



# 19- I Newsletter



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MOTTO: "TEAMWORK"

December 2009



Firstly, I would like to congratulate the Victoria Imperial Lions Club for being awarded the "Outstanding Philanthropic Service Club" for 2009 submitted by the Camosun College Foundation. Please read the Award letter on page 2.

I have been very busy this month with travelling from Galliano Island to the far reaches of Port Alice. It is like "Homecoming" when you visit a Club that you began with and stayed with for 25 years as a Lions, however the weather was something else and Port McNeill it was even worse. Very strong winds and heavy rain! Thank you to the North Island Clubs for the hospitality.

While the heavy rain felled all over our District, we also had flooding in the Courtenay area and mostly in Duncan and North Cowichan. Through ZC-4 Wayne Switzer and Duncan Lions President, Gordon Bigham, the situation was monitored and I have the paperwork ready for an LCIF Emergency Grant. We hope that the people affected will find the basic need and we will assist as requested. Also thank you to all the Clubs that where at the ready to help out had the situation worsened. Thankfully, no one was hurt. Soon the Convention Committee will be sending out the call for the Spring Conference in Courtenay, in April 16-18 2009. Start making plans now to attend. PIP Judge Brian Stevenson will be busy awarding his "Fellowship" to many of you from the sounds of it!

Please send your Club's projects with pictures to Evelyn for the Web-site; [lionsdistrict19-i.org](http://lionsdistrict19-i.org)

As I will not be around for the holiday after the 19<sup>th</sup>. Please, as a Christmas present, could you all have your MMRs in by the 20<sup>th</sup>. Please!?! You don't want to be making them out and sending them during the Holidays and we don't want to be accounting for them either.

I would like to take this time with my wife Nancy Lee, to sincerely wish you and your family a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a prosperous NEW YEAR for 2010.

**Be Safe, be Happy, be Merry!**



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**We have a reward out for this individual!**

HEAR YE...HEAR YE...

OUR ZONE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL in I-2 IS CANCELLED!  
We are very sad & disappointed to announce this to you all.

**Mari Hall, Joan Chevrier & Carol Buczkowski**  
**Wish to thank all who supported this event & we are truly sorry!**

**Your money will be returned ASAP. Mari Hall ZC I-2**



Lion Jack Gillespie  
Galiano I - 3

Lion Floyd Simpson  
Parksville I - 7



Michael MacFarlane - Alberni Valley I-7

Marty Richard Koorn - Black Creek I-5

Alan G Taylor - Ladysmith I-4

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Barrett Marchaler - Mill Bay I-4

Laurie Baron - Qualicum Bay I-8

Margot C Hamilton - Quilcene I-1.

Brenda Stengal - Victoria Chinatown Lioness I-2

Wilf Gagnon Sr. ~~Transferred~~ to Comox Valley Monarch I-8

**National Philanthropy Day 2009  
Outstanding Philanthropic Service Club Award  
Victoria Imperial Lions Club**

**Submitted by Camosun College Foundation**

The Camosun College Foundation is proud to submit this letter of nomination of the Victoria Imperial Lions Club for this year's Outstanding Philanthropic Service Club Award in recognition of their many years of charitable service to our local community causes.

The Club was established on May 17, 1969 as the Victoria Empress Lions. Since then they have been involved in hundreds of health-related and community-enhancing regional, national and international projects.

**Quality of Leadership and Organizational Ability in Fundraising Programs:**

The Victoria Imperial Lions Club is part of a vast network of over 45,000 international lion's clubs. The local clubs are organized into zones. The Victoria Imperial Lions Club is in District 19-I/Zone 2 and currently has 22 members, but they can call on the assistance and advice of the more than 1.3 million members world-wide. Its mission, like all Lions Clubs, is "to create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary service through community involvement and international co-operation." "Ready to help" is their motto and through their local membership, and wide-ranging networks, the Lions Club of Victoria has had the organizational ability to accomplish some amazing work in the areas of fighting blindness, supporting youth, providing disaster relief, combating disabilities, and general service work for our community.

**Time, Effort and Financial Commitment**

The Imperial Lions Club's dedicated, volunteer members meet regularly, twice a month, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday. The Club relies on funds raised primarily through local bingo gaming, selling entertainment booklets, local fundraising events and grants from the Lions Club International Foundation. The funds they receive each year go directly to provide hope and support to many, many local charities.

**Fundraising Goals**

Because of their reliance on local bingo revenues and small fundraising initiatives, the fundraising goals of the Lions Club can vary year to year. Usually, the Lions are able to provide small grants of \$500 to \$1,000 each to help a range of local charities.

**Participation in Other Community Non-Profit Organizations:**

Although the Lions are best known for fighting blindness (in 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness," and they accepted), the Victoria Imperial Lions Club provides funds each year to help a variety of non-profit organizations like the: Victoria Hospice Society; Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Victoria; Boys and Girls Clubs of Victoria; Victoria Hospital Foundation; University of Victoria; as well as the Canadian Federation of the Blind; CNIB; and many more. The Victoria Imperial Lions Club has been especially integral in supporting Camosun College students with physical challenges. In 2006, they established the Al Hayman Memorial Bursary for Camosun students with visual disabilities. Today the endowment now stands at over \$45,000. They also established a Disability Resource Centre Loan Fund of \$3,500 to help disabled students get their printed course materials created in alternate formats. The Club has also provided over \$1,200 for Camosun's *Solutions for Blind Readers* program and most recently, they have pledged \$6,000 toward special desks for the College's current *Love Your Learning Library* revitalization project.

The Victoria Imperial Lions Club is a friendly, dedicated, active, service-oriented supporter of those in need in our community. The Camosun College Foundation is very proud to nominate the Victoria Imperial Lions Club for this year's Outstanding Philanthropic Service Club Award.

**C.A.R.E.**

As you may be aware the MD 19 Council of Governors has selected an exciting Lions CARE project for which we are raising funds during 2009-2010. The project that MD 19 is undertaking this year is to "Fight Child Labour in Bolivia." This important project is described below.

In Bolivia young children are often forced to work in the tin mines or silver mines in order to help their very poor families earn enough money for food or to just stay alive. It is dangerous work where children are often subjected to skin diseases from the toxic work environment, injured or killed.

Moreover, when children work in the mines they are not able to attend school, thereby establishing their destiny as a lifelong mineworker. Current CARE programs in Potosi and in Cerro Rita seem to have made significant early strides in reducing the numbers of children having to work in the mines and in the numbers of children who have been injured or killed in the mines. If parents are provided with alternative work opportunities to garner sufficient income to support their families, children can go to school, receive an education, develop vocational options, and break the cycle of child labour in the mines. I believe this MD-19 Lions CARE project will allow us to undertake a powerful charitable program that holds promise of positive changes in the opportunities for productive lives of young children in Bolivia.

I currently serve as the CARE Chairperson for District 19- I. I understand how support of this Project by the MD 19 Lions will significantly effect changes in the lives of many families in Bolivia. Our goal is to raise at least \$40,000 in MD-19 to support this project. This is an achievable goal. Each Lions Club in MD 19 is being asked to consider making a donation to this Lions CARE project during 2009 - 2010.

The purpose of this letter is to request support from your Lions Club for the MD-19 Lions CARE project for 2009-2010 to "Fight Child Labour in Bolivia." Any amount that your Club is willing to donate will be greatly appreciated. Donations of any amount can be made using the attached form. If your Lions Club (or an individual Lions Club Member) is in a position to donate \$500 or more, you would qualify for a Gordon Smith Fellowship. If your club would like additional information about this project prior to making a donation, feel free to contact me and I will send that information to you.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

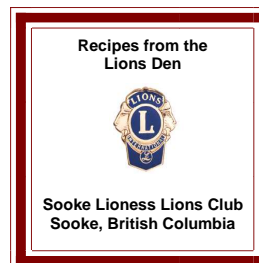
In the true Spirit of Lionism,

Lions Georgia D. Medwedrich  
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CANADA

**FORKS LIONS WOOD FOR FOOD**

Visit: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NG\\_H5I4mlg4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NG_H5I4mlg4)

Lee Moore, Secretary  
Forks Lions



**Support the Sooke Lioness Lions**

Purchase a cookbook today!

**\$12.50 each**

All proceeds going toward the numerous charities that the Sooke Lioness Lions Support

Contact Georgia at  
250-642-4969

## LEADERSHIP “NUGGET

International President Eberhard Wirfs mantra “Move To Grow” tasks Lions to share their commitment to move in new ways and invite new qualified members to join us in service.

His leadership team has developed a world wide program called “Lions In Sight” which is designed to profile the work of Lions when we are not visibly seen by the community. The goal is simple; it is to raise awareness of the numerous humanitarian projects each Club participates in. The campaign which is to be profiled during the last two weeks of January 2010 gives us to lead time to view our Lions International website and review the special “Lions In Sight” section for tips and tools to accomplish the goal of raising public awareness.

Even though this is truly a public relations activity, our underlying goal is to attract new members. The future success of our Clubs will rely heavily on what we do now to attract new, younger, skilled community minded individuals. These new members will become the future leaders of our Clubs.

Effective leadership is vital to all organizations whether they be business, government, service or not for profit. The very health of Lions Clubs relies on identifying and developing leadership potential in members that display an interest in seeking higher office. Senior Lions in each Club have the responsibility to identify and encourage Lions to participate in the numerous training opportunities that develop leadership skills. The LCI Mentoring Program at [lionsmentoring@lionsclubs.org](mailto:lionsmentoring@lionsclubs.org) is a useful resource to assist future Lions Leaders.

Leadership 101 will once again be held Friday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 before our Annual Spring Convention in Courtney and will provide training for 30 members of our Lions family wishing to enhance their leadership, organizational and presentation skills. Be sure to watch for a future notice to sign up for Leadership 101.

The Northwest Lions Leadership Institute will be held in the Wenatchee Convention Centre February 4 – 7, 2010 and is developed for future leaders. Dead line for applications is set at December 15, 2009. Application forms and more detailed information can be found at [www.nwlionsleadershipinstitute.org](http://www.nwlionsleadershipinstitute.org)

If you care about your Club you will care about identifying, encouraging and supporting individuals to fulfill their leadership goals and participate in the numerous training opportunities designed for their success.

“True leadership must be for the benefit of the followers, not the enrichment of the leaders.” – Robert Townsend

I encourage you to look at these “nugget” opportunities and determine which of them best suit your training needs at this time. Set a goal to attend and determine if you benefited from the experience. You too can be a Leader!

PZC Daryl Driemel, District Leadership Chairperson

## 2nd CABINET



## MD 19 M & M's Sponsor Reward Program!

*From July 01/09 - April 30/10*

All prizes to be present at MD 19's Annual Convention, Olympia, Washington May 13 - 16

First Level: All Lion who sponsor ONE new member qualify for one of NINE draws (one for each District). Winner's choice of a T-shirt or tie.

Second Level: All Lions who sponsor TWO or MORE new members. One entry per new member. Chance to win Nascar style M & M Jacket



## DISTRICT I - 40TH SPRING CONFERENCE

April 16 - 18, Courtenay, BC Canada

The Comox Valley Monarch Lions Club is proud to be hosting the 19I Spring Convention April 16-17-18, 2010 in the beautiful Comox Valley. Our members, along with assistance from the other clubs in the Zone, are working hard to organize a great convention for DG Marcel.

While we have chosen the Coast Westerly as our Head Quarters hotel we have a good selection of other hotels with a wide range of prices available for your consideration. In addition we have made arrangements with a local camp ground to open early for those wanting to bring their camper or motor home.

Registration forms will be sent out around mid December with all the hotels listed along with a program outline for this event. Don't forget to clearly mark your registration form if you have special meal requests - our caterers will do their best to look after your needs.

We look forward to seeing you in the Comox Valley April 16, 17, and 18, 2010.

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The District LEMPRR Team, at its Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> meeting, short listed the following topics that would be appropriate Spring Conference panels/subjects for Saturday morning (4 panels) and afternoon (2 panels).

1. Orientation and Inductions including Mentoring
2. Fund Raising – Ideas that work. – (perhaps a member from the Sooke Lioness Lions could talk regarding successful activities in their Club)
3. Membership – Membership Chairs – Where is that Fix Button?
4. Lions For Life Program – perhaps VCC Mike Gayda as a presenter
5. Treasurer – In Canada and in the USA -
6. Incoming District Governor Meeting with incoming Zone Chairs....this meeting to be held in the afternoon

As your Leadership Chairperson I am requesting help from you to identify/recommend presenters for panels #1 - 5 as we all know that 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Gary will be meeting with his incoming team Saturday afternoon which is Panel #6.

Please take this as a serious and urgent request so that we can confirm with the presenters of each panel as to their willingness to participate and finally advise the conference committee as to the approved panels for this program.

Thank you. Lion Daryl Driemel, Leadership Chair



### ***LEM/PRR Tip for December***

Where does the time go—every year time moves faster and faster?

It is time for Lions that are considering to campaign for the positions of Zone Chairperson or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor to be endorsed by their Lions Clubs. Once endorsed by their Lions Club a letter has to be sent to the District Governor, Multiple District 19 office, the sitting Zone Chairperson and 19-I Honorary Chairperson PCC Larrie Taylor. With the information sent in by the Club Secretary should be a letter from the candidate asking to be endorsed by his/her Lions Club.

This information has to be received by December 31, 2009.

Being a Zone Chairperson is not an onerous job, in fact it is a fun position and a learning position—one of my greatest and most enjoyable years in Lionism was the year I was Zone Chairperson.

A reminder that the candidates for the offices of District Governor and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor have to be endorsed again by their Lions Club and the information also forwarded.

And a reminder to Secretaries—give your District Governor a nice Christmas present—get your reports in early.

***-PDG John Higgs, LEM/PRR Team Leader***

### **Attention all Club Presidents and Secretaries:**

The Comox Valley Monarch Lions Club is looking for your Club support with raffle and auction prizes for the April 2010 Spring Convention. We want to make the prizes the best ever.

To simplify provision of a prize from your club we are seeking your club cheque in amount of \$35. This will allow our committee to purchase the prizes which will clearly show which club made the donation. Please send your cheque payable to the Qualicum Bay Lions Club to: Qualicum Bay Lions Club, 280 Lions Way, Qualicum Bay, BC V9K 2C3

We are also looking for some major prizes that would be suitable as a silent auction item. These need to be items that can be readily available anywhere in the District. Prizes such as fishing charters, hotel stays, or golf would be great.

Thank you for making this a great convention.

PDG Ron Webber and PDG Bob Scales, Co-Chairs

## MEMBERSHIP

**Benefits of Diversity:** Pointing out the benefits of diversity often helps to bridge gaps and bring people together. The benefits of diversity are:

- \* Fresh Ideas and Perspectives: New members carry with them their collective life experiences, which helps them bring new ideas to the club. All clubs benefit from perspectives that help them see things in a different way.
- \* Better Ability to Serve: A diverse membership allows the club to reach a broader spectrum of people in need.
- \* Develop Personal Relationships: Diversity allows your club members to develop friendships with people that they may not otherwise have the opportunity to meet.

**Finding a Common Ground:** No matter what your members' backgrounds or beliefs, they all have one thing in common: the desire to serve those in need. While they may have become Lions for varying other reasons, their commitment to community service was among them. Sharing this common ground can help bridge myriad gaps that may come your way. If differences of opinion ever seem to be too great, take a step back to remind everyone why they are Lions.

**Setting Common Goals:** One key to any organization's success is a clear statement of goals. The association has a mission statement to guide it, as well as the Purpose and Code of Ethics. Consider drafting your own version of a mission statement that is specific to your club. From that, create yearly objectives to help meet your mission statement. These objectives should be measurable. They will guide your club throughout the year. Communicate your mission statement and objectives with your members, post them on your Web site, print them in your bulletin. Make them the guiding principles of your club.

**Association Mission Statement:** To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation.

By Jennifer Fossum, Membership Chair

**Recognition is a behavior deeply rooted in Lionism, but it is also a tradition that could become obsolete unless members commit to implementing it regularly... keeping it fresh and relevant... and making it a part of their lives.**

**Appreciation is a wonderful thing; it makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.**

**"People value being appreciated for their contributions. Recognition does not have to be elaborate, just genuine."**

I am trying to encourage you to use your skills and imagination to think of ways to recognize others. I will provide you with some specific, concrete examples you can use concerning the awards and certificates the association sponsors as well as some "little" things you can do yourself to let members know that you appreciate their hard work. Think about things you can do to acknowledge other Lions, don't forget those non-Lion individuals and groups who help us with our projects and assist us with monetary donations. Without them our goals would often not be met, and our service to the community would be lessened.

We must use our creativity to employ personal reinforcement, which may be planned or may be spontaneous...may be in a group or may be one-to-one... may be verbal or may be written...may be tangible or may be just a smile.

*The Art of Recognition*

**Retention.** When you identify and address specific needs of your members and provide recognition that satisfies these needs, your members are more likely to stay with the association because they are satisfied with their roles.

**Membership growth.** Recognition can be spread by word of mouth, by the Internet and by the media. The more people know about the work of individual dedicated Lions, the more likely they are to consider joining us in our mission.

**"I can live for two months on one good compliment!"** Mark Twain

**"Everyone has an invisible sign hanging from their neck saying, 'Make me feel important.'"**  
Mary Kay Ash

### **The Art of Recognition**

We conclude our series on recognition with basic guidelines to help you make recognition a part of your life as a Lion:

1. Think outside the parameters of formal awards. If an action doesn't merit a pin or certificate, don't forget to "do something" to show your appreciation.
2. Determine what motivates your recipient. Get to know your members - find out what makes them feel appreciated.
3. Make recognition appropriate. Sometimes a simple handshake or a pat on the back may be all that's needed to let someone know you appreciate their efforts.
4. Make recognition genuine. Insincerity is easily detected. If you really mean it, it will show and will mean much more.
5. Be specific, tell them what it was that was done well, what impact it had, and how it made you feel.
6. Make recognition a habit. If you use every appropriate occasion to acknowledge effort and achievement, you will find that giving recognition will become a habit...a good habit!

The service that Lions provide can be hard work, and sometimes it may seem like our goals are unattainable. True leaders can promote a positive team attitude by providing encouragement along the way.

To keep hope and enthusiasm alive, leaders **recognize** the contributions of individuals. Since every winning team needs to share in the rewards of team efforts, leaders **celebrate** their team's accomplishments, and make everyone feel like a hero.

Finally, by having a **positive outlook** and being hopeful themselves, leaders can make the impossible a possibility and motivate people to transform the possible into reality.

### **Final Thoughts**

As with other forms of art, the Art of Recognition encompasses many techniques, tools, colors, textures, and styles. Recognition of each person can be as unique as the personal style of a specific artist. So, use your skill and imagination to find and implement a wide variety of ways to recognize the contributions of others. You may be thinking this seems like too big a task to add to your already overloaded time demands. Before you do nothing, consider how much a simple "Thank You" or a personal note has meant to you in the past. More information can be downloaded from the LCI website, [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

**DG VISITATION  
2009 - 2010**

**LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING CENTER  
QUARTERLY REPORT**

(Numbers are from July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009)

MD 19	British Columbia	89,814
MD 37	Alberta/NWT	60,988
MD 5	Saskatchewan	21,750
MD 5M	Manitoba	17,415
MD A	Ontario	54,582
MD U	Quebec	24,796
MD N1	New Brunswick/PEI	26,864
MD N2	Nova Scotia	33,726
MD N3/4	Newfoundland/Labrador	8,813



Attention all Lions, Lioness and Leos involved in Collection of Eye Glasses; Congratulations to the recipients of the Certificates of Appreciation and Banner Patches. It was a pleasure to send them out. If we missed anyone it was not intentional and can be corrected quickly with an email to your Zone Chairperson or to me.

Please accept my sincere thanks for an outstanding job during the 2008 - 2009 period in collection of eyeglasses for less fortunate people in 48 countries.

Please share with me our final award for the year 2008-2009 presented last night; without your support this would not have happened.

All in All you are a great Team to work with.

***“Alone we can do very little,  
together we can make miracles happen.”***

PZC Ernie Fehler, MD 19/19H Eye Glass Collection Chair  
(Editor's note: this is an excerpt from PZC Fehler's letter.)

**CALLING ALL LIONS!  
MULTIPLE DISTRICT 19  
ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**MAY 13-15, 2010  
OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON  
RED LION HOTEL**



Join fellow team members from Washington, Idaho and British Columbia at the Multiple District 19 Annual Convention in Washington's state capital, Olympia.

The theme of the conference is "Teamwork" and a lot of fun and informative events are planned.

Watch for more details in the coming months regarding registration, accommodations and event details.

For more information, contact:  
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December

- 1 Comox Valley
- 7 Ladysmith
- 8 Qualicum Bay
- 9 Sooke Lioness Lions
- 15 Cedar
- 16 Royal Oak
- 18 Victoria Imperial

January 2010

- 5 Duncan
- 6 Mayne Island
- 7 Malahat
- 14 Royston – Cumberland
- 16-17 AHI LEM/PRR, Half Time Meeting, Victoria.
- 19 Saanich
- 23-24 Council of Governors, Osoyoos.
- 26 Parksville Lioness
- 28 Nanoose Bay

February

- 2 Parksville Lions
- 3 Willow Point
- 4 Black Creek
- 8 Campbell River
- 11 Central Saanich
- 16 Pender Island
- 21 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting, Sooke's Lioness and Lions
- 22 Saturna
- 24 Gordon Head
- 25 Salt Spring Island

March

- 2 Sooke District Lioness
- 8 Quilcene
- 9 Crescent Bay
- 10 Sequim Valley and Port Townsend Lighthouse Lions Club Branch
- 15 Baynes Sound Lions and Lioness
- 16 Tahsis
- 18 Gold River

April

- 16-18, District I - 40<sup>th</sup> Spring Conference, Courtenay

May

- 1-2, DGE and VDGE School, Bellingham.
- 13-16, MD 19, Annual Convention, Olympia, WA.

June

- June 28-July 2 Lions Clubs International Convention, Sidney, Australia

Please note this Schedule may change due to weather conditions and other unpredictable circumstances.

**SEE YOU  
NEXT YEAR!!**

