

MD19 Contests and Awards Report

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Wenatchee Convention Center

Council Chairperson Steve and Council Members:

Thanks, District Governors, Convention Chairpersons and Contests and Awards Chairpersons for working together to include the district level contests at your 2026 Conventions. There is some good work going on out there in MD19 as evidenced by the winning brochures, business cards, websites and speeches that were heard at the conventions.

Thank you to those Governors who submitted nominations for the Club Inspirational Award. Impressive. We'll announce the winner at the Closing General Session on Sunday. In fact, all winners will be announced at the Closing Session as well as conducting the Uniform Parade! Two members or twenty members, join in the fun and march in the parade wearing your club's official "swag".

Please make sure your winning brochures, business cards and scrapbooks are submitted by Saturday in the MD19 Office. The name of the room is in the Convention Program.

- The MD19 Office and I would like you to give us permission to update our Contest guidelines. This is a housekeeping request and would allow us to change titles and the wording now being used to make it current. An example is changing "Spring Conferences" to "District Conventions".
- If you would like to be a member of the MD19 Contests and Awards three-member team, let me know. This is a great program that encourages clubs to do healthy things for their growth like brochures, business cards, bulletins of one sort or another. It promotes pride in one's club and fun and fellowship.

Speaking of fun and fellowship. One of the criteria for a healthy club and solid membership growth is the **Club Induction Ceremony**. Such a ceremony welcomes new members into the Lions Family in a memorable, meaningful way. Sometimes clubs wait for weeks, months and even a full year to induct new members, because they are waiting for the Governor or Zone Chairperson to do it. That's a long time to wait for your pin and your welcome! A club could do it as soon as a member is reported to Lions International on the portal with their own Club Induction Team! Let's encourage our clubs to form their own team to welcome and recognize new members in a meaningful, timely fashion. Let's recognize those clubs who do it well, so that other clubs can learn from them and borrow ideas.

- With that in mind, please consider reinstating the **Club Induction Team** Contest at the district and multiple district level. It could be a way to bring

more people to our conventions on both levels. I have included the guidelines for this contest in this report and ask that you vote to include it in our Contests and Awards Program.

- Please also consider reinstating a fun contest to our program. That is the **Musical Entertainment** Contest. Not skits, but musical entertainment. It can have humor but not be a skit. I would like us to have two categories. One for club entries and one for district groups made up of people from several clubs (Lions and Leos). We had a talent contest in the former District 19-H one year and had some amazing talent performed by both Leos and Lions. It was amazing! The guidelines for both the club Musical Entertainment and District Musical Entertainment are included in this report. Please read them over and come with your questions and to vote to incorporate them back into the C&A Program.

Both contests would be for Lions and Leos. Both could bring more people to our conventions. They would compete separately for the Induction teams and Club Musical Entertainment – Lions with Lions and Leos with Leos. Leos and Lions would compete together as one big happy family in the district musical entertainment contest, because groups are allowed to include Leos and Lions.

Let's do this and make our clubs and organization healthier while having fun earning bragging rights! Lions Pride!

Thank you,
Patty Allen-White, MD19 Contests and Awards Chairperson