

## **Council of Governors Fall Meeting**

### **MD19 GMT Membership Report**

October 2, 2020

Our clubs are understandably facing some challenges such as we've never seen before. Being mindful of how we can serve our communities while keeping both the community and our members safe is a big concern. I've been involved in conversations regarding what types of events and service projects we are able to do and the additional safety measures and costs involved.

A survey has been sent to presidents and secretaries on the challenges their clubs are facing and changes they've made due to Covid to retain members and changes to how clubs operate due to Covid. It's truly inspiring to hear how resilient our members are.

I have been working with the team on not only retention but also membership issues at large. The team is working on a great plan to share service projects and events during Covid and leave members with a template of sorts to assist in quick planning for their club to run a similar event. An easy to navigate website is in the works to share these ideas (some are listed below) and to connect our clubs from Idaho to Invermere and beyond. As the Covid Campaign is in the planning stages, here is a few of the wonderful projects that our fellow Lions have been involved in during the last few months:

- Many clubs are inviting guest speakers via Zoom, in some cases this is the first time they've had speakers
- Drive through pancake breakfast (Lynn Valley Lions Club)
- Produce for Seniors, grow and deliver produce for seniors (Pemberton Lions)
- Drive through shredding and regular shredding events (Bremerton Central & Deep Cove Lions)
- Virtual Auctions (Bremerton Central)
- Food drives and assisting Food Banks (Renton and Tenino Lions)
- Food Insecurity Committee formed (Renton Lions)
- Telephone trees to stay connected to Lions (Deep Cove Lions)
- Make and give away for free: Masks & sanitizer (Moscow Central)
- Clean up of Easter Seals Camp (Squamish Lions)
- Club online group chats and emails to stay connected and plan (Vancouver Templeton New Century)

Thank you to all clubs that have shared their recent projects, I look forward to hearing more from all the clubs! A special thank you to Lion Al Hedstrom and Lion Wanda Carisse for their collaboration on this project and their energy!

If you have a project or event you've run recently and would like to be one of the first in our communication series, please send your information in!

LCI Stats, June to September 30, 2020

- Two new clubs
- One dropped club
- 21 members reinstated
- 18 members transferred
- 201 members dropped

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