District Governor Message

Importance of Succession Plans

Our MD19C Lions clubs have an excellent base of volunteers who serve our community all year long. We have been fortunate to continue our great work for over 100 years. To maintain this effort, we all need to be part of planning our future by choosing our leaders. We can no longer rely on a few to charter our future. Since we are all volunteers, it is difficult to recruit leaders who will take on extra tasks. Nevertheless, these leaders are out there and we need to seek and support them.

We recently elected our 2022-2023 leaders but it is not too soon to start thinking about who will be our leaders for the next few years. As we choose our leaders, I encourage you to think about how our leaders will improve our clubs and community. For anyone who is running for office, ask them questions about why they are running and what they plan to accomplish during their term in office. If serving the community and our Lions family is not their main goal, you may want to rethink supporting them.

We are experiencing some challenges in our Lions future and not all of our leaders (including local, national and international) are equipped to lead us through them. It is up to us to choose those who are best able to lead and guide us.

We may be influenced by outside events but each of us control our own future.

Reminder --- If you need any assistance, please remember to use our MD19C Lions cabinet members. We are all able and ready to assist your club where possible. Our goal is to help your club succeed.

Regards,

Luis Montes-Gonzalez
2021-2022 District Governor, Lions District 19C

2022-2023 District Governor Team

Congratulations to
District Governor Elect
JJ Budzack, 1VDG Elect
Lisa Ikeda and 2VDG
Elect Bob Johnson
**Calendar of Events:**

May 6th 19E Conference  
May 13th -14th 19G Conference In-person  
May 19th DG Team, GAT & ZC Elect Training  
June 4th MD19 Redistricting Vote  
June 11th Club Officer Training Virtual  
June 24th-28th LCICON Montreal  
July 16th Club Officer Training Virtual  
July 30th Banner Passing Poulsbo  
August 27th Club Officer Training Virtual  
September 15th -17th USA/Canada Forum

Please see newsletter flyers and articles, visit our 19C’s Facebook and Website or contact clubs for more event dates, updates and cancellations.

**2021-2022 District 19C Cabinet**

District Governor – Luis Montes Gonzales  
1VDG – JJ Budzak Jr.  
2VDG – Lisa Ikeda  
Secretary/Admin – PDG Marilynn Danby  
Treasurer – Gail Slosson  
IPDG – Donna Murr

**Club Support Team - Committee**

C1 ZC – Balarie McLeod, Lakewood Knights  
C2 ZC – Bill Scholl, Shelton Centennial  
C3 ZC – Jean LaCoss, Federal Way  
C4 ZC – Bob Theal, Bremerton Central  
C5 ZC – Don Becker, Spanaway Parkland  
C6 ZC – Michael O’Bryne, Lacey Mid Day  
PDG Sharon Sikes – GLT (Leadership)  
PZC Terri Soliz – GMT (Membership)  
PCC John Kirby – GMT (Retention)  
IPDG Donna Murr -GMT (Retention)  
2CDG Lisa Ikeda – GST (Service)  
DeDe Theal – Public Relations  
PDG Marilynn Danby – Conference

**FRIENDLY REMINDERS & UPDATES**

Be sure to update MyLCI with your 2022-2023 Club Officers

Don’t forget: LCI is extending the waived charter and new member entrance fees through June 30th, 2022.

This is a great time to ask new members to join our Lions family and organization.

LCIF Model Club Deadline Extended — LCIF has extended the Campaign 100 Model Club deadline: All clubs committing to become a Model Club between July 1, 2021 and the end of Campaign 100 (June 30, 2022) will have 3 years from their commitment dates to reach their goals.

Don’t forget to please update us on your clubs schedules so we may schedule visitations, attend and/or volunteer at your clubs in person/virtual events.

**ZONE CHAIR, 1VDG, 2VDG, DG & GAT TRAINING Via Zoom**

Friday, May 20th 5:00pm to 9:00pm  
Saturday, May 21st 8:30am to 1:30pm

Please contact PDG Sharon Sikes  
sharon.sikes@dogreatthings.net  
to register and to receive Zoom link.  
*This training will not be recorded.*
Hello Lions, It’s time to start thinking about Contest & Awards for District 19C. Due to the fact our Spring Conference has been canceled the categories that the clubs could participate in would be as follows: Club Achievement Award, Club Brochure, Club Bulletin, Club Business Card, Club Scrapbook and Club Website.

If any club would like to participate in any or all of these categories, please let me know.

Hopefully, we will be able to see each other soon.

Your Contest & Awards Chair, PZC Rose Becker rosebecker@msn.com

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Thank you for the honor of serving as your next years District Governor. I look forward to working with all of you. Here is a little bit about me I joined Lions in 1980 being sponsored by my father. I served as a Zone Chair, worked on numerous cabinets through the years. I ran the District C conference for many years. I served as the PR Chair for MD19 for three years. Have been married to Tracie since 1984 and we have three children, Melissa, Jessica and Matt as well as two granddaughters Willow and Addison.

My goals for the next year are to really concentrate on the health of our clubs. We do a good job of bringing in new members, but we have so many that leave out the back door. Retention is so important to the health of the clubs. Another goal is to work with all to bring in younger members. We need to make ourselves attractive to younger members and show them the worth of being a member of a service club. Some possible ideas are specialty clubs or branch clubs.

I still need some help in forming my cabinet. I need a Zone Chair for C-1, a LEO club advisor, Peace Poster Chair, Diabetes, Sight and Hearing. If you are interested, please contact me via email at warbuff60@comcast.net.

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2022-2023 DG Elect John Budzak Jr
**Help Wanted!**
By Roland Arper, District 19C  
Northwest Lions Foundation Liaison

Yes, we are hiring!  
The Lions Health Screening Unit (the semi) has been forced to stop public screening events due to the lack of a driver. If you know someone with a CDL certification, please have them contact the foundation office so we can get back on the road. Please contact: Mike Parker, army.guy@icloud.com if you are or someone you know is interested in the position.

The Foundation also needs your help on the following items:

1. We need your ideas on what the foundation can do to help your club do more in your communities. If you have thoughts on existing programs that need changing or any new programs, please let me know.

2. If your club has received a patient care grant from the foundation we would like to hear from you. We are looking for articles and pictures to put into the district and multi-district newsletter. This is a great way for you to brag about ways you are helping individuals in your community.

3. Project support grants can be used to fund various vision and hearing initiatives benefiting the general public. Over the years, the same few organizations have requested grants. We are looking to simplify the grant process and open it up to clubs that do not have 501(C) (3) status.

Again, we need you to start thinking about what projects would benefit your local community. Feel free to reach out to me with your ideas and or suggestions. Roland Arper jarper@wavecable.com
Join us for our Zone C-3 Lions
Annual Youth with Special Needs
Fishing Derby
SATURDAY, May 14, 2022
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Please note the May 7th event is open to all youth and is not affiliated with the C3 Lions Clubs.

Bring the family, your children’s fishing rods and bait. Youth with special needs will have the first opportunity to fish. A limited quantity of fishing rods will be available to loan to participating special needs youth, rods must be returned by 1:00 pm.

Limit 5 fish per child, no catch and release, all fish caught can be cleaned on premises and kept.

No adult fishing is permitted, no boats allowed in pond. For youth 14 and under, no fishing license needed, please pre-register all participants.

Register using the QR Code
Questions: Lion PDC Bob Derrigan 253-229-4148

Auburn Mill Pond Park
600 Oravetz Road Auburn, WA 98002

Supported by Lions from: Auburn Noon, Bonney Lake, Enumclaw, Federal Way, Fife, Kent, Eatonville, Pierce County Virtual and Sumner.

LACEY SUNRISE LIONS CLUB
8th ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE
Capitol City Golf Course
Sunday May 15, 2022 Check in 11:30 T-time 1pm

Includes Green Fees, Range Balls, Cart, Lunch, Golfer Goodies, Blind Auction, Demerit and Mullinax FORD HOLE-IN-ONE OPPORTUNITY

Come out and enjoy a round of golf with friends and support those programs Lions Project New Hope Northwest – who put on Family Camps and Retreats for veterans suffering from PTSD, the Jim LeBell North Thurston School District Scholarship Fund for High School Seniors, our Lions District Governor’s “Signature Project” Mary Bridge Children’s Cancer Center Fund for Families, and other community projects. Enjoy a putting contest, round of golf, meal and blind silent auction while supporting your local community. For men and women, there will be cash prizes for longest drive closest to the center of the fairway and put 3 closest to the hole.

$75 per person // $300 per team

Teams that pay early, ensure they get a spot.

Last year we were full up by April 15th

1. TEAM CAPTAIN__________________________
ADDRESS______________________________
PHONE ________________________________ EMAIL ________________________________
2. PLAYER ______________________________ EMAIL ________________________________
3. PLAYER ______________________________ EMAIL ________________________________
4. PLAYER ______________________________ EMAIL ________________________________

Mail this form and check to Lacey Sunrise Lions, P.O. Box 3625, Lacey 98509
Or Pay online at www.LaceySunriseLions.org
but we still need this form.

For questions please contact Terry Stuey 360-454-6556 collera@comcast.net

Pierce County Virtual Lions Club
Charter Night and Member Induction Ceremony
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022 6:00PM - 9:00PM
AUBURN GOLF COURSE BOGEYS - BANQUET RM
29630 GREEN RIVER RD SE AUBURN, WA 98002

$40 per person pre-paid / $50 Door - BBQ Meal
Raffle Items, plus Lions Only 50/50 & Door Prize
RSVP before May 12th, pевextualions@gmail.com
Make checks out to: PC Virtual Lions Club

Mail checks to
Lion Lisa Ikeda
See District 19C Roster for address or pay via Venmo

We look forward to seeing you.
Fellow Lions clubs, we ask that you please bring a nice raffle item.
Monetary donations can be made out to PC Virtual Lions Club.

Event hosted by Auburn Noon Lions & Pierce County Virtual Lions, Club sponsored by the Enumclaw Lions.

Spaghetti Dinner
Joepphi's Italian Restaurant
2207 N. Pearl St. Tacoma 98406
Wednesday * May 18, 2022 * 5:30 PM
Hosts: Tacoma Centennial (TC) and Lakewood First Lion’s Clubs
Pasto Dinner with Music & Entertainment
Baskets Auction – 50/50 Raffle
Meal includes spaghetti & meatballs, Green Salad, Bread Sticks and Strawberry Shortcake
140/meal or 142/gluten free meal.

Entertainment:
Bob Johnson with Accordionist Lindy Shaefer
PLUS Dave O’Keeffe and the House Band

Want to join us? Call –
Bob Johnson: 253-358-8643
or Lynda Jackson: 252-777-7685

FUNDRAISER FOR THE COMMUNITY
Tacoma Downtown Lions
Flapjack Fundraiser/Raffle

Saturday May 14, 2022
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Cost $10/person

Includes: Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Juice & Coffee

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT OUR CHILDREN’S PROJECTS & THEIR FAMILIES:
*YWCA Emergency Safe Shelter
*Providing Clothing for Hilltop Elementary School’s Children
*Dictionaries to Ft Lewis/McChord Schools’ Children
*Providing Eye Glasses & exams to children & their families

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE BREAKFAST
Tickets: 3 for $5

Applebee’s in University Place
3819 Bridgeport Way West
University Place, WA 98466

Call Barbara Wasser 253-752-4764 for Tickets!

C1 Lions at Wards
Lake Park - Lakewood
Parks Appreciation
Day 2022

Tacoma Centennial
Lions Club
9 Hole Best Ball
Golf classic
$35 per person entry fee
Limited
Registration, Raffle,
Prizes and so much
more...

Saturday, July 16, 2022
10:00AM TEE TIME
Meadow Park
Williams 9 - Tacoma

Questions 253-353-3043 or
bobjohnson.centennial@gmail.com

C3 Lions at Auburn Mill
Pond Park Parks
Appreciation Day 2022
MD-19 and BEYOND
Lions Club Officer Learning
All Lions and Leos Welcome

LIONS CLUB OFFICER LEARNING FOR 2022-2023

Be prepared to enhance your personal leadership skills and work with your Lions team—in any environment whether virtual or face to face.

Join our experienced facilitators from MD19.

ALL LIONS and LEOs WELCOME

Learn! Collaborate! Share ideas!
Discuss challenges and develop solutions.

Choose from one of these sessions:

Saturday, June 11  9:00 AM—12:30 PM  Register for June 11
Saturday, July 16   9:00 AM—12:30 PM  Register for July 16
Saturday, August 27 9:00 AM—12:30 PM  Register for Aug 27

All club officers should join for the entire session.

Email t.smarsh@att.net with questions.

You will receive your ZOOM confirmation when you register. Pre-assignment sent a few days before event.

“You hold a unique position to empower your club and guide it to success during your term.

To ensure your success, we will present some helpful tools and resources for you.

Learn for the first time or return to brush up on the key skills, attitudes, and actions of excellent leaders.” ~from LCI

Join us with your entire club officer TEAM!

It is recommended that each new elected and appointed Officer (Club President, Vice President(s), Secretary, Treasurer and Board of Directors) to attend at least one of the three sessions. These training sessions are open to all club members they are not recorded. Attendance is part of the LCI club award qualifications packet. Participation in these training events should be documented in each clubs nomination for the annual Club Excellence award.

Register now for June 11th 9:00am to 12:30pm is open see Training link or use QR Code
CANCELLED—Due to continued concerns with COVID, the District 19C Annual Convention has been cancelled.

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We will still carry on with the following via email in the spring:

⇒ Election of District Officers
⇒ Election of MD19 Officers
⇒ District Contest and Awards
⇒ District Lion of the Year

Also, instead of the Convention, we will be holding a Celebration of our Lions Year and Banner Passing on July 30, 2022. More information to come.
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum - Register now.
The 46th annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum 2022 “Stampede to Lead” is scheduled for September 15th-17th to be held this year in person up in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. This famous educational event is highly beneficial for all Lions and those upcoming Lions leaders. Flyer - See page 10

101st
MD19 ANNUAL CONVENTION
Save the Date
OCTOBER 13 - 15, 2022

MD19 LIONS
HAVE 20/20
“ENDLESS VISION FOR PROVIDING SERVICE”
PENTICTON

LAKESIDE RESORT
& CONFERENCE CENTRE
PENTICTON, BC, CANADA

Come join us for fellowship, learning and fun and “celebrate” getting together again.
Lions KidSight USA

Has your club applied for a Vision Screening Grant? Grants may be requested to fund the purchase of vision screening devices in relation to KidSight efforts.

Standard Grants are a matching grant opportunity where Lions may request up to 50% of the overall project cost (not to exceed $100,000) and must contribute local matching funding for the remaining 50% of the project.

The minimum grant request amount for Standard grants is $10,000. (2 vision screeners) Funding may not be requested for operational expenses or on a reimbursement basis. Additionally, the local match must be cash and at least two Lions clubs must sponsor the grant application; although, several clubs could be involved. Applications may be submitted at the District or Multiple District level. Other criteria apply.

Standard grants are reviewed by the LCIF Board of Trustees 3 times a year. Applications must be received in completed form the Humanitarian Programs Department no later than sixty days before scheduled board meetings. Please check with LCIF on the application deadline dates.

For more information on the Standard Grants program and Vision Screening Project Guidelines, please contact Wesley Gathings in the LCIF Humanitarian Programs Department at Wesley.gathings@lionsclubs.org or 630-468-6887. This LCIF Grant Statement - download PDF Standard Grant Application - download PDF Vision Screening Project Guidelines - download PDF
Camp Leo Returns

Great news Lions, Camp Leo resumes in person camps this month. Please note the Camp Leo dates in July, do overlap. There will be an opportunity for Lions to volunteer the last day of the session, though it will be different based on their COVID protocols. If you and/or your club are interested in volunteering at Camp Leo, please reach out to the new Executive Director Madi Johnson for Camp Leo COVID protocols. Please note the location change.

Spring:

May 6-8 Camp Leo Leadership Training Weekend, Black Diamond, WA

Summer:

July 17-20 Camp Leo Elementary School, Black Diamond, WA
July 20-24 Camp Leo Middle School, Black Diamond, WA
July 18-22 Camp Leo Junior High School, Black Diamond, WA
July 21-25 Camp Leo High School, Black Diamond, WA

Fall:

September 30-October 2 ConnecT1D Family Camp, Warm Beach in Stanwood, WA

Donations can be made out to Camp Leo + ConnecT1D and sent to: 31811 Pacific Hwy. South Suite B #224 Federal Way, WA 98003

Please see February’s 19C Newsletter for registration form.
Dear Lions:

You have been asking about Ukraine and how we can help. There are Lions clubs in Poland and surrounding countries that have received $15,000 in grants already from LCIF in each of six districts, in order to help the refugees coming into their countries.

I am calling on District 19 C to step up and send donations in to help Ukraine NOW.

Lions stand for peace and understanding, and we unite through kindness to serve those in need. Your donation to LCIF’s Refugees and Displaced Persons fund will help ensure that Lions are there to help them find the safety and security they desperately need. Please mark your donation from district 19C

Refugees and Displaced Persons Fund – LCIF is actively collecting donations to its Refugees and Displaced Persons fund, which will help ensure that Lions are there to help them find the safety and security they desperately need. All donations – 100% – benefit grants and programs and qualify for limited-edition Campaign 100 recognition and Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) or Progressive MJF. Donations made to this fund are not eligible to receive District and Club Community Impact Grants.

I thank you in advance for your kindness and for stepping up to help Ukraine.

Barbara Ellis
Past District Governor

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**Newsletter, Website and Facebook Submissions:**

Please send in and keep us up to date on your clubs events, projects and fundraisers so we can add them to the Districts newsletter, Facebook page and website. Due to the number of articles and submissions received please send your items before the 25th of each month, early submissions welcome. Please be mindful of the Newsletters limited space, please do not send flyers larger than 1/4 -1/3 of the page, please send a PDF, JPG, JPEG, PNG, EPS file/format. Flyer’s must be readable when reduced, please use large text size and do not include unnecessary wordy text and/or order forms.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation,

19C Newsletter/Website/Social Media Team
Now that Earth Day has gone by, here are some results: by Bob Johnson, Environmental Chair

C – 1 – Wards Lake Park on 84th St – Tacoma Centennial, Lakewood Knights, Lakewood First, Tacoma Southeast and Pierce County Virtual. Spread Bark and painted the bathroom.

C – 2 – Were at parks in Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater and were represented by Olympia Host, Olympia West and Tumwater. A BIG HUGE THANK YOU to Lion James Reddick for chairing the C – 2 – C – 6 Parks clean up.

C – 3 – Mill Pond in Auburn – Federal Way, Auburn, Kent, Enumclaw, Sumner and Pierce County Virtual. Please remember the Annual C – 3 Special Needs Fishing Derby will be held at this Mill Pond on Saturday, May 14. More info Contact PZC Bob Darrigan. A HUGE THANK YOU TO Lion Bob Darrigan for his NUMEROUS YEARS of chairing this event. Bob Darrigan, you’re the MAN.

C – 4 – Lions Park in Bremerton – Bremerton, Port Orchard and Poulsbo Noon. Sounds like a beach clean up and other stuff. Congratulations to Bremerton Central for 97OUTSTANDING YEARS OF SERVICE.

C – 5 – Springbrook Park in Lakewood – Spanapark, Spanaway and Puyallup Southhill. The Lakewood First Lions were there in force too. Spread Bark and paint.

C – 6 – Were at parks in Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater and Tenino. Lacey Lamplighters, Lacey Mid – Day and Lacey Sunrise. C- 2- C –6 event also included high school kids with a competition amongst high schools.

Many thanks to ZC’s Balarie, Bill, Jean, Bob, Don and Mike for setting these events up.

Here are the results of our 19C environmental Program so far.

Club – 35 Zone – 19 District – 15 MD – 12 To earn the Environmental Patch, a club must fulfill all four areas.

All you OUTSTANDING LIONS in 19C, are doing a GREAT job in the Environmental Project Area stressed by LCI. Keep up, the Good work.

WE SERVE – THE CLASS DISTRICT.

Photo from Olympia Host and Olympia West Lions Parks Appreciation day. More photos from Parks Appreciation day are on page 6.
MD19 Youth Exchange Foundation

The Lions MD19 Youth Exchange Program needs help to get restarted following two years of no activity. For the first time, the Program will start with a one-week camp, from June 23rd to 30th, followed by a two-week home stay. We are having a very hard time getting host families and marshalling some resources. Since the youth are all coming from Europe, it is necessary to have everything for sleeping and eating already at the camp. The program needs cash donations to purchase needed items. It also needs the loan of a 15-passenger van for sightseeing and attending events. The camp will be on Camano Island at the Ballard/University Lions Club facility. Here is the link for info: https://www.md19lionsyouthexchange.org/.

Monetary donations should be mailed to Tammy Allan, 312 S. 1st Street, Selah, WA 98942. For donations of needed items, please contact Tammy at allaninsurance@fairpoint.net or 509-697-7966.

Thank you,

George Robison, President MD19 Youth Exchange Foundation