

A Lions Tale

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Message from the President



Over the summer I hope you are all thinking ahead to how we should have our new club move forward. I hope you all come up with ideas that we can discuss at our first meeting of the new season.

We are still trying to find a place to put our sheds as the present landlord has given us notice to leave. I asked him if he would consider renting us the space but he declined so please think of someplace for the fall as he said we have some more time. I am sure everyone will enjoy the summer so we will be energized for the new season. Enjoy all,

President. Stoney



Congratulations to MD19 Past Council Chair Allan Hunt and Lion from Chilliwack was elected to a 2 year term as the Canadian International Director of Lion Clubs International in Milan Italy.

Canada's Dr. Patti Hill Voted 3rd Vice President Lions Clubs International



Dear Lions:
During this past week, Lions Clubs' delegates have voted and entrusted me to serve you as your International 3rd Vice President for 2019-2020. For that, I thank you, the Lions, my family, and my campaign team of volunteers from around the globe who numbered in the hundreds. Our goals would not have been achieved without you. You are so numerous that I won't mention you here by name and risk missing anyone; you know who you are, and I appreciate everyone of you. Our first International Board of Directors meeting has come and gone, and already we are working to ensure: a) maximum Lions input into our plans for the future, b) accountability, and c)

adherence to our code of ethics. I encourage every Lions Club to do the same as you seek ways in include Diversity with Inclusion in all that you do this year during IP Choi's term as our President. Yours in Service,
3rd VP Dr Patti Hill
2019-2020
Dr. Patti Hill from Edmonton Alberta was voted 3rd Vice president of Lions Clubs International.

Needless to say all Canadian Lions are excited that Lion Patti is on her way to being the 2nd woman to lead Lions Clubs International.

International Past President Lion Guðrún Yngvadóttir

What an incredible year we've had together. I am amazed at how far we have come. Thank you for your



commitment and dedication to bringing us here.

We have already accomplished so much together this year, but

we're not done yet.

Lions, we have an opportunity to achieve something remarkable together. We can achieve our twelfth consecutive year of positive membership growth this year. But we have to keep strengthening our membership in the next few weeks to do it. So please continue to invite new members. Make sure no clubs are

in status quo. And keep our current members active so we can end the year on a high note.

Thank you for your commitment to strengthening our organization, our mission, and our membership.

*Guðrun Yngvadottir 2018-19
International President of Lions
Clubs International.*

New International President Lion Dr. Jung-Yul Choi



Dr. Jung-Yul Choi of Busan, Republic of Korea, was elected to serve as first vice president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 101st International Convention, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA June 29 through July 3, 2018. A member of the

Busan Jaeil Lions Club since 1977, Vice President Choi has held many offices within the association, including club president, cabinet secretary, district governor and international director. In addition, he was a chairperson of the 39th OSEAL Forum in 2000 and a host committee chairperson at the 95th Lions International Convention in Busan in 2012, the largest convention ever held in Lions history. In recognition of his service to the association, Vice President Choi has received numerous awards, including the Humanitarian Partnership, Senior Master Key Award, 100%

District Governor Award, International President's Leadership Awards, International President's Awards and an Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to his Lion activities, Vice President Choi is chief executive officer of Koala Company, Ltd., an international trading company, and is also a past director of the Busan Sports Association. Vice President Choi and his wife, Seung-Bok, have one son, four daughters and two granddaughters.

Saanich & Royal Oak Lions Club Merger Report

All the necessary documents to complete the merger between Royal Oak Lions Club and Saanich Lions Club have been submitted to Lions Clubs International these include:

- Royal Oak Lions Club member approved Motion to Merge with Saanich Lions signed by the Club Secretary and President.
- Saanich Lions Club member approved Motion to Merge with Royal Oak Lions Club signed by

the Club Secretary and President.

- District Cabinet Motion approving the merger of the Royal Oak Lions Club and the Saanich Lions Club signed by the District Governor and the District 19-I Secretary.
- Club Merger Form completed with Saanich Lions Club 2019-20 President and Secretary signature's and the 2018-19 District Governor and 1st Vice District

- A listing of all dropped and transferred members from Royal Oak Lions to Saanich Lions Club.
- A listing of the new Club Executive

Final Lions Clubs International approval should be forwarded to the club by early August with a Certificate of Merger.

102nd Lions Clubs International Convention Milan, Italy



The 102nd Lions Clubs International Convention in Milan is now in the past and we looking forward to **June 25 - 29, 2021** when the convention will move to **Montreal, Quebec** as we Canadians celebrate 100 years in Lions Clubs

Saanich Newest Lion



Carson Sage, founder of the Victoria chapter of Cycling Without Age, shares what inspired him to provide bike rides to sen-

iors. Montreal is known as 'Canada's Cultural Capital', Quebec's largest city is like no other in North America! Behind Paris, Montreal is the 2nd largest French-speaking city in the world and truly a foodie's paradise. While the underground pedestrian network is impressive with over 2,000 shops covering 18 miles, the 9 miles of shops lining the famous Sainte-Catherine Street has been the pride of Montreal for over a century. As you explore Montreal, Notre-Dame Basilica, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and the Olympic Stadium are just a few sights you won't want to

iors. Cycling Without Age is a service that helps them enjoy nature and fresh air as they are driven around the community in a rickshaw-like bike by volunteer cyclists. He talks about the benefits to both the users and

miss. If nature is your escape, 343 acres of green space in Mount Royal Park offers the best views of this cosmopolitan city. Montreal has so much more to offer, come early and stay late!

Other Convention Dates

June 26 - 30, 2020: Singapore.

July 1 - 5, 2022: New Delhi India

July 7 - 11, 2023: Boston, USA

June 21 - 25, 2024: Melbourne, Australia

July 4 - 8, 2025 : Mexico City, Mexico

the volunteers. He explains how he turned this project into a key component of his Kinesiology Master's degree. Get on board and enjoy the ride! More on the Victoria chapter of Cycling Without Age.

Canadian Lions Centennial Celebration



Canadian Lions Centennial theme is : **"Lions - 2020 - 100 Years of Service in Canada"**.

The major Centennial project that has been approved is the planting of 100,000 trees across Canada. It is hoped that each Lions Club in Canada

will have a Centennial project in their community - a project that will benefit their community while at the same time tell the community how important their Club is (and has been) to the residents.

The period of the Canadian Lions Centennial runs for two years - it was formally launched in Milan last week at the International Convention, and it will conclude at our International Convention to be held in Montreal in 2021. Our new International Director representing Canada on the

International Board is your own B.C. Lion from Chilliwack MD 19 Allan Hunt (e-mail: allanhunt47@gmail.com)

Also Past International Director Ralph Long from Vancouver has agreed to help the District Governors with any Centennial matters as we move forward. The Centennial Committee has reached an agreement with Lions Clubs International to provide each District with \$5000. If the District confirms that they have allocated \$5000. from their District funds for the Centennial (Matching Funds).

Lions Raise Millions to Vaccinate Millions

Lions Clubs International
& the Gates Foundation



Imagine a disease so contagious that a single infected person riding on a crowded bus will unknowingly spread the virus to 90 out of 100 unvaccinated passengers. Of those infected, more than 10% will die while up to 30% of survivors will suffer permanent complications, such as hearing or vision loss, brain damage, pneumonia, vitamin A deficiency or encephalitis. Tragically, this disease is real and claims the lives of nearly 90,000 people every year, most of them children. It is called measles. Because of the Lions' advocacy program, we're able to mobilize people from the grassroots to the highest level of the government.



A flicker of hope

With proper immunizations, measles can be eliminated. That's why Lions and the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) joined the Measles Initiative—a mass vaccination campaign across 31 countries and counting. With an initial grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in 2010, Lions focused their efforts on:
Advocacy at the local, regional and national levels
Direct involvement

in social marketing and
mobilization Financial support

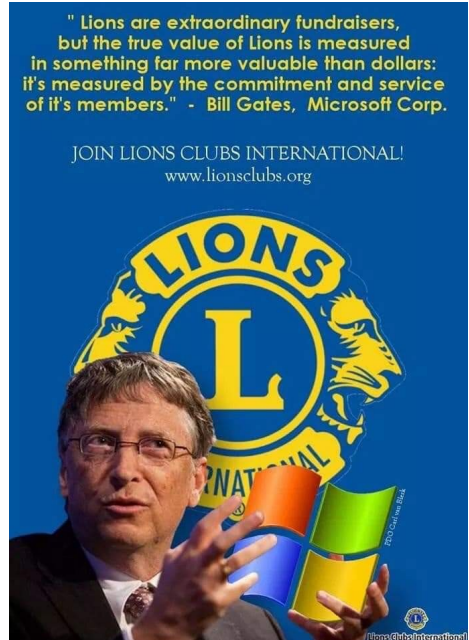
As a result, 41 million children in Ethiopia, Madagascar, Mali and Nigeria received vaccinations. This inspired Lions to step up their efforts, and they began actively supporting campaigns in Cameroon, Haiti, Kenya, Nepal, Uganda and Zambia. By 2012, Lions helped vaccinate more than 150 million children against measles. "Because of the Lions' advocacy program," explains Past District Governor Dr. Tebebe Berhan of Ethiopia, "we're able to mobilize people from the grassroots to the highest level of the government." "This is very necessary work. Health and social services are neglected areas in my country, and we are happy to have your help," said Ram Baran Yadav, former President of Nepal.

Lions with a megaphone
What makes these efforts so effective is that Lions are a part of the communities they serve and know how to reach their neighbors. Whether going door-to-door to educate parents of young children, hosting parades and passing out flyers, or purchasing radio advertisements, Lions and their partners reach far and wide to spread the word. And they're not stopping there.

From a flicker to a fire

In 2013, LCIF committed to raise US\$30 million by December 2017, and actually exceeded that goal. The United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) and the Gates foundation matched the Lions' funds for a total contribution of more than US\$61 million to Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance, an international organization dedicated to giving children living in the world's poorest countries

equal access to new and underused vaccines. As a result of this commitment, more than 110 million doses of the vaccine were procured.



"Lions are extraordinary fundraisers, but the true value of Lions is measured in something far more valuable than dollars: it's measured by the commitment and service of it's members." - Bill Gates, Microsoft Corp.

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www.lionsclubs.org

"The Gates foundation is very proud to have been a partner in your early measles projects, and we're excited to continue working together," said William H. Gates, Sr., co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together. With Lions in the lead, there is no telling how far we will go together."

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Bill Gates

MD19 Council of Governors proposed dues increase for 2020

The MD19 Council of Governors has unanimously recommended action to increase MD19 dues to \$25, (all amounts are US Dollars) with a biennial increase of \$1, to be evaluated in 2026. If passed, clubs will see a \$3.20USD per person increase in January 2020 with an additional \$3.20 increase in July 2020.

The recommendation is being made for the financial health of our Multiple District; they are at a critical point where a difficult decision must be made, in order to remain financially solvent.

The MD19 Staff, under the direction of Executive Director Peter Anderson, have been reducing expenses wherever possible. Unfortunately, to the detriment to our headquarters building in Bellingham WA, necessary repairs are being deferred.

MD19 membership has declined by about 3,600 members since 2002 (equates to about \$70,000 annually), and this net loss has had a direct negative impact on income to the MD19 operational budget.

MD19 dues have not been increased since 2013, and ongoing efforts have

been made year after year to cut expenses in all possible areas.

Increased personnel costs from state-mandated minimum wage and benefits laws will put a significant future burden on the MD19 operational budget. In 2002 minimum wage was \$6.90, and now in 2020 it will be \$13.50. As well, we want the MD19 staff to have a decent wage.

Support our Governor and the MD19 Leadership Team and cast a yes vote in October for this proposed dues increase.

Presenting an Exceptional Leadership Event

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is a true learning value filled with 2 and 1/2 days of building your leadership skills.

Meal Time/Keynotes and Fun

Friday Lunch

Sherre DeMao



Founder, CEO and Strategy Maestro of BizGrowth Inc, an award-winning firm specializing in next-level, next-idea solutions for entrepreneurial enterprises and leadership.

Confessions of a Mompreneur: Leadership Lessons Learned from my Daughters

Saturday Evening

Joshua Allison



Josh is the Founder and Chief Ideator for ThinkCafe®, a consulting company committed to solutions for the new workplace. He has spoken and worked with organizations from Hawaii to New York. Josh is a thought leader and a passionate speaker and trainer, he specializes in workplace leadership and engagement.

Over 70 Seminars Including New! Outside Seminar Guest Speakers



Michelle Ray

(Back By Popular Demand)

After raving reviews, her keynote address in Columbus has led Michelle back to the Forum with seminars in Spokane.

Harness the power of personal leadership... Your personal attitude impacts the purpose of creating a better leader in you!

Lead Yourself First!



Katherine Greenland

Katherine Greenland is Founder and Principal at Greenland Consulting LLC, a consulting agency dedicated to synergistic solutions for a world in transition. She speaks internationally on topics of inclusion & diversity, millennial mindset, women's empowerment and transformational leadership.

Millennial Mindset: 5 Strategies To Captivate the Younger Generation



Rachelle Strawther

Topic of workshop: Leading Without Authority: How to motivate and guide volunteers who don't have to say 'yes'.

As Director of Leadership Training and Development for Gonzaga University's School of Leadership Studies, Rachelle designs and leads executive leadership programs.



2019 | Spokane, WA
September 19-21, 2019

Saturday Lunch

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi



President Elect of Lions Clubs International's has been a member if the Busan Jae-il Lions Club since 1977. President Elect Choi has held many offices within the association including Club President, Cabinet Secretary, District Governor and International Director. Learn about his program for the new year.



High Street Band

MD19 Lions Annual Convention in Wenatchee!

October 16 - 20 2019



Pursuant to Article VI, Section 4 of the Constitution and By-Laws of Multiple District 19, Lions Clubs International.

I hereby issue the **OFFICIAL CALL** for the **MD19 ANNUAL CONVENTION** to be held at the **Wenatchee Convention Center**, October 17 – 19, 2019 /s/ J.D. Nellor, Council Chairperson, & John Kirry,

Immediate Past Council Chairperson, Multiple District 19, Lions Clubs International

Host Hotel: Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel
Phone: Direct 1-509-662-1234

Lions VIDEO FILM FESTIVAL

JOIN US IN WENATCHEE FOR THE FIRST EVER 3 MINUTE VIDEO FILM FESTIVAL.

Promote your club. Show off your energy, enthusiasm and heart for service.

Inspire others by creating a three minute video that promotes some aspect of your club: a service project, a fundraiser or a special social event that captures the essence of your club.

So get started creating videos and then share them and inspire one another at our next **Multiple District**

Convention in Wenatchee next October 17-20, 2019.

Here are the simple rules for creating a “3-Minute Video” to promote your club, district, multiple district or foundation.

- Videos can be 3 minutes max
- Videos must be uploaded to YouTube



Past Council Chair John Kirry



- Send the link to John Kirry : lionjk@comcast.net
- We'll have a **FILM FESTIVAL** in Wenatchee to share!

WENATCHEE SPARKLES

Our Saturday banquet will be **DRESSY** with a twist. The attire will be “Dressy / Business Attire / Club Uniform.

NO WHITE COATS!



And the sparkling twist is this: **wear GLITTER SHOES** to the banquet! Bling them up and you could win a fabulous Prize for best **GLITTER SHOES!**

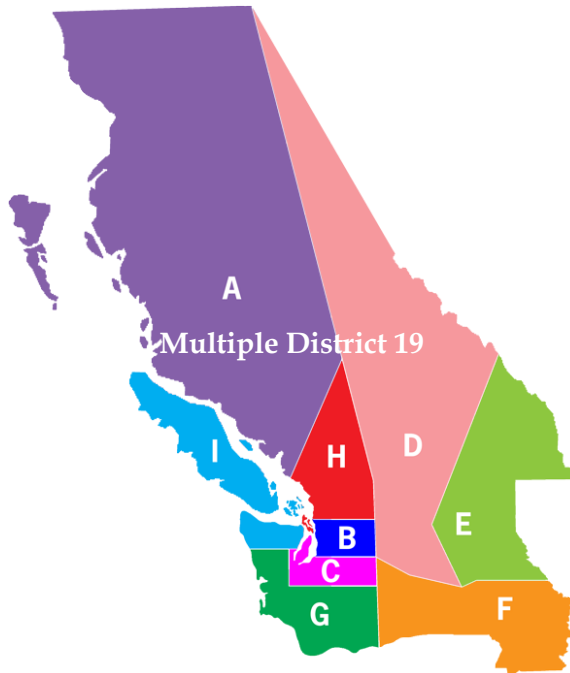
We're ramping up the fun



factor at the MD19 convention in Wenatchee! Fun night is “Hattitude-Bring It On” so wear your most sublime, wacky or outrageous hat Friday night.

Multiple District 19 Lions

Did you know that we are Lions Clubs within a Lions Multiple District 19 that takes in all of Washington State and most of British Columbia and Northern Idaho. With more than 11,000 lions. We are in MD-19-I which has 7 Zones and 49 Lions Clubs in our District (19-I) with 5 Lioness Clubs. All with about 1220 Lions. Our Zone 2 (Sooke to Saanich 19-I-2) has 7 Lions Clubs and 2 Lioness Clubs with 300 members.



**Zone I-2 Clubs
(7 Lion & 2 Lioness Clubs)**
Esquimalt Lions
Saanich Lions
Sooke Harbourside Lions
Sooke Lions
Victoria Chinatown Lions
Victoria Imperial Lions
West Shore Lions
Sooke District Lioness
Victoria Chinatown Lioness

District 19-I Leadership for 2019-20

District Governor - Cec Specht



Cec has been a Lion for well over 30 years. He has served every Club office as well as Zone Chairperson on three occasions including receiving Multiple District Zone Chairperson of the year award. He looks forward to working hard at the District level, on behalf of the District, Clubs, and Lions & Lioness in 19-I. Lion Cec and his wife Cathy have been married 48 years.

**1st Vice District Governor
Jane Beddows**



Lion Jane is from our only all ladies in the district Sooke Harbourside Lions Club. Jane has served many Club positions including President and Secretary as well as Zone Chair. Lion Jane has also served on a number of committees at the Multiple District level including CARE chairperson. Lion Jane Beddows was born St. Andrews Scotland. Worked as a 911 operator for Victoria City Police for 14 years. She is married to PCC Al Beddows and they have six grandchildren.

**2nd Vice District Governor
Terry Bain**



Born and raised here in Victoria. He joined Central Saanich Lions in 1985. He retired after 38 years from Van Isle Water he was their marketing manager. PZC Lion Terry is best known in I-3 for being the zone caterer as he has been serving food at the zone meetings on and off since the late 80's. His Father is also a long time member of the Central Saanich Lions Club.



- **Lions Clubs International** is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.45 million members.
- The Lions Club of Saanich is committed to: improving quality of life; developing a communal spirit within the community; and to supporting the broader principles and activities of Lionism.
- **Club History**
- We received our Charter (7990) on 10 November 1965, sponsored by the Victoria Lions Club. Since then we have been involved in many community, regional, national and international projects.
- **Meetings**
- We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. We go into meeting recess for the summer months of July and August. Projects continue when we have enough Lions.
- **Meeting Place**
- We meet in the Veterans Memorial Lodge at Broadmead 4579 Chatterton Way
- **Join Us**
- If you would like to attend a meeting or find out more about our club, please contact our Club Membership Chair, **Lion Johnny Holmes** 250-921-5341 johnnydjholmes@gmail.com
- We would love to see you!
- **Our Broader Organization**
- We are part of Lions Clubs International in Multiple District 19, which includes clubs in British Columbia, Washington, and Northern Idaho. We are in District "I"; which encompasses Vancouver Island BC and the Olympic Peninsula, WA. We are in Zone 2 which also includes the following Lions Clubs: Saanich; Sooke; Sooke Harbourside; Victoria Chinatown; Victoria Imperial; and West Shore. It also includes the Victoria Chinatown and Sooke District Lioness clubs.
- **Club Activities**
- Some of our signature club projects and activities which include:
 Eye Glass Recycling Seniors Programs
 Youth Programs School Scholarships
 International Lions Causes through Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

Saanich Lions and 2019-20 MD 19-I District Executive

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MD19 Supported Projects
<https://lionsmd19.org/downloads/zc-training-supported-projects.pdf>

BC Lions Society www.lionsbc.ca