

## **MD19 Vision Program Committee Report**

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Chilliwack, British Columbia

I am sorry to report that the MD19 Vision Program did not have the success I had hoped. My original thoughts were to have the program be an important part of what our Lions Clubs do as they serve their communities. I aimed to have Vision screening recognized as a high-level program within the Multiple.

I believe some clubs screen for vision and hearing; however, the projects' reporting is extremely difficult to identify in the Lions Portal. I suspect it's the terminology clubs use when they identify the project.

I did experience some hold-back, as it was felt that the program existed in another area and that the MD19 Vision Program was duplicating that program.

A basic reason for the program was to have the Vision Program be similar to other MD19 Committees, as it is the Lions Clubs of the MD that are performing the screening.

My goal was to have the Vision Chairperson be the focal point for program information, keeping clubs current on screening information, and assisting with obtaining funding. Really, to be a point of dialogue to have a greater program.

While there was not much success this year, I believe the program should continue to be pursued. Vision screening, especially for children, is too important for their future not to have a viable program. I recommend that the Council discuss how to proceed.

Lion PDG Harry Lippincott, Chairperson