

## **MD19 Lions Knights of the Blind (KOTB) Committee Report**

Lions Council of Governors Meeting October 2021

Hello fellow Lions, today I am here to address some of the essence of the National White Cane Awareness Day and some of what the KOTB has going on at the present time.

As many of you are aware the Lions have had a lot of interaction with the White Cane, turning the Black Stick into a White Cane and later adding the Red Tip to that Cane. Also, with the White Cane starting Leader Dogs which follows under the same rules of the land for Blind and Visually impaired individuals.

In 1964 our US Legislative system made October 15 White Cane Safety Day, in 2014 Blindness Awareness Day. And has been Proclaimed almost every year by the US President in office. We are hoping that as many Lions Clubs in MD19 as possible can join us in making this an annual event.

We have also been trying to see how many clubs, districts, zones, etc. we can get to invite us to come and give a presentation on how Blindness and Low Vision fits the scope of Lionism. We are not needy we are people who want to be accepted as all other Lions and human beings. To find out more about us come and join us at a meeting or contact me at [arvidsonandy@gmail.com](mailto:arvidsonandy@gmail.com) or call me at 425-218-0190.

In Lionism,

Andy Arvidson