



District 19C NEWSLETTER



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"Quest for Miracles through Service"

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

As we enter the third month of this Lions year it has really been busy around the district. A great number of the major fundraisers have either occurred or are in the final planning stages. Numerous clubs have been involved with the provision of backpacks to kids in need – a great way to help kids start the new school year. Thanks to all of you for what you do when it comes to our future generations.

Speaking of the future, we are still struggling with retaining our members. With that in mind I have asked the district's membership and retention chairs to take a look at why we lose our members and what we can do to help retain them. The challenge of course comes at the club level – what can you do to help? One way would be for your club to ask your Zone Chair if he, or someone he would recommend, would be willing to come in and lead a discussion using one of the 40 programs that have been prepared just for this purpose. The programs provide ideas on how a club can energize its membership, increase membership, retain its members, and others.

In addition to this, I would like to challenge the leaders within the district, past and present, to do the following:

1. Become involved (offer assistance) in working with clubs that have less than 20 members to grow. Use your knowledge to provide ideas and assist them to develop a plan – act as a Guiding Lion.

2. Work to ensure that there is a waiting list to fill the position of Zone Chair within each zone. This will ease the transition between the outgoing and incoming Zone Chairs. We have developed the position of Associate Zone Chair for that purpose and need to ensure we use it.

3. Get out into the District and encourage/challenge qualified Lions to run for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor. The position has been validated as one that benefits the District by taking some of the responsibilities and duties off of the District Governor and First Vice District Governor. It provides an additional year of leadership growth for the future District Governor. The position is here to stay and anyone who meets the qualifications of the position deserves the opportunity to run and the support of every past and present leader.

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First
Cabinet
Meeting
August 11

DG Rick (cont.)

I would like to say in closing, if you are a Lion who meets the qualifications for 2nd Vice District Governor, take the challenge and submit your candidacy paperwork. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact myself, the 1st Vice District Governor or the current 2nd Vice District Governor. Also, thank you to all the members of District 19C who have been or are doing things throughout their communities to put Lionism center stage.

1VDG Dave's Dispatch

Choices.

Recent club planning sessions have impressed upon me the overwhelming love and friendship among our members; the care with which decisions are made that affect our communities. There are so many needs, yet our budgets are limited. It's rather easy to say "YES!" But with our limited resources, how do we say "Sorry, we can't do that"?

Some annual needs funded by our combined resources:

Camp Leo	\$500
CARE	~\$100
First Responders	0-\$100
LERC	\$50-\$500
Project New Hope	\$420
Special Olympics	\$250-500

Some local needs common to us all:

Food Bank	~\$500
Glasses	~\$1000
Hearing Aids	~\$500

That could be over \$4000, but there's more:

Canine Companions/Guide Dogs, Cancer walks and foundations, Cystic Fibrosis, The Dictionary Project, Environmental projects, Muscular Dystrophy, Holiday Food and Gift drives, LEO Clubs, Lions Clubs International Foundation, Natural Disasters, NW Lions Foundation for Sight and Hearing, Peace Poster Contest, Wheelchair Ramps, Youth Exchange, and yes, so many more.

I'd just like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for coping with these difficult decisions and doing what you can.

2VDG Marilynn's Memo

Summer is R-o-a-r-i-n-g by way too fast and that means kids will be going back to school!

Lions Clubs throughout our District are also getting ready for the new school year. They are collecting school supplies, putting together backpacks, providing new underwear and uniforms, and also making contact with the schools for the Peace Poster contest and to meet with the 3rd graders to give them dictionaries. What a great service we provide to all our community schools.

But we must also remember to recognize and praise those within our clubs who have worked hard on all the club projects in the past few months. A little praise goes a long way and is a gift everyone appreciates receiving. Even the most undesirable task is easier to do if you know your efforts are appreciated.

Service takes on many forms in clubs. Some of our members are not able to stand for hours serving food or drinks, but they can talk to customers and promote Lionism. Both are important to any Lions project, and both need to be recognized as a service. Clubs should be looking at ways to meet individual capabilities so that everyone will feel useful and in turn won't think about leaving a club because they are not wanted or appreciated.

It doesn't matter what office you hold in your club or District, kind words go a long way. People will notice how you recognize those who have helped serve their community.

So thank you all so very much for your hard work, commitment and time that you have so generously given to each of your communities. I truly believe that our communities today are better off because "We Serve".

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT CLASS

Saturday, Sept. 10, 9:30 – 4:00 at the PSE Bldg in Tacoma

Info: PZC Ron Smircich, rsmircich@msn.com

Anyone who wants to attend must email Ron in advance so he can program you into the course.

HELPFUL HINTS FROM THE CLUB SUPPORT TEAM

Why Do We Lose Lions?

John Budzak, Jr, Retention Chair

Each year we bring in several Lions, but others go out the back door as fast as we bring them in the front door. There are many reasons why we lose people in our clubs. Some are beyond our control, but a few we can change and strengthen our organization. I have listed some of the major reasons people leave Lions below.

1: Club meetings are not interesting. People want value in the meetings that they attend. Why should they go to a meeting when there is no program or nothing is accomplished at the meetings? If they get nothing out of attending the meetings, they will stop coming and we will lose them.

2: They don't feel welcome. Our members need to feel like they are a part of the group. In many clubs this does not occur. Newer Lions feel unwelcome or feel like outsiders. We need to make them feel like they are a part of our organization.

3: Ideas are not valued. People bring their own ideas to each of our clubs. When we ignore or even worse minimize their ideas we shut them down. As a result they will feel unwanted and will leave our organization.

4: They get burned out. In some of our clubs we tend to turn to the same members all of the time. We work them hard and they get tired. When this happens they leave us, because always being the go-to person takes a lot out of them. As a result we lose a hard worker because they become exhausted.

5: Personality conflicts. Sometimes people just don't get along. As a result, when we have internal strife in a club we lose members.

All of these issues can be fixed so that we don't have a revolving door of membership in our clubs. If we make our meetings interesting, ensure that each and every member is made to feel welcome, don't dismiss new ideas and don't burn out our hardest workers, we can slow the revolving door down. If there is internal strife in a club and we may lose a member there is always the option of transferring them to a different club. These issues are not easy to fix, but if we value our members and want to keep our clubs strong we need to make the effort to slow down the revolving door.

GMT Roundtable Announcement

Jack Ford, Membership Chair

The first of two GMT Roundtables will be held on **October 22nd** from **8:30 to 10:30 AM** at
Lacey Fire Station 34 (Across from the Mushroom Farm)
 8407 Steilacoom Road SE, Olympia, WA 98513

The Roundtable will consist of three modules, each beginning with an informative presentation followed by a discussion period. The three modules will address recruiting of quality Lions, new member development, and retention. The focus of the Roundtable is to generate communications among Zones and Clubs that will result in positive membership growth at the Club level. Lessons learned and new approaches should be integrated into the discussions.

The challenge to be addressed is "*Stop the bleeding*" and improve recruitment and retention of new quality Lions to insure MD 19C has a positive growth in membership to better support service to the community.

Club Presidents, Club Membership Directors, Zone Chairmen, and Zone Membership Directors, both serving and past, are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussions. Any Lion member is also encouraged to attend since the thrust of the challenge's success rests with the individuals within each Club.

A second Roundtable will be scheduled in the near future and will meet on the Kitsap Peninsula.

UPCOMING EVENTS

District C Cabinet Planning Session

Saturday, Sept. 17, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Bella Nina's Restaurant, 6218 6th Ave, Tacoma
\$5/person for buffet lunch

All cabinet members are invited to attend

RSVP by Sept. 15: 2VDG Marilyn Danby
253-208-4556 or mdanby@comcast.net

District 19C Environmental Project

Saturday, October 1, 9am - Noon

Silver Creek in Puyallup

Come help plant 400 cedar trees as part of Lions Clubs International President Tam's campaign to plant 1 million trees throughout the world.

Check out the flyer at www.md19clions.org

Info: Dave Pratt, 360-791-6531 or

Dave.DHP@comcast.net

C-5 Zone Meeting

Saturday, Sept. 10, 7:00 pm

Eatonville Baptist Church, 825 Eatonville Highway

C-2 Zone Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 15

Hosted by Hood Canal Lions

C-3 Zone Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 29, 6:00 pm

Branks Barbecue, Sumner

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USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

September 22-24

Anchorage, Alaska



Information, registration form and schedule:

www.usacanalionsforum.org

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MD-19 Annual Convention

"Lions at the OK Corral"

October 13-15 in Yakima

Fun & Fellowship
Seminars, Tours, Speakers

Registration form and all the details are at
www.lionsmd19.com/events/fallannual.pdf

CLUB ACTIVITIES

GIG HARBOR LIONS CLUB

Low Vision Symposium

Saturday, September 17, 10 am - Noon

Cottesmore for Life, 2909 14th Ave NW

Info: Pres. Bonnie Manning

vanbonmanning@comcast.net

LACEY MIDDAY LIONS CLUB

Wine Tasting & Auction

Saturday, September 17, 6-10 pm

Medicine Creek Winery

Proceeds benefit Project New Hope

Tickets: \$25/person (\$28 at the door)

Info: Dee McDermott, 360-456-6990

LAKWOOD FIRST LIONS CLUB

Oktoberfest

Friday, September 23, 6:00 pm

Sharon McGavick Ctr, Clover Park Tech College

Cost is \$25.00, includes dinner and dancing

Info: Larry, 253-682-7337 or Erik, 360-961-5468

SILVERDALE SUNRISE LIONS

Beer Tasting at the Mall

Friday, September 30, 6:00 pm

Hale's Ale House at Kitsap Mall

6 brews for tasting, plus food buffet

Reservations Required \$25/person

Info: IPZC Al Hedstrom

World_Phamous@yahoo.com

TACOMA SE LIONS CLUB

Soup Frenzy & Silent Auction

Saturday, October 8, 5-8 pm

South End Neighborhood Center

7802 South L St, Tacoma 98408

\$7 each, free for children 4 & under

Info: Sheila Pearce, 253-906-6132

BREMERTON CENTRAL LIONS

Seafood Dinner & Auction

Saturday, October 8, 5:00 pm

Admiral Theater

Tickets: \$50/person

Benefits Harrison Medical Center's

Intensive Care Unit Waiting Area

Info: ZC Mike Peterson, 360-698-0369

GIG HARBOR LIONS CLUB

80th Anniversary

Saturday, October 22, 5:30 pm

Kensington Gardens

Reservations due Sept. 30 \$45/person

Info: Pres. Bonnie Manning

vanbonmanning@comcast.net

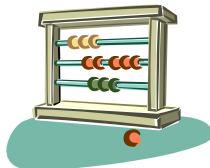
**Check out the District website for flyers
on these and other club events**



18 NEW MEMBERS

Club	New Member	Sponsor
Covington	Katherine Swain	Judy Swanberg
DuPont	Luis Jimenez	Linda Cumberbatch
DuPont	Sean St Clair	Jim Munsey
Hood Canal	Darrell Barker	Charlie Vammen
Hood Canal	Cody Daggett	Don Minor
Hood Canal	Chris DeCapua	Troy Woodard
Kent	Charles Carston	Gwen Allen-Carston
Key Peninsula	Chad Havrell	George Robison
Olympia Host	Larry Berg	Lloyd Sell
Olympia Host	Peggy Brink	Lloyd Sell
Olympia Host	Margie & Timm Corier	Jan Weatherly
Puyallup Valley	William Specht	
Puyallup Valley	Jane K Wemhoff	Mark Reynolds
Shelton	Ann Jones	Bonnie Williamson
Shelton Morning Star	Carey Murray	Stephen Warner
Spanapark	Christopher Holland	Rose Becker
Yelm	Janelle Embrey	Megan Hansen

In Memoriam	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>
Ted Foreid	Yelm



BY THE NUMBERS
District Membership as of July 1, 2011: 1625 Total Members
District Membership as of Sept. 1, 2011: 1565 Total Members

Lions Quest - Our Mission

Cheryl Comsia, Quest Chair

To empower and support adults throughout the world to nurture caring and responsibility in young people



The Lions of MD 19-C and Lions around the world own this powerful curriculum! I invite you to look take a look at the website <http://www.lions-quest.org> and consider who you know in your community that works with youth and would be interested in partnering with your club in working with the youth in your neighborhood. Please feel free to contact me (Cheryl Comsia – 253-840-0116 or tahoma@comsia.net) for more information and be sure to read the mission statement of Lions Quest and see if you don't agree!

Lions Quest programs are comprehensive, positive youth development and prevention curricula that unite the home, school and community to cultivate capable and healthy young people of strong character. Lions Quest K-12 programs teach essential life skills that support character development, social and emotional learning, civic values, substance and violence prevention, and service-learning.

Our programs enhance the academic mission of K-12 schools through exceptional professional development, which is an essential component of implementation. Sponsored by Lions Clubs International Foundation, Lions Quest programs are rated as "Select SEL" by the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL). Skills for Adolescence is rated a "Model" program by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Lions Quest K-12 programs are implemented in nearly 60 countries and over 30 languages, making it one of the most widely used life skills and prevention programs in the world. To date, 500,000 educators have been certified to teach Lions Quest and nearly 12 million youth have benefitted from the program.

DG Rick's Schedule (subject to change)

DATE	CLUB	TIME	ZONE
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SEPTEMBER

9/1	Shelton Morning Star	7:00 am	C-2
9/1	Poulsbo Noon	Noon	C-4
9/1	Hood Canal	6:30 pm	C-2
9/6	Spanapark	7:00 am	C-5
9/6	Puyallup Valley	Noon	C-3
9/7	Mt. Rainier	6:30 pm	C-5
9/8	Bonney Lake	Noon	C-3
9/8	Mineral Lake	7:00 pm	C-5
9/12	Rainier	7:00 pm	C-6
9/21	North Mason	Noon	C-4
9/21	Eatonville Daybreak	5:30 pm	C-5
9/22	Roy Community	7:00 pm	C-6
9/26	Gig Harbor	7:00 am	C-1

OCTOBER

10/3	Yelm	6:00 pm	C-6
10/4	Covington	1:30 pm	C-3
10/5	Lacey Lamplighters	6:00 pm	C-6
10/6	Port Orchard	7:00 pm	C-4
10/17	Puyallup South	7:00 pm	C-5
10/18	Shelton	6:30 pm	C-2
10/19	Tumwater	6:45 pm	C-2
10/25	Silverdale Sunrise	7:00 am	C-4
10/25	Auburn Noon	Noon	C-3

District 19C Cabinet

Looking for a list of this year's cabinet members?
It's posted on our website at

http://www.md19clions.org/Roster/Maintenance/display_cabinet.php



Webmaster Dave Risley is still looking for an assistant to help keep our District website updated. Need not be a Lion to apply; don't need to be experienced; just need to be willing to learn! For further info, contact him at davidrisley@comcast.net

Environmental Photo Contest



The Lions Clubs Environmental Photo Contest for 2011/2012 is up and running for District 19C. Any member of a Lions Club in good standing can enter an 8x10 original, unaltered, black-and-white or color photo of the environment.

The list of photo categories and contest rules can be found on the District website at md19clions.org.

All submissions are due *no later than November 30*. Photos will be judged based on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the environmental theme.

Dave Pratt, 19C Environmental Chair
Dave.DHP@comcast.net 360-791-6531

APPLE SALES FOR CAMP LEO

Get in on this annual event! Your club members sell sweet & crunchy Fuji apples (40-lb box) for \$30 and your club earns \$10 per box.

The apples are shipped fresh from Wenatchee in October. There will be several packing dates, where Lions meet at the Thurston County Fairgrounds to transfer apples from large crates into cardboard boxes. Then you deliver them to your customers.

Just 50 boxes of apples brings in enough money to sponsor a child with diabetes to Camp Leo next summer.

Orders due by Oct. 1st

Info: Lynda Lovely-Wright
360 456-8211

lovelywright@yahoo.com

GOT NEWS? Send information for the newsletter to Editor Jacqueline Pratt at LionJ.Pratt@comcast.net

DEADLINE: 1st of the Month (but you don't have to wait until then!)

NEW DISTRICT 19C PROJECT – Thank First Responders

At the first cabinet meeting on August 11th, Shelley Clayton, Chairwoman of Thank First Responders, asked for the Lions' support. A unanimous vote endorsed her program as a new District project. The following information is provided by Lion Shelley:

In 2009, Washington State lost six Law Enforcement Officers in three separate tragedies.

The communities in their grief responded to the tragedy, lining the streets of each procession with signs that read "Fallen but not forgotten" and "Thank you for your service, for your sacrifice". It seems that the only time we as a community say "thank you" to a 1st Responder is when we are saying goodbye.

I am part of an organization that is working hard to change that! The day after the Lakewood shootings, November 30th, our first day of recovery, was selected as a day to say thank you to the fine men and women who faithfully serve our communities.

Our organization asked citizens to adopt a station and on November 30th 2010, do something nice for that station. The response was overwhelming! In our first year, we had 143 stations in 47 cities adopted. Groups, clubs, schools and private citizens adopted stations all over Washington State and showed their love!

In reaching out to groups last year, I spoke at several Lions Clubs meetings in our District. Their compassion and genuine respect for the 1st Responders in their communities spoke volumes. Because of their generosity, I am proud to say that I too, am now a Lion.

Recently, I spoke at the District 19-C Cabinet meeting. I asked District Governor Rick Drury and the cabinet to consider endorsing November 30th 2011 and encouraging all the clubs in our District to adopt a station. The vote was unanimous!

Won't your club join us? We are in need of clubs to adopt a 1st Responders (Fire, Law Enforcement, or EMS) facility on November 30, 2011. On November 30th, DO something for a 1st Responder that says ***thank you***. Thank you cards or poster, coffee, treats, the ideas are endless but the message of thanks is powerful.

For more information about us, please go to our web site: www.thankfirstresponder.com



Last year, Lakewood First Lions Club presented this cake to thank their local police department.

If every Lions Club in District 19C adopted just one police or fire station, that would be over 50 Thank You's to hundreds of dedicated men and women who serve our communities.

International Partnership through Lionism:

Lions Clubs International encourages Lions to extend friendship to citizens in other lands. Lions in different countries work together on joint service projects to understand and appreciate different cultures and value systems. Such cooperative service projects create lasting friendships between Lions, their families and residents of their communities. International Understanding is so important that Lions Clubs International included it in their Mission statement; To Create and Foster a Spirit of Understanding Among all People for Humanitarian Needs by Providing Voluntary Services through Community Involvement and **International Understanding**. The international viewpoint is often limited to categorizing people into two groups: those from developed countries and those from developing (formally referred to as underdeveloped or third world) countries. It is difficult for individuals to relate to those removed from them. Lionism's leading role in supporting the improvement of international relations is both old and glorious. "To create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world," established the important role that international understanding plays in Lions programs. While the universal membership of Lionism reflects the differences between individuals everywhere, Lions do share common Objects, Ethics and the "We Serve" motto. These make it possible to transcend differences.

International Activities: October is recognized as international relations month by Lions Clubs International. World Sight Day is celebrated the second Thursday in October, and the United Nations Day for 2012 will be announced later. All Lions are encouraged to observe and sponsor informational programs encouraging international understanding.

International Relations Awards (available upon the district governor's request):

Outstanding achievements in LCIF activities, United Nations projects and efforts, Initiatives that promote peace and cooperation among peoples of different nations and cultures, Leadership in international assistance projects.

International Understanding and Cooperation Award (Outstanding Club Patch): Available upon request to the district governor for presentation to the club selected for outstanding participation in International Understanding and Cooperation activities.

Awards Available to Clubs: International Club Twinning, International Relations Certificate, Youth Exchange Person, and Lions/UNICEF School-in-a-Box banner patch award.

Contact PDG John Doyle at Dezellson@aol.com or 253-209-7453. If your club is twinning, please send me your information. Interested in twinning? I will help you.

Effective Lions Projects

PDG Bill Ellis, 19C Leadership Development

Why are projects important?

Lions provide service to our communities through projects. Projects are what capture the attention of the community and potential members. If projects are good, then the Lions club's image will be good. Conversely, if the project suffers from poor planning and implementation, the club's external image will suffer as well. This means it is doubly important that projects go well. Major success is experienced when the simple steps are applied. SMART Project Planning is one of the major subjects in the 2012 Northwest Lions Leadership Institute held February 9-12.

What makes a project?

- *One time series of events
- *Sequenced activities
- *Time frame
- *Participants
- *Limited resources and budget
- *Goal orientation
- *End product or service

So, by this definition everything we do as Lions are projects. The only exceptions are defined in the club constitution and by-laws and club policies. You will learn this and many other leadership skills at the NW Lions Leadership Institute. You and your club can achieve more success from the experience.