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MULTIPLE DISTRICT 19 - I UNITY NEWS



Website: <http://www.lionsdistrict19-i.org/>

"In Unity there is Strength"

May 2009



*******THANK YOU*******

Wow!!! What a conference in Port Alberni for the 337 Lions, Lioness and guests that attended. We had a blast! For the nearly 1000 Lions and Lioness who did not attend, you missed a great party!

The Alberni Valley Lions did District 19-I proud! Their organization and attention to detail was in the word of "International Director", Wayne Davis, "EXEMPLARY". Alberni Valley Lions did not miss out on anything.

The Sooke Lioness Lions – what can you say – Mardi Gras lived up to its billing. I have never seen so many people dress up for a Friday Night Fun Night. Those masks and hats made identification of people challenging and intriguing. ☺ It was amazing to see the transformation of the Multiplex with all the decorations.

The horse racing was a novel event even if my horse did not get across the 'starting line'☺. Parksville Lions did a great job attending the bars.

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Thank you to all the spouses and other lions who contributed to the success of this event. Most of all thank you for attending. The theme of Unity, Fun and Fellowship was very evident. We have received many compliments and I know other Districts are going to "Borrow" some of the ideas we used.

Congratulations to all the Zone Chairs for promoting the Conference.

Congratulations to the Forks Lions Club and Gordon Head Lions Club for receiving the LCI Cultural and Community Services and International Cooperation and Understanding Awards.

Forks Lions Club is a truly amazing club that helps anyone and everyone in their community and surrounding District.

The M & M campaign has been very successful. When we started our membership campaign our District had dropped to 1285 and we are now completing our 4th consecutive month of a positive gain. Membership now stands at 1319. (We are now net - 4 YTD excluding deaths)

Just because the campaign has finished and seven clubs from the Zone that participated does not mean we can rest on our laurels. ☺ We have two months to go and this District can have a positive membership increase. This will be the first time it will have happened in the past 5 years or more. Lions being dropped has been reduced nearly 20% from last year. As clubs have paid the dues for their members there is no need to 'drop' any lion/lioness other than transfers or deaths until the July MMR.

Congratulations to DGE Marcel Deslauriers, VDGE Gary Reidel; and 2nd VDGE Al Beddows who stepped up at the very last minute for 2009-2010. We have a full slate of Zone Chairs.

Leadership 101 was very successful and a big thank you goes to PDG John Higgs for organizing this event. This was the first in our District and it was the first one in the MD that was full and had a waiting list!!! We already have a waiting list for the next course. ☺

Last but not least thank you to our International Guest, ID Wayne Davis and Lion Marge Davis.

Their presence, humour, and willingness to socialize with everyone in attendance was incredible. They made time for everyone. These Virginians did us proud!



Lion Bernie Hoskins
Victoria Central Lions

Charter Lion Al Kaminski
Sequim Valley Lions

Lion Lois Thompson
Cowichan Lake Lions

NEWEST MEMBER

Tracey Kierstead Baynes Sound Lions Club.....newest member! Yahoo!



Welcome Tracey. Have Fun!

Leadership Moments for May

Lion President as your year is winding down it is time to look at **"recognizing"** Lions in your Club for their efforts during your year. Recognition is important to keep Lions energized and committed.

Some Lions Clubs give out "Lion of the Year Awards" and that is either the President's choice or by secret ballot of the Club membership—I have seen it done both ways. The Vernon Lions Club gave out a "Rookie of the Year Award" and as a new member, one was entitled to be a candidate for two years.

Recognition does not have to be expensive. Most computer programs have a "certificate maker" in them and one can print up "certificates of appreciation" but if you are giving out certificates, buy a frame—they are very reasonable at Dollar Stores. At the same time, think about giving "certificates of appreciation" to the many businesses that have supported you during the year—again a framed certificate will end up on the wall for all to see and with the Lions logo on it gives us free advertising.

Along with Recognition, a special ceremony should happen to recognize and welcome the incoming Board of Directors - this is the Installation of Officers ceremony. It is nice to have a year end Recognition Ceremony and the Installation of the new Officers to say thank you for the efforts of the past year and to say welcome to the new team that will look after the Club for the 2009-2010 Lions year.

In the month of June, Officer's Training will be taking place and this training is open to all Lions and Lioness. We will be conducting the training on the following dates and locations:

Zone 6	Port McNeill Lions Den	June 6 th	
Zone 2 and 3	Central Saanich Lions Den	June 14 th	10 am
Zone 4 and 7	Eagles Hall, Ladysmith	June 14 th	1 pm
Zone 5 and 8	Comox Valley Lions Den	June 14	
Zone 1	Contact the Zone Chairperson for information		

Even if you are a repeat, it is important to attend these sessions, one learns something or is reminded of something that they are forgotten by attending. Even the trainers learn while they are training.

A special note to Club Secretaries: Remember to send in the President's Excellence Award form to Lions International, you can download the form off of the Lions International's website.

A special note to Zone Chairpersons: Lions International has a Zone Chairpersons Excellence Award form that needs to be filed with them, once again if you need a copy please download the form from the Lions International website.

Recognition, Installation of Officers, and Training all takes place in the month of June and for most Lions and Lioness Clubs, June is a very busy month but it is important to recognize, install and train. All three are key to our continued growth as Lions.

PDG John Higgs

CEDAR'S 30TH



DG VISITATION SCHEDULE

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.

No Child Without
 **MedicAlert**

Please visit the "NO CHILD WITHOUT" website:

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

Is the School District in your area 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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New Lions Clubs International Web Site

There seems to be a little glitch when trying to submit reports, when some people click "Submit Reports" there is an error message "Run Time Error".

The following is MD 19's response:

You must have the latest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader installed to view and run the print version of the reports in the WMMR website.

Please go to the addresses below to download a free copy Adobe Acrobat Reader:

<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>
<http://www.adobe.com/>

To assist you in accessing the WMMR site, may we suggest you try the following:

CACHE SETTING:

- Open your Internet Browser (i.e., Internet Explorer)
- On the menu bar at the top click on TOOLS then INTERNET OPTIONS
- Under The GENERAL tab in the Temporary Internet Files section
- Click SETTINGS
- Click the radio button EVERY VISIT TO THE PAGE
- Under Temporary Internet file folders/Amount of disk space should be set at 1MB
- Click OK to save your setting
- Once complete click the OK button to finalize all actions
- Exit (log out completely) and restart your browser (internet explorer, firefox, etc)

It is necessary to completely delete any local cache and clear out your cookies and temporary files:

- Open your Internet Browser (i.e., Internet Explorer)
- On the menu bar at the top click on TOOLS then INTERNET OPTIONS
- Under The GENERAL tab in the Temporary Internet Files section
- Click DELETE FILES... button (Under Temporary Internet Files Dialogue)
- Check "Delete All Offline Content"
- Click OK
- Click the DELETE COOKIES button
- In the dialog box (delete all cookies in the temporary internet file folder?) click OK
- Click OK again to log out

Set your PRIVACY settings to Medium & DISABLE Pop-Up Blocker:

- Open your Internet Browser (i.e., Internet Explorer)
- On the menu bar at the top click on TOOLS then INTERNET OPTIONS
- Click on the appropriate tab (PRIVACY) and set your Security/Privacy level to Medium. (If already set to medium no action is necessary.)
- Below, Un-Check the box regarding the POP-UP Blocker setting. This will DISABLE the feature.
- Click the OK or APPLY button to finalize any changes made.

Another option may be to use MOZILLA/FIREFOX Browser to access the WMMR page.

NOTE: If you have downloaded a GOOGLE or YAHOO Tool Bar, be sure to check the status of the Pop-Up Blocker feature supplied. While connected to the WMMR website all Pop-Up Blockers should be DISABLED. Many pop-up blockers will reset to ENABLE when the browser is closed then reopened. So always know the current status of your Pop-upBlocker.

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Backdoor Detour

In the past issues of the District Bulletin numerous ideas for retention have been offered. I would like to address aspects of one of them. Surveys, over the years, have repeatedly concluded that one of the main reasons why members leave is lack of involvement. The central point to this issue is: How can members, especially new ones be involved?

Clubs have either completed election of officers or are in the midst of doing so. While many members do not want to serve in executive positions, elections offer an opportunity to get members involved in positions on the Board that are perceived to less complicated and "paperless".

Experience on the Board would surely provide insight into club's operation and a better understanding of Lionism. Increased knowledge and experience would make the top administrative positions less threatening and perhaps a new president or secretary may step forward in the future.

Another reason for leaving was that members could not get their ideas to be endorsed by the club. One way to overcome that problem is to become a member of the Board where a member will likely have more influence than one has in the "back benches".

A reminder, that the best way to prevent members from leaving through the back door is to have a lot more activity at the front door.

Jim Masyk
Retention chair

MORE FROM CEDAR





Sooke Lioness Lions
3rd Annual

DUCK RACE

Saturday, May 9th At the Sooke Flats

11:00 a.m. till ducks cross the line

Cash	\$1000.00	Cash	\$500.00
Cash	\$400.00	Cash	\$300.00
Cash	\$200.00	Cash	\$100.00

Door Prizes Too!!!

**Face Painting~Duck Pond~Quacky Races~Blow up Castle~Sumo Wrestlers
~Cupcake decorating & lots more!
Food and Beverages**

Contact Georgia @ 642-4969 or:

Tickets available from any Sooke Lioness Lion ~ At Sooke Shoppers Drug Mart, April 19th at Westshore Mall and during our Saturday Hot Dog Sales in Sooke!!!

Proceeds to Camp Shawnigan and Easter Seal House in Victoria Juvenile Diabetes Awareness Day!

MESSAGE FROM THE MD 19-I BULLETIN EDITOR/WEBMASTER

Greetings fellow Lions and Lioness;

Please remember that this bulletin is the messenger of the information sent by clubs and members.

Over the past year there have been times where someone is upset because they don't agree with the content of an article or they feel it contains errors. I am sorry that this type of miscommunication happens, but I can only print what I am given.

Every month I receive dozens of news bits from many different people. When I use an article I usually include the name of source. I rely on the source to ensure the information is factual. Other than to correct grammar, I do not edit the original content. Usually I just copy and paste and work on the layout.

In some cases, I get the same bit from a number of people, so don't know who the original source is. In the future I will ensure that the source of each piece is indicated, that way if you have an issue with the content, you can contact the source.

Our bulletin is a means to share the good works being done in our communities; provide information about important events and share news about our fellow Lions. Sometimes I receive so many submissions that our bulletin would be 20+ pages, so I'm not able to include everything. When space is an issue, I will choose articles with time constraints, i.e. important event/meeting coming up in the month.

I apologize if I omitted an article that you feel should have been printed. Just let me know and I will make sure it gets into the next issue.

Please remember, we are all human and **volunteers trying to do what is in the good of Lionism...**

Many thanks for the wonderful articles that come in. The selection makes my job so much easier.

Evelyn Smith
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25th CHARTER CELEBRATION!



Royston-Cumberland Lions

Invites you to

Come one! Come all!

June 6th, 2009

To a celebration of a quarter of a century

Join us for Fun and Fellowship

Location: Royal Canadian Legion
2770 Dunsmuir, Cumberland

Attitude Adjustment: 6:00 p.m.
Cost: \$20 per person
RSVP by May 25th

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
Prizes galore, dancing to the can stuff
Phone 250-336-0209 or email mary_bob@telus.net



Central Saanich Lions Fun Night

Date: June 6, 2009
Showtime: 7:00 PM
Location: Saanich Fairgrounds
Costs: \$250/table of 10
\$25/person for shared tables up to 10

Entertainers will be:
Don Bryan – Ventriloquist
Murray Hatfield and Teresa

Other Activities include:
Silent Auction
Balloon Prizes
50-50 Draw
No Host Bar

Chips/Peanuts and Cheesies will be provided at the tables but feel free to bring your own snacks

murray HATFIELD & teresa

home shows reviews literary contact
"Canada's Magicians of the Year"

Murray Hatfield and Teresa have performed around the world, thrilling audiences from many countries including Israel, Cyprus, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Mexico and Japan, as well as throughout Canada and the United States. Their many years of experience have transformed corporate events and stage shows into once-in-a-lifetime, high energy productions.

In addition to performing at corporate functions, fairs, festivals, exhibitions and casinos they are also internationally known as the producers and stars of Magic 'n' Attractions - Canada's largest annual touring magic and illusion show. Their work has earned them numerous international awards from their peers.

Learn what a Murray Hatfield and Teresa show is all about by clicking here!

Ladysmith Lions: President Betty Anne reports: A fun time had by all and more came than last year & 90 lbs of chocolate eggs were hidden by the Lion's. The sun did come out just before the hunt began and the Community police did Child fingerprinting again, which was a big hit.



<— 90 lbs of chocolate eggs are in there somewhere!!!



<—Ladysmith Fire Department delivering Peter Rabbit....

Easter Bunny, Ladysmith
Lion President Betty
Anne & Ladysmith
Ambassador were on hand —>





About one of every 300 babies born in B.C. has hearing loss. This number increases to about one of every 50 for babies in neonatal intensive care units. There are no obvious signs to tell us which infant has hearing loss, and without early screening, many babies with hearing loss go undetected until they are young children or school age. More than half of hearing losses are found in healthy infants who have no hearing loss in the family or other risk factors.

Newborn hearing tests are important for families, because much can be done if hearing loss is caught early in a baby's life. As part of the BC Early Hearing program, simple and safe screening tests are used to check hearing after birth. These tests are given to babies who have been in neonatal intensive care units for more than 48 hours.

The second phase of the program began in 2008. The goal is that all babies born in B.C. will be able to have their hearing checked after birth. The screening test is called an Auditory Brainstem Response test. The screening test is very safe and will not hurt the baby. Soft sounds play in the baby's ear while a computer measures the response from the baby and works best with sleeping or quiet babies.

In 2005 the Lions of BC made donations to the BC Lions Hearing Conservation Society for this worthy cause. It has been running for three years now so let's see the milestones in each of the area, 2005- 2008.

HOW DO YOU THINK WE DID? Read below and (BE SURPRISED?).

Northern Health Authority: (Prince George Regional Hospital)

Babies screened:	NICU - 329	Well babies - 415
Babies passed:	NICU - 257	Well babies - 374
Those needing further testing:	NICU - 3	Well Babies - 2
Confirmed with hearing loss:	NICU - 2. They have received Hearing Aids	



Interior Health Authority: (Kamloops, Kelowna, 100 Mile House & Cranbrook)

Babies screened:	NICU - 441	Well babies - 868
Babies passed:	NICU - 370	Well babies - 750
Those needing further testing:	NICU - 5	Well babies - 6
Confirmed with hearing loss:	NICU - 3	Well babies - 3 They have received hearing aids.

Fraser Health Authority: (Burnaby, Richmond, Surrey, Abbotsford, Chilliwack and Peace Arch.)

Babies screened:	NICU - 1437	Well Babies - 2806
Babies passed:	NICU - 1065	Well Babies - 2370
Those needing further Testing:	NICU - 53	Well Babies - 117
Confirmed with hearing loss:	NICU - 9	Well babies - 5 They have received hearing aids.

Vancouver Coastal Health Authority: (Lions Gate, St. Paul's and Richmond)

Babies screened:	NICU - 381	Well Babies - 1432
Babies passed:	NICU - 322	Well Babies - 1242
Those needing further testing:	NICU - 10	Well babies - 24
Confirmed with hearing loss:	NICU - 5	Well babies - 6 They have received hearing aids

Vancouver Island Health Authority: (Victoria , Nanaimo, Saltspring Island, Comox, Campbell River, Port Hardy and Port McNeill.)

Babies screened:	NICU - 724	Well Babies -1652
Babies passed:	NICU - 562	Well Babies - 1431
Those needing further testing:	NICU - 12	Well baby's - 14
Confirmed with hearing loss:	NICU - 2	Well babies - 6 They have received hearing aids.

With looking at these numbers how could we go wrong in NOT supporting this project? In continuing to support this worthwhile project, we will help so many more children live a healthy productive life in their community with no stigma attachments?

To read more about early hearing program check out the website at www.phsa.ca/earlyhearing.

Lion Mary Donner
Chairperson District 19-I Hearing

MD 19 YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Austria	Michael (22)	[M]	1 st Host	July 18 th - Aug 1 st
Austria	Klaus (20)	[M]	2 nd Host	Aug 1 st - Aug 15 th
			SAME	
Finland	Lotta (17)	[F]	1 st Host	July 4 th - July 25 th
Finland	Terhi (18)	[F]	2 nd Host	July 25 th - Aug 15 th
			SAME	
Germany	Phillip (18)	[M]	1 st Host	July 18 th - Aug 1 st
			2 nd Host	Aug 1 st - Aug 15 th
Germany	Charlotte (19)	[F]	1 st Host	Aug 1 st - Aug 15 th
			2 nd Host	Aug 15 th - Aug 29 th
Japan	Shokun (16)	[M]	1 st Host	Aug 3 rd - Aug 16 th
Japan	Aki (19)	[F]	2 nd Host	Aug 16 th - Aug 28 th
			SAME	
Italy	Marta (17)	[F]	1 st Host	July 4 th - July 25 th
Italy	Giulia (19)	[F]	2 nd Host	July 25 th - Aug 15 th
			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**

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.

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www.lionsyouthexchange.org/

MAY 2009 MD19 ENVIRONMENT BULLETIN FROM PZC DORI SOMERSET

FYI - British Columbia has joined Washington, Oregon and California in adding a bitter substance to anti-freeze to make it less palatable to pets, becoming the first province in Canada to do so.

The addition of 'denatonium benzoate' will make the sweet tasting green coloured ethylene glycol bitter and deter dogs and even children from swallowing it. The change, which will add pennies to a litre of anti-freeze, will come into effect on January 1, 2011, as this will give the manufacturer's time to make the necessary changes.

In perusing the new Lions website there is a survey we can take part in regarding the Environment. The results so far in importance are:

Recycling of glass, paper and cleanups @25%	Beach, River and Roadside Cleanups @ 20%
Planting new trees @13%	Education of Youth and /Adults @ 41%.

I also noted that in 2006-2007 the four most implemented projects were community clean-ups @ 32%, tree planting @14%, recycling @ 10% and Education @ 9%. Just look at the difference in Education as it jumped from a mere 9% to 41%. Incredible!!!!

And did you know that you can conserve water by digging your compost into your flowerbeds and planting native shrubs and mulching. Just five (5) centimeters of mulch will reduce your flowerbed's water requirements by up to 7%. And it slows those pesky weeds growth too ☺!

PZC Pierre LeGal reminded us about the 3 R's and added another 'R'-- that is RESPECT. We must respect the environment that we live in and not take it for granted. He also reminded us to spend some time within our environment and appreciate it. ☺

PZC Lion Mitzi Ludwig included a 5th "R" in her Global Warming environment article and that is to RETHINK" our actions and how they affect our planet.

Remember, each of our 'little' actions all add up to one big one, so don't think it matters; it does!

In some cities it is now illegal to let your car 'idle' for more than a few minutes...are you remembering to shut off your ignition?

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, REFUSE, RETHINK AND RESPECT!

Cheers—PZC Dori Somerset

M & M



"MEMBERSHIP & ME"
**Thanks to you all for having the
sweetness to join in the Fun!**

Ms. Red...ZC Lynne Davidson



Purple Passion... PZC Jenny Fossum
Double Chocolate...ZCE Mary Donner



Royal Blue...Secretary Capital City Denise Charest



Mellow Yellow...President Victoria Central Joan Chevrier...

Thanks Joan, we had a blast doing the costumes; your help was much appreciated! It was in the BAG!

Congratulations to all the clubs that brought in new members. It doesn't hurt to try something different! We sure had Fun! Thanks also to Carol & Shirley for helping in the background.

Ms. Green...Mari Hall



PARTNER IN SERVICE COMMENTS

Well, wasn't that a party! Wow! DG Steve and I had so much fun and we hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did. I would like to personally thank all of you who did attend as DG Steve and I believe it is 'your' Conference and time for 'you' to celebrate all your successes. You worked very hard all year.

DG Steve has thanked all those involved with the planning of the Conference and I too thank you all. The comments I kept hearing was the Fun Night was one of the 'best' ones to date and the Conference was great too.

For those of you who missed out on this wonderful Conference consider attending one in the future. You really do get to renew old acquaintances, make new ones and laugh and learn the whole weekend.

We still have two months to go before the next Executive starts. What are your clubs plans for these last two months? Some clubs shut down during July and August while others continue on being just as busy.

DG Steve and I have completed our visitations with the Duncan Lions club being our last one. Thank you Duncan Lions☺.

For those of you who have stepped up to the plate for the 1st or 21st to sit on the Executive, please make sure to attend the Club Officer's Training Session. You may know what to do but things change each year and it's always a good idea to exchange ideas with other Club Officers.

Lion Dori Somerset