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## Kent Lions Fund Vision Charts

By Steve Crowell, Kent Lions Club

Kent School District Superintendent, Dr. Calvin Watts, recently met with Kent School District nurses and Kent Lions to celebrate the successful implementation of new vision charts in the district's 29 elementary schools.

Research showed there was a need to check young children's distant and near vision. Uncorrected near vision causes children to have reading problems. Newly adopted state requirements necessitated replacing the older eye charts with updated charts that allow detection of both near and distance vision problems. However, no funds were provided to acquire them.

The Kent School District, faced with a decrease in their budget, had no means to be compliant with the new state law. The Kent Lions Club heard of this problem through a school nurse and assigned Lion Cheryl Croft, who is also an optometrist, to craft a solution. After consideration, the Kent Lions purchased the necessary eye charts for around \$4,000 and delivered them to the school district. The school nurses, pictured below, have placed them into service and report they have identified vision problems in a number of young students.



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## The Art of Recognition

By PDG Bob Ayotte, MD19 GLT Leadership Coordinator

"Recognition is a behaviour deeply rooted in Lionism, but it is also a tradition that could become obsolete unless members commit to implementing it regularly... keeping it fresh and relevant... and making it a part of their lives" (*The Art of Recognition*, pg. 1). There is also a Lions University Master's course on-line entitled "**Recognition**". It does not take long and is easy to attend.

Everyone deserves recognition, whether a task accomplished is simple or difficult. Recognition acknowledges that what you did matters. It might not matter to many, but it matters to at least one other. Recognition is any act of appreciation that lets people know you notice their effort. We all have a responsibility to recognize others' efforts, whether we are in a position of authority or a co-worker. At times, recognition by one's peers is highly meaningful.

Recognition demonstrates the importance of each member of the team. Collectively, you can do so much, where individually you can do so little. You can also celebrate the quality and performance of the individual, ensuring that a job well done and of higher standards is recognized as such. Be specific in your recognition of people: let others know why this recognition is being made; under what circumstances; what was the result of their efforts.

The venue for recognition is important. The setting should be amongst the peer group of the person being recognized. The recognition becomes less significant if that person is not present to receive such praise.

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## THE BORDER CROSSING GETS A NEW EDITOR

With this issue, Charles (Chaz) Nelson is retiring from the editorship of the *Border Crossing* after serving in that capacity for more than 11 years.

**Rebecca Anderson**, the wife of our Executive Secretary, is taking on the editorship beginning with February, 2018, issue. Rebecca has extensive experience as an editor and will do a splendid job. You can reach her at [rwarberg@yahoo.com](mailto:rwarberg@yahoo.com).

## Christmas Comes but Once a Year!

It is a time when more of the world, for a twinkling of an eye, seems to embrace the idea of "Serving Others". LIONS have been around for over 100 years now, and we know that it's the most wonderful time of the year! We also know how to keep this feeling year round as we help those in need. The MD19 Office Staff wishes you all a very Merry Christmas!

*Rebecca* *Polyto* *Michelle*

## MD19 Council Chairperson Jon Whitman

The Holiday season is upon us. The Lions Clubs around MD19 are busy preparing for the Holidays. Clubs are helping with meals, clothing for those less fortunate, Christmas gifts to needy families and decorations for their communities.



I hope everyone has read the December issue of *The Lion* magazine where there is a great article about one of our newest club, Maple Valley Centennial Club in District C. We, as a Multiple District, are very proud to have the Maple Valley Centennial Club join our family.

As the halfway mark approaches for the Lion year, it would be a good time to make sure your club dues are up to date in both the Lions Clubs International and the Multiple District 19. The second half dues will be sent out in January, so make sure your first half dues have been paid.

March has been designated as New Member Month for the multiple district, with the Spring Ahead program. If your club is planning an Open House or other new member event, now is a good time to start organizing for these events.

Lion Carol and I wish all of the Lions in MD19 a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Be safe in all of your travels.

## Lynden Lions Annual Veterans Dinner

By Gordon Sund, Lynden Lions Club

On the 9th of November, the Lynden Lions Club hosted its annual dinner to honor our veterans. Club members served 225 meals to the 109 veterans, their guests, and Lions at the Lynden Community Center. Every veteran was singled out for recognition in a warm and moving evening, which included an insightful commentary on the U.S. flag by former President of the Whatcom County Council and navy veteran, Kathy Kershner. The gathering ended on an emotional note as the five World War II vets stood in front of the assembled crowd while they sang "Proud To Be An American." The WW II vets in the picture below are, from left to right, Robert Boice, Army Air Corp, Charles Robinette, Army, brothers David and Paul Van Dyke, both Army, and Walt DeKraai, Seabees.



## INDOCTRINATED BY LIONS

By Harry Lippincott, Governor 19-E



Yes, that's a good description of me. I like and accept all that Lions do. I remember when I had just been newly inducted, after a proper invitation and acceptance for membership, that I wondered exactly what would be coming for myself and for the Lions. I had been told of all the good things Lions do in their communities but had yet to see the actual workings.

Very quickly I was placed on a committee that was working with a member of the local scout troop that was involved in an "Eagle" project supported by our Lions club. The project was to build a covered bridge over a small stream in the local park. Working with other members of the Lions club and the Eagle Scout, it became very evident that the saying "many hands can do more than a single pair of hands" was true.

As time went on, encouraged by my sponsor/mentor, I began to move through the club ranks. Back then, one became a committee chairperson, Club Treasurer or Secretary, to move through the Vice President's roles to become Club President.

This brings me to the point about indoctrination by Lions. Along with being able to participate early on in the positions above, I have been fortunate to serve in various District and Multiple District positions, broadening my knowledge in Lions. I have seen the great work done by Campaign SightFirst and Campaign SightFirst II, the Measles Initiative, other things accomplished by Lions Clubs International Foundation grants, the Legacy Projects, and the many, many projects taken on by Lions to the benefit of towns and cities.

So yes, it could be said that I am an indoctrinated Lion.

Governor Harry joined the Germantown, Maryland Lions in April 1971. He was a Lion in two Districts in Maryland (MD22) and transferred to District 19-E in 1977 to Spokane Sunrise East Lions Club. He is currently a member of the Liberty Lake Lions Club, which he helped form in 2010. He considers himself a lifelong Lion.

Governor Harry is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and has held numerous positions at the district and multiple district levels.

## Kent Eye Charts Continued from page 1

This is an excellent example of how Lions can quickly and flexibly respond to community needs that large public institutions have a difficult time filling in a timely manner. But such needs are not always well publicized in our communities, so it is up to us, as Lions, to keep tabs on the needs of our schools, care givers and first responders, who are often left with short budgets and hard decisions.

## Lions Project New Hope NW

By Ron Smircich, Governor, 19-C

Lions Project New Hope NW is an MD19 recognized organization dedicated to providing service to combat veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress (PTS). The military has dropped the term "Disorder" or "D" from use and no longer refers to PTSD. Its purpose is to provide opportunities and tools for combat veterans and their families to identify and address issues that are preventing them from resuming normal relations within the family and the community.

Studies have revealed that up to 31% of combat veterans suffer from PTS. Domestic violence, suicides, and some types of criminal behavior are frequently attributed to PTS. Based on the most recent data available, the suicide rate among male combat veterans is exactly double the rate of males in the general population. The rate of suicide among female combat veterans is three times higher than females in the U.S. More disturbing, a study has shown that the rate of suicides among children of combat veterans is three times higher than children in the general population.

Lions Project New Hope is primarily a family oriented project. Working jointly with the PTSD Foundation of America, education and therapy workshops are held for veterans and their families throughout the summer at Camp Greenwood in Lacey, WA. This also includes family bonding events such as canoeing, fishing, and a variety of sports activities. Special retreats for both male and female combat veterans without families are also held each summer. [Click here to visit the Project New Hope website.](#)

Lions Project New Hope depends upon both the financial support from Lions Clubs and Lions volunteers. Free professional support is provided by licensed therapists affiliated with the PTSD Foundation of America. All services, including meals, lodging, and family activities are available without cost to veterans and their families.

Lions Project New Hope is planning to expand its services to combat veterans in other locations in Washington State. The LPNHW Board is currently negotiating with several camps to achieve this purpose. The Board would also like to assist in developing a program for Canadian combat veterans in British Columbia. Project New Hope welcomes all MD19 Districts to have a representative on its Board of Directors. If there is an interest, please contact me at [rsmircich@msn.com](mailto:rsmircich@msn.com).

Governor Ron joined both the Lacey Lamplighters and Lacey Sunrise Lions Clubs in 1995 and has filled numerous positions at the Club and Zone levels. He has worked on the District Club Support Team and chaired the MD19 Faculty Development Committee.

He has been a Scout Master and holds a 3rd degree Black Belt in martial arts.



## 41 USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUMS & COUNTING!

The first USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum was held in Rosemont, IL, in 1977. About 1,000 attended. PIP Johnny Balbo from La Grange, IL, was Chairperson, serving at the direction of International President Joseph M. McLoughlin, a Stamford Connecticut Lion.

A Renton Lion since 1964, then PDG Roger Richert (District 19B 1974-75) first met PIP Johnny at the 1971 International Convention and then spent time with him again at the 1972 Convention. Perhaps that is what enticed him to attend the Lions event in 1977.

In his program notes, Roger wrote that he was, "able to listen and converse with top knowledgeable Lions from throughout the country". 41 years later, with perfect USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum attendance under his belt, he knows the truth behind those notes. The Forum is designed to educate Lions on every aspect of Lionism, and to give grassroots Lions personal accessibility to Lion leaders from all over the world. The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum offers opportunities for personal development and leadership training in membership and club development, and also promotes building special Lion friendships across Canada and the US.

Over the years, four of the Forums have been held in Canada and 37 in the United States. Average attendance is around 2,400. Exceptional motivational speakers and seminar presentations make 'The Forum' a must-do event for many.

At the 2000 Forum in Tucson AZ, it was realized that a small group of Lions had attended all the events to date. So, at the 2001 Forum in Halifax, Nova Scotia, PID Roger arranged for a group photo of the seven 100% attendees who were present. They were PID Roger [WA], PDG Henry Tolk [MI], PDG Bill McLaughlin [PA], PDG Bruce Strome [FL, now SC], PIP Kay Fukushima [CA], PID Ted Fusco [PA], and PID Earl Maddox [CO]. They became known as the "Magnificent Seven". They treasured their comradery and decades of special memories. Photos were taken each year to commemorate their special relationship.

As years passed, unfortunately, this band of brothers became the "Sensational Six", then the "Fantastic Four", and finally the "Terrific Trio". That moniker has happily lasted for several years. But this year, while not being lost to death, PDG Bill McLaughlin was not able to attend due to illness. So this September, in Portland, OR, the Saturday noon luncheon's spotlight shone on the "Dynamic Duo", PID Roger Richert and PDG Bruce Strome (below). Both of these fine Lions agree that attending USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums provides many opportunities, lasting Lion friendships being the greatest benefit of all. Did they pre-register for next year's Forum, in Columbus OH? You'd better believe it! And, they encourage you to begin your own 'legacy of Lions learning', by joining them there!





## Lioness News October/November, 2017

by Linda Schaffrick, MDLL

Old Man Winter is staring us in the face. That white stuff has floated around in many areas already - but will hopefully not build up too much. It is once again that joyous time of the year - a time for giving, loving, family and friendship. To keep Christmas is good - but to share it with those who haven't any - that is better. The best of all is living the Christmas way 365 days of the year. That is what it means to be a Lioness.

### Lioness of the Year

Since her Induction into Lioness, Lioness Roberta Roemer, seen here with CC Jon Whitman, has been dedicated member of the Nanaimo Harbor Lites Lioness and a driving force within Lioness District 19-I. She has served five terms as Club President, four terms as Lioness District President and two terms as Lioness District Secretary. She has always been a strong presence at Lions Cabinet Meetings, Zone Meetings, 19-I Spring Conferences, Lioness District Cabinet Meetings, Lioness Workshops and Forums. No request was ever too large or too small. During PDG Sid Roemer's term of office, Roberta was always close at hand, a strong partner, upholding the Spirit of Lionism. Lioness Roberta is the epitome of the Lioness Motto "We Serve Too".



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### Kelowna D-7 Donations: \$7,200

These ladies contributed 532 volunteer hours. They helped prepare the Freedom's Door Banquet, catered the Camp Winfield Improvement Meeting, supervised bingo at a seniors home, and helped out at the Baby and Blood Donor Clinic. They also assisted at the Friends of the Library Book Sale. Donations were made for Camperships at Camp Winfield.

### Moses Lake D-5 Donations: \$4,000

67 volunteer hours were doing an Adopt-a-Block clean up, running a Boys & Girls Club auction, and helping at a New Hope blanket-tying night. Donations went out to the Boys & Girls Club, Cancer Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, and the elementary schools.

### Oliver D-9 Donations: \$575

The Oliver Lioness spent 240 volunteer hours in the Lions Arena Concession, making muffins and delivering hot lunches for the elementary school, and serving at the Fireman's Banquet. Tray favors were made for hospital patients and others for Thanks-

giving, Halloween and Remembrance Day. They also laid a wreath on Remembrance Day, registered patients for the Mammography Van and sold Lions Christmas Cakes. Donations went out to Scareview, to buy drug awareness books for students, and the Gleaners "Sock Program".

### Parksville I-7 Donations: \$2,100

These ladies held their annual Christmas Craft Sale, which featured over 80 crafters and was a resounding success. They welcomed guest speakers from the Salvation Army to their club meeting, and inducted new members at the end of November. They catered a turkey dinner for the seniors in Lion's Pioneer Village and Hustwick Place housing and altogether put in 214 volunteer hours. They made donations to the Salvation Army, food bank, soup kitchen, and Christmas Program.

### Priest River E-11

The Priest River Lioness Club hosted their annual Fall Craft Fair and also sold apples.

### Sooke District I-2 Donations: \$5,830

Members are knitting for Santa Sacks and helped out at the concession for the Sooke Philharmonic, Octoberfest, the Sooke Legion Veterans Dinner, Food bank, and the Sooke Seniors, a total of 549 volunteer hours. Donations went out to the Food Bank, Camp Shawnigan, and to Family Services and Counselling.



The Sooke District Lioness also installed its newest member, Elaine, seen above in the center with ZC Brian.

### South Cariboo D-1 Donations: \$1,000

The South Cariboo Lioness have been selling Christmas cakes, shortbread cookies, fudge and tickets for their Shopping Spree fundraiser. They laid a wreath for Remembrance Day and will be helping with the Breakfast with Santa. Donations went to a sick child for medical expenses, the Food Bank and a toy drive.

### Vancouver Chinatown A-1

These ladies spent 60 volunteer hours playing bingo with the residents of Legacy Senior Living, at the Chinese Canadian Military Museum fundraising dinner, and collecting items to aid victims of the earth-

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## Walnut Grove Leos Plant Trees for the Future

By Ale Jahns, President, WGSS Leo Club

On a cool October morning, members of the Walnut Grove Secondary School (WGSS) Leo Club banded together to help the environment by planting trees. Their hard work paid off. When they finished, they had planted 400 new trees on Brae Island. The newly planted trees will aid in the environmental restoration efforts led by the Parks and Recreational Program of the Township of Langley and Metro Vancouver.



Fifteen enthusiastic members of the WGSS Leo Club, seen above, participated in the EcoBlitz Planting event. This activity aligns with the values of these students who all firmly believe in the importance of taking care of the natural world. By planting these seedlings, they are becoming part of a movement to make the Earth a better place for generations to come.

## 2017 Leo Club Excellence Award Winners

By Barry Shiles, MD19 Leo Chairperson

See what can happen! MD19 Lions are very proud of our three Leo Club "Excellence Award" winners for the 2016-2017 year.



**Kwantlen Park Leo Club** 19-H (Leo Advisor Lion Glynnis Boule) - 4 years in a row!



**Burnaby Moscrop Leo Club** 19-A (Leo Advisor DG Grace Hwo) - first year winner, seen right.



**North Kitsap Viking Leo Club** 19-C (Leo Advisor Karl Ostheller) - 3 years in a row!

These awards signify we have three of the best Leo Clubs in the world, there were only 59 winners out of more than 7,000 clubs.

## Leo of the Year Nominations Due to Your Governor February 1st

By Barry Shiles, MD19 Leo Chairperson

The Leo of the Year Award recognizes the importance of the youngest members of our Lions family, those who will make lifelong commitments and become our leaders in the future. In years past, we have had too few nominated for this award because insufficient attention was paid to the nominating process at the Club and District levels. This year we want nominations to be submitted for Leos in every single district.

District Leo Chairpersons and all Leo Advisors need to download the "LEO OF THE YEAR" award form from the LCI website now so that they have time to provide the requisite Club, District and MD19 endorsements. [Click here to download the form.](#)

1. The first step is for the Leo Club Advisor to fill out, print and sign the downloaded nomination form, this must be sent into the District Governor by February 1st.
2. A screening committee, which includes the District Governor and the District LEO Chairperson, will select one nominee as the District Leo of the Year Recipient. This District Leo of the Year will be recognized and honored at your District Spring Conference/Convention.

Once selected, the Nomination Form must be sent to the MD19 Office by the District Governor after he/she has signed the form. The form must be received in the MD19 office on or before March 1st. Governors, if you email the form to the MD19 Office and do not receive a confirmation email back from Theresa, please call the office to make sure that the email and form have been received. The MD19 Office email address is [md19lions@lionsmd19.com](mailto:md19lions@lionsmd19.com), the mailing address is 4141 West Maplewood Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98226.

3. A screening committee selects the MD19 Leo of the Year Nominee from all of the District nominees that have been submitted. Once selected, the Nomination Form for the MD19 Leo of the Year Nominee will be signed by the MD19 Council Chairperson and mailed by the MD19 Office to Lions Clubs International to be received by LCI before April 1st.

The Multiple District 19 Leo of the Year recipient will be recognized at the MD19 Annual Convention each year in October. If you have any questions or need any help, feel free to contact me at [barryshiles@dccnet.com](mailto:barryshiles@dccnet.com).



## WCGBA Thanks B.C. Lions

By Lion Darren Douma,  
President, WCGBA

The Western Canadian Blind Golf Association (WCGBA) thanks the Lions Clubs of British Columbia for their 30 years of support for our association and golfing for the blind and visually impaired, both in British Columbia and across Canada.

Lions have enabled us to sponsor tournaments and also serve as course guides for blind players. For example, in 1988 Saskatoon resident and occasional golfer, Gerry Nelson, lost his eyesight due to complications from diabetes. According to Gerry, "After I lost my sight, I found that golf was the closest thing to doing something as naturally as I did when I could see, and it was Lion Dick Achen of the Saskatoon Lions Club that made it happen for me". If results count, Dick has proven to be an excellent guide, helping Gerry, who has won numerous tournaments in the years since, including three Canadian Open Championships, among others.

For his part, Dick has learned a lot about living and interacting with people, becoming a better and more complete person. His friendship with Gerry has been deep and rewarding. Looking back over the years, Dick ruminates: "Along the way, I became a very positive person and made better decisions all round."

If your Lions club includes some golfers, you might consider taking up the cause of Blind Golfing. Your members could become course guides and your club could help support golfing tournaments for the blind. If you have any questions, feel free to visit our website or contact me personally at [thedoumas71@gmail.com](mailto:thedoumas71@gmail.com).



## Lions Give Prince Rupert New Playground

By Ken Copping, Zone Chairperson, A-4

Twenty-three years ago, the Prince Rupert Lions gave the city the wooden playground equipment for Mariner's Park and this year they came ready to replace the aged toys with a shiny new playground, seen right. The new playground marks the 100th anniversary of Lions Club International.



Over a two-year period, the Club raised more than \$150,000 through its annual Blue Knuckle Fishing Derby, Raffle Ticket Sales, and our "POWER OF WE" community partners. The playground toys and equipment have a nautical marine theme, which compliments the waterfront harbor, where cruise ship passengers regularly disembark. The park incorporates toys for children with mobility challenges and uses a rubberized surface rather than pea gravel.

PZC Paul Rajendram, the proud project coordinator, thanked everyone that contributed to making this project such a success: "We are proud to see this project completed and to help revitalize this important community asset. We believe the health of a community is reflected in child development, including creativity, teamwork, tolerance and a sense of belonging. The Lions Club is thankful to our many local partners that stepped-up to ensure this project was a success."

## Youth Choir Performs at MD19 2017 Convention

By Nicole Provost, Choir Director

The Mayday Club Youth Choir for Neurodiversity was delighted to perform at the 2017 Annual Convention of the MD19 Lions. The choir was founded in 2016 by a UBC student with Asperger's syndrome as a means of combating the stigma and isolation among those with similar conditions. The Choir, seen below, was very proud to perform for the Lions. They



were in awe and a little nervous, but gave a great performance and were totally captivated by the standing ovation they received.

For a complete account of their performance, please [visit our website](#).



PZC Burnie Smith helps prepare the Nanaimo Lions float for the annual Nanaimo Lions Santa Clause Parade.



**Winter Council of Governors' Meeting**

Saturday - February 24, 2018 8:30 am

FairBridge Inn & Suites, 1507 N 1<sup>st</sup> St, Yakima WA

Pre-Council Meeting same location on Friday night, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:30-9:00 pm.

Hotel Rooms: Reservation Deadline: February 8, 2018.

FairBridge Inn & Suites, 1507 N 1<sup>st</sup> St, Yakima WA. To reserve a room, call 509-248-7850 and mention "Lions Winter Conference" to receive the Lions rate in the MD19 Lions room block. **Room Reservation Deadline February 8, 2018.**

The Lions rate for this event is \$74.00 plus applicable taxes for a Single or Double Standard Two Queen Bed Room. If you would like to reserve a King Bed Room, it will be \$69.00 plus taxes. Check-in is 3:00 pm and check-out is 11:00 am.

Guest Room Rate includes: complimentary hot breakfast buffet, free wireless internet, and parking. Additionally, there is a year-round hot tub and fitness room.

**Meal Registration Form**

**Meal Registration Form deadline - Wednesday, February 14, 2018**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Office:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dist. / Zone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Prov./State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip/Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Life Threatening Allergies:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Council Lunch (Complimentary for Council Members & Parliamentarian)**

**\$25.00 Can/\$20.00 U.S. Funds for Lions who are not members of the Council**

Lunch: Soup Du Jour, Chili, Baked Potato Bar, Garden Salad, Roll, Coffee/IceTea/Lemonade

Number of Complimentary Lunches ordered \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Luncheon Meals to be purchased \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 Can or \$20.00 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](mailto:md19lions@lionsmd19.com).

Please check Credit Card Type  Visa  Master Card

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for meal reservations** - Received in MD19 Office on or before February 14th

### MD19 Uniform Order Form

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 uniforms at the MD19 Office in Bellingham, WA or at the DGE / ZCE School in Vancouver B.C. Please return this form by email to [md19lions@lionsmd19.com](mailto:md19lions@lionsmd19.com) or by mail with a check to 4141 W. Maplewood Ave., Bellingham, WA 98226.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number with area code: \_\_\_\_\_

Deliver items to me at the District 19-\_\_\_\_ Spring Conference.

I will pick up the items ordered below at the MD19 Office.

**Prices in US Funds**

	Size	Quantity	\$ Amount
o <b>MD19 red vest</b> \$50.00	_____	_____	_____
	(Small, Medium, Large, Extra-large)		
(Vest rental fee = \$50. Upon return in useable condition to MD19 Office, \$40.00 will be refunded. \$10 = cleaning fee)			

o <b>White cowboy hat</b> with MD19 Crest & black band \$8.75	_____	_____	_____
(Limited Quantities of Specific Sizes: 6 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub> , 6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , 7, 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> , 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , 7 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> , 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> , 7 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub> )			
If you don't know your hat size, specify "small" "medium" or "large".			

o <b>MD19 Polo Shirt</b> Men (All have pocket): \$23.50 (s-xl)	_____	_____	_____
\$25.00 (xxl & up)	_____	_____	_____
Women (No Pocket): \$22.50 (s-xxl)	_____	_____	_____
\$25.00 (3xl-4xl)	_____	_____	_____



o <b>MD19 Tote Bags</b> \$15.00	_____	_____	_____
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**Total Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your Credit Card information or check to cover the costs of the uniform items when you return the form. Make check out to MD19 Lions. If you pay with a Canadian credit card, the amount will be converted to US Funds. For all credit card orders, a 3% charge will be added to your total.

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card:     Visa     Master Card

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_



## THANK YOU!

By Patty Allen, R.E.S.T.

This is me at the Saturday Mixed Luncheon at the recent MD19 Annual Convention in Surrey, B.C. - mouth open and SPEECHLESS! My brain could not wrap itself around the retirement gift PCC Al Beddows had just announced - a cruise to Alaska complete with spending money given by the MD19 Past District Governors, Past Council Chairpersons and Past International Directors. The only thoughts in my mind were things like WOW! Seriously? Are you kidding me? Whoa! These are the same people I had been harassing for the past 19 years and now they were presenting me with this most wonderful gift. With great humbleness, I thank you.



It has been a crazy-wonderful, interesting and unforgettable 19 years being your Executive Secretary-Treasurer. I wouldn't trade those years for anything in the world. Thank you for your patience and your support. It has never been just me - without the MD19 Office staff, I could not have done my job. I will forever be in their debt.

Thank you for all the guidance, wisdom and friendship you have shared with me over the years. I will miss being your Executive Secretary. Peter is one lucky guy. However, I will see you around as 19-H's 2nd Vice District Governor trying to do a good job for the Lions in my district. Hope they pass me at the District and Zone Officers School!!!

Thank you again for the wonderful, generous retirement gift. And, in the immortal words of Bob Hope, "Thanks for the memories."

## Thanks for sharing!



Many of you have asked where to get the 2017 MD19 Annual Convention photos that were featured in the September-October edition of the *Border Crossing*. We should have told you that the vast majority of those were provided by Zone Chairperson Bob Orchard from 19-I-3. He has also provided this link <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/0toy929krr5bcnv/AAD5hajjOxk3AvsVW9IFMi1da?dl=0> to his

dropbox file so you can look at many more Convention pictures to enjoy, including fun night, contests and awards and general pictures of Lions enjoying themselves. Thank you Lion Bob, these are great!

## The Centennial Celebration Continues! LCIcon 2018

LCIcon 2018 will be in Las Vegas, NV, June 29 - July 3.

Register now and save some money. When you register, mark that you want to stay in your delegation hotel. You will be staying at the Luxor for a variable rate. The Vegas hotel rates all increase on Friday and Saturday stays. Thursday and Sunday-Tuesday the rate starts at \$63.00. Friday and Saturday it starts at \$118. Then add \$18.00 resort fee and taxes for each day. In the scheme of things, this is not a bad price for convention hotels. The MD19 Hospitality Room will be in this hotel. For more details see <http://w.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/lcicon/2018-hotel-rates.pdf>.



Plan now to march in the Convention Parade if you are able to walk the mile. It is an experience that you will long remember. The MD19 Uniform is **one of the most photographed uniforms** in all the parade. You will meet many great Lions and sometimes the only word you can both understand is "Lions", but it's enough.

Purchase your **official MD19 cowboy hat** now. You can get the hat at the MD19 Office in Bellingham and at your District Spring Conference **IF** you order from the MD19 Office and ask that it be delivered at the conference.

It's worth taking the hat to the convention. Many Lions will want to trade hats or other items of their uniform for your hat. It's very popular. You will also need the **red MD19 vest, white shirt, white slacks or skirt, white shoes and an MD19 bag** if you are planning to carry anything with you in the parade. Start asking around to see if you can borrow someone's vest and save some money. You must have the official MD19 Parade uniform including the hat to walk in the Centennial Parade this year.

Come celebrate Lions 101st Birthday with Lions from around the world. It will be an amazing experience! Plan now to make it happen. Don't wait until the last minute; registration fee through January 12 is \$150. From January 13 through March 31 it's \$200 and after that the fee is \$225.

## Roaring with Thanks!

The MD19 Annual Convention Committee wants to THANK ALL OF THE **GENEROUS** LIONS CLUBS AND LIONS who donated the wonderful raffle prizes / gift baskets to support the 2017 MD19 Annual Convention in Surrey, B.C. Over \$3,900 was raised because of your generosity. MD19 Lions are the best!



# CONVENTION AND HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

## LIONS CLUBS 101ST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Las Vegas, Nevada USA • Friday, June 29 – Tuesday, July 3, 2018



**DEADLINES MAY 1, 2018:** Deadline for advance registration and hotel reservation. Deadline to submit a refund request for registration, housing and/or ticketed event cancellation.

**REGISTRANT INFORMATION:** Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.

First Name/ Family (Last) Name Badge/Call Name

Address

City State Postal Code Country

Daytime Phone E-mail

Lion  
  Lioness  
  Alpha Leo  
  Omega Leo  
  Adult Guest  
 Club No.  
 Membership No.  
 District  
 Title

COMPANION: First Name/ Family (Last) Name Badge/Call Name

Lion  
  Lioness  
  Alpha Leo  
  Omega Leo  
  Adult Guest  
 Club No.  
 Membership No.  
 District  
 Title

CHILD: First Name/ Family (Last) Name Age  Alpha Leo

**PACKAGE A:**

Includes convention registration for each registrant listed above plus one (1) hotel room serviced by shuttle buses during convention.

Before January 12, 2018  
  Reservation in delegation hotel  
 After January 12, 2018  
  I prefer my delegation hotel  
  Prefer another hotel

Hotel Name

Arrival Day/Date Departure Day/Date

No. of Guests in Room  No. of Beds Needed  1  2 (a fee applies for a guaranteed bed type)

Special Requirements:  Wheelchair Accessible  Other

**US\$200 Hotel Deposit** is per room and credited to your hotel bill at check out.

All rooms are non-smoking.

**PACKAGE B:**

**NO ROOM REQUIRED** (Registration only for each person listed above.)

**OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENTS**

*I/we plan to attend the following event(s): (Must be registered to attend)*

EVENT: MELVIN JONES FELLOW LUNCHEON	DATE/TIME	FEE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
	July 2/ 13:00-14:30	US \$75	_____	\$_____

EVENT: DISTRICT GOVERNOR/PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR BANQUET	DATE/TIME	FEE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
	July 2/ 20:00-22:00	US \$135	_____	\$_____

**SERVICE PROJECTS IN LAS VEGAS**

I am interested in participating in a hands-on community service project during the Las Vegas International Convention. Further details on registering for service projects will be sent to you in the coming months.

**PAYMENT:** Full payment is required with this form. US currency only. Checks and money orders must be drawn on US banks. Visa, MasterCard & Discover cards accepted.

REGISTRATION FEES:	Adult	Child (17 and under)/Alpha Leo	Omega Leo	PACKAGE A:	PACKAGE B:
EARLY (Before January 12, 2018)	US\$150	US\$20	US\$100	Registrations: US\$ _____	Registrations: US\$ _____
REGULAR (January 13 through March 31, 2018)	US\$200	US\$20	US\$100	Ticketed Events: US\$ _____	Ticketed Events: US\$ _____
LATE (April 1, 2018 – onsite)	US\$225	US\$20	US\$100	Hotel Deposit: US\$ <b>200.00</b>	
				Total Due: US\$ _____	Total Due: US\$ _____

Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
  Wire transfer (payment slip must be attached to this form)  
  Visa  
  MasterCard  
  Discover

Name as it appears on card *Credit card must be in the name of the registrant.*

Card Number Expires Month/Year Security code (3 digits)

X \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Signature

**Mail form and payment to:** Lions Clubs International Attn: Convention Division • 300 West 22nd Street Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA • Allow 4 weeks for processing.

- Credit Card and Wire Transfer Payments can be faxed to: (630) 571-1689
- LCI will email your Official Registration Confirmation. **Please print and bring with you to Las Vegas.**
- **NEW THIS YEAR!** All registrants will pick up their name badge onsite in Las Vegas. Badge printing stations will be available at all LCI hotels. **LCI will not mail badges in advance.**
- Questions? Email us: registration@lionsclubs.org.

*Please note: Lions Clubs International will be documenting the international convention for promotional purposes. Your participation may be filmed or photographed at this event. Your registration is your consent for use of these images by Lions Clubs International.*

**CLUB CANCELLATIONS**

CHINOOK PASS F-1  
OLYMPIA CAPITOL CITY C-2  
SOAP LAKE D-5

**NEWLY CHARTERED CLUBS**

CASCADIA C.B. G-2 (PARENT CLUB: LA CENTER)  
SHELTON CENTENNIAL C-2

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VACANT



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**LIONS SPECIAL MEETING CHANGES**

**WENATCHEE CENTRAL D-2**  
Friday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> and Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> - Cancelled

**WOODINVILLE B-3**

Chan's Place – Until June 2018  
14203 Woodinville/Duvall Rd.

**YAKIMA WEST VALLEY F-1**  
Thurs. Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> Cancelled

**LIONS MEETINGS**

**BELLINGHAM FAIRHAVEN H-1**

5:30 PM  
1st & 3rd Tuesday  
Round Table Pizza  
1145 E Sunset Dr. – Sunset Square

**CASCADIA C.B. G-2**

10:30 AM  
2nd & 4th Thursday  
Cascadia Technical Academy  
12200 NE 29th St.  
Vancouver, WA

**FERNDALE H-1**

6:30 PM  
2nd & 4th Wednesday  
Chihuahua Mexican Restaurant  
5694 3rd Ave.

**RICHMOND CHINATOWN H-4**

7:00 PM  
1st & 3rd Tuesday  
Continental Seafood Rest.  
11700 Cambie Rd. #150

**SHELTON CENTENNIAL C-2**

TBD

**MULTIPLE DISTRICT 19. LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL**

(Roster pg. 9)

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**Everett Lions Club Dedicates Centennial Bench**

by Art Ruben

Caleb, age two, and his dad, Everett Central Lion, Brian Smith, enjoy the newest addition to Everett's Lions Park (photo right). The steel bench, constructed by welding students at Sno-Isle Technical School, is a combination bench and Lions sculpture. According to the Everett Lions Club committee, "We wanted the bench to represent Lions 100 Years of Service. We also wanted it useful, large and colorful so it would stand out".



The bench was dedicated at a recent Everett Lions Centennial Picnic. Everett has had a Lions Club since 1920, and to thank them for their community service, the park was named after them in the early 1970's.

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quake in Mexico. Their team walked in the "Light of the Night Walk" in support of Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, raising \$7,690.

**Victoria Chinatown I-2** Donation: \$5,000

These Lioness spent 100 volunteer hours assisting at the Tour de Victoria bike race, the Dragon Boat races and Saanich Fair, and at the Victoria Costume Museum and Victoria Chinatown Care Foundations. They also visited veterans at the Broadmead Care Centre. Their donation went to the Red Cross to help with expenses for the animals who were caught up in the wildfires in Interior British Columbia, and presented a \$1,000 donation to the BC Children's Hospital at the Festival of Trees (below).



**Westbank D-7** Donations: \$6,470

These ladies volunteered 80 hours at the Thrift Shop, Flea Market and Seniors Centre. Donations went out to the Women's Shelter, Hospice, the Food Bank, Camp Winfield, the Alzheimers Society, the Boys and Girls Club and school bursaries.

**Williams Lake D-10** Donations: \$4,300

Members spent 14 hours working at the Red Cross Equipment Centre and at a the local clothing sale. They helped the Salvation Army Kettles, held their annual Harvest Auction, and attended the Lioness Fall Cabinet meeting. Donations went out to Gavin Lake Forestry Camp, the Senior Activity Centre, Free Swim, Memory Tree, Yuletide dinners, medical assistance, and a student bursary.

**Remember, as Lioness We Serve Too!**

Clubs 100 & above, November, 2017		
G 1	LONGVIEW-PIONEER	152
H 7	COUPEVILLE	130
E 1	SPOKANE CENTRAL	118
H 1	BELLINGHAM CENTRAL	107
A 7	VANCOUVER DIAMOND	106
D 2	WENATCHEE-CENTRAL	102
A 1	VANCOUVER LEGACY	101

**Support for Our MD19 CARE Peru Project**

PDG Erma Kemp, CARE Chairperson



At this time of giving, let us remember our MD19 CARE project for educating underprivileged girls in Peru. It is our way of empowering these girls to have a better life. Through education they can move beyond their present circumstances while learning important social skills.

We all have so much, I ask you to share a little to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Remember, "We Serve" and We CARE. Please consider giving a Gordon F. Smith Care Fellowship this year.

For more information, see page 10 of the MD19 Roster or get the [MD19 CARE Peru Project summary](#).

Special Donations		
2017-2018	LCIF	CARE
19-H Michele Barrie For Dylan, Dami and Ian Barrie		\$75.00

Percentages of WMMRs received & SARs completed for November, 2017; Percentage of FirstHalf Dues Paid for 2017-18			
	WMMRs	SARs	Dues Pd.
19-A	75%	43%	91%
19-B	78%	50%	94%
19-C	72%	63%	87%
19-D	66%	53%	88%
19-E	98%	70%	96%
19-F	67%	35%	87%
19-G	62%	49%	87%
19-H	100%	66%	98%
19-I	92%	51%	88%

**Memorials for October, 2017**

A 1	Vancouver East	Nedo A. Gizzi
A 4	Kitimat	Allan F. Egan
A 9	Burnaby Lougheed	Velma Pallen
B 6	Stanwood	James B. Lund
C 1	Gig Harbor	Jeanne McIntyre
F 3	Walla Walla Eastgate	Don Kaminski
F 5	Kendrick	James E. Lohman
G 3	Cosmopolis	Leslie Ivon Bodnar
G 3	Hoquiam	John O. Strom
I 7	Nanaimo	Don Edlund

**Memorials for November, 2017**

A 2	Squamish	German E. Vergara
B 3	Terrace Brier	Stanley A. Krahn
D 3	Kamloops Brock Central	Victor T. Martin
D 5	Mattawa Desert Aire	Bob Thomas
D 5	Othello	Orland Favaro
E 5	Northport	Annette Geroux
E 9	Rockford	JerriKay Thieren
F 1	Yakima	Maurice R. Smith
F 2	Sunnyside	Loren L. Hancock
F 3	College Place	Wayman Sinden
F 3	Walla Walla Eastgate	John Hensley
G 1	Castle Rock	Gary C. Horsley
G 4	Vader	Charles Beardasley
H 5	Burquitlam	Jim Donovan
H 6	Chilliwack Mt. Cheam	John C. Boyle

## Vital Lions Information



### Christmas Schedule for MD19

**Office.** The MD19 Office is closed December 25th - January 1st. The Office will be open for business at 8:00 am on January 2, 2018. While closed, we will periodically try to respond to emails that have the MD19 Visitation Forms and candidate letters of Intent and Endorsements attached to them so that you will know that they have been received in the office by the deadline of December 31st. The date/time stamp on the email will also validate its on time submission.

**Second Half Dues.** In mid-January the MD19 Office will be **emailing** out to the Club Treasurers or Secretary-Treasurers the MD19 Second Half Dues Statements. If no email address is available, a hard copy will be sent to the Treasurer's address as it was recorded on the 2017-2018 Club Officer Report Form (or subsequent updated information received). If you do not receive a dues bill by the end of January, please contact the MD19 Office, so that we can confirm your email or mailing address and resend the bill. Dues for the second half are based on the membership total recorded on the WMMR due December 31, 2017, plus pro-rated dues for any new members brought in from August to December.

**District Conferences / Conventions** will begin the weekend of March 16th. It is important that the 2017-2018 First Half Dues have been paid prior to your conference or your voting Delegate(s) will be unable to vote. If you have not received a 2017-2018 First Half Dues statement, contact the MD19 Office for a copy immediately. Please confirm your club's correct contact information with the MD19 Office at the same time.

**Voting at District Conferences.** Elections will be held at each of the District Spring Conferences/Conventions for the District Governor, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson. Electing the Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson at the District Conferences is the result of MD19 Constitution and By-Laws amendments passed at the 2016 Annual Convention. Delegates will be voting for the 2018-2019 Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson. The ballot boxes containing the ballots for Council and Vice Council Chairpersons will remain sealed until all of the conferences/conventions have been held. After the close of the final conference/convention, all of the ballots will be counted at the same time.

**Candidates for Higher Office at the Zone and District levels.** Your letter of intent and your club's letter of endorsement must be received by the MD19 Office, the District Governor and your Zone Chairperson on or before December 31st. This is a Constitutional requirement!

**Any Candidate for MD19 Vice Council Chairperson.** Your letter of Intent, your Club's Letter of Endorsement and **your Zone's Letter of Endorsement**

must be received by the MD19 Office, the District Governor, and the Vice District Governor on or before December 31st. This is a Constitutional requirement!

**Service Activities (SARs).** Clubs should be reporting activities that are **performed as a group** by the club's members. These projects may involve one or more Lions clubs as well as Lion foundations and can include non-member volunteers from the community and staff from local businesses. The litmus test for a service activity is that it is both club approved and administrated by many members of that club.

While it is wonderful that *individual* club members volunteer their time to local programs and Lions projects, these do not qualify as *club* events. The key word is "group".

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Be genuine in your praise, it does little to just go through the motion of recognition just because it is politically correct. People will recognize insincerity in praise, which is worse than giving no praise at all.

Recognition should be made as immediately as possible. As an example, after a great report is given about a successful club project, recognition should be made by a Club leader, complete with an appropriate certificate or any such token as is customary with that Club. Keep the recognition proportional to the action being recognized. The key is not to wait too long. This is part of the celebration of success that is so necessary in the motivation of people, especially volunteers; let them know that what they do is priceless. Be imaginative with your method of recognition. You can be different. "*Your Club, Your Way*".

Why should we recognize? Motivation is a key to success. Show your appreciation of efforts at what has been accomplished. It is not simply a matter of people doing their jobs. They will do their jobs better and be happier when people recognize their efforts; that they went steps further than what was needed. Please, show appreciation for those extended efforts.

Do recognition well, do it often, make it meaningful.

## - WANTED -

Host families for foreign youth exchange students.

This is an opportunity to take part in a very rewarding experience. Host a young person from a foreign country this summer and make a difference in that persons life. It may also change yours.....

If you would like to take on this opportunity, contact George Robison at... [georgerobison@centurytel.net](mailto:georgerobison@centurytel.net)

The MD19 Youth Exchange Foundation needs your help to make this program successful....be a part of shaping a young persons life today!

## Comox Valley Lions Screen Kids for Vision

By Cathy Specht, Secretary,  
Comox Valley Monarch Lions Club



Our Club, with the some assistance from the Comox Valley Lions Club, completed SPOT Vision Screening for Grades four and seven in the Comox Valley School District, seen in process at the left. A total of 968 students were screened, with 39 referrals for follow up eye exams.

This is our second year in the schools and the program has been very well accepted by the School

District; many kind words of thanks were voiced by the administration, teachers and staff.

One "wow" moment came when a grade-seven student, new to Canada, was screened. His numbers were off the chart, so the screening was performed a second time to ensure that the results were accurate. This young man, when asked, said he has never been to an optometrist. His teacher, who was with us, said she noticed him leaning down to his desk to read but thought it was just difficulty with the English language. She almost hugged us when this issue was uncovered; now they can work with his parents to get his vision problem resolved.

## ☆☆☆ NEW ARRIVALS

### Shelton Centennial Lions Club, C-2

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**Sponsoring Club:** Tumwater Lions Club, C-2  
**Charter Night:** TBA



### Additional 2016-17 Zone Chairperson Excellence Award

H-7 Bruce McNair



## Leavenworth Lions Turn Chestnuts into Dollars

By Joyce Stevens, President, Leavenworth Lions Club

Three Lions from District D clubs in British Columbia came down to Leavenworth, WA, to assist with our annual 'Roasted Chestnuts' fundraiser during the first weekend of the Leavenworth Christmas Lighting Festival.

PZC Kim Davis and PZC Geoff Davis from the Kamloops Paddlewheelers Lions Club in Kamloops, BC, and ZC Sandy McMurray from the Armstrong Lions Club in Armstrong, BC, helped 'score' hundreds of pounds of chestnuts to prepare them for roasting, as seen in the photo below.



The Leavenworth Lions Club purchases 1500 pounds of chestnuts from an orchard in Selah, WA. Years ago, PDG Joe Nilles built a trailer for the purpose of roasting and selling our chestnuts. The fundraiser starts at the beginning of the Christkindlmarkt in November and runs through the first three weekends in December during the Lighting Festivals, where over 20,000 visitors come to Leavenworth to see the 'lighting ceremony'.

This year, we expect to raise more than \$6,000 for juvenile diabetes and other local causes. This is a wonderful example of 'international fellowship' within District 19-D, which encompasses part of British Columbia and North Central Washington.

### Melvin Jones Memorial Rededication Ceremony

The 50th annual re-dedication ceremony of the Melvin Jones International Memorial at Fort Thomas, Arizona, will take place on January 20, 2018. It will be preceded by a dinner on the evening of January 19th and followed by a lunch at Eastern Arizona College. Dinner reservations must be made by January 6 and lunch reservations by December 30. For more information and to RSVP, contact PDG Les Dai et at [lesdavietii@gmail.com](mailto:lesdavietii@gmail.com).



**Funding of MD19 Border Crossing:** Financial assistance has been provided this Lions Year to partially fund the MD19 newspaper, *The Border Crossing*, through a grant from the MD19 Lions Service and Leadership Development Foundation. This is an example of your leadership dollars at work.

# MD19 Calendar of Events

2018

Winter Council Meeting, FairBridge Inn & Suites, Yakima, WA February 23-24

## District Conferences

- District 19-H Pacific Gateway Hotel, Richmond, B.C. March 16-17
- District 19-F Marcus Whitman Hotel, Walla Walla, WA March 23-34
- District 19-D Ramada Hotel & Conference, Kelowna, B.C. April 6-7
- District 19-E Coeur d' Alene Casino, Worley, ID April 20-22
- District 19-I Parksville Cmmtty & Conf Cntr, Parksville, B.C. April 20-22
- District 19-C Kitsap Conference Center, Bremerton, WA April 27-28
- District 19-A Holiday Inn Vancouver-Centre, B.C. April 28
- District 19-B Hilton Garden Inn, Bothell, WA May 4-5
- District 19-G Red Lion, Kelso, WA May 18-19

Lions Learning Forum, Cascadia Technical Acad, Vancouver, WA March 3

NW Lions Leadership Institute, UBC Campus, Vancouver, B.C. May 10-13

Spring Council Meeting, UBC Campus Vancouver, B.C. May 30-31

District & Zone Officers School, UBC Campus, 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**  
**MD19 Lions Office**  
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