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## Leadership Corner

By Debbie Bostock, MD19 GLT

As the Lions' year ends, many of you have been entrusted with newly elected positions within your Clubs, Zones, or Districts. This is both an honor and a responsibility, and the question stands: Are you prepared to lead?

MD19 is committed to equipping leaders with the tools they need to succeed. Support is available in a variety of formats to suit individual needs, including:

- One-on-one mentorship sessions
- Classroom-style workshops
- Self-directed learning opportunities

For incoming District Governors, Vice District Governors and Global Action Team members, MD19 hosted an intensive day of seminars focused on team building and skill development. The incoming Zone Chairpersons had a day and a half of seminars to help make their year a success.

If you are an incoming Club Officer, such as Club President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Membership Chairperson, there are numerous courses offered by LCI. These sessions can be found in the Lions Portal under Training. These sessions are tailored to ensure you have the knowledge and confidence to excel in your role. The manuals are available for all these positions on the MD19 website under Toolbox – Learning. They are a great source of information, download them to your computer/laptop for easy access.

Leadership preparation goes beyond individual training — it involves strategic club planning. Clubs are encouraged to hold planning sessions in June or in early July under the guidance of the incoming Club President. These sessions are crucial for aligning goals, setting priorities, and fostering collaboration among members.

Additionally, budgeting is a key aspect of club management. Incoming Club Treasurers should convene their Budget teams and begin drafting a financial plan for the upcoming year. The MD19 website hosts a comprehensive Club Treasurer Manual that can provide invaluable guidance and innovative ideas for managing club finances effectively.

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## Link to More Information

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\\_XSXIw](https://youtu.be/Md8S_XSXIw)

Wondering about the future? Look here  
<https://lionsmd19.org/calendar.php>

Lions Quest Canada  
<https://www.lionsquest.ca/>

Lions Camp Horizon  
<https://lionscamphorizon.org>

Lions Member Resource Center  
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center>

Lions Virtual Events Center  
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/virtual-events-center>

Lions International Calendar  
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/lions-events-calendar>

Lions Easter Seals Camps - BC/Yukon  
<https://www.eastersealsbcy.ca/summercamp/>

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## MD19 Council Chairperson

### Patty Allen-White



The blank page stares back at me as I attempt to write this "Swan Song Council Chairperson Article". The reality that the words "thank you" is not large enough to express what I feel about this year and about you, MD19 Lions. So many of you have been willing to reach out to say "Yes!" and help along the way. Humbly and sincerely, I say, "Thanks for all your help and for the memories".

I'm thinking that the best way to end a journey is to begin another. I'm following your positive lead and saying, "Yes" to a new challenge. I will be filling a spot in the list of MD19 Committee Chairpersons by becoming the MD19 Contests and Awards Committee Chairperson. I believe in this program, so I figure it's my turn to try my hand at leading it. I've been hearing the names of several District Contests and Awards Chairpersons, and I'm thinking this could be fun!

Let's all be looking for Lions Clubs and Leo Clubs that are doing interesting service or fund-raising projects. Encourage club members, Lions and Leos, to create a 5-minute achievement talk to share about these projects at the District Conventions. I just heard of a Lion that picked up an idea listening to one of the 5-minute talks at his/her spring convention and is now chairing that very project in his/her area on the other side of the district! Bonus! Even though it turns out that it wasn't selected as the winning talk, it was still a great idea and project! As DG Beth James keeps telling us, "Give 'em something to talk about!"

Governors, and Vice District Governors, keep collecting names in your little notebooks of Lions, Leos and Clubs that deserve to be recognized. It is a privilege to hand out recognition to hard-working volunteers **who are making the world a better place to live.** We sure do need more people like that. Good reason for increasing our membership, right?

Council Chairperson Elect Steve Brooks, have a great year with your team: Teresa, Steve, September, Donna, Roger, and Vice Council Chairperson Elect Wanda. Glad to hear you are feeling better, PDG Steve, so you can perhaps run for the office of the Vice Council Chairperson next year.

I look forward to working again with one of the most forwarding-thinking, creative, energetic groups of District Governors ever to lead the Lions Family in MD19: Kevin, Chuck, Beth, Les, and Tammy. You left a positive mark on your Lions and Leos and me. Thank you for your leadership and friendship. JD, you really do rock as a parliamentarian.

## Let's Make Connections...4 Weeks to Florida!

### By Shellie Staudinger, MD19 International Convention Chairperson

Are you going to this year's International Convention in Orlando? Make sure your name is on our MD roster! Please email [shelley-staudinger@comcast.net](mailto:shelley-staudinger@comcast.net) to get on this list! Or join us on Facebook and Whats App.

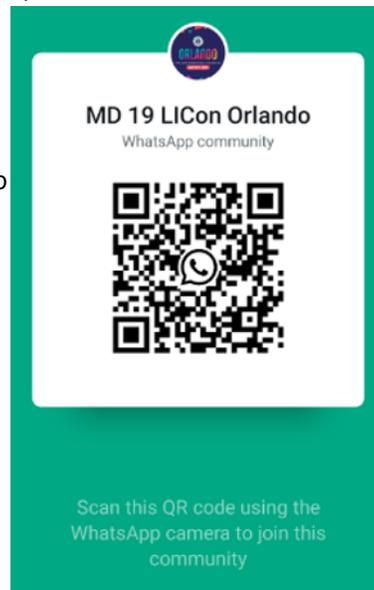
Facebook: Our convention Facebook group is called Let's Go MD19 LionsCon. Here's a link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1C9qFhdu7K/>

WhatsApp is our main message platform. The group is MD 19 LICon Orlando. See the QR code invite for the group to the right.

Lions International's Convention Website The best source of current information is directly from Lions International <https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/>

Parade Uniform for the Parade of Nations: Our official parade uniform will be MD19 raspberry polo shirt and tan/khaki bottoms. Your choice of style on the bottoms. If you don't already have the hot pink shirt get in touch with the MD office to get yours soon. Supplies are limited!

Your in Service,  
Shelley Staudinger  
MD19 International Convention Chairperson  
[shelley-staudinger@comcast.net](mailto:shelley-staudinger@comcast.net)  
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## LITPC Offers Scholarships

### By DG Mary Ellen Sherer, 13-OH3 LITPC Board of Director Member

Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) offers eight scholarships.

LITPC offers scholarships each year and for 2026 we will be giving out eight (\$4,000 US Dollars) scholarships.

More information for these scholarships will be sent out in September. The Scholarships will be given out next June to graduating High school students. The Students must be a child, grandchild of a current Lion member or they could be a current Leo member.

# MD19 Annual Convention - A Few Photos!



Executive Director, Peter Anderson presents check to Erma Kemp for MD19 2024-2025 donation for over \$40,000



Council Chairperson Patty Allen-White presents the International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation to Georgia Medwedrich for all of her hard work as Diabetes Chairperson over several years



Registration!



Time to vote!



Friends gathering during a break at MD19 Convention



Fun photos from Fun Night!



## Roaring Thru the Twenties - District I Convention

The Convention brings together Lions from District I, and Lions from the other MD19 Districts and elsewhere, to meet and celebrate District Governor Chuck Robinson's year, to attend seminars and symposiums and to socialize.

**REGISTRATION – OPENS JUNE 1, 2025** - See registration form with payment instructions on page 5

### ACCOMODATIONS

PENTICTON LAKESIDE RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE

INDIVIDUAL RESERVATIONS - CALL-IN/EMAIL: Before AUGUST 21, 2025, each guest needs to make their reservation by calling 250-493-8221 or 1-800-663-9400 option 1 or emailing lakeside@rpbhotels.com and identifying themselves as members of the LIONS DISTRICT I CONFERENCE to receive the special guestroom rate.

GUESTROOM RATES: Start at \$197 CAD per night in the Main Building with Cityview, Beachview and Lakeview options.

PARKING: Parking is \$10+ GST per day, per vehicle, for in-house guests.

CUT-OFF DATE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025

Pending availability at the time of booking, these guestroom rates may be extended up to three (3) days before and after the Group's guestroom block dates.

### HOW YOUR CLUB CAN HELP

Raffle & Silent Auction - To assist us regarding the Raffle & Silent Auction, we will be asking clubs to supply a prize or an item, or simply make a cash donation. We will gladly accept whatever prize, item or amount your club is comfortable with providing. Requests will be sent out again to clubs in late August.

ReCycling - Another way your club can help is by bringing jig saw puzzles and/or games to the convention that we can pass on to the Senior's homes in our community.

### PRELIMINARY INFO & PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Program Highlights - Get ready to be inspired, empowered, and equipped at the upcoming 19-I Lions Convention! This year's lineup of dynamic panels is designed to spark fresh ideas and energize your service. From hands-on insights in the Secretary, Service Chair & Club Administrator Panel to the President's Rap Session, you'll find real-world strategies to strengthen your club and deepen your impact. Whether you're a long-time Lion or just starting your journey, these sessions are built to uplift and unite.

Explore powerful themes like Leadership, Lions Quest, and The Art of Recognition, while gaining practical tools through engaging workshops such as Navigating the Lions Portal and Building a Legacy: The Lions Guide to Service Project Success. Plus, discover how innovation meets service in Lead with Service: How AI Can Supercharge Lions' Mission, and how to embrace growth in How to Embrace Change. With something for everyone, this convention is more than an event—it's a launchpad for the future of Lionism. Don't miss it!

### Service Project

Late Friday afternoon the Penticton Lions is promoting a "Send Kids To Camp Walk." We are hoping to raise money during the walk to pay for kids' registrations to Easter Seals/BC & Yukon (BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities) - Camp Winfield. Camp Winfield, here in the Okanagan, is one of the adopted camps of District I. The walk will be from the Convention Hotel to the historic SS Sicamous and back along the promenade on Okanagan Lake. It will also be an opportunity to promote the work of the Penticton Lions and the other clubs in District I.

### FUN Night

We will really be "Roaring Thru The Twenties". Period costumes are encouraged and there will be prizes for best dressed. The DJ has planned appropriately themed music throughout the evening and there will be a "Charleston" dance contest too! Don't know the Charleston ... check it out on Google. Hors d'oeuvres will be available later in the evening.

We are looking forward to having many Lions and their guests join us to experience a great convention and the beautiful City of Penticton in British Columbia, Canada.

Bob Elliott, Convention Chair and Margaret Ashley, Convention Co-Chair



# ROARING THRU THE TWENTIES

increasing leadership, membership, service and support of LCIF



## MD19 District I Convention Registration October 3 & 4, 2025

<input type="checkbox"/> Lion <input type="checkbox"/> Leo <input type="checkbox"/> Guest	Print Registrant's Name	Print Registrants Club	Dist/Zone:	
			My first Dist Conference <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Address:				
City:		Prov/St:	Phone:	
Current Title:		Email:		
Special Dietary Requests: Special Meal Requests must be received before September 19, 2025. List the life-threatening food allergy, such as mushrooms or shellfish, which will cause serious illness or death.				

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

Date	Event	Price in CDN	Amount
<b>Registration Information</b>	Registration Leo	\$20.00	
	Registration Lions or Guests	\$40.00	
	After September 1, 2025 - Registration	\$45.00	
<b>Friday, October 3, 2025</b>	Roaring Thru the Twenties (Fun Night) (No meal – only hors d'ouvers – 1920's Attire)	\$24.00	
<b>Saturday, October 4, 2025</b>	Saturday Lunch – Everyone Invited - choose <b>one</b> Traditional Lasagna <input type="checkbox"/> <u>OR</u> Beef Stroganoff Puff Pastry <input type="checkbox"/>	\$47.00	
	Saturday DG Banquet Buffet - choose <b>one</b> Stuffed Chicken Supreme <input type="checkbox"/> <u>OR</u> Pork Tenderloin Medallions <input type="checkbox"/> Attire: Semi-formal, Dressy, Business, Club Uniform	\$66.00	
	<b>Total Amount Enclosed:</b>		0.00

**Please Note:** Credit Card charges will be in CANADIAN 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/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature, if paying by credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment options:

- 1) Send an e-transfer to lionsclubsdisti@gmail.com and email registration form to wrjell99@telus.net. (Only works if you use/have Canadian bank account.)
- 2) Email form with credit card information to wrjell99@telus.net.
- 3) Registrations can also be mailed to: Bob Elliott, 102-801 Comox Street, Penticton, BC V2A 8G5. Make checks/cheques payable (CDN Funds Only) to: "Lions Clubs District I"

Final Deadline for all registrations Friday September 19, 2025. No refunds after September 19, 2025.

Penticton Lakeside Resort, 21 Lakeshore Drive, Penticton, BC V2A 7M5

Room Reservations - Hotel 1-800-663-9400 or emailing lakeside@rpbhotels.com | Use Code: LIONS DISTRICT I CONFERENCE

**DEADLINE FOR BOOKING HOTEL ROOMS IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025**

Room Rates start at \$197 plus taxes for either 1 or 2 people - 1 or 2 beds. Parking \$10.00 per day.

### Abbreviated Descriptions of Meals

Note: There will be vegetarian and other dietary needs for those requiring it.

Saturday Lunch: Caesar Salad, Traditional Lasagna (Vegan & Veg Options) or Beef Stroganoff Puff Pastry, Gourmet Cookies (1 per person), Coffee/Tea

Saturday DG Banquet: Mixed Green Salad, Stuffed Chicken Supreme or Pork Tenderloin Medallions, New York Cheese Cake, Coffee and Tea

## 2025 MD19 Step Challenge Results

DT	CLUB	# STEPPERS	TOTAL	CLUB TOP STEPPER	TOTAL
L	VAN EAST	46	47,182,458	ALEC WONG	4,433,931
L	SHL	30	42,710,355	BEV LEWIS	4,122,411
L	SOOKE	20	29,706,933	FRED MADILL	2,452,015
L	ESQUIMALT	19	24,456,116	PAUL TURCOTTE	3,255,933
L	SDLL	17	23,401,583	LINDA GABRIEL	2,238,149
L	CENTRAL SAANICH	11	17,771,349	SHELLEY ROSE	3,314,212
L	GABRIOLA IS	10	17,307,121	BRUCE BOORER	4,260,215
L	VICTORIA	11	16,867,013	SUSAN MARCOTTE	3,111,1433
L	NANOOSE BAY	14	14,762,898	SANDY	2,484,300
L	VAN PACIFIC	5	9,241,141	ALICE TU	2,505,207
L	VIC CLL	8	4,960,470	PAT HANNAH	1,454,879
L	VIC CHINATOWN	1	2,557,505	BARRY MING	2,557,505
L	LADYSMITH	6	2,557,505	CAROL MARTIN	1,572,758
L	NANAIMO HUB	1	1,019,199	CLAIRE CLARK	1,019,199
L	WEST SHORE	1	898,344	PAUL PATRICK	898,344
		200	<b>257,678,328</b>		
I	NIL				
O	OAK HARBOR	?	1,050,000	CLUB	1,050,000
O	BELLINGHAM CENTRAL	1	330,469	PATTY ALLEN-WHITE	330,469
O	BURLINGTON	1	305,160	COLETTE ARVIDSON	305,160
O	ANACORTES	1	225,600	ANDY ARVIDSON	225,600
		3 ?	<b>1,911,229</b>		
N	CAMAS	7	9,219,946	BETTY KAUFMAN	2,033,291
N	FORT VANCOUVER	5	7,241,886	DIANE CAVANAUGH	1,949,640
N	TACOMA CENTRAL	2	6,093,692	DAVID YOUNG	3,410,792
		14	<b>22,555,554</b>		
S	NIL				



2025 Top Stepper Alec Wong receiving award from Georgia Medwedrich



2025 Distric Winner - DG Kevin Borde receives award from Georgia Medwedrich for District L

## Mark Your Calendars! Council of Governors Meeting - October 2-3, 2025

Plan on attending the Council of Governors Meeting!

The Pre-Council Meeting will be on Thursday, October 2nd at 7:30 pm in Penticton, B.C. The Council Meeting will start at 9:00 am on Friday, October 3rd, followed by a lunch. Registration forms for Friday lunch will be available after July 1st, you will need to contact the Penticton Lakeside Resort BEFORE the 21st of August to make your own hotel reservation!!! (All the hottel contact information is on District I Convention form. Since you're going to be in town, extend your stay through Sunday and enjoy everything happening at the 19-I convention!

## Kindness Matters Award

To: DG Chuck Robinson and the Global Service Team  
 KINDNESS MATTERS AWARD  
 Submitted by Past President Lynda Devenish  
 Fairmont & District Lions Club  
 October 18, 2024

Fairmont and District Lions Club received a donation of nine acres of land, designated recreational and over the past eight years it has become the Lions Wilder Memorial Park, with picnic tables, Memorial Garden and trees, volleyball court, soccer field, pickle ball courts and now a Lions Community Garden.

In June of 2023, Vice President Joy Smith called a meeting of Fairmont residents to see if there was any interest for a community garden. Twenty community members arrived and offered their support. Lion Joy offered to chair the project and the Lions agreed to support the initiative.

The Radium Community Garden members, shared their knowledge on the garden they had built. The Lions fundraising through recycling and the Golf Challenge would help but more funds would be needed. Lion Joy prepared a costing sheet and applied for an available grant and that was accepted so plans were underway for a spring 2024 construction.

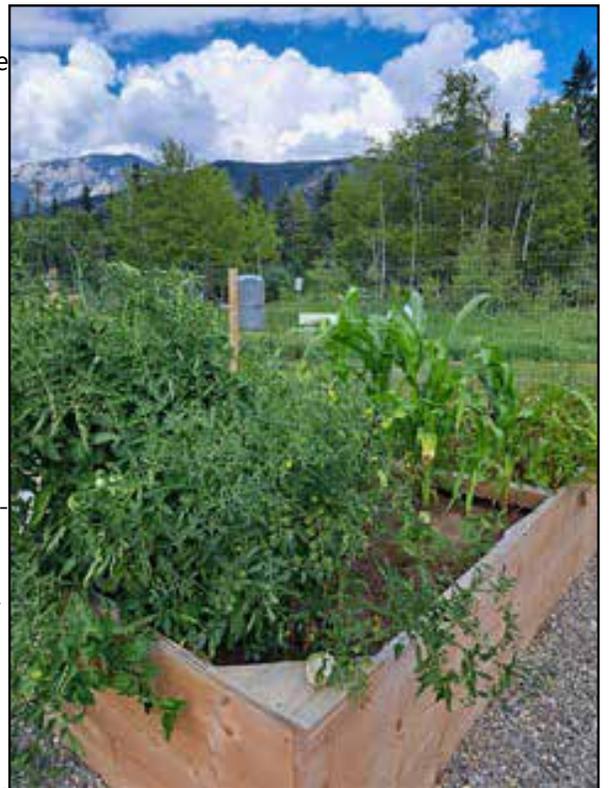
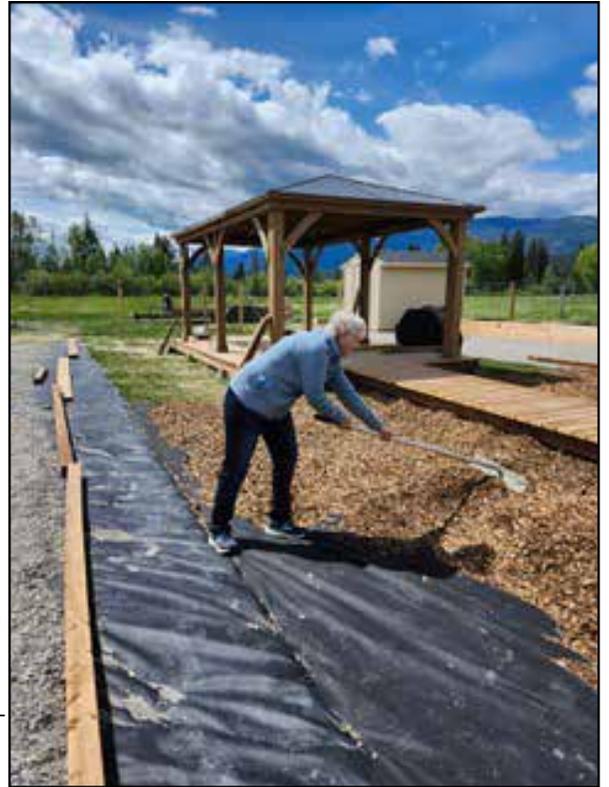
Early spring meetings were called with the community, laying out the garden plans and looking for donations. A culvert was donated as well as lumber and gardening tools. As soon as the frost was gone the well was dug, fence posts installed and boxes were being built.

The Fairmont community is to be congratulated because they came out in force (about 40) working out of the kindness in their hearts, helping the Lions, constructing boxes, walkways, a gazebo and a tool shed. It was very heart warming to see the community pulling on the wire for the construction of the deer fence.

The garden which is wheelchair accessible with high boxes, was completed in fourteen months with all boxes planted and producing vegetables and flowers. There is a children's garden to teach them about growing food. The boxes were free this year but will have a fee for next spring to offset maintenance expenses. On July 22nd, the community was invited to the park for a BBQ to celebrate the grand opening of the Lions Community Garden and the Lions Pickle Ball Courts which was last years project completed this July. Guest of honour, RDEK Director Susan Clovechok said, when people see a project completed well and on schedule, they know who to award the grants to. The total cost of the garden was \$28,000 with \$50,000 in-kind.

The garden is presently being put to bed for the winter. There is a waiting list for boxes and there are plans for art classes for kids making gnomes, fairy houses, bird houses, etc. and the Invermere Library's Story Time in the Park. The Lions Community Garden has proved to be a place for meeting and socializing as well as growing vegetables and flowers.

The Fairmont & District Lions Club, who with the help of our forty plus community members, have created a legacy Lions Community Garden and would like to apply for the Kindness Matters Award. We have had nothing but positive comments from our community regarding the Lions Community Garden and the Lions Park in general.



## Vital Information

**Communication Link:** Whenever a new name is added to the MD19 AWeber email list, the person will receive an email from Peter Anderson with the subject: "Confirm your 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.

Club Presidents and Secretaries who don't have an email address, please provide an email address to MD19 so you receive information that is emailed via AWeber.

### Secretaries have two options for their year-end report:

**Activities Summaries.** A summary of the year's activities shall be prepared by the Secretary and received by the MD19 Office, with a copy to the District Governor, no later than July 25th. A sample summary report and format are included in this Contests and Awards Book following the Secretary of the Year Award Winners.

### OR

The Service Activities report shall be printed and submitted directly to the MD19 Office by the Club Secretary with a copy forwarded to the District Governor no later than July 25th. For those secretaries who have the capability, it is possible to take a screen shot, paste it to a Word document, save it and email it to the MD19 Office (make sure that you indicate the club, district and zone); otherwise, the report must be mailed directly to the MD19 Office. **Instructions on retrieving the Service Report will be sent via AWeber in late June.**

**Other MD19 Recognition – Notification will be emailed to Secretaries.** Forms found on MD19 website under "Toolbox > Forms > Club Forms"

1. MD19 Club President Recognition of Excellence Form. Deadline postmarked by July 25th.
2. Club Membership Director Recognition of Excellence Form. Deadline postmarked by July 25th.
3. Club Treasurer Recognition of Excellence Form. Deadline postmarked by July 25th.

**MD19 2025-2026 First Half Dues Statements:** In late July or early August, the 1st Half MD19 Dues Statements will be emailed out to Lions Club Treasurers or Secretary-Treasurers. If no email address has been provided on the LCI Club Officer Report Form, the Dues Statements will be mailed as hard copies.

**The 2025-2026 MD19 Roster:** The MD19 2025-26 Rosters will be mailed out in August in a very restricted manner. They will automatically be sent to each Lions Club Secretary **ONLY**. There will also be available the PDF version of the roster that can be sent to anyone who wishes it. For those wishing to purchase a hard copy of the MD19 2025-26 Roster be aware that there will be a limited supply available after sending to the Club Secretaries and once they are gone then your only option will be to receive the PDF.

**IMPORTANT:** LCI and MD19 no longer give dues credit for dropped members reported on the July and January WMMRs. Dropped members need to be reported on the June and December WMMRs in order to avoid paying for members no longer in the club.

**Be Aware** that Lions Clubs International has raised their dues to \$50.00 per year per member starting July 1. MD19 dues will be \$26.60 for the 25-26 year.





**MD19 Annual Convention to be held in Wenatchee over Memorial Day Weekend**

**“Celebrating the Fruits of Service”**

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**Home of Fresh Fruit, Miss Veedol, Aplets & Cotlets Factory, Ohme Gardens,  
Wenatchee Super Oval, wineries and so much more!**

**Add an extra day to visit:**

**Leavenworth Bavarian Village or Lake Chelan as you come or go**

*Save  
the Date*

### Special Donations 2024-2025

	LCIF	CARE
19-O Michele Barrie In honor of her children		\$150.00
19-O CC Patty Allen In honor of Tony and Ashley (engagement)		\$100.00
19-O Renton Lions Club In honor of CC Patty and 1st VDG Rock		\$100.00
19-O Rock White Family Trust O-6 Zone Banner		\$ 61.50
19-N PDG Emerson Bishop In Memory of Tom Burrell and PDG Carl Freeland		\$300.00
19-N PDG Emerson Bishop In Memory of PZC Bob Howard		\$200.00
19-N PDG Emerson Bishop In Memory of PDG Chuck Waid		\$200.00
19-N PDG Emerson Bishop In Memory of PDG Suzanne Gayda		\$200.00
19-S PDG Ken and DG Tammy Allan		\$ 50.00

### Percentages of Second Half Dues Paid for 2024-2025, May 2025

	DUES
19-L	84%
19-I	95%
19-O	95%
19-N	97%
19-S	95%

### Memorials for April 2025

L 17	Nanoose Bay	David Blythe
I 1	Fairmont & District	Cheryl Burns
I 1	Fairmont & District	Doran Cain
I 10	Enderby & District	Hilde Friebe
I 13	108 Mile Ranch	Bill Hamilton
O 6	Lake Stevens	George Wood
O 7	Coupeville	Dennis W. Egan
O 7	Coupeville	Barbara A. Vaughan
N 2	Olympia Host	Kathleen M. Anderson
N 5	Hoquiam	Ed D. Coyle
N 7	Tenino	Charlie Gibson
N 9	Longview Pioneer	Robert V. Bagaason
S 11	Priest Lake	Marcia A. Duke
S 12	Wilbur	Robert W. Bandy, Sr.

### Memorials for May 2025

L 11	Port Angeles	Irma Stennes
L 12	Victoria	Richard Coles
L 15	Willow Point	Richard G. S. Hall
I 6	Moses Lake	Ronald L. Shade
I 9	Peachland	Shirley Fedyk
I 10	Vernon	Conway Clark
O 7	San Juan	James D. Cox
N 3	Lakewood First	Edward G. Kane
N 7	Yelm	Mildred Henson
N 8	Eatonville	Tom Smallwood
N 9	Longview Pioneer	Shirlee M. Whyte
N 10	Vancouver	Douglas K. Van Ness

## Leadership Article- continued from page 1

Leadership is not only about fulfilling responsibilities—it's also about inspiring confidence and delivering results. Remember, the Lions who chose you for your position did so based on their trust in your abilities and character. Now is the time to honor that trust with dedication and excellence.

Above all, take pride in your role and enjoy the journey. Being a Club, Zone, or District Officer is a fulfilling experience that allows you to make a meaningful impact within your community and beyond. Lead with passion, responsibility, and creativity, and let this year be a testament to your capability as a Lions leader.

Together, we can make the upcoming Lions Year an unforgettable chapter of service and growth.

### 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.

**"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 Calendar of Events 2024 - 2025

## 2025-2026

MD19 Memorial Garden Work Parties 9 am at MD office		July 12, 2025
Lions International Convention	Orlando, FL	July 13-17, 2025
Memorial Garden Remembrance & Rededication 1:00 - 2:30 pm, 4141 Bennett Drive	Bellingham, WA	August 16, 2025
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum	Atlantic City, NJ	September 18-20, 2025
MD19 Council of Governors Meeting District 19-I Annual Conference	Penticton, B.C. Penticton, B.C.	October 2-3, 2025 October 3-4, 2025
Office Closed	Bellingham, WA	December 24, 2025-January 4, 2026
MD19 Council of Governors Meeting Lions Youth Exchange North America Forum District Conventions	Zoom	February 6-7, 2026 February 25-28, 2026
District 19-O	Coquitlam, B.C.	March 20-21, 2025
District 19-N	Tacoma, WA	April 10-11, 2025
District 19-L	Richmond, B.C.	April 10-11, 2025
District 19-L Leo Convention	Richmond, B.C.	April 12, 2025
District 19-S	Coeur d'Alene, ID	April 17-19, 2026
District 19-I	West Kalowna, B.C.	April 24-25, 2025

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