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Leadership Corner

By Debbie Bostock, MD19GLT

Through practical sessions in communication, teamwork, goal setting, and problem-solving, Lions International helps individuals develop the skills and confidence to take on leadership roles within clubs, zones, and districts. We should make the most of these training opportunities whenever they are available. Many Lions have strong leadership potential but may need encouragement to recognize that they are ready for greater responsibility.

One timely opportunity to put that commitment into practice has been sent out by Lion Dr. Brian Scott. I believe this information is important for Lions throughout MD19, and the accompanying flyer is included.

Earlier this year, a conversation between Al Hedstrom and David Bartley revived an idea many longtime Lions will remember: strengthening connections between Lions in Oregon and Washington. Our clubs and districts once crossed the Columbia regularly to learn from one another, exchange ideas, and build relationships, but much of that interaction faded over time.

That renewed collaboration is already taking shape. Throughout the year, Lions from both sides of the river have joined shared sessions through Al's weeknight training series, learning together regardless of district or state.

On Saturday, October 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., District 36-O will host its Fall Leadership Forum at the Springbrook Meadows Community Center in Newberg, Oregon. Lions from District 36-O, District 19-N, and beyond are welcome. Registration is $25 and includes a continental breakfast, snacks, and lunch. The flyer lists more than 10 sessions on topics such as working with difficult members, developing fundraisers around Lions' eight global causes, attracting new members, building service partnerships, and creating effective goals and action plans.

Importantly, Lions across the NW will do more than attend—we'll participate. Several experienced MD19 faculty members will facilitate forum sessions.

Links 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_XSXItw

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/

International Lions Christmas Ship Foundation
https://e-district.org/sites/district_19-o/projects.php

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Leadership Corner Con't

This is a strong example of what the renewed relationship can become: not Oregon training Washington/Canada Lions, or vice versa, but Lions learning from Lions.

Newberg is not an isolated event. Lions, districts, and multiple districts across the Northwest are also collaborating on the next Northwest Lions Leadership Institute in Idaho. The institute provides hands-on leadership development for Lions of all experience levels. Typical topics include teamwork, communication, member engagement, delegation, conflict management, goal setting, time management, public speaking, and Lions International priorities.

Together, these efforts show that state and district boundaries need not limit where we find leadership development, expertise, partnerships, or new ideas.
Important note: All Lions across the Northwest, including Canadian Lions, are invited. However, this first event will likely appeal most to those closest to Newberg, Oregon—hence the emphasis on the southernmost clubs of 19N.

This opportunity is about more than filling seats at a training event. It is a chance to restore relationships that once connected Lions across our region—and to build new ones that may not have been possible before.

Recognition of Excellence



Congratulations

MD19 Recognition of Excellence Recipients

Presidents:

Deborah Kangas	- Sooke Harbourside
Philly Lai	- Vancouver Shaughnessy
Victor Kwan	- Vancouver Cathay
Queenie Huang	- Vancouver Legacy
Anthony Lyons	- Vancouver Point Grey

Treasurers:

Norma Bent	- North Kamloops
Larry Luther	- Post Falls
Stephen Stuadinger	- Battle Ground
Bev Lewis	- Sooke Harbourside
Pollyanna Lui	- Vancouver Legacy
David Chiu	- Vancouver Cathay

Club Membership Directors:

Peter Chang	- Vancouver Cathay
Pollyanna Lui	- Vancouver Legacy

Zone Chairpersons:

Bill Conway	- L-A6
Anita Ip	- L-A8
Georgia Medwedrich	- L-I2
Shelly Gregory	- L-I4
Leslie Smith	- L-I7
Melanie Salter	- I-7
Shelley Staudinger	- N-10
Tom Osler	- S-10

Environmental Service

Please join and post on the MD19 Environmental Committee Facebook page! We'd love to hear what your club has been up to with environmental projects!

https://www.facebook.com/groups/lionsmd19environmentalcommittee

Check out the Lions Waste Reduction Roadmap below, shared by Lion Dr. Nancy Messmer! This is a great reminder of the impact we can have on waste reduction in our clubs and surrounding communities.

Lions Waste Reduction Roadmap

"Waste is a resource in the wrong place."

Every act of waste reduction, no matter how humble, is a life-affirming act. We may not see it, but they add up, and change is coming as the actions multiply.

Why should we care?

As Lions, what can we do?

STEP 1: Watch "The Story of Stuff" by Annie Leonard. www.storyofstuff.com.

STEP 2: Maximize your household recycling.

A. Learn the rules of your locale and follow them faithfully.
B. Search out additional local options and engage with them. E.g. Ridwell, Beyond Curbside, ReturnIt!
C. Give yourself a break. When it gets discouraging, remind yourself that doing your best, each day, is enough.

STEP 3: Add "refuse" and "reduce" to your waste reduction regimen. Build new habits around the decisions.

STEP 4: Make your Lions meetings and events examples of thoughtful resource stewardship.

STEP 5: **Serve your community** by offering waste reduction stations at others' events: neighborhoods, schools, non-profits and more.

STEP 6: **Foster change in your state or province.** Join with other Lions Clubs to support legislation that addresses waste issues.

STEP 6 (continued)

>> Environmentally-conscious legislators in both Idaho (2003) and Washington (2025) have worked to pass bottle bills in their states. They could use our help.
>> BC Lions, with a bottle bill in place, you can raise awareness AND turn it into a fundraising opportunity with the "Return It" program.
>> Washington and British Columbia have Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) policy enacted. Learn more, in order to work within that system.

What do we have to gain?

- The satisfaction of knowing we are doing the best we can today, and we are getting better every day.
- Simple joy each time we do the right thing.
- Discouragement replaced with hope and resolve.
- Perhaps most important, a sense that we have agency in the face of planetary distress, a recognition of our innate power as human beings.

For more information about "Beyond Curbside" and setting up Waste Reduction Stations, get in touch with ELions1@googlegroups.com

Put ChatGPT on Environmental Patrol

A Simple Way for Lions to Find Local Service Opportunities

By Dr. Brian Scott, Camas Lions Club

Would your Lions club like to do more environmental service—but no one has time to search all the community calendars, conservation websites, and volunteer listings? Let Lions Virtual Serve2Grow help with the scouting.

The Camas Lions established a recurring alert that searches for environmental volunteer and partnership opportunities in the Camas/Washougal/East Vancouver area of Clark County, Washington. When a strong opportunity appears, the alert provides the date, host, location, registration information, and an explanation of how it could support Lions service, visibility, partnerships, or membership recruitment. When nothing worthwhile is found, it stays quiet. No clutter, no weekly report saying, "Still nothing."

Why It Works for Lions

Many excellent environmental projects are already organized by parks departments, conservation districts, watershed groups, wildlife organizations, and community nonprofits. Lions do not always need to create a project from scratch.

- Provide immediate, hands-on service
- Meet potential community partners
- Introduce prospective members to Lions
- Involve Leos, families and community volunteers
- Increase visibility by volunteering in Lions apparel
- Discover projects that could become recurring club activities

Our alert has identified tree plantings, beach cleanups, pollinator projects, invasive-ivy removal, watershed programs, and sustainability networking events.

How to Establish Your Alert

Begin by opening https://chatgpt.com/g/g-679abb1e7fc4819184a0f382f71899f5-lionsserve2grow

Tell it five things:

1. **Where to search:** Your city, county, or service area.
2. **What to find:** Cleanups, tree plantings, restoration projects, environmental films, recycling events, or educational programs.
3. **Why the event should matter:** Service, partnerships, public visibility, youth involvement, or membership recruitment.
4. **What details you require:** Date, time, host, exact location, registration link, and deadline.
5. **How often to search:** Weekly is usually sufficient. Our alert checks twice each week so we can respond before registration fills.

Copy-and-Paste Prompt

Adapt this prompt for your community:

Search current public event listings and local organization calendars for new, concrete opportunities in **[CITY, COUNTY OR REGION]** involving environmental film screenings, hands-on conservation volunteer projects, or environmental partner events that could support our Lions Club through service, partnership-building, public visibility, youth involvement, or member recruitment. Prioritize opportunities with confirmed logistics and reputable local hosts. Notify me only when a strong upcoming opportunity appears that has not already been reported. Include the event name, date and time, host, exact location, registration or information link, relevant deadline, and a concise explanation of why it fits our Lions Club. If no strong new opportunity is found, do not notify me. Check for new opportunities **[WEEKLY OR ON YOUR PREFERRED SCHEDULE]**.

Environmental Patrol Con't

You can improve the results by naming organizations to monitor, such as local parks departments, conservation districts, watershed councils, Audubon chapters, wildlife refuges, land trusts, recycling programs, and environmental education centers.

You might also add: *Give preference to projects that welcome organized groups, provide tools and training, and are tailored to families, Leos, or older volunteers.*

From Alert to Action

When an opportunity arrives:

1. Verify the details on the host's official website.
2. Contact the organizer if several Lions plan to attend.
3. Ask whether the club may wear Lions apparel or bring membership information. 4. Designate one Lion to introduce the club to the host.
5. Take photographs—with permission—and share the service story.
6. Follow up about future projects or partnerships.

Serve2Grow can find the opportunity, but the host organization remains the final authority on registration, accessibility, cancellations, and event changes.

Your Newest Environmental Committee Member?

ChatGPT will not pull ivy, plant a tree, or pick up litter. It probably will not remember the work gloves, either… but it can continuously scan the community and help Lions find the right place to serve. That changes the familiar question, "What environmental project could our club do?" into a much better one:
"Which opportunity should we choose?"

Open Lions Virtual Serve2Grow, establish your alert, invite a few Lions and prospective members—and let service take root.

Celebrating the life of PDG Barry Van Dusen



Comox Valley Lions Club is saddened to announce the passing of Past District Governor Barry Van Dusen, who passed away on October 12, 2026, at the age of 82.

Barry was a longtime member of the Comox Valley Lions Club and served as District Governor of District 19-I during the 1999–2000 Lions year. Barry was known as someone who genuinely cared about his community and believed in the importance of service to others.

His Lions accomplishments included more than 30 years of membership, helping establish the Lifeline emergency response program in the Comox Valley in 1988, and receiving the Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship Medal. Beyond Lions, Barry served on Comox Town Council from 1987 to 1993 and owned the Whistle Stop Pub in Courtenay for more than two decades. While these accomplishments reflect his commitment to community service, those of us who knew Barry personally will also remember the man behind them.

Barry had a wonderful sense of humor, a generous spirit, and a way of making people feel welcome. His friendships were important to him, and he maintained many of them over the years. Barry lived a full and adventurous life. He served his country, served his community, built lasting friendships, and above all, created memories with the people he loved. His absence will be deeply felt by his family, his friends, his colleagues, and the many people fortunate enough to have known him.

Barry's obituary can be found at https://www.rdfamilymemorialchapel.com/obituary/Barry-VanDusen

Vice Council Chair Candidate Deadlines

From the Desk of:
MD19 Executive Director
Peter Anderson

TO: MD19 Lions

SUBJECT: Vice Council Chair Candidate Deadlines

Any Lion who wishes to run for Vice Council Chair must meet the following criteria and following processes as found in the MD19 Constitution and By-Laws (excerpts taken from https://lionsmd19.org/downloads/md-constitution.pdf).

ARTICLE BL II, SECTION 2: The Vice Council Chairpersons of the Multiple District shall have served, or will have served at the time he/she takes Office as Vice Council Chairperson: a. As a Past District Governor for two (2) or more years, b. As a Multiple District Committee member for one (1) or more years or as a member of a Board of Directors of an M.D.19 Foundation for one (1) or more years; provided that serving as a member of an MD19 Committee or as a member of an MD19 Foundation Board of Directors is not done concurrently with his/her term as a member of the Council of Governors.

ARTICLE BL III, SECTION 1:a. Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson

1. By e-mail, fax, and/or letter the candidate shall state his/her intent to seek the position of Council Chairperson or Vice Council Chairperson. The candidate shall state the qualities he/she believes qualify him/her for the said position. The e-mails, faxes, and/or letters shall be sent to the secretary of his/her club, the seated Zone Chairperson of the zone in which his/her club is located, the seated Vice District Governor(s), and seated District Governor of the district in which his/her club is located and the MD19 Executive Director. The e-mails, faxes, and/or letters must be received by the aforementioned officers on or before December 31 of the current Lions year.

b. Vice Council Chairperson 1. The proposed Vice Council Chairperson candidate's club secretary shall submit an email, fax, and/or letter of club endorsement to the seated Zone Chairperson of the zone in which the club is located, stating that the candidate is an active member in good standing in a club in good standing and further, that candidate was endorsed by a majority vote at a regular club meeting. A copy of the e-mail, fax, and/or letter must be submitted to the seated District Governor and the seated Vice District Governor(s) of the district in which the candidate's club is located and the MD19 Executive Director on or before December 31 of the current Lions year.

3. The District Cabinet Secretary shall submit an email, fax and/or letter of the District Cabinet's endorsement of the candidate for the office of Vice Council Chairperson to the Multiple District Executive Secretary. It must include a copy of the Cabinet Meeting Minutes stating the motion to endorse the candidate and further that the candidate was endorsed by a majority vote at a regular cabinet meeting. Copies of the letter must be sent to the seated District Governor, the Vice District Governors, and Zone Chairperson in which the candidate's club is located. A courtesy copy to the candidate should be sent.

Any Lion planning to run for Vice Council Chair 2027-2028 needs to watch the calendar closely. The filing deadline is December 31st 2026. Currently, we have 1 Candidate who has met all the requirements: Past District Governor Brien Patton (19-N).

Pre-order your 2027 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum polo!

Reach for the Stars with our 2027 Forum polo shirt! The teal shirt features the "Reach for the Stars" logo on both the front and back. Pre-order your shirt to reserve your size, and it will be ready for pickup at the Forum Store in Huntsville.

Pre-orders are $40 per shirt with prepayment.
Shirts purchased on-site at the Forum Store will be $45, with limited sizes available.
To guarantee pickup in Huntsville, please pre-order by June 28, 2027. You or your designee must pick up shirts in Huntsville, as we cannot ship them.



ORDER HERE:
https://members.lionsforum.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=1QeK7sy6AzBzlB4PUovu3%2b5AJySbLl47ne6wijX2NiK%2fsbOGBKXxKvWzkUjXk0ZcAPqM2r8KXhdTIaFgeBFfk2utUwhV1Tlnd0RqSgFReT0%3d

1. Go to www.members.lionsforum.org and log in
2. Click on "Forum Store"
3. At the bottom of the page, you will see the picture of the shirt; click on the link. From here, you will be able to place your order.

Remember, all pre-orders must be made on or before June 28, 2027, in order to guarantee pickup in the Forum Store in Huntsville.

The MD19 Foundation is offering to cover the Registration fees for all attendees of the 2027 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum ($365 early-bird registration). Transportation and living space while you are there are on your own or a budget expense item.

SALMON CREEK LIONS CLUB
2026 CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

Fresh Pacific Northwest greens for a good cause

100% of net proceeds support Lions service for sight, hearing, diabetes and other community needs.



Mixed Evergreen Wreath

$35

22" mixed greens, cones & red bow



Winter White Wreath

$40

24" wreath with white cones & berries



Merry Berry Wreath

$40

24" wreath with festive red berries



Cinnamon Wreath

$50

24" wreath with cinnamon sticks & berries



Evergreen Swag

$30

Classic evergreen swag with cones & berries



Bark Basket Centerpiece

$30

Fresh greens in a rustic bark basket

SALE & PICKUP: FRIDAY & SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 27 & 28, 2026 | 9 AM - 3 PM

Dutch Bros Coffee - 9913 NE Hazel Dell Ave., Vancouver, WA 98685

Order/pay by November 21 to guarantee your selection

SALE

2026 WREATH SALE - ORDER FORM

Salmon Creek Lions Club

Ways to Order

Online: *salmon-creek-lions-club.square.site*
Phone/Text: 360-903-3993 (Lion Doug Ballou)
Email: *dougballou@comcast.net*

Sale & Pickup

Friday & Saturday, November 27 & 28, 2026 - 9 AM to 3 PM
Dutch Bros Coffee, 9913 NE Hazel Dell Ave., Vancouver, WA 98685
Order/pay by November 21 to guarantee wreath selection.
Fresh greens are made from trimmings that support healthy new growth in Northwest forests.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Product	Price	Quantity	Total
Mixed Evergreen Wreath	$35		
Winter White Wreath	$40		
Merry Berry Wreath	$40		
Cinnamon Wreath	$50		
Evergreen Swag	$30		
Bark Basket Centerpiece	$30		

TOTAL ENCLOSED:

QUESTIONS? Call or text Doug Ballou at 360-903-3993. Thank you for supporting Salmon Creek Lions Club community service.



Your club/zone/district event could be showcased in the next edition of Border Crossing!

Email your flyer/poster/photos to bordercrossing@lionsmd19.org to be included!

US and Canadian Verified Border Crossing Hours

By 19-I DG Craig Boothe, Lake Chelan Lions Club

Published border-crossing hours from the **Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)** and U.S. border authorities. There is an important change your Lions members should know about. Effective November 1, 2026, British Columbia is one hour ahead of Washington State. However, Canadian border officials have **adjusted operating hours at several crossings so that the Canadian and U.S. sides continue opening and closing at the same actual time.**

Effective November 1, 2026 – March 14, 2027
These are regular passenger-vehicle crossing hours. Each column uses the local clock time on that side of the border.

Border Crossing	British Columbia Time	Washington State Time
Osoyoos / Oroville	Open 24 hours	Open 24 hours
Chopaka / Nighthawk	10 AM – 6 PM	9 AM – 5 PM
Carson / Danville	9 AM – 9 PM	8 AM – 8 PM
Cascade / Laurier	9 AM – 9 PM	8 AM – 8 PM
Midway / Ferry	10 AM – 6 PM	9 AM – 5 PM
Waneta / Boundary	10 AM – 6 PM	9 AM – 5 PM
Nelway / Metaline Falls	9 AM – 7 PM	8 AM – 6 PM
Paterson / Frontier	Open 24 hours	Open 24 hours
Aldergrove / Lynden	9 AM – 1 AM	8 AM – Midnight

These hours reflect the CBSA's October 9, 2026 announcement and U.S. operating schedules. Metaline Falls expanded its U.S. operating hours to 6 PM in January 2025.

Other 24-hour crossings: Peace Arch (Blaine), Pacific Highway (Blaine), Sumas/Abbotsford, and Point Roberts/Boundary Bay remain open 24 hours a day for regular passenger traffic.



Although British Columbia and Washington State are now one hour apart, the operating hours at the affected border crossings have been coordinated so that both sides open and close at the same actual time. When planning your travels, always pay attention to which country's time is being quoted. For a trip close to closing time, members should confirm the particular crossing's hours before leaving and allow extra time for travel and processing.

This is particularly important for Lions traveling between British Columbia and Washington for District Governor visits, club meetings, cabinet meetings, and district events.

REMEMBRANCE

Last Post Fund

Enduring Legacy, since 1909

When the observers become quiet and the bugler begins, The Last Post pierces the air, stirring every emotion in me. The concerns that occupy our minds fade away. We are calm, reflective, and present in this moment; we stand together, and pause in silence. I never served; unlimited liability was never asked of me. I have attended dozens of Remembrance Day ceremonies, both in a formal capacity and as an observing member of the public. I lay a wreath with profound respect for our Veterans — those who served, those who made the ultimate sacrifice, members of the Canadian Armed Forces serving today, and this year, the losses on our own soil, at CFB Wainwright, so painfully recent.

I became aware of Last Post Fund while running the most ordinary of errands — standing in a queue at a Telus depot, returning gear I no longer needed. Remembrance found me there, in a small ad in the Legion Service Recognition Book. That advertisement — small, nondescript, about the size of a few postage stamps — transformed my understanding of Remembrance and Legacy, and that fuelled much of my life's passion and many proud accomplishments.

The Fund has stood watch since 1909 on a simple, enduring promise: that no Veteran is denied a dignified funeral, burial and grave marker due to lack of funds at death. That is a powerful mission.

At Last Post Fund, Remembrance is a Veteran's name, rank and unit, honoured in stone. Where a Veteran's funeral is approved under the Funeral and Burial Program, delivered in partnership with Veterans Affairs Canada, the Fund can help with benefits for the funeral, burial, cremation, and perpetual care. ‘Duty’ is what Founder Arthur Hair called the service Last Post Fund conducts. Its provincial boards serve Veterans in death whom they may never have known in life. Quietly, persistently, they uphold and honour the mission.

Remembrance Day passes. The duty does not. It is kept through the year by the Canadians who serve on the Fund's boards, and sustained by those who give.

This Remembrance Day, if a Veteran's family is unsure where to turn, point them to the Last Post Fund. Families should contact 1-800-465-7113 and confirm eligibility before firm funeral arrangements; reimbursement applications within one year.

Lest We Forget. "To honour and protect in death seems but a small return to those who have protected their country in life." — Arthur Hair, Founder

Brent Lang
Past-President (BC), Last Post Fund

Special Donations
August + September 2026

DISTRICT	CARE
19-L	$1,000.00
19-I	$400.00
19-O	$1,000.00
19-N	$400.00
19-S	$750.00

Percentages of First Half Dues Paid 2026-2027

DISTRICT	PERCENTAGE
19-L	31%
19-I	41%
19-O	50%
19-N	61%
19-S	63%

Memorials for August + September 2026

August

LI	4	Cedar	Lahrissa Doerkson
LI	2	Saanich	Charles Mowbray
I	13	Williams Lake	Edward Hideo Kozuki
O	1	Tsawwassen-Boundary Bay	David Morisawa
O	5	Everson	Kevin Hester
O	7	Coupeville	Rudolph Parhaniemi
O	7	North Whidbey	Dian Sizer
O	7	San Juan	Dan Sorgen
N	3	Tacoma Southeast	Carlene Pohl
N	6	Centralia	William Goebel
N	9	Kalama	Monica Farrell
N	9	Longview Pioneer	Eileen Reinecke
N	10	Vancouver	Kenneth Loveall

September

LI	3	Pender Islands	Jean Deschenes
LI	3	Saturna	Linda Sohier
I	6	Ephrata	Dave Ebberson
I	13	Quesnel	Florence White
O	5	Ferndale Harborview	Gayle Larson
N	9	Longview Kelso Earlybird	Gayle Larson
N	10	Battleground	Glenn Statler
S	3	College Place	David Derence Walk
S	10	Spokane Central	Larry Domrese
S	12	Davenport	George Arland

Vital Information

CLUB DUES: MD19 First Half Dues for 2025-26 are past due. If the Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer did not receive a dues statement, please contact the MD19 Office.

CLUB OFFICER CHANGES: Please inform the MD19 Office right away when there is a change in your club President, Secretary or Treasurer. The new officer information will be included in the Cut-n-Paste section of the MD19 Website. We do not receive the information from LCI when you only post a change on the LCI website.

ZONE MEETINGS (District Governor Advisory Meeting): You have probably attended your first zone meeting for the 2026-27 year, whether in person or via Zoom. Zone Chairpersons are required to report which Presidents and Secretaries (and Alternates if applicable) attended the meeting. It is important that you also record your club's attendance at the zone meeting on your Club's Monthly Visitation Form, indicating that the President and Secretary were in attendance. This is only in case the Zone Chairperson does not send in the required report.

VISITATIONS: As mentioned above, it is always a great idea to fill out the visitation form for zone meetings. We are encouraging clubs to start doing club visits once again. The Visitation form can be found on the MD19 Website: https://lionsmd19.org/forms.php

Rules for the Visitation, "Just Two-A-Month" Award is found here: https://lionsmd19.org/ downloads/rules_two_a_month.pdf

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!

International Convention Committee Report

Submitted by Shelley Staudinger, Chair

September 18, 2026

The 109th International Convention is scheduled for July 2-6 in Washington, DC, USA, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

As in recent years, the MD19 contingent will not have an assigned delegation hotel. There are many nearby choices you can explore on the attached official hotel listing.

Registration fees remain $199 US until January 27, 2027. The rate goes up to $290 US January 28-June 22, 2027 so be sure to get registered early to take advantage of the discounted registration fee.

The Parade of Nations returns this year! It will take place on Constitution Avenue on Saturday, July 3. Constitution Avenue is home to many of the “must see” museums and galleries, and near the memorials and monuments.

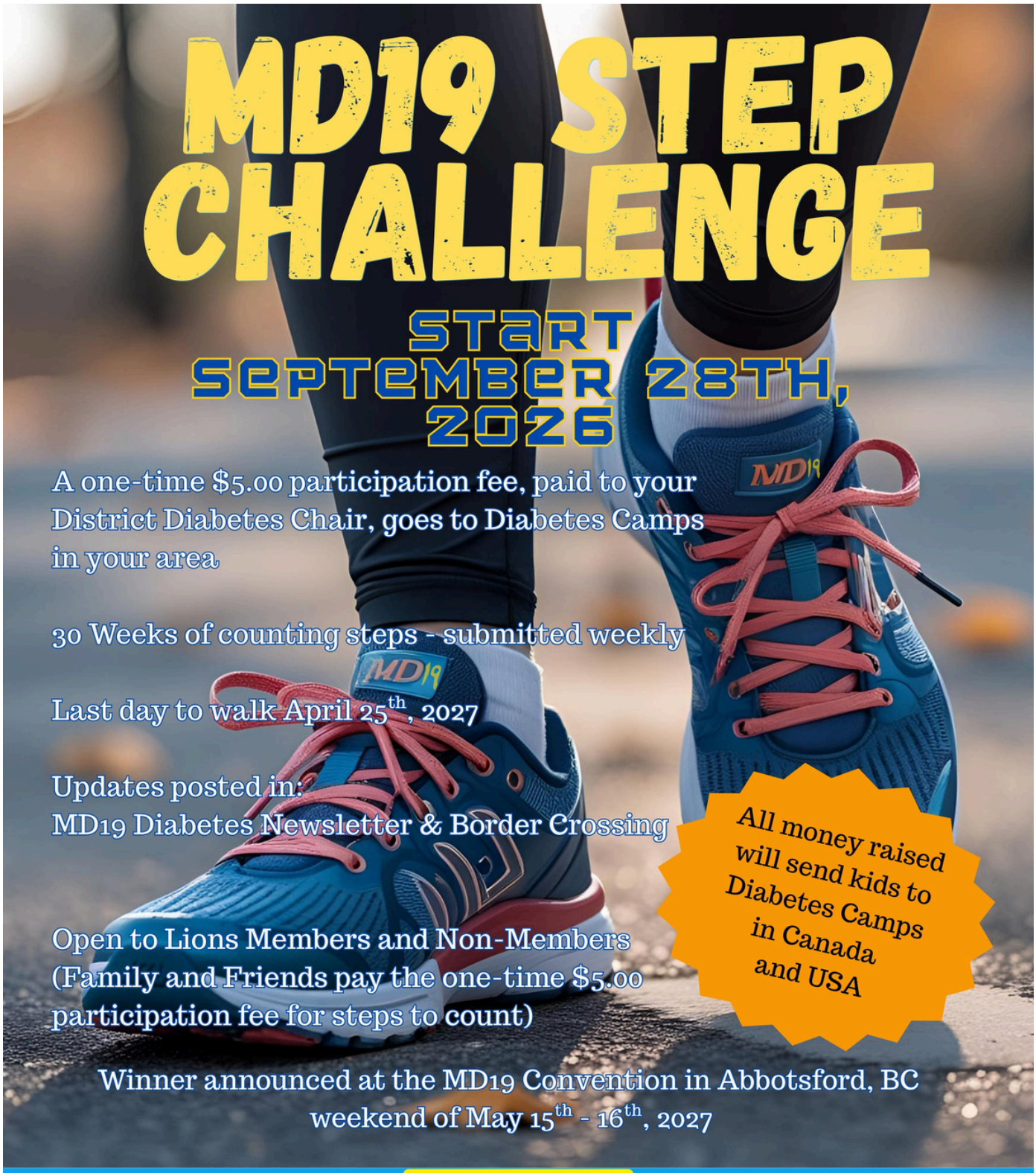




Hotel Name	Address	Distance to Convention	Rate Per Night	Extra Guest Fee	Amenities
*Marriott Marquis Washington, DC (Headquarter)	901 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001	0.1 miles/ Adjacent	TBD	TBD	Complimentary internet and health club access
Comfort Inn Downtown DC/Convention Center	1201 13th St NW, Washington, DC 20005	0.6 miles	$169 USD	$10 plus tax	Complimentary internet
Courtyard Washington Downtown/Convention Center	901 L St NW, Washington, DC 20001	0.3 miles	$244 USD	$20 per additional guest + tax	Complimentary internet and health club access
Embassy Suites by Hilton Washington D.C. - Convention Center	900 10th St NW, Washington, DC 20001	0.2 miles	$241 USD	$10 per additional guest + tax	Complimentary internet, health club access, and daily bottled water
Grand Hyatt Washington	1000 H St NW, Washington, DC 20001	0.7 miles	$252 USD	$25 per additional guest + tax	Complimentary internet, health club access, and daily bottled water
Hilton Garden Inn Washington DC Downtown	815 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20005	0.9 miles	$235 USD	$30 per additional guest + tax	Complimentary internet, health club access, and daily bottled water
Hotel Zena	1155 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20005	1.0 mile	$219 USD	$20 per additional guest + tax	Complimentary internet, health club access, and daily bottled water
Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill	400 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001	1.0 mile	$180 USD	$25–$34 + tax	Complimentary internet and health club access
Kimpton Hotel Monaco Washington DC	700 F St NW, Washington, DC 20004	0.5 miles	$259 USD	$30 per additional guest + tax	Complimentary internet, health club access, and daily bottled water
Residence Inn Washington Downtown/Convention Center	901 L St NW, Washington, DC 20001	0.3 miles	$268 USD	$20 per additional guest + tax	Complimentary internet and health club access
The Henley Park Hotel	926 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001	0.2 miles	$229 USD	No additional charge	Complimentary internet, health club access, and daily bottled water
The Morrison Clark HistoricInn	1011 L St NW, Washington, DC 20001	0.2 miles	$229 USD	No additional charge	Complimentary internet, health club access, and daily bottled water

Amenities are subject to change without notice. Hotel rates do not include taxes and/or resort fees. All hotel rates are accurate as of July 2026 and are subject to change without notice. For the latest information, please visit https://www.mcievents.com/lci2027/

Must register first to access the hotelblock for the 109th Lions International Convention. The housing link is available through the registration portal or registration confirmation email.



REPORT STEPS each Sunday to:
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Novemeber is World Diabetes Month

Diabetes Awareness

NOVEMBER: WORLD DIABETES MONTH

WORLD DIABETES DAY — NOVEMBER 14TH

Has your club been planning what you will be doing to bring Awareness about Diabetes to your community? Maybe you have something your club does that you would like to share; please do! Pictures of your club's activities are most welcome. Take the time to plan/organize something for your community. It's time to get the word out about Diabetes and share information with those who aren't aware.

Did you know that over 830 million people worldwide have Diabetes? I bet you're wondering why November 14th was chosen to raise awareness; it's because it is the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, one of the co-discoverers of insulin in 1922. The blue circle logo was adopted in 2007 after the UN Resolution on Diabetes was passed.

How about trying something in your community this year:

- Set up an information table handing out info about Diabetes;
- Do a Strides Walk, get your club and community involved;
- Hand out "Door Knockers" (I have a few boxes left);
- Organize a local Diabetes Fair;
- Exercise in Blue!

In Canada, do a Lace Up Walk with the help of Diabetes Canada. Send me pictures of whatever event you do to support Diabetes, one of Lions Clubs International's global causes.

PDG Georgia D Medwedrich – MD19 Diabetes Chair – gdalmaine@gmail.com



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.

2026-2027 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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Print Name on Line Above | Phone Number / Email Address

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Print Mailing Address | City | State/Province | Zip/Postal Code

***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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Name of Company or Club: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

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Street Address / P.O. Box | City | State/Prov. | Zip/Postal code

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

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

Card # _____ Expiry Date _____ / _____

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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.

MD19 Calendar of Events

2026-2027

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
ZOOM: MD19 Pre-Council of Governors	Zoom	January 30, 2027
ZOOM: Winter Council of Governors	Zoom	February 6, 2027
District Conventions:		
19-O	Bow, WA	March 19 – 20, 2027
19-S	Worley, ID	April 9 – 10, 2027
19-L	Nanaimo, BC	April 16 – 18, 2027
19-N	Vancouver, WA	April 16 – 17, 2027
19-I	West Kelowna, BC	April 23 – 24, 2027
MD19 Training Symposium (ZCE, VDGE, DGE)	Abbotsford, BC	May 14, 2027
MD19 Spring Council of Governors	Abbotsford, BC	May 15 – 16, 2027
MD19 Annual Convention	Abbotsford, BC	May 15, 2027

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Ask someone to become a Lion!