ashton, age 17, told us her story in a previously recorded video where she eloquently expressed her thoughts and experiences with Camp Leo, demonstrating maturity and thoughtfulness well beyond her years. She plans to continue as a Camp Leo counselor so she, like James Davidson, can help others gain that needed confidence that Camp Leo so wonderfully provides.

The Snohomish Lions are incredibly grateful to our many Snohomish community donors and are very proud to sponsor Camp Leo scholarships on their behalf, to help children with Type 1 Diabetes learn, empower and inspire these young people in their daily challenges of diabetes.

New Leo Club in District S

By DG Tammy Allan

Congratulations to the New Leo Club in District S! Selah Viking Leos are a small group of very busy students, ages 12 to 16 years old. ZC Ashley Burmaster is the Leo Advisor for the students. They are planning on attending the MD19 Leo Leadership Conference June 27-29, 2025 in Langley, BC. (pictured right: Leo President Lawrence Burmaster holding the charter)



Steven Wong, Vice Council Chair Candidate 2025



Melvin Jones progress fellow



MD 19 convention



Judge Brian Stevenson Fellow



Environment – planting trees



Community event



Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow



Montreal International Convention



Melvin Jones Fundraising



Vision – recycling eyeglasses

19-0 Past District Governor Steven Wong is a chartered Member of the Richmond Chinatown Lions. He is from beautiful Nelson, BC and lives in Vancouver.

Steven's interests include photography, fitness, hiking, long-distance running, and travelling.

He has been a real estate appraiser for over 30 years, Director for the Better Business Bureau and the Vancouver Chinese Cultural Centre..

Steven is a proud graduate of Lions Northwest Leadership Training. He has trained new Presidents and Secretaries, and captained the Run for the Blind program that raised \$1 million for the CNIB.

Wonderful life time memories include running the New York marathon and 86 half marathons, travelling around the world in 90 days, seeing the Eiffel Tower in Paris, Sistine Chapel in Rome, Pyramids in Egypt, and Taj Mahal in India.

Steven Wong, Vice Council Chair Candidate

100% Secretary,

100% President,

100% Zone Chair,

Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow

Lions International President's Leadership Medal Award recipient

Wanda Eddy: Candidate for Vice Council Chair (2025-26)

Leading with Heart, Serving with Purpose: Wanda Eddy for MD19 Vice Council Chair

Hello, my name is Wanda Eddy, and I am honored to announce my candidacy for the position of MD19 Vice Council Chair for the 2025-26 Lions year. I am a member of the North Kamloops Lions in British Columbia. As a dedicated and passionate Lion, I believe leadership is not just about making decisions—it's about leading with empathy, integrity, and purpose. If elected, I promise to serve with a heart-driven approach, putting the needs of our communities and our Lions first.



Key Pillars of My Candidacy

Leading with Heart:

Leadership should always come from a place of understanding and connection. It's about inspiring others, fostering unity, and creating an environment where every voice is valued. As your Vice Council Chair, I will bring compassionate and creative leadership to the council, ensuring that we work together with purpose and respect to achieve our shared goals.

Serving with Purpose:

At the core of our Lions Clubs International is service, and I am committed to empowering all of MD19 to serve with intention. Every district has unique strengths and needs, and my role as Vice Council Chair will focus on ensuring that each district is equipped to serve their communities effectively and with heart.

Key Qualifications & Achievements

Experienced Leader:

With my service as the MD19 GLT (2018-2021) and as the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute Superintendent (2024), I have had the privilege of working alongside many dedicated Lions to build leadership teams that are both effective and compassionate. Leadership is about cultivating an environment where everyone can grow and contribute, and I have consistently worked to create those opportunities.

Proven Track Record of Service:

For over 27 years, I have been deeply involved in Lions service, leading impactful community projects and working tirelessly to improve the lives of those around us. As District Governor for 19D for two years, and as a member of the Council of Governors for three years, I have demonstrated a steadfast commitment to service that creates lasting, positive change. My heart is in service, and I believe in the power of Lions to make a difference in the world.

Strong Advocate for District Governors:

As Vice Council Chair, I will be a dedicated advocate for all District Governors. I understand the challenges you face and will ensure that your voices are heard on the council. It is my mission to ensure that every district receives the support they need to grow their leadership and service efforts, and together, we will build a stronger MD19.

Core Values

Empathy:

I believe in understanding and addressing the unique needs of our districts. Every district is different, and it's crucial to meet each one where they are, listen to their concerns, and find solutions that work for everyone.

Collaboration:

MD19 is strongest when we work together. My approach to leadership is rooted in bringing Lions together from all corners of our organization to unite for common goals. Through collaboration, we can achieve far more than we could alone.

The Impact of Heart-Driven Leadership

Elevating District Governors:

One of my top priorities as Vice Council Chair will be to mentor and support our District Governors. I will work alongside them to build their confidence, strengthen their leadership skills, and guide them as they serve their districts with purpose.

Together, We Can Achieve More

As Lions, we are united by a common purpose: to serve our communities and make the world a better place. With leadership that comes from the heart and a commitment to service with purpose, we can accomplish incredible things. I am ready to lead with you, serve with you, and help create a future where Lions continue to shine brightly in service to others.

I am asking for your support as I run for the position of MD19 Vice Council Chair. Together, we can make a difference!

Vital Information

District Conferences / Conventions - Remember: Your club must have paid the MD19 dues for 2024-2025 before being allowed to vote at either your district convention or the MD19 Annual Convention. A list will be sent to the MD19 elections committee showing which clubs are still owe dues for the year. They may contact you for confirmation of payment.

The 2025-2026 PU101 Report Form (Club Officer Report) is due in the MD19 Office on or before **May 15 (or as soon as you hold your club election)**. If you have not receive the information on how to do the PU101, via AWeber, contact the office and we will send you instructions for doing the LCI PU101 from your club's site. Once completed, send a copy to the following Email address: md19lions@lionsmd19.org. Hard copies can be mailed to 4141 Bennett Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226. A copy of the directions will be sent via Aweber.

Please send a copy of your PU101 Report Form to your current 1st Vice District Governor and Zone Chairperson. **Before sending it to the MD19 Office or anyone else: double check with all your incoming club officers to make sure the information provided on the form is correct and update your club officer's information via the Lions Portal if necessary. If your club has a P.O. Box, ask your officers if they want their mail delivered to the club P.O. Box or to their personal home or business address.**

If all information is not available, send what you can. Call the MD19 Office if you need assistance. **Remember:** The International Club Officer Report goes to LCI and to the **MD19 Office**.

Club Officer Training: As was done last year, online club officer training will be provided and information will be sent out by those conducting the training. Please see our MD19 Website for more information.

The MD19 2025 Club Officer Manuals will be available shortly on the MD19 Website under "Toolbox" and then "Learning". They can be downloaded and kept on your computer for quick reference. They are still being updated but that will be completed shortly.

MD19 Recognition of Excellence forms for Club President, Treasurer and Membership Director Recognition of Excellence forms are available on the MD19 website (Toolbox>Forms>Club Report Forms). An AWeber message will be sent as a reminder shortly (close to the end of May). These forms need to be sent to the MD19 Office by July 25, 2025. **There is no form to fill out for the Club Secretary Recognition of Excellence nor for the Zone Chairperson Recognition of Excellence.** The criteria for these awards are tracked by MD19 throughout the year.

Lions Clubs International (LCI) has a Club Excellence Award. The LCI 2024-25 Club Excellence Award Application form can be found on LCI's website at: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/v2/resource/download/159969686>. Or enter the words, "2025 Club Excellence Award" in their search engine. MD19 Clubs that meet the criteria for the LCI Club Excellence Award receive a banner patch and the Club President receives a lapel pin. It will be sent to the 2025-26 District Governor for awarding.

NWLLI

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.



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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.

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| 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.

IT'S A TALENT SHOW! - "MD19 LIONS GOT TALENT!"



On **Friday night, May 16th at the Annual Convention**, we are having an honest-to-goodness **Talent Show!** We tried this at a district convention, and it was great fun! We're calling it "**MD19 LIONS GOT TALENT!**" I have heard and seen some of this talent over the years traveling around as the Executive Secretary and it's time to show it off to the rest of the MD19 Lions!

The District Governors will select the talent contestants to represent their district in the Talent Show. The Governors can do that in the manner they see fit.

Here are the ground rules:

1. Each district is allowed three entries (total) from the District's Lions and Leos. Governors, you select the talent to represent your district in the talent show. Leos will compete against Leos and Lions against Lions. From each district, there must be at least one Lion entered. In other words, all your entries cannot be Leos.
2. Each contestant is allowed 5 minutes to perform. (8 minutes max for performance & set up)
3. Entrants must bring their own accompaniment.
4. Entrants can perform in a group, but space is limited so we may have to limit the number of people allowed in the act. It will be decided on an individual basis. There will be a phone number on the entry form to call if more than 3 people want to perform at the same time.
5. There will be monetary rewards and bragging rights for the 1st and 2nd place winners for both Lions and Leos. The check for each prize will be made out to the contestant's individual Club, but the winner(s) get to say how that money is spent or on what project it will be used. **1ST PRIZE \$100.00 US** **2ND PRIZE \$75.00 US**
6. For this Talent Show, we are eliminating jokes, skits or funny stories.
7. Your district can have up to three entries, so, yes, you could enter two Leo entries and one Lion or two Lion and one Leo or two Lion and no Leo. If your district has no Leo Clubs this year, then you are allowed only two Lion entries.

We know that every district has people who can play a musical instrument whether it is a saxophone, a keyboard, banjo, or guitar etc. We know you have singers and people who can dance ballroom or jive, yodel or even impersonate Elvis singing! We want to see them perform at the first ever **MD19 Lions Got Talent** show! There will be judges and we will let the judges decide which district has the most talent. Will it be someone from 19-L, 19-I, 19-O, 19-N or 19-S?????

ENTRY FORMS AND PRIZE AMOUNTS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT TO THE GOVERNORS.

DEADLINE: ENTRY FORMS DUE FRIDAY - MAY 9TH!!!

MD19 Lions Got Talent ENTRY FORM

**One Entry
per form**



Entry Deadline - May 9th

A Real Live Talent Show May 16, 2025, MD19 Annual Convention

Representing District 19- _____ Name of District Governor _____

LEO or LEO Group Contestants Name _____

Lion or Lions Group Contestants Name _____

Participants Home Club Name: _____ Lion LEO

Name of Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

8 Minutes allowed per group for set up, tear down and performance.

Brief Description of Act: (no jokes, skits, or funny stories)

Please indicate in the box below any additional needs your entry will require; a dressing room (You may have to use restroom), audio visual, etc.

Completed Entry Form **DUE FRIDAY, MAY 9TH!**

Email Talent Contest Entry Form to **Master of Ceremonies** September Stokes
at lionseptember92@gmail.com

Register for the Convention on MD19 Website ASAP Lionsmd19.org. If it says **"Sold Out"** email Shannon Croitor at timmer.shan@gmail.com for assistance.

Northwest Lions Foundation - Bill Lunden

By Lion Shelley Costello



"Kaizen," first used by PCC Mike Gayda, who worked tirelessly to help our Lions in MD19 to continually grow their leadership skills towards excellence. In Mike's memory, CC Patty Allen-White continues to share his pins and his message to encourage Lion Leaders to always strive towards excellence. Patty presented this pin to Northwest Lions Foundation (NLF) Bill Lunden for the work he has done constantly communicating with SightLife and most recently Lions World Vision Institute in Florida, standing strong representing NLF in the Northwest.



"Kaizen" is a Japanese word meaning improvement or change for better. This is a concept referring to business activities that continuously improve all functions and involve all employees from the CEO to the assembly line workers. Kaizen also applies to processes, such as purchasing and logistics, that cross organizational boundaries into the supply chain. Kaizen aims to eliminate waste and redundancies. It may also be referred to as zero investment improvement due to its utilization of existing resources.

This definition and honor absolutely embodies all the Bill Lunden has done for NLF over many years, as we have seen constant change. Thank you Bill for all you have done for us, and continue to do for us, as a dedicated Lion on our Board of Trustees.

Words from Our Vice Council Chairperson - Steve Brooks

It is a busy time of the year as Lions are electing new leaders. Clubs are deciding who will guide them, Zones are selecting new Zone Chairs, and Districts are selecting their next District Governors, and Vice Governors. I remember being a Zone Chair and hearing about how much fun it could be. At first, I thought it was just a sales pitch to get me to say yes. We all have dealt with sales people, but imagine one that was actually were telling the truth! As an incoming Zone Chair there were two clubs forming within my Zone thanks to hard work by other Lions. Part way through the year both those clubs chartered. I encourage fellow lions to take a step and become a Zone Chair if you have never done it before. It is a fun, easy way to add skills to your personal growth that will be used for years to come.

While we are selecting new leaders, I must also mention all of the training opportunities offered by Lions International, MD19, and even our District leadership teams. We have some very talented trainers within MD19. PCC Al Hedstrom has held training sessions both in person and via Zoom. I have known Al for several years and have found his sessions to be filled with knowledge and some good humor. If you have never been to one of Al's sessions you should plan to attend. His schedules are always posted on the MD19 website with links to join in on the fun. There is a wealth of training offerings online at the Lions International website.

Council Chair Patty and our Leadership Chair have put on several in person Certified Guiding Lion sessions across MD19 this year. The first one was in Bellingham with a large attendance from several districts. District 19-I had a Certified Guiding Lion session in Penticton and District 19-S had a good group get certified in Spokane. The goal of having Certified Guiding Lions is to help build new clubs and/or rejuvenate existing clubs. I have heard positive feedback on all of the Certified Guiding Lion classes. One Lion told me they learned some skills that they can take back to their own club and start to implement immediately. I took my Certified Guiding Lion training online as it fit my schedule better.

It has been an absolute pleasure being around our Leo members at various functions. These young people bring energy, talent, and fun wherever they go while improving their skills. Listening to the service projects they do and the skills they are gaining tells the whole reason why Leos are important to our organization. Several Leos have stated that they went to a Leo meeting because a friend asked if they would like to come and have fun with them.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming MD19 Convention in Chilliwack, B.C. The planning committee has been working hard to make this convention different from other conventions with lots of new ideas. This year's theme is "From Growth to Impact Hitting the Mark" and is perfect for how we have grown as Lions and the impact we have had in our communities. There will be an Environmental Field Trip, walking mural tour in downtown Chilliwack, talent show, a live band on Friday night, a tour of the Lions Wooden Toy Workshop, and the Bookman bookstore window display highlighting all of the great things Lions do.

Special Donations 2024-2025

| | LCIF | CARE |
|---|------|----------|
| 19-O Michele Barrie In honor of her children | | \$150.00 |
| 19-O Rock White Family Trust O-6 Zone Banner | | \$ 61.50 |
| 19-N PDG Emerson Bishop In Memory of Tom Burrell and PDG Carl Freeland | | \$300.00 |
| 19-N PDG Emerson Bishop In Memory of PZC Bob Howard | | \$200.00 |
| 19-N PDG Emerson Bishop In Memory of PDG Chuck Waid | | \$200.00 |
| 19-S PDG Ken and DG Tammy Allan | | \$ 50.00 |

Memorials for February 2025

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| L A9 Vancouver Renfrew | Fred Cooper |
| L 11 Port Angeles | Jerry Austin |
| L 12 West Shore | Gary Mitchell |
| I 1 Golden District | Peter Shular |
| I 3 Kootenay Lake | Robert G. Rowley |
| I 13 Quesnel | Beverly I. Tataryn |
| I 13 Williams Lake | Dean Halfnights |
| O 1 Richmond Mandarin | Greg Sun |
| O 5 Lynden | Shirley L. Baxter |
| O 5 Lynden | Freda W. Groen |
| O 5 Lynden | Nancy C. Rourke |
| N 3 Tacoma Southeast | Frank A. Pearce |
| N 4 Greater Puyallup | PDG Chuck Waid |
| N 6 Rochester | William Belcher |
| N 6 Toledo | Ronald L. Phillips |
| N 9 Longview Pioneer | Gary L. Henthorn |
| S 12 Almira | Gary S. Peterson |

Memorials for March 2025

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| I 5 Rossland Golden City | Elaine M. Vinish |
| I 5 Rossland Golden City | Donald Keith Vinish |
| I 13 100 Mile House | Karen Ann Findlay |
| O 1 Richmond Mandarin | Victor Yung |
| O 2 Langley | Angela Killen |
| O 11 Seattle Bituin | Cora Lasham |
| N 1 Poulsbo | Roger Sherrard |
| N 8 Spanaway | Suzanne B. Gayda |
| N 9 Longview Pioneer | Marie Specht |
| N 11 Camas | Patrick Sheaffer |
| S 6 Benton City | Ronald R. Buel |
| S 6 Benton City | William Wolfe |
| S 9 Rockford | Neil A. Davey |
| S 10 Spokane Central | Gerald E. Johnson |

Percentages of Second Half Dues Paid for 2024-2025, March 2025

| | DUES |
|------|------|
| 19-L | 76% |
| 19-I | 88% |
| 19-O | 90% |
| 19-N | 95% |
| 19-S | 90% |

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District 19-L Governor Kevin’s theme is “Reflections”. During the recent convention, I realized that the bracelets I wear reflect important aspects of Lions for me. One reflects a wonderful friendship and the other a Global Cause near and dear to my heart – the environment. What are you reflecting on the world about Lions?

Yes, Carol, you are right. The world needs Lions, and as Lions, we need to be very intentional about protecting our motto, because we care, “WE SERVE.”

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.

“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

Reporting Club Officers

1. From LCI Main page (www.lionsclubs.org), click on **Lion Portal**.
2. Log on to your Club's Portal site.
3. Select "Member Actions", which is to the right of your screen.
4. Click on 'Manage Club Officers'
5. A small pop-up box will appear. Click on 'Create New Assignment'
6. The next pop-up box will ask "When should this assignment begin?" Select 'the upcoming year'. Then hit the NEXT button.
7. On the next pop-up box, you will be asked "What is the Officer and Title Type for this title?". Under Officer Type, click on the small arrows on the right and select either Officer or Administrator. Do the same for the next item, Title Type, (Official or Local). Click on the NEXT button.
8. A list of your club membership will be shown and at the top you select the officer type. Once done selecting member to fill office, click on the next button. You may need to use the grey bar on the right side to slide down to find the NEXT button.
9. Always select YES for adding officer address.
10. Make sure the officer's information is correct, if not make necessary updates.
11. You will follow the same procedure for each of your elected officers.

TO SEND TO THE MD19 OFFICE BEFORE May 15th:

While you are still in your club portal, send the club officer information to the MD19 Office by doing the following:

1. Select "Club Actions" on the right side of your screen (right next to Member Actions)
2. From the list that is shown, select "View Reports"
3. From the drop down list (use the arrow down symbol – right side) select 'Lions Club Officer Report for Next Year'. Hit the submit button.
4. A PDF will be generated, showing the officers and their information. **SAVE THIS PDF** by doing a right click with your mouse, selecting 'save as', give the file a name (ex: club name officers for 2025-2026) and placing it into a file you can easily find later. Sometimes just placing it on your desktop is the easiest way to save.
5. Email to the MD19 Office as an attachment.
6. All Done!!

Celebrate Earth Day

For more info:
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Kelowna Okanagan Mission Lions Club

PLANTING TREES



Lions Clubs International

www.lionsclubs.org

Lions around the globe celebrate Earth Day with Service.
Plan an Environment project in your community. Take pictures & movies.
Share with local media and with Lions on Facebook (Lions of MD 19).

- Clean highways and roadways
- Create gardens in schools
- Plant sensory gardens
- Conduct civic cleanups
- Clean waterways and beaches
- Metal collection/recycling
- Recycle paper and more

- Plant Trees
- Trail Maintenance-Cleanup
- Recycle glasses and hearing aids
- Run Rummage Sales/Thrift Stores
- Recycle Books. Read to kids
- Install rain gardens
- Grow gardens. Distribute food

- Recycle Durable Medical Equipment
- Stream/watershed restoration
- Create and maintain parks
- Run camps for kids
- Adopt -A-Beach. Adopt-A-Stream
- Restore civic monuments/buildings
- Host "First Walks" on New Year's Day

LIONESS & LEOS & LIONS AT WORK

Priest River, Idaho



PLANTING TREES

Leos At Work

Fort Langley Lions
Waldorf Green Lions

Gabriola Island Lions Club



"Broom Busting" Removing Invasive Species



MD19 Calendar of Events 2024 - 2025

2025

MD19 Memorial Garden Work Parties 9 am at MD office:
April 12, 2025, May 10, 2025, June 14, 2025, and July 12, 2025

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| District 19-N Annual Conference | Vancouver, WA | April 18-19 |
| District 19-S Annual Conference | Selah, WA | April 25-27 |
| NW Lions Leadership Institute | Post Falls ID | May 1 - 4 |
| Spring Council of Governor's | Chilliwack, B.C. | May 15 - 16 |
| MD19 Annual Convention | Chilliwack | May 16 - 17 |
| Lions International Convention | Orlando, FL | July 4-8, 2025 |
| USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum | Atlantic City, NJ | September 18-20 |
| MD19 Council of Govenors Meeting | Penticton, B.C. | October 2-3 |
| District 19-I Annual Conference | Penticton, B.C. | October 3-4 |

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Ask someone to become a Lion!