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Leadership Input

By PDG Sharon Sikes, MD19 GLT Leadership Coordinator

As we begin this Lion's year, I want to say a special thank you to PDG Wanda Eddy for the wonderful job she did in the last three years as your MD19 Leadership Chairperson. I also want to thank her for the coaching and mentoring she has provided through many Zoom conversations. I have big shoes to fill, but we are putting together a great team of proven leaders to help us all.

On July 24, we completed the second of three Club officer training sessions with 68 participants from clubs representing all nine Districts. The approach to our Club Officer Training this year has an emphasis on the value of leadership and teamwork in working as a team to lead your Club and your members to a successful and fun year. Our last class is September 24. It will require registration through Zoom to get credit for the class and receive pre-training and post-training materials.

We had several surveys conducted throughout the class. One survey (see below) in particular really addresses our membership. Our newer members are stepping in to serve as leaders, but what is keeping them in our Clubs?

As we move forward in our leadership responsibilities for this Lion's year, we will continue to be challenged on the best way to lead our membership. We will be able to meet in-person, meet virtually on-line or a combination of both? One approach is not more correct than the other...the trick is to find which works best for your club to Go Forth & Do Great Things. Let's make it a fun and successful year. Let's learn and grow from the new opportunities we have put before us.

How Many Years Have You Been A Lion?

By Range of Years

0 to 5	17
6 to 10	12
11 to 15	5
16 to 20	4
20 to 29	1
30 to 39	3
40 to 49	1
50 to 59	1

Link to More Information

LCIF Key Partnerships - The Carter Center
<https://www.cartercenter.org/donate/corporate-government-foundation-partners/archives/lions-clubs-key-partnership.html>

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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>

Have you seen this yet? [Spoof on Lions Clubs Pancake Breakfasts - YouTube](#)

Or this? [Spoof on Lions Clubs Raffles - YouTube](#)

And must watch this: [Spoof on Lions Clubs Pins - YouTube](#)

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MD19 Council Chairperson

John Moralek

Resilience in the Face of Change

Musings of the Council Chair ~

Today, I am writing my first entry into the Border Crossing as MD19 Council Chairperson.



Perhaps some of you have heard the term REDISTRICTING. What is it and why should we do it?

The multiple district is looking at changing the boundaries of the districts. The reason is that the membership in some of the districts is getting too small to provide the necessary leadership such as new Zone Chairpersons, Vice District Governors and District Governors.

By combining and realigning some of the districts, it is hoped that the larger pool of available persons will allow us to fill all vacancies. The strategic planning committee at the request of PCC Al Hedstrom started the process last year when the multiple district had almost 11,000 members. Currently, the membership is just under 10,000, so you can see why we may need this change. The committee is working with the districts to come up with a plan that will be viable and workable.

How will this affect you as a Lion? Well, probably only minimally as your club will stay in its current zone, but the zone number will change. For example, if you are now in zone B3 you may be in zone O8 or something like that.

As Lions you will have the final say at your spring convention to approve the amalgamation.

If you don't think this is a good idea and have a better suggestion to finding new leaders and new members we are all open to all ideas.

For more details and a power point presentation visit the MD website www.lionsmd19.org

Lions Roar for Reading

By DG Marilyn Patterson, 19G



One of my favorite Longview Pioneer Lions Club Service projects is our "Roaring for Reading" program. When an organization called Reading is Fundamental lost funding and shut down their service to the Longview School District our club picked up where they left off. We adopted Columbia Heights Elementary to be the recipients of free reading books. Guided by the Education Committee, we felt we could provide books for each student K thru 3rd grade up to three times a year. In addition, we chose to give books to the 4th and 5th grades at the Spring session.

During our visits, each classroom was assigned a time to bring the students to the library for a twenty-minute session. Upon entering the room, we had the children sit on the floor to listen to a story read by a designated Lion. Afterward, the children were to select a book of their choice, then have the book stamped for owner identification. It stated, "This book is sponsored by the Longview Pioneer Lions and belongs to _____". We also gave each student a personalized bookmark which identified our Lions club as the sponsor.

Our volunteer members spent the day at school. I am not sure who was more pleased, our fellow Lions who gave of their time or the children who received the books.

A well-organized plan and teamwork by the Longview Pioneers made this activity rewarding for the students, staff and the Lions involved.

Marilyn grew up in Yakima, Washington, living in a rural area called West Valley. Her Dad was a fruit rancher, so the family homes were situated on the orchard ranches.

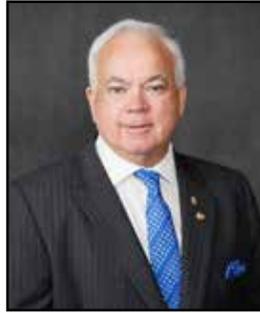
She met and married Steve in 1970 and has never looked back. They have been blessed with two sons, two daughters and eight grandchildren. They lived in Walla Walla for two years, but Yakima was their home until they moved to Longview, WA in 1987. When opportunity came in 1996 to purchase property in Castle Rock, WA they jumped at the chance.

Lifetime experiences include singing when she was quite small. Her parents shared their talent and love for music.

A Word from our International Director

By ID Allan Hunt

Isn't this exciting, New Years in July! This is an opportunity to reset the clock and pick up the pace, or at least take a shot at it. Having spent two years as a First Year Director, I am now stepping up to be a Second Year Director. It has been an unexpected series of events the past two years.



I hear stories about how Lions are the best kept secret in the world. That is relatively true, but does anyone wonder why that is? We will wear a shirt or jacket professing our support to our favorite sport or team. We dutifully wear our Lions Club shirt and pin to our meetings or when we are working on a project. Why not wear your pin always and your Lions shirt whenever you can? Do not let your shirt wear out in the closet. Stop keeping Lions a secret!

We have some Lions creating some very imaginative posters, I post a lot of them on Facebook, but there are others available on the Lions of Canada website:

www.lionscanada.ca under resources. The posters are created to be used, and if you like them on Facebook, share them. I have some non-Lion friends who share them all with their friends. You can feel free to do the same thing. The posters are being used by Lions all around the world.

I believe almost everyone knows that the North American Membership Initiative (NAMI) has morphed into the Global Membership Approach (GMA). This membership process is being adopted around the world. The GMA really isn't much different from what was being practised for a period of time in MD19, it really isn't complicated, and it does help clubs evolve and grow. Sitting on the sidelines really does not make it work, you have to jump in and make things happen. Participating in the Club Excellence Program makes the transition to GMA relatively simple, in my opinion. We do need new members and more trained members, to continue to serve our communities.

The LCIF Campaign 100 is in its final year, heading towards our goal of raising \$300 million dollars. The first of July weekend, we had the opportunity to receive a \$10,000 emergency grant from LCIF to help deal with the people evacuated from the forest fire in Lytton, BC. The grant was approved within 24 hours, which is reasonably typical for emergency grants. The Hope Lions club in BC, near Lytton, has become the focal point of representing Lions and the distribution of funds. Lions Clubs and private individuals across Canada have stepped up to provide financial assistance. It is amazing to see that a village can be destroyed in moments notice. If any of you are going to Des Moines, IA for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, please look us up. It is always great to meet up with MD19 Lions outside of MD19.



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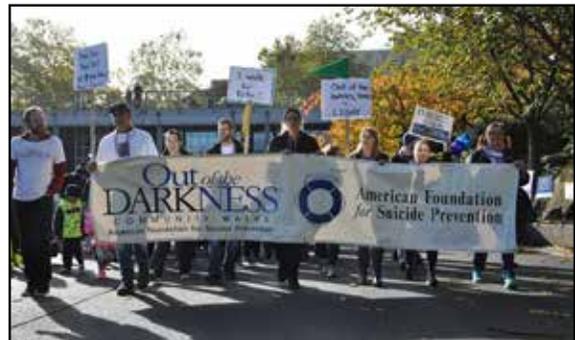
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Out of the Darkness Walk

The 2nd Annual "Out of the Darkness Walk", benefitting the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, will be held Sat, Oct 16th, from 9-noon.

Scheduled as a Zone H-1 Project, we are asking for volunteers from our Whatcom County H-1 Clubs to help direct traffic and provide day-of-event assistance.

The 2019 event was a huge success due to the collaboration between AFSP & volunteers from our local H-1 Lions. You can contact event coordinator Steve Carroll at lion.stevencarroll.walk@gmail.com to learn more about how you can help.





Lioness News July - August 2021

By Linda Schaffrick, MDLL

So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, goodbye
The Lions were our sponsors and took us under their wings
We were all one big family and we will miss all the friends we have made
We hate to go and leave all the things we have done
We'd like to stay and carry on as Lioness
But alas, we leave and heave a sigh - as Lioness - we say goodbye!

Some of the gals will carry on as Lions while others will take other paths. The ladies have put in many years and hours of service and donated mega dollars.

Kelowna D-7 15 Members Hours: 168 Donations: \$14,958

36 years of service. This club has given countless hours to support MD19 and D7 Lions and our community through club projects and activities. We have developed many friendships and have worked together to support our goals. Over \$700,000 has been raised and donated within our community. None of the members will be joining a Lions club but many of the members will continue to volunteer and support their community and assist with Lion projects as individuals. Members continued helping out at safe venues through the pandemic.

Donations went to the Hospital Foundation; Diabetes; Safety Village; Salvation Army; Freedom's Door; Women's Shelter; YMCA Strong kids and The Bridge.

Moses Lake D-5 16 Members

Officially changed over to the Moses Lake Lioness Lions Club holding their charter night on the 17th of May. They will continue with projects that they did as Lioness and still have their Space burgers.

Oliver D-9 7 Members Hours: 15 Donations: \$295

Still checking in on other members, neighbours and seniors. Helped with a BBQ to raise funds for the school Star Fish program and had members walk for Guide Dogs. Assisted at the Covid19 "shot" clinics. Members attended the parade and drum ceremony for the children whose remains had been discovered in a mass grave at a former site of an Indian Residential School.

The end of 41 years of service-four members are now members of the Oliver Lions club, two others will help out when needed. Donations made to the Lions Foundation of Canada and the Star Fish Program.

Parksville I-7 14 Members Donations: \$30,663

The 14 members have mixed emotions as they close their books. The Parksville Lioness Club members have been proud to serve their community for the last 37 years. Many years of service, friendship and sharing have enriched their lives and the lives of the community. They shall remember the fun times and the positive difference they have made while serving their community and the Lions family.

None of the members are transferring to Lions. Most of them will continue to volunteer in their community in other avenues. The members plan on getting together for potluck lunches and visits that are filled with much laughter and sharing.

Donations went to the Salvation Army Food bank; Nanaimo Regional Hospital ICU and new flooring for the Parksville Seniors Centre.

Port McNeill I-6 16 Members

After 52 years of service the club has disbanded. They were well known for their Christmas Craft Fair. All funds left in their coffers will be directed to the Lioness North Island Secondary School bursary. The ladies are still there, just without the name, "We haven't gone anywhere. If you need us, just call."

Toledo G-4

These ladies have put in many hours over the past years. The club has disbanded.

Vancouver Chinatown A-1 23 members Donations: \$10,000

This club has folded with none of them joining a Lions Club. That being said, their "group" will continue to volunteer in the future whenever and whenever they are able to. It has been a pleasure to have been doing community service under the LCI banner over the years. Donation made to the SOS Children's Village BC for the purchase and installation of a greenhouse.

Williams Lake D-10 17 Members Donations: \$800

This club has now folded with 4 members joining the Lions.

Donation made to the Seniors Activity Centre.

"When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us." Alexander Graham Bell

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White Cane Awareness Day - October 15

Will You Join the Celebration?

To many, the image of a curved handled white cane has become the symbol of a plea for support of a disabled community in need. A symbol used by Lions Clubs and others to raise money for important services to prevent blindness or assist people who are blind. But for those who are blind October 15, White Cane Safety Day, as it was named by the US Congress in 1964, or Blind Americans Equality Day as it was later designated by President Barack Obama as Blind Americans Equality Day (2014), the meaning is best exemplified by the updated logo/label you can purchase from LCI: A solid blue circle with a current-day straight white cane with a White Cane Day banner attached noting "Lions Support" above the banner and the words "Independence, Mobility, Safety," below the banner. Whether a blind person uses a white cane or a guide dog to improve their access to and independence in the world, White Cane Day is a celebration of the abilities and achievements of the blind and a commitment to inclusion, accessibility, and safety, locally and internationally.



As we approach that day, the MD19 Lions Knights of the Blind Committee (KOTB) encourages all Lions Clubs, Zones and Districts to join in the celebration to increase Awareness of the meaning and importance of the White Cane among our Lions Clubs and within our communities! A variety of ideas and links to resources can be found on the LCI webpage by searching for [White Cane Safety Day | Lions Clubs International](#).

Here are LCI's suggestions:

Mobilize your club to partner with local blindness experts, schools, and organizations for the blind to plan your International White Cane Awareness Day activity.

- Arrange for a person who is blind to demonstrate the use of the white cane and its benefits and share his or her accomplishments and aspirations with the community or your club.
- Invite a representative from a local school for the blind or a low vision clinic to speak about white cane, orientation and mobility and white cane laws in your community.
- Work with your local government officials to create a White Cane Safety Day Proclamation for your event.
- Work with local news media to convey your community's white cane laws to the public.

The webpage also includes links to resources on obtaining a free white cane from National Federation of the Blind; what to do when you meet someone who is blind, including someone with a guide dog; history of the white cane and white cane laws. For more ideas and assistance in planning your activities for your Club or your Community, don't hesitate to contact your KOTB District Representatives: Andy Arvidson, KOTB Chair, arvidsonandy@gmail.com (425-218-0190) or Danette Dixon, KOTB Vice-Chair, danettedixon63@gmail.com (425-238-4560)

On a related note, for our Canadian Lions--years ahead of the US and the rest of the world--on February 3, 1946, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) and Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB) jointly proclaimed the first White Cane Week in Canada. To this day, White Cane Week has occupied the same space on the calendar, the first full week of February, and it has also maintained its original purpose: publicizing the abilities of the blind and partially sighted rather than emphasizing the disability blindness itself presents.

"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

Redistricting MD19: Challenges and Opportunities Ahead!

By PCC John Kirry, Chairperson, MD19 Strategic Planning Committee

At the June 2021 Spring Council Meeting, the Council of Governors unanimously passed a resolution to begin the process of consolidating our Multiple District from nine districts into five. The Strategic Planning Committee, at the direction of then CC Al Hedstrom, spent a good portion of last year looking at the technical and human side of changing the internal boundary lines of our current nine small district into five larger districts within the current boundaries of MD19.

But we really got into high gear in the past few months as we have seen significant downward changes in our membership numbers. If membership losses continue apace and we follow this downward trend, our multiple district could become extinct in 10 years or so.

The important impetus behind this administrative change is simply this: The nine districts that make up MD19 lost an aggregate total of 808 members in our recent Lions year 2020-2021. This is the largest single-year loss in our history, and it has come as a stunning shock to all. Simply put, it's time to get moving, and redistricting is the chosen path of the Council of Governors. There are many challenges and opportunities ahead!

What is Redistricting?

Redistricting, also called consolidating, is explained clearly by Lions International in their online PDF "Guide for Consolidating Districts." Redistricting is managed over a two to three year period with the main goal to increase the minimum size of each district to 1250 members and 35 clubs. These changes will improve district and club administration so that robust leadership, membership and service programs can operate more effectively and efficiently. In the words of LCI:

- Your District needs to run at a peak performance level to best support healthy clubs. In order to maximize the efforts of district leadership, it may become necessary to restructure to operate in a more effective and efficient manner. The redistricting process is designed to accomplish that task.
- While the ideal size for a district has been debated, there is little doubt that a district should be large enough to have a sufficient pool of trained, qualified district leaders, a well-attended and meaningful district convention and ample resources to support club development.
- While membership growth should always be a part of the plan, redistricting can infuse the district with a mix of new leaders who can look at district activities in a new way, combine resources to more effectively meet the needs of the clubs. Redistricting, when done well, can strengthen the district and stimulate membership growth, enhancing the districts' ability to provide needed humanitarian service.
- All current districts will have a neighboring merger partner which, when consolidated, will provide for a more efficient and larger District. It is our goal as a Multiple District to engage our current districts and their nearby merger partners with a spirit of cooperation and "can-do" attitude to keep the process moving along in the face of the many challenges ahead.

The Redistricting Challenge:

Redistricting is not a panacea. We have to do the hard work of consolidating in order to see the benefits. Redistricting is not a substitute for an active and vital membership and retention program at every club. Redistricting will not magically produce new leaders in our clubs. But a mix of new leaders in the new district can inspire new leadership models which can help clubs be more effective in accomplishing their service goals.

The Path Ahead

As mentioned, redistricting is a project completed over 2-3 years. For example, the earliest we can submit our redistricting plan for approval by LCI is at the October 2022 Board Meeting. Even then, Redistricting would not be effective until July 1, 2023. But we will have LOTS TO DO in the meantime, including the formation of active district merger committees who will begin the hard work of consolidating district officers, cabinets, finances, and dozens of other important programs. The Strategic Planning committee will meet online with our current District Governors on August 11 to officially kick off our Information campaign to every Lions Club, Zone and District in MD19.

The Central Information Hub for Redistricting

The main hub for information will be online at our MD19 website. Several key documents such as a Timeline Road Map, Frequently Asked Questions and Merger Committee make-up and responsibilities will be posted. Currently, there are already several documents on the MD19 website to provide education and background information about Redistricting. This information can be found on the MD19 website Home Page under "In the Know." <https://lionsmd19.org/>

"Resilience in the Face of Change"

Current Council Chairperson John Moralek's theme is a strong one: "Resilience in the Face of Change" We are about to set off in a new direction, one that will require the energy and enthusiasm of us all. Redistricting is a big job, but we have smart, innovative, cooperative, generous and resilient Lions who are up to the challenges and opportunities ahead!

Lions Camp Horizon Update

By Don Webster, President Lions Camp Horizon Foundation

We have already completed our shortened 2021 camping season. During the spring, we decided that we would operate a reduced number of sessions, each with a limited number of campers, accepting only those who were relatively independent. This was done to improve physical distancing for meals and other group activities as well as to reduce direct physical contact. We also strove to have a fully vaccinated campus. All campers, volunteers and the vast majority of our staff were vaccinated.

The result of this effort has been a successful camping season. Our campers were excited to get back and despite the indoor masking and physical spacing coaching, most of our regular camp activities (plus some new ones) were offered and enjoyed by all. Most of the credit for the planning and execution of camp within the constraints of the various health guidelines goes to VP Lion Sharron Sherfick who spent countless hours chasing WA State and County guidance and determining what we could and could not do to maximize the safety of all participating.

Great planning only gets you so far. Our staff embraced the incremental COVID-related guidelines as the "cost" of being able to have a 2021 camping season and our dedicated volunteers came out (fully vaccinated) to help us execute the program, providing campers a deserved vacation and their families and caregivers a welcome respite.

Thanks to all involved. Our 2021 season, executed while many other regional camps remained closed, energizes us to move forward and plan for what will hopefully be a normal 2022 season!



The Longview Pioneer Lions Hard at Work

By IPDG Doug Harvey

The Longview Pioneer Lions are on their way to collect close to \$60K to be dispersed for humanitarian causes, as a result of a summer season full of hard of work! As this photo depicts, the club has achieved this by providing food services, primarily in support of local community events.

Staples such as hamburgers and hotdogs are augmented by sales of soft drinks, chips, popcorn, kettle corn, cotton candy and ice cream in this yearly endeavor. But watching the many volunteers working tirelessly to achieve this, repeatedly, throughout the season is what is amazing!

But, the donated manpower-efforts by club members behind the scenes is another feat that goes largely unrecognized by most. While Lions do work hard to meet the needs of patrons who line up with orders, these "hidden" efforts that enable it to happen is essentially unknown to all but those who actually donate their time.

It takes time to set up for the event and to tear down and clean up afterwards (tents up/tents down, etc.). But beyond that, ordering and picking up fresh food stuffs, plus the cutting, slicing, stacking and refrigerating that follows is an example. Then, carting them in the wagons and trailers to the site (unloading/reloading of equipment) and back after the event is over. Of course, a massive cleanup effort must also be performed when everything is returned.

Of course, the rewards come when these same members participate in disbursing the results the funds raised back into the community and beyond as the remainder of our Lions year progresses! That's Lionism!

The photo shows the chuckwagon and the "outside" sales tent with the popcorn, kettle corn, cotton candy laid out. The ice cream wagon (not in photo) is to the right of the tent.



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MD19 2021-22 First Half Dues Statements: On July 12th through the 14th the 1st Half MD19 Dues Statements were emailed or mailed as a hard copy if no email address was provided, to Club Treasurers or Secretary-Treasurers. **If your club has not received your dues statement, please call or email the MD19 Office. If you email please indicate to which club you belong.**

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Zone Chairpersons: Please send your reports, bulletins and expense claim forms to: md19lions@lionsmd19.org

Immediate Past District Governors & Vice District Governors: All Expense Claim Forms should be sent to md19lions@lionsmd19.org

The 2021-2022 MD19 Roster: The MD19 2021-22 Rosters will be mailed out in August in a very restricted manner. They will automatically be sent to each Lions Club Secretary ONLY. There will also be available the PDF version of the roster that can be sent to anyone who wishes it. For those wishing to purchase a hard copy of the MD19 2021-2022 Roster be aware that there will be a limited supply available after sending to the Club Secretaries and once they are gone then your only option will be to receive the PDF.

CARE Donations: For every \$500 dollars (US and CDN at par) a club donates to the CARE project, the club is eligible to give a Gordon F. Smith CARE Fellowship to a deserving club member (CARE certificate and pin). The Fellowship must be requested in the same Lions year in which the donation was made. A rocker is automatically given to clubs that contribute \$5.00 per member to CARE within the current Lions year.

Christmas Ship Cancelled

The Lions Christmas Cruise has been cancelled for the year 2021 because of UNRESOLVED issues regarding SOLAS (Safety Of Life At Sea) regulations currently in discussion between the USA and Canada governments. These are requirements for vessels carrying passengers and guests on International Waters. They will require extensive changes in vessels and their crew training. The cost is tremendous and cannot be completed in time for the Christmas Cruise.

There is no ship this side of the Great Lakes capable of qualifying in time for us. On the singularly positive side, it appears that we will be running in 2022.

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Hello from the MD 19 Memorial Garden

I think I have found MD19's best kept secret! The Memorial Garden that is tucked around the MD19 District Office is peaceful yet cheery, having the feel of an old homestead landscape. But as in any garden, it's full of surprises and is always changing. It is a wonderful place to visit and remember our fellow Lions. And our wish is to share this space with all of you.

Although everyone is welcome to come to Bellingham, explore the garden or simply sit on one of the benches under the old growth Sequoia Tree and watch the gold fish flit around the pond (Or Heck, even roll up your sleeves and get your fingers in the dirt while you're here!) we understand that MD19 is a large geographical area and is just too far for many Lions to travel to easily. So, we are working on ways to bring the garden to you. Posting photos of what's blooming and other garden shenanigans on the Lions of MD19 Facebook Page regularly is an easy way to start. Search the hashtag #md19memorialgarden to find our garden posts. Garden volunteers and visitors are also encouraged to use the hashtag when they post from the Memorial Garden. Please feel free to share these posts with your groups with wild abandon. Gardens are meant to be shared and enjoyed.

Volunteers are welcome to putter in the garden whenever they would like and are welcome to contact me with any questions (the4bells@hotmail.com or (360)-420-7422). **There are also two upcoming Garden Work Parties schedule from 9 am to Noon on Saturday, August 14th and Saturday, September 11th.** Donations to the MD19 Memorial Garden General Fund can be mailed to either the MD Office or to CC John Moralek. In addition, a Wish List is beginning to take shape with a new or gently used wheel barrow (or two) at the top of it.

See you in the garden!

Julie Bell



Lion Recognized For Service To Community

Submitted By George Robison

Hugh McMillan, a Charter Member of the Key Peninsula Lions Club, has been recognized for over 30 years of service to the Peninsula School District through his support and weekly news column supporting children in local schools. A few years ago Lion Hugh was honored for bringing more than 75 members into his Club.

McMillan moved to the Key Peninsula (commonly referred to as The Key) after about 30 years of service to the United States, working around the world for the Central Intelligence Agency, including in Japan, Egypt, India, Turkey, and Russia. He, his wife Janice and two sons, Lance, and Marshall, moved to a home on Von Geldern Cove, part of Puget Sound. Being a person who needed activities to keep him busy, Hugh looked around for projects. The result, the Key Peninsula Lions Club, and his ability to promote education through local schools and the children in them. Hugh served the club as President, leader and Zone Chairman.



School Board Members, Chuck West, David Olson, Deborah Krishnadasan and Natalie Wimberley flank Hugh McMillan. Board Member Lori Glover was present, but missing from this photo. Photo courtesy Key Peninsula Lion Curt Scott.

Lion Hugh was recently honored in a ceremony at Evergreen Elementary School on The Key, a school which is being replaced by a new facility. However, the existing Gym building will be preserved as a center for the community and named the "HUGH MCMILLAN COMMUNITY CENTER". Hugh is almost blind and no longer able to drive, so he was picked up on June 16th to go for a ride, which ended up at Evergreen Elementary where the entire School Board, some school staff and a few others greeted him with the surprise of his life. It was the day before his 95th birthday.

Hugh was presented a plaque, which reads: "Through your words and photographs, you shined a light on the students and staff of the Peninsula School District. You believed our stories were worthy of being told and we will carry that with us forever. Thank you for your inspiration. Your legacy will live on in the many lives that you have touched." Hugh commented, "I was thrilled. They gave me a beautiful plaque. It was overwhelming, it almost brought me to tears. It was very touching, very rewarding. What can I say?" Hugh had a love of photographing people, especially youth, while engaged in various projects and events. He would attend a function to be photographed and then make a computer disk of the event upon request.

Hugh's column was long running in the Peninsula Gateway. He looks back fondly on writing the column, meeting the students and teachers, and giving them a spotlight. He says, "I just loved doing the column. When I could drive and see, get around and talk to the kids, to get their view, I put their words in print. It was their actual words and for the kids it was a big thrill."

Hugh also said that he formed a positive relationship with teachers. "These are the people who are preparing our future through kids. They need a whole lot more credit than they are getting. Another big thrill is to walk on any campus and have a bunch of kids say, 'Hi Mr. McMillan'."

The Key Peninsula Lions Club distributes dictionaries, flags, and flag information to 3rd graders in the district. One Club member recalls the presentations one year where Hugh was present, and the kids were asked whether they knew him. One boy responded, "He is everybody's grandpa."



Crossing the US/Canadian Border - What You Need to Know

As of this writing, the Canadian Government will open the border August 9, to fully vaccinated travelers from the U.S.A. It has also published a [list of requirements](#) for non-essential travelers to get through the border. All travelers, regardless of vaccination status, will still require a pre-entry COVID-19 molecular test result. However effective August 9, 2021, the Government of Canada is adjusting its post-arrival testing strategy for fully vaccinated travelers. Using a new border testing surveillance program at airports and land border crossings, fully vaccinated travelers will not need a post-arrival test unless they have been randomly selected to complete a Day 1 COVID-19 molecular test. There are no changes to the mandatory testing requirements for unvaccinated travelers.

All travelers must use ArriveCAN (app or web portal) to submit their travel information. If they are eligible to enter Canada and meet specific criteria, fully vaccinated travelers will not have to quarantine upon arrival in Canada. All travelers, with limited exceptions, whether entering Canada by air or land, must use ArriveCAN. You'll need to submit your information within 72 hours before your arrival to Canada.

ArriveCAN is available to [download as a mobile app](#) or you can [create an account and sign in online](#).

From: [Public Health Agency of Canada](#)

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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.

The Ever-Evolving Snohomish Lions Club

By Rachel Horkin

Service clubs have been on a steady decline in the United States for decades, but are thriving in our own community. What is it about the Snohomish Lions Club that has given them such staying power?

The Snohomish Lions were chartered in 1929 and have been serving ever since. While Lions are primarily known for assisting with vision and hearing issues, the club has added to its service priorities over the decades to address emerging needs, now including education, community, hunger, environment, older adults and diabetes.

If you look carefully around town, it is hard to find an area that the Lions Club hasn't touched. They give dictionaries to the local 3rd graders every year, award vocational scholarships to seniors from all three high schools, and partner with the school district to vision screen students annually.

It is easier to work in a vibrant community, but what does a service club do when the community shuts down? The Lions didn't let COVID stop them. Members of the club anticipated increased needs at our Food Bank and began assisting its service delivery efforts. With the help of the Snohomish Church of the Nazarene, the Lions even began to grow food for the Food Bank by pooling resources and revitalizing the Garden of Hope.

The Lions also donated \$10,000 to help keep the Snohomish Boys and Girls Club open and \$20,000 to the Snohomish Senior Center to ensure their membership received drive-by hot lunches from a friendly face every day during the shutdown.

The lasting power of the lions seems to be summed up by their motto "We serve". "I am proud of our club's ability to innovate and adapt to help provide what our community needs in the moment," said Lion Rachel Horkin.

What is next for the Lions? On September 11th, they will host their most unique event yet -- a Mad Hatter Croquet Derby and Costume Contest at Harvey field. The event will feature whimsical decor and local beverages. "The goal of this new fundraiser is to bring back some of the joy we lost during the pandemic, while investing in our community" said Lion Rachel Horkin.

For more information, please visit www.snohomishlions.org/



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She had a wonderful career as a cosmetologist and retired after 50 years in the industry. During those years, She owned a hair salon with a staff of five, was licensed beauty college instructor, and co-owner of a salon with two other hairstylists for 23 years. To describe her career, the word "passionate" comes to mind. She never tired of styling hair.

Marilyn's Lions journey began in 1995 when her husband, PDG Steve joined the Longview Pioneer Lions Club. She followed Steve around as a guest participant in Lions' activities, but it was not until the year 2002 when she developed an understanding of Lions Clubs International's mission. It was then when she chose to become a true Lion. Marilyn became an active Lion who recognized the need to serve our community with needs unmet.

Proud moments on her Lions journey include receiving "Lion of the Year" award from her local club, LV Pioneer Lions, a Zone Chair Excellence Award and Runner-up for Zone Chair of the Year at the MD19 Fall Convention in 2019. Another proud moment was when she received an International Presidents Leadership Medal at the 2021 District G Spring Conference presented by PDG Stephen Staudinger. She is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

When she pondered about serving as District Governor this coming year, it was her husband, PDG Steve who said, "Leadership is a Process". And she felt it is true! She has had opportunity for leadership in all areas of her life. It is from those experiences that have given her the courage to try new avenues of leadership.

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See page 11 for more information on volunteering some time in the Memorial Garden too!

Memorials for June 2021

A	1	Vancouver Cambie	Menjou M. Hui
A	2	Squamish	Malcolm L. McEwen
B	4	Greater Bellevue	Michael A. Pastore
B	5	Seattle West Seattle	John E. Kelly
B	5	Seattle West Seattle	Harvey Rowe
C	5	Puyallup South Hill	Donald Roberts
C	5	Spanaway	Stephen Shelton
D	7	Kelowna Rutland	Barry Wayne Armbrust
D	7	Kelowna Rutland	Erv Schmidt
E	2	Reardan	Carroll Krupke
F	4	Cottonwood	Donald B. Tacke
F	5	Clarkston	Frank K. Dammarell
G	1	Longview Kelso EarlyBird	Harry A. Durham
G	4	Centralia	Margaret Beck
G	6	Lyle	Sharon Edwards
H	6	Chilliwack Dogwood Monarch	Charles E. Atkinson
H	7	Oak Harbor	John T. Kohlmann
H	7	Whidbey Island	Porter N. Baldrige
I	1	Port Angeles	Thomas E. Marvin
I	3	Central Saanich	Lorne Jones
I	3	Saturna	Harvey Janszen

Memorials for July 2021

A	1	Vancouver Cathay New Century	Bonnie Yan
A	1	Vancouver Pacific	Angela F. Lam
C	3	Federal Way	JoAnn Balmer
C	3	Federal Way	Glen R. Lee
C	5	Eatonville	Michael P. Boettcher
D	2	Mansfield	Harold Beard
D	2	Mansfield	Betty Wilsey
E	4	Creston	Henry Schoff
E	6	Elkford	Bruce Bringleston
E	11	Priest Lake Kaniksu	Donald R. Pratt
G	1	Longview Kelso Earlybird	PDG Crawford Spens
H	1	Lynden	David A. Wadleigh
I	1	Crescent Bay	Marylou Waitz

Percentages of WMMRs received for month of July 2021 and Second Half Dues Paid for 2021-2022

	WMMRs	DUES
19-A	66%	23%
19-B	53%	47%
19-C	74%	45%
19-D	96%	39%
19-E	78%	30%
19-F	36%	43%
19-G	71%	45%
19-H	80%	59%
19-I	100%	31%

MD19 Calendar of Events 2020 - 2021

Memorial Garden Cleanup Join us at the office 4141 W Maplewood Ave 0900-1145 AM	August 14, 2021 September 11, 2021 October 9, 2021
Memorial Garden Remembrance Service at 1:00pm	August 21, 2021
Club Officer training Zoom	September 25, 2021
MD19 Annual Convention – Virtual Style	November 5-6, 2021



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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Ask someone to become a Lion!**