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## MD19 Council Chairperson

### Steve Noble



I am writing this article the day before Thanksgiving and on my mind are the numerous things that I have to be thankful for. I turn on the news and I realize how fortunate we are in the United States and Canada that we're not in the middle of a war. My heart goes out to those people Israel, Gaza and Ukraine for having to live every day in a war zone. I am also thankful to be part of an organization, Lions Clubs International, that does so much good in the world. What we do matters. What can the average person do to respond to such horrible conditions in the world? We are the answer to the evil in the world. It may not seem like providing glasses for somebody is an answer to what we see on the news every night but it does matter to the person who gets the glasses. You can multiply that times 1.4 million (soon to be 1.5 million) and that makes a huge impact on the world.

It's hard to believe that we're almost halfway through the year, this time has really flown by. I'm so impressed with the great group of district governors we have this year. They're all doing an outstanding job. As I write this, we are approximately plus 80 members in our multiple district. Unfortunately in December, typically there are a number of drops. Hopefully this December will go on a little light on the dropped members.

Mission 1.5 is promoting the idea of having 1.5 million members by July 2027. The big push is to bring in new members and new clubs. But I want to take a moment to put a bug in everybody's ear about retention. We as Lions bring in a lot of new members, but we just seem to be pushing them out the back door. I just heard about a club that is thinking of folding and one of the major problems came down to one member who created a lot of issues. That seems to be a consistent theme - that one member can tear apart an entire club. I think that as Lions we have a responsibility in our clubs to keep them healthy, which means if we have a negative member that needs to be addressed. There are resources in the multiple district to help clubs that are having internal problems. Please contact me or the multiple district office and we will help you with dispute resolution.

## Link to More Information

Explore How LCIF Grants Can Help You Serve  
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-toolkit>

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

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum  
<https://members.lionsforum.org/>

CARE Program  
[https://youtu.be/Md8S\\_XSXltw](https://youtu.be/Md8S_XSXltw)

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

### Christmas Schedule for MD19 Office

Closed December 25th – January 1st

The Office will be open for business at 8:00 am on January 2, 2024.

While closed, we will periodically try to respond to emails that have the MD19 Visitation Forms, ZC items and candidate letters of Intent and Endorsements attached to them so that you will know that they have been received in the office by the deadline of December 31st. The date/time stamp on the email will also validate its on time submission.

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## 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](mailto:lionhal@gmail.com) for more information.

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

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## Newest Arrivals

### Vancouver Milestone, L-A9

**President:** Ryan Lo  
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**Secretary:** Irene Chang  
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Email: [lionirenechang@gmail.com](mailto:lionirenechang@gmail.com)

**Sponsoring Club:** Vancouver Cathay Lions Club, L-A1  
**Charter Night:** TBD

### Vancouver Regency, L-A8

**President:** Vivian Chang  
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**Secretary:** Yin Tung Choi  
815-8688 Hazalbridge Way  
Richmond, B.C. V6X 0R6  
Email: [amy.yt.choi0317@gmail.com](mailto:amy.yt.choi0317@gmail.com)

**Sponsoring Club:** Vancouver Metropolitan Lions Club, L-A8  
**Charter Night:** TBD



## 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!



## Save the Date

March 1 & 2, 2024

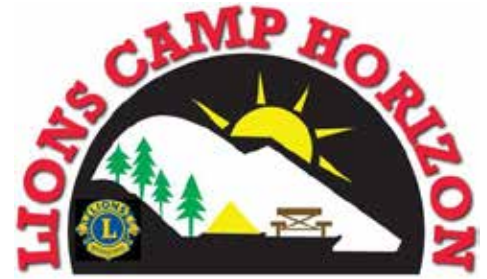
District 19N Lions  
Spring Conference

*Together Again*

Hotel Olympia at Capitol Lake

Early date due to MD19 Convention May 16 & 17, 2024





# 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 50<sup>th</sup>**  
**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**

## Getting To Know PDG Steve Brooks

Steve Brooks was born on September 3, 1956 in Everett Washington. At age four, his family moved to Lynnwood where he graduated from Lynnwood High School in 1974. During his youth, he was involved in Scouts and went on to become an Eagle Scout in 1972. For the last seven years, he was the representative from Lake Stevens Lions Club to Boy Scout Troop 43 that the club has sponsored for 58 years now.

While on vacation in Rochester, NY in 1979, Steve met Judy. The next night they went out on a date together. The phone company got rich with lots of long-distance phone calls between them. A few months later Steve visited again over Labor Day weekend and met Judy's family. Judy came to visit Steve that Christmas and went home with an engagement ring. They were married on July 5, 1980 in Rochester. In 1984, they sold their Lynnwood house and moved to Lake Stevens where they still live. They like to go camping in their 35-foot 5th wheel trailer. Steve also likes visiting various places around Washington on his Harley Davidson motorcycle.

During high school, Steve decided he wanted to work in technology. He attended Shoreline Community College where he received an Associate Degree in Electronics. He went on to earn a Bachelor Science Electronics Engineering Technology degree from Henry Cogswell College with a minor in software engineering. Steve was encouraged by two different employers to go into management. He ignored the requests from the first employer, but after changing jobs the request was strongly encouraged by his employer. He enrolled in the evening MBA program at City University while working full time. Upon graduation in September 2001, he moved into engineering management. He was a hands-on manager working with software engineers and other technical employees to achieve their goals. He is a Senior Member of IEEE and made several patent filings over his career.

Steve has always gotten involved in various things. In 2003, he was encouraged to run for Lake Stevens City Council which he was elected. During his four years on the City Council, his vision of "One Community Around the Lake" was put into place resulting in growing the city from 4,500 residents to the current 36,000 residents. He was the city's representative to the community Aquafest festival board and served at the same time on the Historical Society board.

Steve joined the Lake Stevens Lions in February 2002 after doing several projects with the club. He has held almost all positions in the club except for Treasurer. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. He was the MD19 Zone Chair of the Year for Zones up to eight clubs. He has been awarded Lions International Leadership and Presidential Medals for his service. He served as a NW Lions Foundation Trustee for six years. During his term as District Governor for 19-B, his friend, Gary Wolf, from the Kiwanis club in Lake Stevens was also serving as District Governor. Several times the two of them would be visiting the same communities about the same time.

The Oso mudslide occurred on March 22, 2014 while Steve was District Governor. He became responsible for \$30,000 in LCIF grants along with approximately \$120,000 in donations from Lions around the world. LCIF money was used to replace equipment at the Oso and Darrington fire departments not covered by other disaster funds. Refurbishing the old Oso school building into a Community Center with new windows, electrical, heat and WI-FI were areas that money was spent to help the Oso Community. School kids used the community center and WI-FI to help with their virtual learning and not fall behind.





## Getting To Know PDG Frank Bega

PDG Frank Bega joined the Rathdrum Lions Club in January 2011, shortly after the passing of his first wife. He found he needed to commit to something or someone to provide him with direction – turns out the Lions were just the right medication.

Since joining Lions, Frank served as District 19-E cabinet secretary under District Governor Gerry Mottl in 2012-13. He's been an active member of the cabinet since that time in one position or another.

He has served as Club President for the Rathdrum Lions Club in 2012-13 and again in 2021-22. He served as Zone Chairperson in Zone E-3 for 2 ½ years, from 2013 through half of 2016. He says of this time, "I have met with, and helped train many wonderful Lions!"

PDG Frank attended the Leadership 101 course in Spokane, WA in 2011 and then followed that up by attending the NW Lions Leadership Institute in Gig Harbor, WA in February of 2012. He is also a graduate of the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, which was in Calgary, Alberta in March of 2015, attending with PDG Bob Yeoman. Later that same year, in June, he went to the Faculty Development Institute in Oakbrook, Illinois.

He has served as 1st VDG for 19-E and was on the Board of Directors for the MD19 Service and Leadership Foundation, representing districts D, E and F from 2014-2020. He has co-facilitated Leadership 101 at several District 19-E Conventions and has held new officer trainings for zones E-3 and E-11. He has been facilitator for MD19 Officer Training. Currently he is his clubs' LCIF Coordinator.

Frank is now the current MD19 Leadership Global Team Leader. He says, "I could not have achieved these accomplishments without the mentoring by several Lions, who served before me, starting with PCC Jerry Flood, and certainly not without the support of my lovely wife Marjorie Bega."



## Council Chairperson Elections at MD19 Annual Convention

This coming spring, during the 2024 Multiple District 19 Annual Convention (May 24-25, see registration form included in this edition on page 6) 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 2 years, as Council Chair 2025-2026 and Immediate Past Council Chair 2026-2027.

At this time, there are no other Lions from any other district who have filed the necessary paperwork and notifications of their intent to run as a candidate for Vice Council Chair.

**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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 <sup>st</sup> 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. <b>Special Meal Requests must be received before May 3, 2024</b>			

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

Date	Event	Price in US Funds	Amount Enclosed
<b>Registration Information</b>	Registration Leo	\$20.00	
	Registration Lions or Guests After April 15 <sup>th</sup> , 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	
<b>Friday 5/24/24</b>	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	
<b>Saturday 5/25/24</b>	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	
	<b>***Attire: Semi-Formal, Dressy, Business, Club Uniform***</b>		
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>			

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 114<sup>th</sup> 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



**REGISTER NOW FOR OUR  
2024 MD19  
CONVENTION**



**Guest Speaker – 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

## CARE Program

By Bob Yeoman, MD19 CARE Chairperson

This year and next year funds will go to help convert Pig Manure into energy in Honduras. There is a shortage of wood in Honduras due to erosion, storms, Covid, and more. They have found that pig manure can be converted to energy and used for cooking, heat, light and more.

To date our donations to CARE are minimal with a goal of \$40,000. Asking each President in MD19 to promote and secure donations from all your clubs. Asking All DGs, 1ST VDGs, and district CARE Reps to be promoting CARE. This is an MD19 program that our COG voted for; let's support the COGs decisions.

The video is 12 years old and the program is enlarged to more areas and families in Hondura.

[https://youtu.be/Md8S\\_XSXltw](https://youtu.be/Md8S_XSXltw)

Make check out to MD19, in memo section write CARE

In the US, send checks to MD19 Lions, 4141 Bennett Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226

In Canada, send checks to MD19 Lions, PO Box 1621, Aldergrove, B.C. V4W 2V1



## Oak Harbor Lions Club Recognized as a Model Club

12/30/23 Great day to be a Lion! Our club was recognized by 19-O District Governor (DG) Joel Haggen for being a model club in acknowledgement of 150% Campaign 100 donations.



Front row: Lions Patty Allen-White, Vice Council Chairperson MD-19; Rock White, District Convention Chairperson 19-O; Joel Haggen, District Governor 19-O; Brian Pulk, Zone Chairman O-7; and Marilyn Pulk, Zone Secretary O-7  
Second row: Lions Sandi, Joy, and Kelly  
Third row: Lions Bobbi, Jason, Shelly, Scott, Ernie, and PDG Tom  
Back row: Lions Aaron, Ron, Mike, Charlie, and Will/Jake







## Vital Information

### Christmas Schedule for MD19 Office

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In mid-January the MD19 Office will be **emailing** out to the Club Treasurers or Secretary-Treasurers the **MD19 Second Half Dues Statements**. If no email address is available, a hard copy will be sent to the Treasurer's address as it was recorded on the 2023-2024 LCI Club Officer Report Form (or subsequent updated information received). If you do not receive a dues bill by the end of January, please contact the MD19 Office, so that we can confirm your email or mailing address and resend the bill. Dues for the second half are based on the membership total recorded on the WMMR due December 31, 2023, plus pro-rated dues for any new members brought in from July to December.

**District Conventions** begin the weekend of March 1st. It is important that the 2023-2024 Second Half Dues have been paid prior to your convention or your voting Delegate(s) will be unable to vote. If you have not received a 2023-2024 Second Half Dues statement, contact the MD19 Office for a copy immediately. Please confirm your club's correct contact information with the MD19 Office at the same time.

**Candidates for Higher Office at the Zone & District level:** Your letter of intent and your club's (Zone) letter of endorsement must be received by the MD19 Office, the District Governor, and your Zone Chairperson on or before December 31st. This is a Constitutional requirement!

**Any Candidate for MD19 Vice Council Chairperson:** Your letter of Intent, your Club's and Zone's Letter of Endorsement must be received by the MD19 Office, the District Governor, and the Vice District Governor on or before December 31st. Your district cabinet will also need to approve your endorsement. This is a Constitutional requirement!

## 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 will know who is arriving and when. Once they are all in Vancouver, we won't need help at the Airport. We 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](mailto: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 be helpful, but will not cover our anticipated 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 to MD19 Lions Office with the Host Night Contribution on the memo line. Lions in the USA can send the check to the MD19 Office in Bellingham (4141 Bennett Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226), Canadian Lions can send the check to the MD19 Box 1621, Aldergrove BC V4W 2V1.

### 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.

## Be a Part of the Lions Knights of the Blind Committee (KOTB)

By PDG Art Ruben

First Annual CHRISTMAS PARTY. IT WILL BE FUN!

MD19 Lions KOTB along with the KOTB of Hawaii will host a live Zoom Christmas broadcast on December 16th at 5 p.m. Pacific time. All attendees must register as capacity is limited.

Registration link is: [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZMvcOGpqzMuH93zJrSbY19G3mK9x\\_eJ0S-0](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZMvcOGpqzMuH93zJrSbY19G3mK9x_eJ0S-0)

The Christmas party will be accessible to everyone. From the shores of Hawaii and all the way to the Maritimes of Canada. And to all of MD19 and South Dakota, North Carolina and even North Pole, Alaska! This will be a major cooperative event, U.S. and Canada according to Bill Scholl, the current Chair of MD19 Lions KOTB. Bill says, "We will have videos and/or recordings from local sighted and non-sighted, and Lions and non-Lions. If you want to provide something, contact Bill at [billscholl134@gmail.com](mailto:billscholl134@gmail.com) with your submission.

PCC Al Hedstrom will serve as the "real" Santa and emcee. He is excited about his role and practicing his "HO, HO, HO" for U.S. and Canadian and worldwide audiences. Santa says he always likes a good party and the Lions always do it the best." He says volunteer to 'Parti pate' and/or register for a seat on Zoom. Don't hesitate; participation and seating are limited. Contact Bill at [billScholl134@gmail.com](mailto:billScholl134@gmail.com).

The Knights of The Blind Committee is a standing committee of MD19. One of their goals is to encourage members and clubs to meet Helen Keller's challenge to be the Knights Of The Blind and work with and for the blind and visually impaired. For more information about the committee contact Colette Arvidson at [colette.arvidson@gmail.com](mailto:colette.arvidson@gmail.com).

### 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
19-S	PDG Harry Lippincott Spokane Central Lions Club		100.00
19-S	PDG Erma Kemp In memory of PCC Jim Kemp		100.00

### Percentages of WMMRs received for month of November 2023 and First Half Dues Paid for 2023-2024

	WMMRs	DUES
19-L	99%	85%
19-I	100%	93%
19-O	61%	87%
19-N	58%	94%
19-S	68%	82%

"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

### Memorials for October 2023

L	A9	Burnaby Lougheed	Richard Hall
O	6	Sedro Woolley	Gus Suryan
O	9	Seattle University Ballard	Jerry Kiser
N	2	Olympia Host	Cathy M. Weaver
N	10	Ridgefield	Allene Wodaage
N	11	Camas	Richard W. McRobert
S	10	Rosalia	Diane G. Nebel
S	10	Spokane Shadle North	Rick A. Kienholz

### Memorials for November 2023

L	13	Mayne Island	Wernon Edward Buchholz
L	15	Black Creek	Beatrice Cucksey
I	9	Westbank	Victoria Simpson
I	10	Armstrong	David Jackson
I	10	Vernon	Patrick Rutten
O	5	Lynden	Maria Van Achte
O	6	Lake Stevens	Richard L. Johnson
O	6	Mount Vernon	Warren Williams
N	9	Castle Rock	Greg R. Churchill
N	9	Longview Pioneer	Terry Keger
S	2	Sunnyside	Linville P. McBride
S	10	Spokane Central	Louis E. Walker
S	13	Pinehurst Kingston	James Bening





## Lions Multiple District 19 Training and Information Schedule December 2023 and January 2024



New Member Orientation third Monday of every month	
Women in Lions Leadership *	5 Dec
Club leadership thinking outside the box *	6 Dec
Recruiting by successful recruiters *	11 Dec
Role and Responsibilities of Club President	13 Dec
New Member Orientation	18 Dec
Role and Responsibilities of Club Board of Directors	19 Dec
The Club Quality Initiative	21 Dec
Artificial Intelligence and ChatGPT *	4 Jan
Make a YouTube video using that amazing device in your pocket	9 Jan
The International Board meeting in Vancouver, BC *	12 Jan
Leader Dogs for the Blind *	16 Jan
Duties and Responsibilities of the Club Secretary	18 Jan
New Member Orientation	22 Jan
Lions Together: The Power of Followership in Building Communities *	23 Jan
Member Satisfaction *	24 Jan
Succession planning	30 Jan
Reporting service hours in MyLCI	31 Jan

\* Denotes special expert guest speaker

Additional topics coming soon:

Duties and Responsibilities of Club Treasurer	Mission 1.5
Your Club's Constitution and By-Laws	Succession planning
Effective Communications: A Two-Way Street	Conflict Resolution
Youth Exchange Program	Using Google's free search and applications
Marketing 101	Role of District Service Chair
Role of District Membership Chair	Role of District Leadership Chair

**RSVP** for all training to Al Hedstrom at [LionAl@Hedstrom.ws](mailto:LionAl@Hedstrom.ws).

Each session starts at **7 PM Pacific time**.

**All district training sessions above** are free of charge and are about one hour in length.

**Permanent Training link:** [Click here](#)

The online Zoom connection requires the following on your computer, tablet or smart phone: A web browser (such as Edge, Firefox, Chrome, Safari, etc.) to download and install the Zoom application, a microphone and speakers or headset. While a camera is optional, we would like to see your smiling face.

### Future Multiple District, Regional and LCI Training

**NW Lions Leadership Institute:** May 2024 in Canada (more details later)

Other free online training available at the LCI Lions Learning Center and at [LionsUniversity.org](http://LionsUniversity.org)

**Highly recommended:** Selecting Your Team course in the Lions Learning Center.



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## Guest Speakers

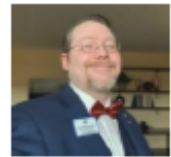
**Women in Lions Leadership:** PCC Lion Jodi Burmester (MD 27, Wisconsin) is the founder of the Burmester Virtual Bar, co-founder of Lions Virtual.org, LCIF Tell-A-Thon, Lions in Motion, site administrator for Facebook's Global Lions Forum and GMA 4 Clubs. She brings more than 30 years of training and experience in marketing communications and business consulting.



**Club leadership thinking outside the box:** District Governor Lion Drew Sasser (MD 4, California) has the unusual list of accomplishments and awards common to most District Governors. But unusual in his bio is his service as the LEO Club Advisor for a LEO Club with over 270 members AND has served on the Rose Parade Lions Float Committee since 2009 for which he was recognized by three international presidents!



**Recruiting by successful recruiters:** Board Appointee PDG Daniel Marney Elkins (MD 22, Delaware) is a professional drug prevention specialist and serves as the executive director of the Bellevue Community Center. He specializes in creating youth leadership programming and is one of the founders of the Lions Virtual movement and is one of the executive producers for the LCIF Tell-A-Thon. He has presented at Inter-national Conventions, USA/Canada, ANZI, ISAME, and Europa Forums as well as district conventions around the country. He and his wife Jessica are proud charter members of the Bellefonte Lions Club and love being Delaware Lions!



**Artificial Intelligence and ChatGPT:** Lion Nadine Stecklein (MD 19, Walla Walla, WA) is a dedicated professional and first-generation college graduate currently serving as the Assistant Director for Internship Programs at Whitman College. While a technology explorer, Nadine also made history as the first Hispanic president of the College Place (WA) Lions Club where she continues to be an active member.



**Make a Youtube Video Using That Amazing Device in your Pocket:** PCC John Kirry of the Gig Harbor Lions was an instructor at the both the 2012 and 2014 Northwest Lions Leadership Institutes, and served as a seminar facilitator at the recent USA-Canada Leadership Forums in Columbus, Ohio and Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Most recently he chaired the MD19 Strategic Planning Committee and successfully guided an 18-person team in a three year long redistricting process which resulted in the successful consolidation of nine districts into five. He has a special penchant for cameras and image production. He is a retired US Airways Captain and retired U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel. In his fearless early years, he successfully piloted large airplanes through 33 typhoons over the Pacific Ocean. All of them on purpose. He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Lion Sharon, since 1970.



**Lions Together: The Power of Followership in Building Communities:** Lion Brian Scott's 26-year Navy career included leading various engineering and construction organizations. Upon retirement from the Navy, Dr. Scott joined the General Services Administration (GSA) and then the Bonneville Power Administration. He is a registered professional engineer in Arizona and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Brian is also President of the Camas Lions Club where he pursues his altruistic goals focused on helping others and bettering the community. Brian is also an academic celebrity! [Look at this.](#)



**Member Satisfaction:** Upon retirement from the United States Navy, PDG Chris Gunstream embarked on a lifelong dream become a PGA professional. He worked in the golf industry for almost 13 years working his way from assistant golf professional to General Manager of 4 different golf/country clubs in the Orlando area. Lion Chris is a member of the Orange Lions Club where he took on leadership roles as Club President and zone chairperson for 2 years. Lion Chris was 2019-2020 District Governor for District 2-S1 and he continues to serve as the GAT Area A Leader. He has received numerous awards, and is a Melvin Jones Fellow, Jack Wiech Fellow and Texas Lions Foundation Fellow.



**The International Board meeting in Vancouver, BC:** Past Zone Chairperson George Sim of North Vancouver, BC was in the food business and, after running a successful business in West Vancouver during the 70's and 80's, had a very successful sales management career with JM Schneider for 29 years. Lion George is a proud member of the Ambleside Tiddlycove Lions Club (yes, it actually exists) for 45 years. PZC George was the MD 19 International Convention Chair for the 2019, 2022, and 2023 LCI Conventions and will do the 2024 LCI Convention in Melbourne. PZC George is also heavily involved with the North Shore Lions Youth Exchange Program, a cultural exchange with Chiba, Japan, North Vancouver's sister city since 1970. Since retiring his winters have been spent in the mountains of Colorado skiing. Golf, tennis, rugby, bicycle riding and travel take up the rest of his time.





*Image: Chilliwack Dogwood Monarch Lions Clubs / A ribbon cutting was held earlier this week to celebrate the amazing work undertaken by area Lions Club members. Clubs from Chilliwack, Agassiz-Harrison and Hope came together to purchase a state of the art mammography suite at Chilliwack General Hospital at a cost of \$409,400, of which \$129,000 involved a grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation. The three new machines will serve over 70,000 people in Chilliwack and the surrounding communities well into the future.*

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#### CHILLIWACK-AREA LIONS CLUBS

## Six Lions Clubs step up to fund new Mammography machines at Chilliwack General Hospital

Oct 27, 2023 | 5:16 AM

CHILLIWACK — Six local Lions Clubs have answered the call from Fraser Health to help replace outdated mammography equipment at Chilliwack General Hospital.

According to a Facebook post from the Chilliwack Dogwood Monarch Lions Club dated October 15, area Lions Club members came together to purchase a state of the art mammography suite at a cost of \$409,400, of which \$129,000 involved a grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation.

The three new machines will serve over 70,000 people in Chilliwack and the surrounding communities well into the future, the Facebook post stated.

"The computerized cutting-edge machines communicate with each other throughout the process," Chilliwack Dogwood Monarch Lions Club wrote online. "In one visit a patient can go from screening, to diagnosis and finally biopsy if needed. Wait times are shortened, diagnoses are more accurate and biopsies more precise and less invasive for the patient. This means more patients can be served and earlier diagnoses and treatment will result."

The six clubs involved in this stellar fundraising cause consist of Agassiz Harrison Lions, Chilliwack Lions, Steller's Jay Lions, Mount Cheam Lions, Chilliwack Dogwood Monarch Lions, and Hope Lions.

Lions Clubs International is an international service organization established in 1917 in Chicago by Melvin Jones.

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## 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."



## 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]

## MD19 Calendar of Events 2023 - 2024

### 2024

Winter Council of Governor's meeting	Zoom	February 16-17, 2024
District 19-N Annual Conference	Olympia Hotel, Olympia WA	March 1-2, 2024
Lions Clubs International Board Meeting	Vancouver B.C.	March 14-20, 2024
District 19-O Annual Conference	4points Sheraton Bellingham, WA	March 22-23, 2024

April 8th: Hey did you know that Peter & Michele share their birthday TODAY?  
First 10 people to email us at [md19lions@lionsmd19.org](mailto:md19lions@lionsmd19.org) THAT DAY and say Happy Birthday will be entered into a random drawing for a gift from us to you!

APRIL 8th

District 19-L Annual Conference	Executive House Vancouver Resort	April 12-13, 2024
District 19-S Annual Conference	Coeur D'Alene Casino, Worley, ID	April 19-20, 2024
District 19-I Annual Conference	Ramada Kelowna Hotel, Kelowna, B.C.	April 26-27, 2024
Spring Council of Governor's	Silver Reef Casino, Ferndale WA	May 23-24, 2024
MD19 Annual Convention	Silver Reef Casino, Ferndale WA	May 24-25, 2024

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