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MULTIPLE DISTRICT 19 - I UNITY NEWS



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"In Unity there is Strength"

March 2009

Time for Celebration?

We are entering the final 120 days of this Lion year and we can start to think of Celebrating some of the many District's achievements.

- 1) For the past three months we have had 100% of the Clubs filing there MMR's at Lions Clubs International
- 2) For the past two months District 19-I has had a positive membership growth. Growth for February was plus 10
- 3) Number of clubs with an increase in membership in 2009 now stands at 16
- 4) Membership and me Campaign is gaining Momentum
- 5) Zone Chair Leslie Smith recently inducted 11 new members into Protection Island Lions Club as they continue to rebuild.
- 6) IPIP Mehendra Amarasuriya challenged all Lions in each

District within the Multiple District to bring in one new member before June 30th. While that would be a tall order to accomplish here is a challenge that we could strive towards. Lets add to the membership and Me Campaign the slogan **"One a Day" Let's add one new member a day for the next 120 days in District 19-I.** Can we do it in the words of Peter Legge, CEO of Canada Wide Magazines and Communications Ltd and Professional Speaker "YES WE CAN" I will keep you informed as to our progress

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7) Apart from reporting transfers to another club and deaths there should be no need for clubs to be dropping members until July 1st 2009 as all clubs have been billed for membership dues and should be paid immediately, therefore all members are in good standing. If you have to drop members in

July the clubs has a whole year to recruit and replace the member that has left.

- 8) April 24-26 is going to be District I's time to Celebrate. It will be held in Port Alberni. This is your Spring Conference and we will be celebrating and having fun and fellowship. **Register NOW !!!!** Check out www.lionsdistrict19-i.org and follow the links. Friday night Theme MARDI GRAS hosted by the Sooke Lioness Lions
- 9) District 19-I is abundant with "Everyday Heros" and the stories are flowing into to Public Relations Chair Mary Hall who is circulating them on a regular basis. Most recently 6 **Lions in Port Angeles, Sooke District Lioness** for being recognized in the BC Legislature for their Lioness for Literacy" program. Congratulations Lioness Jean Whiffin and Jean Conway.
- 10) Space does not allow me more time to recognize others...next month....



LIONS MD 19- I SPRING CONFERENCE

PORT ALBERNI,
APRIL 24 – 26, 2009

To find out about registration and accommodations please visit the MD 19-I website:

<http://www.lionsdistrict19-i.org/spring.htm>

MD19 YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM



Enjoy a visitor from another country.

Austria, Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan
That's where they're coming from this summer!

Check our web page for more information.

Be part of the magic.

Contact Lynne Davidson 250-339-5264, 250-702-6295 or
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www.lionsyouthexchange.org/

This coming summer we have 7 students so far wishing to be hosted .

Austria	Michael (22)	1 st Host	July 18 th – Aug. 1 st
		2 nd Host	Aug. 1 st – Aug.15 th .
Austria	Klaus (20)	SAME	
Finland	Lotta (17)	1 st Host	July 4 th – July 25 th
		2 nd Host	July 25 th – Aug. 15 th
Finland	Terhi (18)	SAME	
Germany	Phillip (18)	1 st Host	July 18 th – Aug. 1 st
		2 nd Host	Aug. 1 st - Aug. 15 th
Japan	Male (16)	1 st Host	Aug. 3 rd - Aug. 16 th
		2 nd Host	Aug. 16 th – Aug. 28 th
Japan	Female (19)	SAME	

Please consider these students, they are always a joy to have around...as well as learn about their country , while they are learning about our cultures. Having 2 or 3 in the same locale is always beneficial. They keep each other company , and like to travel about together.. **Lynne Davidson**

"Everyday Heroes" from Port Angeles Lions.

On Saturday, February 28, 2009, (6) Lions exhausted (6) hours (total hours of 36) to apply non-skid material, railings and pickets to an existing wheelchair ramp plus remove concrete from basement floor and concrete in a new shower floor.



Weather was overcast and dry without any wind however we were standing, kneeling, laying, etc. on several inches of very cold snow. This by far was the longest ramp we have worked on! Recipient has MS and is wheelchair bound and her living quarters is on the lower floor. She needed safe access from her area to the top floor where her Mother resides.

Thanks to the leadership of Lion Dan Dodd and Lion Tom Deeney we were able to accomplish this fete in one day. We could have used about (3) more PALC Lions which would have made the job a little easier and faster. While I did contact the Sequim Valley Lions club we did not receive any assistance from them.



Lions who volunteered their time and expertise:

Dan Dodd
Tom Deeney
Chris Zook
Tim Boyle
Neal Lanning
Larry Kelly

Thanks to the above Lions for being apart of this very important community service program.

Regards;
Lion Larry

SATURNA LIONS - ROBBIE BURNS NIGHT

The Burns Night Dinner was attended by 82 people including 14 members of the Pender Island Highlanders Pipe and Drum Band. Special guests included Lions Carol and Joe Buczowski from Esquimalt. Twenty four hundred dollars was raised to support the Club's work in the community. A roast beef dinner complete with haggis and all the trimmings was followed by Scottish tunes, humour, auction and country dancing. Be sure to mark your calendar for next January and plan to come to Saturna for a great time!



What's Happening in Your District" "The Lions Pride"

Just a note from Public Relations to thank all of you that have sent in information, on what is Happening in your Area...I like the message just recently from Port Angeles Lions.

By sending Public Relations some newsy items those from the farthest North, East, West & South know what we are doing in our great District of 19-I. (Remember the Governor's Bulletin just doesn't stop at 19-I as it goes out to all Districts.

It takes just a few minutes of your time to download those pictures & tell your story.

This is you letting us all know what your club has accomplished by helping others in need.

Hey! I know of others that have BORROWED what they have read in our communication reports!

So "Toot Your Horn Folks" as you never know when you may hear someone say, "we read your story", keep up the great work!

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Sooke District Lioness Club

With a great deal of pride, we acknowledge and congratulate the Sooke District Lioness Club for being profiled by MLA John Horgan of Malahat-Juan de Fuca for their "Lioness for Literacy" project in the BC Legislature recently.

I note that your message is copied to the Border Crossing editor Chaz Nelson as this is good news deserving to be shared with the Lions family within our MD19 through a future issue of the Border Crossing.

Best regards,

Polly Voon
Council Chairperson
Multiple District 19

Here is a slightly shortened and edited version of his presentation. It is correct (though out-of-date, since the Club is now also involved in Ed West Alternative High School, and other book-oriented ventures), and the undersigned is a Librarian not a Teacher.

"Since 2005 the Sooke Lionesses have been supporting literacy at Port Renfrew Elementary. It started when retired district principal George Gurney drove Lionesses and former teachers Jean Whiffin and Jean Conway, retired district primary supervisor Bev Lenihan, and author Julie Lawson, to Port Renfrew to deliver 26 children's books written by Ms. Lawson, herself a former teacher at John Muir Elementary. The donation was gratefully received by Principal Ruman McArthur, the staff at the school and the very excited students. From that beginning, the Lionesses have continued the tradition of delivering new books every December. Weather and road washouts permitting, students, teachers and Lionesses enjoy the opportunity to share in the joy of reading. A great example, Hon. Speaker and members of this House, of literacy in action in Malahat-Juan de Fuca."

Leadership Moments - March

The month of March is an important month in the area of Leadership with nominations for Lions and Lioness Executives taking place and the election of the Zone Chairperson for the coming year. It is the responsibility of the Club Secretary to make sure that Lions International, MD-19 Office, the District Governor, Vice District Governor, and Zone Chairperson are informed of who the key members of the incoming Club Executives.

This information allows the information to flow smoothly for the 2009-2010 Lions year. Last year, a few Lions Clubs did not send the information to Lions International and at the end of August; Club Secretaries could not complete the MMR electronically. Let's make sure we are 100% in getting these reports in on time.

Zone Chairpersons, let the MD-19 Office, the Vice District Governor, and the District Governor know who are the incoming Zone Chairpersons are and let's get the forms in early.

LEADERSHIP 101 on Friday, April 24th at the Holiday Inn in Port Alberni still has seats available. This is a super program being presented by PDG Hal Palmer and PDG Mike Gayda, two excellent presenters with assistance from PDG John Higgs, PZC Daryl Driemel, and ZC Leslie Smith. It is well worth the \$35.00 and the topics include: Public Speaking, Meeting Management, Agenda Management, Conflict Management, Elements of a Healthy Club. Contact PDG John Higgs at lionjohn@shaw.ca for more information. Deadline is March 15th.

Every year the District puts on Officer's Training Schools and once again all of the schools have been setup except for a date for Zone 1. Here are the dates for the other Zones:

June 14	Zones 2 and 3	10 am	Central Saanich Lions Den
June 14	Zone 4 and 7	1 pm	Eagles Hall, Ladysmith
June 14	Zone 5 and 8	10 am	Comox Valley Lions Den
June 6	Zone 6	11 am	Port McNeill Lions Hall

The Officers Training Schools are open to all Lions and Lioness, but it is important for Club Secretaries and Club Presidents to attend to get the information to assist them in having a successful year.

Leadership is important for the future of our Clubs, Zones, and Districts—when asked please step forward and be what every Lions becomes when they join a Lions Club—be a LEADER.

PDG John Higgs
19-I Leadership Chairperson

No Child Without
 **MedicAlert**

Please visit the "NO CHILD WITHOUT" website:

(<http://www.nochildwithout.ca/>)

Is the School District in your area is a participant of the program. Please contact Lyne & Leo Moreau to find out how your club can help in your area.

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Protection Island Lions Club

Eleven new members inducted into the Protection Island Lions Club with one more to be installed. They were down to only a couple of members and have re-organized now a President/Secretary/Treasurer as well as new members. The M & M's were flowing that night!!!

Zone Chair
Leslie Smith



Campbell River's 50th



Leslie and her team won the "C" event in the curling bonspiel.



Burnie who was also a skip and his team who won the "B" event.



Us holding our "hardware". Which we did not get to keep and were told to come back next year and try and reclaim. What a fun weekend we had. Campbell River Lions did a fantastic job Well done !!! Leslie

Words-On-Wheels (WOW) Bus

Parksville Lions come on board with a \$1000 donation towards the purchase of a new WordsOnWheels bus. School District 69 is championing a vision dedicated to community mobilization in the area of preschool literacy. Coordination of this project is provided by the Community Literacy Liaison position that was created and funded by SD 69 - confirming a strong commitment towards early intervention and prevention. Building Learning Together Steering Committee, formed in 1999, is now a working partnership of community agencies, non-profit groups, parents, First Nations and government representatives who came together to share resources, ideas and expertise. These unique partnerships support a common goal: "To enhance children's development (pre-birth - 6 years) by supporting strong family relationships and community capacity through effective learning opportunities."

Oceanside Community can proudly acknowledge the 18 preschool literacy initiatives currently underway including 13 Mother Goose and Friends sites, Words on Wheels Outreach Bus, Hug-a-book, Traveling Tales, BLT Backpacks, Circle of Friends Conference, Top Cop, Roots of Empathy, Mother Goose Goes To School, Spinoza Bears, Grand-Buddy Program, Books for Babes, Stuffie Buddies, Treasure Boxes, Teaching From the Heart, Children Services Directory, Cook up a Story and our latest

project - Munchkin Land!. **Come share the journey and watch the story unfold!**



Comox Lions Eye Glass work Party Over 3, 000 pairs sorted



Lions Chuck...Nils...Ernie...
Bob...Al...Lynne Davidson taking picture.



Lion Lynne receiving an award from her club members for her many years of recycling contribution.

DUNCAN LIONS CLUB

Duncan Lions proudly inducted two new members on Tuesday, January 20, 2009.



From left to right, new Lion Don Kozak, Lions Wayne Hendricks and Gordon Farrel, new Lion Ralph Cole, PDG Karl's forehead and hair peaking through, and Lion Jim Woodward. We are certain our new Lions will make valuable contributions to the Club.

**Secretary Holly
Duncan Lions Club**



MARDI GRAS



Come and join us at the
Multiplex Arena in Port Alberni
3737 Roger Street

MD 19-I Spring Convention
Member Clubs of Multiple District 19 – I

April 24 to 26, 2009

As you are aware, the Alberni Valley Lions Club is proudly hosting the MD 19 – I Spring Convention in April, 2009.

Our Spring Convention Committee is requesting the traditional donation from each club of \$35.00 to be used in the purchase of an item to be raffled off at the Convention. As an option, your club may choose to donate an item valued at \$35.00 or more. Either choice is acceptable to us.

We would appreciate your very prompt attention to this matter. Please send your valued contribution as soon as possible to the following address.....

Lion Russell McLaughlin, Secretary
Spring Convention 2009
4438 8th Avenue
Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 4S7

Please identify your club with your donation and provide an email address that we can use to verify the receipt of your club donation.

With just over 2 months remaining until we meet at Convention 2009, the registrations are rapidly arriving and the excitement is growing. See you in Port Alberni on April 24, 2009. And, thank you in advance for your support of the Convention Raffle.

Yours in Lionism,

Russell McLaughlin,
Alberni Valley Lions Club

The Value of a Smile

It costs nothing, but creates much.
It enriches those who receive without impoverishing those who give it.
It happens in a flash, and the memory of it last forever.
None are so rich they can get along without it, and none so poor but are richer for its' benefits.
It creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in a business, and is the countersign of friends.
It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad and nature's best antidote for trouble.
Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is no earthly good to anybody until it is given away.
And if sometimes I am so rushed or too tired to give you a smile, may I ask you to give me one of yours' for nobody needs a smile so much as those who have none to give.

REMEMBER.....

Most people are about as happy as they make up their mind to be.

Submitted By Lion Joe, Esquimalt Lions club

VICTORIA CHINATOWN LIONESS & THE BIRTHDAY BOY!

While doing his visitation DG Steve enjoyed another fun night with Victoria Chinatown Lioness.



After he finished his presentation DG turned **REDCOAT** & voted on everything they presented in the club...Don't know if it's legal but all that were there had a great time!

I think he really looked good as a head waiter...NO? Again you can tell from the smiles that are on the faces was really a fun time!



CHOOSING TO CHANGE

Change can be hard. We get so comfortable in our clubs, in our meeting routines, that when something comes along and shakes us up, we are actually startled by the change. Small changes are undoubtedly easier to handle.

Think about all the changes, you make everyday without thinking. You change your shoes. You change your clothes. You change light bulbs when they burn out. You change the batteries in your smoke detectors and remote controls when they go bad. What are some other changes you make without thinking about them? Just lists them in your head.

These are changes that, for the most part, we don't really think about. Something needs doing, so we get it done. Why don't we do this when approaching our clubs and membership the same way?

Changing the way you approach membership loss and wellness of your Club can become as second-nature and logical as the changes you make everyday. It takes practice, sure, but what doesn't? Did you know how to change a light bulb until you'd actually did it?

Let's talk about ways to implement changes in our clubs. Let's talk about changing our approach to change by discussing, the habits and principles of successful people and organizations.

Be proactive instead of reactive. When we are proactive, we are accountable and responsible for ourselves and our choices. When we are reactive, we blame others for problems in our club. How does the affect our membership loss and our journey into becoming a healthy club.

Once we accept reasonability of our club, we can take action by choosing the changes we need to make our club healthy and have good meeting and attendance too.

If we visualize our end result, essentially we're setting a goal for our club. This can include smaller goals inside the bigger picture. If you get one new member just think what difference it will make in the district. Imagine the sense of accomplishment you'll feel. Imagine how you'll want to keep succeeding.

Taking advantage of resources is another sign of success. Are you really using LIONS to reach your goals? Another step toward changing the way we approach change is making sure we have all the information we need before moving forward.

CONTACT YOUR LEMPRR TEAM FOR INFORMATION
Membership Jenny Fossum

MESSAGE FROM THE MD 19-I BULLETIN EDITOR/WEBMASTER

Greetings fellow Lions and Lioness.

Remember to check out our website (<http://www.lionsdistrict19-i.org/>)

If you have anything you'd like to add to the website or bulletin please send it to me: eesmith55@shaw.ca



CONTESTS AND AWARDS

MD19 SPRING CONFERENCE - APRIL 24-26 PORT ALBERNI, BC

It's time to showcase your talents! Enter one of the many terrific contests at this year's Spring Conference.

There are a number of ways you can show off your club:

Scrapbook, Bulletin, Business Cards,

How about getting your voice warmed up for:

Musical Comedy, Musical Performance, 5 Minute Speaking.

Polish your shoes and enter the Uniform Parade!

It's fun!! It's so easy!! Bring home honour for your club and make some terrific memories doing it.

You can get the entry form from MD 19-I website. Return the entry form by no later than MARCH 31ST.

MARCH 2009 MD19 ENVIRONMENT BULLETIN FROM PZC DORI SOMERSET

Here's a trick question -

What is usually the cheapest and most readily available source of water? In most cities in North America the answer is right in front of us...it's our tap water from our home or the office, which is connected to the municipal water supply. Some of us may have well water. So why do so many of us insist in drinking water from little plastic bottles? Is it convenience or are we just being fashionable? And how many times are you rinsing out the water bottle and refilling it again?

PZC Mitzi Ludwig researched and wrote an excellent article on plastics and their definitions. Disposable soft drink and water bottles with the #1 PET or PETE on the bottom are ok for a single use only but avoid refilling because they will absorb flavours and bacteria. So if the water you are drinking tastes like plastic then you are drinking plastic! Toss the bottle!

If you want further information please contact PZC Mitzi Ludwig. And while we are on the subject of drinking, how about the amount of coffee we consume each morning? Are you using/bringing your own mug? If not, what are you doing with the empty paper coffee cup? *Why not take it home, rinse it out and then recycle it? You can also recycle the plastic lid.*

NEWS ALERT FOR THE BC CLUBS:

The TD Great Canadian Shoreline National Cleanup week will be September 20-28, 2009. I highly encourage clubs to look into this and consider participating. It is a very worthwhile project and excellent PR for your clubs too. Check out:

www.vanaqua.org/cleanup/home.php

KITCHEN TIPS:

Instead of putting your leftover or uneaten food scraps down the kitchen garbage disposal, put them into the compost bin outside. It is far easier on the water treatment system and better for the environment. But if the 'scraps' are really good and you have a dog, well you get the picture 😊.

When making lunch for your children or yourself use reusable containers instead of saran or wax paper as this only goes into the garbage bin. And if you have been out for dinner and haven't been able to finish your meal then ask the server to pack it up for you. You will be able to pass it on to someone on the street in short order. ☺

Cheers - PZC Dori Somerset

A VICE REPORT



Fellow Lions, as we approach the Spring Conference time in Port Alberni, this means that we are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way home in our year 2008-09. Great things have happened and better ones to come!

Start by reviewing the goals that your Club had, and your personal ones. Have you been involved as much as you wanted to be this year? Have you invited that friend or neighbour that you kept talking to about your activities in your community and you would like to see done? Well maybe its time!

Ask your President or Zone Chair, or your Club's Membership Chair, how to win 5 - 20 - 100 pounds of **M & M's!** That's the best (or sweetest) deal your Clubs will ever make! Send in those New Members to be Inducted by the International Director and Club Officers to Leadership 101!

Our District LEM/PRR Team met and reports that we are doing better this year than last. We feel that our goals will be met and that the District has an opportunity to break even or be in the positive with memberships at year end. I do not think that your Club can drop anymore than you already have! Let's replace all of those members with your best membership drive that you can possibly achieve! District Governor Steve Somerset is counting on it. Have your Club Officers Elections, have them completed by March.[so that you can register your President-Elect and Secretary-Elect to the Leadership 101, that is the best investment in your Club that can be!]

We need those new information's, PU 19s, PU 101s, Zone Chairs, in ASAP. You want your new District Directory printed on time, we need your info's. Please have them printed and legible! Even if you are repeats in your Club's, you need to fill them out -again-. Don't you want your name spelled properly this time!? or Postal Code, or phone number!?

On the 4-8 of February, I attended (with two other Lions from our District) the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute, at Lake Oswego, Portland Oregon. To me, this has been the best experience that I have had in Leadership, and I would urge anyone that would like to become a Club Officer, Zone Chair or more advanced, or in private life, to make arrangements to attend one of those seminars, it is worth every penny. They teach you about goal setting and motivating others, team building, communication skills, conflict management, creativity, team building and meeting management. And to top it all off, I (we) had to write and give a 3 minutes speech in front of the assembly. My most feared experience! We where judged on the content, merit, delivery, length and personal expression. And , guess what , I graduated and so can you....!

I would like to thanked PDG Bill Koski and PZC Jim Masyk for my official nomination at the Cabinet meeting. As you know, as per our Constitution and By-Laws, now the voting ballots will be printed with just one name on each one for each position, that of District Governor and First Vice District Governor for 2009-2010. I-1 Zone Chair, Lion Gary Reidel is the only candidate for 1st. VDG. At this time, our District cannot fill the office of Second Vice District Governor, as per LCI's new Constitutional amendments'. Will keep working on some of you to step-up to the plate and come forward as we move on.

Yours in Lionism and Fellowship

Vice District Governor
Marcel P Deslauriers, 19-I.

DG VISITATION SCHEDULE

MARCH

2 Protection Island
4 Pender Island
6-7 **Dist C Spring Conference** - Tacoma Wa
9 Alert Bay Lions
10 Pt. Alice Lions club
13-15 **Dist H Spring Conference** - Abbotsford
13-14 **Dist G Spring Conference** - Long Beach Wa
20-21 **Dist F Spring Conference** - Yakima Wa
27-28 **Dist D Spring Conference** - Osoyoos BC
31 Cedars 30th Charter event

APRIL

3-4 **Dist B Spring Conference** - Arlington, WA.
7 Duncan
17-18 **Dist E Spring Conference** - Post Falls Id
24-26 **Dist I Spring Conference** - Port Alberni

MAY

14-17 **MD19 Annual Convention** - Penticton

JULY

6-10 **International Convention** - Minneapolis MN

Please remember to check the Visitation Schedule each month as changes may occur.