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## Good Leaders Say Thank You

By PDG Wanda Carisse, MD19 GLT Leadership Coordinator

This is my favorite time of year. I love the excitement! The Lights! The Energy! But most of all, I love the sense of giving – the generosity. The time to reflect on how we can help each other.

For us Lions, we have this sense of giving to mankind throughout the year, but during this time of year it is strongest.

I know we are busy feeding the homeless; providing warm and safe places to sleep; ensuring the elderly and shut-ins have someone to check in on them; manning the kettles; throwing the children’s Christmas parties; cooking in the soup kitchens; and the list goes on and on.

I am asking you to consider giving one more gift this season. The gift of encouragement. A Wise Lion once shared with me what another Wise Lion had shared with her “Never pass up the opportunity to let another lion know that you think they have potential.” Knowing someone thinks you have the ability to lead in some fashion or another is empowering. Knowing someone BELIEVES in you is empowering. This is a gift that will keep giving and giving.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday and all the best in 2020.

## Christmas Comes But Once a Year!

It is a time when more of the world, for a twinkling of an eye, seems to embrace the idea of “Serving Others”. LIONS have been around for over 100 years now, and we know that it’s the most wonderful time of the year! We also know how to keep this feeling year round as we help those in need.

The MD19 Office Staff wishes you all a very Merry Christmas!

The MD19 Office will be closed December 23rd – January 1st. The Office will be open for business at 8:00 am on January 2, 2020.

## Link to More Information

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

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>

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>

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



Lions Clubs International Trading Pin Club: <http://litpc.org/>

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## MD19 Convention Pictures



## We are Family!

By Patty Allen  
Governor 19-H

### We are Family!

In 1979 we danced to that #1 R&B Song without paying much attention to the lines being sung by the group Sister Sledge. One of the first lines that caught my eye when I traveled down the Path of Nostalgia was "Have faith in you and the things you do." That is the message I bring to my Lions when speaking to the clubs during this Lions Year. What we do as Lions is important; never, never, never give up! (Winston Churchill)



But, wait! Our Lions Family is just as important as the service that we do. In fact, this special family of which we have chosen to be a part is "Simply the Best!". It is here that we find friendship and encouragement and the essential Esprit de corps that helps fill our souls. As the commercial says, "Annual Club dues - \$100.00, Soul fulfillment - Priceless!"

**Celebrate us** – Your own Family of Lions!  
Take care of this most amazing family. Shake hands, hand out hugs, send cards, call those who are MIA.

**Celebrate our Diversity**  
Welcome the new member's ideas. Say "Yes! Let's try it". Let's try it again even though it didn't work so well twenty years ago. Let's do it a little differently this time. For me, it was saying yes to the Global Action Team, which is just a new name for Team and team is always better than going it alone!

**Celebrate our Organization**  
Just think of all that we do through CARE, LCIF, the beauty of our MD19 Memorial Gardens where we honor our fellow Lions and their families, and the joy of putting smiles on children's faces who are fighting cancer through wonderful organizations like Camp Korey and Canuck Place.

**Celebrate Change**  
Be brave. Give it a try. Learn from the "failures" so they are not failures but learning experiences! If we keep doing the same thing expecting different results, that truly is crazy! This year the 19-H Spring Conference is known as the 19-H Family Reunion – A Gathering for the Greater Good. Bring all your long-lost Relatives that we haven't seen for a while! It is your Family, for goodness sakes.

**"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you will land among the stars."**  
(Quote received from President Jim Carroll of the San Juan Lions Club) When you Continued on page 15

## MD19 Annual Convention Contests and Awards for 2019

### 5-Minute Achievement

Runner-Up: Jane Beddows, Sooke Harbourside Lions Club, I-2  
 Winner: Patti Sparks, Wenatchee Central Lions Club, D-2

### Club Brochure

Winner: Hazel Dell Lions Club, G-3

### Club Bulletin

Runner-Up: Gig Harbor Lions Club, C-1  
 Winner: Esquimalt Lions Club, I-2

### Club Business Card

Runner-Up: Westbank Lions Club, D-7  
 Winner: Hazel Dell Lions Club, G-2

### Club Inspiration:

Winner: Salt Spring Island Lions Club, I-3

### Club Scrapbook (Traditional)

Runner-Up: Oliver Lioness Club, D-9  
 Winner: Lacey Sunrise Lions Club, C-6

### Club Scrapbook (Non-Traditional)

Runner-Up: Langley Lions Club, H-3  
 Winner: Port Orchard Lions Club, C-4

### Club Website

Runner-Up: Sooke Harbourside Lions Club, I-2  
 Winner: Langley Lions Club, H-3

### Uniform Parade

Runner-Up: Penticton Lions Club, D-9  
 Winner: Longview Pioneer Lions Club, G-1

### Zone Chair Newsletter

Runner-Up: Lisa Ikeda, Fife Lions Club, C-3  
 Winner: Marilyn Patterson, Longview Pioneer Lions Club, G-1

### Peace Poster:

Isabella Tolen, Sponsored by Lake Stevens Lions Club, B-6

### Lions in Action Photo Contest:

PZC Marilyn Patterson, Longview Pioneer, G-1

### Leo of the Year Award:

Emilie Scott, Klahowya Eagles Leo Club

### Secretary of the Year

Runner Up: Pollyanna Lui, Vancouver Legacy Lions Club, A-1  
 Winner: Hope Ramsdale, Longview Kelso Earlybird Lions Club, G-1

### Zone Chairperson of the year, up to 8 clubs:

Runner Up: Marilyn Patterson, Longview Pioneer Lions Club, G-1  
 Winner: Sharon Hansen, Squamish Lions Club, A-2

### Zone Chairperson of the year, 9 or More clubs:

Runner Up: Alan Chan, Vancouver Diamond Campus, A-7  
 Winner: Helen Sutfin, Fort Vancouver Lions Club, G-2

### Lioness of the Year: Dot Steenwyk, Kelowna Lioness, D-7

### MD19 Distinguished Service Award: PDG Janet Rinehart



Pictured: Barry Shiles, Emily Scott with Leo of the Year award, Sharon Sikes

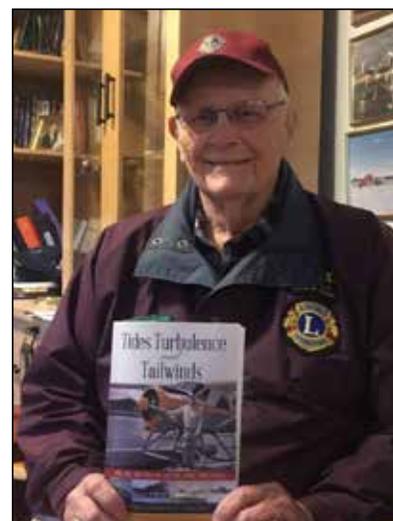
## Long Time Sooke Lion Published Biography

Long time Sooke Lion, Lorne Christensen publishes biography, a fascinating story which includes fifty years as a pilot.

Lion Lorne Christensen is a 30 year Lion with the Sooke Lions Club and has just published his book *Tides Turbulences and Tailwinds*.

Lorne (82) grew up on the Coast of British Columbia and after some time spent on coastal tugs and a stint in the Royal Canadian Airforce (not as a pilot), Lorne got hooked on Coastal Float planes and obtained his Pilot Licence.

Lorne went on to fly with local and National Airlines. His love of the North led him to finish his flying career piloting 737s for Air North at the age of 73. A compelling read.





## Lioness News November/December 2019

By Linda Schaffrick, MDLL

It's once again that busy and joyous time of the year - a time for giving, loving, family, friendship, memories and smiles on children's faces. To keep Christmas is good, but to share it with those who haven't any is even better. The best of all is living the Christmas way 365 days of the year. That is what it means to be a Lioness.

Thank you, Lioness for all your continued hard work and the amazing results you achieve. Make sure your club reports get sent in to me so that we can "brag" about all the good deeds. Happy holiday season to all! Remember always that *the true spirit of Christmas lies in your heart.*

### **Vancouver Chinatown A-1 28 members Hours: 46**

Legacy bingo. Walked in this year's Light The Night Walk, an annual walkathon to support people affected by a blood cancer like leukemia or Hodgkin's disease. Assisted at the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society fundraiser dinner.

### **Moses Lake D-5 20 Members (no report)**

### **Kelowna D-7 26 Members Hours: 553 Donations: \$7,350**

Assist with Freedoms Door lunches once a week plus other catering. Played bingo with the residents at Cottonwoods care facility. Attended Camp Winfield Improvement meeting. Worked the Salvation Army Christmas Kettles. Wrapped Christmas gifts for New Opportunities for Women. Assisted blind groups. Donations made to Camp Winfield Camperships and the Lions Foundation of Canada.

### **Oliver D-9 7 Members Hours: 183 Donations: \$350**

Back in the arena concession every weekend for another season and delivering hot meals to the elementary schools. Assisted the Lions for a BBQ for customer appreciation for a Fuel Co. Attended District Cabinet meeting and the Camp Winfield Improvement meeting. MD convention and visitation to Kelowna Lioness. Donations made to Camp Winfield and for a Remembrance Day wreath.

### **Williams Lake D-10 17 Members Hours: 55 Donations: \$2,888**

Assisted their sponsoring Lions club selling raffle tickets and held a clothing sale. Attended the Lioness Fall Cabinet meeting at Camp Winfield. Held their annual Harvest auction. Donations to Hough memorial, Gavin Lake Forestry camp, the Salvation Army, for a Remembrance Day wreath, Hospice memory tree and a Yuletide dinner for 2 families.

### **Priest River E-11 35 Members (no report)**

### **Toledo G-4 12 members**

Served cookies & coffee at Lions Club Turkey bingo with monies going towards scholarships.

### **Winlock G-4 (no report)**

### **Sooke District I-2 28 Members Hours: 158 Donations: \$350**

Busy preparing refreshments and doing concessions for events. Assisting at the food bank, blood donor clinic, Sooke museum and Salish Paws Society. Donations to Tour D'Rock, Dog Guides and Legion Poppy fund.

### **Victoria Chinatown I-2 28 Members Hours: 487**

Assisted at the Casino Fundraising event held by the Victoria Chinatown Lions. Helped with preparing and selling poppies. Volunteered at the Government House Castle Cary Costume Museum. Sold tickets and attended the special night of shopping for the Night of Lights event.

### **Port McNeill I-6 15 Members Hours: 300 Donations: \$750**

These gals are keeping busy! They held their annual garage sale, worked Lions bingo concessions; catered for a celebration of Life; manned a pie booth at the Fall fair. Helping with food hampers for needy families due to IWA strike. Hosted a Lift your Spirits free turkey dinner for the community. Donation to the School breakfast program and a bursary.

### **Nanaimo Harbor Lites I-7 9 Members**

Worked a concession at the Lions Flea Market. Hosted a Lioness district forum and meeting.

### **Parksville I-7 16 Members Hours: 261 Donations: \$10,500**

Received a Certificate of Appreciation from Forward House Community Society for their support. The Parksville Lioness Club and Forward House Community Society partnered to assist people in the community who may be in need. The Lioness made it possible to provide free coffee at the Chevron Station through their Coffee for All Program. During the last ten months as an outreach Worker for Forward House, a Lioness and a peer support worker took to the streets to meet and connect with those in need of food, shelter and emotional support. Having a coupon in hand and extending that to someone in need provided a way to connect and offer a simple yet greatly appreciated hot cup of coffee, something that some of us may take for granted on a cold rainy morning. Even the act of having a coupon in hand and entering the store to get coffee gave someone a small purpose and something to look forward to while enduring another day. It also helped to bring people out of isolation and enter a local community store, partaking in an everyday action. Raffle and Christmas Craft fair. Donations to the BC Compassion Dogs.

**"The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves." Helen Keller  
We Serve Too!**

## Lioness Photos - November-December 2019



Lions Casino Fundraiser- Lioness Amanda with May Chow



Pat & Susanne stuffing poppies



Penny selling poppies



Lions Casino Fundraiser - President Alan Yuen and Lionesses Gayle, Joanne, Annette, Lily



Donna & Frank May selling poppies



Santa's Anonymous Kick-off Reception: Tony Joe, Amanda, Bear, Pat



Lioness Nelles and Friends of Government House

## PINS!

Happy New Year!

Just for fun, if you are reading this, send a note (paper/email/text) saying "Happy New Year MD19" and you will be entered into a drawing for 1 of 5 bags of MD19 trading pins. Each bag contains 1 each of the following:

An MD19 trading pin from 2007, 2006, 2003, 2001, 1998, 1997, 1993, 1990, 1988, 1983.

Want more pins to complete the set? Want the prestige version to go with your standard pin? Contact our office for additional pins [md19lions@lionsmd19.org](mailto:md19lions@lionsmd19.org) or call us at 360.733.4911.

Interested in learning more about pins and pin trading? See this link to the Lions Clubs International Trading Pin Club website [litpc.org](http://litpc.org) We can also put you into contact with some great pin traders around MD19.

## Vice Council Chairperson Candidate

Lion John Moralek is a member of the Surrey Central Lions Club, H-5 and served as the District Governor of 19-H in 2016-2017. Currently he is on the committee that is rewriting the MD19 Constitution and By-Laws in conjunction with the rewriting of the MD19 Policy Manual. Additionally he is currently a board member with the BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities.

PDG John was endorsed by the cabinet of 19H during their November 16, 2019 cabinet meeting as a candidate for Vice Council Chair 2020-2021. Voting for the VCC position will take place during the District Conferences this spring.



## Renton Lions Club Italian Night

### Featuring Italian Tenor Gino Lucchetti!

Friday, January 24, 2020

6:00PM Social –7:00PM Dinner \$35 Adult Ticket  
| \$15 Child Price (12 & under)

Antipasti | Salad | Pasta w/Meatballs | Breadsticks | Homemade Biscotti & Pizelles  
Plenty of wine included!  
Great Silent Auction!

**Venue: St. Stephen the Martyr Social Hall**  
13055 SE 192nd Street Renton WA 98058

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## CARE

Dear Lions of MD19,

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas in most of our areas. We are gift buying and attending to home & yard decorating. While we all prepare to celebrate with office parties, club parties & gift exchanges, may we take a moment to remember our CARE project in Honduras. I challenge our membership to send a donation to this project (School Gardens for Healthy Nutrition).

Give a gift of a few dollars to CARE. If each of us would make a donation, it would be greatly appreciated.

Remember: We can because We CARE

Happy Holidays to All

PDG Erma A Kemp, CARE Chairperson

P.S. A big Thank you!! I was able to present a check for over \$41,000 towards our CARE project to Dana Tseng at the MD19 Convention in Wenatchee, WA this last October. Great Job Lions!

Thank you, Patty Easterling for her quilt raffle, I appreciate all your help!!

## *An Invitation*

Join the Fort Vancouver Lions Club

## *Lion Roy Pulliam Appreciation Party*

*Help Us Honor Lion Roy's Outstanding community Service!  
Sponsored 30 members & spearheaded fundraising efforts over \$200,000*

**Saturday January 25, 2020**

**5:30 Cash Bar – 6:30 Dinner**

**Club Green Meadow, 7703 NE 72nd Ave, Vancouver**

**Cost: \$40.00 per person**

Menu: Prime Rib, Salmon, Veggies, Salad Bar, Dessert

### **How to Buy Tickets**

- \* Online at our website: [www.fortvancouverlions.org](http://www.fortvancouverlions.org)
- \* Check payable: Fort Vancouver Lions Club, 1816 SE 161 Place, Vancouver WA 98683

**Last day to pay = January 18**

**Questions? Contact Len Leger 360-216-3363**

[Lenjen1@comcast.net](mailto:Lenjen1@comcast.net)

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## Border Arch Refurbishing

To commemorate 100 years of service, the Lions of District 19D chose to refurbish the border arch at the Canada/USA Border Crossing at Oroville/Osoyoos. The project entailed cleaning, repainting and installing a commemorative plaque, reminding all that Lions Clubs International has celebrated 100-years of service.

The arch was dedicated on Saturday, March 23, 1968 at 11:00 a.m. Below is the dedication speech and program.

*Once again, The Lions of Multiple District 19 (British Columbia, Washington and Northern Idaho) are gathered here to join hands; this time in the dedication of our Friendship Arch. Not only in recognition of the friendship and fellowship between our two great nations, Canada and the United States of America, but also as another step forward in our Past President Edward Lindsey's worldwide program dedicated to the search for peace. The ceremony began with the singing of 'O Canada' and 'America' sung by the Osoyoos Jr. Secondary School Band and the Arch unveiled by the Honorable David Pugh, Member of Parliament, Canada...and the Honorable Bob McDougall, Washington State Representative. Mr. Pugh and Mr. McDougall addressed the attendees...Dr. George Kingston, District Governor of District D, and Edward Lindsay, immediate past president of Lions International were introduced and spoke to the attendees. A benediction was done by Past District Governor, Ray Sheward. The event was concluded with Star Spangled Banner and God Save the Queen by song leaders Al Smith PDG and Vern France Friendship Arch designer and builder. Dedication Arrangements by the Osoyoos Lions and Oroville Lions.*

Fifty years later the Border Arch was showing its age. The time spent cleaning, painting and repairing have returned it to its former glory. A 100-Year Logo has been added to the arch. This was created by an artist from the Tonasket Lions Club, Janet Montanye, who plasma-cut the logo and helped install it. D-9 Zone Chairperson, Michael Livingstone spearheaded the renewal process with the help of the following Lions Club Members: From Tonasket, President Cathy Bailey with Janet Montanye and Patti and George Hill; Okanagan Falls President Bob Wilson and Michael Livingstone and Penticton President Margaret Ashley.

Due to the numerous forest fires producing some of the worst smoke pollution in many years, the team had to revisit the project two years in a row to complete the task. As you can see by the picture, it was a job well done.

Left to right: Tonasket Lions Patti and George Hill; Penticton Lion Margaret Ashley; Tonasket Lion Janet Montanye; Okanagan Falls Lions Bob Wilson and PZC Michael Livingstone



## Youth Exchange - Time is Running Out

By PDG George Robison

Time is running out to apply for a 2020 Youth Exchange Scholarship sponsored by the MD19 Lions Youth Exchange Foundation. December 31, 2019 is the deadline for submission of an application. Although a scholarship does not pay the full cost of an exchange, it provides substantial assistance.

In 2019 there were three youth in MD19 who each received a \$1,000 scholarship and then turned that into trips to Australia, Italy and Spain. Several others received scholarships from their local clubs and were able to travel to Japan, Switzerland and North Carolina. In 2018 the Foundation helped MD19 youth to travel to Australia and Italy.

Do you know a youth who will be 16 and not over 21 by June 1, 2020? If they would like to visit a different culture for from 4 to 6 weeks, Lions Youth Camps and Exchange may be the answer. For more information about the scholarship, contact PDG George Robison by phone at 253-853-2721 or by email at [geogerobison@centurytel.net](mailto:geogerobison@centurytel.net). There is no application fee and entering is simple.

## 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.

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](mailto:md19lions@lionsmd19.org)

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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	

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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

### Christmas Schedule for MD19 Office

The MD19 Office is closed December 23rd – January 1st. The Office will be open for business at 8:00 am on January 2, 2020. While closed, we will periodically try to respond to emails that have the MD19 Visitation Forms and candidate letters of Intent and Endorsements attached to them so that you will know that they have been received in the office by the deadline of December 31st. The date/time stamp on the email will also validate its on time submission.

In mid-January the MD19 Office will be **emailing** out to the Club Treasurers or Secretary-Treasurers the **MD19 Second Half Dues Statements**. If no email address is available, a hard copy will be sent to the Treasurer's address as it was recorded on the 2019-2020 LCI Club Officer Report Form (or subsequent updated information received). If you do not receive a dues bill by the end of January, please contact the MD19 Office, so that we can confirm your email or mailing address and resend the bill. Dues for the second half are based on the membership total recorded on the WMMR due December 31, 2019, plus pro-rated dues for any new members brought in from July to December.

**Dues Increase:** At the Annual Convention, held in Wenatchee, WA (October 17-19, 2019) the delegates voted to accept the MD19 Dues Increase. The first increase begins with the January, 2020 dues statements and will be an additional \$3.00 for a total of \$12.30 per member. See the article in this Border Crossing for full explanation on the dues increase.

**District Conferences / Conventions** will begin the weekend of March 6th. It is important that the 2019-2020 First Half Dues have been paid prior to your conference or your voting Delegate(s) will be unable to vote. If you have not received a 2019-2020 First Half Dues statement, contact the MD19 Office for a copy immediately. Please confirm your club's correct contact information with the MD19 Office at the same time.

**Voting at District Conferences:** Elections will be held at each of the District Spring Conferences/Conventions for the District Governor, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, the 2020-2021 Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson. The ballot boxes containing the ballots for Council and Vice Council Chairpersons will remain sealed until all of the conferences/conventions have been held. After the close of the final conference/convention, all of the ballots will be counted at the same time.

**Candidates for Higher Office at the Zone and District levels:** Your letter of intent and your club's letter of endorsement must be received by the MD19 Office, the District Governor and your Zone Chairperson on or before December 31st. This is an MD19 requirement!

**Any Candidate for MD19 Vice Council Chairperson:** Your letter of Intent, your Club's Letter of Endorsement and your Zone's Letter of Endorsement must be received by the MD19 Office, the District Governor, and the Vice District Governor on or before December 31st. This is a Constitutional requirement!

## 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](http://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?



## Lions Club Helps with Service Dog

In 2017, Brett Merchant lost his service dog to old age and thus lost his ability to move about in his community. The Kettle River Lions Club, D-9 made inquiries with Lions Foundation of Canada Service Dogs and started the application process of acquiring for Brett a new seizure response dog.

Service dogs from Lions Foundation of Canada are completely free of charge to recipients and all expenses are paid for the recipient and a companion to travel and stay at the training centre in Oakville, Ontario for three weeks of bonding and training. All of the foundation's expenses are covered by donations and they receive no government grants.

The Kettle River Lions club was holding a meeting with the District Governor on October 24, 2019 at the Mile 0 restaurant when the group saw Brett and his service dog for the first time since he arrived home from his training. Brett gave an impromptu speech about his experience in Oakville and how much his life has changed in such a short time. He also demonstrated how Carrie, his new service dog, will help him. It was awesome and many Lions had tears in their eyes. They are extremely happy that Brett has finally regained his community through his service dog. And they are proud of the Lions motto "WHERE THERE IS A NEED THERE IS A LION".



## Calling All District Governors, Zone Chairpersons and NWLLI Alumni!

By Melissa Smith, NWLLI Public Relations Chairperson

We need your help spreading the word about another great Northwest Lions Leadership Institute coming up June 4-6, 2020, at Harrison Hot Springs in British Columbia, Canada.

Registration opened on September 1 and attendance is limited to the first 50 applicants who qualify. (But don't worry, qualifying is pretty easy.)

Do you know of someone in your Club, Zone, or District that is looking to take the next step in leadership? DGs, ZCs, and alumni: please help us get the word out. Mention the Institute at your Club meetings, Zone meetings, and District Cabinet meetings. If you would like promotional materials to hand out at any of these meetings, please contact Superintendent Jan Weatherly at [superintendent@nwlli.org](mailto:superintendent@nwlli.org) or 360-898-0060.

Registration is easy. Simply go to [www.nwlli.org/registration](http://www.nwlli.org/registration) to download an application, or contact the Registrar at [registrar@nwlli.org](mailto:registrar@nwlli.org) to have one emailed or mailed to you.

The 2020 Institute will be held at beautiful Harrison Hot Springs and will be three days packed full of leadership training to help you be the BEaST Lion you can for your Club and District.

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 Service and Leadership Foundation.

We're also excited to announce our lineup of Instructors to include Polly Voon, Al Hedstrom, Debbie Mansell, 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

## BC Lions Clubs Recognized by the Canadian Cancer Society

From Canadian Cancer Society December 5th Newsletter

### Lions International Clubs of British Columbia recognized with Leadership in Community Engagement Award by Canadian Cancer Society

The Canadian Cancer Society would like to celebrate three decades of partnership with the Lions International Clubs of British Columbia by recognizing them with the 2019 Leadership in Community Engagement Impact Award.

This regional award is presented annually to a group that has shown true leadership in connecting the Canadian Cancer Society and its mission of eradicating cancer and enhancing the quality of life of people living with cancer to people in their communities. This definition applies to so many generous Lions Clubs champions that the Canadian Cancer Society has partnered with over the years.

**During our long and strong relationship, Lions Clubs in British Columbia have collectively contributed close to \$1 million and countless hours of volunteering making a true difference and helping Canadians thrive – with cancer and beyond.**

It is hard to single out just one deserving club or member, as there are so many with strong ties to the Canadian Cancer Society. With gratitude and appreciation, we would like to highlight a few recent collaborations.



**The A2 North Shore, Sea-to-Sky Lions Clubs** are making a big difference with Cops for Cancer Tour de Coast by engaging their members and communities in supporting the dedicated cyclists as well as the kids and families served through pediatric cancer research and programs funded by the Canadian Cancer Society and supporters like you. In 2019, their zone project raised \$11,885 by soliciting donations for Daffodil Pins, selling raffle tickets, and hosting fundraisers in support of their local riders. In addition, the Ambleside Tiddlycove Lions Club continued the tradition of hosting the Cops for Cancer 60 riders and crew members for dinner on their first night of tour.



For many years, **Vancouver-based Lions Clubs, like the Vancouver Cambie and Chinatown Lions Clubs** among others have lent their leadership and time in support of cultural fundraising events including the Asian Giving Telethon in April, the Monopoly Affair, the Chinese Community Gala and targeted Chinese-New-Year-related fundraising initiatives. Key leaders from these clubs have been closely involved with CCS for many years and draw on their extensive network to join the cancer cause that means so much to them personally.

*The Lions Clubs are widely known across North America and internationally as a global "force for good". Their dedicated clubs and community champions continue to further and promote our partnership, helping us impact the lives of people affected by cancer even more. Thank you!*

**Jonathan Oldman**  
Interim Executive Director, BCY  
Canadian Cancer Society



On **Vancouver Island**, Lions Clubs in partnership with their Easter Seals Camp at Shawnigan Lake generously donated more than \$30,000 to help make the Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock a big success in 2018. As well, more clubs from other Island communities like Sooke, Duncan, Ladysmith and more supported the Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock last year, helping to fund innovative childhood cancer research and support programs benefiting families from across the province.

## Lions Project New Hope Thanks You

We want to thank everyone who stopped by the Lions Project New Hope Northwest table during the MD19 Annual Convention in Wenatchee. We met old friends and made new ones. We sold hats, shirts, and notebooks, raising money for our family camps and retreats. Unfortunately, as some of you discovered, we were only able to take cash. Many people don't carry cash anymore; I'm one of them. But here's some good news: the next time you see us, you'll be able to make donations and pay with a credit card, or even with your smart phone.



Lions Project New Hope started in 2011, sponsoring family camps and retreats for individual military service members. As with any Lions service project that people donate to, you want to know what the results are—stats and metrics. Over the last eight years, we have had 28 family camps and retreats, helping 746 adults and 664 children. A small army of Lions volunteers made this possible. Great numbers. But those numbers tell you what we did, but not how we did, or the outcomes and end results.

We know that lives have been changed, relationships restored, and reconciliations with spouses and children. We know, first hand, that suicides have been prevented—that one soldier's plans to commit suicide this last summer were cancelled after attending a retreat. We would all call that a significant and meaningful result. All of the efforts on our part and every penny spent is worth it, right there.

### AFTER RETREAT CARE

When we started, we had sketchy follow up after a family camp or retreat—nothing official. Now we have ongoing support groups for families, individuals, and even caregivers. At the retreat, service members and families learned skills for coping and communication, and many resources. In the support groups, what they learned is built upon and grows, forming a more solid foundation. Through communication and sharing, they learn to manage, cope, grow, and continue healing.

### THE FUTURE

Your donations over the last eight years have directly affected the lives of all these people. But here's the rub: the need has not gone away nor diminished. In fact, in some cases it has grown worse. A number of causes are to blame: A long war, multiple deployments, some stressful military occupations. Whatever the cause, we cannot stop helping. And our budget has grown.

We usually have two family camps, helping about 20 families, and three more retreats for individuals service members. Our budget has been \$27,000, with approximately \$16,000 going to the family camps. For FY2020, we are supporting a retreat for families at the Cannon Beach Conference Center in Cannon Beach, Oregon ([www.cbcc.net](http://www.cbcc.net)). It costs an additional \$20,000, but we will help approximately 65 couples with children. It's easy to do the math and see the cost benefit. Families sign up at the [cbcc.net](http://cbcc.net) website to attend, starting 15 January. We fund the retreat, and our Lions Project New Hope NW - VP of Operations leads the retreat—Isabella Colvin (facilitator, trainer, coordinator).

In closing, let me encourage you to add Lions Project New Hope Northwest as a line item in your annual budget. If you want to donate with a credit card, go to our website—then Volunteer/Donate—for the donate button. Anything you give is much appreciated and generates lasting results.

Thank you,  
 Joel Graves, Founder & VP Marketing  
 Captain, US Army Retired  
 Desert Storm Combat Veteran  
[LionJoelGraves@gmail.com](mailto:LionJoelGraves@gmail.com)

## A Quick Reminder About the Dues Assessment

During the 98th Annual MD19 Annual Convention, delegates voted to increase the per member club assessment. That increase was based upon a recommendation that passed at the spring 2019 Council of Governors meeting. The minutes of that meeting can be found here <https://lionsmd19.org/downloads/minutes-2019-spring.pdf>. The following chart clarifies how those numbers add up.

Remember, clubs will be invoiced based upon the LCI membership as of December 31 and June 30 of the Lions fiscal year. The assessment is due payable to MD19 by February 28 and August 31. Please note this chart only reflects the assessment by MD19, LCI will charge separately. At the end of this assessment cycle in July 2026/2027 members will be paying US\$0.75 per month more than they are currently paying.

Club assessment changes per the vote that took place in Wenatchee 2019

			1st half	2nd half
Current MD19 charges	\$18.60	per member per year	\$9.30	\$9.30
JAN 2020	\$3.00	goes into effect	already paid	\$12.30
July 2020-June 2021	\$24.60	per member per year	\$12.30	\$12.30
July 2021-June 2022	\$24.60	no change	\$12.30	\$12.30
July 2022-June 2023	\$25.60	per member per year	\$12.80	\$12.80
July 2023-June 2023	\$25.60	no change	\$12.80	\$12.80
July 2024-June 2025	\$26.60	per member per year	\$13.30	\$13.30
July 2025-June 2026	\$26.60	no change	\$13.30	\$13.30
July 2026-June 2027	\$27.60	per member per year	\$13.80	\$13.80

MD19 club assessments to be re-evaluated during the July 2026 year

Note: This only shows the MD19 club charges. Lions Clubs International bills separately from this. Clubs may also have a District assessment to pay.

## 2020 Winter Council Meeting

The 2020 Winter Council Meeting is set for **February 8, 2020** at the Bellingham Airport Hotel Best Western PLUS, 3985 Bennett Dr., Bellingham, WA 98225. Complimentary onsite parking is available. This is about a block away from the MD19 Office. To reserve a room, call 360.676.7700 and mention "Lions Club" to receive the Lions rate in the MD19 Lions room block. Email link is [https://www.bestwestern.com/en\\_US/book/hotel-rooms.48188.html?groupId=5B3TF1D4](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.48188.html?groupId=5B3TF1D4) **Room Reservation Deadline January 28, 2020.**

The Lions rate for this event is \$89.00 plus applicable taxes for a Single King or Two Queen Bed Room. Check-in is 3:00 pm and check-out is 12:00 pm, with early check-in available upon request. Guest Room Rate includes: complimentary full buffet breakfast, free wireless internet, and parking. Additionally, there is a 24 hour Business Center and 24 hour fitness room. **Reservation Deadline: January 28, 2020.** Reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card or advance deposit. Reservations cancelled before 11:59 PM local hotel time on February 6, 2020 will result in no charge. Cancellation after that date may be subject to cancellation fee of 1 night. **Make your reservation before you forget with all the holiday activities!**

**Meeting Schedule:** All events are being held in the Fox Hall Conference Center adjacent to the Best Western property:

Friday, February 7	7:30 pm	Pre-Council Meeting
Saturday, February 8	8:30 am	Council Meeting
	12:30 pm	Luncheon

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travel with family, there is always someone to watch your back and give you a hand up. There is always someone with whom you can celebrate! Dance to the music!

Patty Allen is a Past President of both the Bellingham-Central Lions Club and the Harborview Lions Club. 29 years ago, she joined Lions as a Charter Member of the Bellingham-Harborview Lions Club. She was Zone Chairperson of H-1 in 2013-14. One of her proudest moments occurred when her oldest son was inducted into Lions.

She has sponsored six new members; is a Melvin Jones Fellow; a Life Member of the Lions Foundation of Canada; a Gordon F. Smith CARE Fellow; and has been presented with three International President's Certificates of Appreciation. Patty is also a recipient of the International Presidential Medal.

Patty teaches whenever she is given the chance at USA/Canada Forums (9 or more); Senior Lions and Regional Lions Leadership Institutes (4); and at Officer Training Schools (Too many to count!). In her other life, she was an elementary school teacher. She has worked at the Multiple District office and was the Multiple District 19 Executive Secretary-Treasurer (a total 46 years).

She has three terrific sons who have blessed her with two wonderful daughters-in-law and four of the most amazing, fun grandchildren.

### Special Donations 2019-2020

Lions	LCIF	CARE
PDG Breakfast Annual Convention, Wenatchee, WA		\$340.00
2018-2019 District Governors 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  Michele Barrie For Dylan, Dami, Ian and Scott		\$150.00 \$150.00
Burlington Lions Club		\$1,000.00
19-I District 19-I Lioness (Sooke)		\$100.00

## ☆☆☆ NEW ARRIVALS

### Vancouver Gateway, A-7

**President:** Raymond Wong  
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**Secretary:** Karen Hul  
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**Sponsoring Club:** Vancouver Broadway Lions Club, A-7  
**Charter Night:** TBD

### Memorials for October 2019

A 6	Gibsons	Jan Bronk
A 7	Vancouver Diamond	Stephen Chong
A 7	Vancouver Diamond	Paul Leung
C 1	Gig Harbor	Richard Arthur Dixon
C 3	Puyallup	Richard D. Adamson
C 4	North Mason	Francis A. Hill
D 2	Greater Wenatchee Sunrise	Ike Cummings
D 2	Leavenworth	Gerald S. Covert
D 5	Ephrata	Les Parr
D 8	Valleyview Overlanders	Dennis H. Bartlett
E 6	Sparwood	Judith C. Beaton
G 1	Longview Pioneer	George E. Moore
G 1	Longview Pioneer	Laura J. Tull
I 1	Clallum Bay Sekiu	Patricia White
I 1	Sequim Valley	Glenn Greathouse

### Memorials for November 2019

A 6	Gibsons	Elizabeth Ann Nordlund
A 6	Gibsons	PDG Robert Nordlund
D 8	Chase	Alice Shelest
G 1	Kalama	Edward F. Farrell III
G 1	Longview Pioneer	Richard Joe McIntyre
G 3	Willapa Harbor	Patricia L. Jones
H 2	Concrete	Barbara Withrow
H 7	North Whidbey	PDG Garry Lutz
I 7	Gabriola Island	Bernard W. Wohlleben

### Percentages of WMMRs received, SARs completed for month of November 2019 and First Half Dues Paid for 2019-20

	WMMRs	DUES
19-A	45%	65%
19-B	58%	90%
19-C	64%	100%
19-D	76%	96%
19-E	77%	79%
19-F	50%	91%
19-G	48%	90%
19-H	71%	92%
19-I	100%	98%

### 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.

## MD19 Calendar of Events 2019 - 2020

### 2020

MD19 Winter CoG, Best Western	Bellingham, WA	February 7-8
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.

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