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Zone 2 Informer

DISTRICT 19-1 LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

Zone Chair Message

Lions Clubs International Foundation is our Foundation BC in May of this year District 19A obtained \$100,000 from LCIF for equipment at Richmond Hospital Cancer Laboratory followed by 19H received approval for a LCIF grant of \$25,000 for equipment at Abbotsford Regional Hospital.

This year Canadian Clubs raised \$458,457 for LCIF and received \$698,992 in LCIF grants. In 19-I Canadian Clubs contributed \$6,172 where 19A and H combined contributed \$62,994. As a District one could consider that we are not contributing our fair share. Go to the LCIF web site and have a look at what LCIF is doing world wide. If you support the initiatives consider having your club increase its contribution to LCIF. If each Canadian club increased its contribution by \$50 we would have a 33% jump in support.

Personal Giving only 1% of Canadian Lions Give to OUR Foundation you can get a tax receipt Check LCIF Canada for a contribution Form.

"To succeed in your mission, you must have single-minded devotion to your goal."

Abdul Kalam



Consider the Contributing Member Program as your personal support to LCIF. It can be \$20, \$50 whatever you think you can afford. **REMEMBER LCIF is Our Lions Foundation**

he multiple District L Convention was held in Surrey BC with a disappointing 5% (twelve) of 19-I-2 members attending. Lions in our Zone did us proud with a number of awards coming our way. Congratulations to all our recipients Lions please refer to page 8 for a listing of all the awards.

Check out the article on page 15 NW Lions Foundation your club my be able to take advantage of the new policy

Please remember we need your help for the Island Farms Santa Light Parade November 25th 2:30 pm at the corner of Superior and Government streets. Contact Lion Peter Pfann 250-900-5735 peterpfann@gmail.com

Don't read success stories, you will only get a messag read failure stories, you will get some ideas to get Success

-AD J Abdul Kal

2017-18 International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal

Dear Lion, Every one of our 1.4 million members is passionate about service. And we know we can



achieve great things by working together. This is the Power of We—and why we created the Global Action Team. It brings together our leadership, membership and service, and puts the entire Lions network to work for your club. The **Global Action Team** consists of: **Global Leadership Team** (GLT) to identify

develop-

ment opportunities for every Lion. **Global Membership** Team (GMT) to help clubs find new members and keep current Lions coming back. · NEW! **Global Service Team** (GST) to provide service resources and project support. Service has always been the heart and soul of Lions. That's why we developed this service-aligned structure to help clubs around the world take action to serve more people. If every one of our Lions served just 8 people per month, we would impact 134 million people this year—a big step toward our goal of helping 200 million people per year by 2021. This is the Power of Action.

LIONS - we need to reach out in a bigger way! Motivate members to take Inspired & Enthusiastic actions. Heal a hurt & spread the positive feel. Build or rebuild a relationship & spread happiness. Question our perspectives & reach out to the needs of the world.

> "One can either fill their coffers with tangibles, which they cannot take them to their coffins, or fill the lives of others with intangibles called service, and that will help them be alive!

Lionism is a platform to spread wellness and happiness through Service!" Lion Naresh Aggarwal International President



Sincerely, Dr. Naresh Aggarwal International President

19-I-2 INFORMER November 2017



CHRISTMAS HIGH TEA AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF LIONISM INTERNATIONALLY

DISTRICT 19-I LIONS AND LIONESS CLUBS ARE INVITED

ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017 TO HIGH TEA, FROM 2 - 4 PM

IN THE PRESENCE OF HER HONOUR, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF BC, JUDITH GUICHON

THE VICTORIA CHINATOWN LIONESS CLUB IS PLEASED TO ORGANIZE THIS EVENT

IN RECOGNITION OF 100 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE FROM LIONS AND LIONESS CLUBS

DRESS CODE: Club Uniform

Please note space is limited to 200 guests

TICKETS ARE \$65 PER PERSON

RSVP and PAYMENT REQUIRED BY OCTOBER 12, 2017 TO YOUR CLUB PRESIDENT OR

amandamills@shaw.ca/ 250-727-0222

Cheques/payment to: Amanda Mills, 114-1537 Hillside Ave., Victoria, BC V8T 2C1

Kindly indicate any food allergies/mobility requests

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Happenings in the Zone & Beyond

November 4 5:30pm Port Angeles Lions Club 75th Charter Night

November 5 9am 2nd Governors Cabinet Meeting Port Angeles

November 11 Remembrance Day

November 18 8:30pm - 12:30am West Shore Lions Club Decades of Rock Show

November 25 3:30pm Marshalling - ISLAND FARMS SANTA'S LIGHT PARADE

November 26 Sooke Lions Santa Claus Parade.

December 6 2pm-4pm Christmas Tea Government House Celebration 100 Years of Lions Clubs International

January 8 - 14 World Wide Week to Fight Hunger

Dates to remember

Feb 9-10 "Hands Across the Border" Lions Curling Campbell River

Feb 17 Royal Oak Lions Dinner/Dance

March 10 - District Lions Leadership Development Camp Shawingan for ALL Club aspiring Leaders. Cost \$30 includes Lunch Contact Jane Beddows jbeds@telus.net

April 20-22 MD 19-I District Conference Parksville

April 16—22 World Wide Service Week to Protect our Planet

May 10 - 13 N.W. Regional Lions Leadership Institute UBC Campus



A good Club Secretary and Club Treasurer are critical to the smooth operation of a successful club

Club Public Relations Chairperson

Possible Position for First Vice Pres.! What Are the Public Relations Chairperson's Responsibilities? Though PR is every Lion's responsibility, the PR chairperson is in charge of the following:

• Communicating information about your club to the community, including the media.

• Keeping your club aware of PR efforts and results.

• Providing information to International Headquarters about outstanding Lions programs and activities by using the "Submit Your Story" feature on the Lions Clubs International (LCI) website.

To get started: • Set Goals – Review your club's previous efforts. Evaluate what worked, what didn't and why.

Determine the PR Budget for the Year

Effective public relations programs
can be done on a limited budget. Be

sure to budget for both ongoing public relations efforts and special events.
Plan Ahead – Planning and timely execution are vital to your public relations efforts.
Create a Timeline – Determine how and when you will promote your club and when you will start publicity for your club's special events. But be flexible – newsworthy activities may come up during the year.



Club Service Chairperson

Possible position for 2nd Vice Pres.! Your Responsibilities as the Club Service Chairperson (Note this is a new suggested position in the club)

If you are new to the position of club service chairperson, gain an overview of your position.

In this role, you are the officer of the club responsible to:

Develop service action plans to meet goals that address community needs.
Develop and lead committees to

implement the service plan.

• Incorporate opportunities for youth or Leos to engage in service with the club.

• Report service activities to Lions Clubs International.

 Serve as a club resource regarding community needs, best practices of other clubs' service activities and initiatives of Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Encourage full membership participation in the club service projects throughout the year.
Collaborate with the Membership

Chairperson to promote membership opportunities to non-Lions during service projects.

 Participate in the District Governor's Advisory Committee Meeting (Zone meeting) when appropriate. This year, which leads to LCIF's 50th anniversary, we have a goal to raise US\$50 million to support Lions' compassionate service in more ways than ever.



Club First Vice President

Prepare to Lead as Club First Vice President; Prepare to Succeed as Club President As the club vice president, your tasks are two-fold. One of your top priorities is to stand ready to fulfill the duties of the club president if the president is unable to do so for any reason. Most likely, you will also have other duties as assigned by the president, and may be asked to lead one or more committees during the year. In addition to those duties, you should dedicate time to prepare to serve as club president. It is important to understand the role of club president and all of its responsibilities well before you begin to serve. Self-study or Facilitated Training for Club President If you have not served as a club vice president or president, it is good to spend some time in the self-study online training module. Follow the online Club President Module Power-Point and complete the Club President Workbook to gain an overview of the club president position including:

- Your responsibilities as club president.
- The structure of the club board and individual officers' duties.
- Appointing chairpersons.
- Planning and conducting meetings.
- Preparing to actively participate in zone meetings (District Governor's Advisory Committee).
- Manage Club Projects

Club Marketing Communications Chairperson

As the Marketing Communications Chairperson, you will play a lead role within your club. Using social media, you will be able to motivate and excite new and existing members. Ways you can do this are by publicizing club activities, growing your club's outreach and assisting the club president in communicating with club members.

The Marketing Communications Chairperson e-Book provides a fast and logical link to the information you need. Whether you are looking for a place to start promoting your activities, ideas of what you can post, how to engage your club members or ways to use social media more effectively. The e-Book makes it easier to access the information, tools and resources you use most often to help you stay on top of your busy schedule. The following are helpful tools to ease the task as Marketing Communications Chairperson.

Public Relations Guide

Communicate Your Activities

Identifying Newsworthy Club Activities

Lions Learning Center- PR Training

Club Service Activity Report

From: PDG Leslie Smith

Prepared by: Lion Sheila Grant

The Service Activity Report provides an important means to measure the worldwide impact of Lions and Leos humanitarian service.

The global tabulation of individual Club reports identifies service trends that influence the development of association programs, including service activity planning resources.

The Service Activity Report application also provides Clubs with a variety of tools to monitor their service and share information with others. Clubs are able to:

- Provide a narrative description for each activity
- Upload photos
- Search for activities using key words and various search criteria.
- Designate re-occurring signature activities.
- Share service activity information with other Clubs
- Set service objectives and track progress toward achieving them.

At the District level, Lions leaders can use the report application to generate custom reports on service activities within their District, monitor Club participation in the Centennial Service Challenge and/or specific areas of service, designate signature activities, set District-wide service goals and objectives and track progress toward achieving them.

District Leaders should encourage Club Secretaries to submit Lions Club Service Activity Reports via MyLCI on a monthly basis. However, when NO service activities are performed for a given month, it is not necessary to record any service activity information.

For more information, contact programs@lionsclubs.org

Lions Biggest Community BBQ for Pediatric Cancer

Proposed Event

Lions Biggest BBQ

Make it a Lions Zone 19-2 annual event to raise funds for Pediatric Cancer is an annual fundraising event.

The BBQ can take place at any time during the year, when it best suits your Club. Funds raised will be used to help achieve LCI expand access to life-saving treatment and support the children and families who need us most by raising funds locally and donating these funds to local needs where we can hope a positive outcome for a young child and their family. "It never ceases to amaze me what we can do when we work together" More than130 British Columbia kids are diagnosed every year with various forms of childhood cancer and unfortunately we are still seeing around twenty five kids dying every year in BC.

If we can raise significant funds then our donation target can be Childhood Cancer Research Foundation's with a vision of 100% Survival for kids with cancer because Lions believe that every child deserves a chance at a healthy life".

The Lions Biggest BBQ could be a great way to promote Lions greater Victoria and to raise awareness in your community.

Consider working with other clubs to make a Bigger event

MD19 "LION FOR LIFE" GROWTH AWARD

SPONSOR

Appreciation

A Mentoring <mark>Guide Guaranteed</mark> to Promote Orientation, Involvement & Leadership

FUN

Lions participating and learning about our proud history camaraderie at the highest level

Lions for Life MD 19 Program

All new Lions inducted a Lions Year who partner with their sponsor and two assisting Lions are eligible by completing the mentoring guide and sponsoring a new member within the allotted time of 2 years from their membership date.



MENTOR

Appreciation

Available on the MD19 web site Lion For Life page: _MD19 LION FOR LIFE Growth Award mentoring program _MD19 Lion For Life Growth Award Club Registration/Commitment Form. _MD19 Lion For Life Program Guide- Sponsor and Mentor a New Lion for a Lifetime of Service.

NEW MEMBEER

EASY

A simple to follow mentoring guide to set the pace for successful involvement.

POWERFUL

Recognition and celebration for continued growth and mentoring of others. "A healthier club"

The successful participants are eligible for recognition for their commitment to growth and leadership. A prestigious MD19 Lion for Life pin and certificates can be purchased from the MD19 office for \$4.00 and are to be presented by a DG, PDG, ZC or PZC.

"You haven't done anything until you have done something for somebody else" Melvin Jones

Esquimalt Lions Club - Rainbow Kitchen

Last September

RADICAL RENOVATIO

Renovated

Rainbow Kitchen and they had predicted That they finished early with the project.

As it happens Esquimalt Lions had promised to provide a meal or hot dogs

and hamburgers to the Kitchen cliental if the Kitchen was not complete.

The Lions recently found out that the clients were disappointed because we had not had the BBQ so they decided to make up for the missed BBQ in October serving 127 meals to the Rainbow Clients





MD19 Annual Convention October 12 - 14, 2017



The Theme for the 2017 Conference was Service Leads to Growth which led to panels on Specialty Clubs, Sponsoring a Leo Club and Serving Generations and Spring Ahead Drive.



Past Secretary Patty Allen recognizing Lion Dick Woods for bringing in 103 new lions over his term as a Lion. Asked how he did it and his answer was I just ask and sometimes I have to do it more than once.

Secretary Excellence

Capital City lions

Lion Denise Charest

Zone Chairperson Excellence Esquimalt Lions

Sooke Harbourside Lions

PZC Jane Beddows

ZC Brian Morin

Zone Chairperson of the year award for MD 19 for 2016/17 Brian Morin won runner up

Club Website

Sooke Harbourside Lions Josie Masi

Convention Photos Thanks to ZC Bob Orchard



Sooke Lions

PDG Brian Phillips



Conventions Guests Say Congratulations to Patty Allen on her retirement from her position as Secretary-Treasurer for MD 19 Lions.





Humorous Stories Sooke Harbourside

Susan Bennett

Lions





Patty remains a Lion and in fact will soon be a very knowledgeable District Governor

Contest and Awards

MD19-I-2 Excellence Awards 2016-17



Guest Speaker Vice Council Chair John Kirry

Port Angeles Lions Club **75th**

November 4th, 2017 Crab House Restaurant 221 N Lincoln St. (Red Lion Hotel) Time: 6:30 pm Cost: \$40 USD

COSI: 340 03D

No need to take your car the Hotel and restaurant are a short walk from the Blackball Ferry Hotel Red Lion Special Rate Water view rooms \$109.30 USD and Standard Rooms \$87.22 USD

Phone 1-360-452-9215 Rates apply until October 25th Questions? Call PCC Gary Reidel or Linda 1-360-457-0406



Worldwide Week of Service for Diabetes

Diabetes impacts more than 400 million people, resulting in five million deaths every year. Join Lions around the world for a special Worldwide Week of Service dedicated to stopping this deadly disease in its tracks. This Worldwide Week of Service event is a great opportunity to support our new global service framework, and our goal of serving 200 million people per year by 2021, by supporting those affected by diabetes in your community.

Host a project that addresses diabetes in your community, like distributing healthy meals, reaching out to community members with diabetes and promoting active, healthy lifestyles. No matter how you choose to serve, be sure to join us for this Centennial service event!

JOIN US FOR THE WORLD-WIDE WEEK OF SERVICE FOR DIABETES

Here's how your club can take part in this special event:

 Plan your project - Host a service project that impacts diabetes in your community during the week of November 13-19. **Promote your project** - Publicize your project to showcase your club and the power of service. Remember to wear your Lions branded gear when you're serving to increase your visibility.

REPORT YOUR PROJECT -REPORT YOUR SERVICE ON THE <u>MYLCI</u> SERVICE ACTIVITY REPORT TO HELP US REACH NEW LEVELS OF SERVICE IN OUR CENTENNIAL SERVICE CHALLENGE. BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE PROJECT DATE.

CELEBRATE YOUR SERVICE

Share photos of your project on social media so everyone can see what a difference you're making in your community. Use the hashtag **#Liens100**, and we'll share your images on the <u>LCI Facebook page</u>!

SAVE THE DATE November 13-19 2017

Worldwide Week of Service for Diabetes



Maria Medwedrich, Nancy Reinders and Jan Todd giving a public thank you for supporting Twoonie Tuesday

Sooke Harbourside Lions

Twoonie Tuesday October 17, 2017

Twoonie Tuesday dawned cold and very wet, and I think everyone wanted to just crawl back into bed. I know I did! But the weather cleared somewhat, the rain stopped and our intrepid volunteers made the day amazing, enduring the wind and the cold, and boy was it cold at some stations.

We had 28 volunteers who manned 6 stations from 9 am until 6:30 pm. These included Harbourside Lions, Sooke Lions and the Sooke Food Bank. Approximately 100 volunteer hours were spent on the actual day, with about 50 more hours in the time leading up to it including 2 waves. The thank you wave was held on the 19th.

A special thank you to Dino Vieira for once again allowing our big sign to be displayed on his property, to Tony of Sooke signs for updating our signs, to Andy the pizza man for putting our fliers in his pizza orders, to Godfrey for rolling and counting the money, and to all our volunteers. We couldn't hold this event without everyone involved.

We are very pleased to announce that our grand total is \$3164.26!!! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

WEST SHORE Lions Club DANCE on SATURDAY,

November 18, 2017

8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m / Door Opens 6:30 p.m.

Fundraiser for Lions Local Charity & Community Projects

The Decades of Rock Show with YOUNGER THAN YESTERDAY/FREE RIDE/ ROCK OF AGES playing Beatles and 60's, 70's & 80's Dance Music

At the Royal Canadian Legion, Langford Prince Edward branch 761 Station Rd,

Advance Tickets: \$20 / At the Door Tickets: \$25 Tickets available online at West Shore Lions website or at Langford Legion: 761 Station Ave, 250-478-8365 or at Long and McQuade: 756 Hillside Ave, Victoria, 250-384-3622

MAXIMUN SEATING CAPACITY: 300 SEATS



Lion Harley Healey speaking at Esquimalt Lions Club

One of West Shore Lions members, Lion Harley Healey will be travelling to Cambodia in the next few days to deliver school supplies and to assist in two local schools for some of the most disadvantaged children . She will be there for 5 months and travelling at her own expense. Members of our Club have joined her in visiting a number of Lions Clubs with her message and to raise funds for the supplies she is sending. To date she has managed to collect from Lions and other sponsors \$6000. Esquimalt Lions and Sidney Lions Contributed \$1,000 each at meetings in October.

Joyce Boyle - District Governors Zone 2 – Visitation Schedule

October 27	Victoria Imperial Lions	12pm
November 2	West Shore Lions Club	6:30pm
November 22, 2017	Saanich & Victoria Chinatown Lions	5:30pm
December 6, 2017	Royal Oak Lions Club	6:30pm (Government House 2pm)
January 9, 2018	Sooke District Lioness Club	7:00 pm
January 10, 2018	Sooke Harbourside Lions Club	7:00pm
January 11, 2018	Sooke Lions Club	7:00pm
February 22, 2018	Capitol City Lions Club	1:00 pm THE POWER OF
March 12, 2018	Victoria Chinatown Lioness Club	6:00 pm
April 17, 2018	Esquimalt Lions Club	6:00 pm STANDING TOGETHER

Brian Morin - Zone Chairperson - Visitation Schedule

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November 1, 2017	Royal Oak Lions Club	6:30pm
November 10, 2017	Victoria Imperial Lions Club	12:00 noon
November 14, 2017	Sooke District Lioness Club	7:00 pm
November 8, 2017	Sooke Harbourside Lions Club	7:00pm
November 9, 2017	Sooke Lions Club	7:00pm
January 25, 2018	Capitol City Lions Club	1:00 pm
February 12, 2018	Victoria Chinatown Lioness Club	6:00 pm
March 20, 2018	Esquimalt Lions Club	6:00 pm





Sidney Lions welcome a new member Karie Legg to their den Lion Steve Parker is her Sponsor. Zone Chairperson Brian Morin 19-I-2 was lucky to be there and help with the Induction Ceremony.

Sidney Lions Present a Cheque for \$1000 to West Shore Lions sponsorship of the Cambodia project which is led by Ellen (Harley) Healey



Sooke Harbourside Lions Diabetes Project

World Diabetes Day on November 14th is recognized in over 160 countries, aimed at increasing diabetes awareness and helping in prevention and complications. The blue circle is the global symbol for diabetes awareness. A new theme is chosen every year and 2017's theme is "Women and Diabetes" our right to a healthy future.

Over 100 million people worldwide have some type of diabetes and in Canada over 11 million (1:3). 50% of those with diabetes do not know that they have it. Diabetes is a chronic, often debilitating and sometimes fatal disease where the body cannot produce insulin or use the insulin properly that it does produce. Serious complications from diabetes include kidney failure, heart problems, strokes, vascular disease and amputations. It is the leading cause of visual problems and blindness.

Diabetes is a Lions Club International (LCI) Initiative. Lions worldwide are involved year round with programs and events promoting awareness and education, supporting research and fund-raising. In support of Diabetes Awareness Month and World Diabetes Day, Sooke Harbourside Lions will be having a **DIABETES** AWARENESS DAY on November 14th (replaces National Diabetes Tag Day). The event will take place 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at three locations in Sooke - Shoppers Drug Mart, Pharmasave, and Village Foods. Duties include greeting the public and dispersing diabetes information, risk assessment sheets and calendars from Diabetes Canada. Note that In February, 2017, Canadian Diabetes Association was changed to Diabetes Canada.

Our "Change for Diabetes" Committee is Lions Jeanette, Velma, Georgia and Eleanor. Thank you for your participation and support. We do "Make a Difference". Submitted by Lion Jeanette Umbach

Sooke Harbourside Lions will be greeting the public and dispersing diabetes information, risk assessment sheets and calendars from Diabetes Canada.

Sooke Harbourside Lions Club and **Diabetes** Canada

DIABETES AWARENESS DAY

In conjunction with World Diabetes Day

Tuesday, November 14th

10 am - 3 pm

Shoppers Drug Mart Pharmasave Drugstore Village Food Market





This little boy, and millions of children like him, need your help in spreading the word about diabetes. Will you step up and serve to help? #WorldDiabetesDay#LionsWDD



In recognition the Lions' 100th Anniversary **The Sooke Harbourside Lions** Challenge MD 19 to: Donate 100 pints of blood and to: Perform 100 acts of kindness



"Stay tuned for contest rules coming soon!"



Sooke Harbourside Lions at the Blood Services in Saanich Sooke Harbourside Lions challenge MD19 Clubs to donate

How to enter challenge

Challenge will last till December 18, 2017

The registration as a PFL member (partner for life SOOK724725) only needs to be done once, all future donations after that, will automatically be flagged as being part of the PFL (i.e. lions.).

The booking for a blood donation is an entirely different system. Book your spot in one of our blood donor clinics.

In order to book that spot under the right name and info, you need to (also) create a profile. This will allow the Canadian Blood Services to book your spot under the right name and blood donor profile, moving forward.

So although they both "seem" to ask the same questions (login in and personal info) they are not the related systems and they do have a different purpose.

Once you have created your DONOR profile, you can book all future clinic donation appointments on that same profile. And as said, for the PFL, you don't need to register again.

If booking a blood donor spot is easier by calling in to the Canadian Blood Services hot line, feel free to forward our 24 x 7 number to your members: 1 – 888 – 2DONATE.

Below is a short recap for the PFL member registration: You only have to register once. Quick Steps. Go to <u>blood.ca</u> Select on Get Involved Select Partners for Life Select How do I join a Team Once in the next page select 'Register as a member online', take 2 minutes to fill out the information and you are done

100 pints of blood! (If you can't give blood, you can choose a surrogate.)

Canadian Blood Services has created a Team Name and Number for Sooke Harbourside Lions.

This number will be on line so that any Lion in Canada (except Quebec) can schedule a time to give blood. Information will remain confidential.

THE LIONS ROSE NEWS FROM AUSTRAILIA

The original idea for a Lions Rose started in 2000 at the Lions club where Wilhem Kordes (Kordes Roses - Germany) is a member. The Club wanted to start an activity for the Friedensdorf Oberhausen (p eace village Oberhausen) where heavily injured children from war torn countries are taken care of with the aim that they go back to their countries after successful recovery.





After receiving approval from LCI, the rose was officially named in a ceremony at the Kordes gardens in Sparrieshoop. It then went on to be released for sale in 2002. In the same year, it also received an award due to its great disease resistance.

Since its release in 2002, the Lions Rose has raised over AUD \$384,000 for Obhausen and is one of Kordes most successful rose releases to date.

This rose has been hugely popular overseas and has raised a great deal of awareness of our Lions Organisation throughout the world.

Based in Portland Victoria, Treloar Roses (Australia's Leading Supplier of rose bushes) have been supplying bare root rose plants / bushes Australia-Wide for more than 45 years.

Advanced Notice hold this date *Royal Oak Lions*



\$45 per person

Featuring the great dance music of **OBALA**

Valentine's Dinner/dance 17 February 2018



SightLife & Northwest Lions Foundation Restoring Sight, Hope, & Hearing



Sightlife was originally founded in 1969 by the Lions of the Pacific Northwest.

"Our Mission: We serve as a global leader and partner to eliminate corneal blindness worldwide by 2040." Sightlife was originally founded in 1969 by the Lions of the Pacific Northwest. Year after year, some of our most valued partners are the Lions Clubs of Washington State and Northern Idaho. Sightlife and its Northwest Lions Foundation coordinate with 250 lions clubs to provide healthcare to more than 35,000 low-income children and adults.

Sightlife Mission: We serve as a global leader and partner to eliminate corneal blindness worldwide by 2040.

With the fall 2016 launch of its subsidiary, SightLife Surgical, SightLife became a combination non-profit and for-profit organization. This mission -driven structure maintains the non-profit status of SightLife as the parent organization and adds a for-profit "engine" to power and accelerate achievement of the mission. Working with partners in more than 30 countries, SightLife is increasing the number of corneal transplants performed each year to transform millions of lives around the globe.

The NW Lions Foundation supports those who have sight and hearing challenges. The Foundation is funded by donations from its parent organization SightLife and from Lions Clubs.

• Patient Care Grants help eligible patients cover cost of sight-related surgery such as corneal transplants, cataracts, prosthetic eyes, etc.

A Hearing Aid Program helps qualified individuals obtain low-cost hearing aids. Used hearing aids may be recycled by depositing them in any Recycle for Sight collection box.

• Project Support Grants help local clubs support vision and hearing projects in their communities.

• Assistive Technology Grants help people who are blind or visually impaired obtain specialized equipment.

• A Health Screening Van provides free vision and hearing testing.

• White Cane Days raise funds to benefit the Northwest Lions Foundation.

PCC Al Beddows advises that effective this year Canadian Lions Clubs in District 19-I will have access to funds from Northwest Lions Foundation. http://nlfoundation.net/sight/pcg.php See details on how these grants may be accessed in the next Edition of the Informer.



Claire Bonilla CEO, SightLife

Claire joined SightLife in 2015 as Chief Global Officer after most recently working with one foot squarely in the corporate environment and one in humanitarian efforts, leading Microsoft's Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Response business. With over 20 years of managing a breadth of global functions for Microsoft, and earlier as a Fortune 500 consultant, Claire is now applying her skills to help SightLife eradicate corneal blindness worldwide. Her desire to create change and opportunity has led her to develop key strengths in global supply chain management, governance, risk & compliance, emerging & developing market

strategies, global facilities planning and build-out, partner certification and development, and training and development strategies, just to name a few. She's well versed in NGO, government, inter-government and private/public sector collaboration. Her global scope covers doing business in all of the major continents.