



MD19 DIABETES AWARENESS REPORT

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Council Chair & Council,

As we near the end of this Lions year and prepare to start over again with a new Lions year, one thing never stops. That is the fact that those of us that have diabetes it is never ending. No cure has been found yet, and medication is expensive. For children with this never ending disease, even going to a camp where they can be safe with this disease is hard and expensive.

Last year 231 children with Diabetes made use of the diabetes camp near Gibsons, BC. I do not have the complete total per child to attend but believe it is just over \$3,000.00 per child. I don't have the demographics for how many children have attended the camps in WA State, but do know it too is well over \$3,000.00 per child to attend. As a Lions International Global cause, I sincerely hope that all clubs put even a little bit in their budget toward diabetes in your area.

As of the end of this weekend, the full totals will be available on our now completed MD19 Step Challenge. Due to health issues I am unable to attend the convention this weekend and wish to give a big Thank You to PDG Jan Weatherly who has stepped up to present the winning trophy and Top Stepper trophy this weekend.

Stay tuned to step up again in October to this challenge. I am looking for the missing Districts to start participating, and will be in touch with those DG's once the New Year starts!

Respectfully Submitted
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District L & MD19 Diabetes Chair

