



# The Border Crossing

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## Leadership Corner

### By Debbie Bostock, MD19GLT

*Leadership is more than service; it is enabling others to be more productive.*

Congratulations to Dr. Brian Scott. Brian has completed his post-institute facilitation requirement and is the newest Faculty Development Institute member in our multiple district.

It's once again time to start organizing our club officer elections. Be sure your club holds elections early so that new officers can join seminars at upcoming conventions and access training courses on the Lions Clubs International website under the Learn section. Let's keep our members in mind and provide support for incoming officers while emphasizing leadership roles throughout our clubs, zones, and districts.

Over the coming months, several leadership development opportunities will be available, including district conventions in March and April featuring seminars designed for club officers. The MD19 convention in Wenatchee this May will also provide officer seminars, with specific sessions scheduled on Friday, May 22nd prior to the convention for incoming District Governors, Vice District Governors, Global Action Teams, and Zone Chairs. Additionally, a half-day seminar dedicated to Zone Chairs will be held on Saturday morning, May 23rd.

Assistance is requested from incoming District Governors to provide the names and contact information of their Global Action Team members, Zone Chairs, and Second Vice District Governors for the 2026 and 2027 year. Upon receipt of this information, I will distribute details regarding the seminars scheduled for May 22nd and 23rd. Additionally, the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute is scheduled for June 4-7 in Chilliwack. Visit [nwlli.org](http://nwlli.org) for further details and registration. This event is an excellent opportunity to build leadership capabilities and foster personal growth. Many previous attendees highly recommend it.

Ensuring that our officers—at the club, zone, or district level—are well-informed and equipped with the necessary information is essential for them to carry out their duties effectively. Additionally, a wealth of resources such as officer manuals, forms, contest rules, and more can be found on our MD 19 website.

If I may be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me at [debbie.bostock@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.bostock@gmail.com).

## Link to More Information

Explore How LCIF Grants Can Help You Serve  
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-toolkit>

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum  
<https://members.lionsforum.org/>

CARE Program  
[https://youtu.be/Md8S\\_XSXItw](https://youtu.be/Md8S_XSXItw)

Wondering about the future? Look here:  
<https://lionsmd19.org/calendar.php>

Lions Quest Canada  
<https://www.lionsquest.ca/>

Lions Camp Horizon  
<https://lionscamphorizon.org>

Lions Member Resource Center  
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center>

Lions Virtual Events Center  
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/virtual-events-center>

Lions International Calendar  
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/lions-events-calendar>

Lions Easter Seals Camps - BC/Yukon  
<https://www.eastersealsbcy.ca/summercamp/>

International Lions Christmas Ship Foundation  
[https://e-district.org/sites/district\\_19-o/projects.php](https://e-district.org/sites/district_19-o/projects.php)

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## MD19 Council Chairperson - Steve Brooks



Our Lions year is already half over and our First Vice District Governors are starting their training to become District Governors in a few months. It is an exciting time and possibly a little scary for the First Vice District Governors as their training from Lions International is beginning. They are busy with online assignments and establishing goals for their respective Districts along with helping the current District Governors with visitations. I am sure that they have been working with the current District Governors and District Cabinets to review goals for this year and to refine goals for next year. We in all of MD19 are fortunate to have great upcoming District Governors as part of the team. January 13 marked the 147th birthday of Lions International founder Melvin Jones. Our Lions International Foundation (LCIF) had a special pin designed for anyone that donated \$147 on his birthday. Through generous donations of our MD19 Lion members and clubs, we collectively have donated over \$171,000 so far this year towards LCIF.

I have a feeling that we will exceed the amount of donations from the previous year. Many Lions have asked why should I donate to LCIF? In MD19 we have gotten back far more money over the years than we have donated to LCIF. Many clubs make donations in the last half of the Lions year.

District 19-L received a \$75,000 matching grant at the beginning of this Lions year for Vancouver Island "Home Away from Home" project providing a place for families to stay while kids go through cancer treatment. District 19-O just received a \$15,000 emergency grant to help the Renton Lions Youth Camp with repairs following the recent flooding. MD19 just received a \$25,000 US (\$18,519 Canadian) LCIF matching grant to benefit Easter Seals House in British Columbia for room restauration. There are several clubs that have been able to receive LCIF matching grants for local projects. If your community has a project, I strongly encourage you to look into LCIF grants.

Recently I had the opportunity to reconnect with a former Lion member who had dropped out of Lions several years ago. This person always kept the spirit of Lions at heart even though they could not afford the dues to continue as a member because they lost their home and was homeless. This person told me how they used the spirit of Melvin Jones to purchase a Melvin Jones Fellowship and use that as an inspiration to change their personal situation. I am happy to report that this person has now rejoined Lions and is now member of an active club.

Mission 1.5 from Lions International is an initiative to grow our world-wide membership to 1.5 million members by 2027. This will be accomplished by chartering new clubs and growing membership in our communities. There are several new clubs in work across MD19 in each of our districts. I encourage everyone to look at the MD19 website and click on the "Grow With Us" logo for information about growing membership as part of our coordinated campaign to attract new members, form new clubs, and introduce more people of the power of Lions. We received a \$10,000 marketing grant to help promote and grow our membership through Social Media. In California, MD4 used this approach and they have added 16 new clubs so far this Lions Year. I know that MD19 can have similar if not better results by promoting ourselves. Please feel free to contact PDG Kathy Crawford [katmc@live.com](mailto:katmc@live.com) or PCC Hal Palmer [lionhal@gmail.com](mailto:lionhal@gmail.com) for more information about accessing funds from this grant.

Our 2026 MD19 annual convention is going to be in Wenatchee Washington, May 22-23. Lots of planning is taking place to make this a different and better convention. For example, Fun Night is going to be family friendly with entertainment provided at a local winery, we are working on transportation to and from. There are local things that your family can participate in while you are at the Lions Convention. Our International Guest is our current International 1st VP Mark Lyon and his wife Lion Lyn. The Lions Motto of "We Serve" does not know borders and members of MD19 are not the cause of political tensions. I want to encourage everyone to seriously consider attending our 2026 MD19 Convention to show that Lions are strong and can set an example of strength and unity.

## Welcoming MD19's Newest Administrative Assistant, Alison!



Alison has joined MD19 as an Administrative Assistant! She will be a key member of the team, helping to maintain smooth office operations and coordinating the many moving parts of our organization. Welcome, Alison!

*I am Washington born and raised. I love hockey, bowling and the interesting night life in our beautiful city. I'm looking forward to getting to know you and to help serve our community!*

## Steven Wong, Vice Council Chair Candidate

**19-O Past District Governor Steven Wong** is a Chartered Member of the Richmond Chinatown Lions Club. Originally from Nelson, BC, he now resides in Vancouver. He is currently MD19 environment co-chair, District 19-O Global Service Team (GST).

Steven has been a real estate appraiser for over 30 years and has served as a Director of the Better Business Bureau and the Vancouver Chinese Cultural Centre. His interests include environmental protection, Lions projects, photography, fitness, long-distance running, hiking, travel, and collecting recycled eyeglasses.

A graduate of Lions Northwest Leadership Training, Steven has trained new Club Presidents and Secretaries and led the Run for the Blind program, raising \$1 million for the CNIB. His lifetime experiences include running the New York City Marathon, completing 86 half marathons, and travelling around the world in 90 days.

Steven has been recognized with multiple Lions honours, including 100% Secretary, 100% President, 100% Zone Chair, Melvin Jones Fellow, and the Lions International President's Leadership Medal.



## Michael Livingstone, MD19 Vice Council Chair Candidate

**Past District Governor Michael Livingstone** brings nearly five decades of dedicated Lionism and community leadership as he offers his candidacy for MD19 Vice Council Chairperson.

Michael began his service as a Leo at Barriere Secondary School and later as a charter member of the Okanagan Falls Lions Club. With 48 years of continuous service, he has been a steady and active contributor at the club, district, and community levels. He has also played a key role in attracting and mentoring younger members, helping ensure the long-term strength and continuity of the Okanagan Falls Lions Club.

He is widely recognized for leading the club's 27 years of school breakfast program, providing warm breakfast buns to students three mornings a week. His hands-on commitment reflects a lifetime of volunteerism that began on his family farm and continues today.



Michael's leadership extends well beyond Lions. He served 12 years as vice chair and chair of the South Skaha Housing Society, overseeing a 26-unit affordable housing complex and guiding the development of a new 36-unit family apartment building. His work demonstrates strong governance, financial oversight, and long-term planning – skills essential to MD19 leadership.

A graduate of the MD19 Northwest Lions Leadership Institute, Michael has been honoured with numerous awards, including the Melvin Jones Fellowship, Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship, Lions International President's Leadership Award, the King Charles III Coronation Medal, multiple Lion of the Year awards, and 100% Secretary and 100% President recognitions.

With a proven record of service, mentorship, and organizational leadership, Past District Governor Michael Livingstone is honoured to stand as a candidate for MD19 Vice Council Chairperson.



## 2026 14 DAYS MD19 LCI HONG KONG PRE-CONVENTION TOUR TO XIAMEN

**JUN 24 23:30 – 00:30 (25JUN)**

### VANCOUVER

Meet at China Airlines Check-in Counter. Drop your check-in luggage at the counter.

**JUN 25 02:00 VANCOUVER - TAIPEI**

Depart for Xiamen, China via Taipei, Taiwan. Light meals and entertainment on board.

**JUN 26 10:30 TAIPEI - XIAMEN**

(D)

Arrive Xiamen. Transfer to SWISS GRAND XIAMEN HOTEL. Rest of the day is free.

Welcome dinner.

Lujiang No.9 · Italian Family Cuisine (Huajiao Seaview City Branch)



**JUN 27 XIAMEN (B/L/D)**

After breakfast at the hotel, tour Bailuzhou (White Crane Island) Park, the Egret Goddess Sculpture in the central area of the park is one of Xiamen's urban symbols, and there is also Pigeons Square and Photography Square. The park is home to 400 square pigeons imported from the Netherlands, allowing visitors to interact with them. The musical fountain is also spectacular during festivals.



After lunch, by ferry to Gulangyu Island, the "Exhibition of World Architecture", designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2017.



The island is motor car free, boasts buildings of diverse styles, including Western architectural styles such as Gothic architecture, Baroque architecture; it also features Minnan-styles buildings represented by red-brick ancient houses, which are exquisitely decorated and carry unique cultural connotations. Also visit to the renowned Piano Museum housing Pianos from the 19th centuries before returning to Xiamen.

Evening drive to YanWu Bridge to watch the sunset. Free at leisure after dinner.



The tour will depart Vancouver on 24th June evening. The price includes return airfare, hotel in China and in Hong Kong. Deadline to reserve a seat is 30th January 2026. Contact for reservations: PDG Kenny Lee at [dg19h2013@gmail.com](mailto:dg19h2013@gmail.com)

## Lions International Convention – Hong Kong Style

### Important Changes to the 108th International Convention Schedule, hosted in Hong Kong!

Dear Lions and Leos,

We are writing to share some important updates to our 2026 international convention in Hong Kong.

As many of you know, we moved convention to Hong Kong after our planned destination of Atlanta was cancelled by the city of Atlanta due to the FIFA World Cup. Our host Lions and the city of Hong Kong stepped up to help us transition to our new location. As we worked together to support this significant shift, we recently identified schedule adjustments needed to align with our host city's guidelines and maintain the convention's overall structure.

We will be updating our [Convention Schedule webpage](#) on [lionscon.org](#) with more details as they are confirmed, but here are some initial updates we'd like to share with you.

- Convention Dates – Convention dates are not changing, only the convention schedule, so we will still be hosting the convention July 3-7.
- Plenary Sessions – Our three plenary sessions will be moved up one day, now scheduled for July 4-6.
- Parade of Nations – The parade will be moved to Tuesday, July 7 pending finalization of plans.

Please share your questions with us at [2026Convention@lionsclubs.org](mailto:2026Convention@lionsclubs.org), and we will continue to provide updates as they become available. If you haven't registered yet, be sure to [register for convention](#) so you can join us for an unforgettable experience in Hong Kong.

We want to sincerely thank you for your service and your support, and we're looking forward to an incredible convention in Hong Kong.

–Lions International



### Is Your Club Keeping Up With The Times? - Past Council Chair John Moralek

Almost 20 years ago when I first joined the Lions, the club I started with made an annual donation to Lions Clubs International Foundation (L.C.I.F.) of \$1,000 and additional funds were given to other worthy causes. The club raised money by making pancakes for breakfasts and held an annual dinner. The cost of the breakfast was \$2.50 per person, and the dinner was (I think) \$25. With these events the club raised \$7,000.

Fast forward to today, and that pancake breakfast raises money through a donation bucket, to which most attendees donate close to \$10 each. The banquet prices are now upwards of \$60 and together these events generate \$20,000. Interestingly, the donation dollars to the worthy causes remain the same as they were 20 years ago. (Please note that a great deal of new causes have been added during the last 20 years).

In other words, while the income stream from donations has grown threefold, the donated amount to the supported causes remains unchanged. Does this sound like your club? When was the last time you evaluated your club budget?

## MD19 DIABETES AWARENESS REPORT

February 6-7, 2026

Council Chair and Council,



Diabetes is one of the most common chronic diseases affecting people WORLD WIDE. Around 589 million people over a year old live with diagnosed diabetes. This number excludes gestational diabetes. Worldwide at the end of 2024 there were 589 million adults (20-79) living with diabetes, it is projected that by 2050 there will be a rise of 853 million adults living with diabetes. It's also projected that as of today there are 252 million people living with undiagnosed diabetes, it's time we got out in our communities to bring awareness to everyone so we can slow that down.

I have found over the past few years that getting the word out to our clubs/members regarding diabetes is difficult. I am unable to travel to each and every club to show off my "sugar board," which would certainly be a wake-me-up for anyone who glances at it. The monthly newsletters have the same old news each month; which I would not be surprised that almost everyone who receives it files it in the round storage bin. So how can I help us get the word out to all of our members, I ask you, please send me suggestions.

### Step Challenge update:

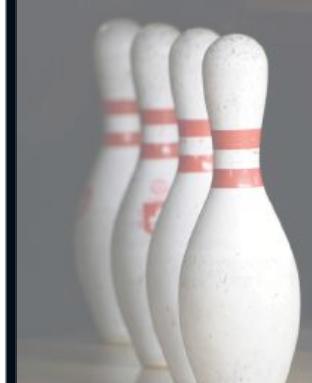
At the challenges halfway point of fifteen weeks there are 363 participants in our Multiple District taking part in this challenge. As of January 25th the total number of steps for all is: 262,419,859 steps. The participation fee of \$5.00 per person has been submitted by over half of the group, those that still need to submit can contact me for where to send their cheque.

Respectfully Submitted PDG  
**Georgia D Medwedrich**  
**District L & MD19 Diabetes Chair**



SPANAPARK LIONS CLUB

# ANNUAL BOWLING CLASSIC RETURNS



**MARCH 8, 2026**

9AM CHECK-IN  
11 AM START

BOWLERO LANES  
3852 Steilacoom Blvd SW  
Lakewood, WA

Questions? Call 253-473-1855  
or visit [spanaparklions.com](http://spanaparklions.com)



**SPANAPARK  
LIONS CLUB**

PO Box 401, Spanaway, WA 98387  
[www.spanaparklions.com](http://www.spanaparklions.com)

## Registration Form

# 2026 ANNUAL BOWLING CLASSIC

Check # or CASH:

Date:

Received by:



## PRIMARY CONTACT

First Name :

Address :

E-Mail :  Phone :



## ADDITIONAL BOWLERS

(please note any child bowlers)

Bowler Name 1 :   Child

Bowler Name 2 :   Child

Bowler Name 3 :   Child

Bowler Name 4 :   Child

Bowler Name 5 :   Child

Bowler Name 6 :   Child

Bowler Name 7 :   Child

Four bowlers allowed per lane

Total (\$30/Adult, \$20/Child)

Yes  No

Are you interested in our Club Newsletter?

Wesendamonthlynews and updates about our club.

NOTE: Credit Card Sales for Auction Items at the Event will incur a 3% processing fee.

# *"Celebrating the Fruits of Service" – May 23rd & 24th, 2026*

MD19 Annual Convention to be held in Wenatchee over Memorial Day Weekend  
Training Fri/Sat, Convention Sat/Sun. Enjoy surrounding area Monday!



Friday Night Fun at Pybus Market  
<https://pybuspublicmarket.org/>



Booking Link: <http://coa.st/lionsmd1926>

- Indoor/outdoor swimming pool & hot tubs.
- Skybridge walk to the convention center

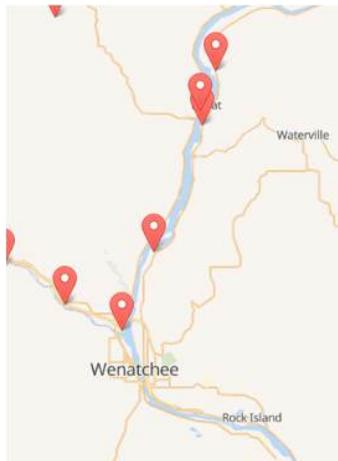
Rates: \$145/145/155/165 one to four adults per room.

Check out their webpage for pictures!

<https://www.coasthotels.com/coast-wenatchee-center-hotel/>



Saturday Night  
Dinner, wine, cider  
GladSong  
<https://circle5winery.com/>



## **Campground Options:**

<https://campgrounds.rvlife.com/regions/washington/wenatchee>

1. Wenatchee Confluence State Park 2.0 Miles North
2. Wenatchee River County Park – Monitor (Between Wen & Cashmere) 4.6 Miles NW
3. Daroga State Park 17.7 Miles NE (Orondo)

## **Others:**

4. Chelan County Expo Center/Cashmere 8.7 Miles NW (Nothing fancy here)
5. Lincoln Rock State Park 6.8 Miles NE
6. Entiat City Park 15.2 Miles North
7. Leavenworth KOA 16.3 Miles NW

State Parks – <https://parks.wa.gov/find-parks>

County Parks – PUD – <https://www.chelanpud.org/>

Confluence State Park is very nice and the closest. We also recommend Wenatchee River Park (Monitor) & Daroga (East Wen Side) #1, #2, #3. The others are nice, if you can not get into the first three.

## Vital Information

### The MD19 Second Half Dues statements

were emailed January 13-15, 2026, to Club Treasurers or Secretary/Treasurers. If no email address was available or returned as undeliverable, they were mailed January 16th. Dues are based on the December 31st membership total or from the most recent WMMR received at LI (Lions International). If your club has not received an MD19 dues statement, please contact the office ASAP – [md19admin@lionsmd19.org](mailto:md19admin@lionsmd19.org) or call 360-733-4911.

**Notification of dues:** An Aweber notification was sent on February 6, 2026, informing all on our email listing that these dues were sent. Before asking us to resend the statement please ask your treasurer first to see if they have received the MD19 second half dues statement. Make sure they also check the junk/spam folder of their email program as the statements may be sent there instead of the inbox. COPIES of these statements were also sent to your Zone Chairpersons, District Governors and Cabinet Secretaries.

**Secretaries and Treasurers:** Check the MD19 Website ([www.lionsmd19.org](http://www.lionsmd19.org)) under “Toolbox>Stats” to make sure your dues were received and posted. If you’ve sent a check/cheque it could be that it has not yet been received. Check with the office to confirm. Canadian Clubs **do** have the option of sending their dues payment as an e-transfer. Contact our office on how to make that happen.

**District Spring Conventions:** Club secretaries will receive a letter with their delegate/alternate slips at least three weeks prior to their District Conventions. To keep you informed, you should receive from your district leadership items on what you will be voting on at your district convention.

**Dues:** A club must have their MD19 2025-2026 Second Half Dues paid prior to the District Convention for delegates to vote.

**Club Officers** for the Lions year 2026-2027 should be elected prior to April 15th. Your PU101 (International) must be completed and received by LI AND the MD19 Office on or before May 15th. Since we are now using the new Lions Portal, instructions on submitting new club officers to LCI (as well as MD19) will be sent in March via an AWeber notification.

**Canadian LCIF Donations:** Send donations directly to LCIF. Canadian clubs requiring a tax receipt send checks to: Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF, C/O Peter Oswald, 22 Dundana Ave., Dundo, ON L9H 4E6. If only an acknowledgement letter is needed (no tax receipt required), send your donation to: Lions Clubs International Foundation, P.O. Box 2425, Station “A”, Toronto, Ontario M5W 2K5. All cheques must have proper identification of donors (full club name/club number and member name and number). [LCIF Canada](http://LCIF.ca) – This link will take to the Canadian LCIF website where the forms can be found (under FAQS heading).

**US clubs** send your checks to: LCIF, Department 4547, Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547, USA.

**CARE Donations:** both US and Canadian are sent to the MD19 Office. For US Clubs send to 4141 Bennett Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226. For Canada send your CARE cheques to P.O. Box 1621, Aldergrove, B.C, V4W 2V1. Make checks out to: MD19 Lions CARE.

### Memorials for December 2025

L A1	Vancouver Midas	Victor Lam
L I2	West Shore	Tom King
L I4	Ladysmith	PDG William (Bill) Koski
I 1	Lake Windermere District	Al Turner
I 13	Prince George Spruce City	Cameron Sutherland
I 13	Prince George Spruce City	Lawrence Peter Walch
O 2	Langley	Ronald K. Moore
N 1	Silverdale Sunrise	Kay Gardner
N 2	Hood Canal	Rich Kallal
N 5	Clearwater Kalaloch	Clifford A. Hay
N 8	Eatonville	Thomas R. Folk
N 10	North Clark	Keith Christensen
S 1	Yakima	PCC Steven E. Noble

### Memorials for January 2026

L A1	Vancouver Chinatown	Terry R. Woo
L I2	Sooke	Raymond J Vowels
L I2	Victoria	Wayne Page
L I3	Central Saanich	John Verhagen
L I5	Black Creek	Warren Cronk
I 1	Golden District	Edgar Bjarnason
I 3	Cranbrook	Roger Brunelle
I 7	Wenatchee Central	Lee W. Smith
I 9	Peachland	Keith Baker
I 11	North Shuswap	Al Christopherson
I 12	Ashcroft & District	Ernie Kristoff
I 2	Fort Langley	Tony Small
O 2	Maple Ridge	Brian Hetherington
O 4	Sasquatch	Felix Leuzinger
O 6	Burlington	Bill Sparks
O 6	Concrete	Larry D. Mosbey
O 7	Oak Harbor	Scott Freseman
O 7	San Juan	Bill Waxman
N 5	Central Park	Joann Patton
N 5	Central Park	PDG Melvin Mackey
N 9	Longview Pioneer	Ron Stoppler
S 1	Naches	Ted Cowan
S 9	Rockford	Ivan Willschen

### Percentages of First Half Dues Paid for 2025-2026 January 2026

	DUES
19-L	36%
19-I	51%
19-O	44%
19-N	42%
19-S	58%

### Special Donations 2025-2026

	CARE
	PDG Breakfast at Chilliwack \$65.00 CDN
19-I	PDG Chuck Robinson \$500.00
19-N	PDG Emerson Bishop \$200.00 In memory of PDG Bill Ellis .
19-O	PID & PDG Roger and Rosemary Richert \$90.00 In Celebration of PDG Emerson's 90th Bday
19-O	Michele Barrie \$150.00 In honor of her children

## **Northwest Lions Leadership Institute (NWLLI) 2026**

This is your personal invitation to attend the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute (NWLLI) 2026, taking place June 4–7, 2026, in Chilliwack, British Columbia.

NWLLI is a hands-on leadership experience created specifically for Lions. It's practical, interactive, and focused on real skills you can use immediately—in your club, your district, and your everyday life. This is not a lecture weekend. It's not about titles. It's about learning how to lead people, build momentum, and strengthen clubs.

### **What you'll gain from this experience:**

- Greater confidence in speaking up, leading discussions, and sharing ideas
- Practical tools for building strong, effective teams
- Strategies to keep members engaged and motivated
- Better delegation and time-management skills
- A stronger understanding of your personal leadership style and goals
- Real experience applying leadership skills through team-based activities
- Meaningful connections with Lions from across the Northwest

### **NWLLI is designed for Lions who are:**

- Ready to step up in helping their club
- Current or incoming club officers
- Wanting to grow as leaders—without pressure or politics

You do not need prior leadership training. You do not need a leadership title. You will need a willingness to participate and learn. Important: Space is limited. NWLLI is intentionally capped at 50 participants to maintain a personal, engaging, and interactive experience. Once those spots are filled, registration will close. Don't wait—secure your spot early.

### **Event Details**

Chilliwack, British Columbia

June 4–7, 2026

The registration fee includes the full institute experience, lodging, meals, and materials.

\$350 USD / \$375 CAD

\$200 grant available for MD19 Lions

### **Travel & Carpooling**

Many participants carpool with Lions from their club or nearby clubs. It's a great way to connect early, share travel costs, and arrive together. If you're interested in carpooling, let us know—we're happy to help connect you.

**Learn more and register: <https://nwlli.org>**

Still have questions? Contact:

Registrar: Shannon Croitor: Email [smartypants5955@gmail.com](mailto:smartypants5955@gmail.com) Call or text 604-997-0553

Superintendent: Roger Chevrier: Email [rogerchevrier@gmail.com](mailto:rogerchevrier@gmail.com) Call or text 604-828-5900



## Celebrating Our Year Above Par!

District 19N Annual Convention

April 10–11, 2026

La Quinta Inn & Suites | Tacoma

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### Friday Night Feature

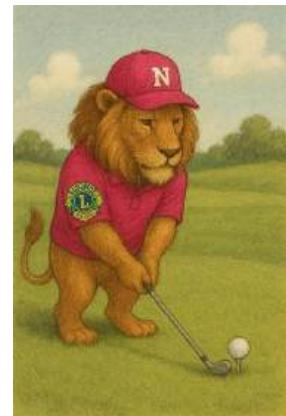
#### “The Masters” Fun Night

Tee off the weekend with a night of fun and fellowship!

Enjoy golf-themed games, trivia, and contests, including Best Golf Attire (individual or team).

Sip on golfer-inspired beverages like John Daly and Arnold Palmer, and savor Augusta National–themed food stations.

Prizes, laughter, and great camaraderie guaranteed. Don’t miss it!



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### Saturday Convention Events

- Memorial Service, Informative Seminars, District Elections, District Awards
- Featured Lunch Speaker from the National Marrow Donor Program
- District Governor Banquet (business attire/club uniform – no t-shirts or shorts)

### International Guest of Honor

Past International President Justice Brian Stevenson

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

International President 1987–1988



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Come celebrate service, leadership, and a year truly Above Par with your fellow Lions!



## District 19-N Spring Conference Celebrating Our Year Above PAR

April 10–11, 2026  
LaQuinta Inns & Suites, Tacoma, WA

**1425 East 27 Street, Tacoma, WA**

## REGISTRATION FORM

(Please fill out one form for each person attending)



Name:					Zone:	N-
<input type="checkbox"/> Lion		<input type="checkbox"/> Leo	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Meal Request	
<b><u>Please Explain Special Meal Request:</u></b>						
Club				Highest Lions Position Held:		
E-Mail						
Phone:						

(Separate sheet required for each attendee)	Price	Total \$
<b>Registration Fee</b> for Lions Early Bird Fee	\$25.00	
Registration Fee for Lions after March 9, 2026	\$30.00	
<b>Registration Fee</b> for Guests (No Registration Fee for a Leo)	\$ 5.00	
<b>Sponsor a Leo</b>	\$20.00	
<b>Fun Night Only</b>		
<b>Golf Masters Menu (includes cost of Fun Night)</b>		
Station 1: Hot Dogs with toppings	\$15.00	
Chili		
Baked Potato Bar	\$40.00	
Station 2: Tossed Green Salad w/toppings		
Sliced Fresh Fruit		
<b>Saturday Lunch – Please Select Lunch Entrée:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Chef Salad	\$23.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Ceaser Salad		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ceaser Salad		
<b>Saturday Evening Dinner</b>		
<b>Please Select Dinner Entrée:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Roast Prime Rib of Beef	\$49.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Alder Smoked Salmon		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fettuccine Primavera (vegetarian)		
PAYMENT SENT BY: <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK VIA US POSTAL MAIL	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> VENMO - @Central-Park-Lions-1958		

**Room Reservations available till March 9th, 2026**

Call and identify yourself as a member of the District "N" Lions Convention.  
LaQuinta Inn & Suites – Rate \$149 per night. Call directly to hotel at 253-383-0146

Postal Mail: Make checks payable to: **Lions District 19N**. Mail your check (**US funds**) & Registration Form to:

PDG Brien Patton PO Box 1041 Cosmopolis WA 98537

**Email & Venmo: Email form to BrienPatton@aol.com Venmo payment to @Central-Park-Lions-1958**

**Registrations for meals, with payment, must be received by: March 23rd, 2026**

**(NO meals can be purchased after March 23rd)**

## District 19-I Spring Convention Registration News!

We are pleased to share that the Convention Registration Package is now available. Please review the attached registration document and share it with your District and club members — we encourage early registration to assist with planning and logistics. We have sent this out to all District Governors and Newsletter/Bulletin editors in the hope you will help us in promoting our convention (and hopefully join us!)

Along with the registration details, we are excited to give you a preview of the strong and engaging program the Convention Committee is building for you.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

#### \* District Governor's Banquet – Saturday Evening

We are thrilled to welcome a dynamic and inspiring guest speaker for the District Governor's Banquet. This will be an evening of celebration, connection, and motivation — one not to miss.

#### \* Media & Marketing Session

A media and marketing expert will lead a session focused on promoting Lions, strengthening club visibility, and telling our stories more effectively in today's digital world.

#### \* A Fresh Approach to Training

This year's Convention will feature a new, collaborative training model where club executive members learn together. By understanding each other's roles, executives can work more effectively as a team and support one another throughout the year.

\* **Secretary Training** will be held separately, recognizing the additional responsibilities and detailed information required for that role.

Portal Training is also included on the agenda to help members feel confident navigating Lions systems and tools. AND YES... THERE'S FUN TOO! It's not all work! A fantastic Fun Night is being organized for Friday evening — designed to be relaxed, social, and full of Lions camaraderie. Come ready to laugh, connect, and enjoy time together. A Red Carpet event celebrating Everyday Legends! This Convention is shaping up to be a great balance of learning, inspiration, fellowship, and fun, and we truly hope to see strong participation from all clubs.

If you have any questions regarding registration or the program, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Shelley Sweeney, ZC I-9, Chair, Convention Committee  
Lions District 19 - I | [shelleysweeney@shaw.ca](mailto:shelleysweeney@shaw.ca)

## Meet Sofia, Our New Border Crossing Editor!



After several years as Editor of The Border Crossing, Rebecca Anderson has passed the torch over to Sofia Kruger! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication over the years, Rebecca!

*I recently joined the Lions Club after moving to Bellingham, WA, from New Hampshire back in 2023. The PNW and the spectacular outdoor recreation it has to offer drew me to move cross-country, and I've been exploring ever since! I was previously a member of the Kingston, NH Lions Club and wanted to get involved with my local community. I am thrilled to take the reins for The Border Crossing and look forward to serving MD19!*

**Funding of MD19 Border Crossing:** The salary for The Border Crossing editor is partially funded by a grant from the MD19 Lions Service and Leadership Development Foundation. This is an example of your leadership dollars at work in the Multiple District.

# ORDINARY PEOPLE DOING EXTRAODINARY THINGS

Lead by example and let your actions inspire others - red carpet of everyday legends!



## MD19 District I Convention Registration April 24 & 25, 2026



<input type="checkbox"/> Lion	Print Registrant's Name		Print Registrants Club	Dist/Zone:
<input type="checkbox"/> Leo				
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest				
My first District Conference <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
Address:				
City:		Prov/St:	Phone:	
TITLE <input type="checkbox"/> 2025-26 <b>or</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 2026-27		Email: Please enter 2026-27 title if you know it.		
Special Meal Requests must be received before April 10th, 2026. List any food allergies, such as mushrooms or shellfish, peanuts, etc.				

**Note: Partners and guests need to complete their own registration form.**

Date	Event	Price in CDN	Amount
Registration Information	Registration Leo	\$25.00	
	Registration Lions or Guests	\$50.00	
Friday, April 24, 2026	Ordinary People making Magic - Fun Night-magician, appetizers and other surprises	\$25.00	
Saturday, April 25, 2026	Saturday Lunch – Everyone Invited - at the Emmanuel auditorium next door; sandwiches, soup and salad	\$25.00	
	Saturday DG Banquet Buffet - Attire: Dressy, Business, Club Uniform Buffet dinner: appetizer, mixed green salad, peach chipotle BBQ chicken, Achiote glazed pork loin, mashed potatoes, glazed onions, double chocolate brownies	\$65.00	

**Total Amount Enclosed:**

Please Note: Credit Card charges will be in CANADIAN Funds. There will be a credit card service fee added to your total. Please Check Credit Card Type:  Visa  Mastercard

Card#: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3 Digit Security Code (found on back of card): \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature, if paying by credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment options:**

- 1) Send an e-transfer to lionsclubsdisti@gmail.com and email registration form to kennera@telus.net (eTransfer only works if you use/have Canadian bank account.)
- 2) Email form with credit card information to kennera@telus.net. (Heather Brown)
- 3) Registrations can also be mailed to: Heather Brown, 4005 Santa Anita Pl., Kelowna, BC V1W 2Z6. **Make cheques payable (CDN Funds Only) to: "Lions Clubs District I"** **Final Deadline for registrations Tuesday March 31, 2026. No refunds after April 10, 2026.**

Doubletree by Hilton 2569 Dobbin Road, West Kelowna, BC

**Room Reservations - Global** Hilton toll free number-1-800-445-8667 and ask for reservations at the DoubleTree West Kelowna. The group code is LDC.

Or you could phone the hotel directly and ask for the LDC convention rate. (250 768-8879)

**DEADLINE FOR BOOKING HOTEL ROOMS IS FRIDAY MARCH 31, 2026**

Room Rates start at \$132 plus taxes CDN for either 1 or 2 people - Mix of two Queen or 1 King Bed.

**Note: If you are interested in participating in the Peachland Lions Golf Tournament fundraiser for Camp Winfield on April 26th. Visit peachlandlions.com for more info.**

## The International Lions Christmas Ship Featured in the Cascadia Daily!

The International Lions Christmas Ship is a 501c3 Foundation whose purpose is to bring Christmas to the children of the San Juan & Lummi Islands on the second weekend of December each year. This project serves some 500 children who would otherwise not experience the joys of giving and receiving. All people involved in this laborious endeavor are Lions who volunteer their time and talent. A project of this magnitude cannot be served without the warm generosity of Lions Clubs in District 19-O and members of the general public.

Recently, District 19-O was featured in the Cascadia Daily - read below to learn more or visit their website at [https://e-district.org/sites/district\\_19-o/projects.php](https://e-district.org/sites/district_19-o/projects.php)

### **Cascadia Daily | Dec. 17, 2025 By Cocoa Laney**

Bringing holiday cheer to WA island children aboard the 'Christmas Ship'  
Tradition originated about 75 years ago, still sails annually to the San Juans'

"It's 7 a.m. two Saturdays before Christmas, and I'm scanning the cruise terminal for the most festive ship on Bellingham Bay. In 30 minutes I'm due to embark on an assignment — albeit not strictly as a reporter.

Today, I am a reindeer named Prancer. I'm helping the Lions Club bring holiday cheer to children on the San Juan Islands, as they've done every year since the late '90s.

Aboard the so-called "Christmas Ship," I'm joined by more than 25 other passengers in various states of merry: elves, carolers, pirates and Santa himself. A former music teacher practices "Jingle Bell Rock" as day breaks over the Salish Sea. Mrs. Claus tucks into a plate of bacon and eggs.

Over the loudspeaker, project lead Sandra Ball sets expectations: "Thank you for being part of the greatest adventure of all time," she announces, a twinkle of childlike glee in her voice.

While the Christmas Ship is among the Lions' most popular projects, the tradition predates their involvement. It began about 75 years ago — a time before Washington state ferries, and when island youth were unlikely to ever encounter Santa at department stores. Generations thus grew up believing the jolly old man travels by boat, not sleigh.

"Grandparents [tell] us that they used to come out when they were kids," said Ball, who is a member of the Mount Vernon Lions Club. "Inevitably, most people that you talk to will tell you that this event kicks off their Christmas season."

Read more at <https://www.cascadiadaily.com/2025/dec/17/bringing-holiday-cheer-to-wa-island-children-aboard-the-christmas-ship/>

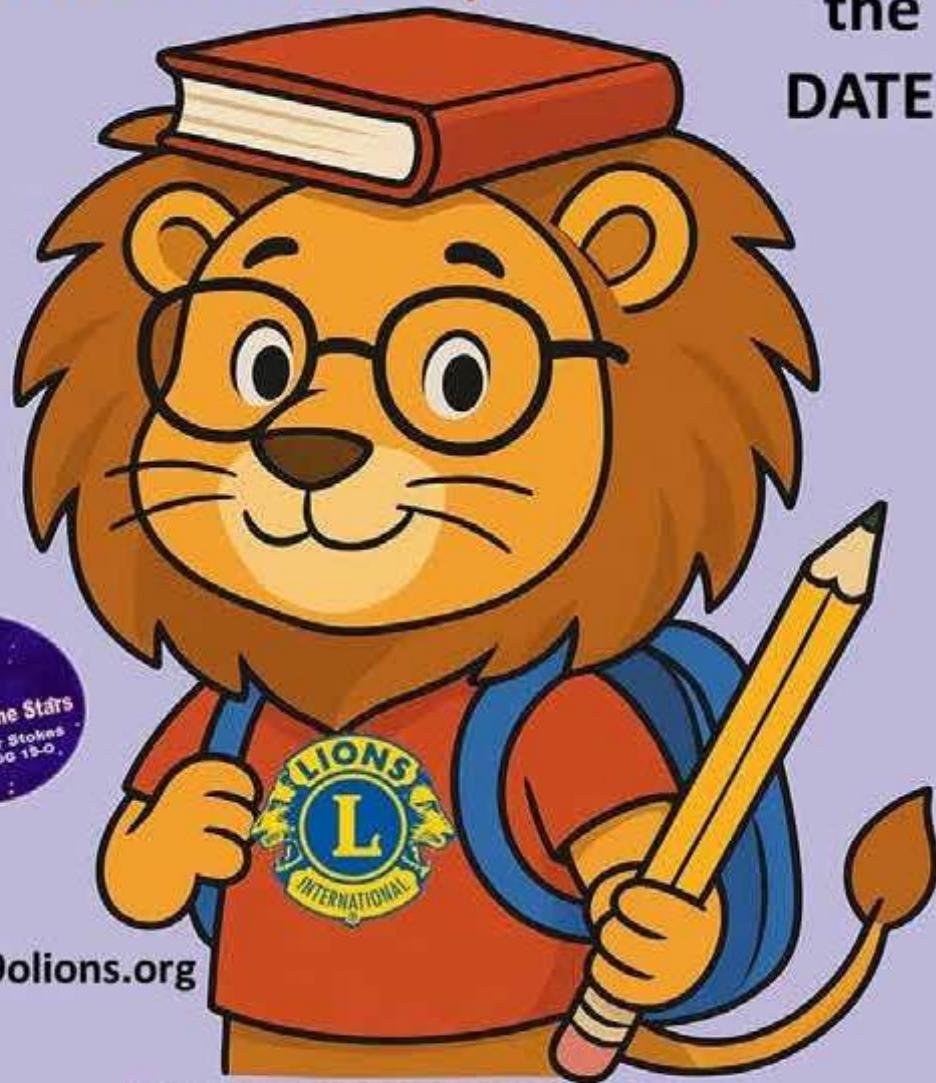
**DISTRICT 19-O SPRING CONFERENCE**

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## Border Crossing Ordering Options

The *Border Crossing* is automatically emailed by AWeber as a link to all club, zone, district and multiple district officers. Those wanting a hard copy of the newspaper, including the above listed officers, will need to purchase a subscription.

### 2025-2026 Lions Year:

**Border Crossing:** 6 issues in hard copy format. Subscription begins with the August issue. \$16.00 to U.S. Addresses; \$20.00 to Canadian Addresses.

Send form below with your check or money order to MD19, 4141 Bennett Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226. No Credit Cards Please. All orders are pre-paid only. Questions: 360-733-4911 or [md19lions@lionsmd19.org](mailto:md19lions@lionsmd19.org)

Print Name on Line Above

Phone Number / Email Address

Print Mailing Address

City

State/Province

Zip/Postal Code

**Border Crossing Link! IMPORTANT!** All club, Zone, District and Multiple District Officers and Email Border Crossing subscriptions will receive an email from Peter Anderson, via our AWeber email communications system sometime in late July with the Subject: "**Confirm You Subscription**". Within that same email is a link that you need to click on in order **to give us permission** to send you the Border Crossing link and other important MD19 information during the year. You **must confirm your "subscription" in order for us to communicate with you by following this procedure**. If you do not confirm that you will accept further communications via AWeber, your email will be automatically removed from the list and nothing further can be sent to you.



### Border Crossing / AWeber (Emailed Ads and Fundraising Events sent to MD19 Lions)

Name of Company or Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address / P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Ad: \_\_\_\_\_ #of issues: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

If paying by credit card, please complete the following:  Visa  Master Card

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (payment will be in US Funds)

#### Border Crossing / AWeber (Emailed Ads & Announcements sent to MD19 Lions)

2025-26 Rates cover inclusion in 1 issue of The *Border Crossing* and 1 AWeber Message.

Full Page	\$160.00	(8.5 x 11)
1/2 Page	85.00	
1/4 Page	50.00	
Business Card	35.00	

The *Border Crossing* is published August, October, December, February, April & June with a publication date of the 10th of the month. All ad information MUST be in the MD19 Office by the last day of the month previous to publication.

The AWeber announcement with the ad will be emailed out to all subscribers within 10 working days of the *Border Crossing* in which the ad is published.

**Submission Guidelines:** Camera-ready artwork in either a .jpg, .png, or .tif file. When submitting written copy only, not camera-ready, an additional \$25.00 will be charged for ad design. You will be asked to sign off on any ad created for you. Specify ad size and number of issues the ad will run.

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## MD19 Calendar of Events 2026 - 2027

### 2026-2027

#### EVENT

#### LOCATION

#### DATE

Lions Youth Exchange North America Forum

Zoom

February 25-28, 2026

#### Forum District Conventions:

District 19-O

Chilliwack, B.C.

March 20-21, 2026

District 19-N

Tacoma, WA

April 10-11, 2026

District 19-L

Richmond, B.C.

April 10-11, 2026

District 19-S

Coeur d'Alene, ID

April 17-19, 2026

District 19-I

West Kelowna, B.C.

April 24 & 25, 2026

#### Leo Conventions:

District 19-L

Richmond, B.C.

April 12, 2026

Northwest Lions Leadership Institute (NWLLI) 2026

Chilliwack, B.C.

June 4-7, 2026

Hong Kong 108<sup>th</sup> Lions International Convention

Hong Kong, China

July 3-7, 2026

***The Border Crossing***

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