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Leadership Corner

Frank Bega, MD19 GLT

Lions of MD19, I would like to share with you this email I received from our International First Vice President Fabricio Oliveira.

Beginning in February, FVDG/DGEs will be asked to submit their district's goals for the 2024-2025 Lion year. In a strategic effort to promote regionalization and individualization of goals at the multiple district and district levels, we are offering multiple district teams the opportunity to develop one S.M.A.R.T goal that reflects the needs of their areas and does not overlap Lions International goals.

Any multiple district that chooses to participate will need to communicate their goal to their FVDG/DGEs no later than February 1, 2024. GAT area leaders may provide a goal for districts that do not belong to a multiple district, if desired.

As the FVDG/DGE understands the needs of their districts best, they will also be able to work with their teams to develop district-specific targets that directly support MISSION 1.5 and each of the four mandatory Lions International goals. Once the submission platform becomes available in March, these goals and supporting action plans will need to be submitted to Lions International by May 30, 2024.

The four mandatory association goals for FVDG/DGEs are:

- In support of MISSION 1.5, FVDG/DGEs commit to work with their teams to achieve their membership growth targets.
- FVDG/DGEs commit to work with their teams to increase the percentage of Lion and Leo clubs reporting service.
- During the first quarter, FVDG/DGEs commit to work with their teams to promote and facilitate training for club officers and zone chairpersons.
- FVDG/DGEs commit to working with their teams to support LCIF in its endeavor to achieve its fundraising goal and increase our global impact.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support, we are building our future today. Our Leadership training school for the VDGE's and ZCE's will be held May 23-24, 2024 at the Silver Reef Casino, Ferndale WA, just prior to the Noon Luncheon opening of the Annual Convention May 24-25. I look forward to meeting all of you there.

Link to More Information

MD19 Annual Convention

<https://2024-md-19-convention.cheddarup.com/>

LCICon Registration

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

Australia VISA link

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/entering-australia>

Explore How LCIF Grants Can Help You Serve

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-toolkit>

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

<https://members.lionsforum.org/>

CARE Program

https://youtu.be/Md8S_XSXItw

Wondering about the future? Look here

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

Lions Camp Horizon

<https://lionscamphorizon.org>

Official Call for Convention

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 11 of the Constitution and By-Laws of Multiple District 19 Lions Clubs International, we hereby issue the official call for the MD19 Annual Convention to be held May 24-25, 2024 at the Silver Reef Casino, Ferndale WA.

/s/ Steve Noble, Council Chair & Lyndon Harriman, Immediate Past Council Chair, Lions Clubs International

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MD19 Council Chairperson

Steve Noble



Congratulations to the Vancouver East Lions Club for 80 years of service to the community. We just finished your celebration and had a great time with a lot of really great Lions. Thank you President Michael Cheng for inviting me.

Vancouver East Lions Club was chartered in 1943 in the middle of World War II. In spite of the challenging times, a new club was formed which for 80 years has served its community and beyond.

One of the complaints we hear often as leaders is that sometimes a club is folding because of one bad member or a couple of bad members. One of the tools we have is the global membership approach. I know we have discussed this many times and a lot of Lions are doubtful about this process but I believe it is worth a try. The benefits of GMA is that it forces the club to look at itself. Going through a S.W.O.T. analysis makes you look at both the good and the bad of your club. The GMA process also sets up goals and process to follow up on those goals.

As of this writing, we have gained 18 new members in January. We are down 30 for the year though. Spring time is a great time to bring new members in and there's no reason why we can't reach positive numbers. I also hear rumors of many new clubs on the verge of being started. The great tools for bringing in new members is the open house concept. There is a manual on the MD19 website that specifically tells you what steps to take to make this happen. Many people who have used this program have said that if you follow the program you will gain new members.

We are halfway through the year and this is the first year in a long time where we have five districts instead of nine. The combining of districts together has opened some great opportunities for us as Lions to work together. I see some positive results from our District Governors. We need to keep working to strengthen Multiple District 19.

**REGISTER NOW FOR OUR
2024 MD19
CONVENTION**

**Guest Speaker – 1st Year ID
Steven Middlemass, NH**

**May 23-25, 2024
Silver Reef Casino Resort
Ferndale, WA**

Off to the Races "Kentucky Derby Style"
Ladies, get out the big hats, and Gentlemen time to show off those ties!

**Chairs:
Marilynn Danby and Leslie Smith
Committee: Steve Noble PDG Group**

Ken (killer) Cook

By 19-S DG Ken Cook

I was born in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho in 1944 and still live there. After school, I joined the United States Marines Corps which helped broaden my horizons. I have worked a few places seeking my niche, such as the U.S. Forest Service, Bunker Hill Mining, Schwans Foods and working for myself as the Milkman. I finally found my calling as a hired killer. I worked at this for 22 years and retired in 2011. I'm still available for private hire if the price is right. By the way that is as a Pest Control Technician.

My wife and I have six kids, nineteen grand kids and nine great-grand kids. I enjoy working in my garden with my roses and dahlias.

I joined the Lions in 1998 with the Post Falls Lions Club. I have held most of the offices of the club. I also served as Zone Chairperson for two years, Contests & Awards Chairperson, Trustee with Northwest Lions Foundation for seven years, 2 VDG, 1 VDG, and DG, Certified Guiding Lion helping start five Lions clubs and I'm a Melvin Jones Fellow.

When I was with the Post Falls Club, we had a haunted house. I really enjoyed working it and seeing the people being scared. It didn't matter how big you were either! That house raised a lot of money over the years.

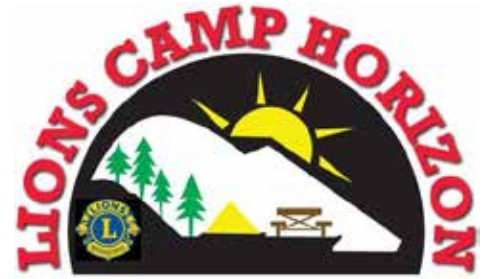
With the Coeur d' Alene Lions Club, we have a BBQ every Thursday and usually cook about 20 Burgers, and 16 hot dogs every week during the summer months.

My best experience was when Rathdrum Lions came to our club and asked if we could help them. They had this young girl who needed a cornea transplant at three years old and Lions stepped in to help. Now, that young girl is a nurses aid, married and a home owner. Seeing her really makes me understand what it means to be a Lion

Being the District Governor this year is another great experience. With the new redistricting and not knowing most of the Lions in the new district, it's like starting all over; but they are great Lions! I'm learning all the different things they do in their community. You know it's the same thing we were doing in the old district, they all just like to serve their communities.

When I do my visits, I take a solar yard art piece (pictured on right) that I make and raffle it off. The money I raise is sent to CARE in the name of that club. That is going very well, keep up the good work Lions!





50:50 FUNDRAISER

For almost 50 years, Camp Horizon has operated with mostly volunteer management and maintenance personnel. The size and complexity of our operations as well as regulatory compliance now exceeds the time available of our available volunteers. We need to recruit a small paid staff to handle fundraising, day-to-day management, maintenance and administration tasks so that our Foundation volunteer leadership can focus on strategy and our future.

Our goal is to raise at least \$100,000 as “seed” money to fund the recruitment of a professional fundraiser (which we have never had before). This will in turn provide money for a small group of paid staff as indicated above.

Your generous donation of \$50, \$100 or any amount will be matched by our sponsoring contributors up to \$50,000. Surplus funds, if any, will be used for facility improvements.



2024
Our 50th
Anniversary!

Help Us Build
Organizational Capacity
For Our Next 50 Years

Lion sponsors have
pledged \$50,000 to
match other donations

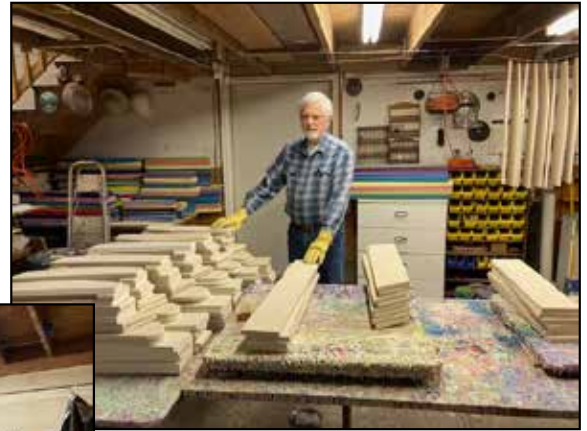
Donate Now At
LionsCampHorizon.org
or send a check to
7506 Gemini St
Blaine WA
98230

Lions Work Together To Support NW Trinity Project

Each KART begins with the donation of 1x6 lumber from Chilliwack Lion Robert Prinse who mills and kiln dries the lumber. Lynden Lions Club's participation is to transport the lumber across the border from Chilliwack, B.C. to Peninsula Trucking Line's terminal in Bellingham. Peninsula Trucking Line then provides charity transportation to the various Lions Club's volunteers who are involved with processing the lumber and other KART components between here and the final assembly in Colbert, WA (north of Spokane).

These pictures and more are on the NW Trinity Project's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/trinityfreedomcarts/> and its website: <https://www.nwtrinityproject.org/>.

Right: Dick Hiller in the paint shop. Primed sets on the table ready to be painted. Primed boards on the line to be taken down and put into sets. Painted boards stacked against the wall and on the cupboard ready to be transferred next door to the new assembly area through the door behind Dick.



Cliff Garrison working on a cart.



John in welding area



Above: Cliff Garrison and Dick H by carts ready to be transported to Carols shop.



Happy hardworking Ron



Coy, John and Ron with a packaged cart.

Lions Provide \$50,000 For Urgent Care Needs at Langley Memorial Hospital

Written by Langley Memorial Hospital Foundation Staff

Every day, the medical teams at Langley Memorial Hospital provide life-saving and life-changing care. As a community hospital, that care ranges from maternity care to urgent surgeries to diagnostic tests like MRIs and ultrasounds.

On Jan. 3 Langley's Lions Clubs presented a cheque for \$50,000 to the Langley Memorial Hospital Foundation as a matching commitment for the Foundation's Area of Greatest Need campaign – funds that when matched with the \$57,086 in individual donations will go a long way to supporting local healthcare, close to home. The combined gift is from Lions Clubs International Foundation, Langley Lions Club, Fort Langley Lions Club and Aldergrove Lions Club.

Among the areas of urgent need targeted by the donation will be a state-of-the-art ultrasound that will replace an obsolete machine that simply can't provide the crisp, clear images needed for care teams to diagnose and treat an array of conditions.

"It is incredibly important that the community support their local hospital with urgent needs like this ultrasound, so that when people are ill or injured, they can be diagnosed quickly, and get the care they need to return to good health as soon as possible," says PDG Ray Tremblay, Past President, Langley Lions Club.

The Area of Greatest Need campaign was founded to do just that – fund the hospital's current areas of greatest need. The capacity to purchase modern, state-of-the-art equipment to serve a growing and aging population often falls outside of funds provided by government health care resources and must be funded through the Langley Memorial Hospital Foundation.

"Community support is essential to ensuring Langley residents can get the care they need close to home and that the hospital has what it needs to care for the community in the timeliest manner," says Tim Staunton, the Foundation's Director of Philanthropy.

The longstanding support of organizations like the Lions is key.

"We've been very fortunate to have the Langley Lions' support for over 25 years," Staunton says, pointing to timely and essential donations like a new ventilator they provided during the pandemic.

"The response to last year's holiday campaign has been fantastic," Staunton says. "The community is very generous and supportive of local healthcare, and we are deeply grateful that the community has matched the Lions' generosity."

Beyond the new ultrasound, areas of urgent need are always evolving, and the Foundation maintains a list of requests from hospital teams. To contribute to the Greatest Need campaign, visit lmhfoundation.com/urgent-needs/area-of-greatest-need where you can donate easily and securely today.



Theme: Off to the Races Kentucky Derby Style

**MD19 Lions Annual Convention Registration
May 23 – 25, 2024**



Please email Form with Credit Card information to: Steve Brooks kc7mck@gmail.com.
Final Deadline for all registrations Friday May 3, 2024. No refunds after May 3, 2024.

Silver Reef Casino and Hotel
4876 Haxton Way, Ferndale, WA 98248
Room Reservations Toll free 1-866-383-0777 extension 4120
Use Code: Multiple District 19 Convention 2024
DEADLINE FOR BOOKING HOTEL ROOMS IS Wednesday, May 8th, 2024
Special Lions room rate of \$139 plus taxes for either a King room or Double Queen room
Free RV Parking – No hookups

<input type="checkbox"/> Lion <input type="checkbox"/> Leo <input type="checkbox"/> Guest	Print Registrant's Name	Print Registrant's Club	District:	
			1 st MD19 Convention: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Address:		City:	Prov/St:	Phone:
Current Title:	Highest Past Title:	Email:		
Special Dietary Requests:	Vegetarian _____ (Alternate vegetarian meal provided) List the life-threatening food allergy, such as mushrooms or shellfish, which will cause serious illness or death. Special Meal Requests must be received before May 3, 2024			

Note: Partners and guests need to complete their own registration form

Date	Event	Price in US Funds	Amount Enclosed
Registration Information	Registration Leo	\$20.00	
	Registration Lions or Guests After April 15 th , 2024 - Registration	\$30.00 \$40.00	
	Pin Trader Table Rental Fee (Waived with paid registration)	Free	
	Vendor Table – Promoting a Product or Event (Waived if Registered & buys a lunch or dinner ticket)	\$25.00	
Friday 5/24/24	Breakfast	\$21.00	
	Lions Luncheon – Everyone Invited	\$26.00	
	Off to the Races Fun Night Ticket Only	\$15.00	
	Off to the Races Fun Dinner and Fun Night Ticket	\$32.00	
Saturday 5/25/24	PDG & Partners' Breakfast	\$21.00	
	Breakfast (Not PDG or Partner)	\$21.00	
	Luncheon	\$32.00	
	Lions Appreciation Banquet (choose only 1 dinner) <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Cordon Bleu <input type="checkbox"/> Pan Seared Salmon	\$35.00 \$44.00	
	Attire: Semi-Formal, Dressy, Business, Club Uniform		
Total Amount Enclosed			

Please Note: Credit Card charges will be in US Funds. There will be a credit card service fee added to your total.

Please Check Credit Card Type: () Visa () MasterCard

Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____ / _____

3 Digit Security Code found on back of card: _____ Zip code: _____

Signature if paying by Credit Card: _____

**Registrations can be mailed to PDG Steve Brooks, 2308 114th Ave NE, Lake Stevens, WA 98258
kc7mck@gmail.com**

Make checks payable to: MD19 Convention

Abbreviated Descriptions of Meals – Note: There will be vegetarian and other dietary needs for those requiring it.

Friday Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs with Diced Tomatoes, Seasonal Fruit Salad, Applewood Smoked Bacon and Sausage, Assorted Pastries & Danish, Mini Hashbrowns with Onions and Bacon Bits, Orange Juice, Coffee or Tea

Friday Lunch: Chef's Choice Seasonal Soup, Mixed Greens with Assorted Toppings & Dressings, Chef's Selection of Sandwiches, Potato Chips. Cookies, Coffee or Tea

Friday Dinner: Cheeseburger with BBQ Rub, All Beef Hot Dog with Grilled Onions, Marinated Vegetable Kabob, Potato Sald, Pasta Salad, Corn on the Cob with Herb Butter.

Saturday Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs with Diced Tomatoes, Seasonal Fruit Salad, Applewood Smoked Bacon and Sausage, Assorted Pastries & Danish, Mini Hashbrowns with Onions and Bacon Bits, Orange Juice, Coffee or Tea

Saturday PDG Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs with Diced Tomatoes, Seasonal Fruit Salad, Applewood Smoked Bacon and Sausage, Assorted Pastries & Danish, Mini Hashbrowns with Onions and Bacon Bits, Orange Juice, Coffee or Tea

Saturday Luncheon: Roasted Chicken Lunch Buffet, Mixed Green Salad, Vegetable, Rolls & Butter, Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp, Coffee or Tea

Appreciation Banquet: Choice of Entree

Chicken Cordon Blue – Breaded Chicken Breast Stuffed with Black Forest Ham and Swiss Cheese, Finished with Garlic Cream Sauce Garden, Green Salad, Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes, Coffee or Tea

Pan Seared Salmon – Pan Seared Fresh Salmon with Fresh Pesto, Green Salad, Rolls & Butter, Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes, Coffee or Tea

Off to the Races “Kentucky Derby Style”

Ladies, get out your fascinators, and Gentlemen time to show off those ties!

Lions, Leos, and Friends, join me in welcoming International Director Steven Middlemiss and his spouse Lion LeeAnn to our upcoming MD-19 Annual Convention. The Convention takes place May 24-25, 2024 at the Silver Reef Casino, Ferndale WA. Come join us for a different kind of Convention: changes include new ideas, new approaches, new friends, new contests, and NEW THIS YEAR – MULTIPLE SERVICE PROJECTS!

What you need to know before you show:

- Thursday and Friday, May 23-24, 2024
 - 8:30 am to 3:30 pm on Thursday and 8:30 am to 11:30 am on Friday
 - Training School for DG Elects, VDG Elects & ZC Elects
- Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 7:30 pm Pre-Council of Governors meeting
- Friday, May 24, 2024 at 8:30 am Council of Governors meeting
- Friday, May 24, 2024
 - At the Starting Gate... at 11:45 am - 1:40 pm Luncheon Program
 - Will include 5-minute achievement speeches from 2022-2023 year
 - ...And They're Off! 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm We are Lions and WE SERVE!
 - Choose from a variety of service projects and activities such as Project Linus, Animal Tag & Bag, Prep & Paint Buildings, Gardening, and several other good hands-on service activities - something for almost everyone!
 - Need a break from it all? The Lions Lounge offers 20-minute open mic time slots (must sign up in advance) – read poetry, sing songs, practice your speech – the world is your oyster, and the mic is yours
 - ...You can tell we got ourselves a race! Dinner and Fun Night
 - 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Social
 - 5:45 pm-6:45 pm Dinner
 - After Dinner Activities include 5-minute Achievements, and Horse Races - pick your favorite Governor & Horse – cheer them all the way to the winner's circle
- Saturday, May 25, 2024
 - 6:45 am - 7:45 am Breakfast
 - 8:15 am - 9:00 am Memorial Service
 - 9:15 am - 10:45 am General Assembly
 - 9:00 am - 11:00 am & 2:00 pm - 4:20 pm LIONS LOUNGE IS OPEN
 - 11:00 am - 11:30 am Special Event Show
 - 11:45 am 5-minute Achievements 2023-2024
 - And here they come, rounding the corner... 12:20 pm Luncheon with Special Guest Chat
 - ...In the final Stretch! 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm More Community Service Opportunities!
 - ...They're neck and neck! 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm Most of the Awards & Recognitions
 - ...Welcome to the Winner's Circle 5:30 pm Social Hour and Dinner with ID Steven Middlemiss
 - Final awards, acknowledgements, and announcement

Council Chairperson Elections at MD19 Annual Convention

This coming spring, during the 2024 Multiple District 19 Annual Convention we will have the choice between two Lions seeking the role of Vice Council Chair.

Both of these Lions feel that they have the understanding and skillset to help the Council of Governors to guide the Multiple District in 2024-2025. The election will take place at the MD Annual Convention, and we will see one of these Lions serving the MD as Vice Council Chair 2024-2025 and presumably they will continue to serve the following two years, as Council Chair 2025-2026 and Immediate Past Council Chair 2026-2027.

Peoples Bank Awards Grants to Regional Nonprofit

Excerpt from Article on Whatcom Talk

In a bid to help positively impact the communities in which it operates, six years ago Peoples Bank created the Peoples Bank Impact Grant program to help eligible nonprofits provide a long-lasting, positive impact on the community. This year, the Bellingham Central Lions Club was awarded a \$25,000 Peoples Bank Impact Grant, and Mount Vernon-based Children of the Valley was awarded a \$10,000 Peoples Choice Impact Grant.

We sat down with Bellingham Central Lions Club President Debbie Costello and Children of the Valley Executive Director Flora Lucatero to learn more about the missions of their organizations and how they'll put the grants to good use.

Peoples Bank Impact Grant

As a full-service community bank operated locally, Peoples Bank is no stranger to the needs of the communities in which it provides services. Thus, the Peoples Bank Impact Grant program was introduced in 2017 to help strengthen nonprofit organizations doing important work across the region. This year, the \$25,000 grant was awarded to the Bellingham Central Lions Club.

"The Bellingham Central Lions Club recently celebrated 102 years of being in this community," says Debbie Costello. "Along with the Haskell Eye Clinic, we support several programs, including the Wheelchair Warehouse and Books for Kids. There's always a need in the community for our services, so we are extremely grateful to receive this grant from Peoples Bank."

In operation for 12 years, the all-volunteer Haskell Eye Clinic provides free eye examinations and glasses for qualified low-income and homeless people in the community.

"The Haskell Eye Clinic was in need of an Ocular Coherence Tomography machine, or OCT, which is essentially an ultrasound that can get micron-level visibility inside the eyes to diagnose different conditions like glaucoma, retinopathy from diabetes, or optic nerve disease," says Costello.

Bellingham Central Lions Club used the \$25,000 grant to purchase the machine and installed it at the end of November. "This equipment has been a missing link at the eye clinic for quite some time," says Costello. "It cost the same amount of money as the grant award; it was just meant to be — a miracle."



"Getting out there in the community involves a lot of word of mouth and a lot of help from those who can direct people to our services and fund our work," Costello says. "We are a service organization and where there's a need, there's a Lion."

Motion Passed in Boston - LCICon

DISCOUNTED MEMBER: A member of this club who pays discounted dues as a result of their family membership status, student status or participation in any other discounted membership program offered by the association who desires to retain membership in this club and meets the qualifications for discounted dues. The membership status shall be verified by the board of directors of this club. A Discounted Member shall be eligible to hold office in district or international meetings, but shall pay such dues as the local club may charge, which dues shall include district and international dues.

This membership category shall not be included in the club delegate formula calculation.

[Above section effective January 1, 2024]

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.

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.

2023-2024 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:

2023-2024 MD19 Roster Only: Cost is \$7.00 U.S. Funds plus shipping and handling.

Add \$3.00 S/H for U.S. Addresses and \$5.00 for Canadian Addresses.

2023-2024 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 \$12.00 = \$32.00 USD

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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.



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Billing Address: _____

Street Address / P.O. Box

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State/Prov.

Zip/Postal code

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Signature: _____ (payment will be in US Funds)

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2023-24 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 .jpg, .png or .tif file. When submitting written copy only, not camera ready, an additional \$25.00 will be charged for ad design. You will be asked to sign off on any ad created for you. Specify ad size and number of issues the ad will run.

Vital Information

The MD19 Second Half Dues statements were emailed January 15-17, 2024 to Club Treasurers or Secretary/Treasurers. If no email address was available or returned as undeliverable, they were mailed January 18th. Dues are based on the December 31st membership total or from the most recent WMMR received at LCI. If your club has not received an MD19 dues statement, please contact the office ASAP – md19admin@lionsmd19.org or call 360-733-4911.

Notification of dues: An Aweber email was sent informing all on our email listing about these dues being sent. Before asking us to resend the statement please ask your treasurer first to see if they have received the MD19 second half dues statement. Make sure they also check the junk/spam folder of their email program as the statements may be sent there instead of the inbox.

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

District Spring Conventions: Club secretaries will receive an email with information on their delegate allotment. To keep you informed, you should receive from your district leadership items on what you will be voting on at your district convention.

Dues: A club must have their MD19 2023-2024 Second Half Dues **paid** prior to the District Convention for delegates to vote.

Club Officers for the Lions year 2024-2025 should be elected prior to April 15th. Your PU101 (International) must be completed and **received** by LCI **AND** the MD19 Office on or before **May 15th**. Instructions for doing the PU101 online with your clubs' MyLCI site can be found in the MD19 Contests and Awards Book under Secretary Excellence Award Rules. **An AWeber notification with the instructions will also be sent in March.**

Canadian LCIF Donations: Send donations directly to LCIF. Canadian clubs requiring a tax receipt send checks to: Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF, C/O Stan Durward, Box 38, Sunderland, Ontario L0C 1H0. If only an acknowledgement letter is needed (no tax receipt required) send your donation to: Lions Clubs International Foundation, P.O. Box 2425, Station "A", Toronto, Ontario M5W 2K5. All cheques must have proper identification of donors (full club name / club number and member name and number). **US clubs** send your checks to: LCIF, Department 4547, Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547, USA.

CARE Donations, both US and Canadian are sent to the MD19 Office, 4141 Bennett Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226. Make checks out to: MD19 Lions CARE.

Help Wanted

By PID Allan Hunt, Host Committee Chairperson

For those of you who have been following along, MD19 will be Hosting the Spring 2024 International Board Meeting in Vancouver, BC. The dates for this event are March 14-20, 2024. The actual meeting is March 16-19, but as a host committee we have obligations from the March 14-20, 2024.

We need help from Lions to meet arriving Board Members at Vancouver International Airport. We also will need to provide Lions at the Host Desk inside the hotel each day of the board meetings. If anyone wishes to assist with any of these opportunities, please contact me via email at allansiphone4s@gmail.com.

Our biggest ask though is support for a Host night where we can meet and greet the Executive Officers, International Directors, Spouses and Staff. We have no budget provided for this; this is something we need to figure out ourselves. We have asked each District to assist with \$500 which will help, but will not cover all of the costs. We are asking each Lions Club and Lions in MD19 to assist us with a contribution of \$25 dollars or more. These funds can be sent with the Host Night Contribution on the memo line. Lions in the USA send the check to the MD19 Office in Bellingham (4141 Bennett Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226), Canadian Lions send the check to the MD19, Box 1621, Aldergrove BC V4W 2V1.

Save the Date
May 23, 2024



*North Pend Oreille
Valley Lions Club*

50th Anniversary



Special Donations 2023-2024

	LCIF	CARE
19-O Michele Barrie In Honor of her family		200.00
19-N Cheryl Coast Kent Lions Club		250.00
PDG Emerson Bishop In Memory of PZC David Bryan		200.00
19-S PDG Harry Lippincott Spokane Central Lions Club		100.00
PDG Erma Kemp In memory of PCC Jim Kemp		100.00
Jo Eggensmith Spokane Shadle North		15.00
PDG Ken and 1stVDG Tammy Allan Spokane Shadle North		50.00

Memorials for December 2023

L A9 Vancouver Evergreen	PDG Linda C Y Wong
L 13 Pender Islands	Russell J. Searle
L 14 Duncan	Gustave Kyle Strand
L 15 Gold River	Glenn Frame
L 17 Nanaimo	Robert Rowledge
I 1 Wasa	Debbie Munro
I 5 Rossland Golden City	William McGuire
I 6 Mattawa Desert Aire	Joseph Williams
I 7 Wenatchee Valley	Sharon Lynn Heimbigner
I 9 Westbank	Jim H. Corbett
I 9 Westbank	Dave Kildare
I 10 Vernon	PDG William Friend
I 12 Kamloops Paddlewheelers	Don Munro
O 2 Pitt Meadows	Tom Kubb
N 1 Poulsbo	Thomas F. Stark
N 9 Longview Pioneer	John R. Patten
N 10 Fort Vancouver	Kenneth N. Milligan
S 3 Waitsburg	Terry Jacoy
S 12 Davenport	Joe Lilje

Percentages of WMMRs received for month of January 2024 and Second Half Dues Paid for 2023-2024

	WMMRs	DUES
19-L	99%	25%
19-I	99%	43%
19-O	74%	48%
19-N	73%	52%
19-S	61%	38%

Memorials for January 2024

L 12 Esquimalt	Bryan Mee
L 12 Sooke	Lorne Christensen
L 12 Sooke	Helge Vedel Jensen
L 17 Parksville	Clifford Green
I 1 Wasa	Wayne Meena
I 2 Fernie	Neil Thompson
I 6 Moses Lake	John Wehling
I 11 Valemout	Gordon Wood
O 1 North Delta	Henry Gotzke
O 5 Bellingham Fairhaven	Gerald Johnson
O 7 Oak Harbor	Sandi J. Carrothers
O 8 Everett South	Ray L. Bowman
N 3 Lakewood First	Bernard M. Cooper
N 3 Tacoma Southeast	Thomas E. Riley, Jr.
N 6 Toledo	Mickey Potter
N 8 Spanaway Parkland	Louis W. Verkoelen
N 10 Salmon Creek	PCC Jim W. Terrell
S 1 Naches	Shayne E. Downing
S 7 Moscow Central	Dale O. Everson
S 11 Priest Lake	Elizabeth B. Hagman

“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

Isn't It Time to Grow?

By PCC Hal Palmer, MD19 GMT

Yes, it is!

Now more than ever each member must think about growing your club. If you take a minute to think of all the Service activities you are NOT doing, it becomes clear that new members are important.

Are you getting too old for a beach cleanup? Does it need to be done? Shouldn't it be your Lions club?

What if you partnered with a local hiking club? or...?

It's time to Just Ask!

It's time to ask about a Just Ask workshop for your club. Call me at 360-431-2733 or email at lionhal@gmail.com for more information.

What If you asked one person to join Lions? Find out more

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Past Council Chair Hal Palmer
MD19 Lions 2011-2012
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It's 2024 Convention Season for LIONS!

Find out more about each convention and we'll see you there!

District 19-L Annual Convention is at the Executive House Vancouver Resort on April 12 and 13 in Vancouver, B.C.

District 19-I Annual Convention is at Ramada Kelowna Hotel, Kelowna, B.C. on April 26 and 27.

District 19-O Annual Convention is at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center, Bellingham, WA on March 22 and 23.

District 19-N Annual Convention is at the Cowlitz County Event Center, Longview, WA on April 19-20.

District 19-S Annual Convention is at Coeur D'Alene Casino, Worley, ID on April 19-20.

For more information, check back regularly:
<https://lionsmd19.org/>



Save the Date!



"Let's Go Fishing!" at the
1st District 19-O Convention

March 22-23, 2024

Four Points by Sheraton, Bellingham
Rock White, Chairperson

More information. Coming soon!



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- Your personal donation
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Convention Season - Awards!

It's Convention Season once again! We at the MD19 office are excited to announce the arrival of our new Award Patch. Available for District & Multiple District use, the patch is 4"x5" and replaces the out of supply triangular patch. At just \$4 each the blue border, yellow background patch has room on the bottom third for up three lines of text that are the same size as the "Annual Convention". As always, we ask that the Districts embroider their Contests and Awards in red or other color, but reserve the blue thread for the MD award.

About those MD awards, we are hoping to restart several of the contests between the Districts. To do that, the following categories are available for your District to compete in during the MD19 Annual Convention May 24-25. This will include an opportunity to catch up the 2022-2023 entries. We know not every District sent the winner information in last October, (we need an active C&A chairperson! Are you interested?). If your District held any C&A's during the 2022-2023 District Conferences, send the results to us at the office, please also include your results for the 2023-2024 winner. Don't forget to send your winners to the MD19 Annual Convention at the Silver Reef Casino in Ferndale WA, May 24-25, 2024. MD19 Website has the rules and guide sheets posted here <https://lionsmd19.org/awards.php>, click on the award symbol and follow the link to the instructions. We are looking for your 2022-2023 entries and your 2023-2024 entries in these categories:

- Club Bulletin (aka Newsletter – can be electronically distributed)
- Club Scrapbook (traditional or media)
- Club Business Card

Electronically distributed versions must be submitted to md19lions@lionsmd19.org prior to May 5, 2024. Hardcopy versions need to be dropped at the Convention Office prior to 4:00 pm on May 24, 2024. The hard copy must be picked up prior to 4:00 pm on May 25, 2024 or it will be disposed of.

Additionally, we will be holding the 5-minute Club Achievement speeches for 2022-2023 & 2023-2024. Rules can be found here https://lionsmd19.org/downloads/rules_achievement.pdf.

PLEASE NOTE THE 5 MINUTE ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST STARTS AT NOON FRIDAY MAY 24, 2024.

ADDITIONAL NEWS! Newly added and un-officially conducted as a "try it and see if we like it" as seen in 19-N, look for the MD19 Social Media contest.

FINAL NOTE: All of the 2023-2024 Recognition of Excellence recipients will be determined after the May & June stats have been calculated. One proposal would be to have the Immediate Past District Governor coordinate the delivery of the recognition, possibly at a zone meeting, and the recipients will be showcased at the following Annual Convention.

Peace Poster - MD19 Winner from 19-S

Student: A.J. Alfante
 Age: 13
 Grade: Eighth
 School: Davenport Middle School
 Sponsoring Club: Davenport Lions Club, S-12

Students Quote on Peace:

"As you see, the right side shows a dove pulling all the destruction, war and people fighting with aggravation out of the planet earth. The left side symbolizes the good side from the bad. The dove is revealing what is underneath all the negative disasters. It's revealing justice, liberty, and peace to all the people in different countries and states around the world."

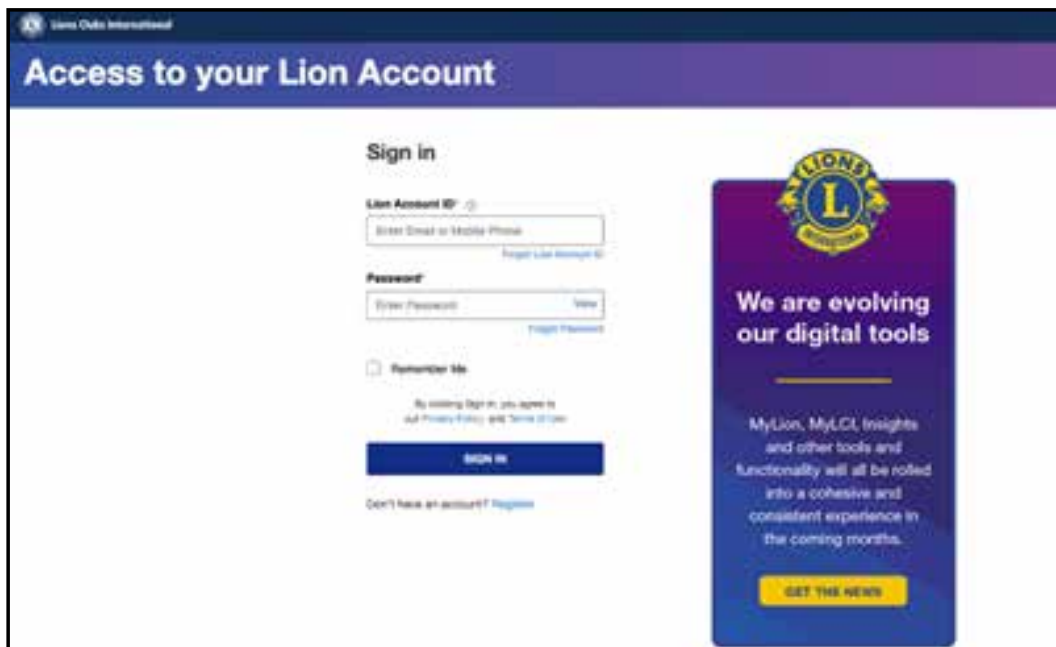


Lions Learning Center

There are so many advantages to being a Lion or a Leo. One of the most impactful is having access to world-class and free personal growth opportunities. At the center of developing and growing as a Lion or Leo is the Lions Learning Center (LLC). The LLC is your premier platform for web-based learning ranging from leadership and organizational subjects to a broad range of personal development. When you avail yourself of these training modules, you not only gain meaningful knowledge but also build a personal training portfolio.

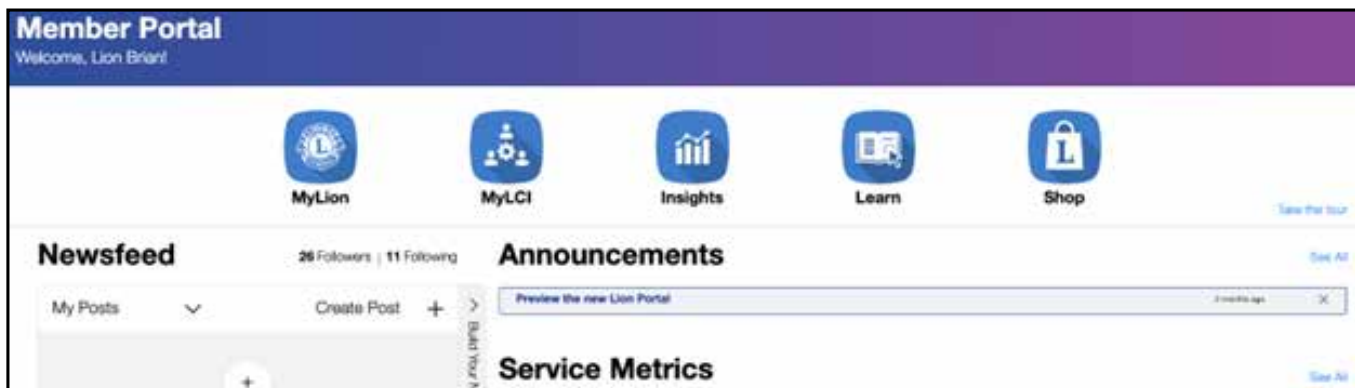
To access the LLC is really quite simple; click here to view the LLC Access Guide or follow these steps:

Step 1: Log in to your Lion account by clicking on the Member Login link.



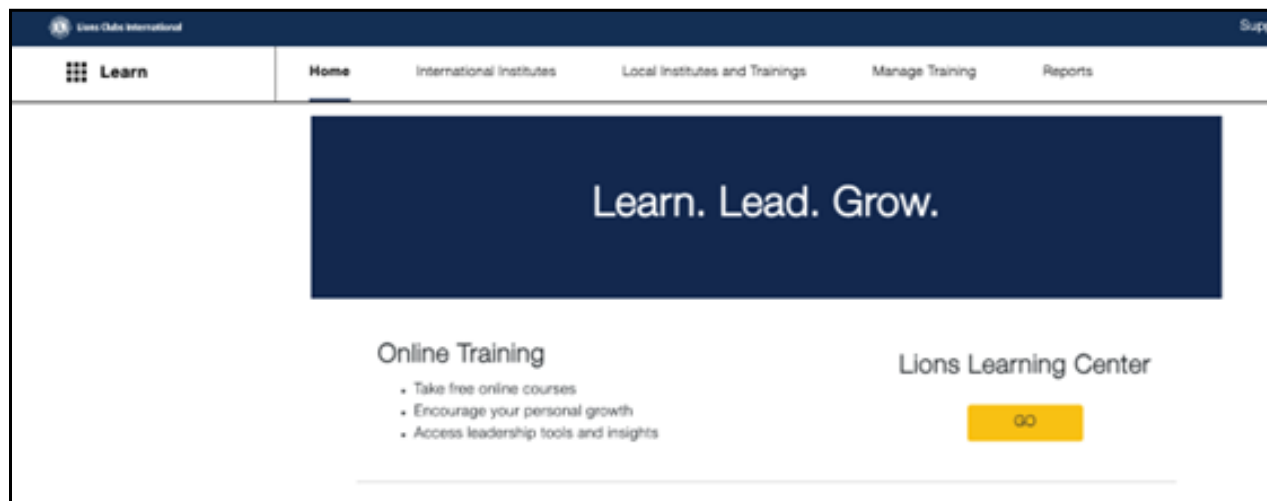
Step 2: Sign In using your Lion Account information. If you do not have a Lion Account, click on “Register” to create a profile. You will need the following information: • Member ID • Date of Birth • Email Address or Mobile Number - these fields must match the Lions Clubs International database, so if needed, please get in touch with your club secretary to verify your information.

Step 3: Click on the Learn icon.

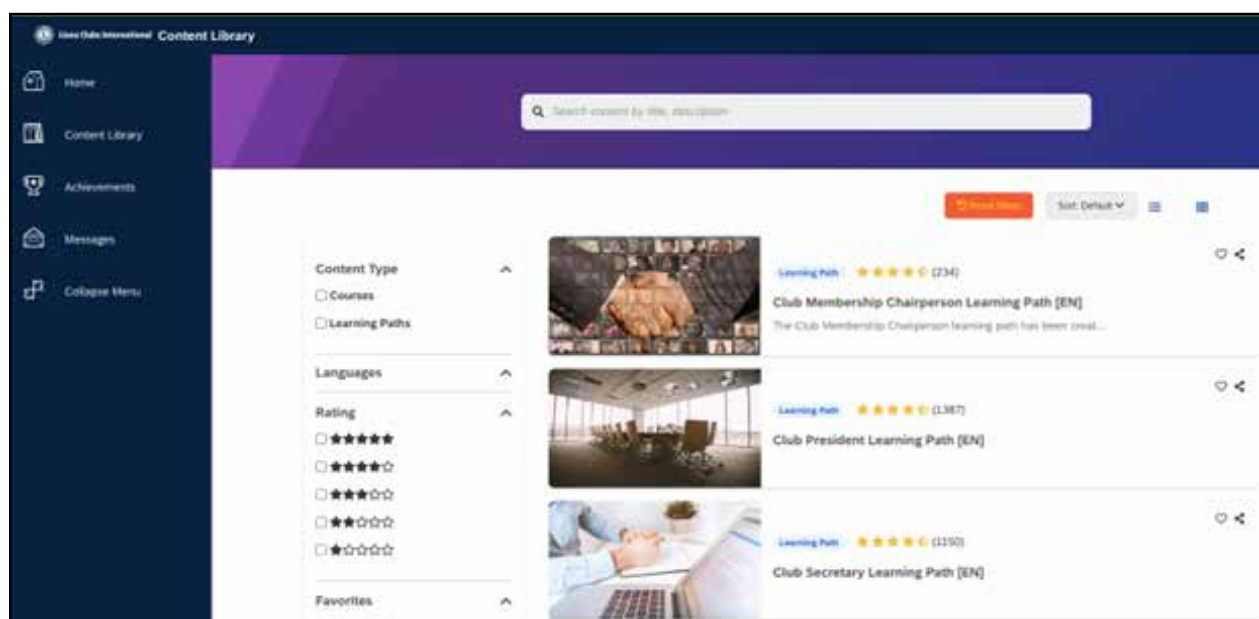


Lions Learning Center - continued

Step 4: Click on the Go button.



Step 5: Click on the Content Library Link.



You can now select courses, and they will show up on your home page. There is even a course that provides an interactive overview of the Lions Learning Center, where you will learn in more detail how to navigate and reap the benefits of the LLC content.

Lastly, I'm sure you have heard about the new Lion Portal that is coming in 2024. While the new integrated portal will require a new login and password, the Learn function will port over in its entirety, and you will see the same tool as you have today, including all your training records. So, don't wait; take a few minutes today and be sure you are taking advantage of LEARN and all its great benefits!

For assistance with your Lion Account, don't hesitate to ask your club secretary or contact MyLion Support at mylionsupport@lionsclubs.org or 630-468-7000.

MD19 Calendar of Events 2023 - 2024

2024

Lions Clubs International Board Meeting	Vancouver B.C.	March 14-20, 2024
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April 8th: Hey did you know that Peter & Michele share their birthday TODAY? APRIL 8th
First 10 people to email us at md19lions@lionsmd19.org THAT DAY and say Happy Birthday will be entered into a random drawing for a gift from us to you!

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MD19 Annual Convention	Silver Reef Casino, Ferndale WA	May 24-25, 2024

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Ask someone to become a Lion!