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I'm Listening....

By PDG Wanda Carisse, MD19 GLT Leadership Coordinator

So, have you ever been in a meeting and realized your fellow Lion has been talking and you aren't really sure that you have been listening? You have HEARD them, but you really haven't LISTENED to them.

In today's high-speed, high-stress world, communication is more important than ever, yet I wonder if we are devoting less and less time to really listening to one another. Genuine listening has become a rare gift. It helps build relationships, solve problems, ensure understanding, resolve conflicts, and improve accuracy. Listening builds friendships and careers and can be the spring-board for new ideas and change.

Here are five tips to help you develop effective listening skills.

1: Face the speaker and maintain eye contact.

Talking to someone while they scan the room, study a computer screen, or gaze out the window is like trying to hit a moving target. How much of the person's divided attention you are actually getting? Fifty percent? Five percent?

Do your conversational partners the courtesy of turning to face them. Put aside papers, books, the phone and other distractions. Look at them, even if they don't look at you. Shyness, uncertainty, shame, guilt, or other emotions, along with cultural taboos, can inhibit eye contact in some people under some circumstances. Excuse the other guy, but stay focused yourself.

Once you've made eye contact, relax. You don't have to stare fixedly at the other person. You can look away now and then and carry on like a normal person. The important thing is to be attentive - be present, give attention, pay attention, remain ready to serve.

Mentally screen out distractions, like background activity and noise. In addition, try not to focus on the speaker's accent or speech mannerisms to the point where they become distractions. Finally, don't be distracted by your own thoughts, feelings, or biases.

2: Keep an open mind.

Listen without judging the other person or mentally criticizing the things he/she tells you. If what is said alarms you, go ahead and feel alarmed, but

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am on January 2, 2019.

The MD19 Office will be closed December 24th – January 1st. The Office will be open for business at 8:00

Winter Council of Governors' Meeting

Saturday - February 2, 2019 8:30 am

La Quinta Inn & Suites, 1425 E 27th St, Tacoma WA 98421

Watch December issue of Border Crossing for the Lunch Registration Form.

Pre-Council Meeting will be at the same location on Friday night, February 1, 2019 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm.

Link to More Information

2019-2021 Leo Club Advisory Panelists:

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Singer Bryan Adams and his Tribute to Lions https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=1556174&binId=1.1164511&playlistPageNum=1#_gus&_gucid=&_gup=Facebook&_gsc=K1uwEBd
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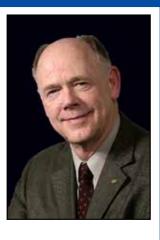
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MD19 Council Chairperson

John Kirry

I HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE TO THANK FOR THE WHISTLER CONVENTION! I'll start with Convention Chair, PZC George Sim and his wonderful Ambleside-Tiddlycove Lions who did a spectacular job in Whistler. As host club, they made our annual convention a first class event filled with maximum fun, warm hospitality and gracious Lions friendship. A special nod of thanks goes to the North



Vancouver Deep Cove Lions for their fine job as convention registrars. Well Done!

We had 440 registered Lions, Lionesses and Leos in attendance at our convention in Whistler. Executive Secretary Peter Anderson and Michele Barrie did a great job keeping everything on track from the Council of Governors' meeting to Fun Night to the Appreciation Banquet on Saturday night. Our Leadership/Seminars Chair PDG Wanda Carisse provided us with some wonderfully creative seminars to enhance our Lions education and information, and our Contest and Awards Chair, PDG Janet Rinehart, made those events fun and interesting!

Other appreciation goes out to PCC Polly Voon and her volunteers for overseeing the absolutely GREAT raffles that raised a lot of money to help offset convention expenses, and DG Gord Graves and his volunteers who made the scratch ticket raffle a big success. And what convention would be complete without a fun hospitality suite for all the networking and get-to-know-you bonding that goes on among Lions? Many thanks to Peter and Rebecca Anderson, George Sim and their clubs for making it special.

And speaking of special, International Director Pat Vannett and her husband Lion Kevin Vannett, visiting all the way from Mandan, North Dakota, added to the success of our convention by bringing special seminars to us that were informative, interesting and very well attended. Additionally, ID Pat spoke to many Lions throughout the convention, and we were especially pleased to hear her inspirational message at our Saturday Banquet. And while I'm at it, a huge thank you to PCC Allan and Sonja Hunt who accompanied our international guests throughout their stay at Whistler! Allan and Sonja went above and beyond to make our guests feel welcome and appreciated, and three round trips to the Vancouver airport!

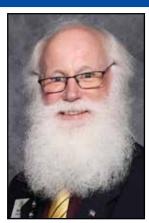
Throughout the weekend, there were some very special awards presented as well. The Lions International Leadership Award was presented to **Bill Lundin**, the Lions In-

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Becoming a Lion

By David Heath, Governor 19-F

My affiliation with lions started in 2002 when I accepted a free dinner from Naches Lion Jim Gillie that came with an application form for dessert. I was hooked. During the planning for the Naches Lions 60th Birthday Celebration I discovered that my step-dad, Lewis "Red" Robbins (1917-1988), was the Charter President when the club was formed in 1949. I knew he had been a Lion as he wore the red felt "Lions" hat covered in Sportsmans' Days buttons.



During my tenure at the Naches Club, there are two tear jerker projects that I took on (actual names not used). The first was to help a blind middle school student, 'Alice', get a new computer and software in order for her to become more independent when studying. And it did; she became more confident and self-assured. Getting to know Alice, and being able to help, hung my emotions right out there in the open!

The second time was also helping a middle school student, named 'Brad'. After many visits to several vision doctors he was diagnosed with a variety of eye issues. After receiving vision therapy, his self-confidence skyrocketed. After several months, success was declared, although it took him some time to catch up to his age reading level. My part in all this? To find financial help for Brad. The Naches Lions and the Northwest Lions Foundation came through with that financial assistance. Yes, once again I needed another hanky!

During one of our annual Sportsman's Days, in Naches, I was conversing with Sam, who was providing the fireworks for later that evening and asked if he would describe what goes into creating a firework display. He was amenable to doing so and before he went on stage he overheard me speaking to Brad's mother, who told me how happy her son was now. After receiving permission from her, Sam introduced Brad to the audience and then proceeded to tell a story about 'Charlie', well known to all as very giving and generous who needed surgery that he could not afford. Within a few minutes a hat started around through the crowd and over \$6000.00 was donated in that short time. This allowed Charlie to get his surgery. Then Sam explained to our audience how they played a big part in helping Brad by supporting their local Lions club which allowed him to receive the therapy that turned his life around. Strike three, more tears.

Being a Lion isn't about going to meetings and helping at White Cane Days or Rest Stops. It's about helping others, it's about life, and it's about heart. WE SERVE many ways.

District Governor David lives in Ellensburg with his lovely wife, Susan, her son and daughter; Dan and Mary, son-in-law Matthew and 4-year-old granddaughter, Sarah.

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CARE Season Greetings

A big Thank You is in order to all Lions Clubs who helped reach our 2017-18 CARE goal. It was a great thrill for me, as your MD19 CARE Chairperson, to present checks to Dana Tseng, at our Annual Convention, for over \$44,000! It can be done!

As we are in our Christmas season, let us ALL think of giving a gift to CARE, maybe honor a family member. We all have so much. This is a perfect time for us to remember those less fortunate than ourselves.

Remember the Reason for the Season-Give a Gift to CARE1

PDG Erma Kemp MD19 Care Chairperson



Lions Donate to Childhood Cancer Fund for Families

by Patrick Burch, 19-C 1st Vice District Govenor

The Poulsbo Lions Club Raab Foundation recently donated \$2,000 to Mary Bridge Children's Hospital Foundation Children's Cancer Family Support Program in Tacoma. The primary goal of Lions is to provide humanitarian service to 200 million people yearly. This new program is another avenue to accomplish this goal by providing humanitarian service to children suffering with all types of cancer. Because there are many ways to support the Childhood Cancer Program, the District Childhood Cancer Committee has chosen to focus on "Family Support" during this first year.

When a child is diagnosed with cancer, as parents or a single parent, their world is turned upside down. Parents and fam-

ilies are needed by the child every day supporting them through many ups and downs, tests, radiation, chemo, sickness and more. This often means leaving their job and giving 100% of their time to the child. Families can become financially challenged with needs such as: gas for transportation, funds for rent/mortgages, food, bills, and medicine. Some families need housing support for long- or short-term stays to be with their child 24 hours a day. Mary Bridge Children's Foundation helps with parents needing support through their Family Support Fund. 100% of every dollar donated goes directly to help the patients and families at Mary Bridge.

Those wishing to donate to this fund, please visit:

http://support.multicare.org/goto/lions19c





Lioness News November/December 2018

By Linda Schaffrick, MDLL

The holiday season is fast approaching. 'Tis a special season for caring and sharing (but then our Lioness do it all year round!) It is filled with love, memories and smiles on children's faces. During the festivities we try to remember those that do not have an abundance of goods or family. Wouldn't life be worth the living, wouldn't dreams be coming true, if we kept the Christmas spirit all the whole year through?

Thank you, Lioness' for all your continued hard work and the amazing results you achieve - make sure your club reports get sent in so that we can "brag" about all the good deeds.

A happy and safe holiday season to everyone.

Kelowna D-7 27 Members Hours: 682 Donations: \$8,700

The members of this club help at several facilities: theatre, blood donor clinics, SPCA, United Way, fundraisers, knitting for women's shelter, to name only a few. They helped to make lunch for the Camp Winfield Improvement meeting. They have had guest speakers come to their meetings. Assisted with the Salvation Army Kettles and will be delivering poinsettias to the care facilities. Donations to Camp Winfield Improvement and to Camperships for Camp Winfield.

Moses Lake D-5 20 Members Hours: 200 Donations: \$1,275

Have started their blanket tying for the local cancer foundation. Adopted two families from New Hope (Domestic Violence) to give gifts to this holiday season. Donations to Cancer Foundation, Habitat for Humanity and New Hope Christmas family gifts.

Nanaimo Harbor Lites I-7

Looked after the concession for the Lions Flea Market. Working with the Child Development Center Gift wrapping booth.

Oliver D-9 8 Members Hours: 163 Donations: \$300

They are back in the swing of delivering hot lunches to elementary schools twice a week and into the arena to help the Lions in the concession every weekend. Helped prepare the lunch for the Camp Winfield Improvement meeting and also did Mammography van registrations, assisted at the firefighters banquet, attended Remembrance Day services and laid a wreath. Donation to Halloween Scareview, Lions Foundation of Canada, Special Olympics and Gleaners "sock" program.

Parksville I-7 18 Members Hours: Many Donations: \$11,800

They assist in the community with respite care, serving seniors meals, cooking and visiting unwell citizens and driving people to appointments. They were geared up for their annual Christmas craft fair held on November 3rd. Holding a winter raffle. Preparing to cook and serve a Turkey dinner for seniors. Donations to Salvation Army School lunch program, soup kitchen and food bank, Fire departments for equipment and school bursaries and the Legion.

PORT McNeill I-6 16 Members

Currently preparing for their Christmas Showcase.

Priest River E-11 35 Members

Selling apples and holding an annual craft fair.

Sooke District I-2 26 Members Hours: 125 Donations: \$250

Worked at the blood donor clinic, the Sooke philharmonics and car show. They laid a wreath for Remembrance Day, assisted the food bank and did catering. Donations to Tour d Rock and CARE.

Toledo G-4 12 members

Held a yard sale at the Cowlitz Threshing Bee.

Vancouver Chinatown A-1 24 members Hours: 35

Legacy bingo. Seven Members were part of a team for Light the Night Walk in Stanley Park to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Collecting used eyeglasses.

Victoria Chinatown I-2 28 Members Hours: 342 Donations: \$5,000

Assisted at the Government house costume museum, a Gold plate dinner and did Halloween decorating. JDF Lawn bowling fundraiser. Assist at the Women's transition house, Camosun employment training, community kitchen school breakfast program, Japanese Cultural fair, helped with poppy sales, Senior's medical transportation, plus many other community events. Donations went out to Santa's anonymous, Children's Hospital Foundation, Lions Easter Seals and the Chinese Community Service Centre.

Williams Lake D-10 16 Members Hours: 30 Donations: \$1,000.00

Members continue to work at the Red Cross Equipment Centre and at a clothing sale. They've done catering and washing dishes at the Senior Centre and baby fest. Seven members attend the Fall Cabinet meeting at Camp Winfield. Placed a wreath for Remembrance Day. Donations went out to Gavin Lake Forestry Camp, Camp Winfield, Yuletide dinners, Salvation Army and Senior's Activity Center.

Winlock G-4 (no report)

No Show Banquet

by CC John Kirry

SO WHAT'S THIS "NO SHOW BANQUET" EVERYBODY IS TALKING ABOUT?

YOUR ABSENCE IS REQUESTED seems an odd way to ask for money. Some of you may have recently received a handwritten envelope containing an invitation to a "No Show Banquet" in support of PCC Allan Hunt's quest to be elected as an International Director in Milan, Italy. And you may be wondering what it's all about. So here are some answers.

If you were in Whistler at the Council of Governors' meeting, you saw a short skit by some folks in the audience having to do with "So We Can Be Heard." This tagline was used in the skit to generate interest in a program to elect an International Director in MD19 on a more frequent basis than in the past.

Being in attendance at conventions, in both Las Vegas and Columbus recently, it has become clear that other regions of the USA have well-defined, well-funded and well-promoted systems in place for getting an ID elected every few years. We have no system like that here and many of us think it's time we did.

It is understood that elected International Directors are "non-geographic" with regard to representation. The greater point is that we have good leaders here in MD19 on par with anybody in the country, but our frequency of election is WAY behind other regions. Consequently, it's time to step up our game, create a system of election and begin to compete for these important positions on a more regular basis. So, this program is a start.

The "No Show Banquet," then, is a way of supporting PCC Allan Hunt in his quest to be elected to the position of International Director at next year's International Convention in Milan. We hope you will participate by not showing up to support Allan. I hope this makes sense! As the invitation says, "Your absence is requested!"



Nanaimo Lioness hard at work and having fun!



William Lake Lioness hard at work and having fun!



Lions International Convention July 5-9, 2019 **Milan, Italy**



MD19 Lions...come join in the fun in Italy this summer.....

- · Attend an International Convention
- · Learn new things about Lionism
- · Meet new people from all over the world
- Make new friends that you will see at future conventions
 - · Experience the culture of a foreign land
 - · Explore Italy, meet locals, try new foods
- Contact PZC George Sim for more info... georgesim@shaw.ca

Register now to save:

- Registration Fee through January 11, 2019 is US\$150
- From January 12 through March 31, 2019 the regular registration fee is US\$200
- April 1, 2019 through onsite registration, the fee is US\$225

http://lcicon.lionsclubs.org/EN/attendees/registration-information.php



Leo of the Year Nominations Due 2/1

By Barry Shiles, MD19 Leo Chairperson

Leo of the Year Nominations are due to Your Governor by February 1st.

The Leo of the Year Award recognizes the importance of the youngest members of our Lions family, those who will make lifelong commitments and become our leaders in the future. In years past, we have had too few nominated for this award because insufficient attention was paid to the nominating process at the Club and District levels. This year we would like nominations to be submitted for Leos in every single district.

District Leo Chairpersons and all Leo Advisors need to download the "LEO OF THE YEAR" award form from the LCI website now so that they have time to provide the requisite Club, District and MD19 endorsements. Click here to download the form.

- 1. The first step is for the Leo Club Advisor to fill out, print and sign the downloaded nomination form, this must be sent into the District Governor by February 1st.
- 2. A screening committee, which includes the District Governor and the District LEO Chairperson, will select one nominee as the District Leo of the Year Recipient. This District Leo of the Year will be recognized and honored at your District Spring Conference/Convention.

Once selected, the Nomination Form must be sent to the MD19 Office by the District Governor after he/she has signed the form. The form must be received in the MD19 office on or before March 1st. Governors, if you email the form to the MD19 Office and do not receive a confirmation email back, please call the office to make sure that the email and form have been received. The MD19 Office email address is md19lions@lionsmd19.org, the mailing address is 4141 West Maplewood Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98226.

3. A screening committee selects the MD19 Leo of the Year Nominee from all of the District nominees that have been submitted. Once selected, the Nomination Form for the MD19 Leo of the Year Nominee will be signed by the MD19 Council Chairperson and mailed by the MD19 Office to Lions Clubs International to be received by LCI by before April 1st.

The Multiple District 19 Leo of the Year recipient will be recognized at the MD19 Annual Convention in October. If you have any questions or need any help, feel free to contact me at barryshiles@dccnet.com.

"Friends of the Garden" donations are always welcome from individuals or Lions Clubs. The Garden at MD19 office can't exist without contributions. Encourage your Club to budget annual support (\$1.00 per member would be spectacular!)

For more information, contact PDG Ed Brunz at 360-708-0370 or MD19 Office at 360-733-4911

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

MD19 GLT Wanda Carisse says "I was searching for a clever way to let each Lion know that what you do is important and valued and I appreciate your efforts. I found this version of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" from the Chicago Cares Blog and altered it just slightly. I hope it says it all....

'Twas the night before Christmas, for this volunteer, I sat in my house, warmed by the cheer. Full of good food and counting each friend, I took just a moment to reflect at year-end. Those that I love were snuggled up tight, Dreaming of who would be coming that night. Seeing the presents all wrapped 'round the tree, A disguieting thought slowly crept over me. Cold winds were blowing just outside my door, Reminding my heart of things I could not ignore. The hungry and homeless, lost in our city, Poor, lonely seniors who deserve more than pity! Children in schools that can't help their need, Wishing for someone to teach them to read. 425 Million with Diabetes we see. Awareness, detection and prevention is key! "There's so much to do," I said with a sigh, "Who's up to the challenge?" Surely not I! I'm just plain, old me; I can't solve all this woe. I wouldn't know what to do; I don't know where to go! So armed with my laptop, I hopped online quick, Finding the answer took merely a click! People making a difference without putting on airs, Each hour they spent proclaimed, "Lions Care!" With knowledgeable partners and bright volunteers, They've been serving the neediest for over 100 years! I registered quickly and signed up right then, With so many choices I didn't know where to begin. Tutoring, art clubs, cooking galore BINGO, food pantries, crafting and more., Serve dinner at a shelter and show off our spaghetti, Or spend time with seniors serving biscuits and tea. With so many ways to simply give back, I pictured a day when no Individual need lack, The basics of life we're all meant to enjoy; A healthy, safe life for each girl and boy. Just like The Grinch I suddenly knew, Like a crash of thunder coming out of the blue; "Maybe Christmas need not come from a store Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more!" And what if this feeling, these actions could last, What if I need not return to the past? By choosing to serve throughout the whole year, Each day, week and month could be filled with good cheer! What started as sadness soon become hope, Serving my neighbors and helping them cope. My greatest surprise was not under the tree, The gift I received, was a more happy me! It's been awhile. I'll stop bending your ear. But with this piece of advice, go serve, volunteer! When we help one another the world feels so right, Now "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

Winners/Runner-ups for Whistler, B.C. 2018

Achievement: Highlighting one current Year's Club Project

Runner-Up: Wayne Atkinson,

Westbank Lions Club, D-7

Winner: Mark Mansell,

La Center Lions Club, G-2

Club Brochure

Runner-Up: Westbank Lions Club, D-7 Winner: Des Moines Lions Club, B-5

Club Bulletin

Runner-Up: Puyallup Lions Club, C-3 Winner: Vancouver Lions Club, G-2

Club Business Card

Runner-Up: Abbotsford Lions Club, H-3 Winner: Westbank Lions Club, D-7

Leo Business Card

Winner: Vernon LEO Club, D-1

Club Inspiration

Winner: North Pend Oreille Lions Club, E-8

(write up with award patch)

Club Scrapbook (Traditional)

Runner-Up: Enderby Lions Club, D-1
Winner: Lacey Sunrise Lions Club, C-6

Club Website

Runner-Up: Aberdeen Lions Club, G-3 Winner: Leavenworth Lions Club, D-2

Humorous Story

Runner-Up: Steve Patterson,

Longview Lions Club, G-1

Winner: Donna Oiland, Seattle University

Ballard Lions Club, B-2

Musical Comedy

Runner-Up: Sooke Harbourside Lions Club, I-2

Winner: Langley Lions Club, H-3

Musical Performance

Runner-Up: Shelley Costello,

Wenatchee Central Lions Club, D-2

Winner: Annette Richardson,

Lynden Lions Club, H-1

Uniform Parade

Runner-Up: Kamloops Paddlewheelers

Lions Club, D-3

Winner: Bellingham Harborview

Lions Club, H-1

Zone Chair Newsletter

Runner-Up: Harvey Unruh,

Bellingham Central Lions Club, H-1

Winner: Ping Mah,

Vancouver Galaxy Lions Club, A-1

Leo of the Year Award

Winner: Jeffrey Peng,

Burnaby Mosscrop, A-9

Peace Poster:

Winner: Alexander Green,

Sponsored by Gordon Head Lions Club, I-3

For Saturday Night Presentation:

Secretary of the Year

Runner Up: Bill Shepherd,

Yakima West Valley Lions Club, F-1

Winner: Hope Ramsdale, Longview Kelso

Earlybird Lions Club, G-1

Zone Chairperson of the year, up to 8 clubs:

Runner Up: Michael Livingstone,

Okanagan Falls Lions Club, D-9

Winner: Harvey Unruh,

Bellingham Central Lions Club, H-1

Zone Chairperson of the year, 9 or More clubs:

Runner Up: Jacquie Miller,

Baynes Sound Lions Club, I-5

Winner: Ping Mah,

Vancouver Galaxy Lions Club, A-1

MD19 Distinguished Service Award:

John "J.D." Nellor, Vancouver Lions Club, G-2

Becoming a Lion - continued from page 2

He served our country as a US Coast Guard SAR Air Crew/ Avionicsman.

His life as a Lion started in February 2002 when he took up a free meal deal offered by Naches Lion Jim Gillie.

His first office at the club level was Naches President in 2004/05. He became Naches Treasurer in 2007 until he transferred to Ellensburg in 2012. He was Ellensburg President 2016-17 and Ellensburg LCIF Coordinator 2017-18.

At the zone level he was Sightfirst II Coordinator 2005-08 and Zone Chairperson 2008-2010 & 2014-16.

He has held numerous District Cabinet positions, one being the Centennial Celebration Coordinator for 3 years. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum 2019

Creating Better Leaders Spokane, WA

A great delegation of Lions from our multiple district attended USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Columbus, Ohio. We were there not only to participate in the great seminars, but to also shadow counterparts and promote the Forum MD19 is hosting next year in Spokane. It was so exciting to listen to our members enthusiastically share all there is to do and see in Spokane and to hear the pride in our multiple district. We won't know how many we pre-registered until the October planning meeting, but we surpassed the goal set for our team. Thanks so much to each person who took the time to work our booth. You are so appreciated!

The Forum will feature great seminars, new exhibits, new sponsors, and awesome keynote speakers. During the opening ceremony, The High Street Show Band will be entertaining us. We have partnered with a Tour Company to provide a variety of pre and post Forum tours. We will also be providing blood sugar and blood pressure screenings for participants by nursing students from WSU College of Nursing.

A special thank you to NW Lions Foundation, who is our Featured Sponsor. We are appreciative of the financial support of the Forum.

Now, we are asking each Lion to promote the Forum in your club. We would love to see representatives from each club attend the Forum. This is OUR Forum.

The Forum website is now open for registration: www.lionsforum.org. More information will be added to the website frequently, so check back often. There are several hotels to choose from which are all close to the convention center.

The Forum Facebook site is also open. Go to Facebook and search USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. Click like. We also need your help at the Forum. The Spokane website will be open soon with a sign-up form for volunteering. We will have a wide variety of opportunities for volunteering, but it will take many to make the Forum successful.

Help share the pride we have in our communities. We are providing gift bags for attending dignitaries. We would like to provide gifts which show who we truly are as a multiple district. We are asking clubs to bring small items representing your community to your district spring conferences/conventions (where we will collect them) so that each bag we make will have something a little different. Thank you in advance of your generosity and pride in your community.

Want to learn more about Spokane visit: www.visitspokane.com

We will be at each conference. We look forward to talking about the Forum and signing up volunteers.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions:

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Vice Host Chair: Ed Brandstoettner <u>brandsen@comcast.net</u>

Northwest Lions Leadership Institute for 2020

Announcing the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute for 2020

It's never too early to plan for your future. The Northwest Lions Leadership Institute could be your next investment in your skill development. A proven course to give you more confidence in your leadership skills Watch the NWLLI.org website for more details.

Date: May 28-30, 2020

Place: Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia

Hotel: Harrison Beach Hotel

Cost: \$350 US includes 3 nights lodging, most meals, parking

Scholarships of \$200 available from the MD19 Service and Leadership Foundation

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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, 2019. While closed, we will periodically try to respond to emails that have the MD19 Visitation Forms 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 2018-2019 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, 2018, plus pro-rated dues for any new members brought in from July to December.

District Conferences / Conventions will begin the weekend of March 16th. It is important that the 2018-2019 First Half Dues have been paid prior to your conference or your voting Delegate(s) will be unable to vote. If you have not received a 2018-2019 First 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.

Voting at District Conferences: Elections will be held at each of the District Spring Conferences/Conventions for the District Governor, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, the 2019-2020 Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson. The ballot boxes containing the ballots for Council and Vice Council Chairpersons will remain sealed until all of the conferences/conventions have been held. After the close of the final conference/convention, all of the ballots will be counted at the same time.

Candidates for Higher Office at the Zone and District levels: Your letter of intent and your club's 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 Letter of Endorsement and your 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. This is a Constitutional requirement!

Service Activities (SARs)

Clubs should be reporting activities that are performed as a group by the club's members. These projects may involve one or more Lions clubs as well as Lion foundations and can include non-member volunteers from the community and staff from local businesses. The litmus test for a service activity is that it is both club approved and administrated by many members of that club.

While it is wonderful that individual club members volunteer their time to local programs and Lions projects, these do not qualify as club events. The key word is "group".

2019 MD19 Convention Pin

Have you ever thought about starting a Lions pin collection? One way to start is by obtaining your MD annual convention pin. This year's pin, the 2019 MD19 annual convention pin, depicting a northwest theme, and highlighting the Milan International Convention is now available for purchase. This is the second in a series of four highlighting a Northwest theme.

The purchase price is \$1.50 for the regular pin and \$2.00 for the Prestige (larger) pin plus any applicable postage. You can purchase an individual pin or the 2-pin set. Quantities of the larger pin are limited.

These pins can be purchased by contacting these individuals: Don Shove adshove@comcast.net, 206-854-4324, Jim Moffitt pintraderjim@aol.com 602-738-

1514, Stephen Staudinger <u>ssstaudinger@comcast.net</u> 360-608-8361. Happy pin collecting!

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don't say to yourself, "Well, that was a stupid move." As soon as you indulge in judgmental bemusements, you've compromised your effectiveness as a listener. Listen without jumping to conclusions. Remember that the speaker is using language to represent the thoughts and feelings inside his/her brain. You don't know what those thoughts and feelings are and the only way you'll find out is by listening.

Don't be a sentence-grabber. Occasionally I find myself unable to slow my mental pace enough to listen effectively, so I try to speed up the other person in the conversation by interrupting and finishing his/her sentences. This can land me way off base, because I am following my own train of thought and I don't learn where the other person's thoughts are headed.

3: Listen to the words and try to picture what the speaker is saying.

Allow your mind to create a mental model of the information being communicated. Whether a literal picture, or an arrangement of abstract concepts, your brain will do the necessary work if you stay focused, with senses fully alert. When listening for long stretches, concentrate on, and remember, key words and phrases.

When it's your turn to listen, don't spend the time planning what to say next. You can't rehearse and listen at the same time. Put your thoughts on a mental chalk board or parking lot to be accessed later. Think only about what the other person is saying. If your thoughts start to wander, immediately force yourself to refocus.

4: Don't interrupt and don't impose your "solutions."

Interrupting sends a variety of messages such as: "I'm more important than you are," "What I have to say is more interesting, accurate or relevant," "I don't really care what you think," "I don't have time for your opinion," "This isn't a conversation, it's a contest, and I'm going to win." We may not intend for these messages to be sent so try to avoid interrupting.

We all think and speak at different rates. If you are a quick thinker and an agile talker, the burden is on you to relax your pace for the slower, more thoughtful communicator—or for the person who has trouble expressing himself/herself.

When listening to someone talk about a problem, refrain from suggesting solutions. Most of us prefer to figure out our own solutions. We need you to listen and help us do that. Somewhere way down the line, if you are absolutely bursting with a brilliant solution, at least get the speaker's permission. Ask, "Would you like to hear my ideas?"

5: Give the speaker regular feedback.

Show that you understand where the speaker is coming from by reflecting the speaker's feelings. "You must be excited!" "What a terrible experience for you." "I can see where that could be frustrating." If the speaker's feelings are hidden or unclear, then occasionally paraphrase the content of the message. Or just nod and show your understanding through appropriate facial expressions and an occasional well-timed "hmmm" or "uh huh."

The idea is to give the speaker some proof that you are listening, and that you are following her train of thought—not off indulging in your own world.

When you don't understand something, of course you should ask the speaker to explain it to you. But rather than interrupt, wait until the speaker pauses. Then say something like, "Back up a second. I didn't understand what you just said about..."

In task situations, regardless of whether at work, home or in Lions, always restate instructions and messages to be sure you understand correctly.

BOUNS TIP: Pay attention to what isn't said—those nonverbal cues.

If you exclude email, the majority of direct communication is probably nonverbal. We glean a great deal of information about each other without saying a word. Even over the telephone or go-to-meeting, you can learn so much from the tone and cadence of the person's voice.

Face to face with a person, you can detect enthusiasm, boredom, or irritation very quickly in the expression around the eyes, the set of the mouth, the slope of the shoulders. These are clues you can't ignore. When listening, remember that words convey only a fraction of the message.

I hope you take a few of these tips to your next Lions Meeting, committee meeting or project and LISTEN to your fellow Lions. I believe these tips can facilitate relationships and understanding and foster new ideas and change within our clubs and organization.

A Note from Kyle Boutilier, Leo Lion Liason

I hope this message finds you well. One of my biggest worries with the Lions Clubs has been our decreasing membership in Canada. I know that we can't simply stress numbers only - we also want quality members. However, without enough members, our capacity to serve our communities will dwindle as our clubs have less and less members. So, this got me thinking: how can we reverse this trend?

With the help of the newly formed West London Lions Club and Lions mentors across Canada, we came up with the idea to start a Canadian Young Lions Retreat - the first of its kind in the Lions world. We hope this event will help unite young Lions and Leos across Canada, as well as empower them to return to their communities, start new Lions Clubs, and ultimately grow our membership!

We are looking to host the retreat on a weekend in the middle to end of March 2019. Starting Friday evening, attendees from all over Canada will have the opportunity to hear from dynamic speakers about leadership development and the exciting opportunities available for youth within the International Lions organization. We also plan to host a half-day service project during this time.

We want this retreat to be youth organized, with the help of Lions leaders like yourself! We are currently recruiting young Lions and Leos aged 16-40 to join a planning committee of 8-10 people. To join this committee, please have the young Lion or Leo fill out this short committee application: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLScWm7iB5YbruisWHtausLpENi8ZmKHOtgNw9mTtD9tVysbAA/viewform. Nikhil Patil, a young Lion based in London, ON will be serving as the chairperson for this retreat.

We need your assistance to connect us with the young Lions and Leos in your area. Please forward this information to all Leos and young Lions in your area. We are really hoping to engage the Campus Lions Clubs, so please be sure to forward this to them. Please, also feel free to forward this information to other Lions who may be able to connect with young Lions and Leos. We are very thankful for any help!

Tree Lighting turns into a Community Event

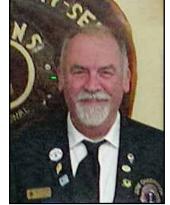
By Michael Dukes, Governor 19-I

My favorite project has to do with decorating our small town center for Christmas. We have a small park area where the Lions have decorated a town Christmas tree for many years and about three years ago we decided to expand this project to involve the community. We invited businesses, Church Youth Groups and some individuals to adopt a tree and participate in this project. Our chamber of commerce has gotten involved and we are continuing to look for others to join in the fun. This project has provided a visible activity within the community and brings awareness to the community of our Lions and their efforts in the community.

We have a tree lighting ceremony where Santa Clause makes an appearance arriving in a bright red fire truck and then stops at the town visitors' center for hot chocolate and Christmas cookies. The best part of this effort is to see the smiles on the children's faces as the lights come on and they tell Santa what they would like to get for Christmas.

19-I District Governor Mike Dukes, married to Lion Karen, has two wonderful daughters and six fantastic grandchildren.

He joined Lions in 1974 as a member of the Clallam Bay-Sekiu Lions Club where he has filled every officer role except Lion Tamer at least once. DG Mike was Zone Chairperson in 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 thus starting his journey towards District Governor. He Serves the community as a Hospital Clinic Board member, has been a Hunter Safety Instructor, and a Little League Coach. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, vegetable gardening and coin collecting.





You Are Invited!!

The 2019 MD 19 Annual Fall Convention will be "Simply The Best" in beautiful Wenatchee Washington October 16-20, 2019. The Wenatchee Valley is home of premium wines, world famous apples and outdoor adventures. Located in the heart of Washington State with easy access from all four corners of MD19, the Wenatchee Valley boasts 300 days of sunshine each year. We have a wide variety of outdoor adventures, art, gourmet restaurants as well as theater and night life. The Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel will be your home for the convention and you will love it!

The Convention theme is "Simply The Best" and that says it all: weather, hotel, convention center, activities, and hospitality. You don't want to miss it!



MD19 Annual Convention October 16 - 20, 2019

Fearless Leaders: (509) 888-1539

2019lionsconvention@gmail.com

WENATCHEE CENTRAL LIONS
PO Box 135, Wenatchee, WA 98807





Lori Reed & Patti Sparks

Two Candidates for 2019-2020 Vice Council Chair

This just in... a second Candidate for the office of 2019-2020 Vice Council Chair has now filed all the needed documents. PDG John Moralek from the Surrey Central Lions Club, 19-H will join PDG Al Hedstrom from the Silverdale Sunrise Lions Club, 19-C on the ballot. Voting will take place at the District Conferences and will be counted after the final conference is held in May 2019.

(PDG Al Hedstrom pictured left, PDG John Moralek pictured right)





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| 2018- | CARE | |
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| 19-C | PDG Dan & Cheryl Comsia | \$250.00 |
| | PDG Emerson Bishop | \$50.00 |
| | Suzanne Gayda | \$100.00 |
| | PZC Bob Johnson | \$100.00 |
| | PDG Jan and PZC Art Weatherly | \$100.00 |
| | Tacoma Centennial Lions Club | \$50.00 |
| | Donations above in memory of PCC Mil | ce Gayda |
| | Nadine & William Morris | \$50.00 |
| | Jeris Ockfen | \$25.00 |
| 19-E | Richard Bako (Coulee Dam) | \$10.00 |
| | For DG Lyndon Harriman | |
| 19-H | Michele Barrie | \$150.00 |
| | For Dylan, Dami and Ian Barrie | |

Percentages of WMMRs received, SARs completed for month of November 2018 and First Half Dues Paid for 2018-19

| 19-A 19-B 19-C 19-D 19-E 19-F 19-G | WMMRs 78% 53% 73% 62% 92% 68% 75% | SARs 57% 41% 69% 60% 68% 51% 65% | DUES 66% 88% 89% 72% 92% 81% 92% |
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| 19-H 19-I | 94% 100% | 63% 49% | 100% 84% |
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Memorials for October 2018

| C 5 | Spanaway Parkland | George J. Hollis |
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| E 3 | Rathdrum | Alfred E. Stein |
| E 9 | Chewelah Valley | Bill Booth |
| E 9 | Spokane Valley | Check Esser |
| F 3 | Walla Walla Eastgate | Glen Horner |
| F 7 | Moscow Central | Ron Richard |
| G 3 | Willapa Harbor | Rick Smith |
| H 1 | Bellingham Central | John A. Benson |
| Η7 | South Whidbey | Herbert Bacon |
| 12 | Esquimalt | David W.E. Shearer |

Memorials for November 2018

| B 2 | Seattle First Hill | Judy Lui |
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| C 1 | Gig Harbor | Harry W. Dearth |
| C 2 | Hood Canal | Mel Williamson |
| C 3 | Auburn Noon | Clarence T. Larson |
| D1 | Enderby & District | Florence Tetreau |
| E 1 | Rosalia | Floyd Curtis |
| F 1 | Yakima | William Smedley |
| G 3 | Aberdeen | Patricia S. Wilhelms |
| H3 | Langley | Dave Coppin |
| Η4 | Tsawwassen Boundary Bay | Ken D. Marson |
| Η6 | Sasquatch | Ronald MacKinnon |
| Η7 | Coupeville | Grace King-Barnes |
| Η7 | Oak Harbor | Harlan J. Črowe |
| I 5 | Gold River | Oscar Marcaccini |
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California Wildfires

Now is a great time for "We Serve" and help out our fellow Lions in California if we can, while they are dealing with devastating loss themselves.

The Chico and Gridley Lions Clubs are putting together a 'no payment required Store'. The Chico Lions have a community account at the Tri-County Bank in Chico, CA. Individuals can send funds to this bank, to the Gridley Lions Club, to California Multiple District 4 or to Lions Clubs International in Oakbrook, IL. Direct your donations to the Camp Fire Fund. Lions give 100% of donated funds to those persons in need. The Lions Motto is, "We Serve", and the Lions in the affected area are already right there, boots on the ground and ready to assist in every way they can. Currently, the Chico and Gridley Lions are working to find places for people to go for shelter, places to eat and are even thinking forward to having a toy drive to replace those lost in the fires. At least 54,000 people have been displaced in their area.

Address #1:

Multiple District 4 Lions 129 Los Aguajes Ave Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Attn: Cass Cara *Make a notation that the Donation is for the Camp Fire*.

Contact info #2:

Chico Lions (they are working with the Paradise Lions Club...yes, folks that have lost everything are still helping others) Email: g-ldunning@comcast.net

Donations to:

Tri-Counties Bank 211 W East Ave Chico, CA 95926

Note that the Donation is for The Chico Lions Community Fund-Camp Fire.

Address #3:

Gridley Lions Club 186 Washington St Gridley, CA 95948

They are setting up the No Pay Store & helping folks find places to stay.

Tieton Lions

The final thing that the Tieton Lions Club did in their disbanding was to give to the Highland School District the following Legacy.

The donation of an 8ft by 12ft American roll up Flag in Honor of Harold & Pat Hambelton. They were long standing supporters of youth in their community.



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ternational Presidents Award was presented to PDG Rita Fok and PDG Steve Noble, and the Multiple District 19 Distinguished Service Award was presented to VDD JD Nellor.

What note of appreciation would be complete without acknowledging the spectacular year-long leadership of our Immediate Past Council Chair Jon Whitman. In addition to receiving a plaque of appreciation on behalf of the Multiple District, Jon's wife Carol made plans arranging to have many family members secretly attend the banquet to surprise Jon! Surrounded by his immediate family and his Lions family, he was presented with a well-deserved Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship to honor his ongoing commitment to humanitarian service!

In closing, I know I have missed some names, so I will use my friend **DG David Heath** of the Ellensburg Lions Club as a surrogate stand-in for all you unsung convention volunteers at Whistler. Like many of you, Dave was helpful in so many ways without being asked. Throughout the convention, he saw something that needed to be done, and he simply did it. No fanfare, no hoopla. He pitched in like many of you did, and I appreciate **your energy, enthusiasm and heart for service** to get the job done!



"It is not given to a great many men in the ordinary conduct of their lives to exercise leadership within a group, yet every member of a Lions club has this opportunity."

- Melvin Jones

We Serve

LIONS LEARNING FORUM - 2019

Where Lions Come to Learn

This is a totally free event-but REGISTRATION is required!
(No registration or lunch fees)

Saturday, March 2nd, 2019
8:00 am - 3:30 pm
Cascadia Technical Academy
12200 NE 28th St.
Vancouver, WA 98682

Register online: www.LionsLearningForum.org

The registration is limited to 150 Lions so be sure to get your registration form in ASAP.

The day will be filled with round-table discussions covering a wide variety of topics designed to increase and enhance the Lions spirit. Local area Lions will share tried and true club strategies (and maybe a few secrets). Participants will leave with greater knowledge of the Lions organization, club improvement ideas, greater personal skills and of course many new Lion friends from across the region.

2019 Lions Learning Forum

The Lions Learning Forum is a one-day event happening on Saturday March 2nd, 2019 (9:00 am to 3:30pm) in Vancouver, WA.

Lions from throughout MD19 have attended the Learning Forum in past years. The Forum is designed as an opportunity for all Lions to come together in order to learn, share, discuss and explore how to better serve others through Lionism. This learning experience is not a training event, but rather a time and space for Lions to connect with other Lions around relevant and timely topics of interest.

This is a FREE event but pre-registration is required. For more information and to register go online to www.lionslearningForum.org.



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MD19 Calendar of Events 2018 - 2019

| MD19 Winter CoG LaQuinta Inn & Suites | Tacoma, WA | Feb 1-2, 2019 |
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| MD19 Spring CoG Howard Johnson Hotel | Yakima, WA | June 12-13 2019 |
| MD19 DGE & ZCE Training Howard Johnson | Yakima, WA | June 13-15, 2019 |

Spring Conferences 2019:

| District 19-H | Coast Chilliwack Hotel, B.C. | March 15-16 |
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| District 19-F | Red Lion Hotel Yakima Center, WA | March 22-23 |
| District 19-B | Hilton Garden Inn Seattle/Bothell, WA | March 29-30 |
| District 19-A | Delta Hotels by Marriott Burnaby Conference Centre, B.C. | April 5-6 |
| District 19-D | Penticton Lakeside Resort & Conference Centre, B.C. | April 5-6 |
| District 19-C | La Quinta Inn & Suites Tacoma - Seattle, WA | April 12-13 |
| District 19-I | Red Lion Hotel Port Angeles, WA | April 12-13 |
| District 19-E | Red Lion Hotel Templin's on the River, Post Falls, ID | April 26-27 |
| District 19-G | Red Lion Hotel Kelso Longview, Kelso, WA | May 17-18 |



Remember back in the day when lots of us wore those big "ASK ME ABOUT LIONS CLUB" pins like this one? They were great conversation starters and could be again. Your club can design its own and have it made very inexpensively. All your members can have one, and even your new A-Frame can wear one in its lapel whenever it goes stepping out.

The Border Crossing
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Bellingham, WA 98226 USA

The future depends on YOU! Ask someone to become a Lion!