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How do You Ask Volunteers to take Leadership Roles?

By PDG Wanda Carisse, MD19 GLT Leadership Coordinator

This is the question I am often asked (or ask myself). We are continually looking for Lions to become Presidents, Secretaries, Zone Chairs, Vice District Governors and Governors. So I did what I usually do these days – I googled it. I came across some interesting information including how to write persuasive Volunteer Recruitment Appeals and Eight Questions You Should Ask Your Volunteers Regularly. But the article that I was most intrigued by was *The Seven Deadly Sins of Recruiting Volunteers* written by Thomas W. McKee. Here's a summary from that article – I know I have committed some of these!

Sin One: Expect Announcements to Get Volunteers –

Writing articles and expecting people to accept the challenge can have disappointing results. We ask ourselves - Why aren't people volunteering? The answer: many people will not volunteer, they want to be asked.

Sin Two: Go It Alone – many of us try to recruit on our own.

Try establishing a team to meet and discuss or brainstorm possible people who could fill the vacant position.

Sin Three: Recruit Life-time Individuals – Not Short-term

Project Teams – We often try to recruit Life-time individuals instead of looking for short-term commitments. People can be leery to volunteer for a position as it may result in a role they will not be able to get out of. Additionally, recruiting teams rather than individuals is particularly effective with younger volunteers.

Sin Four: Assume That "No" Means "Never" – Like most

things in life - timing is everything. A person may say "no" but it might really mean, "not right now". Consider asking again as situations change and peoples priorities can be re-arranged or shifted. Sometimes "no" means that the prospect volunteer feels that he/she would rather do something else. When the answer is "no," consider asking if there are any positions in our organization that they would love to do, but were never asked.

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Link to More Information

LCIcon 2020 Singapore: <https://lcon.lionsclubs.org/>

Singapore map <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Singapore/@1.2865584,103.8511568,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x31da11238a8b9375:0x887869cf52abf5c4!8m2!3d1.35208314d103.819836>

ID2020 was created by the Washington State Department of Licensing about the REAL ID Act requirements and options <https://id2020wa.com/resources/>

USA/Canada Lions Future Forums: <https://lionsforum.org/future-forums/>

Having a challenge with MyLION/MyLCI? Spend some time at this website <https://mylion.zendesk.com/hc/en-us>

LCI response to CORONAVIRUS <http://app.e.roar.lionsclubs.org/e/es?s=94443966&e=458259&elqTrackId=320bc4c47118450db330ff5e51511b5f&elq=a9c0c70d2c394065be88c7f8dc10ae79&elqaid=13405&elqat=1>

Lions Global Service Journey talks about the five area of need that we are uniting our global service around. Learn more here <https://lionsclubs.org/en/explore-our-clubs/our-global-causes>

LCIF & Australia wildfires <http://app.e.roar.lionsclubs.org/e/es?s=94443966&e=441755&elqTrackId=320bc4c47118450db330ff5e51511b5f&elq=0049b08c882741c58c170bdfd3402c8d&elqaid=13136&elqat=1>

Make a donation to LCIF Campaign 100 here <https://lionsclubs.org/en/give-how-to-give/campaign-100>



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MD19 Council Chairperson

J.D. Nellor

Half Down And Half To Go

Happy New Year, Lions!
As I write this I am struck by the reality that this will be for the January/February issue of The Border Crossing. Wow!

January! The first month of the calendar year. The turning of the calendar from 2019 to 2020.

January (in Latin, Ianuarius) is named after the Latin word for door (ianua): January is the door to the year and an opening to new beginnings.

A favorite January holiday, south of the 45th parallel, is National Nothing Day. It is best described as an "un-event" originally proposed in 1972 by columnist Harold Pullman Coffin and observed annually on January 16 since 1973. Its purpose is to provide Americans with one National day when they can just sit without celebrating, observing or honoring anything. Did you miss it?

As an aside, Canada does not seem to have a Nothing Day, at least not as a national holiday. Quite the contrary, the Realist Society of Canada (the RSC) promotes a holiday called THABS (pronounced "tabs", which stands for "There Has Always Been Something"). THABS Day is purposed to celebrating the concept that "[I]f there was ever nothing, there would be nothing now." Hmm. But THABS is a July holiday (the 8th), so we do not have to think about it anymore now.

February! The tease between winter and spring. Of course February is famous for another awakening— Groundhog Day— a tradition that has been on the books down in the States since 1886. Nowadays about 40,000 people gather annually at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania (a crowd about eight times the residential population of Punxsutawney) to harass and consult Punxsutawney Phil, the groundhog therein residing, that poor, hibernating rodent who endures getting yanked out of the ground, hoisted into the open air to be awakened by a horde flashing cameras and a cheering throng of amateur weathermen every February 2.

Here in MD19, February is notable as the month of the Winter Council Of Governors meeting, the unofficial start of the second half of each Lions year. Where did the first half of our Lions year go? How did we get to the second half so soon?

The first half of Lions year 2019-20 has been a whirlwind of activities and events. Charter nights, zone meetings, cabinet meetings, celebrations, presentations, inductions, Milan, club meetings, an MD19 convention... and then some. As I get out and about MD19 I am constantly amazed by the passion of MD19 Lions, by what the Lions of MD19 do day in and day out.

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Providing Sight to the Sightless

By Patrick Burch
Governor 19-C

I was asked, or rather "strongly encouraged", by our Executive Director Peter Anderson to provide an article highlighting a memorable moment as a Lion. This is my first success toward fulfilling my New Year's resolution: Doing as I am told.

Where do I start? There are so many from which to choose.

Pre-school vision screening, community food drives, Christmas parties for disadvantaged children and highway litter pick-up, just to name a few. I have chosen to showcase the Washington Council of the Blind Convention, held annually in the Seattle area.

I have volunteered at this convention for the last four years and it is an event that I look forward to. It resonates with who I am as a Lion. Helen Keller challenged us to be Knights for the Blind and how better to serve than guiding someone without sight through an unfamiliar location with a maze of hallways, rooms, elevators, stairs and restaurants. Everyday tasks we all take for granted but can be daunting for the blind. That is where volunteers come in.

We are there to guide attendees to various locations plus verbally describe raffle items, convention displays, or help with anything else they need. Have you ever thought about how or where their guide dogs relieve themselves? Yes, we lead them to the designated potty area. Can you imagine what it's like for someone without sight to navigate an airport? Locating the check-in counter, or the ground transportation area presents quite a challenge. That is where volunteers come in.

In addition to providing needed assistance, this experience has given me confidence when I encounter a visually impaired person. How do I approach them? Do they want to follow or take my arm? Which arm should they take? How do I navigate if they have a guide dog? I am now very comfortable walking up to someone and asking if they need assistance. You end up developing quite a rapport and friendship with the attendees and other volunteers. I first met the late DG Greg Vickers at my first convention. We made quite a team!

If you are given the opportunity to volunteer assisting the blind, go for it! Perhaps a training class would help you feel more confident. One of the seminars at our District Convention this year is titled "How to provide effective assistance to individuals who are visually impaired". It will be an interactive session so the participants can practice what

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LCIF - A Letter from Lions Clubs International Foundation Chairperson

Dear Constitutional Area I Lion,

I am excited to share that LCIF – your foundation – has launched a text-to-donate program. For now, the text-to-donate program is only available for Constitutional Area I. We are exploring a text-to-donate program for other Constitutional Areas (CA) where possible.

We see communities are in need and caring Lions are ready to change it. But the reality is this: comfort and compassion alone cannot heal those suffering through disease, disaster, and other devastation. It takes funding. It takes *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service*. While Lions are doing *and giving*, we need your help to make our efforts go even further!

Here are the ways you can text-to-donate:

- Text LCIF to 243725.
- Make a donation online at <https://donate.onecause.com/lcif>.

If every Lion in CA I donated \$5, we would fund more:

- Lions Quest programs for classrooms
- Immediate relief to victims of natural disaster
- Diabetes screenings
- Equipment for young cancer patients
- Access to food for chronically hungry people
- Access to clean water

Thank you for your contribution and don't forget to share our text-to-donate program with your family, friends, and fellow Lions in CA I. Your donation will support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

MD19 2020 Convention to be held in Penticton, BC

We're fired up in Penticton and working hard to get ready for the MD19 2020 Convention being held in Penticton, BC, Canada October 15-17, 2020. Our theme is "MD19 Lions Have 20/20 - Endless Vision for Providing Service."

The convention hotel, the Penticton Lakeside Resort and Conference Centre (pentictonlakesideresort.com), is ready to accept your reservations, you just need to tell them that you are attending the MD19 Convention. Their number is 1-800-663-9400.

The Fun Night theme is Mardi Gras, the DJ is booked and we're looking to set up a photo booth for costume pictures. There will of course be a Raffle & Silent Auction as part of the convention and Penticton Lions will also be promoting our signature project – Backpacks for the Homeless. We are working on tours! Both a wine tour and tours Sicamous, the paddle wheeler. There is our farmer's market on Saturday morning and for the Leos, we are working on a virtual reality experience.

Mark it on your calendar - Oct 15-17, 2020. Convention registration forms will be available in late April/early May.



Lioness News January/February 2020

By Linda Schaffrick, MDLL

Another year is beginning and we are now half way through our year with our Lions families. New Year's resolutions have been made! Will they hold up through the year?

Being a volunteer can be many things - it can be the help in changing someone's life - someone else's or even your own. It is a way of being involved and giving back. We know that there are many out there that need our help - in many different ways - even if it is only a kind word of comfort to someone.

Kelowna D-7

27 Members

Hours: 453

Donations: \$7855

Played bingo with the residents at care facility. Worked the Salvation Army Christmas Kettles. Helped at the Friends of the Library sales; helping at baby clinics.

Donations made to: Diabetes Camperships; Women's shelter; Salvation Army; Gospel mission; blind; cancer and a blanket warmer for the hospital.

Moses Lake D-5

16 Members

Hours: 1457

Donations: \$3,125

Busy "tying" blankets; Jog-a-thon; Trail clean up; duck derby.

Donations made to: 4-H; Concert Society; Audubon society; New Hope family and the Jog-a-thon

Nanaimo Harbor Lites I-7

9 Members

(no report)

Oliver D-9

7 Members

Hours: 314

Donations: \$550

Arena concession every weekend and delivering hot meals to the elementary schools. Registrations for the mammography van; tray favors for the hospital and residents of Seniors homes.

Donations made to: Christmas hampers; Santa breakfast/craft day; community Christmas dinner and Highway to Healing.

Parksville I-7

16 Members

Hours: 405

Donations: \$2,000

Served turkey dinner to the seniors in Lions Housing; continue serving lunches to seniors and helping at the Oceanside Community Safety Volunteer office. Held a raffle for a food hamper. Catered two Christmas dinners. January was quiet for this club - due to snowfall.

Donation made to the Salvation Army and S.O.S.

Port McNeill I-6

16 Members

Hours: N/A

Donations: \$750

These gals are keeping busy! They hosted a Lift your Spirits free turkey dinner for the community; catered a seniors luncheon and worked in the concession for the Lions bingo.

Donations made to: school breakfast program and a bursary.

Priest River E-11

35 Members

(no report)

Sooke District I-2

28 Members

(no report)

Toledo G-4

12 members

Served cookies and coffee at the Lions turkey bingo.

Vancouver Chinatown A-1

28 members

Hours: 85

Continue with their Legacy bingo. Assisted at the Women's hospital and also did gift wrapping.

Victoria Chinatown I-2

28 Members

Hours: N/A

Donations: \$1,000

Helped with organizing and delivering Christmas hampers to families in need. Did gift wrapping at the mall

Donation made to: Santa Anonymous

Williams Lake D-10

17 Members

Hours: 70

Donations: \$1,300

Cooked and served a Christmas dinner for Glen Arbor; catered and manned the kettles for the Salvation Army. They had a quiet January due to snow and very cold weather.

Donations made for new chairs for the Seniors Activity Centre Board Room.

Winlock G-4

(no report)

Volunteering and giving is the "Pursuit of Happiness"
We Serve Too!

New District Administrator Position Added in District E

By Frank Bega, Governor 19-E

While I have had many wonderful moments as District Governor this year, one fact stands out and it is one I must celebrate with enthusiasm and pride. A recently added Cabinet position is the District Administrator.

Without the creation of this position and the good fortune to find someone not only willing to step up and fill the position, but armed with the knowledge and determination to ensure that he would be available, and steadfastly do his best to assist our club officers during a trying time with the new member and service reporting system, many positive aspects of this year would not have been achieved.

The requirements of the visitation schedule coupled with the distances traveled and hours spent doing so make it nearly impossible to focus on the administrative side of the District Governor equation.

The District Administrator for District 19E, PDG Harry Lippincott, reached out to the zones in our district that did not have a Zone Chairperson and reminded the clubs of reports due; sent out training videos to those club officers needing them; helped at least two clubs who were not able to log on to the new Lion App get caught up with the flow and become current with their reports.

In short, he truly was my right hand man which allowed me to focus on the fun part of the job, meeting and greeting Lions from throughout the district and sharing pertinent information concerning our district goals, International President Choi's goals, not to mention the number of new Lions and Leos I was able to induct during those visitations.

So, on behalf of myself and all the members of District 19E, thank you Harry Lippincott for all your help and support this year.



MD19 Lions Foundation

By PZC John Menter

P.R. Chairperson MD19 Lions Foundation

Hey Lions of MD19! Did you know that our Multiple District has a group that specifically works toward providing training opportunities to our future (and current) Lion Leaders? This group has been known as: [THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT 19 LIONS SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION](#); what a mouthful! Our Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors and at our most recent meeting it was discussed and voted on to change our name. Effective at the close of the Foundation meeting on Saturday (25 Jan 2020), the Board voted to change the name from "MD19 Lions Service and Leadership Development Foundation" to simply "**MD19 Lions Foundation.**"

This change will not affect our Foundation's mission of providing education and leadership training programs such as the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute and other training opportunities. Be watching for information from the MD19 Lions Foundation!

SAVE
the
DATE!!



**SOOKE DISTRICT LIONESS
BRIDGING to LIONS
CHARTER NIGHT
SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020
SOOKE COMMUNITY HALL**



Further information
March Issue
'PRIDE of 19-1'
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"It is not given to a great many men in the ordinary conduct of their lives to exercise leadership within a group, yet every member of a Lions club has this opportunity."
- Melvin Jones

We Serve

LIONS LEARNING FORUM - 2020

Where Lions Come to Learn

This is a totally free event-but REGISTRATION is required!
(No registration or lunch fees)

Saturday, March 14th, 2020

8:30 am Meet & Greet

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Cascadia Technical Academy

12200 NE 28th St.

Vancouver, WA 98682

Register online:

www.LionsLearningForum.org

The registration is limited to 150 Lions so be sure to get your registration form in ASAP. The day will be filled with round-table discussions covering a wide variety of topics designed to increase and enhance the Lions spirit. Local area Lions will share tried and true club strategies (and maybe a few secrets). Participants will leave with greater knowledge of the Lions organization, club improvement ideas, greater personal skills and of course many new Lion friends from across the region.



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www.LionsLearningForum.org

FREE! NO REGISTRATION OR LUNCH FEES

REGISTRATION FORM RETURN TO:
 PDG Mark Mansell
 611 NW 13 Cir.
 Battle Ground WA 98604
 Deadline: March 12th, 2020

NAME _____

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ZIP _____

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CLUB _____

Years in Lions _____

Highest Office Held _____

The day will be filled with round-table discussions covering a wide variety of topics designed to increase and enhance the Lions spirit. Session facilitators from across MD-19 will lead the sessions. Participants will leave with knowledge of the Lions organization, ideas for involvement, leadership and club improvement.

WEAR your club nametag
 BRING note taking materials ...
 LUNCH provided WiFi available

Directions to Cascadia Tech found at:
LionsLearningForum.org

Please help us plan the schedule. Pick your top five choices by marking 1 to 5 below.

Detailed session descriptions can be found on forum website

You can choose different sessions on the day of the Forum, but this process helps us know the most popular topics. Thank you for your assistance.

- _____ Diabetes – How much do you know about this epidemic?
- _____ Mental Health and Lions.
- _____ The importance of onboarding new members.
- _____ More hands equal more service – Successful Membership Satisfaction Strategies.
- _____ Vision Screening Lessons from the field!
- _____ Rap Session for Treasurers.
- _____ Rap Session for Secretaries.
- _____ Rap Session for Presidents.
- _____ Lions Club International Foundation – Your Lions Foundation.
- _____ Moving Past Your Fears of Rejection!
- _____ Grant Writing 101.
- _____ Project Management - Start to finish!
- _____ Energize your Club with New Hands-On Projects.
- _____ How to Harness the Power of Video to Empower your Club.
- _____ There is no "I" in Team – Learn how to transform individuals into a group for service.
- _____ Does your Club need some Pep? – Learn how to turn "Tail Twisting" into "Tail Wagging".
- _____ Is your club prepared to react in case of a Community Emergency?
- _____ Does your community have a homeless student crisis?
- _____ Ever heard of something called MD-19? What is it and how does it help me as a Lions?
- _____ Calling all new Lions!

My Lions Youth Exchange Experience

By Emilie Scott, Sponsored by Silverdale Sunrise Lions Club, C-4

"Language shapes the way we think, and determines what we can think about"-Benjamin Lee Whorf
Traveling to Spain on a Lions Club International Scholarship broadened my horizons in ways I didn't even know was possible. I had traveled internationally, but never alone. When I received this scholarship, I was sent a map covered with points scattered across the globe. Being able to decide what culture and language I wanted to experience for the summer was a greater gift than I ever could have imagined.

I was nervous about arriving in Seville, Spain. I didn't know much about my host family, and my Spanish was sub-optimal. I wondered if my family would be nice, if they would be annoyed by my dietary constraints, if they would be inviting, if they liked the things I liked. The moment I stepped off the plane I was surrounded by warm Spanish air and the sound of Flamenco music. I was greeted by my host sister, Amelia. She was easy to spot holding a big colorful sign that said "Bienvenida a Espana Emilie". We hugged, packed up the car, and headed to la casa. I immediately felt at home. They accommodated me in such a way that I felt like I was truly part of the family.

I quickly learned that Spaniards really do give two kisses on the cheek when they greet anyone...even strangers. I think this is a metaphor for their culture and people. Spaniards are fervently passionate, kind, and caring. Everywhere we went I felt welcomed, accepted. Despite being American, and knowing so little Spanish, I felt at home. Amelia and Yolanda, my host sister and mom, helped me every step of the way. My Spanish vocabulary increased more than it had in my two years of Spanish classes in High School. I too, learned to give kisses on the cheek when greeting people. We visited Lions Clubs, went shopping, took lots of photos, tried new Spanish cafes, and went to the beach. Every day was a new adventure and I enjoyed every bit of it. Not only was I learning the language, but I was learning about the people, food, culture, and enjoying a typical Spanish summer. I am a ballet dancer of fourteen years. While in El Puerto, I received a message from my old dance teacher. I knew she had moved to Spain, but I didn't know I was just thirty minutes from where she lived. We talked back and forth, and I ended up taking the train to her studio for classes and got to perform at "El Puerto en Movimiento", a production at a castle! It was a dream come true.

Upon arriving home, I was invited to go on a Medical Mission Trip with Children of the Nations. This trip was to the Dominican Republic, a predominately Spanish speaking country. I immediately accepted this opportunity. I am interested in other cultures and languages and aim to pursue a career in medicine...so this trip truly wrapped everything up perfectly! I was a 17-year old girl wearing scrubs, standing in an operating room surrounded by medical professionals and interpreters. I may have seemed out of place, but I loved learning the lingo and rules of sterilization technique. I also went to villages to test eyesight and provide prescription glasses. The poverty was absolutely striking, and I'll never forget the moment a severely nearsighted girl hugged me and told me, overwhelmed, that she could see detail for the first time. This trip would not have been possible without traveling to Spain where I overcame my fear of travelling internationally and learned so much of the language.

Thanks to my incredibly supportive host family, and the Lions Club, I was able to truly experience the best of Spain. I think that the only way to truly understand other people and cultures is to experience it for yourself. Lions Clubs International makes this possible for youth across the world and I could not be more grateful for the experiences I have been given. I will cherish my trip to Spain with LCI all my life and I cannot wait to visit Espana again!

Stamps and Covers Available

Available:

107 commemorative covers with a Lions theme, mostly from international and MD 19 Lions-related events 1971-1993; (a few duplicates). From the collection of Henk Groenevelt of Logan Lake, BC .

Contact Lion Ron Tabbert, relich@uniserve.com

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2019-2020 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.

Roster and Border Crossing:

2019-2020 MD19 Roster Only: Cost is \$5.00 U.S. Funds plus shipping and handling.

Add \$3.00 S/H for U.S. Addresses and \$4.00 for Canadian Addresses.

2019-2020 MD19 Roster plus Hard Copy of *Border Crossing*:

Mailed to U.S. Addresses: Border Crossing \$16.00 plus Roster \$8.00 = \$24.00 USD

Mailed to Canadian Addresses: Border Crossing \$20.00 plus Roster \$9.00 = \$29.00 USD

Send form below with your check or money order to cover all items ordered to MD19, 4141 West Maplewood Ave., 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 _____

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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.



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Card # _____ Expiry Date _____ / _____

Signature: _____ (payment will be in US Funds)

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2019-20 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 .jpeg, .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.

Vital Information

The MD19 Second Half Dues statements were emailed January 13-14, 2020 to Club Treasurers or Secretary/Treasurers. If no email address available, they were mailed January 17th. Dues are based on the December 31st membership total or from the most recent WMMR received at LCI. If your club has not received an MD19 dues statement, please contact the office ASAP – md19admin@lionsmd19.org or call 360-733-4911.

Secretaries and Treasurers: Check the MD19 Website (www.lionsmd19.org) under "Toolbox" to make sure your dues were received and posted. If you've sent a check it could be that it has not been received. Check with the office to confirm.

District Spring Conferences/Conventions: The delegate/alternate voting Certification forms

Have already been sent to Lions Club Secretaries in District H.

Late February clubs in Districts D and F will be sent their forms.

Early March clubs in Districts A, B, C, E and I will be sent theirs and

In April Clubs in District G will be sent their certification forms.

Secretaries, watch for them; if you do not receive your voting certification forms at least three weeks prior to your District Conference, please call the MD19 Office and request replacements. You must have paid your club's MD19 2019-2020 First Half Dues prior to your District Conference in order for your delegates to vote.

Club Officers for the Lions year 2020-2021 should be elected prior to April 15th. Your PU101 (International) must be completed and **received** by LCI **AND** the MD19 Office on or before **May 15th**. Instructions for doing the PU101 online with your clubs' MyLCI site can be found in the MD19 Contests and Awards Book under Secretary Excellence Award Rules. An AWeber notification with the instructions will also be sent in March.

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 Stan Durward, Box 38, Sunderland, Ontario L0C 1H0. 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). **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, 4141 W Maplewood Ave., Bellingham, WA 98226. Make checks out to: MD19 Lions CARE.

Get Ready for LCIcon 2020!

Online registration is officially open for LCIcon 2020 Singapore, where Lions and Leos from around the world will reunite through colorful expressions of service, culture, entertainment and celebration. Take advantage of early pricing and save US\$75 on your registration through January 10, 2020. Registration and event schedule are here www.mcisemi.com/lci2020

The official hotel for MD19 was the Holiday Inn Express Singapore Clarke Quay. It now shows as "Full". It looks like we default to "The Hotel Boss" about 1.5 miles from the convention centre.

Are you ready to "Experience service in full color" during the 103rd LCI Convention?



Providing Sight - continued from page 2

they have learned. Our Bremerton Central Lion JR Kinnison will be a co-presenter with his guide dog. I urge you to get out of your comfort zone and learn a new skill. It will be the best decision you ever made. The next Washington Council of the Blind Convention is scheduled for October 29-31s in SeaTac. Come join us!

Still Wondering What NWLLI Can Do For You?

By Melissa Smith, NWLLI Public Relations Chairperson

We followed up recently with the graduates of the 2018 Northwest Lions Leadership Institute about the goals that they had set for themselves after the training.

Deb Schenk of the Sooke Harbourside Lions (I-2) feels she has become more comfortable and confident in her public speaking abilities, which led her to become the membership chairperson for her Club and the chairperson for her Club's Shoebox Project.

Timothy Ng of the Vancouver Galaxy Lions Club (A-1) has taken his learning even further and has received his masters and doctorate from the Lions University Leadership program (LCI). The confidence in his abilities has also led him to take on additional leadership roles around his community (outside of Lions).

Debbie Allan of the North Kamloops Lions (D-8) has served as Zone Chairperson for the past two years and has recently put her name forward to serve as 2nd Vice District Governor.

In addition to strengthening leadership abilities, graduates of the Institute are also encouraged to write for one of two grant opportunities open only to the graduating class. Terry Blais of the Poulsbo Noon Lions (C-4) successfully wrote a grant for free laundry service for disadvantaged individuals (Loads of Change) which started in October 2018. Blais reports that, "It's going strong and our local food bank, Fishline, is adding a free laundry day each month, borrowing our name and set-up."

These are just a few of the success stories from our graduates of the 2018 NWLLI.

Do you know a Lion that is ready to take the next step in Leadership? If so, please direct them to <http://www.nwlli.org> to find out more information and to download a registration form. Registration opened on September 1 and attendance is limited to the first 50 applicants who qualify.

This year's "BEaST" of an Institute will be held at beautiful Harrison Hot Springs in British Columbia on June 4-6. Be prepared for three days packed full of leadership training to help you be the BEaST Lion you can for your Club and District. Students will also have time to take advantage of the local attractions as well. Maybe the local Sasquatch will make an appearance?

A deposit of \$150, US funds is required with your application. The remaining balance of \$200, is due at the time of check-in at the Institute. MD19 Lions may qualify for a fee reduction that can be applied towards Institute registration fees. This fee reduction is provided by the MD19 Lions Leadership Foundation.

If you would like promotional materials to hand out at any of your Club, Zone, or Cabinet meetings, please contact Superintendent Jan Weatherly at superintendent@nwlli.org or 360-898-0060.

We're also excited to announce our lineup of Instructors to include Polly Voon, Al Headstrom, Debbie Mansell, and Mark Mansell, and Coaches to include Lyndon Harriman and Jane Beddows.

Are you ready to release your inner BEaST?

"Friends of the Garden" donations are always welcome from individuals or Lions Clubs. The Garden at MD19 office can't exist without contributions. Encourage your Club to budget annual support (\$1.00 per member would be spectacular!)

For more information, contact the MD19 Office at 360-733- 4911

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How do You Ask Volunteers...con't from page 1

Sin Five: Fall Into the BIC Trap – Avoid the BIC (“Butt In the Chair”) Trap. Because we are in desperate need for a volunteer and need them quickly, we plead our case to anyone and find someone to be a “Butt In the Chair”. Often the chair is better empty than filled with the wrong person who does nothing or is high maintenance.

Sin Six: Be People Driven Rather Than Position Driven –

Another variation of the “Butt In the Chair” method is just to say, “Please come and be a part of our group. We have a great time and we need your expertise.” But we don’t tell the prospect what we want them to do. Consider -“position.” Ask, “What positions do I need to accomplish our mission?” “What do I want the team members to do?” And then I look for people who can fill those positions.

Sin Seven: Give the Position the Wrong Job Title – What’s in a name? Plenty. Ensuring the right title for the job will allow people to understand expectations around job description and skill level required.

Tom McKee is president and owner of www.volunteerpower.com a leadership development firm specializing in volunteerism. Tom and his son Jonathan are authors of the book, *The New Breed: Understanding and Equipping the 21st Century Volunteer* (Group Publishing). The New Breed details the new cultural shift in volunteer management and also includes valuable, applicable resources for leaders, including job descriptions, icebreakers, team-builders and community-building activities, equipping leaders to move forward with confidence and empower valuable volunteers.

Check it out I plan to!

Good Day Mates....from the Lions Down Under!

By Lion Debbie Mansell

Lions members sometimes forget just how big Lions Clubs International (LCI) is. We become so busy in our clubs doing meaningful projects, that we forget we are part of a global organization. There are Lions on the other side of the world making a difference in their communities too. LCI is the largest service organization in the world. There are almost 1.5 million members, in over 200 countries and over 46,000 clubs worldwide. I've heard Lions say many times, "The sun never sets on Lions."

The end of last year, PDG Mark and I had a fantastic experience traveling to New Zealand and Australia for almost five weeks! Part of our trip was focused on connecting with our extended family in Australia, but a good portion was spent exploring. Mark and I also enjoy connecting with other Lions on our travels. It is so interesting to hear about the different service projects and fundraisers that our International Lion friends do in their communities. With the help of International Director Allan Hunt, Past International Director Anne Smarsh and Past International President Barry Palmer we were able to connect with two fantastic Lions clubs in Australia, the Jesmond Lions and the Tacking Point Lions.

The Jesmond Lions have held their meetings at a Wetland Education Center for over 30 years. In fact, many of their service projects are done at the Wetlands; building bird blinds, making walking paths and building bridges. We had the opportunity to attend one of their club meetings when the Youth of the Year Quest speeches were being presented. This was such a treat to hear these outstanding young people share their thoughts on leadership and the environment. We were invited to serve with the Jesmond Lions at a community BBQ, or as they say, "Sausage Sizzle!" A popular Australian Club fundraiser is selling Holiday Lions Fruitcakes.

Most of us have heard in the news about the horrific Australian bush fires. The Tacking Point Lions are doing their part to help. Since October, this club has been cooking breakfast for the firefighters. At the beginning of the fire season, the club was serving breakfast to around 150 fire fighters each morning! The breakfasts were expected to continue through January. Mark and I had the opportunity to help serve breakfast on two mornings. Who knew, Australians like their bacon "floppy not crispy"! The Tacking Point Lions also volunteer at the Koala Hospital in their town. The bush fires have taken a toll on the Koala population. Many have been seriously burned and won't be able to return to the bush. Their club has developed a Koala Education Program that is promoted in their school system.



The Tacking Point Lions provide children's play equipment and install exercise equipment for the adults in the city parks. Their club has adopted a sensory garden in the dementia unit at the local hospital.

Just like our clubs in MD19, these two Australian Clubs follow the Lion's motto "We Serve."

Encourage your club members to do visitations in your zone and district. We can learn from each other and inspire one another to make the world a better place.



MD Council Chair person - continued from page 2

Congratulations MD19 Lions on a great first half, and many thanks to each of you for doing what you do.

So now we are on to the second half of our Lions year. And that means we all get even busier. In addition to the "usual" club projects and fund-raising activities to tend to we are entering spring conference season. If you have never attended a District conference, you really ought to do so. This year is as good a time as any to spend a day or two with the Lions in your district learning about what other clubs do, the tools that are available to you from MD19 and LCI that can make your job of being a Lion a little easier, building fellowship with those of kindred spirit. And if you can sneak off and also enjoy a spring conference at an adjoining district, you might just find that they are a friendly group that have a lot to offer, just like you.

District H kicks off conference season on March 6–7, up in Langley, BC. Two weeks later, March 20–21, down in Selah, WA, District F will be celebrating with Olympian Phil Maher as their honored guest and keynote speaker. District B and District D conferences are March 27–28, in Bothell, WA and Kamloops, BC, respectively. Then in April, District I will be celebrating their year in Nanaimo with Past International President Joe Preston as their featured guest, on April 3–4. April 17–18 brings us to District C, at the Tacoma Dome LaQuinta Hotel, in Tacoma, WA. District G gets into the act in Ocean Shores, WA on April 24–25, and District A shares the same weekend, up in Canada's Vancouver. Closing out the conferences is District E, May 1–2, in Coeur d'Alene, ID. Registration forms are available for each of these conferences right now. You can download what you need, and get more information about the conferences, from the MD19 website at www.lionsmd19.org.

And Yes, there is even more happening in our clubs, zones, districts and communities as we work our way through to the end of 2019-20.

Be safe, have fun, and serve well Lions. And, Happy New Year!

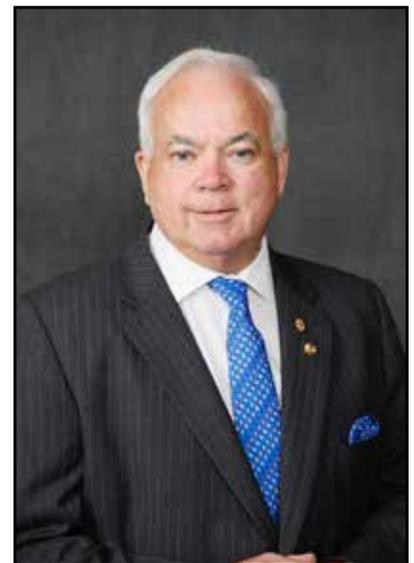
International Director Allan Hunt

There are some items that we all need to be aware of. I know that Service Activity Reporting via MyLion has not been an easy transition. Very recently there have been improvements which should make life easier for those submitting activities. We are also trying to improve how we measure service impact, there will be some subtle changes coming in the next while.

All District Governor Elects (DGEs) are in St. Charles, IL where they are being prepared for their coming term as District Governors (DGs). One item that is being presented to them is NAMI, which stands for North American Membership Initiative. We do have a membership issue and NAMI is working on it from a different angle than we have done in the past. You should be hearing more details from your DGE in the next few weeks. There are several Districts in North America that are piloting NAMI. For the most part, their membership is up and in some cases significantly. I am aware of one District that was not selected to be a part of the pilot project, but they are doing it anyhow and their membership is up as well.

Succession planning is something that we all need to pay serious attention to. At times it seems that not enough care and attention is paid to succession planning. Who is the best person for what ever position you are filling? Past Council Chair (PCC) Gord Roberts once said that if you wish to reward your friends give them a pin or a certificate, but get the best person for the job. This is the time of the year that we should be planning on the executive for the coming year. There is training available to help prepare your executive for their year, encourage them to take part in the training.

We have a significant part of this year still to cover. Let's all do our best to make a significant difference in the lives of others. Remember that Kindness Matters.



On the Silver Screen...

19G 1st VDG Doug Harvey reports that a multi-screen movie theatre closed down in Longview and is being converted into a church. In that light, Doug was able to procure a 30' screen including frame and support (spring) connectors. The screen is vinyl and is folded up but will stretch out once remounted. While he does not have any use for it, he couldn't turn it down thinking that somewhere in MD19 it could be an asset.

If you have any ideas as to whom could take advantage of it, contact Doug at dougharvey101@gmail.com (Note: 2 parts of the metal "L" bracket frame are 20' long, everything else is 10' or less). It is stored at his office.

The Lions Blog

Did you know there is a Lions Blog -- check it out at <https://lionsclubs.org/en/blog>.

There are some great article to check out such as "LCIF and Global HOPE Partner to Fight Childhood Cancer in Africa" and "Welcome Malala to LCICon 2020!"

Find out more about what's happening around the globe with Lions!

Special Donations 2019-2020

Lions	LCIF	CARE
PDG Breakfast Annual Convention, Wenatchee, WA		\$340.00
2018-2019 District Govenors For PCC John Kirry		\$500.00
19-D Moses Lake Lions Club Donation for DG Debbie Bostock		\$500.00
19-F Pasco (Cancelled Club)	\$1,233.34	
19-H PCC Surinder & Mohinder Gahir		\$150.00
Michele Barrie For Dylan, Dami, Ian and Scott		\$150.00
Burlington Lions Club	\$1,000.00	
19-I District 19-I Lioness (Sooke)		\$100.00

It's a City of Not Just One Island

We're talking about Singapore! It's not a city of just one island, in fact Singapore's land area has as many as 64 off-shore islands. It's also a city of man-made waterfalls. The first was built in 1971 and is said to be the tallest waterfall in an aviary to date - it boasts a height of 30 meters. And that's not all - Merlion is Singapore's iconic emblem - it has a lion's head and a fish's tail. Singapore, or the city's Sanskirt name Singapura means 'lion city'. So it's appropriate that we'll be celebrating Lionism at LCICon 2020 in Singapore!!

Consider coming!!

Memorials for December 2019

A 3	Smithers	John Greenwood
B 2	Seattle Mabuhay	Wilson G. Acuario
B 2	Seattle University Ballard	Carolyn Peterson
C 4	Bremerton Central	James E. Trull
C 6	Tenino	George E. Nelson
E 2	Davenport	Gary M. Reinbold
E 10	Wasa	Julie Kneller
F 8	Lind	Joe Holland
G 2	Fort Vancouver	Torquenia Luetjen
G 4	Winlock	Chuen Y. Wong
G 4	Winlock	Michael Caiola
H 1	Bellingham Central	Velear Minehart
I 2	Esquimalt	Barbara Adair
I 2	Sooke	Carl Medwedrich
I 3	Sidney	Herman Kornatz
I 4	Duncan	Livio Michieli

Memorials for January 2020

D 1	Enderby	David W. Brooks
E 2	Grand Coulee Dam	Betty Brueske
E 6	Sparwood	James Elliott
E 9	Rockford	Jim Oshanick
F 4	Cottonwood	Mike A. Nuxoll
F 6	Kennewick	Carol Lee Hardacre
G 1	Kelso	Grace M. Johnson
G 3	Aberdeen	Ruth M. Boeholt
G 6	White Salmon	William B. Ward
	Lioness	
D 7	Kelowna	Bea Summers-Gill

Percentages of WMMRs received, SARs completed for month of January 2020 and Second Half Dues Paid for 2019-20

	WMMRs	DUES
19-A	60%	30%
19-B	62%	64%
19-C	67%	54%
19-D	71%	53%
19-E	79%	60%
19-F	61%	54%
19-G	64%	69%
19-H	80%	54%
19-I	100%	54%

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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.

MD19 Calendar of Events 2019 - 2020

2020

Lions Learning Forum, 19G	Vancouver, WA	March 14
MD19 Spring CoG, Howard Johnson Hotel	Yakima, WA	May 20-21
MD19 DGE & ZCE Training, Howard Johnson	Yakima, WA	May 21-23
NW Lions Leadership Institute	Harrison Hot Springs, BC	June 4-6
LCICon 2020	Singapore	June 26-30
99th MD19 Annual Convention	Penticton, B.C.	October 15-17

Spring Conferences 2020

District 19-H Holiday Inn Express & Suites	Langley, B.C.	March 6-7
District 19-F Selah Civic Center	Selah, WA	March 20-21
District 19-B Hilton Garden Inn	Bothell, WA	March 27-28
District 19-D Coast Hotel	Kamloops, B.C.	March 27-28
District 19-I Beban Park Social Centre	Nanaimo, BC	April 3-4
District 19-C LaQuinta Inn & Suites	Tacoma, WA	April 17-18
District 19-A Morris J Wosk Centre for Dialogue	Vancouver, B.C.	April 24-25
District 19-G Shilo Inn	Ocean Shores, WA	April 24-25
District 19-E Best Western Plus	Coeur d'Alene, ID	May 1-2

2021

MD19 Winter CoG, Best Western	Bellingham, WA	February 5-6
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Remember back in the day when lots of us wore those big "ASK ME ABOUT LIONS CLUB" pins like this one? They were great conversation starters and could be again. Your club can design its own and have it made very inexpensively. All your members can have one, and even your new A-Frame can wear one in its lapel whenever it goes stepping out.

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Ask someone to become a Lion!