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'Twas the Night Before Christmas

By PDG Wanda Carisse, MD19 GLT Leadership Coordinator

A few years ago, I was searching for a clever way to let each Lion know that what you do is important and valued and I appreciate your efforts. I found this version of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" from the Chicago Cares Blog and altered it just slightly. This past year might have been more difficult to "Serve", but I see Lions finding a way to reach those in need. There is still the need and we are still the individuals who can meet that need. So here it is. I hope it says it all....

'Twas the night before Christmas, for this volunteer,
 I sat in my house, warmed by the cheer.
 Full of good food and counting each friend,
 I took just a moment to reflect at year-end.
 Those that I love were snuggled up tight,
 Dreaming of who would be coming that night.
 Seeing the presents all wrapped 'round the tree,
 A disquieting thought slowly crept over me.
 Cold winds were blowing just outside my door,
 Reminding my heart of things I could not ignore.
 The hungry and homeless, lost in our city,
 Poor, lonely seniors who deserve more than pity!
 Children in schools that can't help their need,
 Wishing for someone to teach them to read.
 425 Million with Diabetes we see,
 Awareness, detection and prevention is key!
 "There's so much to do," I said with a sigh,
 "Who's up to the challenge?" Surely not I!
 I'm just plain, old me; I can't solve all this woe.
 I wouldn't know what to do; I don't know where to go!
 So armed with my laptop, I hopped online quick,
 Finding the answer took merely a click!
 People making a difference without putting on airs,
 Each hour they spent proclaimed, "Lions Care!"
 With knowledgeable partners and bright volunteers,
 They've been serving the neediest for over 100 years!

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Link to More Information

LCI Responds to COVID-19

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/coronavirus>

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>

Wondering about the future? Look here

<https://lionsmd19.org/calendar.php>

Wondering about everything? Some answers here

<https://lionsmd19.org/index.php>

Wondering about LCIcon Montreal? Look here [Host Committee Message – LCIcon 2021 in Montréal \(lionsclubs.org\)](#)

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MD19 Council Chairperson

Al Hedstrom

Change and Pivot

Come gather 'round people,
 wherever you roam
 And admit that the waters
 around you have grown
 And accept it that soon you'll be
 drenched to the bone
 If your time to you is worth savin'
 Then you better start swimmin' or you'll sink like a stone
 For the times they are a-changin'
 - Bob Dylan, 1964



Change:

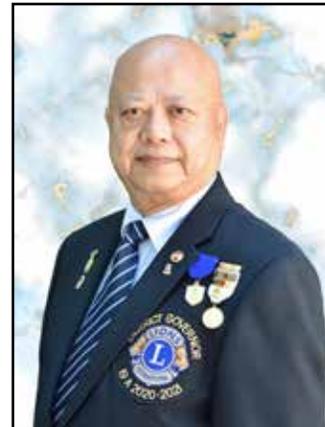
The pandemic has forced us to change, not just our method of communication, but our way of thinking. The excuse, "We've always done it this way" doesn't work anymore. We can no longer take shelter behind our natural resistance to change. Harkening back twenty years means nothing today. Ten years ago means nothing. Even five years ago has little relevance. Because it's not the same. We can no longer prepare for change. Change is not coming; it's upon us now. We must keep pace with change or it will run us over.

Pivot:

Because we are changing we must increasingly rely on our fellow Lions to help plan and complete our work. With each effort we make - service, fundraising, club operations - we must stand by our commitments to complete the effort. I'm talking about being personally accountable. Accepting tasks with S.M.A.R.T. (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-based goals) standards must be the new normal. This is an opportunity to set tomorrow's standards for our club and district operations. And by "tomorrow", I literally mean tomorrow. Which is why we need to do this today.

Hans Wong, DG 19-A

By Hans W. Wong,
District Governor 19-A



During my term 2020 - 2021 as a District Governor reflecting on a Lion Project, I would like to focus on selecting five potential lions of age 30 or below who possess the ambition of moving up to be a leader in the Lions organization. These lions, when selected will join meetings for special training. The reason why I chose younger lions is because a lot of us are reaching or over retirement ages. We need successors and to be prepared for the younger lions ready to take up the vacancies. In a Chinese saying, "Be prepared for the rain and don't wait until you are thirsty to start digging the well".

To get these young Lions excited, hopefully one day, We can arranged for them to visit the MD19 office and LCI Headquarter plus present them with a jacket embroidered with "I am a Lion Leader" as an incentive.

A former banker in Hong Kong, DG Hans immigrated to Vancouver in 1987 and started his real estate business in May 1989 until present.

Hans became a Lion in 2010 by joining the Vancouver Diamond Lions Club as Lion Tamer. He gradually moved up to 3rd Vice President, 1st Vice President and President in 2012-2013. He again served a 2nd term as President in 2015-2016. Under his leadership, he led the Club into major fundraising activities and raised substantial contributions in support of major local charitable organizations, namely BC Children's Hospital Foundation, Richmond Hospital Foundation, BC Cancer Foundation, Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Foundation, Richmond Food Bank, and more. As of July 1, 2016, he took up the position of A-7 Zone Chairperson for the term of 2016-2017. On July 1, 2020 he became District Governor of 19A.

Lion Hans is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a Progressive Judge Brian Stevenson Fellow. He is also actively involved in many community services. He is an Executive Vice President of the Chinese Federation of Commerce of Canada since 2014 until present. He is also an Honorary Advisor of the 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corp. and was awarded a Service Medal by the National Defence in 2015, an Advisor of the RCMP

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International Leo Day

Dear Leo,

Today (12/5/20), we celebrate International Leo Day and the contributions of Leos everywhere who are working to make our world a better place for all people. Leos have brought so much innovation and passion to their service during this challenging year. You have adapted to serving safely in this global pandemic and inspired others in your communities to do the same.

This year, we asked Leos to create a video to show how their Leo clubs served safely, stayed connected and delivered hope to their communities. We received incredible stories and creative videos from Leos in 21 countries. Please join me in congratulating our winners!

- 1st Place: [Binan Leo Club – Philippines](#)
- 2nd Place: [Tucunduva Leo Club – Brazil](#)
- 3rd Place: [SMK Buloh Kasap Leo Club – Malaysia](#)

Thank you for your commitment, dedication and leadership—now and in the future. As you continue serving, please continue to share your club's service with all of us on social media. Happy International Leo Day!

Regards,

Jung-Yul Choi
Your International President



Candidate for Vice Council Chair

Lion Lyndon has served in the Post Falls Lions throughout his career, having joined that club almost 20 years ago. He has served in every leadership position in his club as well as Zone Chair for E-3. He served as District Governor of 19-E during the Lion year 2018-2019.



Currently he is the Chair of the MD-19 Leo organization and serves as a member of the GLT committee. Further, Lyndon is a coach with the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute, a great fit as he is a retired teacher.

PDG Lyndon was unanimously endorsed by the 19 E cabinet during the summer cabinet meeting of 2020, Zone 3, and his club. Voting for the VCC position will take place at the spring District Conferences. As of this printing, Lion Lyndon is the only candidate for the office of Vice Council Chair.



Let's **KICK 2020** to the **CUR Party**



The Party will start at 11:00 (EST) on December 31st, 2020, all on Zoom



We need your talent on a YouTube video, to play during the party, also on the video we would ask you to share "why you are a Lion".

Deadline for your submission is October 24, 2020 so we can get some videos into as many Facebook posts as possible to promote this fundraiser for our Food Banks here in Shelton Washington.

So, get crakin' and send that special video to

billscholl134@gmail.com

For questions call Bill Scholl at 360-520-6802



Lioness News November/December 2020

By Linda Schaffrick, MDLL

Weather wise things are cooling down but not "bug" wise. Hopefully all of our families in Lionism are keeping healthy and safe.

We never know the true impact we have on those around us, or how much someone needed that smile we gave them. Lioness don't wait to be kind it is just something we do.

With the new recommendations and directions for Covid-19 we are back in a partial "lock down" so our clubs are once again not able to do what they would like to do or have regular meetings. They are also looking for ways to meet through Zoom or other apps.

Kelowna D-7 18 Members Hours: 540

Members are still helping at the Gospel Mission; Freedoms Door; Hospice house and SPCA. Helping at safe venues. Ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

Moses Lake D-5 15 Members Hours: 20 Donations: \$8,682

This club is busy working toward bridging to a Lions Club. Blankets for Cancer Foundation. Donations made to: Boys & Girls Club, the Cancer Foundation and Food Bank.

Oliver D-9 7 Members Hours: 31 Donations: \$60

Still keeping in touch with members and seniors. Attended Youth Ambassador talent/speech night and selection night (Lions candidate named one of the ambassadors). Assisted with Halloween events for school children (during the day) with Parks & Rec. and also with a Halloween event with Canadian Tire. Attended Remembrance Day services (with social distancing) Donation made for Candy for Halloween.

Nanaimo Harbor Lites - I-7 Donations: \$7600.00

Although this club has now folded, and they will be missed, they did their final donations, which went to: ETRA; Island Crisis; Heart & Stroke; Loaves & Fishes; Bursary and the VIU and VI Military museum

Parksville I-7 16 Members

The Parksville Lioness Club members have not been able to be active in our community for many months with COVID-19 restrictions. We are all missing each other and being out and about in our community. We are staying in touch through emails, telephone calls and outdoor get together until the weather cooled down. We made all of our donations by the end of June 2020 and will have more dollars to distribute in the spring. Take care all, and stay safe..

Port McNeill I-6 16 Members

If somebody calls and needs their help, they are there as they continue to serve until June, 2021. Some members are considering joining the Port McNeill Lions.

Priest River E-11 35 Members (no report)

Toledo G-4

Still holding tight while waiting to be able to do service again.

Vancouver Chinatown A-1 23 members

Keeping in touch with each other but staying quiet at this time.

Williams Lake D-10 17 Members Donations: \$8,650

Have managed to have a couple of in person meetings with social distancing. Winding down to fold the club and have dispersed their photo albums to former and current members. Four of their members have filled papers to join the Lions club. Donations made to Bursaries; Cancer; Pregnancy outreach program; New Horizons Society for Autism; Meals on Wheels; Search & Rescue and the Child development Center.

Winlock G-4 (no report)

**If you can lie down at night knowing in your heart that you made someone's day just a little better,
you know you had a good day.**

We Serve Too!

2020-21 Peace Poster

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity. This year's theme was "Peace Through Service".

To sponsor the Peace Poster Contest, Lions clubs can order a contest kit from January 15 to October 1. The kit is available in 12 of our official languages. A kit is needed for each contest sponsored. Each kit contains:

- Official Club Contest Guide and Rules
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules
- Participant Flyer to duplicate and give to participating students to take home
- Sticker to place on back of winning poster
- Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group

Order Your Kit here <https://lionsclubsinternational.myshopify.com/collections/kits/products/ppk1>

*To order a kit by phone, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822 (U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada only).



**Lions International
Convention**
June 25-29, 2021
Montreal, Canada

MD19 Lions, come join in the fun in Montreal.....

- Attend an International Convention
- Learn new things about Lionism
- Meet new people from all over the world
- Make new friends that you will see at future conventions
- Experience the French culture of Quebec
- Contact PZC George Sim for more info...
georgesim@shaw.ca

Register now:

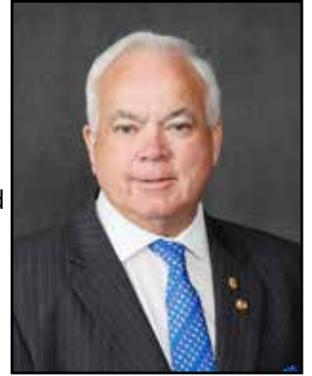
<https://www.mcisemi.com/lci2021/>

**"LIKE" our Facebook page:
MD19 visits Montreal**



A Word from our International Director

There are a variety of quotes regarding change and how change is inevitable. Our entire world has been turned upside down and given a shake recently. Just about everything has had to change suddenly and several times over the past 10 months. Thanksgiving in Canada and the USA was certainly different this year. Hopefully everyone paid attention and were safe in any socializing that you participated in.



Congratulations to those who organized the MD19 Annual Convention in the virtual world. Doing anything like a virtual convention the first time is a huge learning experience. I know that a few Districts and Multiple Districts are going down the virtual road this year. They all are being done by Lions who are a ways outside their comfort zone, but so far, they have all been successful. I know that some Districts in MD19 are looking at going virtual this year, hopefully you can reach out to Districts that have already done one to see what works and what could have been done a bit differently next time.

With all the changes we have been subject to recently, one thing has not changed. Those who rely upon Lions for the various things that we do in our communities around the world, have not gone away. The community needs that we have addressed for years are still there and, in some cases, have grown. This is not the time to rest on our laurels.

Melvin Jones' birthday is coming up this January. Think about the possibility of supporting Campaign 100 fund raising with recognizing someone in your community who has gone above and beyond during this pandemic. Think about coming up with some new money to recognize the commitment of a non-Lion in your community with a MJF. You will find that it will pay back huge dividends in the future.

Yes, we do need to look at doing things a bit differently. Our Spaghetti Suppers and Pancake Breakfasts can still happen, just not quite in the way we did them in the past. We have significant support in our communities; I know that those who have supported us in the past continue to support us today. We need to be open minded and look at the possibility of doing things slightly different. I don't believe that we will really ever go back to doing things exactly as we did a year ago, but I certainly hope that we can get together again soon.

Sonja and I wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and all the very best in 2021.

What is the MD19 Covid Campaign?

Thank you to all Lions Clubs for responding quickly and sharing your Covid service activities. The MD19 Covid Campaign is a platform for all members to access the creative service projects that have been successfully launched during these unprecedented times by members and clubs in MD19.

The Covid Campaign will be emailing all 10,000+ MD19 members directly with a weekly inspirational project bulletin showcasing the creative capabilities of our fellow Lions. We have also launched the Covid Campaign website. This can be accessed via the MD19 website or by clicking the link below.

This campaign is driven by you, the Members! Please share your stories, both success and failures so that we may all band together and ensure that we can serve our communities safely and successfully.

Let's Get Started: <https://www.md19covidcampaign.com/>

Club Safety Officer

Do you have one? Covid or not a Club Safety Officer is a member whose specific task is both member and public safety during any Lions service.

Need more info click on the link below!

<https://md19covidcampaign.weebly.com/safety-officer-job-description1.html>

Share one idea at a time!

Fill out the form and along with 1-4 high res photos share your club covid service activities to be included in our weekly bulletin!

https://md19covidcampaign.weebly.com/uploads/1/3/4/1/134161817/md19_covid_campaign_submission_fillable_pdf.pdf

Happy to help!

For any questions or assistance feel free to email
Eric Miura, MD19 GAT Membership Chair
ericlynnvalleylions@gmail.com



Lions Club Still Giving to the Angel Tree

December 9th was a great day! On the right is President Shannon showing the donation of \$1,000 for Angel Tree to Vancity concierge Karla. Port Coquitlam has been giving to the Angel Tree program for roughly 30 years, the funds come from the Meat Draw committee and volunteers.



Annual Tax Filing Information

Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts with annual gross receipts less than US\$50,000 who are not otherwise required to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N). If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.

Please click the link below and review the document for important information regarding your annual tax filing obligation. Thank you!

http://app.e.roar.lionsclubs.org/e/er?utm_source=Eloqua&utm_campaign=LGL_EN_990N%20Tax%20Reminder%20US_Email_2020&utm_medium=email&s=94443966&lid=8209&elqTrackId=685BB6CBE9E10D06B8A2FADA45CB37CE&elq=43b6715f2134434bb447e20d50ffd578&elqaid=16134&elqat=1

Charitable Giving Options

By Lion George Robison

For our members in the United States, please be aware that there is a special rule for charitable donations for this tax year. There are several tax-exempt Lions entities to which a donation can be made to get the deduction, including the MD19 Youth Exchange Foundation <https://www.md19lionsyouthexchange.org/>, MD19 Foundation <https://www.lionsleadershipfoundation.org>, Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-foundation/mission>, are just a few of your options. Below is a brief description of the deduction and the reason.

Special Tax Deduction for Cash Donations to Charities in 2020

In the latest post on A Closer Look, Tax Exempt and Government Entities, Commissioner Edward Killen reminds taxpayers there's a special deduction for cash donations of up to \$300 to a qualified charity in 2020. This \$300 deduction is designed for taxpayers who take the standard deduction and aren't normally able to deduct their donations.

This year, there's an additional component at play with so many people, businesses and organizations struggling due to COVID-19. Many people may not realize it, but there's a special tax deduction available for them through December 31, 2020 for cash donations up to \$300 to qualifying charities.

As we enter the season of giving, I encourage people to take a few minutes to understand this new change. This could help taxpayers when they file their taxes in 2021 – and help many organizations across the country as they try to help people coping with the coronavirus. Many charities are struggling this year, and donations for many are down.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, enacted by Congress last spring, includes several temporary tax changes helping charities. This includes a special \$300 deduction designed especially for people who choose to take the standard deduction, rather than itemizing their deductions.

What does this mean for the average taxpayer? Nearly nine in 10 taxpayers now take the standard deduction and could potentially qualify for this new tax deduction. Our most recent figures from 2018 show more than 134 million taxpayers claimed the standard deduction, representing more than 87% of all filers.

So, if someone makes a cash donation to a qualifying charity before the end of 2020, they can get a deduction of up to \$300. This will be easy to report when they fill out their Form 1040 in 2021, especially if they file electronically.

The deduction lowers both adjusted gross income and taxable income – translating into tax savings for those making donations to qualifying tax-exempt organizations.

Lions Clubs International Foundation

With 100% of donations going towards grants and programs, LCIF empowers the compassionate service of Lions and those who need our help. Although those benefitting from your support may never know of your generosity, Lions Clubs International Foundation and our beneficiaries are grateful for your support.

In the U.S.A. you can make an online donation <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>

In Canada you can make an online donation here <https://lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca/#donate>

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.

2020-2021 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:

2020-2021 MD19 Roster Only: Cost is \$6.00 U.S. Funds plus shipping and handling.

Add \$4.00 S/H for U.S. Addresses and \$5.00 for Canadian Addresses.

2020-2021 MD19 Roster plus Hard Copy of *Border Crossing*:

Mailed to U.S. Addresses: Border Crossing \$16.00 plus Roster \$10.00 = \$26.00 USD

Mailed to Canadian Addresses: Border Crossing \$20.00 plus Roster \$11.00 = \$31.00 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 _____

Phone Number / Email Address _____

Print Mailing Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____

Zip/Postal Code _____

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



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

Name of Company or Club: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Billing Address: _____

Street Address / P.O. Box _____

City _____

State/Prov. _____

Zip/Postal code _____

Size of Ad: _____ #of issues: _____ Amount Paid: _____

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

Card # _____ Expiry Date ____ / ____

Signature: _____ (payment will be in US Funds)

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

2020-21 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

Christmas Schedule for MD19 Office

The MD19 Office is closed December 24th – January 1st. The Office will be open for business at 8:30 am on January 4th, 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 2020-2021 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, 2020, plus pro-rated dues for any new members brought in from July to December.

District Conferences / Conventions may begin the weekend of March 5th. It is important that the 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 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 2021-2022 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. Additional efforts to simplify the voting process are still in development. **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 a Constitutional 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!

Hans Wong DG 19-A - con't - 2

Richmond Detachment Multicultural Advisory Committee since December 2005, a Planning Committee Member for both BC Children's Hospital Foundation and S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Walk with the Dragon.

Hans is married to Eliza with two children, Clarence and Clara. During his leisure time, Hans loves fishing, boating, firearms, target shooting and travelling.

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 4, 2021.



30 years ago Lions march in St. Louis! How many of you remember being there?

MD19 Convo 2020 Recap

The 99th Annual MD19 Convention was done just a little bit differently this year! Who could have predicted a global pandemic that would lead to the canceling of the traditional convention? But that cancellation let us, the Lions of MD19, pivot and change directions leading to the BEST Virtual convention MD19 has ever held! That's right, 99th traditional model was remolded and recast in just 11 weeks to become the MD19Convo2020 virtual convention.

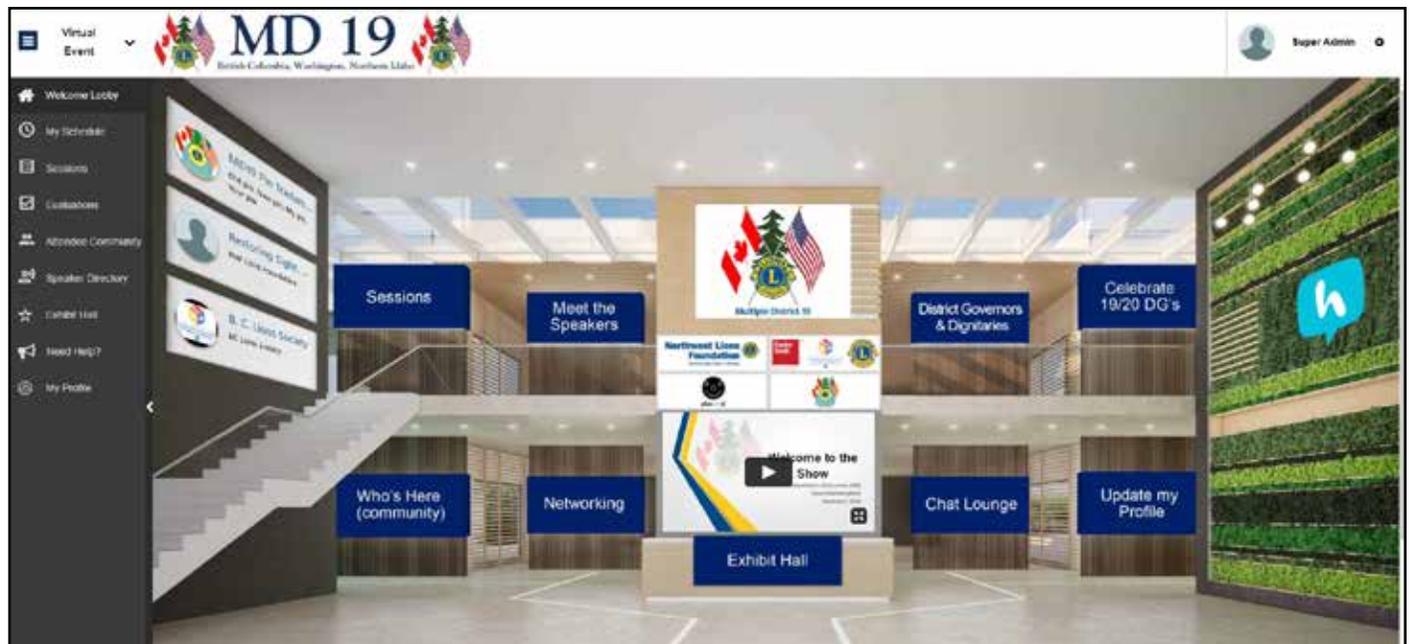
We partnered with Hubb.me, based out of Vancouver, WA, who offered us their platform at a very generously discounted price. Further financial partnerships with the MD19 Pin Traders, the BC Lions Society, NorthWest Lions Foundation and Plusoptix, kept the cost down to \$20 per registration. That registration gave our Lions over 50 sessions, seminars and social opportunities that also included access to for 30 days following the event. 383 people were part of the event, and often I saw about 215 logged in and online at the convention at any given moment.

Seminars, sessions and socials included a mix of live-on-screen as well as previously recorded topics. Did you see the one where plastic bags are recycled and become a park bench? Did you see the one talking about service projects we Lions are doing even now in this pandemic? Or puppies and Leader Dog and Dog Guides? Those were great sessions too. There was a class on Humor and Laughter, a local Bellingham, WA author talked about overcoming challenges and obstacle's especially today.

As for the future, we hope you a join us in person, next year, for our 100th annual convention, hosted by the Surrey Central Lions Club. And maybe some of you will be able to join us virtually as well. Watch for details as we develop new ways of doing things just a little differently than we have always done them.

Best wishes from MD19, stay safe and think of others as we move into the next year. We will be looking to you and your clubs as we move into the new year for innovative ideas for service and projects to share.

Peter, Michele and Forrest



"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

MD19 Needs You!

Every year, the incoming Council Chair has opportunities to appoint Lions to serve on committees like Budget/Finance, Election, Governance, Contests and Awards. Many others, look at our webpage <https://lionsmd19.org/committees.php> for the complete list. In some cases, we try for a representative from every district, and in the case of Budget/Finance, it is for three years. This coming July, if you would like an opportunity to serve as committee members, please contact us at md19lions@lionsmd19.org for more information about:

Budget/Finance: Need District A. B. & C. 3-year term

Governance: Need District A. B. & C 3-year term

Contests & Awards - A 3-year term, advance to Chairperson in your final year

The following are all 1-year appointments, and can be renewed by each incoming Council Chair.

- Canadian LERC
- Building
- CARE
- Diabetes Awareness
- Conventions
 - o USA/Canada
 - o LCIcon
- Election/Certification
- Environment
- Information/Technology
- International Relations
- Leader Dogs
- LEO Clubs
- Lions Quest (B.C.)

When you're ready to serve beyond your current horizon, lets talk.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas - con't - 1

I registered quickly and signed up right then,
 With so many choices I didn't know where to begin.
 Tutoring, art clubs, cooking galore
 BINGO, food pantries, crafting and more,
 Serve dinner at a shelter and show off our spaghetti,
 Or spend time with seniors serving biscuits and tea.
 With so many ways to simply give back,
 I pictured a day when no Individual's need lack,
 The basics of life we're all meant to enjoy;
 A healthy, safe life for each girl and boy.
 Just like The Grinch I suddenly knew,
 Like a crash of thunder coming out of the blue;
 "Maybe Christmas need not come from a store
 Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more!"
 And what if this feeling, these actions could last,
 What if I need not return to the past?
 By choosing to serve throughout the whole year,
 Each day, week & month could be filled with good cheer!
 What started as sadness soon become hope,
 Serving my neighbors and helping them cope.
 My greatest surprise was not under the tree,
 The gift I received, was a more happy me!
 It's been awhile, I'll stop bending your ear,
 But with this piece of advice, go serve, volunteer!
 When we help one another the world feels so right,
 Now "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

SWOT Analysis 101

SWOT Analysis 101 - Let's get our SWOT ON!!
Saturday, January 9th @ 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Session Overview:

This one-hour virtual learning session will help you prepare for the upcoming planning events most districts are currently scheduling. This learning session will provide an overview of what a club, zone, or district SWOT Analysis is all about and how this process can help build a broadly owned vision and plan for the future. This session is open to all Lions interested in growing their clubs, zones, and districts. All district leaders are especially encouraged to attend this session.

For information and/or registration, contact PDG Mark Mansell (mark.bgwa@gmail.com).

SWOT: Strength, Weakness, Opportunitites, Threats

"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!)

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MD19 Convo 2020 Winners

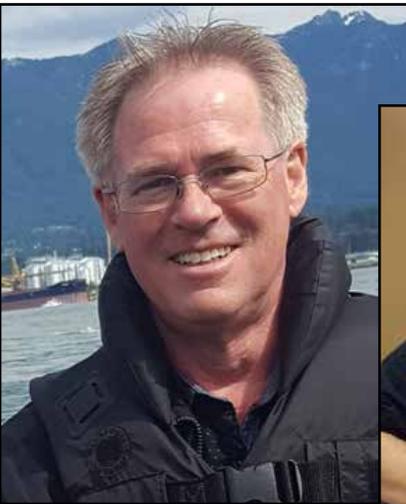
Zone Chairperson of the year (up to 8 Clubs) Mike Jenson A2
Zone Chairperson of the year (up to 8 Clubs) **RUNNER-UP Cindy Fickett G1**

Zone Chairperson of the year (9 or more clubs) Jack Peebles H7
Zone Chairperson of the year (9 or more clubs) **RUNNER-UP Debbie Mansell G2**

Club Secretary of the year Claire Davidson Westbank Lions Club D7
Club Secretary of the year **RUNNER-UP Ed Poquette Snohomish Lions Club B1**

MD19 Distinguished Service Award Sandy Ball, Mount Vernon Lions Club H2

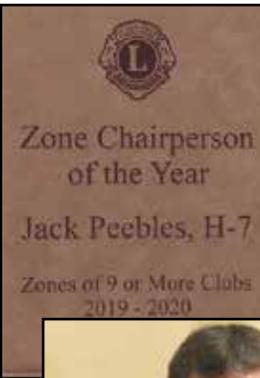
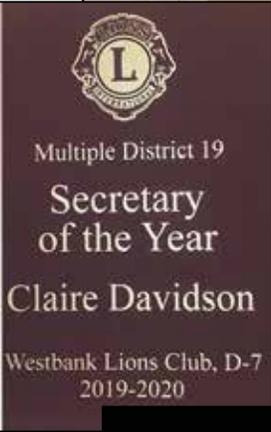
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Mike Jenson



Cindy Fickett



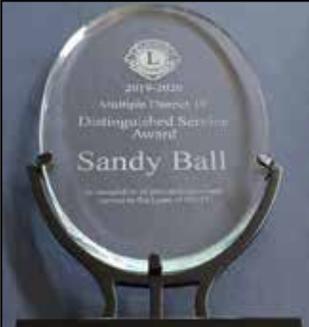
Debbie Mansell



Ed Poquette



Jack Peebles



Sandy Ball

EXPERIENCED
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VIRTUAL
LEARNING
ENVIRONMENT

You're invited to our Winter Picnic *for* Guiding Lions!

JANUARY 16, 2021

TIME 10:00—2:30 PDT

CERTIFIED GUIDING LION LEARNING

A VIRTUAL LEARNING EVENT

for Lions in GAT Areas 1-H *and* 2-A *and* BEYOND

BECOME A LIONS INFORMATION EXPERT!

This event is not just for future Guiding Lions—it's for ANY LION whose goal is to possess the tools and information to help his/her club.

ALL LIONS WELCOME!!!!

REGISTER NOW TO SAVE YOUR SEAT
RSVP by email to Lion Anne Smarsh, PID

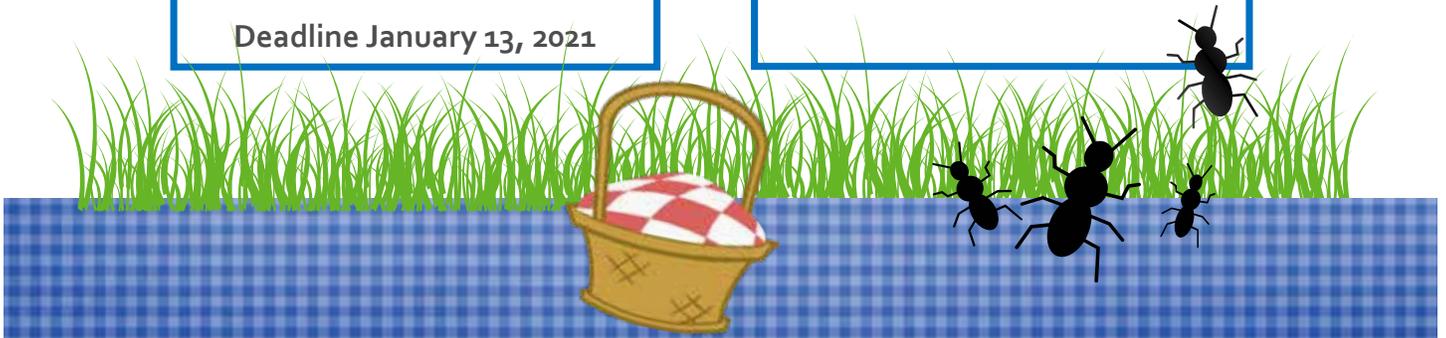
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Deadline January 13, 2021

Sponsored by Global Area Team Leaders

PCC Polly Voon and CC AI Hedstrom

Virtual treats will be served!



Your Article Could Be Here!

We want to hear from you!

What are your clubs doing right now? How are virtual meetings working for you? What are your future plans? How has the state of things changed what you're going to do as a club as you move forward? What other news do you have to share with our MD19 Lions community?

If you have an article or article idea, please send to bordercrossing@lionsmd19.org

We can't promise every submission will be printed, but we would love to include more articles submitted from our Lions community.

Special Donations 2020-2021

Lions

19-H Michele Barrie LCIF CARE \$125.00
For Scott, Angela, Dylan, Dami and Ian

Memorials for October 2020

F 7	Moscow Central	Russ Craig Biggam
F 7	Potlatch	Floyd Akins
F 7	Potlatch	Clifford D. Osborne
F 8	Kahlotus	Buck Romeike
G 4	Centralia	Page Steelhammer
H 1	Bellingham Harborview	Betty Brown
H 1	Everson	Jeffrey Davis
H 4	North Delta	Chester Hendrickson
H 6	Chilliwack	Steve Bordian
I 3	Salt Spring Island	Rann Emmerson

Memorials for November 2020

C 3	Bonney Lake	Eddie Haberkorn
D 2	Leavenworth	Shirley M. Ward
D 7	Westbank	Claire Davidson
D 8	Chase	Harry Fast
E 11	Priest Lake Kaniksu	Gigi (Gleve) M. Horning
F 4	Cottonwood	Jay J. Hinterlong
F 5	Kendrick	Fritz B. Fliger
F 5	Troy	John F. Porter
F 7	Moscow Central	Patrick H. Gagon
H 1	Bellingham Harborview	Virginia Bryant
H 7	Coupeville	Thomas D. Ellis
I 1	Clallum Bay Sekiu	Maureen G. Winn



MD19 Lions, come join in the fun in Montreal.....

- Attend an International Convention
- Learn new things about Lionism
- Meet new people from all over the world
- Make new friends that you will see at future conventions
- Experience the French culture of Quebec
- Contact PZC George Sim for more info...

georgesim@shaw.ca

Register now:

<https://www.mcisemi.com/lci2021/>

"LIKE" our Facebook page:

MD19 visits Montreal



Percentages of WMMRs received for month of November 2020 and First Half Dues Paid for 2020-21

	WMMRs	DUES
19-A	65%	79%
19-B	56%	93%
19-C	65%	88%
19-D	96%	87%
19-E	98%	100%
19-F	42%	70%
19-G	67%	79%
19-H	90%	92%
19-I	94%	90%

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MD19 Calendar of Events 2019 - 2020

2020-2021

Winter Council of Governors	Virtual Via Zoom	Feb 5-6, 2021
Spring Council of Governors	TBD	May 19-20, 2021
ZCE & DGE Learning Center	TBD	May 20-22, 2021

Spring Conferences 2021

District 19-D *** <i>Going Virtual watch for details</i> ***	TBD
District 19-H Four Points Sheraton, Bellingham, WA	March 12-13, 2021
District 19-F *** <i>Going Virtual watch for details</i> ***	TBD
District 19-B Bothell Hilton Garden Inn	March 26-27, 2021
District 19-C LaQuinta Inn & Suites, Tacoma, WA	April 9-10, 2021
District 19-I *** <i>Going Virtual watch for details</i> ***	TBD
District 19-A Delta Hotels Burnaby Conf Centre, Burnaby B.C.	April 23-24, 2021
District 19-E Red Lion Hotel Templins on the River, Post Falls ID	April 30-May 1, 2021
District 19-G Red Lion, Kelso WA	May 14-15, 2021



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!