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## Leadership Input

By PDG Sharon Sikes, MD19 GLT Leadership Coordinator

Spring is here...okay, hopefully on it's way. April is a busy month in so many ways. There is Easter, tax filing, spring conferences, elections, and re-introducing face-to-face meetings, yet still taking advantage of virtual meetings. So many things to think about in April.

### Spring Conferences-via Zoom & In-Person:

The Spring Conferences produce great idea sharing and learning about the meaningful service projects that other Districts, Zones and Clubs are doing. They truly do bring life to their projects by just thinking differently. So much fun on those calls...trivia games, Jeopardy, raffle winners, sharing of how Lions have made a positive difference in their respective communities. They also report on their continued support for CARE and LCIF. And finally, they share how they managed to grow their membership while doing so many things differently than in the past.

### Elections:

It is that time of year when elections are being conducted to determine our 2022-2023 club officers, our zone and district leadership teams. Don't forget to enter your new club officers in MyLCI by the end of April and report those officers to the MD19 office by May 15.

### Leadership Training:

Leadership Zoom training dates have been finalized...look for two separate flyers in this newsletter.

Flyer 1 (page 6) identifies zoom training dates on a Saturday in June, July and August for Club Office Training

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## Official Call for Convention

Official Call: Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 11 of the Constitution and By-Laws of Multiple District 19, Lions Clubs International, We hereby issue the OFFICIAL CALL for the MD19 Virtual Special Election to be held online, June 4 2022. Voting to be held electronically between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30pm.

/s/ John Moralek, Council Chair & Al Hedstrom, Immediate Past Council Chair, Lions Clubs International

NOTE: Details about this election can be found here <https://lion-smd19.org/resources.php>

## Link to More Information

LCIF Key Partnerships - The Carter Center

<https://www.cartercenter.org/donate/corporate-government-foundation-partners/archives/lions-clubs-key-partnership.html>

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>

## A New Address for the MD19 Office!

Well, we are moving! We knew it would happen eventually. The frontage road we are located on, has been known as Maplewood Avenue for over 25 years. This portion of Maplewood is a dead-end road, about two blocks long, with four businesses and one residence.

Two years ago, we and the surrounding area were annexed by the City of Bellingham. This annexation process gave the Bellingham Fire Department authority to change our street address, so that 911 and other emergency services would have a more logical address as a continuation of Bennett Drive, rather than an offshoot of Maplewood Avenue, which is two signal lights away right next to the on ramp to I-5.

Here in the office, we decided that was a wise move and accepted it wholeheartedly (like we really had a choice). So, therefore, starting **MAY 1, 2022, our VIRTUAL move will be completed** and the official address of our Multiple District 19 Office will be:

**4141 Bennett Drive  
Bellingham, WA 98226**

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## MD19 Council Chairperson

### John Moralek

**Resilience in the Face of Change**  
*Musings of the Council Chair ~*

In today's article, I would like to continue to talk more about Awards and Recognitions that are available in the US. In this issue, I will concentrate on cross border and the US side.



Melvin Jones Fellowship is the premier fellowship for Lions. You can present a Melvin Jones Fellowship with a donation of \$1,000 US to the Lions Club International Foundation. This recognition includes a lapel pin, letter and a plaque. The Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships is also available for cumulative donations of at least \$2,000 US. Depending on the number of donations the recipient would receive a lapel pin with diamonds or other precious stones.

Camp Horizon Fellowship is a reasonably priced fellowship. It requires only a \$25 US donation which provides a letter and a pin for the recipient. In my club, our goal is to purchase at least five per year so every member of the club will be wearing the pin within the next few years.

Leader Dogs for the Blind has a great array of awards from banner patches for a club contribution of just \$100 to the Top Dog Award for a donation of over \$5,000.

Most Canadian clubs support the Lions Foundation Dog Guides. However, if you have it in your budget to support Leader Dogs as well, this would be a good addition. Leader Dogs currently have over 75 dogs working in Canada! For a donation of just \$100 US, you get a banner patch.

Check out this link for more info <https://www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/resources/>

As you can see, there are many opportunities to recognize a Lion or community leader by supporting Lion operated charities.

## Trusting What You Have

By DG Lorne Bunyan, 19-I



Being a District Governor has been an outstanding experience as well as an unusual challenge. Coming in as the 2nd VDG, and having to move almost immediately into the 1st VDG position with the passing of 1st VDG Terry Bain (RIP) limited my time to get acquainted with the position of District Governor. Add a world pandemic and the restrictions necessary to deal with it, and you have a picture of my year. I found myself heavily relying on trust; trust that our Cabinet was in place, trust that our GAT Team was trained, etc. There was, for me, a huge number of unknowns and what I did was trust the people and Lions around me.

There is no better example than the Spring Convention. With Covid restrictions and requirements, we were uncertain a convention could even happen. The most critical person was my Convention Chairperson, PDG Leslie Smith from the Nanaimo Hub City Lions Club who remained positive from start to finish. Having never been a part of organizing a convention, I trusted this Lion who utilized several other Lions and non-Lions to produce the "best ever" Convention April 1-3. The Fun Night was the ice-breaker evening and under Lion Sue Bennett's (Sooke Harbourside) team, the theme of "Roaring 20's" was spectacular. This got everything off to a great start. PDG Leslie and her team had done all the logistics for the convention. Help came from ZC Lin MacPhee doing Contests & Awards, Parksville Lions working refreshments, Esquimalt Lions preparing and conducting the Sunday Memorial service and scores of others. The District 19-I convention was amazing. It was no coincidence that our PIP Joe Preston was our guest speaker and we got support from MD19 with Executive Director Peter Anderson, and Council Chairperson John Moralek. A special thank you to DG Marilyn Patterson from District G for attending.

District 19-I has great leadership, and I am so grateful to all who have shaped my year and guided me so well. Trust What You Have!

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DG Lorne was born in Vancouver B.C. and was raised in Victoria. He has been married to his wife, Shirley for 48 years, and they have 3 sons and 5 grandchildren. He is a graduate of Mt. Doug High School in Victoria B.C.

DG Lorne grew up playing all sports, but his passion was baseball, where he rose to play at the international level. He joined the RCMP in 1971 and retired in 1998 at Salt Spring Island where they live today.



## WHITE SALMON LIONS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 16  
At 10 AM.  
Rheingarten Park

Four Age Groups:  
0-2 Years Old  
3-4 Years Old  
5-6 Years Old  
7-8 Years Old

Bring Your Own Basket!  
A stuffed animal or Easter basket prize per child!  
Join us for fun in the park!

Sponsored by:  
First Interstate, Columbia Bank, Riverview Bank,  
Umpqua Bank, Hood River Wal-Mart, &  
Edward Jones- Rachel Year Fahrenkrug

For more information, e-mail [wslionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:wslionsclub@gmail.com)



## SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 23, 2022 5-10 PM

### SPOKANE CENTRAL LIONS CLUB IS CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

WITH A CENTENNIAL BANQUET  
IN THE MARIE ANTOINETTE ROOM  
AT THE HISTORIC DAVENPORT HOTEL

INVITATIONS TO FOLLOW



## Coquitlam River Lions Club Charter Night Celebration

We cordially invite you to come and celebrate our club's  
charter night with dinner and entertainment

Saturday, April 16, 2022  
Tynehead Hall - 9568 168 St, Surrey BC  
6 - 9 pm with doors opening at 5 pm  
*Dress code is casual attire - tie dye optional*

Tickets \$35 per person on sale starting March 25  
Please send all enquires to  
[coquitlamriverlions@gmail.com](mailto:coquitlamriverlions@gmail.com)

## District I Convention



Roaring 20's fun night party; Photo by Bob Orchard

IPI Joe Preston, PDG Georgia Medwedrich, PDG Jane Beddows, DG Lorne; Photo by Bob Orchard



Description of Service: The Tacoma Downtown Lions Club delivered 2,326 used eye glasses their club picked up from many businesses where they have LERC eyeglass recycle boxes placed. Four members, Ron Reiersen, Ed Burrough, Jan Smurro and Barbara Wasser (pictured), took them to LERC and spent several hours sorting eye glasses.

**You're Invited**

The Members of the Sooke District Lioness Lions cordially invite you to attend our Charter Celebration.

**Join us for an afternoon of Celebration and Fellowship**

Saturday, June 4, 2022 Social 11-12 Cold Buffet 12

**Sooke Community Hall 2037 Sheilds Rd.**

**Tickets \$25 includes Cold Buffet and a glass of Wine**

**Purchase Tickets at:**

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/sooke-district-lioness-lions-charter-day-tickets-300212201777>  
**or contact us at [sdl1md19@gmail.com](mailto:sdl1md19@gmail.com)**

## Trusting What You Have - continued from page 2

After 17 years with another Community Service Group, he decided to move on and joined the Salt Spring Island Lions Club. Why did he join the Lions? He was "ASKED".

He has filled most chair positions at his home club. He received his Secretary's Club Excellence Award; the President's Excellence Award; the Zone Chairman's Excellence Award and is a Melvin Jones Fellow. His theme for this year is United in Diversity and Service. DG Lorne has challenged all the Clubs in his District to meet his "100% Challenges" in many facets of Lionism, such as MMR and Service reporting; a positive membership growth at the Club level; donations to LCIF and CARE, and the list goes on.

DG Lorne is also the District Coordinator for LCIF and looks forward to achieving 100% Club participation in contributing in these times of unrest, war and natural disasters.

**"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



**TOGETHER WE SERVE**

## DISTRICT D VIRTUAL SPRING CONFERENCE



**Highlights**

- Past International Director Geoffrey Wade Keynote Address
- Awards
- Announcement of Voting Results
- Memorial Service
- Show Case of Service Projects
- "Bring Your Own Lunch" Social
- Live Auction
- Games with Prizes
- BC Lions Society Presentation
- Presentations from 19D NWLERC, CLERC and Environmental Chairs

**April 23, 2022 starting at 9:45 am**  
**Cost: Free**  
**It's easy to register:**  
 Send an email to [19Dlions@email.com](mailto:19Dlions@email.com) with your name(s), Club and Current Club Office held. Please indicate if more than one person will be joining on the same computer.  
**REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 15, 2022**

**GO GREEN** - To recognize Earth Day, wear your best "Go Green" outfit for the afternoon.

## Tacoma Downtown Lions Flapjack Fundraiser/Raffle

**Saturday May 14, 2022**  
**8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Cost \$10/person**



**Includes: Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Juice & Coffee**

**PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT OUR CHILDREN'S PROJECTS & THEIR FAMILIES:**

- \*YWCA Emergency Safe Shelter
- \*Providing Clothing for Hilltop Elementary School's Children
- \*Dictionaries to Ft Lewis/McChord Schools Children
- \*Providing Eye Glasses & exams to children & their families

**RAFFLE TICKETS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE BREAKFAST**  
 Tickets : 3 for \$5



**Applebee's in University Place**  
**3819 Bridgeport Way West**  
**University Place, WA 98466**

**Call Barbara Wasser 253-752-4764 for Tickets!**

### Spring Conference - District A

District 19–A has scheduled it's 2021–2022 spring conference for April 16, 2022. Contact conference co–chairs [PDG Henry Ng](#) or [PDG Peter Cheng](#) for more information.

### Spring Conference - District D

District 19–D has scheduled a Virtual 2021–2022 spring conference for April 23, 2022. More details to come. Contact conference co–chairs [PDG Joe Nilles](#), [PZC Dorothy Nilles](#) or [PDG Shelley Costello](#) for more information.

### Spring Conference - District E

District 19–E has scheduled it's 2021–2022 spring conference for May 6 to 7, 2022. Contact conference co–chairs [PDG Ken Cook](#) or [Peggy Harriman](#) for more information.



## IT IS CONFERENCE TIME IN DISTRICT 19G

# LIVE!

**At The Heathman Lodge**  
 7801 NE Greenwood Drive  
 Vancouver, Washington 98682

**May 13 and 14, 2022**




Click for more information

# MD-19 and BEYOND Lions Club Officer Learning All Lions and Leos Welcome



**Saturday, June 11, 2022**  
**Saturday, July 16, 2022**  
**Saturday, Aug 27, 2022**

## LIONS CLUB OFFICER LEARNING FOR 2022-2023

Be prepared to enhance your personal leadership skills and work with your Lions team—in any environment whether virtual or face to face.

Join our experienced facilitators from MD19.

**ALL LIONS and LEOs WELCOME**

**Where There's a Need, There's a Lion**



**Learn! Collaborate! Share ideas!**  
**Discuss challenges and develop solutions.**

**Choose from one of these sessions:**



- |                            |                         |   |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Saturday, June 11</b>   | <b>9:00 AM—12:30 PM</b> | <a href="#"><u>Register for June 11</u></a> |
| <b>Saturday, July 16</b>   | <b>9:00 AM—12:30 PM</b> | <a href="#"><u>Register for July 16</u></a> |
| <b>Saturday, August 27</b> | <b>9:00 AM—12:30 PM</b> | <a href="#"><u>Register for Aug 27</u></a>  |

**All club officers should join for  
the entire session.**

Email [t.smarsh@att.net](mailto:t.smarsh@att.net) with questions.

**You will receive your ZOOM  
confirmation when you register. Pre-  
assignment sent a few days before event.**

“You hold a unique position to empower your club and guide it to success during your term.

To ensure your success, we will present some helpful tools and resources for you.

Learn for the first time or return to brush up on the key skills, attitudes, and actions of excellent leaders.”  
~from LCI

**Join us with your entire club officer TEAM!**



## LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

LEADER DOG NEWS FOR LIONS

February 2021

From Suzy Farbman, Read the Spirit

### Lions are “Message Carriers”

**What Happens When an International Advocate for Women Needed a Miracle? A Divine Message Placed by a Lion Appeared**



While Wendi was working to help women learn to read by the water wells in South Sudan, her eyesight started to diminish. She was going blind from Retinitis Pigmentosa.

Receiving such a tough diagnosis, she decided to go camping on her own for a week. “I didn’t want to fall apart in front of my kids.” From her home in Wisconsin, she went to Bridgeman, MI, camping on the sand dunes. She made a list of everything she’d miss, including the chance to someday see her grandkids’ faces. The concession stand on the beach happened to have a Lions Club brochure featuring a “really cute” guide dog from Leader Dogs for the Blind. “I’d never have guessed that seven years later that organization would make a profound difference in my life.”

She didn’t fall apart. *Continued next column*

“I thanked God for saving me from a nervous breakdown.

I just decided not to give up. The inspiration I got from my refugee friends gave me the strength to go on.

I’m a storyteller and a fundraiser who’s committed to positive change. I could still be that person. My life’s work now has become decreasing the stigma of blindness and other disabilities caused by ableist attitudes.”

Only 10% of legally blind people use a white cane or a sight dog to go places on their own. When you use these aids, she says, you gain independence, but you make your blindness known to others. “For me, coming out with my blindness gave me my life back.” At first Wendi was “embarrassed” to be going blind. “Not anymore,” she says. “My goal now is to help others with low or no vision remain independent.” She’s dedicated to combatting ableism and to improving the safety and accessibility of environments.

As baby boomers mature, Wendi says, age-related blindness is a growing concern. “I’m sounding the alarm. We’re reaching a crisis point. We need many more resources to help people with sight loss stay independent.”

Order free brochures for your club to post on our website (under Lions/Resources).

**BE OF SERVICE**  
LeaderDog.org/Lions

FOLLOW THE LEADER   



**Multiple District 19**

**CONCURRENT VIRTUAL TRAINING**  
**DISTRICT GOVERNORS ELECT,**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS,**  
**ZONE CHAIRPERSONS,**  
**DISTRICT GLOBAL ACTION TEAM LEADERS**  
**(LEADERSHIP/ MEMBERSHIP/ SERVICE)**



**Prepare for Your 2022-23**  
**Leadership Year**

- Must attend both sessions to receive Zone Chairperson Excellence Award
- DGE, 1VDG, 2VDG and GAT must attend both sessions to receive District Leadership Distinction Award
- Two-Day Training
- Interactive

**May 20 & 21, 2022**

**Friday, May 20**  
**5:00 PM-9:00 PM**  
**Must Pre-register**  
[Click Here](#)

**Saturday, May 21**  
**8:30 AM-12:30 PM**  
**Must Pre-register**  
[Click Here](#)

**Leader Dogs for the Blind Has a Podcast!**

New episodes of the Taking the Lead podcast come out weekly on Thursdays! Take a minute to listen!

Here's the scoop: Leader Dogs for the Blind presents Taking the Lead, a podcast where we will take a deep dive into the blindness community. Our goal is to bring awareness to issues within the blindness community, as well as the free services we provide to those who are blind or visually impaired. Join us on this journey as we learn, laugh, and make a difference in people's lives!

<https://www.leaderdog.org/taking-the-lead/>

## Border Crossing Ordering Options

The *Border Crossing* is automatically emailed by AWeber as a link to all club, zone, district and multiple district officers. Those wanting a hard copy of the newspaper, including the above listed officers, will need to purchase a subscription.

2020-2021 Lions Year:

**Border Crossing:** 6 issues in hard copy format. Subscription begins with the August issue. \$16.00 to U.S. Addresses; \$20.00 to Canadian Addresses.

**Roster and Border Crossing:**

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

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

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

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

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

Send form below with your check or money order to cover all items ordered to MD19, 4141 West Maplewood Ave., Bellingham, WA 98226. No Credit Cards Please. All orders are pre-paid only. Questions: 360-733-4911 or [md19lions@lionsmd19.org](mailto:md19lions@lionsmd19.org)

Print Name on Line Above \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number / Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Print Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Border Crossing Link! IMPORTANT!** All club, Zone, District and Multiple District Officers and Email Border Crossing subscriptions will receive an email from Peter Anderson, via our AWeber email communications system sometime in late July with the Subject: "Confirm You Subscription". Within that same email is a link that you need to click on in order to give us permission to send you the Border Crossing link and other important MD19 information during the year. You **must confirm your "subscription" in order for us to communicate with you by following this procedure.** If you do not confirm that you will accept further communications via AWeber, your email will be automatically removed from the list and nothing further can be sent to you.



**Border Crossing / AWeber (Emailed Ads and Fundraising Events sent to MD19 Lions)**

Name of Company or Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address / P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Ad: \_\_\_\_\_ #of issues: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

If paying by credit card, please complete the following: ( ) Visa ( ) Master Card

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (payment will be in US Funds)

**Border Crossing / AWeber (Emailed Ads & Announcements sent to MD19 Lions)**

**2020-21 Rates cover inclusion in 1 issue of The Border Crossing and 1 AWeber Message.**

Full Page	\$160.00	(8.5 x 11)
1/2 Page	85.00	
1/4 Page	50.00	
Business Card	35.00	

The *Border Crossing* is published August, October, December, February, April & June with a publication date of the 10th of the month. All ad information **MUST** be in the MD19 Office by the last day of the month previous to publication.

The AWeber announcement with the ad will be emailed out to all subscribers within 10 working days of the *Border Crossing* in which the ad is published.

**Submission Guidelines:** Camera ready artwork in either a .jpeg, .png or .tif file. When submitting written copy only, not camera ready, an additional \$25.00 will be charged for ad design. You will be asked to sign off on any ad created for you. Specify ad size and number of issues the ad will run.

## Vital Information

**District Conferences / Conventions - Remember:** Since elections will still take place for district officers regardless of whether you are having an in-person or virtual event, your club must have paid the MD19 first half dues. A list is sent to the elections committee for each district showing which clubs are still owing for first half. They may contact you for confirmation of payment.

The **2022-23 PU101 Report Form** is due in the MD19 Office on or before **April 15 (or as soon as you hold your club election)**. 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.

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:** As was done last year, online club officer training will be provided and information will be sent out by those conducting the training. Please see information regarding Club Officer Training in this Border Crossing issue and sign up using the link shown.

The MD19 2022 Club Officer Manuals will be available shortly on the MD19 Website under "Toolbox" and then "Learning". They can be downloaded and kept on your computer for quick reference. They are still being updated but that will be completed shortly.

**MD19 Recognition of Excellence forms** for Club President, Treasurer and Membership Director Recognition of Excellence forms are available on the MD19 website (Toolbox>Forms>Club Report Forms). An AWeber message will be sent as a reminder shortly. These forms need to be sent to the MD19 Office by July 25, 2022. Officers and Clubs that meet the criteria for the MD19 Recognition of Excellence 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 Recognition of Excellence nor for the Zone Chairperson Recognition of Excellence.** The criteria for these awards are tracked by MD19 throughout the year.

Lions Clubs International (LCI) has a Club Excellence Award. The LCI 2021-22 Club Excellence Award Application form can be found on LCI's website at: Main Page>Resources for Members>Resource Center>Awards>2021-22 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.

## BC on Track to Further Loosen COVID-19 Restrictions

BC is on track to further loosen COVID-19 restrictions at the end of the week as it offers second booster doses to those over the age of 70. Health officials confirmed Tuesday that the vaccine passport system will end as of Friday. Masks are already no longer required in public places, other than health care facilities and limits of people in attendance at events no longer apply either.

### **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.

## Leadership Input - continued from page 1

– **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** There are three different dates...same class material...you need only attend one of the sessions. Attendance is mandatory in ONE of these sessions to qualify for recognition of the following excellence awards for: club president, club secretary, club membership or club treasurer.

**Flyer 2 (page 8)** identifies Zoom Training May 20 & 21, 2022 for 1) Zone Chair, 2) District Governor Elects (DGE), 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors and 3) District GAT Leaders (Leadership, Membership and Service) – **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** The two part training class (Friday night and Saturday morning) is strongly recommended attendance to prepare for your 2022-2023 leadership year. **This training will not be recorded so I highly recommend that you clear your calendars so you can attend.** This year we have increased our training to offer three concurrent training sessions as well as time set aside both Friday and Saturday for each DGE to spend time with their leadership teams.

- 1) The Zone Chairs will be meeting with other Zone Chairs to learn from and about each other's districts. Attendance at this training is mandatory for the Zone Chair to qualify for the Zone Chair Recognition Excellence Award.
- 2) This year we return to providing MD19 & LCI training not just for DGEs, but also for the 1st and 2nd VDGs. It really does take a team to provide leadership resources within each District.
- 3) For the first time, we are providing leadership training for our District GAT leaders (Leadership, Membership, Service).

Discussions over the last few years have brought to light that there is no official training offered to the GAT leadership – even though they are an instrumental part of the DGE's team. Because this year's training is virtual, we are able to include these important district leaders in this training.

### Transition:

Now is the time to begin the transition of knowledge between the 2021-2022 leader and the 2022-2023 leader. Start including your new officers in your club related emails and other sources of communication. Have the new officers attend meetings, participate in visitations (including zoom visitations), begin the introductions of the new officers to community leaders.

Remember WE SERVE. Where there is a NEED there is a LION. That Lion is YOU. Thank you for what each of you can do.

*"Leadership is not about changing the mindset of a group, but in the cultivation of an environment that brings out the best and inspires the individuals in that group."*



**100**  
Bellingham-Central

**100th Year Anniversary Gala**  
October 22, 2022  
Bellingham Golf & Country Club

**LEARN MORE**

3729 Meridian Street, Bellingham WA 98226

Reception at 5:00pm Dinner to Follow 6:00pm

Anticipated Guest Speaker will be Lions Clubs International President

Brian Sheehan and his wife Lion Lori Sheehan

<https://www.bellinghamcentrallions.org/> to buy tickets

# Montreal will host



Book your flight now while the prices are low.



## Registration is \$175 still...

Go to the LCI website and click  
on LCIcon to find the link for  
registration.

Also check the Facebook Page  
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**MD19 visits Montreal**

## The Importance of Redistricting MD19: What Your Club Needs to Know

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At the June 2021 Spring Council Meeting, the Council of Governors unanimously passed a resolution to begin the process of consolidating our Multiple District from nine districts into five. The Strategic Planning Committee spent a good portion of 2020-21 looking at the technical and human side of changing the internal boundary lines of our current nine small districts into five larger districts within the current boundaries of MD19. The most important fact about redistricting is that your club will ultimately vote to approve or disapprove this plan. More on this below.

Redistricting is important because of the significant downward changes in our membership numbers. If membership losses in MD19 continue apace and we follow this downward trend, our multiple district could become extinct in 10 years or so. The startling fact behind this administrative change is simply this: The nine districts that make up MD19 lost an aggregate total of 808 members in our most recent Lions year, 2020-21. This is the largest single-year loss in our history, and should be seen as a wake-up call to all Lions. Simply put, it's time to get moving, and redistricting is the chosen path of the Council of Governors.

Under the plan approved by the Council of Governors, each of the nine current districts will have neighboring merger partner(s) which, when consolidated, will blend into five larger and more efficient districts. It is our goal as a Multiple District to promote this plan within a spirit of cooperation and "can-do" attitude to keep the process moving along in the face of the many challenges ahead. It is also VERY important to know that redistricting will have minimal impact on clubs or zones. About the only change your club or zone will see is a change in zone number designation. Otherwise, it will be service, leadership and membership "business as usual" for your club and zone.

### What is Redistricting?

Redistricting, also called consolidating, is explained clearly by Lions International in their online PDF "Guide for Consolidating Districts." Redistricting is managed over a three-year period with the main goal to increase the size of each district to a minimum of 1,250 members and 35 clubs. These changes will improve district and club administration, so that robust leadership, membership and service programs can operate more effectively and efficiently.

### The Redistricting Challenge

Redistricting is not a panacea. We have to do the hard work of consolidating in order to see the benefits. Redistricting in and of itself is never a substitute for an active and vital membership and retention program at every club. Redistricting will not magically produce new leaders in our clubs. But a mix of new leaders in the new district can inspire new leadership models which can help clubs be more effective in accomplishing their service goals.

### The Path Ahead

As mentioned, redistricting is a project completed over a three-year period. We are currently in the middle of year two and, pending an approval by the club delegates of MD19 in June, our plan will be presented to the October 2022 LCI Board Meeting. Should our plan then be approved by LCI, redistricting would be effective on or about July 1, 2023.

In the meantime, we will have lots of preparation to do, including the ongoing efforts of district merger committees who will meet to accomplish the hard work of consolidating district officers, cabinets, finances, and dozens of other important programs. The Strategic Planning committee is assisting the merger committees in this process by conducting recurring Zoom meetings that are open to Lions Clubs, Zones and Districts in MD19. That schedule is posted on the MD19 website at <https://lionsmd19.org>.

### Your Club Will Vote On This Proposal On June 4, 2022.

As mentioned in the opening paragraph, your club will have a say in the approval or disapproval of this major change in the organization of MD19. All clubs that are in good standing (LCI and MD19 Dues paid) will be authorized to cast ballots to approve or disapprove redistricting at a Special Convention of club delegates on **June 4, 2022**. Voting will be conducted entirely online. Shortly before the Special Convention, your club will receive instructions on how your club delegates can cast your club's votes.

### The Central Information Hub for Redistricting

From the beginning, the MD19 Strategic Planning Committee has posted all working documents on the MD19 website. This is the main hub for information on redistricting, where you will find several key documents such as a time line, road map, merger committee make-up and responsibilities, maps and flow charts. It may seem like a lot of information, but a good place to start is to click on the Frequently Asked Questions and move about the website from there. Everything can be found in the redistricting section of the MD19 website. <https://lionsmd19.org/redistricting.php>

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19-H Michele Barrie		50
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\* Pledge given at MD19 Convo

**Memorials for February 2021**

A 4	Prince Rupert	Patricia Louise Moore
B 1	Everett South	Richard B. Foort
B 6	Stanwood	J. Dale Tetlow
D 3	Logan Lake	Mel Thistlethwaite
D 10	Quesnel	Patricia Van Aalst
E 1	Spokane Shadle North	Jim Pounder
E 5	Northport	Carol Jean Broderius
E 8	Castlegar Selkirk	Sheldon Radtke
E 8	Kootenay Slocan	John Zarikoff
E 9	Chewelah Valley	John Grumbach
E 11	Priest Lake Kaniksu	Joe Hawley
F 1	Naches	James L. Smith
F 3	Walla Walla Downtown	Yancey Reser
G 3	Hoquiam	Steve Mihovilich
H 7	Coupeville	George F. Hammett
H 7	Coupeville	John Roomes
I 4	Duncan	Dennis Adrian

**Memorials for March 2022**

A 9	Burnaby Lougheed	Andrew W. Stalker
B 5	West Seattle	Allen J. Watts
C 3	Pierce County Virtual	Carmen R. Watson
C 4	Silverdale Sunrise	James J. Sheridan
D 2	Leavenworth	Jeannette H. Britton
D 9	Oliver	Lynne Smith
E 1	Spokane Central	William Herrlinger
E 1	Spokane Central	Robert E. Scheel
F 5	Kendrick	Dwayne A. Ward
G 2	Battleground	E. Darrell Rafferty
G 3	Willapa Harbor	Cal Bogar
G 4	Toledo	Gary Springer
G 6	Lyle	Don Brashers
I 1	Sequim Valley	James Royall
I 2	Sooke	Douglas McPhail
I 2	Sooke Harbourside	Dawna Zigay



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**Charter Night:** April 16, 2022

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**Charter Night:** May 17, 2022

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

	WMMRs	DUES
19-A	56%	82%
19-B	57%	86%
19-C	63%	91%
19-D	100%	93%
19-E	76%	87%
19-F	60%	85%
19-G	66%	89%
19-H	81%	93%
19-I	100%	92%

## MD19 Calendar of Events 2021 - 2022

Spokane Central 100th Anniversary Celebration	April 23, 2022
NW Lions Leadership Institute	May 5-8, 2022
MD19 DGE & ZCE Training, VIRTUAL	May 20-21 2022
MD19 Special Convention Vote for redistricting, VIRTUAL	June 4, 2022
Sooke District Lioness Lions Charter Celebration	June 4, 2022
MD19 Spring CoG, Bellingham, WA	June 10-11, 2022
LCICon 104th Annual, Montreal, QC	June 24-28, 2022
Memorial Garden Service for 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022	August 20, 2022
46th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Calgary, AB	September 15-18, 2022
MD19Con 101st Annual, Penticton, BC	October 13-15, 2022
Bellingham Central 100th Anniversary Celebration	October 22, 2022

### District Conventions

• 19-A	Richmond Raddison, Richmond, B.C.	April 16, 2022
• 19-D	Virtual	April 23, 2022
• 19-E	Red Lion Hotel, Post Falls, ID	May 6-7, 2022
• 19-G	Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, WA	May 13-14, 2022

### Memorial Garden Cleanup 2022

Hosted by Garden Co-Chair Wes Reynolds  
and PDG Ray Fujiura

\*\*all days shown are 9:00 am-11:30am\*\*

April 9 and April 30, 2022  
May 14, 2022  
June 11, 2022  
July 9 and July 30, 2022  
August 13 and August 27, 2022  
September 10, 2022  
October 8 and October 29, 2022

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