



District Environment Chairs.

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 E: Kim DiRienz. F: Judy Riggers. G: Doug Wilson. H: Jones Atterberry. I: Lia Marie Versaevel.

## 2020 Fall Council of Governors Committee Report

**“Sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities.”** One of five service goals-Lions Clubs International.

2020 has been a challenging time for all of us. Serving our communities as Lions is a challenge that we Environmental Chairs have been working on. This Lions Year, 2020-2021, we have six Lions who serve as the Multiple District 19 Environment Co-Chairs. They work closely with the Environment Chairs for each District. This makes an Environment Team of 14, that meets monthly on GoToMeeting, hosted by Council Chair Al Hedstrom and Lion Nancy Messmer.

Multiple District 19 Co-Chairs: Eric Muira-A, Lynda Davidson-H, Enoch Rowland-B, Nancy Messmer-I, Bob Johnson-C, Kim Di Rienz-E.



**COVID-19. What Now?** Some of us have had COVID-19, or we have suffered along with friends or loved ones. For others, the experience of the illness itself is more distant, but we have adjusted to social distancing, wearing masks and staying tuned as more is learned each week about the illness. In our lives as Lions, many Clubs meet now online and others are still figuring out what is possible. The same is true for our tried and true service projects. What can we do Fall and Winter and next Spring? How can we assist our communities and do it in a safe way. We are learning from each other about ongoing projects around the Multiple District (British Columbia, Washington, N. Idaho) and we are helping each other with ideas. We will be sharing ideas in our districts and promoting Environment Service Projects.

**Service Ideas.** So far, we have discussed socially distanced clean-ups, as with the Fort Vancouver Park Cleanup and others around our Multiple District. Also, Clubs are conducting collections of eyeglasses, and other items for recycling. District E is conducting plastic bag collections with the end goal of turning the usually un-recycled bags into benches, working with the Trex company. Lynn Valley Lions are working on small and larger scale activities involving close work with the municipal and health authorities to provide drive-up families with treats, all surrounded by participatory activities and fun. Some Clubs are gearing up for Drive up Recycling drives. Since many Clubs are meeting online, some are hosting public meetings on items of interest to Club members and/or the public.

**Convo 2020.** We are looking forward to Convo 2020, our upcoming MD 19 virtual convention. Our group is offering several workshops. One features COVID safe activities. Another offers details about Trex benches. Another highlights “to-do’s” of Beach/Shoreline Cleanups. There will be a live Environment Symposium-“World is on Fire-How do Lions Make a Difference?” Lions will be able to participate with questions and ideas. Please visit the Environment Table for information about Service Projects in our area.

**District Newsletters.** We are hoping that District Governors will include an Environment Service Update in each newsletter. Environment Chairs will be submitting a monthly article with information specific to the district and including information from around MD 19.

Fort Vancouver Cleanup. 2020.

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