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The Big Picture

By PDG Bob Ayotte, MD19 GLT Leadership Coordinator

"He is so bogged down with looking at detail, he can't see the forest for the trees."

"He can't see the bigger picture."

How many of us are involved in this manner? I know, I kind of mixed my metaphors in my statements above. We truly think that by the pedantic letter by letter study of a document, that we can make the entire document a whole. All we have done, is correct the grammar and sentence structure. We have not paid attention to the meaning of the whole.

I have often been frustrated by some who will try to direct the actions of others by proclaiming "It's not in the Lions Constitution", as if that wonderful document contained all the prescriptions to a healthy Lions Club life. Gone is the logic of intent. What was meant, when someone had written all those words contained therein? Some people look at that Constitution, clause by clause, without looking at the "Big Picture", of the entire volume.

Missing is the Consequence of Action. What would happen if? "What If" as Hal Palmer would ask us.

True leaders can see the big picture, the whole picture. True leaders can imagine what could happen. True leaders are curious. True leaders ask the right questions. True leaders understand consequences.

Curiosity is a great personal quality. It is the desire to learn, to know about anything. Curious leaders have an inquiring mind, asking the right questions. They have an intense desire to know. They have an intense thirst for knowledge. Curious leaders can be good decision makers, as long as they can be satisfied with the final outcome of their inquiries. They understand all sides of the story. They can make great judges, foresee consequences. They do make great leaders. They can see the whole forest. They don't get bogged down in the underbrush.

Lions, ask questions, be curious, and be aware of all things around you. Go out and be a great and true leader.

WGSS Leos Sponsor School in Guatemala

School supplies collected by the Leo Club of Walnut Grove Secondary School (19-H) were shipped to Guatemala City and received in good order. They were received and distributed by the Club de Leones de Ciudad de Guatemala.



The project was completed through in-kind donations of students, parents and teachers at WGSS and collected during December and January.

The UPS Store in Walnut Grove also played an important part. Alejandra Jahns, President of the Leo Club had this to say, "Nicole, the owner of the UPS store, was very generous in offering a deep discount in shipping costs. But we still needed an additional \$200. Thanks to articles in the local newspapers, several donors came forward, to help us complete the costs of shipment."

The LEO's raised additional funds that were sent to the Fundacion Club de Leones to buy more supplies. The generosity of the Langley community enabled this project to become a reality with several community residents, including Erin & Stephen McEwan, Deborah Duncan and Anne Hunter, who provided cash donations to complete the

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MD19 Council Chairperson

Jon Whitman

Spring has sprung! Well, I will believe it when it quits the raining season and in some areas we are still getting snow. It seems like old man winter doesn't want to give in yet.

The spring conferences have started with the first three behind us (District's D, H and F). They were all very good with excellent International Guests.

Attendees had a good time and enjoyed some wonderful seminars. It is especially fun when we can get together and renew old friendships.

There is still room for more to attend the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute to be held at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver B.C. Contact the MD19 office by email md19lions@lionsmd19.com for further information or go directly to the Institute's website: www.nwlli.org

Officer elections should also be happening at this time. Remember the new format for the reporting of officers: now reported online at <https://mylci.lionsclubs.org/Login.aspx?l=EN> and then email a copy to the MD19 office. The old PU19 form is no longer used.

We now have a complete line up of District Governors for the 2018-19 Lions year, Congratulations! There are still 1st or 2nd Vice District Governor positions to fill, as well as Zone Chairperson positions.

Be aware that Zone Chairperson and Vice District and Governor Elect training will also be held at the University of British Columbia Campus in Vancouver B.C., May 31-June 2, 2018. Those of you attending should be making plans soon - the housing reservation link is: <https://reserve.ubcconferences.com/GROUP/availability.asp?hotelCode=UBC&sdI=Check+In&startDate=05%2F30%2F2018&edI=Check+Out&endDate=06%2F03%2F2018&adults=1&children=&rooms=1&requesttype=invBlockCode&code=C180523B>

MD19 partners with the CARE Program to help sponsor a project and we are in the second year of a 2-year service project in Peru. We are working to help educate young girls in hopes of giving these young women a better life. It is not too late for your club to make a contribution to CARE. Make checks out to MD19 CARE and mail to MD19 Office, 4141 W Maplewood Ave., Bellingham, WA 98226.

On a sad note, we should remember District Governor Greg Vicars 19-B who passed away recently after a valiant battle with cancer. Continue to keep the Vicar family in your thoughts and prayers.



Dog Guide Canada

By Corrine White, Governor 19-H

In the early 1980's Lions Clubs across Canada sought to develop a national project to reflect their service to Canadians with visual impairments. The Lions Foundation of Canada and its founding program Canine Vision Canada was established in 1985. Since then it has grown to include six different programs – vision, hearing, service, seizure response, autism assistance and diabetic alert.



Their mission is to assist Canadians with a medical or physical disability by providing them dog guides at no cost. To do this the Foundation operates Dog Guides Canada, a preeminent national training school and charity that assists individuals with disabilities through specialized dog guide programs. These dog guides are provided at no cost to eligible Canadians coast to coast despite costing \$25,000 to train and place. They rely on donations from individuals, service clubs, foundations and corporations. They do not receive anything from the government.

It is now the largest school of its kind in Canada. The head office is in Oakville, ON. They have a breeding and training facility in Breslau.

Canine Vision program is the longest standing program. Since 1985 they have been enriching the lives of Canadians who are at least 12 years old. The dog assists their handlers in navigating obstacles found on most daily routes, including curbs, steps and crowds. With the knowledge that they are capable of traveling freely and safely, handlers feel self-assured every time they leave their home with the dog. The confidence they gain allows them to pursue education, careers and activities in their communities.

Since 1988 hearing dogs assist individuals who are 10 years of age or older. The dog detects sounds they are not able to hear on their own. They have been taught to distinguish sounds, make physical contact with their handler and lead them to whatever is making the noise – someone at the door, an alarm or phone.

In 2001 Seizer response program came on board. These dogs are for people with epilepsy. They are trained to assist individuals six years or older. The dog is capable of activating an alert system or bark for help in the event of a seizure. Their ability to respond and react quickly makes them a trustworthy companion. They provide their handler with the confidence to live independently.

Service dogs, formally special skills program in 1991, are
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Blind Ambitions - Lefty's Story

My name is Darren Douma and golf has been a passion and a huge part of my life. From an early age, my brother Darcy and I golfed, as juniors, on high school golf teams, and later as adults. I worked in the golf industry as a Pro Shop Assistant for many years before leaving the industry to be a sales representative with Frito Lay Canada. This career involved driving a delivery truck. However, just over a year into the job I found myself having difficulty with my eyes. I saw my optometrist who then referred me to a specialist who was certain I had an eye condition called Stargardt's Disease, a rare genetic juvenile form of macular degeneration. A follow up with a second specialist confirmed it was Stargardt's. I worked another four years before the vision worsened enough that driving and performing the duties of the job became impossible.

I fell into a deep depression. Golf was still a part of my life, but even it caused frustration because poor vision forced me to rely solely on playing group golf. I believed it was frustrating to my fellow golfers to have to spot my ball and their own on every shot. I shared my struggles and need for a lot of assistance playing the game. I joined a group of men that played a weekly group game and found they had no issues assisting me with every golf shot on the course.

In 2010, I established "VIBE" Vision-Impaired Blind Empowerment. (www.vibebc.com) The "VIBE" Mission is clear: "To encourage those dealing with vision loss to focus on their abilities, not their disabilities. To empower oneself and others through blind golf, and through the power of sport." I discovered the existence of blind golf in 2012 when I became acquainted with BC Blind Sports. I was introduced to a partially-sighted golfer from Port Alberni, Doug Stoutley, who was, at that time, the President of the Western Canadian Blind Golf Association and an active member of the Alberni Valley Lions Club. He encouraged me to get involved in blind golf and in 2013 the Alberni Valley Lions hosted both the Western Canadian and Canadian Championships.

In 2015, I had the opportunity to represent Canada and Team North America in the Vision Cup in Milan, Italy. Afterward, I hosted the Canadian Championships in my hometown of Creston, BC. This event was well received and very successful largely due to the many volunteers, some of whom were valuable Lions members. This past year I hosted the 2017 ISPS HANDA Vision Cup, with Team North America taking on Team Rest of World. Fortunately, we have had great support from many Lions Clubs in Western Canada. We're truly thankful to the 16 BC clubs that supported us in 2017. As a blind golfer from BC and a Lion, I hope we can count on support from more of our BC Lions Clubs in future years.

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WGSS Leos Sponsor...continued

courier payment and purchase more school supplies. Jackeline Rivera, administrator of the Club de Leones of Guatemala City was in charge of receiving the supplies and the money to buy more notebooks. The members of that Club prepared and delivered 67 packages of school supplies to girls studying at the Escuela Oficial Urbana de Niñas No.40 Maria Cristina Bennett de Rolz, located in Zone 6 of Guatemala City.

The classes receiving the supplies included five girls with physical disabilities and three girls with autism. Jackeline said, "The girls showed joy and happiness in their faces, but regretfully many girls didn't get the supplies this time. I hope next time we will have enough to help more girls". Guatemala is country rebuilding after decades of civil war and violence. Education is key to building a peaceful and prosperous society, however in Guatemala education is a privilege for most of the population.

PZC Lynda Davidson, advisor to the WGSS Leo Club had this to say, "The Langley community responded with much generosity due to the articles published by the *Langley Times and the Langley Advance*. Langley is a caring and compassionate community. The efforts of the Leos helped 67 girls, that's a meaningful number; we have 75 members in our Leo club".

Prince Rupert Lions Share Music



The Prince Rupert Lions Club, with music and a piccolo, showed that "We Share" in Arts and Culture. Music puts a smile on every face and creates a peaceful, warmer community.

Recently, a presentation was made at the Peter Witherly Community Music Studio. While there was no big cheque to be given, the Piccolo, purchased by the Club, was in attendance! The Music Society is absolutely thrilled with the donation made by the Lions and they are already making beautiful music with the Piccolo!

Receiving the Piccolo, valued at \$2,000, and on behalf of the Prince Rupert Lions Club, is president of the Music Society, Zoe Zenter (far left) with Zone Chairperson Ken Copping (A-4), Lion Anne Copping and Lion Jim Martin.



Lioness News March/April 2018

By Linda Schaffrick, MDLL

Spring has sprung and the Easter bunnies are hopping just like our Lioness clubs. They say that April showers will bring May flowers - we hope, and hopefully we don't get the flooding like we had last year.

By now the elections for club officers for 2018-2019 will have taken place and congratulations are due to those who have been elected to positions in their clubs.

Unfortunately the Lioness of District 19-I have folded their District Cabinet - this was due to not being able to fill the officers positions. But the clubs in the district are still active.

Kelowna D-7 27 Members Donations \$3,650.00

Ongoing projects for this club include preparing lunch once a week for Freedom's Door, bingo at a seniors center and Days for Girls, which is preparing toiletries for African girls so they can attend school. Assisting at the baby and blood donor clinics and SPCA. Donations have gone out to Kelowna Hospital; Cancer foundation; Freedom's Door; LCIF; CARE; Hearing and Lions Foundation of Canada.

Moses Lake D-5 24 Members Donations \$3,300.00 Hours 114

Projects include blanket tying night for New Hope and the Country sweethearts dinner and auction. Donations to Books for Babies and the Youth Dynamics Senior center.

Nanaimo Harbor Lites I-7 No report

Oliver D-9 8 Members 278 Hours Donations \$250.00

Busy in the arena concession every weekend with our sponsoring Lions, making muffins for the elementary school program and delivering the hot lunches to the elementary schools twice a week and concession for the Kids Fair. Tray favors were made for the hospital patients, extended care and seniors home for Valentines, St. Patrick's and Easter. Looked after the registrations for the Mammography Van. Donations have gone out to Women's shelter; Food Bank and candy for the Easter egg hunt.

Parksville I-7 11 Members Donations: \$4,200.00 Hours 240

The girls visit and prepare food for a family and provide respite for another family as well as serve lunch to the homeless and a seniors group. Have some possible new members in the wings. They are having an artist lead them in a painting session and also a speaker about Disaster preparedness. Donations to the Coombs; BC Lions Society; Haven Victims Services; Heart house; Oceanside hospice; ALS; Arthritis; Alzheimer's and Cancer.

Port McNeill I-6 22 Members No report

Priest River E-11 35 Members No report

Sooke District I-2 23 Members Donations \$150.00

Operated concessions for the Sooke Philharmonics and for the Highland games dance competitions; attended the Robbie Burns event; held a yard sale and helped at the Sooke Food Bank. Donations went to Juvenile Diabetes and CARE.

South Cariboo D-1 10 Members Hours 40 Donations \$800.00

Donations were made to the BC Lions Society; diabetes, Red Cross and the Fire Department. They also donated mittens to the Women's Center.

Toledo G-4 10 Members No report

Vancouver Chinatown A-1 21 Members

Bingo with the residents of Legacy Senior Living; collecting used eyeglasses; making and selling pink ribbon charms for cancer. Participated in the Chinese Lantern festival and 19A Spring Festival Centennial Parade.

Victoria Chinatown I-2 25 Members

Held their annual Chinese New Year dinner

Williams Lake D-10 11 Members Hours 71

Members continue to work at the Red Cross Equipment Centre and held a Valentine's dinner with Jubilee Care. Held a Family Fest for Literacy Day. Donated \$525 for a three-hour free family swim.

Winlock G-4 No report

Remember, as Lioness We Serve Too!

Lions Youth Exchange

by Lion Tammy Allan, Selah Valley Lions Club

What a fantastic time we had hosting and simply enjoying these students from Australia! All these young ladies were fun and willing to experience new things that they had never done before.

The Lions Youth Exchange is about building friendships and making connections that will last a lifetime! Our family has had the opportunity to host four students now through the Lions Club YEP program, and I can say that honestly it has been so easy and fun for my whole family! There are many exchange programs available, but going through the Lions YEP is a shorter time frame commitment and incredibly organized to make it easy for everyone involved!

Don't assume that your lifestyle wouldn't be good for hosting a student just because you spend a great deal of time on the golf course. Our student from Norway, we hosted nearly 13 years ago for the second half of her exchange, had spent three weeks in Canada with a 65 year old woman that showed her all around the golf course, and she loved it!



Give the Lions Youth Exchange a chance, you won't be disappointed.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Medical Lake Lions Club is **CELEBRATING** their **FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE** and **YOU ARE INVITED!**

Date: Saturday, May 12th, 2018

Location for Celebration: Airport Ramada Hotel,
8909 West Airport Drive, Spokane, WA. 99224

Time: Social Hour starts at 5:30 p.m. (No Host Bar)
Buffet Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Menu: Chef carved New York Strip
with Rosemary Au Jus and Creamy
Horseradish Sauce,

Chicken Picatta with Lemon Caper Butter Sauce

Cost: \$35.00 (usd) per person

Guest Speaker: PID Anne Smarsh

For Reservations: Make check payable to
"Medical Lake Lions Club"

Mail check to: Lion Keith Korn, 961 N. Stanley St,
Medical Lake, WA. 99022

Questions? Lion Keith at lionkeithkorn@gmail.com
or call 509-995-7097

COME CELEBRATE WITH US

MD19 Memorial Garden Work Parties Set

MD19 Office, 4141 W. Maplewood Avenue,
Bellingham, WA 98226

All are on Saturday 9:00 am – 11:30 am

- May 12
- June 9
- July 14
- August 11

August 18 will be the Memorial Dedication for the 2017-2018 plantings.



Vancouver Cosmopolitan Lions Club, A-7

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Secretary: Rita Zhao
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Sponsoring Club: Vancouver Metropolitan Lions Club, A-7
Charter Night: April 29, 2018

The 2018 Spring Council of Governors' Meeting is set for Thursday, May 31st and will be held in the Ponderosa Commons on the University of British Columbia (UBC) Vancouver Campus. The meeting will be held in the Ponderosa Ballroom, which is on the ground floor. Our accommodations will also be in the Ponderosa Commons Residence, 2075 W Mall, Vancouver, B.C., Canada. All rooms are quite nice and are on a first come first serve basis. The link to register on line is as follows: <https://reserve.ubcconferences.com/GROUP/availability.asp?hotelCode=UBC&sdl=Check+In&startDate=05%2F30%2F2018&edl=Check+Out&endDate=06%2F03%2F2018&adults=1&children=&rooms=1&requesttype=invBlockCode&-code=C180523B>

You may also call the campus reservations office, but you must indicate that you are with the "Multiple District 19 Lions" group so that you receive the group rate. The phone number is 604-822-1060. There are two types of guest accommodations:

The Ponderosa Premium Single which has a locking private bedroom with a single bed in a four-bedroom shared apartment. Guests share a washroom, roomy lounge with flat-screen TV, breakfast bar and kitchen. (It is not equipped with dishes, cooking utensils, etc., but complimentary coffee and cups provided.) \$59.00 per night plus tax. If you and two or three of your friends would like to share accommodations and save money, please make your reservations individually on line or by phone and then one of you will need to email the list of roommates to the MD19 Office. The MD19 Office will send that list to Amira who is arranging for the rooms at UBC.

Ponderosa Studio Suite which is a suite with ONE double bed (king or queen not available) private washroom, very small sitting area with telephone and flat screen TV, kitchen and complimentary coffee. Maximum 2 guests per suite. \$125.00 per night plus tax.

There is a \$10.00 per night parking fee for both types of rooms. Housekeeping service will include beds made daily in Studio Suites and towels changed daily. In the Premium Singles, beds will be made upon arrival and two towels and soap are provided. The common area is cleaned daily. Alcohol may be consumed in both types of rooms.

Deadline for room reservations is April 27, 2018.

Meal Registration Form

Meal Registration Form deadline - Friday, May 23, 2018

Name: _____
Current Office: _____ Dist. / Zone: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ Prov./State: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____
Life Threatening Allergies: _____

\$22.50 Canadian/\$18.00 U.S. Funds for Lions who are not members of the Council

Lunch will be a variety of sandwiches and wraps, fresh garden vegetable platter, chef's selection of gourmet sweet and savory snacks, ice water, freshly brewed coffee, or herbal tea.

Number of Luncheon Meals to be purchased ____ @ \$22.50 Can or \$18.00 US each

Amount Enclosed for purchased lunches \$____ Canadian Funds/U.S. (Circle One)

Please complete this form and send with a check made out to "MD19 Lions" for each luncheon ticket purchased OR complete the form below with your credit card information and send to MD19 Lions, 4141 West Maplewood Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98226. Credit Card Charges will be in U.S. Funds. Forms with Credit Card information may be emailed to md19lions@lionsmd19.com.

Please check Credit Card Type Visa Master Card

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date ____ / ____

Opening Eyes Project

Each of us has a wonderful opportunity to serve during the first week of July! This is a great way to accomplish community service, 'right out of the gate', in our new Lions' year! Please, consider volunteering for Lions "Opening Eyes" Project, at the upcoming US National Special Olympics Games, July 1-6 held at the University of Washington HUB (Husky Union Building).

A number of very good Lions have worked "Opening Eyes" at the WA State Special Olympic Games, since 2002. This national event is anticipated to be much bigger, by far. So, it will be all hands on deck! And, I can guarantee that this is a service project that will swell your hearts, and leave you proud to be a Lion! The work is easy, and heartwarming. No special skill sets required. Just bring smiles, and good nature to share!

The message below comes from Dr. Erick Hartman, OD who has chaired the WA State "Opening Eyes" events since its inception:

"I am sending this information to recruit Lions Club volunteers for the upcoming US National Special Olympics Games, during the week of July 1-6, 2018.

This is what I know so far:

Venue: University of Washington, HUB (Husky Union Building)

Date: July 1 - 6, 2018

Time: 4-5 hour shifts are scheduled in the mornings and afternoons (specific days/times are found on the registration site)

There will be a full scope ophthalmic screening that measures the following:

- Distance Visual Acuity
- Near Visual Acuity
- Color Vision
- Stereo Vision
- Binocularity
- Refraction (measurement of eyeglass prescription)
- Tonometry (Eye pressure)
- External Exam
- Internal Exam
- Pupil reactions

Many athletes will receive prescription eyeglasses as a result of this screening, (some on site, others will be mailed later). For those who don't need prescription eyewear, sunglasses are provided as well as Safety Sport Goggles with and without prescription.

I have been the Clinical Director for the State of Washing-

ton's Special Olympics Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes Screening Program since its beginning in 2002. My wife and I have organized 15+ screenings in the Tacoma area during the state Summer Games since then. There are very specific protocols for each screening station. We use Lions Club volunteers for many positions, including:

Set up
Check-in, history (Lions' favorite station!)
Refraction/Visual Acuity Chart 'pointers'
Color Vision Testing
Stereo Vision Testing
Sunglass selection
Runners
Athlete Support
Data Entry
Tear down

Volunteers are asked to register online for this event. To sign up as a non-medical volunteer please follow the steps below:

- The registration website <https://2018sousagamesvolunteerregistration.my-trs.com>
- Choose the purple "click here to volunteer with us" button
- In the blue box titled Kaiser Permanente enter the code "kaiser2018" and hit select
- Scroll down to the Healthy Athletes Category
- While there are no specific positions for Opening Eyes, I would suggest selecting the general "check in, escorts, or registration assistant positions"
- If you have any questions, we probably have answers! Free T-Shirts and Souvenir pins are provided as a token of appreciation for your service.

Erick Hartman, OD & Tracie Hartman

PS: If you have association with any optometrists or ophthalmologists, we can use their help during this week, please reply with their contact info."

Thank you for your kind consideration of this outstanding opportunity to serve!

Individual Lions are welcome, as are delegations from Lions Clubs (with each Lion registering separately, please). Please, consider your calendar now ~ and register soon! PDG Rosemary can be reached at richert.rosemary@gmail.com

Order a MD19 Uniform

Order now to make sure you have a uniform for the convention in Las Vegas!

We cannot mail the uniforms. Please order in time to deliver to you or someone from your club at your District Spring Conference. You may also pick up your ordered uniforms at the MD19 Office in Bellingham, WA or at the DGE / ZCE School in Vancouver B.C.

Please email md19lions@lionsmd19.com or call the office at 360-733-4911



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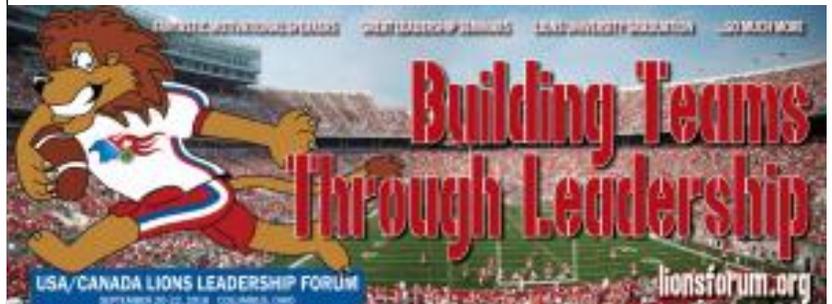
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Starting this year there is a new process for doing the 2018/2019 Lions Club Officer Report Form which is due in the MD19 Office on or before May 15th. Secretaries now complete their Club Officer Report Forms online with MyLCI and email a copy as an attachment to the MD19 Office. If you did not receive the AWeber message, in March with instructions for completing the information online or the link to the hard copy version of the LCI Club Officer Report Form, it is <http://www.lionsmd19.com/forms/2018/PU101%20for%202018-19.pdf>. Save the blank form to your computer, fill it out, save completed form and email to the MD19 Office as an attachment. Email address: md19lions@lionsmd19.com. Hard copies can be mailed to 4141 W. Maplewood Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98226. This same form is mailed or emailed to LCI to the addresses shown on form. For those secretaries for whom we have no email information, you should have received a hard copy from MD19 sometime in March.

Please send a copy of your Club Officer Report Form to your current 1st Vice District Governor and Zone Chairperson. Before sending 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. 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 and update the form with appropriate information.

If all information is not available, send what you can. Call the MD19 Office if you need assistance. Remember: the International PU101 goes to LCI and a copy should be sent to the MD19 Office. The Club Officer Reporting Form allows the new officer information to be provided to the current 1st VDG (your incoming DG) and the Zone Chairperson.

Club Officer Training: After Clubs have held their club elections for the 2018/19 officers, the next important step is for them to attend a Club Officer Training. District Leadership Chairpersons are in charge of setting up training in your zone or district, both on-line and face-to-face. If you have not heard of a training session yet, contact your District Leadership Chairperson for the date of the training. You may attend training in another zone if you can't attend it in your own zone.

The MD19 2018 Club Officer Manuals are now available under "Club Officer Manuals". They can be downloaded and kept on your computer for quick reference.

MD19 Award Forms for Club President and Membership Director Excellence Awards will be available on the MD19 website. An AWeber message will be sent as a reminder shortly. These forms need to be sent to the MD19 Office by July 25, 2018. Officers and Clubs that meet the criteria for the MD19 Awards will receive their recognition at the MD19 Annual Convention in Whistler, B.C. in October. There is no form to fill out for the Club Secretary Excellence Award. The criteria for this award is tracked by MD19 throughout the year.

Lions Clubs International (LCI) has a Club Excellence Award. The LCI Club Excellence Award Application form can be found at this link <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/da1-2017-18.pdf>



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LIONS MEETINGS
CH. DOGWOOD MONARCH H-6
6:30 PM
2nd Wednesday
Royal Hotel – Homestead Room
45886 Wellington Ave.

FERNDALE H-1
6:00 PM
2nd & 4th Wednesday
Chihuahuas Mexican Restaurant
5694 3rd Ave.

FORT VANCOUVER G-2
12:00 PM
Weekly Friday
Elks Lodge
11605 SE McGillivray Blvd., Vancouver, WA

HAUSER, E-3
6:00 PM
1ST & 3RD Tuesday

NORTH WHIDBEY H-7
12:00 PM
2nd & 4th Wednesday
VFW
3037 Goldie Road, Oak Harbor

ROY COMMUNITY C-6
7:00 PM
3rd Tuesday
Roy Grange, 102 Water St.

VADER G-4
12:30 PM
1st & 3rd Thursday
Little Crane Café, 110 7th St.

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Dog Guide Canada...continued

for people 10 years old and older with physical or medical disabilities. Handlers discover a renewed sense of safety and independence through the use of one of these dogs. The dog can retrieve objects, open & close appliances and open & close doors. The dogs are trained to bark or activate an alert system when help is needed. Because of the wide range of tasks they are able to do the dogs are in high demand.

In 2009 the autism assistance program started. The dogs help families and children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. The dogs help children aged 3 to 12 years old by providing safety, companionship and unconditional love. They provide a calming relief for children in high anxiety situations and reduce the stress commonly experienced in public places. The bond that develops between the dog guide and child allows for increased social interaction for the family and child.

Diabetic alert dog assist people 10 years and older who have type 1 diabetes with hypoglycemic unawareness. They are trained to detect sudden drops in their handler's blood sugar through scent and alert them so that they can ingest something sweet. They can go for help within the home or activate an alert system if needed. Their ability to detect and react to hypoglycemic episodes helps the handler avoid loss of consciousness and subsequent life threatening effects.

This is why this project is so close to my heart.

Corinne started attending Lion's meetings in January 1994 and enjoyed working on the different projects. In April of that year she was inducted into the Fort Langley Pioneer Lions club where she held several different positions on the board. In March 2001 Corinne transferred into the Fort Langley Lions Club. Corinne has become known for sporting her fancy footwear. She enjoys going to zone meetings, visiting clubs throughout the district to see old friends and make new ones. In her spare time (if she has any) Corinne enjoys reading, knitting and crocheting. She is learning how to quilt. Says Corinne "Who knows what the future will bring."

Whistler Convention Update...Registration Coming Soon!

The MD19 Annual Convention registration form comes out after all of the Spring Conferences are concluded, make sure you register early to ensure you get one of the Ziplining Tours. They are limited and will sell out quickly.

We will also have tours to a spa which is a wonderful experience and good for your body and soul.

We will be promoting this convention at your Spring Conference so look for us on the Saturday in the Vendor area.

We look forward to seeing you there!!



Come Play in Whistler
MD19 2018 Annual Convention
October 24-25

If Patty can do it...so can YOU

Fun, Fellowship and Celebration

Percentages of WMMRs received, SARs completed for month of January, 2018 and Second Half Dues Paid for 2017-18

| | WMMRs | SARs | DUES |
|------|-------|------|------|
| 19-A | 67% | 58% | 80% |
| 19-B | 72% | 44% | 81% |
| 19-C | 72% | 64% | 92% |
| 19-D | 67% | 56% | 87% |
| 19-E | 98% | 63% | 96% |
| 19-F | 76% | 28% | 89% |
| 19-G | 67% | 46% | 90% |
| 19-H | 100% | 60% | 90% |
| 19-I | 86% | 62% | 94% |

Memorials for February 20118

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|-----|-----------------------|------------------------|
| B 5 | Burien | DG Gregory E. Vicars |
| B 5 | Des Moines | Al Thornton |
| B 5 | Des Moines | June L. Thornton |
| C 4 | Bremerton Central | Graham L. Kent |
| C 5 | Eatonville Day Break | Dorothy Ray |
| D 1 | Lumby | John Gordon |
| E 3 | Post Falls | Albert H. Brothers |
| E 3 | Rathdrum | Leonard V. McLean |
| F 7 | Moscow Central | Elbert M. Barton |
| G 2 | Orchards Evergreen | R.L. Skip Getman |
| H 1 | Bellingham Central | Steven C. Erickson |
| H 1 | Bellingham Harborview | Gloria McDonald |
| H 1 | Lynden | William M. DeJong |
| H 3 | Abbotsford | Herb Reeve |
| H 6 | Agassiz Harrison | Anna Maguire |
| H 6 | Chilliwack Mt. Cheam | Wilfred A. Schacher |
| H 6 | Chilliwack Mt. Cheam | Bonnie Wegiel |
| H 7 | Coupeville | Jacqueline Feusier |
| I 5 | Qualicum Bay | William Kenneth Henson |

Special Donations

| 2017-2018 | CARE |
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| 19-H Michele Barrie For Dylan, Dami and Ian Barrie | \$75.00 |
| 19-H Patty Allen In Memory of PDG Joan Hunter | \$20.00 |
| 19-B PDG Tom Smarsh | \$100.00 |
| 19-D Kelowna Lioness | \$250.00 |
| 19-F PDG's Jim & Erma Kemp In Memory of PDG Joan Hunter | \$25.00 |
| 19-F DG Crystal Walk | \$1,000.00 |
| 19-G PDG Kathy Morrison | \$250.00 |
| 19-G DG Bill Karcher | \$250.00 |

Memorials for January 2018

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|-----|---------------------|-----------------------|
| A 1 | Vancouver Chinatown | Kai T. Lock |
| A 2 | Lynn Valley | Henry Zarifeh |
| B 6 | Lake Stevens | Frank McDaniel |
| C 2 | Olympia Host | Rudy Wagner |
| D 4 | Quesnel | Frank McKelvie |
| D 7 | Kelowna Rutland | Bill Newman |
| D 7 | Kelowna Rutland | Loyola Walsh |
| F 1 | Naches Sunshine | Janice A. Smith |
| F 6 | Pasco | Victor R. Perez |
| G 4 | Centralia | Raymond G. Macdermott |
| H 3 | Langley | Jack Roberts |
| H 4 | North Delta | Parveen K. Sandhu |
| H 7 | Coupeville | R. Spencer Purvis |
| I 1 | Sequim Valley | Jeffrey D. Leach |
| I 1 | Sequim Valley | Esther Nelson |

MD19 Youth Exchange Foundation

The Youth Exchange Foundation of MD19 is a Washington State Charitable Corporation that is qualified as tax exempt under Internal Revenue Regulation section 501(c) (3), meaning that both donors to the Foundation and the Foundation are free of U.S. income tax. The Foundation provides funds for some Youth Exchange activities because there is no funding through MD19.

Most Lions personally bear the expenses associated with their Youth Exchange activities. Sometimes the Foundation provides reimbursement for travel and other costs of attending meetings or performing other functions. There is no paid staff.

Starting in 2018 the Foundation is offering a scholarship program for travel as part of the MD19 Youth Camps and Exchanges program, which is a separate function operating under the LCI Policy on Youth Exchange. Although there is some commonality of participation in the two groups, they are separate organizations. The MD19 Youth Exchange Committee sees that all exchanges meet the requirements of LCI. The Foundation establishes the rules for applying for a scholarship and provides the funds.

Since there is no MD19 funding for Youth Exchange, the only way to provide funds is to either add a service charge to the cost of youths who participate or receive donations from Lions and other sources. Adding a service charge is not presently being done. Instead, each Lions Club is asked to budget an annual donation and consider making a one-time special donation. There are approximately 11,450 Lions in MD19 and if every one of them donated 25 cents a year, the foundation could fund scholarships and other activities adequately for now.

Only two applications were received for travel this year. One has been accepted for travel to Australia and the other to Italy. The Foundation will provide them with two personalized polo shirts, four MD19 Youth Exchange banners and six MD19 Youth Exchange pins to take. In addition, each is receiving a Foundation scholarship. The cost of the various items and the scholarships is about \$1,600.

This past year the Foundation experienced some extraordinary expenses because for several years there had been no IRS 990-N filed and the tax-exempt status had been suspended. The total cost of reinstating the status was \$725 to have the IRS process a new application and resolve the Private Foundation/Public Charity status of the Foundation.

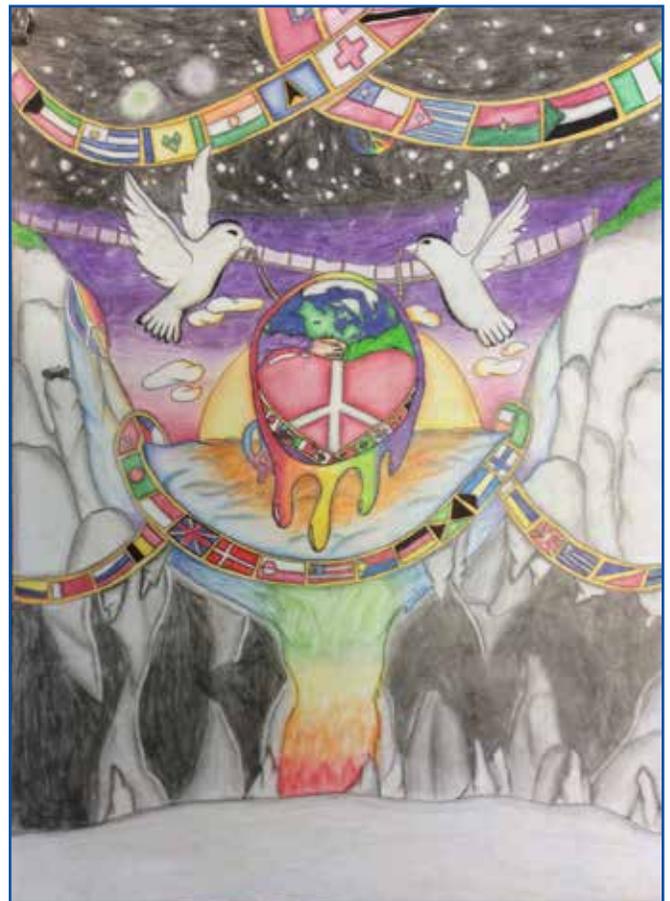
To support the continuation of Youth Exchange as part of the MD19 Lions functions, please make a one-time donation and have your Lions Club budget an annual donation. Donations should be sent to Lion Tammy Allan, Treasurer, 312 S 1st St, Selah WA, 98942. Questions should be addressed to PDG George Robison, email georgerobison@centurytel.net or phone 253-853-2721.

MD19 Winning Peace Poster for 2018

Student: Alexander Green
Age: 11 (Male)
Grade: Sixth
School: Rock Heights Middle School

Sponsoring Club: Gordon Head Lions Club, I-3

Students Quote on Peace: "The future of Peace is the future of Mankind."



Whistler Fun Facts

Whistler is located on the north western edge of Garibaldi Provincial Park and was originally called London Mountain due to the frequent fog at lower elevations.



**Join us at the
MD19 Annual Convention in Whistler
October 24-27, 2018**

Lions Day with the U.N.

By Kyle Boutilier

On March 24, I had the chance to visit New York City and attend the Lions Day with the United Nations. It was an exciting opportunity, where I was able to address all Leos and Lions in attendance during the lunch period about diabetes education. We began the presentation by partnering with the local Taoist Tai Chi group to demonstrate an easy and recommended exercise for those living with diabetes, Tai Chi. We then debunked some common misconceptions surrounding this disease, and briefly discussed the different types of diabetes. Finally, we presented some ways Lions can help educate and improve their communities, empowering each member to create a local action plan.

This was an exciting opportunity that allowed me to connect with Lions and Leos from around the world, and learn more about the great work of this organization. I would like to thank LCI for this opportunity to improve my leadership and public speaking skills.

Link to watch LDUN: <http://webtv.un.org/search/-part-1-lions-day-with-the-un-working-together-globally-to-combat-diabetes.-ldun/5757705938001/>



LCICon: The 2018 International Convention

More details about the 2018 LCICon can be found at <http://lcon.lionsclubs.org/EN/about-lcon/index.php>. Consider attending this year! Las Vegas is easy to get to, the registration fee is US\$225, and you can join over 100 other Lions from MD19 who will be gathering with more than 20,000 Lions from around the globe to celebrate at our International Convention.



Highlights include the Parade of Nations, LCICon Service Projects, the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, and the installation of the 2018-2019 District Governors. Especially exciting this year, for the first time in 101 years, the installation of the first woman to be our Association's President Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir, from Gardabaer, Iceland. She has been a member of the Gardabaejar Eik Lions Club since 1992 and has dedicated her service to children and youth, membership and leadership development, health and wellness, including vision and diabetes, environmental projects and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

Every Lions club in good standing can participate in the election of executive officers and international directors each year, as well as voting on amendments to the association's bylaws. This is done by assigning delegates to represent the club at the international convention. Clubs are entitled to one delegate for every 25 members or major fraction thereof. The certification and voting will occur at the same time in the Convention Voting Area. As soon as you are certified, you will receive a ballot and will be able to vote immediately. Taken from the February 2018 Digital Lion. Full article here [http://digital.lionmagazine.org/publication/?m=6639&l=1#{\"issue_id\":\"472916\" \"view\":\"articleBrowser\", \"article_id\":\"3001758\"}](http://digital.lionmagazine.org/publication/?m=6639&l=1#{\)

Club Delegates for the 2018 International Convention of Lions Clubs (LCICon) can be assigned by the club President or Secretary by logging on to mylci.lionsclubs.org "International Delegates" or by mailing the Club Delegate Form to International Headquarters by May 1, 2018. While the 2018 LCICon runs from June 29th – July 3rd 2018, voting only happens on 3 days:

July 1 between 1:00pm – 5:00pm

July 2 between 9:00am – 5:00pm

July 3 between 7:00am – 10:30am

Be sure to let your Club know you are interested in going and ask your Club if there is any financial support available from the Club Administration Fund. We have heard several clubs make this part of the annual budget process.

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.

MD19 Calendar of Events 2018

Spring Conferences:

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| District 19-E | Coeur d'Alene Resort Casino, Worley, ID | April 20-22 |
| District 19-I | Parksville Community & Conf Centre, Parksville B.C. | April 20-22 |
| District 19-A | Holiday Inn, Vancouver, BC | April 27-28 |
| District 19-C | Kitsap Conference Center, Bremerton, WA | April 27-28 |
| District 19-B | Hilton Garden Inn, Bothell, WA | May 4-5 |
| District 19-G | Red Lion, Kelso, WA | May 18-19 |
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| Emerging Lions Leadership Institute | Fredericton, NB, Canada | May 5-7 |
| NW Lions Leadership Institute | UBC, Vancouver, B.C. | May 10-13 |
| Medical Lake Lions 50 Years of Service Celebration, | Spokane, WA | May 12 |
| Pre-Council Meeting, | UBC, Vancouver, B.C. | May 30 |
| Spring Council Meeting, | UBC, Vancouver, B.C. | May 31 |
| DG Elect, VDG Elect & ZC Elect training, | UBC, Vancouver, B.C. | May 31-June 2 |



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!