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Leadership Corner

By Debbie Bostock, MD19GLT

In Lions, leadership is never a solo effort. Every successful project, fundraiser, meeting, and act of service is strengthened when members come together with a shared purpose and a willingness to serve. A strong leader does not simply guide from the front; a strong leader encourages others to step forward, share their talents, and take pride in what we can accomplish together.

Teamwork is at the heart of our service as Lions. When we listen to one another, support each other, and recognize the value each member brings, our clubs become stronger and our impact reaches farther. True leadership is not measured by how much one person does alone, but by how many people they inspire to serve together.

Shared purpose brings us together. When every member understands the goal and sees how their contribution matters, the work becomes more meaningful. Whether we are planning a fundraiser, supporting a community need, or welcoming new members, a clear shared purpose helps us move forward with unity and enthusiasm.

Every member has something valuable to offer. Strong teamwork begins when leaders recognize the different strengths, experiences, and ideas within the club. Some members are natural organizers, others are excellent encouragers, problem solvers, communicators, or hands-on helpers. When those talents are invited and appreciated, members feel valued and the whole club becomes stronger.

Encouragement creates lasting impact. Leadership through teamwork means lifting one another up, celebrating progress, and helping members feel confident in taking part. A few words of encouragement can turn hesitation into participation, and participation into commitment.

Links 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_XSXIw

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

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MD19 Council Chairperson - Steve Brooks



It has been an exciting year to be your MD19 Council Chairperson for the 2025-2026 Lions year. MD19 has had many successes for this year including chartering two new Lions Clubs. Congratulations to District 19-S in chartering Airway Heights Lions Club and to District 19-N in chartering Elma McCleary Lions Club. It took lots of dedication by several individuals to make these clubs happen. I am aware of several other clubs that are forming or have made Branch Clubs during this year.

For those that did not make it to our MD19 annual convention you missed a great convention, possibly one of the best we have had in several years! During the convention we had lots of learning opportunities and panels.

International 1st VP Mark Lyon and his spouse Lion Lyn held a townhall where they answered a variety of questions from attendees. It was truly an opportunity for Lions and Leos to meet next years International President in person. This year we did some thinking out of the box to make our convention more fun. On Saturday night we went to the Circle 5 Winery in Wenatchee for fun night and entertainment away from the convention center. The singing group GladSong performed for about an hour while attendees had grilled hamburgers and enjoyed wine with scenic views of the Wenatchee Valley. Following GladSong, we were entertained by International 1st VP Mark Lyon, Tim Croiter, and Rosemary Walkup forming an impromptu band with two guitars and a cello. Donations of money and non-perishable food resulted in a donation of approximately \$1,600 to the We Serve Wenatchee organization in the Wenatchee Valley.

Lion Wanda Eddy from the North Kamloops Lions Club was elected to serve as our MD19 Council Chairperson for the 2026-2027 Lions Year. Lion Michael Livingstone from the Okanagan Falls Lions Club was elected to serve as the MD19 Vice Council Chairperson for the 2026-2027 Lions Year. Congratulations to both Wanda and Michael and I am personally looking forward to helping both of them have a successful year leading MD19.

Our MD19 office in Bellingham will see some changes this next year as Lion Michele Barrie retires on June 30th from her role as Administrative Assistant after over 27 years. Replacing Michele will be Lion Liam Harris who was hired this spring to learn from Michele and assume the role of Administrative Assistant starting on July 1st. Liam has desires to form a new Lions Club in the Bellingham area made up of younger professionals and business owners. Liam has already brought ideas on improvements to make Lions more appealing to the next generations. Congratulations to Michele on your retirement and welcome aboard Liam!

Once again it has been a great pleasure to serve the Lion and Leo members of MD19 this Lions Year as your council chairperson. It has been truly an enriching year for me personally in getting to know so many great volunteers.

Leadership Corner - Continued

When we lead with encouragement, we build not only successful projects, but also stronger fellowship and a deeper spirit of service.

The Northwest Lions Leadership Institute, held June 5 through 7, was a wonderful example of this spirit in action. With 39 Lions and 3 Leos attending, the event reflected the strength that comes from learning together, sharing experiences, and encouraging one another to grow as leaders. Its success reminds us that leadership development is most powerful when it is rooted in fellowship, teamwork, and a shared commitment to service.

As we continue our work as Lions, may we remember that the strength of our clubs comes from the people within them. Each time we invite others to participate, encourage new ideas, and serve side by side, we strengthen not only our leadership but also our fellowship. Together, we can continue to grow, serve, and make a meaningful difference in the communities that count on us.

30-Day Connection Challenge



Welcoming New Members

Personally greet at least one new or potential member to promote inclusivity and make them feel valued.

Enhancing Member Experience

Take action to improve the member experience so everyone feels included and appreciated.

Strengthening Club Connections

Engage meaningfully with club members to create strong bonds and a supportive environment.

Growth Through Belonging

Creating a welcoming atmosphere increases retention, leading to club growth and a thriving community.

PLACEHOLDER - Liam bio info?

Memorials for May + June 2026

L 11	Sequim Valley	Frank Cinimo
L 12	Sooke	Steve W. Wright
I 2	Fernie	Brian Schmidt
I 9	Kelowna Okanagan Mission	Donna Majewski
O 2	Pitt Meadows	Dave Campbell
O 2	Aldergrove	Garey Haynes
O 2	Langley	David A. Buckley
O 4	Chilliwack	Beverly Bergs
O 4	Hope	John M. Wilson
O 4	Hope	Victor Field
O 6	Lake Stevens	Debbie M. Lyons
O 6	Lake Stevens	David W. Rowland
N 2	Olympia Host	John L. Wilson
N 3	Tacoma Downtown	Harold L. Shellabarger
N 4	Auburn Noon	Eric Robertson
N 5	Cosmopolis	William Smith
N 7	Lacey Lamplighters	Michael O'Bryne
N 7	Lacey Sunrise	Roberta N. Fender
N 10	Lyle	Fort Vancouver
N 11	Fort Vancouver	James A. Titus
S 1	Yakima	Don R. Breitenfeldt
S 1	Terrace Heights	Stan Schmick
S 4	Nezperce	Robert Stach
S 4	Nezperce	Patrick Barnett
S 4	Nezperce	Terry L. Perrine
S 9	Chewelah Valleg	Jeon J. Green
S 10	Spokane Shadle North	Joleen F. Gillin
S 11	Priest Lake	Jerry P. Wilson
S 11	Priest Lake	Mary T. True
S 13	Rathdrum	Larry Quimby

**Percentages of
Second Half Dues
Paid for 2025-2026**

19-L	100%
19-I	100%
19-O	97%
19-N	93%
19-S	93%

Special Donations**2025-2026**

		CARE
	PDG Breakfast at Chilliwac	65 CDN
	Unkown Donation	24
L A-1	DG Teresa Ng	100
19-I	PDG Chuck Robinson	500
19-I	DG Steve Sweeney	100
19-O	CC Steve Brooks	100
19-O	DG September Stokes	100
19-O	PID & PDG Roger and Rosemary Richert -In celebration of PDG Emerson's 90 th Bday	90
19-O	Michele Barrie In honor of her children	150
19-O	From 19-0 Zone Chairpersons For DG September Stokes	500
19-N	PDG Emerson Bishop -In memory of PDG Bill Ellis	200
19-N	PDG Emerson Bishop -In memory of PDG Melvin Mackey	200
19-N	DG Donna Murr	100
19-N	Richard and Karen Johnson Longview Pioneer	100
19-S	Walla Walla Downtown -In memory of PCC Steve Noble	500

****VITAL INFORMATION?*****

International Christmas Ship Gala + Auction Fundraiser

On Thursday, June 26, Lions and friends came together to host a spectacular fundraising event for the International Christmas Ship! The ILCS is a project run by Lions District 19-O, whose main mission is to bring Santa Claus and his retinue to Washington San Juan Islands and Canada's Gulf Islands. Run by a volunteer crew of 65, the ship covers over 2,500 square miles in two days and visits 14 remote islands. Over 600 children get to visit with Santa and receive a toy and some treats!

As you can imagine, this is a massive undertaking every year to ensure that these children get to experience the magic of the holidays without needing to leave their home island. For over 70 years, Lions clubs have donated their time and money to help support this important project.

This year, Lions 19-O held a Gala/Auction at the beautiful Bertelsen Winery in Mt. Vernon to raise funds for the upcoming holiday season. It was an evening filled with laughter and a fantastic selection of auction items, including many hand-crafted items from fellow Lions, and wonderful music from Chris Eger!

Why the ILCS project matters: Many families in isolated island communities don't have easy access to mainland celebrations. The Christmas Ship brings the magic of the season right to their docks, creating memories that last a lifetime!

Thank you for your support!



*You are cordially invited to the
Charter night celebration*

Of the Airway Heights Lions Club

Join us as we celebrate the official chartering of the Airway Heights
Lions Club and beginning of a new tradition of service.

Sunday, July 19th, 2026



www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/airway-heights-lions-club-charter-dinner-2



Where: Airway Heights Fire Station

1149 S. Garfield Rd.

Doors open: 4:30pm

Dinner: 5:00pm

American Dinner:

Smoked chicken quarters & Pork loin

Mashed potatoes

Corn & carrot medley, green beans

Salad & rolls

Dessert

All attendees please RSVP by 07/09/26

By deadline:\$35/person, After:\$40/person

airwayheightslionsclub@gmail.com

To RSVP, please visit the link above by July 9, 2026. You may also scan the QR code located on the invitation using your phone's camera, which will take you to the same RSVP page. If you have any difficulty using either option, please email airwayheightslionsclub@gmail.com and we will be happy to assist you.

Thank You - MD19 Annual Convention in Wenatchee



**Thank you for
attending the MD19
Annual Convention
in Wenatchee
May 2026**

Wenatchee Central, Wenatchee Valley, Leavenworth & Lake Chelan Lions Clubs enjoyed hosting each of you, and hope you will return to our communities.



Your support to Serve Wenatchee was very much appreciated.
Donations \$1500, 150 lbs of pantry items,
And three huge bags of Coats for Kids.
Thank you!



We hope you enjoyed the winery,
GladSong's music, the view, classes
and meeting Mark Lyon.
What a weekend!!

Keep watch in the Border Crossing for information on the 2027 Convention!!





Lions Information & Training Schedule June & July 2026



New Member Orientation third Monday of every month

Duties and Responsibilities of the Club Leadership Chair *	1 Jun
Duties and Responsibilities of the Club Secretary *	2 Jun
秘書的職責和責任 (中文講述) Duties and Responsibilities of the Club Secretary in Chinese *	4 Jun
Marketing on Television and Radio *	9 Jun
會長的職責和責任 (中文講述) Duties and Responsibilities of the Club President in Chinese *	10 Jun
The Conversation: PCC Phyllis Carlin, MD-36, Candidate for Int'l Director *	11 Jun
New Member Orientation	15 Jun
Leveraging Local Crafters in Fundraisers *	17 Jun
財務主管的職責和責任 (中文講述) Duties and Responsibilities of Club Treasurer in Chinese *	18 Jun
How to Rock your Club Boat Without Losing the Crew	22 Jun
新會員講習(中文講述) New Member Orientation in Chinese *	24 Jun
Putting the "Fun" in Fundraising *	25 Jun
董事會的職責和責任(中文講述) Duties and Responsibilities of Club Board of Directors in Chinese	29 Jun
LionsVirtual.org continued: Using the Serve2Grow Module *	30 Jun
Duties and Responsibilities of the Club Board of Directors	8 Jul
Navigating the MD-19 and MD-36 Websites	9 Jul
Duties and Responsibilities of the Club Secretary	10 Jul
Dealing with the Toxic Lion in Your Club	13 Jul
Navigating the Lions International website	16 Jul
New Member Orientation	20 Jul
The Care and Feeding of New Lions	23 Jul
Creating Organizational Partnerships *	30 Jul

* Denotes special expert guest speaker, see page 2.

Please RSVP for all training to Al Hedstrom at LionAl@Hedstrom.ws.
Each session is free, starts at **7 PM Pacific** and most are about one hour in length (except Club Secretary). 晚上 7 時開始, 約一小時

This schedule is always
posted at LionsMD19.org
and MD36LionsClubs.org

Permanent Training Link: [Click here](#)

The online Zoom connection requires the following on your computer, tablet or smart phone: A web browser (such as Edge, Firefox, Chrome, Safari, etc.) to download and install the web-based Zoom application, a microphone and speakers or headset. While a camera is optional, we would like to see your smiling face.

👉 **Selected sessions are recorded and posted on YouTube.**
To view, search YouTube for Al Hedstrom.



Our club officer training content is always tweaked, changed and updated - specifically for those officers that have been in the position for a long time. Because things change! Keep current by attending training – whether in-person, in the Lions Learning Center (inside the Portal) or with our Zoom sessions. All Lions, no matter the position, are always welcome in every session.

Step Challenge Results

Step Challenge:

Thank you to all who have participated in this years Multiple District Step Challenge! What an ending! A special thank you to PDG Jan Weatherly who presented the awards on my behalf at the MD19 Convention as I was unable to partake this year.

Congratulations to District's L, O and N. And yes, the step challenge will start again, likely the last week of September, for 30 weeks. Watch for all information in August/September. Start putting your teams together and let me know that you are interested in taking part in the challenge. Let's make it a great year and make/hit new goals in supporting Diabetes in our communities!

–PDG Georgia D. Medwedrich

The Results:

From the three Districts that took part in this challenge, there were **30 clubs** involved, with 380 give or take members taking part. The final total of **572,832,442 steps** far exceeded last year's grand total of 282,145,111; how about that for improvements! Your donations, along with the participation fee that all walkers contributed, totaled over **\$3,245.00**, which was sent to the respective Diabetes Camps in our Multiple District.

There were three districts that were able to step up this year, they are:

3rd place: District N with a total of **21,612,875 steps**

2nd place: District O with a total of **97,453,047 steps**

1st place: District L with a final total of **453,816,520 steps!**

The “Golden Runner” to the winning District was presented at the Multiple District 19 Convention on May 23 by PDG Jan Weatherly.

The **Top Stepper** trophy to the Lion who recorded the most steps during the 30 weeks. **Lion Alec Wong** from the Vancouver East Lions club with **6,133,111 steps**.

Next year's challenge will start in October. Watch for email and info in your District's newsletters as well as the Border Crossing!



Your club/zone/district event could be showcased here, in the next edition of Border Crossing!

Email your flyer/poster/photos to bordercrossing@lionsmd19.org to be included!

Diabetes Canada: Step Challenge Donation Thank You



Dear Multiple District 19 Lions,

We, at Diabetes Canada, along with the 1 in 3 Canadians affected by diabetes or prediabetes, express our deepest appreciation for your generous donation of **\$2,025.00** that we received on April 14, 2026, in support of Camp Kakhamela, British Columbia. Your contribution plays a crucial role in advancing our mission to improve the lives of individuals living with diabetes across Canada.

The Multiple District 19 Lions have consistently demonstrated their commitment to combating diabetes. Your step challenge is an inspiration to many, and we recognize and laud your efforts and contributions to diabetes education, advocacy, awareness, and support.

Your support is instrumental in our ongoing efforts to improve the lives of those living with diabetes. The funds provided by your organization will be utilized to enhance our D-Camp program at Camp Kakhamela dedicated to diabetes management, education, and prevention. Your donation is not just a financial contribution; it is a beacon of hope for many individuals and families who navigate the daily challenges posed by this condition.

Once again, we thank you on behalf of all those at Diabetes Canada and the millions living with diabetes in Canada for your kind-hearted support.



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

This certificate is presented to:

Multiple District 19 Lions Clubs International

In grateful recognition of your support of Diabetes Canada in 2026

Nicole Holder-Dulson

NICOLE HOLDER-DULSON
Executive Director, Community
Fundraising and Events



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Service Clubs and Volunteer
Support Officer

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.

2026-2027 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

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 Your 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.

MD19 Calendar of Events

2026-2027

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
Hong Kong 108 th Lions International Convention	Hong Kong, China	July 3-7, 2026

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The future depends on YOU!
Ask someone to become a Lion!