

## 2021 Fall Council of Governors Committee Report: MD 19 Environment Team

**“Sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities.”**

### Lions Clubs International



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The 2021-2022 Lions Year continues to present Lions with the challenges of working through a global pandemic. Many Clubs meet the challenges with creative new ideas and practices. Representing all 9 districts, one or two District Environment Chairs work closely with six Lions serving as Multiple District 19 Environment Co-Chairs. This makes an Environment Team of 14, that meets monthly on Zoom, hosted by Council Chair John Moralek. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at noon and invite interested Lions to join us. If you would like to join in the conversations and presentations, watch for an invitation on the Lions of MD 19 Facebook page, or ask CC John.

**Connections.** Connecting is a theme of our work and is the key to increased service, effectiveness, and new membership. The Environment Chairs are reaching out to Lions within our own Clubs and Districts, linking people and projects, problem-solving our way through the actions needed to serve our communities. One of our key objectives is to take powerful service projects and share them throughout the MD, projects like Backyard Composting, and Recycling Sheet Plastic (the Trex Challenge).

**Environment Featured at USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.** Several MD 19 Lions were presenters at the 2021 Forum in Des Moines, Iowa. Environment team members Bob Johnson, PCC Al Hedstrom, and Nancy Messmer gathered great ideas from multiple seminars. Nancy was one of five presenters, who gave a 2 ½ hour seminar on the 5 Lions Global Service Goals, in addition to presenting an interactive seminar on “Growing Lions with Impactful and Effective Environment Service Projects.” The Forum is a powerful learning experience for attending Lions, and the sad thing this year is that most Canadians could not travel to the US. We all look forward to getting together in Calgary next year.

**Environment Team Facebook Page.** District G Environment Chair, 2VDG Leslie Chasse has started a new Facebook page to connect Lions as an active environment team. **Join us at (<https://www.facebook.com/Lions-MD19-Environmental-Committee-103269998770756>).** Active helpful Facebook pages require lots of participation.

**Evening Environment Presentations.** In September, Lion Leslie Chasse hosted a presentation on Backyard Composting, featuring a knowledgeable Master Composter running effective programs in SW Washington. Lions from around MD 19 attended the 1 hour Zoom presentation. The Environment Committee Lions are brainstorming topics now for evening environment presentations in the future. Stay tuned. Suggest topics.

**District Newsletters.** Environment Chairs strive to submit monthly articles to District newsletters with information specific to the district and including information from around MD 19. The team works from a growing Dropbox of shared information so that we can share ideas around the Multiple District. Wendy Yau and Kitty Chiu (A) are continuing the practice of writing monthly Environmental Tips. Angus Benedict (D) writes monthly about re-using, re-cycling and re-purposing items. Bob Johnson (C) summarizes District environmental activity in his regular columns. We gather information from the LCI website and share it. We hope to connect efforts in one district with efforts in others.

**Let's Stay in Touch!**

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