



19- I Newsletter



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MOTTO: "TEAMWORK"

October
2009



Fellow Lions and Lioness.

A short recap of the month brings us to the Cabinet Meeting in Willow Point.

Thank you to all that send in their reports for all to view and comment. Thank you to the Willow Point Lions for the great lunch and the use of their Hall. To PCC Larrie Taylor and IPDG Steve Somerset for the installations of District Officers and Cabinet Chairs. Very 'classy'. A Budget Draft was presented by District Secretary / Treasurer Jim Masyk. Comments with additions and deletions where made and will be presented at the next meeting.

Another item that is on every ones Clubs these days is the BC Lottery Grants to Service Club. (Please read VDG2 Al Beddows' letter on this matter.) Clubs have to sit down **now** and re-think the way that they raise funds in their communities and what would they do **IF** the Lottery monies where to be cut back or eliminated!? To those Clubs that solely depends on that "money" for your donations, (or existence) as the old saying is "you will have to go back to work"!! But, at present time, most Clubs have received their monies until next April, 2010. The BC Government will have other "News Flash" soon. As per Cabinet, I appointed VDG2 All Beddows to chair a committee to meet and make recommendations regarding gaming and to express concerns and needs of Lions Clubs with gaming grants. So far, other committee members are CS/T Jim Masyk and ZC-7 Duane Round. Other members may be added as necessary.

"**The Power of Peace**" is the Peace Poster Contest Theme for this year . Contact the District Chair for more info. This is the time to start asking yourself if it is the time to run for higher office !? The Zone Chairperson position, the most fun job, the Second and First Vice District Governor Office that will lead you to District Governor. Prepare your résumé and seek your Club's endorsement then your Zone for Zone Chair. VDG's need Club and then the District, send to PCC Larrie Taylor, District Nomination Chair, larriet@telus.net or by mail by December 31st, 2009.

As you all know, Lion Keith MacIntyre, Protection Island Lions Club, as lost his house and all the belongings to a fire. A campaign is underway to raise funds for the rebuilding of the house by locals and other volunteers. Any and all assistance will be appreciated, monetary and or physical help will be greatly appreciated. More info to follow soon with contacts.

I have visited quite a few Clubs so far, and the responses are fantastic! Thank you to all for what you do in your Communities, keep up the good work and thank you for the hospitality. As mentioned earlier, my goal this year, with the cafe-tea can is, (funds permitting) to provide 2 LFC Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship Awards, to Lions/Lioness that your Club President will have submitted the names to me when visiting your Clubs. Then to have the PIP Brian Stevenson presenting this most Outstanding recognition at our District Conference next April in Courtenay.

This month so far we have 7 New members, 2 Re-Instated, 1 Transfer in, and 6 Drops.
Yours in Service, District Governor Marcel Deslauriers, 19-I.



Lion George Breden
Salt Spring Island Lions



Sean David Storey and Maria Vlahaki.
Victoria Central

James Barrand and Barry Evans
Parksville

Travis Cox, MD
Nanaimo

Paul A Duke and Susan E Campbell
Baynes Sound

Allen Brown and Albert Ruel **Transferred-in** Parksville

Robyn Berry was **Re-Instated** Royston-Cumberland

Lynn Blackburn **Re-Instated** West Shore

NOTICE

The next Cabinet meeting is on November 15/09 at Camp Shawnigan

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Zone 5: Dick Chellew
Zone 6: Pierre Le Gal
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Lynda Fisk and Donna May Become Superheroes for Children with Disabilities at the 2009 Easter Seals Drop Zone

Lynda Fisk (Sooke Lioness Lions) and Donna May (Chinatown Lioness) signed on to be superheroes for children with disabilities on Vancouver Island. They took part in the Victoria Easter Seals Drop Zone on Thursday, September 17th where they rappelled down the CIBC building (1175 Douglas Street).

The Victoria Easter Seals Drop Zone is an annual event that raises funds for Easter Seals programs on Vancouver Island.

Lynda raised \$2761.00 and Donna raised \$1655.00.

In addition to the two brave participants, Marcie Gilbert, Joe Buczkowski, Carol Buczkowski, and Daryl Driemel, members of the Esquimalt Lions Club volunteer their time to the event.

For more information about the 2009 Victoria Easter Seals Drop Zone or to get involved with the 2010 event, please contact Sarah Facini, Drop Zone Event Manager at 250.386.0668.

www.thedropzone.ca

Public Relations

Remember to send me upcoming special event information, news items, and anything you want publicized throughout the district.

Your club benefits from having its own Public Relations chair to coordinate information with the public. Let me know if you need more information from Multiple District and LCI.

Have a great month, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Lion Holly Ellwanger, PR Chair, hollyellwanger@shaw.ca

ROSTER UPDATES

Sequim Valley Lions meeting place: 6:15 p.m. at the Sequim Senior Center. 921 E. Hammond St. Sequim, Wa. 98382.

Notice - Lions Foundation Of Canada

The Lions Foundation Of Canada is accepting applications for the position of Director for British Columbia/Yukon.

This position on the board is for the 2011 – 2014 term.

Candidates who are not members of the current Council of Governors and meet the qualifications for Provincial Director on the Board of Directors of the Lions Foundation of Canada, must submit a written declaration of candidacy accompanied by the candidates resume of his/her qualifications including business experience, community activity, lions record and current lions involvement and any other information the candidate wishes to submit in support of his/her candidacy, to his/her District Governor and the sitting Provincial Director from British Columbia/Yukon.

The written Declaration of Candidacy must be submitted by December 31, 2009

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From the desk of PZC Bob Miles International Understanding

Club Twinning

Prior to 1994, all of the clubs in 19-I, (with a few exceptions) had officially been twinned with Lions clubs in other districts. Is your club still corresponding with your twin club, or has this activity been forgotten or suspended?

Does your club still remember what Lions club you were twinned with, and in what district they are located?

Twinning fulfills one of the purposes of Lions International in creating and fostering a spirit of understanding among the people of the world, by getting to know and appreciate our similarities and differences. I would like to hear from you regarding the above questions. If you do not know what club you were twinned with, also please let me know, and I can forward you the information.

If your club would be interested in renewing or re-starting this activity, I would like to hear from you.

Please e-mail me at fossil44@telus.net and let me know the feelings of your club members on this project.

PZC Bob Miles, International Understanding

DISTRICT I - 40TH SPRING CONFERENCE

April 16 - 18, Courtenay, BC Canada



**PIP Judge
Brian
Stevenson**

The guest speaker for the District I's 40th Spring Conference is none other than Past International President Brian Stevenson. PIP Lion Brian is a founding member of The Lions Foundation of Canada. Judge Stevenson of Calgary, Alberta was elected to serve as President in 1978 at the Lions 70th International Convention.

A Lion since 1966 and currently a member of the Calgary (Northeast Eyeopener) Lions Club, Past President Stevenson has held numerous offices in the association. These include terms as district governor, a member of the association's board of directors from 1977-79 and as a presidential appointee to the international board from 1979-81 and again from 1998-1999.

There will be more information about the Spring Conference in future bulletins and on our website:

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



"I haven't given up because I believe so strongly in what Lions do to serve others. I want to feel like I do—it's great to be a Lion!"

--John Fehr, past district governor for District 5-M13 in Manitoba words

OPEN HOUSES DO WORK!

Past Council Chairman Allan Hunt told me, about an Open House they had recently in his home club. They had invited 30 prospective lions to the Open House. Twelve showed and 8 signed up as new Lions. **Open Houses do work.**

Open Houses can be a lot of work or spontaneous. I know of two clubs just inviting the community and just having a burgers and hot dogs to explain what they did, and who Lions were and asking them to join...

You can set a date and ask the members to invite a few people to the open house

Have displays of what you have done in the community.

Explain about Lions being the Largest Service club international and have a lot of information available on who are Lions.

Send out letters inviting people from your community and a follow up with a phone call to see if they are coming to your open house. After the open house contact them again and ask if they would to join or just come out on a work project or an event your club is doing. Make sure you are having FUN and have passion why you choose to be a LION.

It is up to your club how you hold open house but you can get help from the LEMPRR TEAM or information from Lions International and also think if you contact Past Council Chairman Allan Hunt he would send you information on how his club did their open house.

Instead of filing your Lions Magazine please read **Revival of the Roar**

LEM/PRR Tip of the Month - October

The LEM/PRR Tip of the Month is harping on the MMR to Lions International again and it is something that I just learned. Lions International works on Chicago time so if you file your MMR on the last day of the month it has to be sent before 10:00 pm our time or it will be recorded for the next month. So secretaries, get your reports done early so they are not considered late or missed.

When secretaries are going to be away at the end of the month, they need to make arrangements to have help on getting the reports in or send them in early and information missed can be added the next month. Some clubs have an assistant Secretary to assist in this matter or arrange for the Treasurer to look after the reports if the Secretary is away.

Let's get our reports in on time; the District Governor does not need to lose any more hair worrying about reports.

PDG John Higgs, LEM/PRR Team Leader

Situation Report - Gaming

At the last Cabinet meeting I was appointed Chair of a Committee looking into the impact of Gaming cutbacks. Also serving on the committee is ZC Duane Round and Cabinet Secretary PZC Jim Masyk.

We are at the present gathering information from our areas and will meet with a plan of action soon.

I have E-mailed District Governors of 19 A,D,E and H to see what, if anything they were doing. I have also requested a meeting with Ms Ursula Cowland of Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch.

It would seem that every Club that is on a three year contact, have received their monies paid up to Mach of 2010. We will all have to reapply with a new set of criteria with no guarantee of how much we will get. It's IMPORTANT that we all understand the rules when we re-apply.

No doubt all of you have seen the daily news reports of organizations that get money from the Government getting severely cut or dropped from their grants. It is a scary time.

How does this impact us?

1. Sets the tone of possible cutbacks in our gaming funds.
2. All the various art and sports groups will be looking to us or fundraise on their own in direct competition with some of our fundraising projects.

Let's get our ducks in a row, let's find out just what the impact is going to be. I suspect we will certainly be facing some cuts and we will have to be very careful in what we place in our new budget presentation. Clubs with a Gaming account and other monies will have to re-work both budgets to fill the Gaming with allowable donations.

Also Clubs should probably rely less on Gaming and more on other monies from fund raising.

Please do not panic, the sky is not falling but it sure looks stormy.

2nd VDG Al Beddows

NOTICE

Suggested changes to 19-I By-Laws

4.73 The Voting Process

The voting process shall be supervised by Returning Officers appointed by the Election Committee. On the day appointed for the voting, the voting station will be open for the purpose of casting ballots. Time to be set by the Conference Committee and approved at the second Cabinet meeting. Voting to take place from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on the Saturday of the Convention.

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ON YOUR MARK, GET SET.... ASK SOMEONE TO BE A LION



REVIVE TO SURVIVE

Does your club's future look shaky? Before you risk disbanding, try to re-inspire your membership.

1. Learn from your peers: Make regular visits to meeting of other clubs in your area. This is especially important for members new to Lionism. "I've found it helpful to attend functions at other clubs," says Jon Koethe of the Sheffield Village club. It helped me better understand what Lions do.
2. Get a mentor: Sheryll Johnson of the Bullhead City Club says the encouragement she got from the nearby Kingman, Arizona, club was a key source of strength. "Having someone support you is very important," she says.
3. Reach out to former members: Members drift away for many reasons—some personal, others related to the club's social dynamics or choice of activities. "I've been a Lion three times," laughs John Fehr, a past district governor. Give them convincing reasons to come back.
4. Think Flexibly: Gone are the days when meeting attendance was the main criteria for deciding who was a 'good' Lion. New clubs make allowances for busy schedules and allow for a range of interests. "We have members from their 20s to their 80s," says Johnson. "Not every activity will be met with approval by everyone.
5. Spread the word about Lionism to all ages: Clubs often encourage business leaders and local government officials to join, but their message can be made much broader. "Clubs should reach out in partnership with schools," suggests Amanda Moore McBride, director of the Gephardt Institute for Public Service and research director of the Center for Social Development at
6. Washington University in St. Louis: "Create opportunities for young children to make contributions and feel engaged." Making classroom presentation and encouraging children to get involved shows the next generation what Lionism is all about. Don't forget - those are you future members.

"We haven't given up because we believe so strongly in what Lions do to serve others. We want them to feel like we do--- it's great to be a Lion!"

Thanks Jenny Fossum PZC

Lions foundation of Canada, District Chair Report

First: About The Lions Foundation Canada Dog Guides.

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides is a national charity whose mission is to provide service to Canadians with disabilities in areas of mobility, safety and independence.

Lions Foundation of Canada has provided specially trained Dog Guides to more than 1500 men, women and children since 1983. The Lions Foundation of Canada trains five types of Dog Guides: **Canine Vision Dog Guides** providing assistance to people who are blind or visually impaired; **Hearing Ear Dog Guides** for people who are deaf or hard of hearing; **Special Skills Dog Guides** providing assistance to Canadians with physical disabilities; **Seizure Response Dog Guides** helping Canadians with epilepsy and the new service, **AUTISM ASSISTANCE Dog Guides** helping children and their families living with autism.

NOW IT'S Time for the 32 lions & lioness clubs of 19-I to give yourself a big pat on your backs. Last year you donated over \$36,000.00. \$5000.00 more than the previous 2 years. The four clubs and their helpers that sponsored a Dog Walk this year raised \$11,717.25. Across Canada the Walks raised over \$800,000.00. Next years date for the Dog walk has been set for Sunday, May 30th. At this time I would like to request That our Zone Chair/persons encourage the clubs in their Zones to sponsor a walk for Dog Guides and if It's to mush for one club try to make It a Zone project.

I'm sure that every Lion & Lioness has got the message from our English speaking DG Marcel, that his Guest Speaker for his Convention, is no other than Canada's #1 Lion - PIP Judge Brian Stevenson.

PIP Lion Brian is a founding member of The Lions Foundation of Canada. What better gift could we give PIP Brian, If we could have him present a record number of JUDGE BRIAN STEVENSON AWARDS AT DG MARCEL'S Convention. Also an increase in sponsored dog walks.

Once again I would request our Zone Chair/persons to make this a priority in their Zones. I will start the ball rolling, By committing a Judge Brian Stevenson award by my club. It is easy for me, as The Hub-City Lions Club presents their IPP with the award each year.

Finally, I would request that clubs sponsoring a walk for Dog Guides or Honouring a member with the award to inform DG Marcel and or myself. And if you need any information regarding the Foundation Please, please feel free to call DG Marcel or me. TEAM WORK MAKING THINGS HAPPEN. Waiting with GREAT EXPERTATIONS.

Respectfully Submitted. **Lion Peter Thomas. PDG. 19-I District Chair, Lions Foundation of Canada**

MD 19-I District Governor's Visitation Schedule 2009-2010

October

6 Protection Island
 7 Clallam Bay - Sekiu
 8 Port Angeles *noon*
 8 Forks
 12 *Canadian Thanksgiving*
 13 Victoria Chinatown Lioness
 14 Victoria Chinatown
 22-24 *MD 19, Fall Forum, Spokane, WA.*
 27 Victoria Central/Capital City

November

3 Sidney
 4 Galiano Island
 9 Gabriola Island
 10 Alberni Valley
 12 Sooke Lions
 15 *2nd Cabinet Meeting, Camp Shawnigan*
 17 Port Alice
 18 Port Hardy
 19* Malcolm Island *
 23 Alert Bay
 24 Port McNeill Lions and Lioness
 26 Mill Bay
 30 Comox Valley Monarch *11.30*

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

January 2010 cont'd

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 *3rd 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 - 40th 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.

MARDI GRAS - MD19 Fall Forum October 23 & 24, 2009



Get out your Mardi Gras party clothes and get ready to "Have Fun While Serving". This year's Fall Forum in Spokane is shaping up to be a great event. There are going to be fun and informative seminars that are sure to help your clubs and members grow and learn new ways of having fun while serving as Lions.

This year's Fall Forum will feature youth of our community as they showcase their talents. If you are feeling tense or wanting to check on your health, you can spend some time with the massage therapists and nursing students. Fun Night is going to feature Karaoke, so start practicing. There will be a costume contest, complete with prizes, so come in your best Mardi Gras outfit.

Breakfast speaker features PDG Fr. Ted Bradley, who always has a great way of making any day start out with enthusiasm. Special Guest Speaker on Saturday Night at the banquet will be: Barb Beddor of STAR USA. She and her husband Tony Stewart have brought the National Figure Skating Championships to Spokane twice which is amazing!

As with every convention, we are in need of prizes for the raffle. We would appreciate any donation to make the Raffle outstanding. Please contact PZC Ken Cook: kcook12@roadrunner.com to donate a prize.

Accommodation and registration information can be found: <http://www.lionsmd19.com/conventions/fallforum.htm>