

2019 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

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The mission of the Forum: To develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International.

We are really excited to be able to host the 2019 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. This is a tremendous honor for our multiple district and will take all of us to make it successful.

A huge Thank-you to NW Lions Foundation for being our major sponsor.

We are working at having the Lions Health Screening Unit, with nursing students from WSU providing screenings.

In September, about 30 of our Lions from around our Multiple District were in Columbus to promote Spokane and Multiple District 19 as the Hosts of the 2019 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. Thank-you to each person who did an outstanding job letting folks know how awesome Spokane will be for the Forum. We signed up 521 people to attend the Forum. A special thank-you to Debbie Mansell, who created our wonderful skit to promote the Forum.

The Forum Planning Committee came to Spokane at the beginning of October to meet with the Host Committee. During this time, many goals were set and plans made. Now, the real work begins. We will be promoting the Forum at the MD Convention, as well as all the District conferences. Please promote in each of your clubs.

The Forum promises to bring some great entertainment, such as the High Street Show Band for opening night, popular Strides walk in beautiful Riverfront park. Participate in a hands on service project. Some new, local speakers conducting seminars, popular leadership seminars. Great keynote speakers including Sherre' DeMao, who will be speaking on: Every moment is worth celebrating. Every day a blessing. Every year is an adventure. Life's amazing! Josh Allison is the Founder and Chief Ideator for ThinkCafe', a consulting company committed to solutions for the new workplace. A trendy brand is not enough.. You will hear Josh share a blueprint for creating relevant relationships with teens and young adults. 1st VP Choi will be offering his wisdom as well.

Spokane has many adventures to participate in while in town. Enjoy the many restaurants, breweries, wineries, shopping and tours, all within walking distance of the hotels. Enjoy a walk along the centennial trail. Ride the gondolas over the Spokane River. Take a ride on the carousel, which is restored to it's original beauty. Peddle away on the Party Trolley as you ride around the downtown area with your friends. Many great adventures.

All the hotels are right by the convention center. No mobile transportation needed. Beautiful rooms with great rates. Spokane will be such a great Forum for everyone.

We are needing significant help in the following areas:

1. **Encouraging members to attend the Forum.** We have a goal of 10% of our multiple district members in attendance. This will take all of us promoting.
2. **Significant need for volunteers before and during the event.** We are needing at least 300 volunteers for the event. Duties range from transporting dignitaries to/from airport/hotel, office help, hotel registration, greeters, stuffing bags, working the store and meal monitors. Please sign up to volunteer.
3. **Items for gift bags for the dignitaries that reflect your area.** We need to provide gift bags for our dignitaries. We would love to put items in that reflect our amazing multiple district. We need small items please. You can bring them to your District Conference and we will gather.
4. **Sponsor the Leos in your area to attend.** We will be having a Leos Day. This is a special time for our Leos in North America to gather to work and learn. Your club could sponsor the Leos to attend and provide transportation/lodging.

5. REGISTER FOR THE FORUM. WWW.lionsforum.org

For information or to volunteer, please feel free to contact the following:

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If interested in ordering a 2019 Forum shirt for a cost, please contact Pat Burch.

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