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Leadership Corner

By Debbie Bostock, MD19 GLT

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season. May it be filled with love, laughter and memory making moments.

I am very pleased to let you know that The Northwest Lions Leadership Institute is all set to be held in Chilliwack, BC this coming June 4 – 7, 2026.

This is an educational program designed for Lions Club members in the Northwest region to develop and enhance their leadership skills. The institute features interactive workshops, seminars, and networking opportunities, with a focus on effective communication, teamwork, and project management within Lions Club activities.

Participants gain valuable hands-on learning and mentorship from experienced Lions leaders, making it an ideal opportunity for both new and seasoned members to grow personally and professionally. The program welcomes Lions from all backgrounds who wish to strengthen their leadership abilities and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

The registration form and more info can be found on the website. nwlli.org

District Governors and GLTs have been sent the registration forms to forward to anyone who would like to attend.

We are busy planning the seminars for the 2026 – 2027 DGs, VDGs, ZCs and GATs, which will be held in Wenatchee, WA on May 22nd and for ZCs also May 23rd morning. This will be just prior to our MD19 Convention which is planned for May 23 – 25, 2026. We will also be having club officer seminars at the convention.

If you have anything in particular you would like to see presented as a seminar let me know.

Please mark your calendars for both these events. If I can help in anyway, please contact me at Debbie.bostock@gmail.com or 250 189 6075.

Link to More Information

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

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

CARE Program
https://youtu.be/Md8S_XSXIw

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

Lions Quest Canada
<https://www.lionsquest.ca/>

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

Lions Member Resource Center
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center>

Lions Virtual Events Center
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/virtual-events-center>

Lions International Calendar
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/lions-events-calendar>

Lions Easter Seals Camps - BC/Yukon
<https://www.eastersealsbcy.ca/summercamp/>

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MD19 Council Chairperson

Steve Brooks

I was saddened to learn of the recent passing of PCC Steve Noble. Steve was a Lion who was always willing to step up and serve with a soft-spoken leadership style. I served as a District Governor with Steve and learned about his kind approach to solving problems and leading by example. Steve will leave a big void in many hearts. My condolences to his wife, Kathy, and family in their loss.



Lion clubs across MD19 are busy with the holidays, serving their communities in a variety of ways. I have seen lots of clubs helping those in need with food drives, toy drives, a few Santas in various locations and other events. It is exciting to see the energy of serving and several clubs have used these service opportunities to grow membership. Several clubs have asked if I could show up to their events to help them out. It is a good feeling to help those less fortunate during the holidays and throughout the entire year.

MD19 received a \$10,000 marketing grant from Lions International. The goal is to use the grant to build at least ten new Lion Clubs across MD19 and grow our membership by at least 100 members. Each of our districts are in the process of identifying locations for new clubs and building their teams. During this Lion's year, we have had a couple of branch clubs form already and are busy serving the communities. One of these branch clubs is in a community that previously had a Lions Club for 52 years before closing a few years before Covid. It is exciting to see this branch club grow and they have a goal of becoming a regular club by recruiting more members. One way to help build new clubs is to partner with local non-profits in the community. Lions have a very good insurance program for clubs to utilize in their various projects. Getting a local non-profit to become Lions club gives them access to insurance that they would otherwise have to purchase.

All districts in MD19 are taking Mission 1.5 seriously and working hard to grow membership and improve training of club officers. We have many clubs with 15 or fewer members. Some of those clubs are content where they are with membership and don't want to grow. Others are looking for help in ways to recruit new members. Lions International has lots of information on their website to help clubs. I came to the realization that many of those clubs that need help in growing don't know where to start. Our MD19 Global Action Team (GAT) Team and the district GAT teams are available to help. Focusing on community service will attract more members than trying to attract younger people to attend a club meeting. Recently I met a Lion member who has been a Lion for over 40 years and was very proud of the fact that he had been to only one club meeting when he was inducted but completely enjoyed joining with his fellow Lions in community service. I truly believe that focusing on the service aspect will attract more members than focusing on meetings.

In October, we applied for a \$25,000 LCIF Matching Grant to help with room renovations at Easter Seal House near Vancouver BC. I was asked to provide some more information and background for our grant application. The other day I received word that our LCIF Grant application looks very good and will be submitted for approval by the LCIF board in January and I greatly appreciate all of the assistance provided to answer those questions presented by some very dedicated Lions. The clubs providing the matching funds for this grant have already raised the funds which will help strengthen our application.

As we are into the holiday season, I hope that each of you can celebrate with your families and friends in a joyous manner! However, the needs within our communities don't take a holiday break. I encourage everyone to remember those needs after the new year by following our Lions Motto of "We Serve".



Job Opening - Administrative Assistant - Multiple District 19 Lions Clubs

Location: Bellingham, Washington

Employment Type: Full-Time (40 hours per week, on-site)

Compensation: \$20.25 per hour (commensurate with experience)

About Us

Multiple District 19 (MD19) Lions Clubs represents Lions Clubs across British Columbia, Washington, and North Idaho. We are a service-focused nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, and promote understanding and peace.

We are seeking a dedicated and detail-oriented Administrative Assistant to support our Executive Director, officers, and volunteers in maintaining smooth office operations and coordinating the many moving parts of our organization.

Position Overview

The Administrative Assistant is responsible for managing daily office operations, maintaining accurate publications and records, processing financial transactions, and providing administrative support to district officers and committees. This position plays a key role in ensuring the timely flow of information across the multiple districts and supporting Lions' mission of service.

This is a full-time, on-site position based in Bellingham, WA.

Key Responsibilities

Publications & Records

- Maintain and update statistical and contact records for Lions clubs, zones, and district officers.
- Prepare and publish materials including the MD19 Roster, Contests and Awards Booklet, Constitution & By-Laws, Officer Manuals, and monthly bulletins.
- Track and record club membership reports, donations, and awards.

Financial Administration

- Record club dues, donations, and paraphernalia sales using QuickBooks.
- Prepare and distribute dues statements, financial reports, and deposit records.
- Process bills, reimbursements, and expense claims; ensure timely payments.
- Maintain accurate records for both U.S. and Canadian accounts.

Officer & District Support

- Assist district officers and committee chairs with administrative tasks and program coordination.
- Attend and record minutes for Council of Governors meetings across MD19's geographic area.
- Prepare certification forms, election materials, registration books, and voting credentials for conventions and district conferences.

Membership & Club Support

- Maintain accurate officer records and prepare new club materials.
- Order supplies and awards through Lions Clubs International and vendors as needed.

Office Operations

- Manage mail, phone, and email communications; greet and assist visitors.
- Maintain filing systems, office inventory, and general supplies.
- Prepare tickets, registration forms, and communications for MD19 events.
- Support the Executive Director with other tasks and projects as assigned.

Required Skills & Attributes

We're looking for someone who is:

- Independent and resourceful, with strong problem-solving skills.
- Focused and detail-oriented, able to manage complex information accurately.
- Flexible and adaptable, thriving in a dynamic environment.
- Collaborative, working well with the Executive Director and volunteers.
- Proficient in technology, especially internet navigation, QuickBooks, and Microsoft Office.
- Organized and dependable, capable of managing multiple priorities and meeting deadlines.

Qualifications

- Previous administrative or bookkeeping experience (nonprofit experience an asset).
- Familiarity with QuickBooks and general accounting processes.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to attend occasional meetings or events within the MD19 region (WA, BC, and ID).

Why Join Us?

This is a unique opportunity to be part of a legacy service organization with a positive impact across the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada. You'll work in a friendly, mission-driven environment where your organizational skills directly contribute to helping others.

To Apply: Please submit your résumé and a brief cover letter outlining your qualifications and interest in the role.



Multiple District 19 Lions Clubs' Official Payment Partner



One place to collect it all

Cheddar Up is your one-stop shop for all Lions club payments, forms, and sign ups. From membership dues to fundraisers, it's never been easier to move everything for your Lions club online. Create a custom-branded collection page in minutes and share a link. Your members can pay online in a click —no account or app needed!

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Getting started is easy: getcheddarup.com/md19



Big Deal Alert! Cheddar Up has partnered with Multiple District 19 Lions Clubs and is giving districts and local clubs our most premium plan for FREE. Get the full functionality of our Team Plan — over \$400 per year, per club — at no cost!

This product is only available to Clubs and Districts who bank in the United States.

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Governor General of Canada Sovereign's Medal Awarded

By Lion Steve Dane

On Tuesday, September 23, 2025, Steve Scott (Center), Treasurer of the Tsawwassen Boundary Bay Lions club was awarded the Governor General of Canada Sovereign's Medal.

The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers is a Canadian national award that recognizes the significant, sustained, and unpaid contributions of living Canadians who benefit or bring honour to Canada through their volunteer work. It was established in 2015 to honour volunteers who have shown dedication, passion, and commitment to their communities in various fields.

It is the highest civilian honor for volunteer service in Canada, recognizing individuals who have made a significant, continuous, and unpaid impact.



CARE

By Bob Yeoman, MD19 CARE Chairperson

As we approach the end of our first six months, I would like to remind you of this year's program and report on donations within the first five months.

The program for this year will help provide clean water in schools located in Guatemala. Currently, Guatemala schools lack proper infrastructure for preparing meals. Unsanitary water contributes to poor sanitation procedures when it comes to washing of the hands. Our donations will help provide clean purified water for the schools.

Donations for the first five months of the year total \$11795.00, which is \$280.00 more than this time last year. Great job MD 19. I want to compliment District O and District N for donating \$3,650.00, and \$3,175.00 respectively. Both District I and District S have donated more than at this time last year. Remember that for 2024-2025 fiscal year we donated \$44,045.00 which was the best year in recent time. We are on track to beat that figure!

Remember that a donation of \$500.00 (US or Canadian funds) during the fiscal year entitles that club to request a Gordon F. Smith Fellowship. This Fellowship can be given to a Lion or non-Lion. The Fellowship must be requested prior to year end. Currently, we have 13 clubs that qualify. Three clubs have donated \$1,000.00 each and would qualify for 2 Fellowships. Who will be next to qualify for a Gordon F. Smith Fellowship? Individuals also can donate to CARE.



2026 14 DAYS MD19 LCI HONG KONG PRE-CONVENTION TOUR to XIAMEN

JUN 24 23:30 – 00:30 (25JUN) VANCOUVER

Meet at China Airlines Check-in Counter. Drop your check-in luggage at the counter.

JUN 25 02:00 VANCOUVER - TAIPEI

Depart for Xiamen, China via Taipei, Taiwan. Light meals and entertainment on board.

JUN 26 10:30 TAIPEI - XIAMEN (D)

Arrive Xiamen. Transfer to SWISS GRAND XIAMEN HOTEL. Rest of the day is free.

Welcome dinner.

Lujiang No.9 · Italian Family Cuisine (Huaqiao Seaview City Branch)



JUN 27 XIAMEN (B/L/D)

After breakfast at the hotel, tour Bailuzhou (White Crane Island) Park, the Egret Goddess Sculpture in the central area of the park is one of Xiamen’s urban symbols, and there are also Pigeons Square and Photography Square. The park is home to 400 square pigeons imported from the Netherlands, allowing visitors to interact with them. The musical fountain is also spectacular during festivals.



After lunch, by ferry to Gulangyu Island, the “Exhibition of World Architecture”, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2017.



The island is motor car free, boasts buildings of diverse styles, including Western architectural styles such as Gothic architecture, Baroque architecture; it also features Minnan-styles buildings represented by red-brick ancient houses, which are exquisitely decorated and carry unique cultural connotations. Also visit to the renowned Piano Museum housing Pianos from the 19th centuries before returning to Xiamen.

Evening drive to YanWu Bridge to watch the sunset. Free at leisure after dinner.



The tour will depart Vancouver on 24th June evening. The price includes return airfare, hotel in China and in Hong Kong. Deadline to reserve a seat is 30th January 2026. Contact for reservations: PDG Kenny Lee at dg19h2013@gmail.com



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MD19 Annual Convention to be held in Wenatchee over Memorial Day Weekend
“Celebrating the Fruits of Service”
May 23rd & 24th, 2026
Training Fri/Sat Convention Sat/Sun Enjoy surrounding area Monday

Avid Hotel by IHG	1640 North Wenatchee Ave	1-877-859-5095	We have not booked rooms at any other hotels, but you might wish to check these prices and book your room NOW , before Coast Block gets full. It is a busy weekend, so don't wait to reserve!!
Best Western Chieftain Inn	1017 N Wenatchee Ave	1-800-568-8520	
Best Western Plus	815 N Wenatchee Ave	1-800-568-8520	
Comfort Suites	195 E Penny Road	1-509-662-1818	
Fairfield Inn/Suites	201 Valley Mall Parkway	1-844-631-0595	
Hilton Garden Inn	25 N Worthen Street	1-855-618-4697	
Holiday Inn Exp	1921 N Wenatchee Ave	1-877-859-5095	
My Place Hotel	820 Riverside Dr	1-509-888-8118	

Memorials for October 2025

L 13	Clallam Bay Sekiu	Karin Ashton
I 3	Kootenay Lake	Tom Lymbery
I 12	Kamloops Aberdeen	Donna M. Schrader
O 5	Bellingham Central	Owen Olsen
N 9	Kelso	David Walker
N 9	Longview Pioneer	Robert C. Bradley
S 3	Waitsburg	Gerald Baker
S 12	Reardan	Harry M. Grennay

Memorials for November 2025

I 11	Chase	Harold Lewis
O 5	Everson	Harry A. Anderson
N 9	Kelso	Darlene Little
S 5	Whitepine	Darin E. Anderson
S 54	Whitepine	Russell L. Foster

Percentages of First Half Dues Paid for 2025-2026 November 2025

	DUES
19-L	94%
19-I	78%
19-O	97%
19-N	84%
19-S	95%

Special Donations 2025-2026

	LCIF	CARE
	PDG Breakfast at Chilliwack	\$65.00
19-I	PDG Chuck Robinson	\$500.00
19-N	PDG Emerson Bishop In memory of PDG Bill Ellis	\$200.00
19-O	PID & PDG Roger and Rosemary Richert In celebration of PDG Emerson's 90th Bday	\$90.00
19-O	Michele Barrie In honor of her children	\$150.00

Vital Information

Christmas Schedule for MD19 Office

The MD19 Office is closed December 24th – January 1st. The Office will be open for business at 8:00 am on January 2, 2026. 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.

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 2025-2026 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, 2025, plus pro-rated dues for any new members brought in from July to December.

District Conventions begin the weekend of March 20th. It is important that the 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 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!

Contests & Awards - Alive & Well

By PCC Patty Allen-White

Most of our Lions Clubs & LEO Clubs conduct one or more valuable service projects each year. What is your favorite club project? Every Member in your club has bragging rights regarding this project. The rest of us in the district and multiple district could learn a thing or two from you, if you were willing to share your project with us! That is why the 5-Minute Achievement Award "contest" was created. You do not have to share a brand-new project, BUT when you share the project with the rest of us, you must talk about what you have done on the project in the 2025-2026 Lions Year.

One or two Lions Club Members do the actual sharing, but someone else in the club can write the report. Where do you share your project? At your District Spring Convention. How much time do you have to share it? Five minutes, thus the name "5-Minute Achievement Award". It's called an award because if your presentation is selected out of all the projects shared at the district convention, you earn the bragging rights to share it with all the clubs in Multiple District 19 in Wenatchee, WA, at the MD19 Convention May 23 & 24, 2026! The district winners share the same project at the multiple district that is shared at the district level.

Here is the link to get the official guidelines for this 5-Minute Achievement Award: https://www.lionsmd19.org/downloads/rules_achievement.pdf. Let your district contests and awards chairperson and your District Governor know if you have a service project you would like to share with your fellow Lions at the district convention. Governors and Zone Chairpersons, if you hear about or witness a good service project, please encourage your Lions to share it with the rest of the district Lions.

After reading the guidelines, if you have questions, please let me know. As your Multiple District Contests and Awards Chairperson, I would be happy to help. My email address is pattylouallen@gmail.com. This is a "contest" that will benefit our districts and multiple district because it will share good ideas with all our clubs.

Border Crossing Ordering Options

The *Border Crossing* is automatically emailed by AWeber as a link to all club, zone, district and multiple district officers. Those wanting a hard copy of the newspaper, including the above listed officers, will need to purchase a subscription.

2025-2026 Lions Year:

Border Crossing: 6 issues in hard copy format. Subscription begins with the August issue. \$16.00 to U.S. Addresses; \$20.00 to Canadian Addresses.

Send form below with your check or money order to MD19, 4141 Bennett Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226. No Credit Cards Please. All orders are pre-paid only. Questions: 360-733-4911 or md19lions@lionsmd19.org

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Border Crossing Link! IMPORTANT! All club, Zone, District and Multiple District Officers and Email Border Crossing subscriptions will receive an email from Peter Anderson, via our AWeber email communications system sometime in late July with the Subject: "Confirm You Subscription". Within that same email is a link that you need to click on in order to give us permission to send you the Border Crossing link and other important MD19 information during the year. You must confirm your "subscription" in order for us to communicate with you by following this procedure. If you do not confirm that you will accept further communications via AWeber, your email will be automatically removed from the list and nothing further can be sent to you.



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Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Billing Address: _____

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Size of Ad: _____ #of issues: _____ Amount Paid: _____

If paying by credit card, please complete the following: () Visa () Master Card

Card # _____ Expiry Date _____ / _____

Signature: _____ (payment will be in US Funds)

Border Crossing / AWeber (Emailed Ads & Announcements sent to MD19 Lions)
2025-26 Rates cover inclusion in 1 issue of The Border Crossing and 1 AWeber Message.

Full Page	\$160.00	(8.5 x 11)
1/2 Page	85.00	
1/4 Page	50.00	
Business Card	35.00	

The *Border Crossing* is published August, October, December, February, April & June with a publication date of the 10th of the month. All ad information **MUST** be in the MD19 Office by the last day of the month previous to publication.

The AWeber announcement with the ad will be emailed out to all subscribers within 10 working days of the *Border Crossing* in which the ad is published.

Submission Guidelines: Camera ready artwork in either a .jpg, .png or .tif file. When submitting written copy only, not camera ready, an additional \$25.00 will be charged for ad design. You will be asked to sign off on any ad created for you. Specify ad size and number of issues the ad will run.

Multiple District Step Challenge Update

By PDG Georgia Medwedrich

The Multiple District is off to a great start with the 2nd years running of our "Step Challenge".

To date there are:

- 22 clubs participating from District L
- One club from District I
- Seven clubs from District O
- Six clubs from District N
- District S has yet to submit to me

There are a total of 231 walkers to date. Some are the only walkers in their club and some clubs have jumped on board signing up neighbors, friends and relatives to walk! Well done, not only are these walkers taking care of their own health but promoting fitness to the other non-Lions who are taking part. Who knows, they may decide to join up and become a Lion. Keep up the great work!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO sign up, send me an email so that I can get your "registered" sign your friends up, make it fun while staying healthy!

Below are the addresses for mailing the \$5.00 participating fee which will go toward supporting the Diabetes Camp in your area. It is not cheap to send a child to a Diabetes Camp, there are extra fees over and above normal camp fees incurred at a Diabetes Camp, please help us keep these camps alive.

Districts, L, I, O - CANADIAN ONLY

PDG Georgia Medwedrich email: gdalmaine@gmail.com
Camp Kakhamela
Box 876
Sooke BC V9Z 1H8
E-Transfer: MD19StepChallenge@gmail.com

Districts, O, N - US ONLY

PDG Jan Weatherly email: jan.weatherly@aol.com
Camp LEO
161 E Michelle Dr
Union WA 98592



Districts I, S - US ONLY

PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth email: lionlaurawintersteen@gmail.com
Camp Styx
45843 Larson Beach Rd
Loon Lake WA 99148

As we end this calendar year of 2025, and we look into the new year, Michele and Peter want to wish all of you the happiest time of the year, a Merry Christmas, happy holidays, and a joyful season. Remember our fellow Lions who have served their last, and welcome those who have joined us. Together we grow. Together we have fun. Together we care. Together we make this world a better place. Together WE SERVE.

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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.

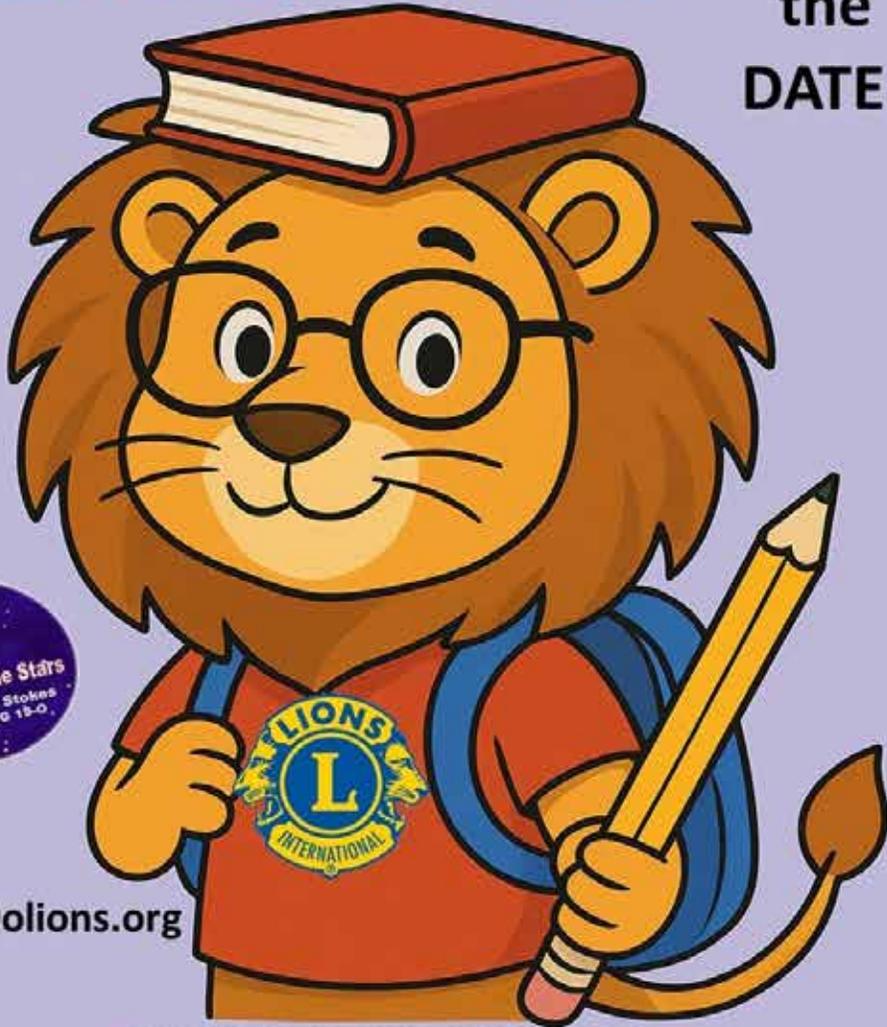
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MD19 Calendar of Events 2025 - 2026

2025-2026

Office Closed	Bellingham, WA	December 24, 2025-January 1, 2026
MD19 Council of Governors Meeting Lions Youth Exchange North America Forum	Zoom	February 6-7, 2026 February 25-28, 2026
District Conventions		
District 19-O	Chilliwack, B.C.	March 20-21, 2026
District 19-N	Tacoma, WA	April 10-11, 2026
District 19-L	Richmond, B.C.	April 10-11, 2026
District 19-L Leo Convention	Richmond, B.C.	April 12, 2026
District 19-S	Coeur d'Alene, ID	April 17-19, 2026
District 19-I	West Kelowna, B.C.	April 24-25, 2026

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