

MD19 LCIF US REPORT

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Fundraising at District Conventions

Each District LCIF Coordinator in MD19 has a plan to raise money for LCIF at their District convention. In fact, continent wide, the expectation is that LCIF Coordinators will use that event to educate members about LCIF and raise money for LCIF.

But Stop!

Are you aware that our own Council of Governor's Policy Manual forbids districts to raise money for anything other than their convention at the convention?

That means we cannot raise money for any Lions related cause at our own conventions. That includes LCIF, CARE, Leader Dogs, Camp Horizon, MD19 Foundation, NW Lions Foundation or Youth Exchange just to name a few of our favorite Lions causes.

We need the Council of Governors to change this section of the Policy Manual at this meeting.

This suggested wording to replace Chapter 6 section E has been submitted to the Governance Committee for presentation at the February 17 meeting.

The Convention Committee, with the approval of the District Governor, may conduct Lions sanctioned fundraising activities at the District Convention with the funds to be distributed to such Lions sanctioned organizations.

This change would allow districts to raise money at their conventions **only with** the approval of their District Governor and Convention Committee.

Please support this change so you have control of the fundraising done at your own district convention.

Progress on our US LCIF Goal

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Goal 1 Reach or exceed the US LCIF fundraising goal for MD19 by June 30, 2024
MD19 US has achieved 140% of their goal with \$217,239 raised through January 2024!
This was made possible by 2 very generous donations made in District O.
The other 4 districts are not close to reaching their district goals.

Goal 2 Raise the visibility of LCIF at the individual, club, zone, district and MD level by asking clubs to select an LCIF coordinator and involving LCIF in your conventions and zones meeting.

Where Club Coordinators have been appointed across the MD, the club LCIF donations have come in earlier this year. Also there has been more communication between the District Coordinator and the club.

LCIF can still use the support of our District Governors by

- Being a model for your district by supporting **our foundation** when visiting clubs. Ask for that club donation if they have not yet donated.
- Asking clubs to select an LCIF club coordinator now and for next year.
- You demonstrate individual giving with electronic monthly donations. Press that DONATE button on the LCI website. Even \$10 per month makes a huge difference.
- Involving your LCIF District Coordinators in your district convention festivities.

Here are your US District Coordinators. They are on your team to help you reach your own LCIF goal submitted to President Patty Hill.

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