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## Expect the Unexpected!

By PDG Wanda Carisse, MD19 GLT Leadership Coordinator

This past several weeks have been like being on an episode of Survivor where you are told to "expect the unexpected." That is how I think our lives are right now. Things we had thought were happening are not. District Conferences, election of officers, regular club meetings, trainings and service or fundraising projects have been either cancelled or are being done by computer or telephone, whatever the case may be. Not to mention, most people are either working from home or not working at all. So where does this place the MD Leadership program?

Well, firstly, we will not be able to hold the District Officer Training in Yakima as planned. We are working on some alternatives including the potential to hold an in-person training in Yakima in August. We will keep you posted.

The planning for the MD19 Convention in Penticton continues. There will be rap sessions for Zone Chairs, Presidents and Secretaries as well as interactive panels and service and/or environmental projects to participate in. Our aim is to have panels that are more hands-on for the participants. I'm looking forward to getting a little creative in some of our panels. See this newsletter for "Call for Presenters" if you are interested in presenting a panel.

I prefer to use my 'rose coloured glasses' and say "I look forward to seeing you in person in October."

Social Distance Hugs to you all!

**"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

## Link to More Information

LCI response 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>

New Ideas? Borrow from another Multiple District MD9

<https://www.iowalions.org/category/the-iowa-lion/>

MD35

<http://floridaandbahamasmd35magazine.com/index.html>

Make a donation to LCIF Campaign 100 here <https://lionclubs.org/en/give-how-to-give/campaign-100>



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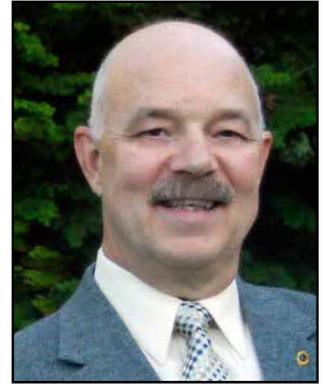
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## MD19 Council Chairperson

**J.D. Nellor**

### **To My Fellow Lions,**

It seems an eternity that little more than three weeks ago, March 6 and 7, a wonderful contingent of Lions from around MD19 gathered for the first stop on the annual tour of District conventions, the District 19-H Spring Conference in Langley, B.C. It was a terrific convention. Great energy, wonderful fellowship wrapped in a unique package that truly honored the Lions of District 19-H and celebrated Patty Allen-White's year as the 19-H Governor.



For Susan and I, the surreal coronavirus journey we are all now facing began Friday night in Langley. While all of us were enjoying the parade of 19-H talent entertaining the conference attendees, Susan and I started getting flooded with cell phone calls from members of our Lions club. Once we were able to actually connect, we got news that one of our fellow Vancouver Lions was in the hospital, in a coma, on a respirator, the first COVID-19 case in my home town 310 miles south of the 19-H festivities. We had not seen our friend since well before Valentine's day—a few days visiting his daughters and grandchildren in King County, a Valentines vacation with his wife, and nightly volunteer work for A.A.R.P to prepare tax returns for seniors had taken him away from contact with us, the Club and our other Club members most of February.

Back home Friday the following week, Susan's school, along with all other public schools in Washington, were closed for 6 weeks through April 24. And then, one by one, as governmental recommendations and orders were announced or imposed and their conference registrations dwindled, all eight of the remaining MD19 Districts were forced to cancel their plans to honor their Lions and celebrate their DGs' year. Lions Clubs International postponed and then cancelled its convention in Singapore along the way. "Social distancing" became a household term: Club meetings postponed; Projects and fundraisers sidelined; Elections (club, district, MD19 and LCI) interrupted; Gatherings quashed. And even our MD19 staff, along with almost everyone else, is now confined to staying at or working from home.

Wow! Don't blink!

So, what is a Lion to do? That is a question I have been fielding, directly or indirectly, since our coronavirus adventure began. How do we hold a club meeting when meetings are banned and our meeting places are closed? How do we fund-raise when we have to stay at home? How do we help our communities when we are supposed to stay away from the people? How can we raise money for our causes when our only fund-raiser of the year had to be cancelled? How do we elect DGs and VDGs? How can we elect club officers when we can't get together?

The answer is a bit trite, but true: We do what Lions clubs always do. Together we come up with solutions that help our communities.

We Serve may look a little different, for a while or maybe longer. Our communities' needs may be different, for a while or maybe longer. How we go about figuring out community needs and how to fill those needs may be different, for a while or maybe longer. But needs are still there, need has not gone away. Vision, diabetes, childhood cancer, environment, hunger... it is all still there waiting for our solutions.

Lions are experts at broken-field running. Lions do not throw up their hands and give up in the face of adversity— there has never been any undertaking by any Lions club that hasn't faced some adversity along the way. Lions figure things out. My theme this year has been "Together": We get together, pool our thoughts, our ideas, our resources, our (there is no such thing as stupid) questions, and we come up with answers and solve problems. We do things together that we could never accomplish or do by ourselves. The adversity of the coronavirus outbreak has not changed how we work together.

That's all fine and dandy, you say, but we can't even hold a meeting!

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## MD19 Memorial Garden Information

In remembrance of a Lions Club Member or Family Member, plant a living memorial on the grounds surrounding the MD19 Office in Bellingham, WA

### Cost of the Memorials includes:

Plant	Planting soils
Care and watering	Engraved plaque on the Memorial Wall

### \$100.00 will Purchase:

A bush or shrub, such as a Rose, Mahonia, Viburnum, Forsythia, Flowering Dogwood

### \$50.00 will Purchase:

A flowering perennial or decorative grasses, such as hardy Geraniums, Helianthemus (sun roses), Lavender, Russian sage, Blue Fescue, or other small grasses.

*\*The newest garden addition is designated for PNW Native Plantings only, contact the office for a listing of available plants\**

Specific plants will be decided upon based on the needs of the garden and desires of the donor. **Currently the garden cannot accommodate additional trees.**

**Send Checks to the MD19 Office**, 4141 W. Maplewood Ave., Bellingham, WA 98226. Make checks out to MD19 Lions. Include a note with check indicating the name of the person being honored. Contact us with any questions about type of plant to be purchased.

### Saturday 2020 Work Parties in the Garden will be:

May 16  
June 20  
July 18  
August 15

Lions and friends gather in work clothes with tools and energy to spruce up the gardens: weed, trim, and plant from 9 - Noon. Join the fun and be part of the transformation!

**Dedication of 2018-2019 Memorials Saturday, August 22, 2020 from 1:00-2:30pm.**

### New Idea – Great Club Environmental Project:

Lions Clubs are encouraged to "adopt a garden". Set up your own work schedule to care for one of the specific garden areas:

Rose garden	Garden around the Pond
Flag or Light Garden	Gate Garden
Rhododendron Row	

Signs will identify and credit Clubs that take charge of a section of our Memorial Gardens. Contact Dennis for a Job List for the Club Independent Work Schedule. Besides weeding, specific needs will be identified in the spring after the scheduled work days begin.

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

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## Lioness News March/April 2020

By Linda Schaffrick, MDLL

As we are getting ready for another year in Lionism with election of officers, things will be changing with the Lioness. We have until 30 June 2021 to be under the name of Lions but some of the clubs are making their changes sooner. At this point I know of two clubs that are becoming Lions clubs and three clubs that will be "folding" but some of their members will be moving on to be Lions. While some clubs are still deciding and will carry on for one more year serving their communities with their activities.

\*\* Unfortunately, at this time all clubs are taking a necessary but "unwanted" break from service due to the Covid19 \*\*

Hopefully this finds all well and still in good health. Right now, we can just bide our time and hope that it will all end soon!

**Kelowna D-7                      24 Members                      Hours: 409                      Donations: \$1,500**

Helping with lunches for Freedom's Door; bingo with the residents at a care facility. Helping at baby, blood donor and cancer clinics. Donations went to Advanced stroke care and JoeAnna House.

**Moses Lake D-5                      16 Members**

Busy "tying" blankets

**Nanaimo Harbor Lites I-7    9 Members                      (no report)**

**Oliver D-9                      7 Members                      Hours: 255                      Donations: \$250**

Arena concession and delivering hot meals to the elementary schools. Registrations for the mammography van; tray favors for the hospital and residents of Seniors homes.

Donations to the Starfish program.

**Parksville I-7                      16 Members**

Quiet for the last couple of months with many of their members being unwell or away. They had a dinner with DG Cec Speck and his wife.

**Port McNeill I-6    16 Members**

Working bingo concession

**Priest River E-11                      35 Members                      (no report)**

**Sooke District I-2                      28 Members                      Hours: 214                      Donations: \$2,500**

Held a "Hard Times" dance; yard sale; food bank; museum and assisted with the Canadian Blood services. Had a visit from DG Cec Specht. Donations to the Sooke Food bank and the Edward Milne School Scholarship fund.

**Toledo G-4                      12 Members                      (no report)**

**Vancouver Chinatown A-1    28 members                      Hours: 23**

Legacy bingo. ICON Chinese Health Fair. All bingos and activities cancelled for March.

**Victoria Chinatown I-2    25 Members                      Hours: 228**

School breakfast program; Seniors medical transportation; home services; Soap for Hope packaging.

**Williams Lake D-10                      17 Members**

Family pancake breakfast.

**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!**

## MD19 Peace Poster Winner

19-H MD19 Winner

Student: Kevin Jia  
Age: 12 (Male)  
Grade: Seventh  
School: Queen Elizabeth Elementary School

Sponsoring Club:  
Richmond Lahoo Lions Club, H-4

Students Quote on Peace:  
"Small comes together to make big. Peace is about universal."



Pictured left to right: DG Patty Allen-White, Kevin Jia, and Elaine Qin, President Richmond Lahoo Lions Club, H-4

## Call for Presenters for Annual Convention 2020!



- Do you have a club project that you are PROUD of?**
- Would other Lions benefit from hearing about it?**
- Would you be willing to present at Our Annual Convention in Penticton?**

If you answered yes to any of these questions, drop me an email at [lionwandac@gmail.com](mailto:lionwandac@gmail.com) by July 1, 2020 describing a little about the project and an outline of presentation.

**Hope to hear from you soon!**

## MD19 Lions Annual Convention 2020

Unfortunately, the progress of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) caused the postponement and/or cancellation of many District Conferences. I was hoping to attend most of them to promote the 99th MD19 Convention being held on October 15-17, 2020 in Penticton, BC, Canada ... but that did not happen.

Since the MD19 Convention is not until the fall of 2020, planning is continuing and we are hopeful that life, and the ability to attend important events like this, will essentially be back to normal by then.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

The convention hotel, the Penticton Lakeside Resort and Conference Centre (website: [www.pentictonlakesideresort.com](http://www.pentictonlakesideresort.com)), is ready to accept your reservations, you just need to tell them that you are attending the MD19 Convention. Their number is 1-800-663-9400.

Room rates are as follows:

Queen Cityview \$133..... 45 rooms available  
Queen Beachview \$138..... 37 rooms available  
Queen Lakeview \$142..... 79 rooms available  
King Cityview \$146..... 5 rooms available  
King Beachview \$150..... 4 rooms available  
King Lakeview \$155..... 24 rooms available  
West Wing King \$170..... 31 rooms available  
Executive Suites starting at \$188..... Available upon request (call-in only)

Room rates (in Canadian dollars) are based on single/double occupancy, and subject to applicable taxes. Discounted room rates will be available to delegates three (3) days pre and three (3) days post, subject to availability at the time of booking.

### WINE TASTING

The Great Estates Wine Experience Centre and Tasting Room in the West Wing at the Lakeside Hotel will be open for Lions on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – October 14, 15, & 16 from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm for a “wine station grazing”. There will be 5 stations set-up throughout the Centre and at each station there will be a wine educator to pour the wine and talk about food pairing. You will have to sign up for this event when you register. There will be a maximum number able to participate on a given day. The cost will be \$25.00 CDN per person.

### LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Dr. Grant Bogyo - He could tell you how penniless, he met his wife of 44 years in East Africa and their adventures in disaster relief work in Haiti and Dominica or being detained on suspicion of terrorism. He might tell you about his recent trip driving an ambulance from BC to Honduras or of his December 2019 trip to Venezuela where he was charged with smuggling drugs (primary care medications for 40,000 people). Better still, he would like to tell you about the pediatric oncology medications that resulted in life for a few young patients who would have otherwise died and the joy of their families who went from despair to joy that their kid would live.

### LIONS QUEST

Our Kids are Our Present and Our Future At the MD19 Convention, turn the clock back and be a student ... experience what students learn when you support Lions Quest. More details to follow in the months to come.

### FUN NIGHT - the theme is Mardi Gras !!

What is Mardi Gras? Mardi Gras is French for “Fat Tuesday,” the final feasting day before the season of Lent, so ... it is also a time to PARTY ... the DJ is booked and we will have a special “photo booth” for costume pictures. So, if you are looking for ideas for costumes, check out:

<https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-d&q=mardi+gras+costumes>  
Prizes will be awarded.



## A Coronavirus Update from Japan

By Hugh McMillan

Kid's Corner: A coronavirus update from Japan, by a young friend



Yuki Nakata, left, enjoying sushi with friends in Kanazawa before the coronavirus plague. "These fish are very very delicious," she said. This picture was taken by a foreign tourist. *YUKI NAKATA COURTESY*

During her month's stay with us in 2016, you might have met Yuki Nakata, our Key Peninsula Lions Club-sponsored Youth Exchange Program student from Fukuoka, Japan. She was then a sophomore of Seinan Gakuen High School. Her first two weeks here were with Janice and me, the second two with KP Lions George and Cindy Robison who, she reported to her Fukuoka Lions Club sponsors, "treated me with many different homemade dishes, among them, my favorite was macaroni and cheese which is like hamburger in Japan."

Her new-found friend, Azusa Simone of Il Lucano Italian Ristarante in Gig Harbor helped with Japanese translations when necessary.

Yuki visited Pacific Beach with KP Lions' president, Hal Wolverton and went horseback riding for the first time in her life. Lion Curt Scott took her on a private airplane ride around the skies of Washington. With KP Lions Annie Mafi and Jill Van Antwerp she visited downtown Seattle and the very first Starbucks store in Pike Place Market. She learned that 12,500 Japanese live in Seattle's Chinatown and felt comfort when she heard Japanese. Communities In Schools of Peninsula's Cathy Rich took Yuki for her first ever solo experience paddling a kayak in Gig Harbor's waters.

We learned from her report to her sponsors the Fukuoka Lions Club, that Yuki said "In Japan, aging means the end of life. In the States, it doesn't matter how old you are. They live positive lives, enjoying and challenging their lives. Veterans of life teach many things to young ones. If

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## Langley Lions Provide Dictionaries

By Sarah Grouchowski, February 28, 2020

Members from the Langley Lions Club distributed 85 dictionaries to Grade 3 and Grade 4 students in Aldergrove recently. Dozens of eager kids crowded into the Parkside Centennial Elementary School library awaiting the gift.

Club president Dorothea Frisse opened the boxes, revealing brand new dictionaries for students. She asked the students for a show of hands of those who had access to a smartphone. After the majority of the elementary students raised their hands, Frisse encouraged them to rather than search the web, to take a look in a dictionary for answers. "Is this like a library book? Or can we take it home?" a wide-eyed child asked. Frisse replied, "It's all yours." The club is excited to foster ownership amongst students, especially from families with other siblings, she told the Aldergrove Star.

Soon, children lined up to get their own dictionary and gazetteer, complete with maps of the world, of Canada, and pictographs of planets in the solar system. Preston, a self-professed 'explorer' and Grade 3 student, was eager to use the book to look up new facts. Once the kids had them in-hand, they sat down and began to delve through their pages. "It's great." Lions member Donna Buckley beamed after handing out the books. Other Lions, including Dave Buckley, Charles Erasmus, Denis Gander, and Craig Hoover took part in handing out the dictionaries. Shelley Hegedus, a Langley School District primary teacher, was there to greet the group as well. "They love dictionaries at this age," she said.

As the group left, they witnessed a special education assistant in the hallway, quizzing a student on the geography included in the dictionary. They were having a conversation about the facts that were in there. "The dictionary provides an access point into learning where normally there wouldn't be one," Hegedus said. The Dictionary Project celebrates 100 years of Lionism in Canada, Frisse explained. "Literacy and children are a big part of our club's mission," she said. Over the next week, a total of 305 dictionaries were handed out amongst five other Langley elementary schools, including Shortreed, Wix Brown, Nicomekl, Douglas Park and Blacklock.



Left to Right: Shelley Hegedus from School District 35, Craig Hoover, Dorothea Frisse, Denis Gander, Charles Erasmus, Donna & Dave Buckley.

For those that are interested in dictionaries that come in both Candian and US versions, contact the Dictionary Project at 843 856 2706 or 843 388 8375

## North American Membership Initiative

A message from Past International Director, GAT Constitutional Area 1 leader, PID Jerome Thompson.

Thank you for your service as a club officer! Because of you and your efforts, we have started to reverse the membership loss trend. I am confident with your help; we can expand our service footprint by engaging more volunteers and providing opportunities for all Lions to grow and develop their leadership potential.

The North America Membership Initiative is an exciting Club and District focused process which is designed for ideas to be developed at the grassroots level, tested and reported as best practices. In January 2019, nine pilot districts were selected to participate in the project. To date, we have seen each of these pilot districts engage in a Build Success process, which is beginning to pay off.

The opportunity has been extended to every district in North America to participate in the process – Build a Team — Build a Vision — Build a Plan — Build Success. As a leader in your club, when invited to Build a Dream, please take the time to engage with your fellow Lions to create a vision for a better district through new and exciting ideas, which you and others have always wanted to try.

More information can be found here at the North America Membership Initiative Introduction [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RL289PIS6NI&feature=youtu.be&utm\\_source=Eloqua&utm\\_campaign=GAT\\_EN\\_GAT+Constitutional+Area+Leader+1+Email+Request&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RL289PIS6NI&feature=youtu.be&utm_source=Eloqua&utm_campaign=GAT_EN_GAT+Constitutional+Area+Leader+1+Email+Request&utm_medium=email)

You can read about the Service Launchpad, an interactive tool built to connect you with ready to go planning resources that help you serve the causes you care about. Click here [https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/service-launchpad?utm\\_source=Eloqua&utm\\_campaign=GAT\\_EN\\_GAT%20Constitutional%20Area%20Leader%201%20Email%20Request&utm\\_medium=email&elqTrackId=61a7d12806624e15bfb119f58df2ceb7&elq=cc9982536c5846b8b141f86470d1159&elqaid=13907&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=1929](https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/service-launchpad?utm_source=Eloqua&utm_campaign=GAT_EN_GAT%20Constitutional%20Area%20Leader%201%20Email%20Request&utm_medium=email&elqTrackId=61a7d12806624e15bfb119f58df2ceb7&elq=cc9982536c5846b8b141f86470d1159&elqaid=13907&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=1929)

## MD19 Lions Annual Convention 2020

### HOW YOUR CLUB CAN HELP

a) Raffle & Silent Auction - To assist us regarding the Raffle & Silent Auction, we will be asking clubs to supply a prize or an item, or simply make a cash donation. We will gladly accept whatever amount your club is comfortable with providing. Requests will be sent to clubs in late August.

b) Penticton Lions Club signature project "Backpacks for the Homeless." - To assist us regarding "Backpacks for the Homeless," an example of "ENDLESS VISION FOR PROVIDING SERVICE," you can either supply one or two of the items that are included in the backpacks, or make a small donation to cover the cost of one or two of the items. We buy most of these items from a dollar store. Requests, including the list of items to choose from, will also be sent out in late August.

### REGISTRATION

In early April, we will be finalizing the MD19 Convention Registration form and registration process. So, look for those forms coming to all club presidents and secretaries in late April or early May and register early !! This convention will also be an opportunity for MD19 Lions clubs to recognize and celebrate 100 years of Lions providing service in Canada ... expect cake!

Bob Elliott, Convention Chair  
[wrijell99@telus.net](mailto:wrijell99@telus.net)

Rick Harker, Convention Co-Chair  
[rightharker@shaw.ca](mailto:rightharker@shaw.ca)



## Vital Information

The 2020-21 PU101 Report Form is due in the MD19 Office on or before **May 15**. If you did not receive the information on how to do the PU101, via AWeber in March, you can download the form (editable PDF) found on the MD19 Website ([www.lionsmd19.org](http://www.lionsmd19.org)) under "Forms" (main page) and save the form (found on the next page) to your computer. Fill out the form, save completed form and email to the MD19 Office as an attachment. Email address: [md19lions@lionsmd19.org](mailto:md19lions@lionsmd19.org). Hard copies mailed to 4141 W. Maplewood Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98226. 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 PU101 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 and update your club officer's information via MyLCI if necessary. **If your club has a P.O. Box, ask your officers if they want their mail delivered to the club P.O. Box or to their personal home or business address.**

If all information is not available, send what you can. Call the MD19 Office if you need assistance. **Remember:** The International PU101 goes to **LCI** and to the **MD19 Office**. The 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 2019-20 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 2020 Club Officer Manuals are available on the MD19 Website under "Toolbox" and then "Learning". They can be downloaded and kept on your computer for quick reference.

**MD19 Awards forms** for Club President and Membership Director Excellence Awards are available on the MD19 website (Toolbox>Forms>Club Report Forms). An AWeber message will be sent as a reminder shortly. These forms need to be sent to the MD19 Office by July 25, 2020. Officers and Clubs that meet the criteria for the MD19 Awards will receive their recognition at the MD19 Annual Convention in Penticton, B.C. in October. **There is no form to fill out for the Club Secretary Excellence Award.** The criteria for this award are tracked by MD19 throughout the year.

Lions Clubs International (LCI) has a Club Excellence Award. The LCI 2019-20 Club Excellence Award Application form can be found on LCI's website at: Main Page> Resources for Members>Resource Center>Awards>2018-19 Club Excellence Award Application (DA.1ENpdf). <https://lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-excellence-awards> MD19 Clubs that meet the criteria for the LCI Club Excellence Award receive a banner patch and the Club President receives a lapel pin.

## 2020 LCIcon Cancelled

The Board of Directors has voted to cancel the 2020 Lions International Convention due to concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19). This means that the next International Convention will be held in 2021 in Montreal, Canada.

After evaluating a variety of different options including moving the convention to a different venue or postponing the convention to a later date, the Board of Directors voted to cancel the 2020 convention. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind.

Canceling the International Convention for 2020 impacts international officer continuity and candidate elections. After review of the International Constitution and By-Laws, this impact is outlined below:

- Executive officers and international directors will continue in their respective positions until the 2021 convention in Montreal. All candidate elections for these positions shall comply with the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws for election at the convention in Montreal.
- An international director from the areas of Africa and Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and the Islands of the South Pacific is permitted only in even-numbered years. As a result, no director from Africa or Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and the Islands of the South Pacific would be eligible for election until the 2022 convention.

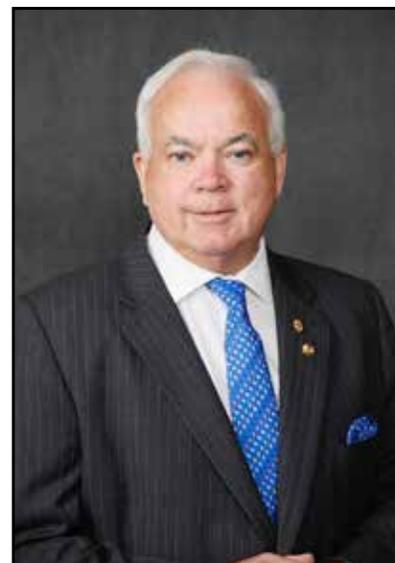
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## International Director Allan Hunt

When I took up my first management position, someone offered up the statement "May you live in interesting times". That was a lot of years ago, but we are now living in the most interesting times yet.

By now everyone knows that the 2020 International Convention has been cancelled completely. Along with that, virtually every District and Multiple District event that was not completed by March 15th was cancelled as well. These cancellations have a significant impact on our association, if we let it. Club, District and Multiple District elections are continuing, although not in the same manner as they have in the past. We are doing things differently.

At the International Level because we cannot vote in the manner that is happening at the MD or District Level, everyone is staying in place. By that I mean Dr. Choi remains the International President until the next International Convention. All the other executive officers remain in place as well. The 2nd year International Directors remain in place as do the 1st year Directors until the next Convention. The convention in Montreal is apparently going to be treated as if it was the Singapore Convention.



I know that this can raise all sorts of "what if" questions. Right now, I believe that any questions that impact the most important part of our association, our Lions Clubs, have been answered. The same should hold true for the District and Multiple District. If questions still exist please do not make up answers based on rumours, that really does not help at all. I'm quite sure that the MD19 Office can obtain answers to virtually all questions.

It is importantly that we openly communicate with all club members on a regular basis. Business as normal may not be the normal we knew for quite some time. I see Districts having a "Virtual" fun night event with the International Guest who was scheduled to be in attendance, dropping in. Districts and Multiple Districts are carrying on business and training online. Many clubs are meeting online each week.

I know that there have been some reported security issues with various online meeting platforms. It seems that the issues exist with the free versions. I receive routine security updates on the version of Zoom that I have paid for.

We need to figure out how we can do things and not spend time finding reasons why we cannot do things. Celebrate what is right in the world.

Remember Kindness Matters.

## 2020 LCIcon Cancelled - continued from page 10

- Barring any district election complaints, district governors, first vice district governors and second vice district governors elected during a convention of their respective districts will be accepted by Lions International. The International Board of Directors intends to authorize commencement of the DG terms beginning July 1, 2020.

We are disappointed that we will not be able to move forward with this international event, but we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions we will continue to find new ways to put our kindness in action while safely serving our communities.

Regards,  
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi  
International President

This email was sent to all Lion and Leo members

## Let's Have a Huge "Non Roaring Twenties at the Grand Spring Conference"

This is a portion of the email DG Cec Specht send out to his would-be April 3-5 spring conference attendees and we think this is a great idea! Remember, Zoom meetings is a great way to have some get together. If you want information on how, contact Peter Anderson at [executivedirector@lionsmd19.org](mailto:executivedirector@lionsmd19.org).

I know that this is a huge disappointment to many but I am suggesting a fun alternative... As a young boy I was told, "When given a bag of Lemons make Lemonade".

On Friday April 3rd., get dressed up in the costumes that you planned to wear to fun night and celebrate your own fun night at home (you won't even need a designated driver) or better yet get together with some of the members in your area who were planning on going to the Conference and create your own fun night. Either way please send me photos so we can do a collage in the next Bulletin.

On Saturday enjoy a nice lunch or dinner (or both) and toast to the friends you will miss celebrating and meeting up with celebrating with at the cancelled event.

On Sunday morning when you would have been at the Celebration of Life Ceremony, take a minute to pause and remember those who have passed since our last Conference.

The suggested price for this "Non Roaring Twenties at the Grand Spring Conference" is a donation of your refund for the Conference to one of the eight LCIF Areas of Focus.

You will get a charitable donation tax receipt to boot (which you wouldn't have received from your Conference registration).

In Canada donate on line at <https://lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca/> and use the DONATE Button

In the USA Donate on line at <https://lionsclubs.org/en/donate> and use the DONATE Button

Make sure to enter your member number and Club name when donating.

**Thank you and DRINK LOTS OF LEMONADE**

## An Update on the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute

By Melissa Smith, NWLLI Public Relations Chairperson

Superintendent Jan Weatherly has sent out the following email to students already signed up to attend the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute in June.

I know you have been wondering about the status of the Leadership Institute now that our world has changed seemingly overnight. Recently, the NWLLI staff and faculty met by conference call to assess the feasibility of holding the Institute in June. Still 9 weeks away, we face many unknowns about the progression of COVID-19 and the removal of the important restrictions now put in place in the attempt to slow the spread of the virus.

Therefore we have decided to postpone the Institute to a tentative NEW date of September 24-26, 2020, still at the Harrison Beach Hotel at Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia. Months of planning have gone into bringing you an innovative and fun small group learning experience. Our attendance is near capacity and we are all excited to engage with you in one of the best trainings offered by Lions. Our original full faculty is committed to be there with you. Therefore we hope this new date is open on your calendar. This is six months away! We all hope our way of life safely returns by that time. However, if there is still a threat please know that we will have to cancel the Institute. Your safety is of paramount importance.

If you are a student who has registered to attend, please reach out to Registrar Art Weatherly at [chief.campleo@gmail.com](mailto:chief.campleo@gmail.com), or 360 480 4392, your intent to attend, or not to attend, the Institute. If you cannot, or choose not, to come on September 24-26, your full deposit will be mailed back to you.

We hope to hear back from you either way very soon. Until then, stay safe and follow the guidance we all hope returns us to our active lifestyles.

## A Coronavirus Update from Japan - continued from page 7

they see people in need, they make an effort to help. This is normal culture. They use their time meaningfully and do not waste it. To age means to find something joyful to do. To be kind to someone means to use your time preciously. "I would like to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for being able to have this experience." A few months ago, Yuki emailed me her intention to someday return to our country.

Since then we have been in email contact from time to time. Then, horrors! A computer problem cost me a bunch of email addresses, one of which was hers.

A few days back, I received an email from KP Lion Annie Mafi who is now working in Japan. She sent a photo of Yuki and a few kind words and, subsequently, provided my address to Yuki who reinitiated our correspondence.

She opened our newfound link with, "Japan is in trouble with the coronavirus. However, I'm good now! I stay in Tokyo now but I don't go out unless necessary. Are you OK? America is the biggest country of coronavirus."

Now located in Tokyo, Yuki attends university. Asked how she is faring in the coronavirus pandemic, Yuki responded: "For me, it is simple. "Wash hands. I always wash hands if I ride train, go back home, eat food, etc.

"For Japanese, almost all people wear masks when they go out. So it is very difficult to get masks. Everyone forms a line in the early morning everyday hoping to get masks. Also, Japan has a big problem. There are people who resell masks at a higher price so the government made a law covering these (violations).

"And food has become double-priced because everyone (sic) corners the food market. It is a bad situation for the people who live single and have a small money supply — such as me, a student.

"About my friends (of whom I'd inquired), almost all people stay home all day because most schools are closed. Many people who live singly are confused. They want to run away from Tokyo, the biggest corona place, and go to their hometowns. But this has a risk to spread corona for grandparents, neighborhoods, and family. So they stay home single for two weeks, the time of hidden coronavirus, and go back to their hometown.

"These are the situations of Japan."  
And our planet!

Yuki Nakata in her 20th birthday ceremonial kimono. She explains, "The photo is from when I went to the Japanese prefecture of Kanazawa, where there is a place called Tyayagai, which means 'the place of tea,' where there are a lot of traditional tea restaurants." YUKI NAKATA COURTESY



## MD Council Chair person - continued from page 2

Let's think about that a minute. Maybe you can't do your club business the same way you have done it in the past (meetings). But maybe there other ways.

Lionism is not about holding meetings, it is about serving. We meet to figure out the who, what, where, why and how of serving. Meetings are tools, means to an end. Meetings are nothing more than a way to communicate with each other, pool our collective wisdom, together.

Here is a news-flash: Face-to face meetings are just one way to get together to make decisions. There are now a lot more ways for Lions to talk to each other, see each other, communicate, make decisions, and support each other than there was when herding everyone to some place to hold a meeting was the only way. Everyone has a phone. Almost everyone has a smart phone, iPad/tablet or a computer. Make a few phone calls; Invite your club members to a conference call (see, [www.freeconferencecall.com](http://www.freeconferencecall.com)); Hold a video conference so you can all see each other's smiling faces (see, [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com)); Host a "Virtual Happy Hour" for your club mates for some socialization (there's that [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) thing again); Check out Skype, or Facetime, or... the list goes on. There are literally dozens of options that let you meet, talk, make decisions, enjoy a cocktail with friends, without having to dip into your pocketbook (or get out of your pajamas). Surely one of them is perfect for you and your club.

With adversity comes opportunity. Here is another news-flash: Virtually any member of your club under the age of 40 holds business meetings on their phones or in front of their computers, not in person in some conference room or sitting around a table in some restaurant. And, they have been doing business that way for several years. For them, hanging around the house or working from home is no big deal, it is the norm. It certainly doesn't stop them from meeting ("collaborating", to be PC). There is no reason for us to stop being Lions, or put or clubs on hold, simply because we have to work from home for a few weeks (or more) while the coronavirus runs its course.

For those of us with résumés longer than 40 years, how about we treat the current shut-down of North America as an opportunity to learn how Zoom (my virtual meeting choice), GoToMeeting, Ring Central, Free Conference Call, What's App, or other, scary, social media tools work. We ordinarily tend to spend so much our time working on club projects and fundraising that there is no time to be bothered learning about business tools that, until now, we really had no reason to learn. Now you have some time. The luxury of that time will not last forever. Take advantage of that time to learn some new tricks. Doing so is a lot better for you than watching Wheel Of Fortune reruns.

And even if you are a proud luddite and have no desire to be otherwise, you can still serve your club and your community: Be proactive. Make a few phone calls, check on club mates, friends and relatives and see if any need a helping hand.

One of my mentors used to say that at any given point in time you are either moving forward or you are falling back. Energy spent on staying the same is wasted energy— staying the same is not moving forward. Don't waste time hand-wringing, trying to do things the way you have always done them in the past. Get around the road block— focus on "can". Move forward. Do what you can do today, don't worry about what you used to do that you can't do now.

I am not omniscient. I do not know whether we are working through a bump in the road or whether we are facing a fundamental change in the way we will have to be Lions. But I do know that if we stick with what we have always done as Lions, if we focus on what we can do now, our clubs will keep moving forward and we will all be prepared to serve our communities no matter what the future holds.

Be safe Lions.

Together, we've got this.

## The Lions Blog

Did you know there is a Lions Blog -- check it out at <https://lionsclubs.org/en/blog>.

This has some great current information, such as "Tips for hosting a successful virtual meeting" and "Five Tips for Serving Safely in Your Community".



### Sooke District Lioness Lions, I-2

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**Charter Night:** September 2020

### Special Donations 2019-2020

Lions	LCIF	CARE
PDG Breakfast Annual Convention, Wenatchee, WA		\$340.00
2018-2019 District Governors For PCC John Kirry		\$500.00
19-C PDG Emerson Bishop In Memory of Lea Bishop		\$200.00
19-D Moses Lake Lions Club Donation for DG Debbie Bostock		\$500.00
19-F Pasco (Cancelled Club)	\$1,233.34	
19-H PCC Surinder & Mohinder Gahir  Michele Barrie For Dylan, Dami, Ian and Scott		\$150.00  \$150.00
Burlington Lions Club		\$1,000.00
19-I District 19-I Lioness (Sooke)		\$100.00

### Memorials for February 2020

A 1	Vancouver Chinatown	Wilkins W.L. Chan
A 1	Vancouver Pacific	Julie Liu
A 6	Sunshine Coast	Lennea D. Perpet
D 1	Vernon	Jesse Travis
D 5	Moses Lake	Nayda K. Littlefield
D 8	Chase	Frank Shelest
E 9	Spokane Valley	Michael Hume
F 1	Yakima West Valley	PDG Bill Shepherd
F 6	Benton City	Cora Jean Criswell
F 6	Kennewick	Raymond Hoffman
G 2	Battleground	Donald Glen Comstock
H 1	Lynden	Lloyd E. George
H 2	Sedro Woolley	Wilfrid Dow
H 5	Surrey Central	Martha Blake
H 7	Whidbey Island	James H. House
I 3	Central Saanich	Terry Bain
I 3	Gordon Head	Hubert John Filleul
I 3	Salt Spring Island	Kenneth Barnes

### Memorials for March 2020

B 6	Lake Stevens	Howard Espeseth
C 3	Puyallup	John Budzak, Sr.
C 4	Bremerton Central	Robert D. Davis
C 4	Bremerton Central	Dallas N. Erickson
C 6	Tenino	Gale Feuling
D 7	Peachland	Donald Mayoos-Hurd
D 7	Westbank	Anton Tony Badior
D 9	Okanagan Falls	Wayne D. Lynch
E 1	Medical Lake	PCC Jerry Flood
E 3	Coeur d'Alene	Roger Tanner
E 11	Priest River	Kenneth Perry
F 7	Pullman	Joseph M. Campero
G 1	Kalama	Carl Middleton
G 2	Vancouver	John A. Thomas
H 1	Bellingham Fairhaven	Robert 'Bob' L. Moe
H 1	Ferndale	Michael R. Knapp
H 5	New Westminster	William Callagan
I 2	Saanich	Wally Panter
I 3	Pender Islands	Ursula Poepel

### Percentages of WMMRs received, SARs completed for month of March 2020 and Second Half Dues Paid for 2019-20

	WMMRs	DUES
19-A	60%	78%
19-B	61%	87%
19-C	60%	86%
19-D	87%	96%
19-E	85%	85%
19-F	51%	89%
19-G	54%	95%
19-H	87%	88%
19-I	100%	89%

### Funding of MD19 Border Crossing:

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# MD19 Calendar of Events 2019 - 2020

## 2020

MD19 Spring CoG, Howard Johnson Hotel  
MD19 DGE & ZCE Training, Howard Johnson  
NW Lions Leadership Institute  
LCICon 2020  
99th MD19 Annual Convention

**Will be held online!**  
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Harrison Hot Springs, BC  
Singapore  
Penticton, B.C.

May 20-21  
May 21-23  
**Postponed**  
**Cancelled**  
October 15-17

### Spring Conferences 2020

District 19-H Holiday Inn Express & Suites  
District 19-F Selah Civic Center  
District 19-B Hilton Garden Inn  
District 19-D Coast Hotel  
District 19-I Beban Park Social Centre  
District 19-C LaQuinta Inn & Suites  
District 19-A Morris J Wosk Centre for Dialogue  
District 19-G Shilo Inn  
District 19-E Best Western Plus

Langley, B.C.  
Selah, WA  
Bothell, WA  
Kamloops, B.C.  
Nanaimo, BC  
Tacoma, WA  
Vancouver, B.C.  
Ocean Shores, WA  
Coeur d'Alene, ID

Successful!  
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## 2021

MD19 Winter CoG, Best Western

Bellingham, WA

February 5-6



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.

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