

# NEWSLETTER DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELAINE LUK



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## DISTRICT L EXECUTIVE



DG Elaine Luk



IPDG Lia Versaevel



Cab Treasurer PZC Teresa Ng



IPDG May Ho



Cab Secretary
PDG Grace Hwo



1st VDG Kevin Borde

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

I would like to personally wish everyone of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year. With the Holiday Season behind us, it is now time to set or review our goals for the remainder of our term.

We Lions need to change, and it is indeed a challenge. We have been highly successful for more than 100 years and the tendency is to keep doing what we do.... because that is how we have always done it. But the world around us has changed and we need to change, too.

It has been said that if you change your thoughts, you can change the world. The only real impediment to Lions evolving and increasing our stature and numbers in our communities is ourselves. We belong to a great organization that has proven its value generation after generation, country after country. We Lions have the formula for success.

Service to others is a magnificent, noble endeavor with great staying power. And we have a lot of fun while we serve. But we must evolve from our past, not be chained to it.

Lions be creative, use your imagination. Dream up new ways of holding meetings, attracting new members, and doing services. Be practical and prudent but do not hesitate to improvise and experiment. No one likes to change but everyone relishes success. The world wants us and needs us. Our service is indispensable. It is up to us to remain relevant.

We cannot say it better. What an inspirational message. Let us motivate our clubs to think outside of the box.

Build our membership, retain our members, have fun at our meetings. Work for our communities and always remember – We are Lions!

Be proud and prowl outside of our clubs.

Support another club's event.

Be involved. We encourage all of you to take the Challenge to Change.

Elaine Luk,

District 19L District Governor 2023-2024

# DISTRICT L Cabinet Members

#### **CABINET CHAIRPERSONS**

GAT Coordinator: DG Elaine Luk GLT Coordinators: PDG Rita Fok

**PCC Al Beddows** 

GMT Coordinators: PDG Kenneth Liu PZC Betty Anne Herbert GET Coordinators: PZC Sherman Lo GST Coordinators: PCS Clara Chow PDG Georgia Medwidrich

#### **COMMITTES UNDER GST**

Vision:

Diabetes: PDG Georgia Medwidrich

**Hunger:** 

Childhood Cancer:

Environment: PZC Pollyanna Lui BC Lions Society Chairpersons: (Mainland) PZC Sharon Hansen (Island) PDG Rob Dalton

CARE Chairperson: PZC Jocelyn Wan Convention Chairperson: PCC

Polly Voon

Constitution & Bylaws Chairperson:

**PCC Polly Voon** 

Contests & Awards: PZC Kitty Lo Cultural & Com Activities Chairperson: PDG Peter Cheng

District Administrator PZC Sherman Lo District Marketing Chairperson: IPDG May Ho

District Newsletter Chairperson: Evelyn Smith

LCIF Coordinators: PDG Shella Keung PDG Lorne Bunyan

Leo Liaison Chairperson: PDG Grace Hwo

LFC Dog Guide Co-chairs: PDG Simon Yau

Carol Martin

Lions Quest Chairpersons:

PZC Vivian Lo Betsy Banford

Parliamentarian: PCC Polly Voon

Peace Poster Co-Chairs:

Amy Tam James Hoskins

Youth Exchange Co-chairs PZC George Sim IPDG Lia Versaevel



## **DG VISITATION SCHEDULE**

## **Schedule Confirmed 2024:**

January 11th

January 19 th

January 22nd

January 25th

Van Cathay Lions Club (L-A1)

Van Arbutus Lions Club (L-I7)

Gabriola Island Lions Club (L-I7)

February 12th Cowichan Lake Lions Club (L-I4)
February 12th Ladysmith Lions Club (L-I4)

February 13th Sooke District Lioness Lions Club (L-I2)

February 14th North Vancouver Deep Cove Lions Club (L-A2)

February 15th Malahat Lions Club (L-I4)
February 20th Duncan Lions Club (L-I4)
February 22nd Mill Bay Lions Club (L-I4)

March 5th Sidney Lions Club (L-I3)

March 6th Pemberton Lions Club (L-A2) (Joint ZC & DG visits)
March 7th Squamish Lions Club (L-A2) (Joint ZC & DG visits)

March 11th Cedar Lions Club (L-I4)

March 25th Saturna Island Lions Club(L-I3)

April 25th Sooke Lions Club (L-I2)
May 20th Nanaimo Lions Club (I-I7)

# MEET LION TERESA NG District 19L 2nd Vice District Governor 2023-2024

Lion Teresa Ng is from Hong Kong in 1980. She is a travel consultant for over 40 years.

She joined Vancouver Pacific Lions Club in 1994. She served as President in 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and 2016-2017 and received President Excellence Award in the three terms served.

She served as Club Secretary in 1998-1999, 2009-2010, 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and received Secretary Excellence Award in the four terms served. She also served as Club Treasurer 1996-1997, 1997-1998, 2006-2007, 2011-2012, 2021-2022 and received Treasurer 100% Excellence Award in the five terms served.

Lion Teresa was also awarded the Club Lion of the Year 2000-2001 and 2012-2013. She Served as Zone Chair on District A-1 2005-2006 and achieved the Zone Chair Excellence Award. In 2020, she also served as Vancouver Pacific Housing Society President for 2 years for the Golden Age Court low-income senior housing in Chinatown.

During her 29 years of service, Lion Teresa is dedicated to her club's signature project-Langara Care Home dim sum delivery. She maintains 100% attendance, supports young lions, serves the seniors, and fulfills lion's motto of "We SERVE" to the community and supports LCIF at all times.

Lion Teresa was recognized with numerous Awards such as International President's Certificate of Appreciation, Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow -3 Diamonds, Progressive Judge Brian Stevenson Award, Meade Sutherland Fellow Award, Gordon Smith Care Fellowship Award, Extension Award, 25 years Monarch Chevron, DG's Gung Ho Award in 1999-2000.

Currently Lion Teresa is District 19L Cabinet Treasurer. She is also a Certified Guiding Lion for the term 2024-2026. Lion Teresa likes cooking and knitting.

## **2023 - 2024 LCI LEADERSHIP**



Dr. Patti Hill International President



Brian Sheehan Imm. Past Intl President



Fabrício Oliveira Intern'l 1st Vice President



A. P. Singh Intern'l 2nd Vice President



Mark Lyon Intern'l 3rd Vice President



Let's Celebrate Our 1st District 19L Annual Convention April 12-13, 2024

Lead The Way

Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport 7311 Westminster Highway Richmond, BC

> April 12, 2024 (Friday) Cabinet Meeting, Fun Night

April 13, 2024 (Saturday) Fellowship Breakfast, Opening Session, Memorial Service, Lunch, Contests, Appreciation Banquet & Awards



HOTEL ROOM RATES: Single or double occupancy, Standard room @ \$179/room night + taxes. Suites start @ \$199/room night + taxes. Complimentary parking & Wi-Fi included. Rates honored up to 3 days prior and post conference, subject to availability. Special rate expires March 11, 2024.

FOR RESERVATIONS: Call 604-278-5555 or toll free 1-800-663-2878. For special rates, you must quote "Lions District 19L Conference" at

> Convention Chairperson Polly Voon, PCC Phone: 604-290-7756 Email: polly\_voon@telus.net

"CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & PROGRAM DETAILS TO COME"

for Island attendees. If anyone needs transportation from the

ferry to hotel, please take one of the Friday morning sailings to the Tsawwassen terminal or, if preferred, take the bus at the terminal to Richmond. We need to know if anyone needs transportation by March 31st so we make the arrangements. **Convention Schedule (Tentative)** - Friday — Cabinet Meeting afternoon, off site to be confirmed by DG Elaine and CS Grace Hwo. Dinner on your own. Fun Night to start around 7:30pm-8:00pm. Saturday – Convention Breakfast 6:30am. Opening Session 8:00am. Memorial Service 9:00am. Coffee Break 9:45am. Leadership Panel 10:00am-11:00am. Lunch 12:00pm1:30pm. Contests 2:00pm-4:00pm. Appreciation Banquet & Awards Dinner 7:00pm-10:00pm

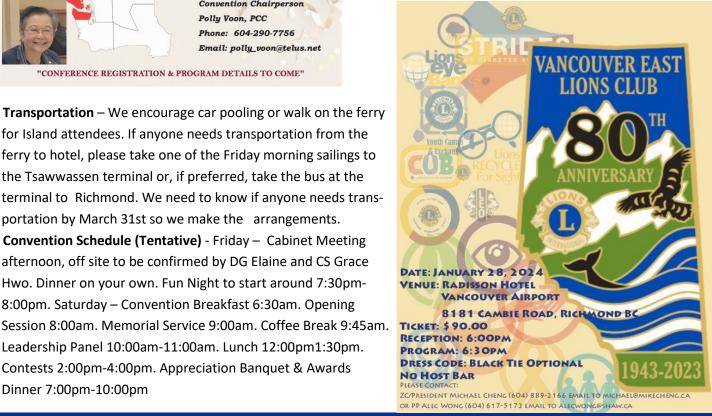
## **Convention Committee Meeting Excerpts December 19:**

Date and Venue of Convention – April 12 & 13, 2024 at the Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport, Richmond. Instructions on booking hotel rooms are on flyer posted on District Convention page on the District website.

**LCI Guest Speaker** – First Year International Director Marie Cunning from Phoenix, Arizona USA. She is a business owner and entrepreneur with more than 35 years of experience in real estate development. She has accepted our invitation.

Registration cost: Cost of registration with registration, fun night, breakfast, lunch and Appreciation Banquet & Awards Dinner is \$200 but we offer a \$15 discount for a package of \$185 which includes registration and tickets to all events.

A tentative Convention program of events, Registration Form, and Souvenir Program Advertising Application will be available after January 1st, 2024.



# MD 19 L SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES AT CHRISTMAS



## SOOKE HARBOURSIDE LIONS 20TH ANNIVERSARY HIGHLIGHTS

The Sooke Harbourside Lions had the honour to have International President Dr. Patti Hill as their special guest.





IP Patti Hill and Sooke Harbourside Charter members



Maggie Vause, IP Patti Hill, and Club Pres Susan Bennet



Whole Sooke Harbourside Club with IP Patti (in attendance)



IP Patti giving Lion Maja Tait, the Mayor of Sooke, with a copy of the winning Peace Poster



IP Patti giving the newest members of the Harbourside Lions her banner Lion Joanne Payment receiving Certificate of Appreciation from IP Patti



## SOOKE HARBOURSIDE LIONS VISITATION









## **ERIC HAMBER LEOS CLUB CHARTER INSTALLATION**

Eric Hamber Leo Club (19L-A7) sponsored by Vancouver Diamond Lions Club approved by LCI on November 17, 2023.





# VANCOUVER SUNSHINE LEOS CLUB CHARTER INSTALLATION

Welcome to Vancouver Sunshine Leo Club sponsored by Vancouver Sunshine Lions Club!









## **WEST SHORE LIONS**

DG Elaine presenting the 20-Years Monarch Chevron to PZC Joan and Lion Frank Chevrier. (left)



## **VANCOUVER NORTHERN STAR LIONS**



DG/Zone Chair Official Visitation to The Vancouver Northern Star Lions Club/Club Installation Ceremony/Senior's Free Luncheon.



## **VANCOUVER POINT GREY LIONS CHRISTMAS & FUNDRAISING NIGHT**













## **VICTORIA LIONS**

Three clubs in a roll today. Start from meeting Victoria Lions Club - a club with more than 54 Lions year history - at lunch, sharing ideas within each other. Congratulation to PDG Marcel Deslauriers for receiving the 40- Years Monarch Chevron. What a great start of the day.







Official visitation to Victoria Chinatown Lions Club and Saanich Lions Club. Congratulations to Lion Jack McMillan received 10-Year Monarch Chevron, PZC Brian Morin receive 20-Year Monarch Chevron. More than that, PZC Brian Morin and Lion Paul Hammond also being awarded Melvin Jones Fellowship by their club - Saanich Lions Club. What a great way to end the day.

## **JOINT SAANICH LIONS & VICTORIA CHINATOWN LIONS**







Jack McMillan Brian Morin



Morin Paul Hammond



## **VICTORIA CHINATOWN LIONESS LIONS**



## **VANCOUVER PIONEER LIONS & VANCOUVER PIONEER LEOS**

District Governor and Zone Chair Official Visitation to the Vancouver Pioneer Lions Club and The Vancouver Pioneer Leo Club. Such an amazingly talented group of youngsters full of confidence and ambition. They are ready to take on the world and challenge the status quo. Don't be in their way for they will move you.













## **VANCOUVER GATEWAY LIONS**

















Our Newly Installed Board Members for 2023 - 2024 - December 1 2023 Welcome new 3 members to Lionism

# VANCOUVER EAST and VANCOUVER LEGACY LIONS - SENIORS LUNCHEON



The Vancouver East Lions and Vancouver Legacy Lions club - Christmas Luncheon for low income seniors. The collaborative efforts have made this project a huge success. Good job!







HAPPY MEM YEAR



## **USEFUL WEBSITES/FACEBOOK**

### **Lions International**

Website: lionsclubs.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/lionsclubs

## **Intl President Patti Hill**

www.facebook.com/LionsPresident/

#### District 19 L

Website: www.district19L.org/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/profile.php? id=100094341687345&mibextid=LQQJ4d

## **Multiple District 19**

Website: lionsmd19.org

www.facebook.com/groups/2366674192

#### **Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF**

Website: lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca Facebook: www.facebook.com/LCIFLions

## **BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities**

Website: lionsbc.ca

Facebook: www.facebook.com/EasterSealsBCY/

**C.A.R.E. Project** (click on "Affiliations" tab)

https://lionsmd19.org

## **Lions of BC Hearing Conservation Society**

lionsofbchearingsociety.org

## **Leader Dogs for the Blind**

leaderdog.org

## **Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides**

dogguides.com

## **Diabetes Awareness**

diabetes.ca

### Northwest Lions Foundation - restoring sight,

hearing and hope

Website: nlfoundation.org

## **Global Action Team (GAT)**

**Facebook**: www.facebook.com/groups/2236757789943562

Lions Global Causes: www.lionsclubs.org/en/

explore-our-clubs/our-global-causes

## Leo Clubs

Website: Lionsclubs.org/leos

Facebook: www.facebook.com/leoclubs

# THE NORTHERN ROAR

By Ken Copping

## Greetings Fellow Lions from Zone L-A4



**Prince Rupert Lions Club** purchase clothing for the less fortunate from merchants. Lion Ed Landrath / sight impaired with his guide dog Annie; Lion Zone chair Ken Copping and Lion Anne Copping, Store manage Monty, filling up another cart.

Lions loading the truck.



Prince Rupert Lions Donate \$10,000 ten thousand dollars to The Salvation Army for the soup kitchen and Food Bank programs President Len Lovering, Capt Dawn Butt. Mascot Lion; Lion Anne Copping and PVP Lion Dave Main



December 27th is the North Prince Rupert 31st annual fishing derby. This years Derby winner was Jean Nelson weighing 8.2kg or 18.078lbs took home \$1200.00 sponsored by Harbour Machining Prince Rupert. Second largest Derby Prize went to Kate Morse weighing 7.46kg or 16.45lbs was \$1000 Sponsored by Broadwater and Northern Savings Credit Union followed by a shared \$500 from The Prince Rupert Port Authority going to Rick Gilker and Joely Novak weighing 6.06 kg or 13.36 lbs



**Granisle Lions Club** helps growth of Lions in the North newest member Bryan Longpre installed by Zone Chair Ken.

Granisle Lion's Club and the Granisle Volunteer Fire Department co-sponsored a wonderful evening, the park looks beautiful all lit up, the BBQ was amazing, and the bonfire and caroling were just the best!

Above - Granisle residents showed up in full Dec. 1 for the community's annual Cram the Cruiser event. From the left, Lions club organizer Karen Barber, Houston/Granisle Victim Services coordinator Paul Batley, Granisle mayor Linda McGuire, paramedic Megan Berg, paramedic Tyree Parkin and RCMP constable Emile Rousseau were among those on hand.



Above Skidegate Inlet Lions Club held a Breakfast with Santa Dec 17/23



# Lions Multiple District 19 Training and Information Schedule January and February 2024



New Member Orientation third Monday of every month	
Artificial Intelligence and ChatGPT *	4 Jan
Make a YouTube video using that amazing device in your pocket	9 Jan
The International Board meeting in Vancouver, BC *	12 Jan
Leader Dogs for the Blind *	
Duties and Responsibilities of the Club Secretary	18 Jan
New Member Orientation	22 Jan
Lions Together: The Power of Followership in Building Communities *	
Member Satisfaction *	24 Jan
Succession planning	30 Jan
Reporting service in MyLCI	31 Jan

Here is the MD 19 training for January. For the full schedule visit the MD19 website (https://lionsmd19.org/)
For more information please contact Al Hedstrom @

lional@hedstrom.ws

# THE NORTHERN ROAR continued

## **Greetings Lions from Zone L-A6**

Sunshine coast Lions Club made 3 donations for the Sunshine Coast

Community Services!

Community Services!

\$1,000 to Yew Transition House!

\$1,831 to the Food Bank!





\$1000 to Arrowhead Clubhouse!

SANSITION House \$1,0

The Arrowhead Clubhouse is a place where people living with mental health challenges can come together to learn skills, get support, and build relationships in a safe, stigma-free environment.

The Club sold Christmas Trees to raise money

Club sold books and quilting samples at Trail Bay Mall in Sechelt Nov. 25 and 30. Most of the books belonged to Jim Brookes, our beloved Secretary

Treasurer who passed away two years ago, We are also selling quilting and samples donated by his wife Kerrin Brookes, who is not a Lion yet, and she set up and worked at the booth both days. She made \$600. Which she donated to the Club's Activity Fund.



Every Saturday, we run a "Gift Card / Meat Draw" at the Lighthouse Pub in Sechelt from 2 - 4 pm. We raffle 10 - \$20. Claytons Gift Certificates 3 - \$50. Lighthouse gift Cards which the Lighthouse Pub donates, and a Prime Rib Roast valued at approximately \$100. To date, we are \$3,594 ahead of last year to date. The reintroduction of meat has helped with the increased sales. For our December 16 event, we will

Members brought warm jackets and other warm clothing to out Lions Meeting Room.

Also, Tenants in our Seniors Housing Project - Greenecourt - donated a large number of items. The Club also donated \$500. to purchase underwear and socks for the home-

be raffling 6 turkeys, 6 hams and 6 \$50. Lighthouse Gift Cards.

items. The Club also donated \$500. to purchase underwear and socks for the homeless. All the items were delivered to the Sechelt RainCity Shelter and were much appreciated. In our local newspaper, - Kisses and Kicks Section - the following thank you was inserted by a grateful individual "A huge bucket full of kisses to the Sunshine Coast Lions club and Greenecourt for their generous donations to the RainCity Shelter"





Our Lions Club arranged for the construction of a ramp at the front entrance of one of our Lions members, as he was unable to go out due to the three steps at the front of the house. We looked at building the ramp ourselves, but decided to hire a professional to ensure the ramp would be completely safe. Cost was \$1,144.

The Sunshine Coast Lions Club has been proudly serving the community since 1964, generating funds and supporting initiatives in our community for our community.

## **MD19 L LEO HIGHLIGHTS**

## 19L Leo District 2023-2024 Officers



Erica Zhang President Vancouver Fraser Leo Club



Selina Luo Vice President Vancouver Point Grey Leo Club





Kenneth Lo Secretary Vancouver Fraser Leo Club



Keiju Tsujimoto Co-Secretary Vancouver Fraser Leo Club



Leo Pi Treasurer Vancouver Fraser Leo Club





Leo District President Erica Zhang is currently in eleventh grade at North Surrey Secondary. During her year of being Charter President with the Vancouver Fraser Leo Club (2022-2023), she admired all that the club did to address humanitarian issues. Being in such a knowledgeable organisation has taught her that an individual can make a

great impact on society and inspired her to take initiative to do more for our community. Some of her most recent achievements within the past year include but don't conclude:

- Recruitment of 5 new Leo Club members in the month of October
- Establishment of an Instagram page for outreach and marketing purposes
- Collecting a donation of ~100 eyeglasses

Leo Erica demonstrates strong leadership skills as she has background experience working as a manager for a business club and she also coaches dance as an extracurricular activity. Though she has many commitments, she is still able to be an active participant in the club with her time management. She has profound knowledge on contemporary world problems, as well as a deep understanding of local social issues that can be addressed.



Leo District Vice President Selina Luo is a high achiever in school, taking all academic classes, as her high school is known for The International Baccalaureate (IB) which offers a continuum of international education through four challenging, high quality educational programs to her since Grade 8 all the way

to the Grade 12. This program encourages both personal development and academic achievement, challenging her to think critically, to ask the right questions and think across disciplines. While balancing all her academic classes, she is in a leadership group called PERLS which stands for Physical Education Recreational Leadership Students. Outside of school, she was in cadets for 4 years and earned the role of a Sargent. This position serves as the enlisted advisor to the Company Commander and a representative in all matters regarding enlisted cadets including morale, discipline, and well-being. Alongside that she was the Charter President of Vancouver Point Grey Leo Club. Some achievements and volunteer work she has done in this time was volunteering to be the MC of the Vancouver Fundraising Christmas Event for the Lions club, volunteering at the Concord Pacific Dragon Boat Festival to gain more donors for the Other Half Chinese Stem Cell Initiative and the Lions International District 19L Walk for Diabetes in October 2023.

## **DISTRICT L C.A.R.E.**



This year and next year funds will go to help convert Pig Manure into energy. There is a shortage of wood in Honduras due to erosion, storms, Covid, and more. They have found that pig manure can be converted to energy and used for cooking, heat, light, and more.



Watch this YouTube video: https://youtu.be/Md8S\_XSXItw

To date our donations to CARE are minimal with a goal of \$40,000. Please continue to support MD19 to promote CARE and secure donations from all your clubs. This is a MD19 Program that our Council of Governors voted for and we need to support their decisions.

19L has a total donation of \$2,170 up to November's report. MD19 total of \$12,895. We are still far away from our target. I encourage your club to donate as minimum as \$5 per member.

Cheque can be sent to MD19 Lions, PO Box 1621, Aldergrove, BC, V4W 2V1 Payable to MD19, in memo section write CARE

Lion Jocelyn Wan, IPZC 19L CARE Chairperson

Visit https://lionsmd19.org/gordon\_smith.php to learn more about the Gordon F. Smith Fellowship

## **VANCOUVER CHINATOWN LIONS NEWS**

We wish to convey to you the happy news that our International President DR. Pattie Hill has accepted our invitation to be the keynote speaker at the 70th Charter Anniversary of Vancouver Chinatown Lions Club. The function will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at Chinatown Floata Restaurant. For more info contact PDG Syrus Lee 604-290-2808 or email: <a href="mailto:leesyrus@gmail.com">leesyrus@gmail.com</a>

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Co-Chairperson
PDG Syrus Lee
PDG Henry Ng

The 70th Charter Anniversary Committee, Vancouver Chinatown Lions Club

# **DISTRICT L ENVIRONMENT**

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## **VANCOUVER BURRARD LIONS SHORELINE CLEANUP**



Join Vancouver Burrard Lions Club at our next Ocean Wise Shoreline Cleanup at Jericho Beach park. Meeting point is the Park sign near West 4th Avenue. Hope to see you there!

Jericho Beach Park Jan 28/24

https://www.facebook.com/events/3593994057582552/?ref=newsfeed

## Chinese New Year - February 10, 2024





# Put this on your bucket list for next year!



Lions International builds a float for the Rose Parade. Lions Members can be part of building the float and walking in the parade. Visit here to see how you can be part of this exciting event <a href="https://lionsfloat.org/">https://lionsfloat.org/</a>



Watch this YouTube video about this years float. www.facebook.com/boldexplorers/ videos/891355542240721

The Tournament of Roses Parade will be January 1, 2024. The Parade's Theme is

"Celebrating A World of Music: The Universal Language"

The theme for the Lions International Float is

"Changing the World through Music."

# INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL AND DISTRICT CALENDAR

#### 2024

#### **JANUARY**

January Hunger Awareness Month

January Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI)

January 13 Melvin Jones Birthday

January 27 3rd Cabinet Meeting Mainland

#### **FEBRUARY**

February Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

**February 01** - LCIF grant application deadline for consideration in May 2024 by the LCIF Board of Trustees for Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Hunger, Matching and Lions Quest grants.

February 5th District LFC Dog Guides Fundraising Gala

February 07-08 - MISSION 1.5 Worldwide Reporting Day

February 15 International Childhood Cancer Day

**February 27-29** FVDG/DGE Seminar (Days 1-3) •St. Charles, IL (USA) - FVDGs/DGEs gather for three days of in-person classroom

#### MARCH

March 1 Lions Day with the United Nations (New York City, NY, USA)
March 13 Dist Annual MJF/PMJF Appreciation Gala, Richmond IPDG
Brian Sheehan keynote speaker

March 14 1 LCI Board Meeting

#### APRIL

April Environmental Awareness Month Family & Friends Month

Leo Club Awareness Month

April 12 4th Cabinet Meeting

April 13 District L Convention Executive Hotel Vancouver Aiport

**April 27** Worldwide Induction Day (WWID) membership celebration to unite clubs around the world in welcoming new members.

### MAY

May Strengthen Membership Month

May 16-19 MD19 Convention Silver Reef Casino near Bellingham May 08-10 LCIF Board of Trustees meeting •Oak Brook, IL (USA)

#### HINE

June 2 LCIF Tell-A-Thon

June 03-04 MISSION 1.5 Worldwide Reporting Day

June 6th 107th LCI Anniversary

June 21 - FVDG/DGE Seminar (Day 4) •Melbourne, Australia DGEs June 21-25 106th Lions Clubs International Convention •Melbourne,



HAPPY BIRTHDAY IP PATTI HILL

## **The Victoria Lions 8th Annual Soup Can Project**



Our project is led by Lion George Schellenberg who reports "This has been our Victoria Lions Club

8th Annual Soup Can Project and by far the biggest and most successful and growing each year. (Thanks for all the generous donations). The Club collects donations from Lions Club Members in lieu of



giving Christmas Gifts to each other at the Annual Christmas Dinner.

We delivered 67 cases of assorted cans of Campbell's Soup plus 3 cases (36 cans) of Chunky Stews for total cost of \$1,123.00 that was purchased at the Country Grocer, Royal Oak.

Lois & Alice took photographs using Lion Susan's phone at the Country Grocer with the group and Manager of the store at our pick up stop. Then we proceeded to the Community Kitchen at the



other end and there to meet us as we arrived with Lion Terry's pick-up Truck Load were Lions Jim, Don & Lois, Anne, Meghan, Susan, Denise, Kim Cummins, Director of Operations and Clarice Dillman, Board Chair of the Society.

All told over 500 pounds delivered to stock their shelves. It should be noted and acknowledged that Country Grocer, Royal Oak has been very kind and accommodating to us giving us a "Deep Discount" and in addition contribute some extra cases of soup at no charge. They are a local Grocer who contribute much back to the community and we thank them for their partnership.

This idea and endeavour was started in 2015 by Past Lion Mari Hall and Lion George. Our first 2 years the Soup Products were delivered to the Salvation Army (Stan Hagen Centre as our original beneficiary). In 2017, we recommended as the Broad to our Lions Club that we switch the annual Soup Donation to a new Beneficiary called the "Shelbourne Community Kitchen Society", a fairly new upstart volunteer Resource Centre operating out of a small house on Shelbourne St. providing a variety of food skills and cooking programs to the community. Since that time to date, we have provided them with approximately 2,500 cans of soup product. In addition to that we have supported them through annual donations amounting in total to approximately \$15,000.00!!

Today the Shelbourne Community Kitchen has within a few years grown into a dynamic resource centre that provides food services to approx. 1,500 Adults and 500 Children. They are about to open their new Commercial Kitchen to increase capacity and provide participants to learn and cook together, share community meals and host canning and preservation workshops. The food centre is also provided with the majority of fresh produce from two gardens from May to September."

Clarice Dillman, Board Chair of the Shelbourne Community Kitchen made a statement to our Victoria Lions Club: "Thank you for the great photos of the amazing Victoria Lions Club Soup Can Drive. It was so gratifying to see the incredible results of this soup can drive and have our shelves filled up with 65 cases! Kim and I enjoyed having the opportunity to chat with so many who turned out and to say thank you in person. The ongoing support, first from the Gordon Head Lions Club and now the Victoria Lions Club, means so much to us. Truly a community endeavour!

# **DISTRICT L NEWS/EVENTS**



**Brian E. Sheehan,** from Bird Island, Minnesota, USA, was elected to serve as international president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 104th International Convention, June 22 through June 28, 2022.



## Melvin Jones Fellowship

Contributions for the MJF can be made by individuals (including non-Lions), clubs or districts. Donations may be in one sum or in installments. Melvin Jones Fellows receive a special lapel pin, a plaque and a congratulatory letter.

## **Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships**

The Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) program is a way for donors to extend their commitment to LCIF. There are 54 recognition levels beyond the initial US\$1,000 MJF contribution with a unique pin for each giving level. After contributing US\$100,000, donors become Humanitarian Partners.



## Judge Brian Stevenson,

of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, was elected to serve as President of The International Association of Lions Clubs following his election at the association's 70th International Convention, held in Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China, July 1-4, 1987.

## **Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship**

Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship is to recognize Lions and other deserving recipients, PIP Judge Brian Stevenson has endorsed this fellowship. The recipient receives a medallion, lapel pin and signed certificate.

# **Progressive Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship**

This fellowship is a way to further honour someone who has received a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship. It is one of the greatest honours that can be bestowed within Lionism in Canada. The recipient receives a gold bar pin to be worn on the white ribbon of the Judge Brian Stevenson medallion as well as a lapel pin with ruby and a personalized certificate



# **DISTRICT L NEWS**

## **Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides**

By Carol Martin

I want to share a story. A true story.

Allister and Flyy are best buds. You'll see them always together. In fact, one cannot be without the other. They are partners in that Flyy is Allister's constant companion, offering a special knowing, care and warmth, because Allister is autistic.



Back seven years ago, the family gratefully welcomed Flyy, a golden retriever, into their home. Trained specifically at the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide's headquarters in Oakville, Ontario, Flyy is now nearing his working years as a dog guide. Flyy will be retired to another welcoming family, his working days moving into retirement.

Almost seamlessly, a new member of the family will take Flyy's place with Allister, and continue to support this young fellow of 15 years has he goes about his days, bringing calm and more independence no one could have imagined. A neighbour watched all these years, and saw how Allister had started to embrace life; started to navigate with his constant companion. The thought of Flyy being retired from his career was almost too much to bear.

They learned that the end to end costs of training and then matching a dog guide can exceed \$35,000. So, they marched right in and laid down significant dollars for Allister's new dog guide.



Everyone was floored. I became part of this moving story contacting the headquarters staff responsible for receiving this generous donation. In the end, we all are sharing so much gratitude that we are walking on air.

Rondel, another golden retriever, is scheduled to arrive in February.

Yes, a true story. Names have been changed for privacy.

Now another true story. This is THOMAS. He is the love of Lion Jude Briscoe here on Gabriola Island. Thomas is part of the walking-gang, and though he isn't trained as a dog guide, he offers love and 100% devotion. What more can anyone ask.

## Merry Christmas to All, and to All a Warm Cuddle!! Best Wishes to the Season!

Submitted by Lion Carol Martin, CoChair (Vancouver Island) Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides Ladysmith Lions Club



Excited to say that the Green Capes are sold out!

3rd Cabinet Meeting on
January 27, 2024 will take
place at Canadian Flower
Winery - 16060 Westminster
Hwy., Richmond. Starting time
is 1:30pm

## 2024 INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEETING HELP WANTED

**March 15-20th** LCI Board meeting in Vancouver. Below is the different area that need volunteers



March 15, 2024 - Volunteers are needed at the airport as greeter and direct those ID and their spouse to the transportation spot for travel to hotel.

March 20, 2024 - Volunteers are needed at the airport to direct those ID and their spouse to their destinated airfare counter.

March 15 to 19, 2024 - Volunteers are needed at the hosting desk at the hotel answering question from those ID and their spouse.

We are also looking for some interpreters for the spouses at the Board Meeting. The interpreters would travel around with the spouses and attend all events. The list is:

- English to Portuguese (will be interpreting for two spouses)
- English to Chinese (will be interpreting for two spouses)
- English to Korean (will be interpreting for two spouses)
- English to Japanese (will be interpreting for two spouses, possible three)
- English to Hindi TBD LCI staff pending Visa Approval (will be interpreting for one spouses)
- English to Nepalese TBD LCI staff pending Visa Approval (will be interpreting for one spouses)

### The times needed are:

Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Spouse Briefing and lunch + service projects (going through the program day by day, assisting and joining the spouse for lunch, and service projects – helping and communicating the instructions)

Sunday, March 17, 2024 from 10:00am - 3:00pm - Granville Island visit and lunch

Monday, March 18, 2024 from 9:00am – 2:00pm - Service Project and Lunch

Please contact DG Elaine directly if you are interested to volunteer and indicating which area you will involve.

Elaine Luk, District 19L District Governor 2023-2024 lionelaineluk@gmail.com



Vision











# A note from your GST Coordinators WHY SERVICE REPORTING

To effectively tell our story, measure our impact and grow mem-

bership, it's critical that all clubs report service. Every project we participate in as Lions and Leos, no matter how big or small is valuable in our journey of serving our communities and the world.

There are benefits to reporting service.

For our clubs, reporting service is the final step in our service journey. Reporting service can be a point of pride that can be celebrated and creates a database of the great projects done in a given community. Plus, clubs that report service become eligible for service awards and other forms of recognition.

## Reporting service helps to

- accurately measure our global impact
- identify the best ways to work together
- bring attention to the great work of Lions and
- ensure clubs' service is supported in the best ways possible

Does your club report their service? If not, why not? As IP Patti Hill has stated; Together, the sum of our efforts makes the world a better place, one life, one relationship and one community at a time. Together, we are Changing the World.



PDG Georgia Medwedrich, GST Island

PZC Clara Chow, GST Mainland



# **MD 19 CONVENTION REGISTRATION**

## Theme: Off to the Races Kentucky Derby Style

# MD19 Lions Annual Convention Registration May 23 – 25, 2024



District:

Phone:

1st MD19 Convention:

[]Yes []No

Please email Form with Credit Card information to: Steve Brooks kc7mck@gmail.com. Final Deadline for all registrations Friday May 3, 2024. No refunds after May 3, 2024.

Silver Reef Casino and Hotel 4876 Haxton Way, Ferndale, WA 98248 Room Reservations Toll free 1-866-383-0777 extension 4120

Print Registrant's Club

Prov/St:

Email:

## DEADLINE FOR BOOKING HOTEL ROOMS IS Wednesday, May 8th, 2024

City:

Special <u>Lions</u> room rate of \$139 plus taxes for either a King room or Double Queen room Free RV Parking – No hookups

Use Code: Multiple District 19 Convention 2024

	Special Meal Requests must be rece		1
	Note: Partners and guests need to complete their own registration for	m	
Date	Event	Price in US Funds	Amount Enclosed
Registration	Registration Leo	\$20.00	
Information	Registration Lions or Guests After April 15th, 2024 - Registration	\$30.00 \$40.00	
	Pin Trader Table Rental Fee (Waived with paid registration)	Free	
	Vendor Table – Promoting a Product or Event (Waived if Registered & buys a lunch or dinner ticket)	\$25.00	
Friday 5/24/24	Breakfast	\$21.00	
	Lions Luncheon – Everyone Invited	\$26.00	
	Off to the Races Fun Night Ticket Only	\$15.00	
	Off to the Races Fun Dinner and Fun Night Ticket	\$32.00	
Saturday 5/25/24	PDG & Partners' Breakfast	\$21.00	
	Breakfast (Not PDG or Partner)	\$21.00	
	Luncheon	\$32.00	
	Lions Appreciation Banquet (choose only 1 dinner)  [ ] Chicken Cordon Bleu  [ ] Pan Seared Salmon  ***Attire: Semi-Formal, Dressy, Business, Club Uniform***	\$35.00 \$44.00	
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Make checks payable to: MD19 Convention

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Current

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Highest Past Title:

# **MD 19 CONVENTION REGISTRATION cont'd**

### Abbreviated Descriptions of Meals

Note: There will be vegetarian and other dietary needs for those requiring it.

Friday Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs with Diced Tomatoes, Seasonal Fruit Salad, Applewood Smoked Bacon and Sausage,

Assorted Pastries & Danish, Mini Hashbrowns with Onions and Bacon Bits, Orange Juice, Coffee or Tea

Friday Lunch: Chef's Choice Seasonal Soup, Mixed Greens with Assorted Toppings & Dressings, Chef's Selection of Sandwiches, Potato Chips. Cookies, Coffee or Tea

Friday Dinner: Cheese Hamburger with BBQ Rub, All Beef Hot Dog with Grilled Onions, Marinated Vegetable Kabob, Potato Sald, Pasta Salad, Corn on the Cob with Herb Butter.

Saturday Breakfast - Scrambled Eggs with Diced Tomatoes, Seasonal Fruit Salad, Applewood Smoked Bacon and Sausage, Assorted Pastries & Danish, Mini Hashbrowns with Onions and Bacon Bits, Orange Juice, Coffee or Tea

Saturday PDG Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs with Diced Tomatoes, Seasonal Fruit Salad, Applewood Smoked Bacon and Sausage, Assorted Pastries & Danish, Mini Hashbrowns with Onions and Bacon Bits, Orange Juice, Coffee or Tea

Saturday Luncheon: Roasted Chicken Lunch Buffet, Mixed Green Salad, Vegetable, Rolls & Butter, Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp, Coffee or Tea

### Appreciation Banquet: Choice of Entre

Chicken Cordon Blue - Breaded Chicken Breast Stuffed with Black Forest Ham and Swiss Cheese, Finished with Garlic Cream Sauce Garden, Green Salad, Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes, Coffee or Tea

Pan Seared Salmon - Pan Seared Fresh Salmon with Fresh Pesto, Green Salad, Rolls & Butter, Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes, Coffee or Tea



## Empowered Communities:

244 adults engaged in 10 workshops The Course for Positive Youth Development 97.6% rate our training as effective or very effective 21 additional presentations/events

16 newsletters sharing research & resources

## Impact on Children & Youth:

Over 5,000 children & youth with improved social emotional well-being 4,175 Child ID Kits distributed

## **Lions Quest Champions & Supporters:**

59 Lions Quest Fellows 33 Q Bear Fan Club Members 207 Lions Club investments 247 Individual donors



We reflect on the incredible journey we've taken together. Your unwavering support has been the driving force behind our achievements, and we're filled with gratitude for the positive change we've been able to create.

Together, we can turn the page on the challenges of the past and write a story of resilience, compassion, and empowerment. Your support is an investment in a brighter, more connected future for us all. Learn more about how you can be more involved with our mission on our website https://www.lionsquest.ca/

## **LCI NEWS**



## Earn Limited-Edition Club Recognition

Did vou know your club can earn limited -edition, International President Dr. Patti Hill recognition this fiscal year?

Inspire your fellow club members to donate today to qualify.

www.lionsclubs.org/en/explore-our-foundation/ recognition-programs/presidential-lcif-recognition



## LCI EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**Lions Clubs International Zone Chairperson Excellence Award 2022-2023** A-1 Lion Jocelyn Wan

## Lions Clubs International Club Excellence Awards 2022-2023:

Sooke District Lioness Lions Club Vancouver Cathay Lions Club Vancouver East Lions Club Vancouver Granville Lions Club Vancouver Metropolitan Lions Club

Vancouver Pacific Lions Club

Sooke Harbourside Lions Club Vancouver Diamond Lions Club Vancouver Fraser Lions Club Vancouver Legacy Lions Club Vancouver Northern Star Lions Club

Vancouver Shaughnessy Lions Club





Congratulations to all the awards recipients!

## ALLI - What's next?

Effective July 1, 2024, the ALLI will no longer be offered and will be replaced with the new **Second Vice District Governor Training Program**. Learn more about the new program in the Vice District Training Program Updates FAQ

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## **Greetings from your District L Newsletter Editor**

Please let me know if you find any errors or omissions.

If you have something to contribute, please email it to me.

Yours in Lionism

Evelyn Smith, District 19-L Newsletter Editor Email: esmithmd19i@gmail.com

# **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**LCICON 106th International Convention - 2024 Melbourne** Australia: June 21 - 24, 2024

## **Interested in Volunteering:**

www.melbourne2024.org.au/volunteersand-supporters

## **Registration information**

www.melbourne2024.org.au/



Louisville 2024





## **USA Canada Leadership Forum 2024**

The 2024 USA Canada Forum will be held in Louisville Kentucky September 5 - 7 2024

Friends of the Forum group is an excellent way for individuals to actively contribute to the success and continuity of the Li-

ons Leadership Forum. With just a small donation, members not only ensure that the forum

continues its legacy of imparting invaluable leadership skills and insights but also play a role in enhancing its quality and reach. As a token of gratitude for this generous support, donors receive special recognition at the event, giving them a sense of belonging and showcasing their commitment to the community. By becoming a part of the Friends of the Forum, individuals can take pride in knowing that they are championing a cause that nurtures leaders and drives positive change in the broader community.

Visit this link to find out more: https://lionsforum.org/friends/

Website: https://lionsforum.org/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/usacanadalionsleadershipforum





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#### Zone L-A1

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Vancouver Cambie Lions
Vancouver Cambie Jr. Branch
Vancouver Cathay Lions

Vancouver Cathay New Century Lions

Vancouver Chinatown Lions
Vancouver Churchill Leo
Vancouver East Lions
Vancouver Legacy Lions
Vancouver Midas Lions
Vancouver Northern Star Lions
Vancouver Pacific Lions

Vancouver Pacific Lions Metro Vancouver Leo Vancouver Pioneer Lions Vancouver Pioneer Leo Vancouver Shaughnessy Lions

Vancouver Templeton New Century Lions

Vancouver Templeton Leo

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Ambleside Tiddlycove Lynn Valley Lions Mount Seymour Lions North Vancouver Deep Cove Lions Pemberton Lions Squamish Lions

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#### Zone L-A6

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Vancouver Broadway Lions Club Vancouver Burrard Lions Club Vancouver Kitsilano Leo Vancouver West Leo Vancouver Diamond Lions Club

Eric Hamber Leo Club

Vancouver Diamond Campus Lions Club

Vancouver Fraser Lions Club

Vancouver Fraser Leo

Vancouver Granville Lions Club

Vancouver Marpole Grandview Lions Club

Vancouver Point Grey Lions Club Vancouver Point Grey Leo

Vancouver Queen Elizabeth Lions Club

Vancouver South Lions Club

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Sooke District Lioness Lions Sooke Harbourside Lions

Victoria Lions

Victoria Chinatown Lions
Victoria Chinatown Lioness Lions

West Shore Lions

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Comox Valley Lions
Comox Valley Monarch Lions
Gold River Lions
Qualicum Bay Lions
Tahsis Lions

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