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What Motivates Lions to be Leaders?

By PDG Wanda Carisse, MD19 GLT Leadership Coordinator

I have pondered this question often. I am sure you have heard that some clubs struggle with getting positions filled within the club. Zones and Districts often find it difficult to find Lions to fill Zone Chairpersons and Vice District Governor/District Governor positions.

I keep thinking it must be linked to motivation. Time constraints, unfamiliarity with the duties, training for the position are all obstacles that have solutions and are not insurmountable.

Maybe I'm wrong but I'm thinking motivation is the key. So I am curious what motivated you to be a Lion as well as what drives you to be a leader in your club, zone, or district/Multiple District/International. Send me an email at lionwandac@gmail.com. I would love to collate a list for a future article.

It is my guess that what motivates Lions to take leadership roles differs greatly from one individual to the next, but that there are general themes. It is also my guess that what motivates Lions to become a Lions member is not that different from what motivated them to be a Lions Leader.

So drop me a quick email and share your ideas.

**TAKE ACTION >>
SEND AN EMAIL TODAY!**

Link to More Information

LCI Responds to COVID-19

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/coronavirus>

USA/Canada Lions Future Forums:

<https://lionsforum.org/future-forums/>

Having a challenge with MyLION/MyLCI? Spend some time at this website <https://mylion.zendesk.com/hc/en-us>

Lions Global Service Journey talks about the five area of need that we are uniting our global service around. Learn more here <https://lionsclubs.org/en/explore-our-clubs/our-global-causes>

District Goals Planning video series: [JumpStart January: Road to Success Series Playlist](#)

White Cane Days: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/white-cane-safety-day>

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MD19 Council Chairperson

Al Hedstrom

Progress is a nice word, but change is its motivator.
-- Robert Kennedy



I have some stats to share. These are the top ten clubs in North America on expanding membership:

1. 5M 10 Northwestern Ontario Cyber +71 members
2. 4 A 1 Yosemite Camp Pacifica +68
3. 14 A Philadelphia Roxborough Manayank +67
4. A 711 Thistletown New Era +48
5. 4L6 Chula Vista Visionaries +43
6. 46 Las Vegas Help +41
7. 4 A1 Merced County LE +38
8. 5M2 Waconia Hive +38
9. 5M 9 Jenkins Area +38
10. 14 G Jersey Shore Area Lioness Lions Club +36

Notice that three of the top ten are in California where the pandemic has been especially widespread.

I offer this tidbit of information to counteract the "we can't" mindset that haunts some of our members. Every day Lions individually and in groups – er, prides – engage in our communities to help our neighbors. Service, fundraising and recruiting are all workable within the restrictions we face. Another example is Eric Miura's Covid Campaign newsletters illustrating the work our fellow Lions regularly accomplish in today's new environment.

So take another look at those numbers and remember Robert Kennedy's words, quoted above.

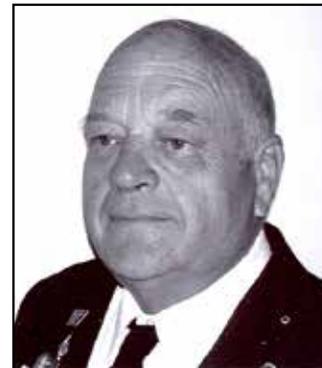
Another great quote: "Let's go forward and do great things." -- PDG Sharon Sikes

"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

Joe Nilles, DG 19-D

By Joe Nilles,
District Governor 19-D



Why do we go to the MD annual convention? For most of us it to greet old friends, make new friends, and to learn something new. Last fall in Wenatchee, I was wandering the halls visiting with Lions and stopping at vendor booths to see what they had to say. I stopped at one booth which was demonstrating a vision screening device. I was shown the device, told what it was for, its importance, and used it. At that time, on our own club level, I didn't see the use we could make of it. Imagine my surprise when 3 months later, our local school district nurses came to us and asked if the Leavenworth Lions Club would purchase one.

They explained how under current rules, they have to check the eyesight of every student in grades K, 1, 3, 5, and 7 annually. This takes a lot of time and requires hall space in which to use the old eye chart. Students who have learning disabilities can't always stay focused, respond, or fully understand what is wanted of them. A vision screening machine, uses the time it would require to take a picture. And it finds problems within the eye that the chart can't identify. The results are automatically sent to a computer. The nurses can check the students in a far shorter time, which leaves more time to deal with other health issues. This screening can catch eye problems that the old methods can't. We are in the process of purchasing a unit. We will retain ownership, so we can take it to other schools or venues.

I know of other clubs in our district that have purchased similar devices and are taking it to schools in their zones to do the vision screenings. This is what it really means to assist the visually impaired. It is hoped this project will create new PR for the club and perhaps gain new members.

Joe was born in Ephrata, Jan. 1948, and raised on a farm in Northern Douglas County. He attended two years of college at WSU. He met his wife, Dorothy, as the result of a blind date. They married in March of 1968.

Dorothy and Joe returned to the home farm in 1968, and bought it from Joe's parents. They farmed until 1989 when they sold the farm and moved to Leavenworth, WA. They raised two children on the farm. Their son Allan is retired as a Lt. Col. from the Air Force and now teaching 5th grade. Their daughter Diane is the CEO of the local hospital.

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Dear Leo - Save the Date

Dear Leo,

2021 District H Virtual Spring Conference is on March 13, 2021.

Save the Date



We are working hard behind the scenes to put together a fun, fast-paced Virtual Spring Conference for 2021! We will be celebrating the "wearing of the green" for St. Patty's Day. (Costumes encouraged).

There will be two 3-hour sessions, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Each session will be filled with inspirational and informative speakers, four break-out sessions to choose from, 5-minutes Achievement Speakers, Awards and Recognitions, and other surprises!

Registration forms will be sent out soon. Cost will be \$20.00 per Lion Household, which includes two drawings for ten Powerball tickets!! You could become a millionaire!!!

Watch for more information and plan on being there wearing your green!!

MD19 Knights of the Blind (KOTB)

On October 18, 2020, the Lions Multiple District 19 Council of Governors voted to endorse the MD19 Lions Knights Of The Blind (KOTB) Committee. To some it may seem redundant to have a specific committee of "Knights of the Blind" when it was the Lions as a whole who accepted Helen Keller's 1925 challenge to Lions to be the knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness. And, truly, Lions Clubs around the world have excelled in our efforts to avoid preventable blindness. But fewer clubs have been able to make a difference in the second part of our Global Cause of Vision: "to improve the quality of life for people who are blind or visually impaired." That is the mission of the KOTB. In other words, we want to let the Lions know what it is like to be blind – not just the challenges faced but the abilities of the blind, and to provide the blind with the access and information needed to become active Lions, and involved members of our communities.

The idea for this committee originated with PDG Art Ruben, Everett Central Lions Club, based on discussions with blind Lions as well as other Lions involved in activities with the blind. After several months of discussion and planning, Council Chair Al Hedstrom added the presentation of the committee to October Council meeting. After further discussion, the Council of Governors agreed that a committee devoted to this effort is within the scope of MD19 Lions by its endorsement.

To move to action we identified the following goals:

1. To actively interact with blind and visually impaired individuals in our local communities and listen to their needs.

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Election Notice

For the last several years, voting for the Council Chair and Vice Council Chair position's has taken place along side the District elections held at the Spring Conferences. This process began in 2011, and seems to work fairly well. Accept during a global pandemic now entering year two. Districts have, in some cases, cancelled the conference altogether and in other cases they have shifted virtual.

This year the election of Council Chair John Moralek, a member of the Surrey Central Lions Club in 19-H, and Vice Council Chair Lyndon Harriman, from the Post Falls Lions Club in 19-E was done just a little bit differently;

The current Council of Governors opted to elect the Council Chair and the Vice Council at the Winter Council of Governors meeting. They cited reasons including some provided by Parliamentarian, Past District Governor Chuck Waid. Neither position had any challengers.

Congratz to the newly elected!

2020-21 Peace Poster

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.

This year's theme was "Peace Through Service".

To sponsor the Peace Poster Contest, Lions clubs can order a contest kit from January 15 to October 1. The kit is available in 12 of our official languages. A kit is needed for each contest sponsored. Each kit contains:

- Official Club Contest Guide and Rules
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules
- Participant Flyer to duplicate and give to participating students to take home
- Sticker to place on back of winning poster
- Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group

Order Your Kit here <https://lionsclubinternational.myshopify.com/collections/kits/products/ppk1>

*To order a kit by phone, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822 (U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada only).



Lioness News November/December 2020

By Linda Schaffrick, MDLL

Another year has begun - with the hopes that it will not be as challenging as the last. We are now half way through a very different Lioness year.

Lioness responses will remain invaluable through the next few months, especially as social restrictions continue and the longer-term challenges of food poverty and social isolation remain. Meeting the needs will remain challenging as we are once again (or still) in "lock down".

It is also a time for remembering - the good times from the past; the "bad" times; those that are no longer with us, those that are still with us - whether someone needs our help or just needs a friend.

Acts of kindness are small, but the impact they will leave in the world will be huge

Kelowna D-7 17 Members Hours: 5670 Donations: \$16,360.00

Members are still helping at the Gospel Mission, Freedom's Door and at other safe venues. Ringing bells for the Salvation Army and doing gift wrapping. Purchased poinsettias for care homes and Days for Girls. Preparing to change over to a Lions Club. Donations made to Christmas hampers, Poinsettias, Camp Winfield, Diabetes, Blind, Women's shelter, CARE, Parkinson's, Diabetes, Freedom's Door, Gospel Mission and Hospital.

Moses Lake D-5 16 Members Hours: a lot Donations: \$1,250.00

This club is busy working toward bridging to a Lions Club. They are hoping to do a spring fair and sell their Spaceburgers. Donated blankets for the Cancer Foundation. Donations made to New Hope and the Food Bank.

Oliver D-9 7 Members Hours: 20 Donations: \$300

Checking in on other members, neighbours and seniors. Helping our Lions to collect and box up used glasses. Donation made to Christmas hampers.

Parksville I-7 16 Members

Members have not been able to be active in their community due to COVID restrictions. They are all missing each other and being out and about to help in their community. They are staying in touch through emails and telephone calls.

Port McNeill I-6 16 Members (no report)

Priest River E-11 35 Members (no report)

Toledo G-4

Still holding tight while waiting to be able to do service again.

Vancouver Chinatown A-1 23 members Donations: \$500.00

Keeping in touch with each other but staying quiet at this time. They will be disbanding at the end of June. Donation made to the Richmond Centre for Disability.

Williams Lake D-10 17 Members

Winding down to fold the club.

Winlock G-4 (no report)

**"Wherever you turn, you can find someone who needs you. Even if it is a little thing,
do something for which there is no pay but the privilege of doing it.**

Remember, you don't live in the world all of your own."

~Albert Schweitzer

We Serve Too!

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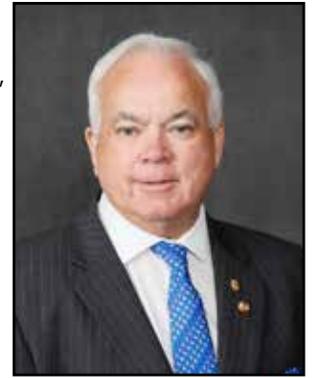
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A Word from our International Director

Here we are in the first part of 2021 and everything that was wrong with 2020 has been fixed, right? Well maybe not, but at least there is a bit of light at the end of the tunnel and it is not a train.



If people do not travel outside their local area, their vision of the world is based on where they are. The vision would be that the needs, issues and concerns where they are most likely dealt with in the same manner everywhere. For those of us who have traveled, we understand that such is not the case.

Generally, in North America, our Lions world has the same general issues. We have all been exposed to the COVID-19 virus to varying degrees. How the challenges associated with dealing with the virus have not been the same though. We all have the issue of having the International Border being closed to non-essential travel. The enthusiasm with which restrictions have been handled has not been consistent.

How our Lions Clubs have reacted to the virus has not been consistent either. The needs that we address have only grown in magnitude, however, we have not been able to develop funds in our usual manner. Some clubs have found great acceptance from the community, for new ways of fund raising. Using cash is, in a lot of cases, moving to paperless electronic transactions. Some clubs have taken a wait and see attitude, they will wait until the pandemic is over before they get back to normal providing community service.

I have found that Clubs, Zones and Districts who have adapted to doing things differently are being quite successful. Their fund raising is going ahead at a normal or better pace. Membership has a high satisfaction level and clubs are growing. New Lions Clubs are being chartered. Both the sort of Clubs we normally have as well as Cyber Clubs are being created. Some Cyber Clubs may transition to conventional Clubs in the future.

Many clubs are currently meeting virtually, is your club meeting virtually? Are all your club members accounted for? Do you reach out to those whom you have not seen or heard from in some time? If members are not comfortable in the virtual world, how about walking them through the process? Attending some of the online social events are great ice breakers as well as a lot of fun. Think about helping others to step up and participate in our online world. We are liable to still be here for a number of

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The Lions International Convention has gone virtual, you can still register below and join in the fun!



Lions International
Convention
June 25-29, 2021
Montreal, Canada



MD19 Lions, come join in the fun in Montreal.....

- Attend an International Convention
- Learn new things about Lionism
- Meet new people from all over the world
- Make new friends that you will see at future conventions
- Experience the French culture of Quebec
- Contact PZC George Sim for more info...

georgesim@shaw.ca

Register now:

<https://www.mcisemi.com/lci2021/>

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MD19 visits Montreal





**820 million people
don't have enough to eat**

What can you do to help?

Locally—assist your neighborhood food bank

Globally—Donate to LCIF for local/global grant assistance www.lcif.org/donate

U.S. Statistics

1 in 6 children is food-insecure

14.3 million households suffer food insecurity

Nearly 5.5 million senior citizens face hunger

US\$ 130.5 billion in illness

US\$ 19.2 billion in poor education outcomes
(lower lifetime earnings)

Global Statistics

1 in 9 people is chronically hungry.

Chances of food insecurity ~10% higher for women.

At least 50% of children under age 5 have hidden hunger--lack of essential nutrients.

2 billion people lack regular access to nutritious and sufficient food.

25% of children are stunted due to lack of nutritious food.

Sources: [World Health Organization](http://www.who.org),

[WhyHunger](http://www.whyhunger.org), [UNICEF](http://www.unicef.org), [United Nations](http://www.un.org)



2021-2022 Lions Convention Goes Virtual

Dear Lion,

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Although we are disappointed that we won't be able to host this event in person, we are excited about hosting our first virtual international convention that can safely connect Lions from around the world. We are still finalizing the details of your new convention experience, and will share those with you as soon as they are ready.

Here are some important details about the 2021 virtual convention we'd like to share with you:

- Everyone's invited – Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- Registration fees – The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.
- Current registrants – Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.
- Elections – Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- Convention updates – Check our convention website LCIcon for convention updates and details as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service.

We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time for our organization and the world, and thank you for your incredible service as a Lion.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International Preside

Annual Tax Filing Information

Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts with annual gross receipts less than US\$50,000 who are not otherwise required to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N). 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 click the link below and review the document for important information regarding your annual tax filing obligation. Thank you!

http://app.e.roar.lionsclubs.org/e/er?utm_source=Eloqua&utm_campaign=LGL_EN_990N%20Tax%20Reminder%20US_Email_2020&utm_medium=email&s=94443966&lid=8209&elqTrackId=685BB6CBE9E10D06B8A2FADA45CB37CE&elq=43b6715f2134434bb447e20d50ffd578&elqaid=16134&elqat=1

District 19-G Awarded DCG Grant to Assist Willapa Harbor Hospital Purchase Equipment

By Debbie Mansell, 2nd District Governor, 19-G

In October of 2020, District G learned that Willapa Harbor Hospital was running a fund raising campaign to purchase a new 3-D mammography unit for their small community hospital. Currently, women in the community are traveling to towns with larger medical facilities to have their breast screenings with this latest technology. 2nd Vice District Governor Debbie Mansell contacted the hospital and learned about the efforts to purchase the mammography equipment.

The LCIF District and Club Community Impact Grant (DCG) proposal was brought to the District Cabinet meeting on November 7, 2020 and was approved by the Cabinet to pursue a \$2,500.00 grant from LCIF. 2nd VDG Debbie completed and submitted the LCIF grant application. Ron Brummel, President of the Willapa Harbor Lions, was instrumental in spreading the awareness of the cause in the community. Not only did his club make a donation toward the purchase of the equipment, Lion Ron approached the other area service clubs (Elks and Kiwanis) and a local community foundation (LV Raymond) and raised several thousand dollars in addition to their club donation to support the hospital's efforts.

District and Club Community Impact Grants (DCG) offer a new opportunity for Lions to support humanitarian activities in their communities. DCG funding is provided to districts and clubs from their own contributions to the foundation. Lions can pool DCG funds together for a collaborative project or use DCG funds as a local match for another LCIF grant. In just over two years, more than 1,000 DCG's totaling US \$3.9 million dollars, have been used by Lions to make a significant impact in their communities. For more information about the qualifications and application process for DCG funds, search on the LCI website.

On January 11th, District G received notification from LCIF that the grant to assist Willapa Harbor Hospital was approved. The check is currently being processed and within a few days it will be delivered to the hospital.

I urge the clubs in our district to pursue some bigger projects in your communities. With DCG funds available, your club's dreams to assist your community can become a reality!

Willapa Harbor Hospital



Lions Clubs International Foundation

With 100% of donations going towards grants and programs, LCIF empowers the compassionate service of Lions and those who need our help. Although those benefitting from your support may never know of your generosity, Lions Clubs International Foundation and our beneficiaries are grateful for your support.

In the U.S.A. you can make an online donation <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>

In Canada you can make an online donation here <https://lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca/#donate>

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.

2020-2021 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:

2020-2021 MD19 Roster Only: Cost is \$6.00 U.S. Funds plus shipping and handling.

Add \$4.00 S/H for U.S. Addresses and \$5.00 for Canadian Addresses.

2020-2021 MD19 Roster plus Hard Copy of *Border Crossing*:

Mailed to U.S. Addresses: Border Crossing \$16.00 plus Roster \$10.00 = \$26.00 USD

Mailed to Canadian Addresses: Border Crossing \$20.00 plus Roster \$11.00 = \$31.00 USD

Send form below with your check or money order to cover all items ordered to MD19, 4141 West Maplewood Ave., 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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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)

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2020-21 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 .jpeg, .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.

Vital Information

The MD19 Second Half Dues statements were emailed January 11-13, 2021 to Club Treasurers or Secretary/Treasurers. If no email address available, they were mailed January 14th. Dues are based on the December 31st membership total or from the most recent WMMR received at LCI. If your club has not received an MD19 dues statement, please contact the office ASAP – md19admin@lionsmd19.org or call 360-733-4911.

Secretaries and Treasurers: Check the MD19 Website (www.lionsmd19.org) under "Toolbox" to make sure your dues were received and posted. If you've sent a check it could be that it has not been received. Check with the office to confirm.

District Spring Conferences/Conventions: The delegate/alternate voting Certification forms

Have already been sent to Lions Club Secretaries in District H.

Late February clubs in Districts D and F will be sent their forms.

Early March clubs in District A, B, C, E and I will be sent theirs and

In April Clubs in Districts G will be sent their certification forms.

Secretaries, watch for them; if you do not receive your voting certification forms at least three weeks prior to your District Conference, please call the MD19 Office and request replacements. You must have paid your club's MD19 2019-2020 First Half Dues prior to your District Conference in order for your delegates to vote.

Club Officers for the Lions year 2021-2022 should be elected prior to April 15th . Your PU101 (International) must be completed and received by LCI **AND** the MD19 Office on or before **May 15th**. Instructions for doing the PU101 online with your clubs' MyLCI site can be found in the MD19 Contests and Awards Book under Secretary Excellence Award Rules. An AWeber notification with the instructions will also be sent in March.

Canadian LCIF Donations: Send donations directly to LCIF. Canadian clubs requiring a tax receipt send checks to: Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF, C/O Stan Durward, Box 38, Sunderland, Ontario L0C 1H0. If only an acknowledgement letter is needed (no tax receipt required) send your donation to: Lions Clubs International Foundation, P.O. Box 2425, Station "A", Toronto, Ontario M5W 2K5. All cheques must have proper identification of donors (full club name / club number and member name and number). **US clubs** send your checks to: LCIF, Department 4547, Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547, USA.

CARE Donations, both US and Canadian are sent to the MD19 Office, 4141 W Maplewood Ave., Bellingham, WA 98226. Make checks out to: MD19 Lions CARE.

Lions Serve by Volunteering at Mass Covid 19 Vaccination Clinics

By Jan Weatherly

Early on January 30, 2021, 6 Lions from two clubs in C2, Hood Canal Lions and Olympia Host Lions joined the Mason County Medical Reserve Corp to volunteer at Mason County's first Mass Vaccination Clinic. Over 600 people received their first Covid 19 vaccination injection between the hours of 9 am and 2 pm without leaving their car. Lions joined with community volunteers to usher the cars through the parking maze, collect registration paperwork, monitor for reactions to the vaccine and organize the registration papers for data entry. Now here is the best part, we all received our vaccination too!

The Health Department plans to offer two to three clinics per week as vaccine becomes available. So Lions can safely help restore our way of life by helping run these clinics.

For sure, we will all be returning on February 27th to receive our second vaccine!



SURREY CENTRAL LIONS

VIRTUAL POTATO FEED

FEBRUARY 27TH 2021

5PM

JOIN US FOR AN
EVENING OF TALL
POTATO TALES
ENJOY LIVE MUSIC
SEND US A PICTURE OF
YOUR BAKED POTATO
DRESSED UP (NOT
SUPPLIED)
PRIZES AND A LIVE
AUCTION
TICKETS 14.00 (FEES
WILL APPLY)
PROCEEDS WILL
SUPPORT THE
COLDEST NIGHT OF
THE YEAR AND OTHER
LIONS CHARITIES



<http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/virtual-potato-feed-tickets-139150879025t>

MD19 Needs You!

Every year, the incoming Council Chair has opportunities to appoint Lions to serve on committees like Budget/Finance, Election, Governance, Contests and Awards. Many others, look at our webpage <https://lionsmd19.org/committees.php> for the complete list. In some cases, we try for a representative from every district, and in the case of Budget/Finance, it is for three years. This coming July, if you would like an opportunity to serve as committee members, please contact us at md19lions@lionsmd19.org for more information about:

Budget/Finance: Need District A. B. & C. 3-year term

Governance: Need District A. B. & C 3-year term

Contests & Awards - A 3-year term, advance to Chairperson in your final year

The following are all 1-year appointments, and can be renewed by each incoming Council Chair.

- Canadian LERC
- Building
- CARE
- Diabetes Awareness
- Conventions
 - o USA/Canada
 - o LCIcon
- Election/Certification
- Environment
- Information/Technology
- International Relations
- Leader Dogs
- LEO Clubs
- Lions Quest (B.C.)

When you're ready to serve beyond your current horizon, lets talk.

Visiting Chilliwack Mount Cheam Lions

By Lion Bob Jones Visitation Director, Chilliwack Mount Cheam Lions MD19 H-6

I am the visitation chair for the Chilliwack Mount Cheam Lions Club, home club of ID Director Allan Hunt. We, like many other clubs, are meeting virtually because of the Pandemic. If anyone wishing to visit us virtually, please send an email to lionbob221@gmail.com to receive a link to our meeting via email. We meet the Second and Fourth Tuesdays of each month.

If other clubs are holding virtual meetings and wish visitors, they could also send me a link to their meetings and I will distribute it to our club members.

We have had upwards of 20 plus members at our virtual meetings. ID Lion Al has, in a past meeting organized guest speakers from the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide CEO and head trainer with attendance by PAST IP Judge Brian Stevenson, a Lion from our twin club in Australia and other clubs from around the area, including a local mother who's son had received an Autism Assistance Dog, and spoke about how much the dog had impacted their life.

We may be in this pandemic for some time yet and we miss seeing our friends from Clubs across the Border, and MD19 because of the restricted travel.

Looking forward to seeing you at a future Lions meeting - virtually!

A Word from Our ID - con't from pg 5

months more. Feel free to show up and help any of our members who have challenges getting online.

In Canada, Lions have developed a new webpage for Lions, it can be found at: <https://www.lionscanada.ca/>. We also have a FaceBook page called: Lions of Canada/ Lions du Canada. This is a public page with quite a few great suggestions that work, as well as templates for Posters. Feel free to join!

Joe Nilles - con't from pg 2

tal. They have five grandchildren with one more still in the oven, and one great grandchild.

Joe has owned and operated a machine and welding shop in the Leavenworth, WA area for ten years.

He served as a school board member for six years. Joe worked with 4H and FFA students, and was a volunteer firefighter for over 31 years.

Joe joined Leavenworth Lions in June of 1990 and has maintained perfect attendance for 29 years. He was named Lion of the Year, a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, and received an International Presidents Medal. He has held all the officer positions in the club more than once (have been some type of officer every year), and served as zone chair for many years. Joe became a DG for the first time in 2011-12.

Northwest Lions Leadership Institute

By Melissa Smith, NWLLI Public Relations Chairperson

The staff and faculty of the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute would like to take this chance to officially welcome everyone into 2021!

We're certainly excited about all the possibilities that this year has in store.

First though, we want to give you an update on the status of the 2021 Institute.

At this time, we remain optimistic that we will be able to see all registered attendees in person June 3-5 at Harrison Hot Springs in British Columbia, Canada. We are still planning for three days packed full of leadership training, while following all proper social distancing precautions of course.

We do still have a few openings remaining, so be sure to visit our website (www.nwlli.org) to download an application. A deposit of \$150, US funds is required with your application. The remaining balance of \$200, is due at the time of check-in at the Institute. However, Lions who are members of a Club in MD19 may qualify for a fee reduction that can be applied towards Institute registration fees. This fee reduction is provided by the MD19 Lions Leadership Foundation.

In the meantime, our staff is continuing to monitor the phases of COVID restrictions and border travel between the United States and Canada, and should 2021 throw us another curveball, we will be prepared to make a final decision on the fate of the Institute for this year.

We continue to encourage District Governors and Zone Chairpersons to make the Institute an agenda item to discuss at Club, Zone, and Cabinet meetings. The available seats remaining is limited, so make sure to get the word out as soon as you can.

If you haven't attended the Institute in the past, we'd love to have you join us. If you are a graduate of the Institute, we'd love to have you encourage any other Lions you know to check us out.

Come join us to help release your inner BEaST!

Peace Poster Winner

2020-2021 Theme: Peace Through Service

District: 19-E

Club Sponsoring the contest:

Spokane Central, E-1

School:

Sacajawea Middle School

Student:

Rachael Hockett

Age 13 in grade 8

Quote about Peace: "Everyday people doing acts of service to provide the calm and peace that is needed."



"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

Malden-Babb and Pine City On the Road to Recovery

By Peggy Harriman, District Governor 19-E

Malden and Pine City, Washington communities have a long road ahead of them after a 2020 fire swept through on Labor Day weekend. Many of the estimated 206 Malden and Pine City residents were displaced (132 families including 70 children), and eighty-percent of the homes and businesses were destroyed, including a food bank that had recently been equipped with a new refrigerator, freezer, microwave, and used tables.

A true hero during this devastation was the Rosalia Lions Club who managed the relief efforts. More specifically Secretary Linda Pritchett, who put her job on hold for several weeks, came to manage the relief center and coordinate the relief efforts with other organizations. Linda was surrounded with helpers President Barbara Botham, Lori Furman, Lesa Kuehne, Dr. Mary Widman, DVM, who attended to all injured and displaced animals, Monique Hanson Newman, and many other outstanding volunteers. Through their efforts, water, food, clothing, bedding, medicine, coats, equipment and funds donated by many Lions Clubs and citizens, were collected and distributed to the Malden-Babb and Pine City community members.

After talking with Malden's food bank director Bob Law, District 19-E came to the realization that the needs of Malden and Pine City and the surrounding areas would be best served by replacing the food bank's equipment destroyed by the fire in Malden.

After applying and receiving a District/Club Community Grant, I am happy to say that the Malden Food Bank is operational in a temporary facility. Plans are in the works to rebuild a community center that will house the food bank among other organizations.

A promotional graphic for the 4th USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum. The background is red with a repeating pattern of the Leo logo. In the center, there is a large illustration of a lion wearing a red firefighter's uniform and a black helmet, standing next to a stylized mountain range. Text on the graphic includes: "4TH USA/CANADA LEO LEADERSHIP FORUM 2021 CALGARY" and "JULY 21-25, 2021 CALGARY, CANADA". In the top right corner, there is a circular logo for the USA/CANADA Leo Leadership Foundation featuring a red maple leaf and the American flag. At the bottom, there is a blue button that says "REGISTER NOW" and a white box with the text "Visit www.leosforum.org for registration form."

Knights of the Blind - con't from pg 3

2. To partner with organizations of and for the blind and visually impaired.
3. To increase membership and support blind and visually impaired in Lions.
4. To assist where possible to obtain tools, devices, information and services to improve access for the blind and visually impaired.
5. To educate and raise awareness of blindness and visual impairment in our local communities.

Since the formation we have approved a constitution for the committee, defined and elected a governing council for the committee. This includes Chair (Andy Arvidson), Vice-Chair (Danette Dixon), Secretary (Colette Arvidson), and District Representatives for 7 of the 9 Districts. The District Representatives serve as liaisons with the District Governors. At-large membership on the committee is open to any current member of a Lions or Leos Club in MD19 interested in supporting this effort. We are especially interested in finding District Representatives for District D and District I.

At this time over 80% of our members are blind or visually impaired. The two past District Governors on our committee serve to guide us on the road to progress, as well as give us an informed connection to the Lions as a whole. We are interested in having more at-large members, especially Lions who are blind or visually impaired who can share both the challenges and solutions they have found to full participation as Lions. We also want to identify the projects implemented by clubs, especially in MD19 to share with other clubs that support our mission, so we can share this information throughout MD19. Did you know that Lions Clubs in Georgia, in collaborations with Learning Ally have been reading and recording the Lions Club Magazine for over 20 years and make it available to any interested Lions – Lions reading for Lions! Additionally, National Federation of the Blind provides a synthesized reading of the magazine via an app called NFB Newsline that provides this type of service for many periodicals. How many of your members could benefit from either of these services?

We have formed a sub-committee to look at the accessibility of Lions web sites and materials and have found that some are, and some are not. The KOTB is working with Antoinette Polk of LCI and Peter Anderson of MD19 to identify and prioritize areas of accessibility. We can then share information with all MD19 Lions who could benefit.

It is our wish that Lions from around MD19 get to know our committee and invite us to your District, Zone or Club meetings as appropriate. We want to get to know you and want you to get to know us. We meet at 6:30 PM the first Tuesday of the month on ZOOM. For more information, or for the name and contact information of your District Representative contact, Andy Arvidson, Chair, MD19 Lions Knights of the Blind (KOTB) (425) 218-0190 or arvidsonandy@gmail.com.

Special Donations 2020-2021

Lions		LCIF CARE
19-H	Michele Barrie For Scott, Angela, Dylan, Dami and Ian	\$125.00
19-D	Kelowna Lioness	250.00

Memorials for December 2020

A	1	Vancouver Northern Star	Helen H. Cheng
A	1	Vancouver Northern Star	Kong Ming Cheng
A	2	North Vancouver Deep Cove	Jeannie Ham
D	2	Leavenworth	Wayne L. Creech
D	8	Sorrento	Alice Sebastian
F	4	Cottonwood	Clifford E. Arnzen
G	2	Fort Vancouver	Roy D. Pulliam
G	3	Central Park	Norm Adams
G	3	Hoquiam	Jerry M. Erickson
G	3	Hoquiam	Dean Parsons
G	6	Camas	Theodore J. Morris
H	1	Bellingham Central	Patricia A. Bergner
H	3	Pitt Meadows	Ed J. Essar
H	6	Chilliwack	Lyn East
I	1	Sequim Valley	Jack Napiontek
I	4	Cedar	Gordon Melliar
I	5	Royston Cumberland	Ginger Billingsley

Memorials for January 2021

A	6	Sunshine Coast	W. Douglas Carlson
B	2	Seattle Capitol Hill	J. Steven Porter
B	2	Seattle University Ballard	Martha Golubiec
C	3	Enumclaw	Joe Chase
E	6	Fernie	Marcel Kremer
E	10	Fairmont & District	Merlin Velker
H	6	Chilliwack Mt. Cheam	Doug Clouda
I	3	Saturna	Laura Coombs

Percentages of WMMRs received for month of January 2021 and First Half Dues Paid for 2020-21

	WMMRs	DUES
19-A	66%	30%
19-B	53%	60%
19-C	65%	72%
19-D	98%	51%
19-E	96%	70%
19-F	33%	42%
19-G	74%	51%
19-H	91%	54%
19-I	86%	47%

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MD19 Calendar of Events 2019 - 2020

2020-2021

Spring Council of Governors
ZCE & DGE Learning Center

TBD
TBD

May 19-20, 2021
May 20-22, 2021

Spring Conferences 2021

District 19-H	*** Virtual ***	March 13, 2021
District 19-B	*** Virtual ***	March 27, 2021
District 19-D	*** Virtual ***	April 17, 2021
District 19-I	*** Virtual ***	April 17, 2021
District 19-A	*** Virtual ***	April 24, 2021
District 19-E	*** Virtual ***	May 1, 2021
District 19-F	*** Virtual ***	May 15, 2021
District 19-G	*** Virtual ***	TBD
District 19-C	*** CANCELLED***	Cancelled



Remember back in the day when lots of us wore those big "ASK ME ABOUT LIONS CLUB" pins like this one? They were great conversation starters and could be again. Your club can design its own and have it made very inexpensively. All your members can have one, and even your new A-Frame can wear one in its lapel whenever it goes stepping out.

The Border Crossing
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The future depends on YOU!
Ask someone to become a Lion!