



19- I Newsletter



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MOTTO: "TEAMWORK"

May 2010



Lions and Lioness, thank you for a great District Conference. By being there you made it the success that it was. Weren't the Snow Birds fantastic! How about that Lion's heart with the arrow through it! What about the Sooke Lioness Lions overwhelming Lion Brian on the floor at the fun night! He should have a picture of that for his court room wall. Our Leadership 101 was the best again. Congratulations to all the presenters and the 31 grads and congratulations to the dedication of your clubs for sponsoring you as future Lions and Lioness leaders. A lot of work has gone into the preparation and PZC Daryl Driemel and PDG John Higgs did a fantastic job. Thank you all!

Our District Officers reported on their year as Zone Chairs. A great job was done by all. I can't wait to see ZC Duane mowing ZC Mary's grass in his shorts! It was a great challenge but there could only be one winner.

The seminars were very well attended by interested Lions, from the "Leadership" to the "Treasurer" to the "Lions for life". There were 22 Fellowship awards given out at the Luncheon and presented by PIP Judge Brian Stevenson. Congratulations to all of you. It was a pleasure to see all those new Lions inducted by Lion Brian as well. I think everyone enjoyed the kids Marimba music - what a great show.

Thank you Port Hardy Lions for sponsoring the DG's Reception for our international guests. It was very well done. Who can resist candied salmon!

Talk about a great speech from PIP Judge Brian Stevenson! Many of you came to see him, meet him and to hear him speak. And congratulations go to the very deserving Lions, ZC Mari Hall, ZC Mary Donner and PZC Jenny Fossum who were awarded the International Certificate of Appreciation.

And speaking about awards, what about Past District Governor Ed Chow? PDG Ed was the recipient of an International Presidential Medal Award, the second highest award one can receive! What a Lion and to Mae, thank you for sharing him with us all those years.

The "Celebration of Life" was a very moving ceremony, and I want to thank the Esquimalt Lions for the lovely singing accompaniment to the service. We decided this year to try something different and small yellow cedar trees replaced the usual carnations and roses. These small trees can be taken home by the various clubs and planted in the name of the deceased Lion as a remembrance.

I must also thank Lion Rod Berod for the musical accompaniment during the conference. It's probably been a while since many of us felt so inspired and patriotic during the anthems! That was great and many people commented on it.

Our District Clubs have reported that 6 Lions died this month. Our condolences and sympathies go out to the families and clubs.

There are 17 new Lions this month whose sponsors are in the draw for the M&M in Olympia, WA. May 13 to 16. This will be the last springtime convention for MD 19. Next year it will be combined with the Fall Forum. We need some Lions in Olympia to help man the credentials table with volunteers from each District for a couple of hour shifts. Please let me know ASAP if you can help us out.

DG Marcel Deslauriers, 19-I.

DG VISITATION 2010

May 1-2, DGE and VDGE School, Bellingham.

May 13-16, MD 19, Annual Convention, Olympia, WA.

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

NEW MEMBERS

Georgia T Gouvea	Port Angeles	I-1
Kristine A Bidne	Port Angeles	I-1
Debbie Schenk	Sooke Lioness Lions	I-2
Marmie Carter	Black Creek	I-5
Guy Campbell	Malcolm Island	I-6
Ray Jones	Port Alice	I-6
Bradley Loland	Port McNeill	I-6
Gerard Joyal	Nanaimo	I-7
Dave Gallager	Comox Valley	I-8
Duwanee Leturno	Comox Valley	I-8
Elise I Millard	Comox valley	I-8
Joanne Penny	Comox Valley	I-8
Marina Turner	Comox Valley	I-8
Evelyn Higgins	Clallam Bay-Seki	I-1
Chris Martin	Parksville	I-7, Tsf Quesnel
Steve Wright	Sooke	I-2
Margaret Wall	Duncan	I-4
Joerg Zschaemisch,	Qualicum Bay	I-8 Tsf 100 Miles House

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EMBRACING CHANGE

Change is all around us, and it is a fact of life for all of us. The world of 2010 is far different than it was 20, 10, or even 5 years ago...and it will be much different 10 years from now. The things we did in the past may not be what we need to do now...or in the future.

Change impacts countries, towns, families, and individuals. It also profoundly affects Lions Clubs International, because the ability to serve others is dependent on how quickly and effectively we can respond to their changing needs.

Change can be a frightening experience, and that is why we often resist it. We may be asked to discard familiar ways of thinking or of doing things and embrace new, unknown territories. By looking at things from a new point of view, we have an exciting opportunity to grow, both in numbers and in service.

As a Lion it is your responsibility to not just accept "what is," but to seek out "what could be." The first thing you must do as effective Lions is develop a mindset that welcomes and embraces change, and then pass that mindset on to other Lions.

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced." - James Arthur Baldwin

'All things must change to something new, to something strange.' - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

'Security is mostly superstition. It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing. To keep our faces toward change and behave like free spirits in the presence of fate is strength undefeatable.' - Helen Keller

Change does not change tradition, it strengthens it. Change is a challenge and an opportunity, not a threat.' - Prince Philip

Take a look at your club, zone, district and see where change could help us. *Jenny Fossum*



Walter M Beer
Gold River Lions I-5

Phyllis Sawyer
Alert Bay I-6

Raymond Bentley
Port McNeill I-6

Adam Mitchell
Alberni Valley I-7

Bob Marks
Central Saanich I-3

Paddy Lambert
Mayne Island I-3



Port Angeles Club
Easter Breakfast.

Working together and
having fun.



M & M SPONSOR REWARD PROGRAM

Some exciting positive news on New Lions Members in March!!!!!! No less than 127 New Lions were reported, bringing us to a total of 973 since July 01, 2009, with 705 sponsors participating!!!!!!



Camp Shawnigan Spring Cleanup Come one! Come all! Do it for the kids!

Bring your camper, trailer, 5th wheel, or tent... Dorms are available.....bring your own bedding.

Mark your calendars for June 5th & 6th for sure!
Campfire and fun time on Friday and Saturday !!!

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It's fun...and meet more Lions..... come join us!!!!

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 19 ANNUAL CONVENTION MAY 13-15, 2010 OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

For more information, contact: Team Manager
Jan Norman from the Home Team, Olympia
Host Lions, at (360) 459-5123 or
Email: jannorman@aol.com.



SOOKE LIONESS LIONS 4TH ANNUAL DUCK RACE MAY 8, 2010

Contact Georgia @ 642-4969

Proceeds to Camp Shawnigan and Easter Seal House in
Victoria And Juvenile Diabetes

THE TRAIL OF THE MISSING BANNER



1. The Comox Valley Monarch Lions Club banner went missing on the afternoon of April 16th. The banner was secured to the podium on the stage and the strings were cut. This picture was taken only a couple of hours before the banner went missing.

2. FROM FORKS LIONS: When we ring the bell to start this Thursday's meeting I assure you this will be the first subject on our agenda. We might even ring two bells just to make sure everyone is paying attention. The Forks Lions club will search and travel far and wide for information leading to this missing banner while Lion Dean extends his worrying for our Canadian brethren. This Rouge club will be found!

3. FROM FORKS LIONS: I have good news!! We had a couple of our wife's in Canada for a day trip. We asked them to search the dumpsters at both Comox/Courtney and Port Alberni. I am Happy to say besides getting a little dirty the ladies found **NO** banners in the dumpsters.... We will keep our search and our worry chair working on this issue!

4. FROM FORKS LIONS: We had our meeting tonight and what a good one it was. WE HAVE A LEAD!!!! As the photo shows... We rang two bells to get the meeting started. Word had spread of the Comox missing banner well before the meeting. So we ordered a round of drinks and shared information using Harold's rules of order. (Roberts slow cousin) We have been contacted by the rouge club!! They are very nervous that the Forks club is looking for this banner and would like to turn it over to us. We are making arrangements to pick it up at a secret location this Saturday!!!! If this pans out we will let you know. Our worry chairman has been overworked these past few days. Knowing that we might have a chance for recovering this banner might give him a night of sleep by this weekend. We will keep you informed.

5. FROM ZC I-3 Carol Green: It appears that the culprits are becoming more nervous. Perhaps in order to induce compliance, a review of the appropriate legislation is in order. I of course refer you to the Canadian Criminal Code, section 322, entitled THEFT.

Now, while the value of their banner could well be perceived to be in excess of \$5000, the affected Club will no doubt be resigned to the fact that their affectors will be subjected to the lesser offence, which entails a punishment by way of summary conviction, or by way of an indictment with imprisonment not exceeding 2 years.

If the guilty parties are in fact visitors from our neighbouring country, perhaps they need to be reminded that the commission of such an offence by a foreign national, within Canada may be grounds to prevent them access to said country in the future. This may be a serious deterrent, when one considers that the beer on this side of the border is so much better than theirs. **Be afraid.... be very very afraid.....**

6. FROM W. TURNER: Please be advised that the disappearance of the banner may be considered an act of "piracy". This may be considered an international incident and invoke a NATO response. Yours in Lionism "Captain Bootstrap" PS International piracy license for sale.

7. FROM FORKS LIONS: I have some sad news. We were left a message that the Banner was left under some logs on the Sekiu Main line around 40 miles from Forks far into the mountains. Our worry Chairman has huge black rings under his eyes from lack of sleep, however we as a club feel having him help you with the banner issue is very important.

Our club members met at 7am this morning and we prepared for anything. 10 trucks, 3 trailers, 2 dogs and 22 members headed up the wet and muddy roads in a rain storm to the top of the Sekiu main Line. We found the logs described in the rogue clubs message. We could not see under them so we broke out the chainsaws. It took all 22 members and 2 dogs to cut up the logs. They were Cedar so while we were looking for the banner we saved the bolts by permission of the land owner and turned this search into a work party.

We cut up all the logs, loaded all the trailers and did **not** find the banner. We took the shake bolts to a local mill to make shakes and

shingles out of them. Once they are sold we will use the monies for lions projects and donations in our area. I would also like to note that my truck got bogged down in the mud and had to be pulled out. Sadly photo's were taken so I may not live this down for awhile.

But all is not lost!!!!!! When we returned we had another lead!!! A few of us are going to meet at the local bar tonight and discuss how to approach this rogue club. As for the emails about piracy I agree! We should threaten them with taking away all Canadian beer. We are not sure if this rogue club is American or Canadian..... Lion Bob please let me know if you have any leads on your banner that may help us in the search!!! I should have another report in the next day or so.

8. FROM LION DICK IN VIC: You call those telephone poles Logs, . That picture you have hanging on the wall in forks that shows 1 tree cut in lengths making up one train load is called a log I believe that photo was taken on V.I. If you want to see logs Come on back to the Comox Valley and we'll show you some.

9. FROM FORKS LIONS: GREAT NEWS!!! Please let the Comox club know we have the Banner!!! I guess the pressure to the rouge club made them drive to Forks and leave it on a members porch this morning!!!!!! It is in Fine condition! I have contacted our worry chairman and he was overjoyed. He then went to bed after 72 hours of working for the Comox club!!

Sadly there was no note. So we will never know who took the banner. We at the Forks club are just happy it is safe. We had a meeting with our board members and would like to purchase a motel room for a couple of you to come retrieve the banner with a visitation. We will also buy the members dinner during our meeting. I will send you the dates and times of our next few meetings.

10. FROM DG MARCEL: Praise the Lord! Thank you so much Lee for acquiring this most important Banner from our District Conference Host Club. Much time has been spent on this matter and for knowing it is in a safe place, your custody, we all feel better. I do know that it takes a place of precedence next to my Gong, the District's Bell. A "Good will" team is making plans to visit!

11. FROM THE COMOX MONARCH'S: I took the great news that the club banner had been found to our Comox Valley Monarch Lions Club meeting at noon today. As you can see from this picture the club members gave a big thumbs up to your club for locating our banner and inviting us to Forks to pick it up. Again our many thanks to your "worry chairman"we will have a special gift for him.



ATTENTION PLEASE:
ALL LIONS, LIONESSES, & LEO'S
involved with the Collection of Used Eye Glasses

There must be thousands just waiting to be collected!

Now please imagine for a moment a small mountain of 3 millions pairs of glasses; at the rate we are growing we should reach that plateau at some point this year; as well we have New Clubs joining forces from all parts of B.C.

WELCOME ABOARD, we need each one of you to become a part of this great "Team" with thousands of people waiting in line for every pair of glasses we collect. With the first, second and third quarter behind us let's reach for the top of the fourth.

May I please call on each one of our great team of Zone Chairpersons again, as we did last year; to ask each Club President/Secretary in each of your respective Zones, to please let us have the names of each Eye Glass Collection Chairperson or Committee, depending on the size of the area, at his/her earliest convenience. So that we can begin to prepare the Certificates of Appreciation for all concerned; as well to package the yearly Banner Patch; on the condition of course that all eye glasses were shipped to "CLERC", Alberta.

Again, this year would you be kind enough to do the presentation of the Certificates and Yearly Patches? Let's do it please - on a first come first served basis.

Repeat - we have a few Contributor Patches left over from last year and will need to order in more for the additional number of Clubs that joined our ranks during this year.

To please save the waiting time this year would you please let me have the names, e-mail address or mailing address of your incoming Zone Chairperson, rather than wait for the MD19 roster usually the beginning of September.

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C.A.R.E. - an acronym for **Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere** has been in existence since WWII when CARE packages were rushed to survivors of the war. Today over 12,000 staff members provide an array of programs that work to create lasting solutions to root causes of poverty. Visit www.care.org for detailed information.

My goal for this Lions year was to have 100% of our Clubs donate to C.A.R.E. The Multiple District 19 CARE Project had a goal to raise \$50,000.00 that would be used to fund schooling for children and their mothers that would help to break the family's dependency of child labour in Bolivian mines. CARE has been involved in Potosi Bolivia since 2002 to fight child labour, improve household economic status and keep children in school. To date, \$39,494.00 has been raised in MD 19, with 19-1 giving \$4,750.00 of that. I thank those Clubs that have donated to CARE this year and appeal to all other Clubs to help make a difference by contributing to this Multiple District Project as every dollar helps. Think of what a \$100 per Club per District in our Multiple District would add up to?

Georgia D. Medwedrich, Chairperson



RETENTION REPORT

First of all congratulations to DG Marcel for a fantastic Spring Conference in Courtenay. It was certainly well attended and the guest speaker Saturday evening was superb. For those of you who missed Judge Brian Stevenson hopefully you will get another opportunity to hear him.

Since returning home from our Spring Conference one topic that was discussed at the panel I attended on Saturday morning has stuck in mind and needs to be addressed.

CHANGE - How many of our clubs and mine included, have always done things year after year the same way and are not about to change. Judge Brian stated that the membership age in our organization is 66 years young. What does this mean as far as retention let's think about retention with our newer and younger members coming in. They are probably going to be Generation X mostly and some Generation Y.

Our organization needs to CHANGE our way of thinking if we are going to retain these newer younger members. We need to look at our meeting structures, timing of projects and most of all flexibility.

Another big issue with change is how we communicate to one another. Let's face it baby boomers and Generation X and Y communicate differently.

Retention this past year has been an ongoing issue, firstly we need to understand the problem, secondly develop a plan, thirdly execute this plan with the resources that are available and be able to communicate it to our members.

We need to be "Boomer-Generation X and Y Friendly" and retention in our clubs will follow.

Leslie Smith

CONTEST AND AWARDS

TITTLE	WINNER	RUNNER UP
Achievement	Sooke Lioness/Lions Sue Bennett	Capital City Peter Bourn
Club Bulletin	Nanaimo Lions	Esquimalt Lions
Club Business Card	Sooke District Lioness	N/A
Club Folded Brochure	Parksville Lionesss	Sooke District Lioness
Club ScrapBook	Parksville Lioness	Sooke District Lioness
Club Website	Sooke District Lioness www.sookedistrictlioness.org	Parksville Lioness http://members.shaw.ca/parksville.lionesss/home.htm
Musical Comedy	Esquimalt Lions	Sooke Lions/Lioness
Musical Perormance	Capital City	Sooke District Lioness
Tall tales	Sooke Lions/Lioness Sue Bennett	N/A
Zone News Letter	Duane Round Z-7	Mary Hall Z-2
Uniform Dress	Sooke Lioness/Lions	Esquimalt Lions
Uniform Work	Sooke District Lioness	Nanimo Harb Lites Lioness



Conference Co-Chair PDG Ron Webber, City of Courtenay Mayor Greg Phelps, and District Governor Marcel Deslauriers display our Lions Conference Flag that flew from the City of Courtenay flag poles during the 19-I Spring Conference.

We are in the process of setting up a Picasa web site with pictures taken during the April 16-18 Comox Valley Spring Conference.

If you have some pictures you would like to share on this site please email (a maximum of 3 - thanks) to: conference19I@gmail.com R.E. Scales

Youth Exchange for the 2010 Summer



I would like to see at least one application from a family, or two families could share the 3 week visit, from each club to sponsor a student for the summer. **We are expecting 4 Japanese students and 7 students from Europe.**

This is a great opportunity to share our Canadian culture and learn about other cultures. Please go to the district web site and meet the kids that are looking for host Families. And contact:

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MESSAGE FROM THE BULLETIN EDITOR

I would like to feature a unique club fundraising project each month.

Please send me info about your special project.

Remember, if you have a story, joke or article that you think would be suitable please send it to me.

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