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## Kalama Lions

By DG Doug Harvey

19-G District Governor Doug Harvey reports that he was thrilled to have the honor of visiting the Kalama Lions club and had the honor of presenting some awards.

On June 14, 2021, DG Doug was at the Kalama meeting to install the club's new officers, induct a new member and also to give Lion Don Armeni a Lions for Life award from the club. DG Doug discovered that Don had never been recognized for anything from LCI, and was able to recognize him with an International President's Certificate of Appreciation. Don and the club were surprised and thrilled to find out that this certificate is the 4th highest recognition award that can be given.

90 year old Lion Don Armeni joined the Kalama Lions in 1967 and has been more than a loyal Lion throughout the years. Lion Don's club activity with the Kalama club is listed on page 15.

It was a great night as ZC Ken Botero was also there to deliver the DG's "Gusto" enthusiasm award to Lion Anna Lunday who was unable to make it to the District G Spring Conference. (pictured below)

The 2 hour meeting was Kalama's first this year. Another visitor to the meeting signed up and will be inducted in two weeks.



## Link to More Information

Lions Clubs International Online Convention. Register here: [Virtual LCIcon 2021 \(lionsclubs.org\)](https://lionsclubs.org/virtual-lcicon-2021)

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>

District Goals Planning video series: [JumpStart January: Road to Success Series Playlist](#)

White Cane Days: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/white-cane-safety-day>

Have you seen this yet? [Spoof on Lions Clubs Pancake Breakfasts - YouTube](#)

Or this? [Spoof on Lions Clubs Raffles - YouTube](#)

And must watch this: [Spoof on Lions Clubs Pins - YouTube](#)

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## MD19 Council Chairperson

### Al Hedstrom

The year is complete, but not our journey.

We've come a long way since July of last year in the midst of a pandemic with a huge local impact. Since then, we've learned the value of online meetings and online fundraising. We were not able to do what we planned, but new opportunities presented themselves. Service to our community has the greatest need in times of crisis and Lions have stepped up, as we all expected. And in doing so, we recognize the changes this pandemic has imposed. We all acknowledge that online meetings and fundraisers will continue to be useful. We also recognize that training is the key to improving our organization from the club to the district. And we're starting to comprehend that change is a continuous process, no matter the resistance.

It has been an incredible honor to represent you, some ten thousand Lions of Multiple District 19. I've been saying this for a long time and it's absolutely true: Our MD-19 is an outstanding organization, the envy of many district governors and council chairpersons near and far. I thank you for your support for our multiple district and I'm confident John Moralek will enjoy that same support.

As PDG Sharon Sikes would say, let's keep moving forward and doing great things.

Al Hedstrom  
A Proud Lion from Multiple District 19



## LCICon 2021

We're excited for you to join us at LCICon 2021, Lions Clubs International's first-ever virtual convention!

This new, exciting convention format gives every Lion around the world the opportunity to connect with each other and partake in the excitement that is LCICon. You'll be able to experience all your favorite aspects of convention, including:

- Enjoy music and live entertainment acts featuring top performers from all over the world.
- Take part in expert-led seminars that will allow you to learn and grow your skills.
- Be inspired by our lauded keynote speaker Malala Yousafzai, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate and activist for female education.
- Tour our virtual exhibit hall and chat with specialists about ways to enhance your service, learning opportunities available and more.
- Celebrate Campaign 100, the impact of our foundation and the donors who make it possible in a truly unique way.

You'll also have the opportunity to partake in our virtual parade of nations and virtual flag ceremony! Delegates registered for LCICon, whose clubs are in good standing, will be able to cast their votes virtually for the first time ever. More information on these events is coming soon, so be sure to check back to stay up to date.

<https://lcon.lionsclubs.org/>

Registration [Virtual LCICon 2021 Registration Terms and Conditions](#)

**"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

See page 11 for more information on volunteering some time in the Memorial Garden too!

## Helen Keller Vision Month

By Colette Arvidson, Secretary KOTB

If you're planning your Celebration of Lions Helen Keller Vision Month and didn't get a chance to attend the virtual Kick-off event on May 23rd, it's not too late!

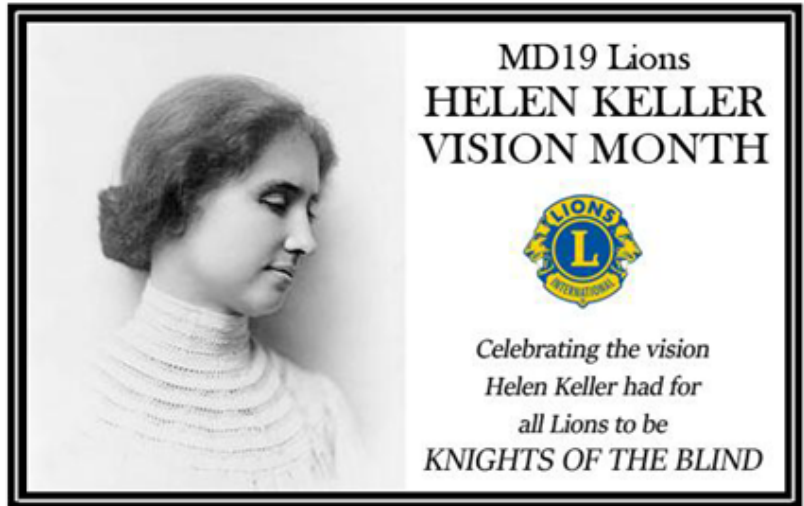
IT'S NOW AVAILABLE - "ON DEMAND!"

Due to several requests, MD19 Knights of the Blind, in addition to your own event Planning Kit full of information and ideas, links to the video and audio portions of that event are available in whole or in selected segments for your own opportunity, whether it is for this month or later in the year.

Clips include:

- An Exclusive Guided Virtual Tour of THE HELEN KELLER BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM
- Learn about MD19 Lions Knights of the Blind Committee and how you can become a part of that mission.
- LCI Centennial Knights of the Blind Video
- Deaf-Blind Communication Methods Demonstration

For these items and more, contact KOTB at [KOTB.MD19@hotmail.com](mailto:KOTB.MD19@hotmail.com) or for the Helen Keller Event Planning Kit contact, email Art Ruben [since1965@aol.com](mailto:since1965@aol.com)



## 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.

The 2021-2022 theme will be "We are all connected".

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).

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## Vision Screening Data

Fellow Lions,

Lions Kidsight USA maintains a database of screening results which can be used to analyze trends, validate screening effectiveness, and provide information when applying for grants. Some of you may already be updating this system. As the Community Health Screening Coordinator (CHSC) for the NW Lions Foundation I have been asked to be an MD-19 level user and can assist you by creating logins and helping you report your screening events. If I can help you please contact me at [MD19ScreeningData@gmail.com](mailto:MD19ScreeningData@gmail.com)

PDG Dave Risley, NLF CHSC





## Lioness News May - June 2021

By Linda Schaffrick, MDLL

Some of our clubs are still doing minimal service and keeping "safe distancing" - holding on until our time as Lioness runs out. This past year has been a very trying year for all clubs, but like the ever-ready bunny - our Lioness keep on going as best we are able.

**Kelowna D-7    15 Members    Hours: 114    Donations: \$1,000**

Members are still helping out at safe venues. Days for Girls, Food bank. Some of their members helped with spring clean up at Camp Winfield. The club will not be changing over to a Lions Club and will be folding at the end of June.

**Moses Lake D-5    16 Members**

Officially changed over to the Moses Lake Lioness Lions Club holding their charter night on May 17th. They will continue with projects that they did as Lioness.

**Oliver D-9    7 Members    Hours: 30    Donations: \$100**

Checking in on other members, neighbours and seniors. Helped with clean up at Lions Park for Environment Day and assisted at spring clean up at Camp Winfield. Attended District D Spring Conference and Camp Winfield improvement meetings via zoom  
Donation made to: "pay it forward" for meals at a local restaurant;

**Parksville I-7    16 Members**

Members continue to support each other through emails, telephone and outdoor visits. Working towards closing down and sending out final reports and will be donating their remaining funds to local charities.

**Port McNeill I-6    16 Members**

After 52 years of service they will be disbanding at the end of June.

**Priest River E-11    (no report)**

**Toledo G-4**

Preparing to disband the club at the end of June.

**Vancouver Chinatown A-1    23 members**

Keeping in touch with each other but staying quiet at this time. They will be disbanding at the end of June.

**Williams Lake D-10    17 Members**

Winding down to fold the club.

**Winlock G-4    (no report)**

**"Wherever you turn, you can find someone who needs you.  
Even if it is a little thing, do something for which there is no pay but the privilege of doing it.  
Remember, you don't live in the world all of your own."**

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## Redistricting: Challenge and Opportunity

By PCC John Kirry, Multiple District 19 Strategic Planning Chair

On June 11-12, 2021, Multiple District 19 conducted its Spring Council Meeting via Zoom. This meeting is conducted with our current District Governors and immediate Past District Governors, and the elected officers with the purpose of discussing a wide range of business topics that have emerged over the year. But this meeting was everything BUT business as usual.

The MD19 Strategic Planning Committee presented a plan to the Council that will provide both significant challenges and significant opportunities for our Multiple District in the years to come. The Strategic Planning Committee has concluded that MD19 is rapidly approaching a critical point in its history that, absent a significant reversal of membership and leadership trends, redistricting will be the only option remaining for MD19 to effectively continue serving its Lions. As result, the committee feels it would be remiss to simply kick the problems, and the viable solutions to those problems, down the road.

Simply put, the time has come to redistrict MD19.

### The Committee

Listed here are the members and ex-Officio members of the committee, a broad cross-section of senior leaders from each district in MD19: ID Allan Hunt, CC Al Hedstrom, CCE John Moralek, VCCE Lyndon Harriman, PCC John Kirry (Chair) PCC JD Nellor, PCC Gary Reide, PDG Shelley Costello, PDG Cecil Fung, PDG Steve Noble, PDG Brien Patton, PDG Chuck Waid, PDG Tom Smarsh and ED Peter Anderson.

### The Crisis we Face

Throughout this year the Committee has watched with growing alarm as membership numbers across the Multiple District continue to plummet. To illustrate the decline one can look back just 25 years, when our Multiple District peaked at slightly under 20,000 members. Since that time, our membership has declined steadily and dramatically. In the past five years, for example, we have lost approximately 400 members per year. We now stand at just under 10,000 members in 391 clubs across our Multiple District. All but one of the nine Districts is in "transitional" status (fewer than 1250 members). If that trend continues another five years, we will be nearing 8,000 members. In ten years at that same rate, we will be at 6,000 members.

A consequence of membership losses is a developing, acute leadership vacuum in the districts which exacerbates a vicious circle as the districts struggle to find effective leaders who are equipped to address their district's membership and leadership issues. We must take action to mitigate this looming crisis.

### Guidance from LCI

The process of consolidating or redistricting, terms which LCI uses interchangeably, is complex and time consuming. Our group started with a tentative discussion of redistricting using a 2015 PDF manual created by LCI entitled "Guide for Consolidating Districts". This guide lays out the complex three-year process.

Of great value were some of the opening paragraphs of that publication which clearly described the reasons for redistricting. I quote here the opening paragraphs of the LCI manual:

#### "WHY CONSOLIDATE SMALL DISTRICTS?"

"While membership growth should always be a part of the plan, redistricting can infuse the district with a mix of new leaders who can look at district activities in a new way, combine resources to more effectively meet the needs of the clubs and even reduce the dues for each member as expenses are shared over a larger population of Lions. (ED Note: this sentence is meant for districts that have annual dues requirements)

"Redistricting, when done well, can strengthen the district and stimulate membership growth, enhancing the districts' ability to provide needed humanitarian service.

"However, to be successful, it takes a thorough understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities of each district and a detailed plan to ensure the new structure effectively addresses the needs of the clubs. T"

### A Plan of Action

The Committee envisions that MD would undergo "consolidation" primarily based on merging adjacent districts rather than completely redrawing district lines. Merging zones into adjacent districts would make districts larger thereby increasing the overall leadership pool to the benefit our humanitarian mission. All districts in the draft plan would meet the LCI requirements of having at least 35 clubs and 1,250 Members.

## Redistricting: Challenge and Opportunity - continued from page 6

The following is the plan approved by the members of the committee. We recognize that other adjustments may be needed as the plan further evolves and develops.

The overall plan approved by the Council is this:

1. Districts I and A would Merge to form a single district.
2. Districts C and G would Merge to form a single district.
3. Districts B and H would Merge to form a single district.
4. Districts D, E and F would be realigned. District D would be divided at the US-Canada border and the lower half would merge with some portions of E and F. The upper half (Canadian) portion of the current District D would join ranks with the Washington/Idaho / Canadian upper half of District E to form a new district.
5. District E would be divided just above Spokane. The resulting northern portion of E and the northern portion of D would combine to create a new international district.
6. The southern portions of D, E and F would merge to create a district made up of eastern Washington and northern Idaho.

**Resultant members and clubs if the above plan is implemented based on current membership (all above LCI requirements of 1250/35)**

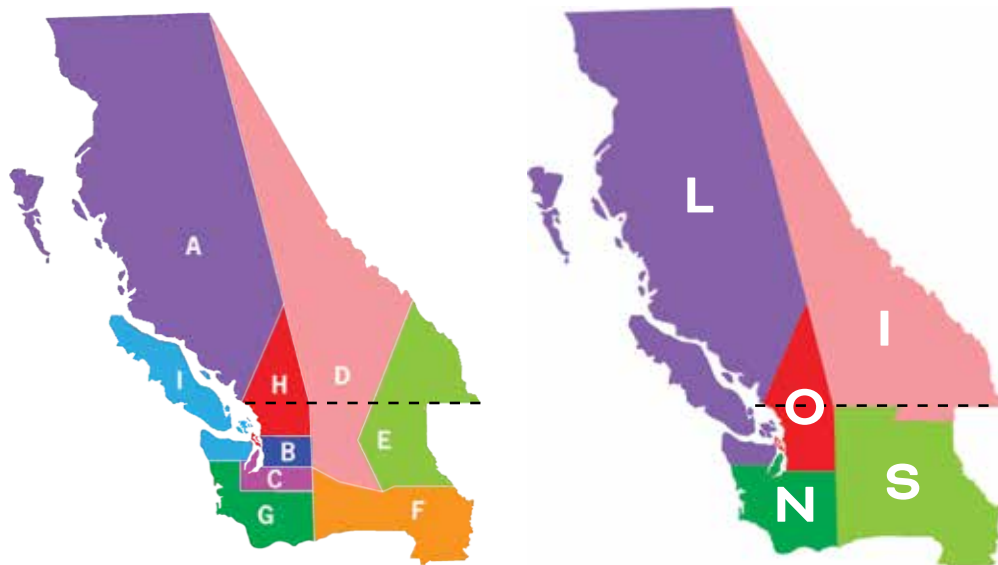
Merged Districts I and A:	2212 members, 97 clubs
Merged Districts B and H:	2035 members, 76 clubs
Merged Districts C and G:	2408 members, 82 clubs
Merged Districts D and E (north):	1494 members, 75 clubs
Merged Districts D, E and F (south):	1861 members, 70 clubs

### Summary

The Multiple District Council of Governors considered this matter with urgency and the motion to approve was passed unanimously. They recognized that the steady and dramatic decline of members had become a serious problem. As districts shrink, fresh leadership, new ideas and creative energies also shrink. It has been the Committee's hope that membership initiatives would reverse current trends, but the results of those programs have yielded little success in MD19. It is clear, however, that we can no longer continue "business as usual."

By consolidating districts, we can, to paraphrase the words of LCI, "infuse the district with a mix of new leaders who can look at district activities in a new way, and combine resources to more effectively meet the needs of the clubs."

Challenges and opportunities await!



## 2021 Easter Seals National Volunteer Award Recipient

Submitted by Shannon Bernays

I wanted to share an amazing story of Bob Ayotte and the recent award he has received.

Bob Ayotte is a member of the Kelowna Okanagan Mission Lions Club and has been a huge supporter of the BC Lions Society for many years. Bob has recently been awarded the 2021 Easter Seals National Volunteer Award.

Here is a link below to this wonderful story.

<https://www.eastersealsbcy.ca/2021-easter-seals-national-volunteer-award-recipient/?fbclid=IwAR1IBDt9z3Zg4yapA6o4SSEW-GdBjOwjil3-aABtAJVUbAN3BgMR0FkrWTA>



## 2021 Leadership Institute Hits One Out of the Park

By PDG Jan Weatherly, NWLLI Superintendent

2021 Northwest Lions Leadership Institute (NWLLI) in Post Falls, Idaho, June 3-6, rose beyond all expectations. Our first Multiple District entry into face-to-face learning post pandemic put beaming smiles on 34 Lion faces from Washington, Idaho and even Utah. Besides the stunning background of the Spokane River in a wooded retreat center, scrumptious home-cooked meals and a casual fun-filled crowd, the students are forever branded Yetis or Beasties as the theme "Unleash Your Inner Beast" came to life. Look for these Lions to go places in the next few years as they continue to put their new skills into action.

Join the staff and faculty in a virtual round of applause for...

- District B – Beth James, Kris Reinbold
- District C – Angela Davis, Todd Faulkner, June Ferriera, Suzanne Gayda, JR Kinnison, Jean LaCoss, Michael Petty, Chuck Piazza, Paul Swanda
- District D – Steve and Mary Lou Shumway
- District E – Mark Robershotte, Jeanette Schueller, Benton Scruggs, Cindy Shackelford
- District F – Tammy Allan, Ashley Burmaster, Lesley Downing, Nadine Stecklein
- District G – Leslie Chasse, Tom Fulton, Casey & Stephanie O'Dell, Reed and Susanne Skinner, Lloyd Williams
- District H – Lynn and Carol Torset, Rose Torset
- District I – Nancy Messmer
- Utah – Rick Moore



A heart felt thanks to the dedicated staff and faculty that made this event possible.

- PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth, Assistant Superintendent
- PZC Art Weatherly, Registrar/Treasurer
- VCC Lyndon Harriman & DG Mel Smith, Coaches
- PCC Al Hedstrom, PDG Mark Mansell, 1VDG Debbie Mansell, faculty.

You might have noticed that there are no Canadians in this group. That pesky closed border forced us to hold the Institute over 2 years. 2021 in the US and now 2022 in our originally planned location of Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia.

**Check out the new dates, May 5-8, 2022 at Harrison Beach Hotel**

Make sure you get your application in early as registration is limited. We have 20 Canadians ready and waiting to come with priority registration. And Lions can come from anywhere in the Multiple District.

Questions: Contact registrar Art Weatherly at 360 898 0060 or [chief.campleo@gmail.com](mailto:chief.campleo@gmail.com)  
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**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.

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**2020-21 Rates cover inclusion in 1 issue of The Border Crossing and 1 AWeber Message.**

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1/2 Page	85.00	
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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.

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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 option 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 MyLion Metrics 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; otherwise the report must be mailed directly to the MD19 Office.

**Other MD19 Recognition – Notification has been 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 2021-22 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.

## NEW!!!!

**The 2021-2022 MD19 Roster:** The MD19 2021-22 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 2021-2022 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 will 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.



Photo on the Left:

Longview Pioneer Lion Lewie Fickett at Roaring for Reading

## Memorial Garden - Please Join Us!

Greetings from the MD19 Memorial Garden. We have an opportunity to help with the upkeep of the garden. With the pandemic it has been very difficult to get people together for work parties and the garden is getting over run. We were there on a recent Saturday and were unable to make much headway in getting it cleaned up. So we are reaching out for help!

We have a new garden Chairperson. Julie Bell is a member of the Burlington Lions club and has stepped up to the task. She has started a catalog of what is planted where and who is honored there. She also has expertise and a plan on how best to care for the garden itself. In order to help with that, we need funds. We are reaching out to the clubs and members around the multiple district and asking for donations. We all have someone honored at this garden and I know we want to see them honored well. Please consider sending a check to the MD office designated for the Memorial Garden. We want to engage professionals to go through the garden, under Lion Julie's direction, to get it cleaned up. We are hoping that with the loosening of restrictions we will be getting more hands in the dirt soon and should be able to maintain it.

For our friends in Canada, please consider getting funds to CCE John Moralek. He can arrange to transfer the funds to the MD account.

Garden Work Parties will be Saturdays from 9:00 am -12:00 noon. We have a couple of sections of the Gardens that would benefit with some dedicated volunteer hours. Stop by for 15 minutes or stay for the three hours. The Gardens can use volunteers at any time of the year, even 15 minutes a few times a week can be of help. Everyone is welcome and there will be snacks!

**Saturday, June 19th**

**Saturday, July 10th**

**Saturday, August 14th**

**Saturday, September 11th**

See you there!!

## 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](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)

## The G3 Vision Screening Story

By Rod Matye

The vision screening program enables Lions to conduct screenings for children in order to prevent childhood blindness through early detection and treatment for the most common vision disorders that can lead to amblyopia. Few children are screened before entering school.

The G3 Lions Clubs recognized early on that one Club would have a difficult time meeting the screening needs of the youth within our Zone. We collaborated with all seven clubs and formed a Non-Profit Organization, The G3 Lions Vision Foundation, and have been working for several years to perform annual youth vision screenings in public and private K-12 classrooms, at daycares and preschools, and at special events.

Volunteers use a Plusoptix screening device that detects the most prevalent vision disorders and provides information that is given to the school and then passed to parents so children who need to can be referred to an optometrist for follow-up. The device that looks almost like a video game device is lined up with the child's face while they look at a smiley face on the front and then it records an instant reading. (pictured, right)



A Plusoptix vision screener empowers Pediatricians, Head Start offices, Lions Clubs, Kid Sight Programs, and School nurses to detect the most prevalent vision disorders in children starting age 5 months and up.

The earlier a vision disorder or media opacity is detected the better it can be treated, and Amblyopia, i.e. a lazy eye, can be prevented. In addition to checking student's vision, the machine can also confirm for those who already have glasses that their prescription is correct. Even concussion assessments are possible with a Plusoptix vision screener. A Plusoptix vision screener helps finding:

- Strabism
- Myopia
- Hyperopia
- Astigmatism
- Anisometropia
- Anisocoria (e.g. concussion)
- Media opacities (e.g. cataracts)

During our first year of operations more than 3,000 students were screened for early detection of the most prevalent vision disorders. But as demand has increased for vision screenings, the G3 Lions Vision Foundation knew it wanted to acquire additional Plusoptix machines so it began raising funds for new machines that cost \$7,000 apiece. Each club gave what it could, but fortunately the Aberdeen Rotary Club came to the rescue and provided a grant resource that allowed us to purchase two additional machines. Currently we have three machines which allowed us to screen 8,500 students last year.

The machines make vision screening relatively quick - four volunteers using the two devices were able to screen all the students at Onalaska School, approximately 290 students, in three hours this year during the pandemic. Every referral gets a print out which we attach to an information sheet which is given to the school nurse and administrators to work with the parents in correcting the students vision. G3 Lions have screened students from Forks to Longbeach and as far east as Oalaska and Napavine. We need more clubs to start a vision screening program! The District supports vision screening programs!

Providing vision screenings is just the first step. The Lions Clubs also provides financial support for children and adults who are in-need of glasses, but they want to provide even more assistance. "The more funds we raise, the more people we can help who need examinations and the more people we can assist who need glasses, but can't afford it,".

This year has been unlike any year we have experienced! But we have a determined crew who all got vaccinated as soon as possible, we continued to work with our school nurses and scheduled, rescheduled and adjusted to meet the social distancing guidance, the hybrid school system (alternating days for each class to allow for in school learning). It required us to go back and screen for two half days instead of on full day, but we adjusted and the nurses and school staff were also adjusting.



For more information on the G3 Lions Vision Foundation screening program, contact Rod Matye (Coordinator) at 360-580-5824 or Erv Granahan (Secretary) at 360-249-3463.

Pictured above right: Dist. Governor Doug Harvey assisted in "kid Wrangling" and observed Vision Screening in action at Pacific Beach Elementary. Rod Matye, G3 Coordinator, Gene Shermer "Kid Wrangler", Erv Granahan, Machine Operator. Not pictured is Phyllis Granahan, "Recorder Extrodinare".

Photo on the right:

Prince Rupert Lions club 7594 planting shrubs, flowers and a tree at Acropolis Manor Seniors housing.

Large tree donated by Loin PZC Patricia Moore.

Lion Harry Young and Lion Secretary Jim Martin plant tree.



## 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 and 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](mailto:md19lions@lionsmd19.org) for more information about the following:

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.

## 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>

### 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.

## Christmas Ship Cancelled

The Lions Christmas Cruise has been cancelled for the year 2021 because of UNRESOLVED issues regarding SOLAS (Safety Of Life At Sea) regulations currently in discussion between the USA and Canada governments. These are requirements for vessels carrying passengers and guests on International Waters. They will require extensive changes in vessels and their crew training. The cost is tremendous and cannot be completed in time for the Christmas Cruise.

There is no ship this side of the Great Lakes capable of qualifying in time for us. On the singularly positive side, it appears that we will be running in 2022.

**"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



## Peace Poster Winner

2020-2021 Theme: Peace Through Service

District: 19-E

Club Sponsoring the contest: Spokane Central, E-1

School: Sacajawea Middle School

Student: Rachael Hockett, age 13 in grade 8

Quote about Peace: "Everyday people doing acts of service to provide the calm and peace that is needed."



## Don Armeni, Lions Member since 1967

1. Kalama citizen of the year
2. Melvin Jones award
3. Lion of the year award

Instrumental in Kalama lion projects:

1. Kalama little league field developed
2. Kalama little league building built
3. Old Kalama Fair grounds developed
4. Old Kalama Fair building built
5. Moving Helping Hands building to present location
6. Paper shack built
7. Volunteered for any work party
8. Setting up crab feeds
9. Getting Kalama Community building saved
10. Raising money for new floor, electrical, and updating kitchen in Kalama community building
11. Creating Totoff park at south end of Kalama

Master of ceremonies for:

1. Kalama Fair and parades
2. Kalama car show
3. Kalama Chamber Totem and Citizen awards

Lion Don was at most community and Lions functions while working full time for Kalama Telephone company.

HE TOOK THOUSANDS OF PHOTOS OF EVENTS BUT WAS NEVER IN ANY!

## NEWS FLASH - LCICon 2022

June 2021 > LCICon2021 has gone virtual! See details in other articles of this paper. (see page 2)

But wait! There is more!

The International Board has announced that the location of the 2022 LCICon has been relocated to, yep, you guessed correctly, Montreal!

## Special Donations 2020-2021

Lions		LCIF CARE
19-H	Michele Barrie For Scott, Angela, Dylan, Dami and Ian	\$125.00
19-D	Kelowna Lioness District Cabinet Gift DGE Joyce Stevens PZC Dorothy Nilles ZC Kathy McGaughey	\$250.00 \$500.00 \$265.00 \$55.00 \$78.00
19-E	DG Peggy Harriman	\$50.00
19-G	Gay Enyeart	\$500.00
19-I	District 19-I In Memory of PZC Maureen Winn	\$177.10

## Memorials for April 2021

B 1	Monroe	Keith Riedel
B 3	Edmonds	Elmer Brunk
B 3	Seattle Lake City	Jay C. Heifner
C 1	Lakewood First	Kathie M. Theoe
D 8	Sorrento	Mike Giegerich
F 2	Granger	Helen Garcia
F 5	Lewiston	Gwendolyn Teddy Poleson
F 5	Troy	Ralph D. Payne
G 3	Aberdeen	James N. Erikson
H 6	Lillooet	Anne Heath
I 2	Esquimalt	Ken O'Brien
I 3	Central Saanich	Derek Lorimer
I 3	Salt Spring Island	Catherine S.J. Thomson

## Memorials for May 2021

A 1	Vancouver Cathay	Mo Kwong Lam
A 6	Egmont	William E. Griffith
A 6	Gibsons	Jonathan G. Glencross
A 6	Sunshine Coast	Robert Allen
B 6	Granite Falls	Rhonda Nichols
C 4	Poulsbo	Joyce A. Smith
D 3	Kamloops Brock Central	Claus Schilasky
D 7	Kelowna Okanagan Mission	PDG Paddy Langmaid
E 2	Davenport	Grant Van Buren
E 9	Chewelah Valley	Judy L. Lynch
F 3	Waitsburg	Howard P. Smith
G 2	Vancouver	Howard F. Robertson
G 2	Vancouver Dawn	PDG Bill Karcher
I 4	Cedar	John Franz

## Percentages of WMMRs received for month of May 2021 and Second Half Dues Paid for 2020-21

	WMMRs	DUES
19-A	69%	81%
19-B	47%	83%
19-C	74%	84%
19-D	93%	89%
19-E	91%	100%
19-F	57%	84%
19-G	74%	80%
19-H	83%	93%
19-I	85%	90%

## MD19 Calendar of Events 2020 - 2021

Memorial Garden Cleanup	Join us at the office 4141 W Maplewood Ave 0900-1145	June 19, 2021 July 10, 2021 August 14, 2021 September 11, 2021 October 9, 2021
Memorial Garden Remembrance Service at 1:00pm		August 21, 21021
Club Officer training	Zoom Repeats via Zoom	July 24, 2021 September 25, 2021
Zone Chair Elect Class	Zoom	June 18-19, 2021
MD19 Annual Convention – Virtual Style		November 5-6, 20201



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!**