



District 19L-A6 ZONE CHAIRPERSON BILL CONWAY & Lionheart

I was born in 1952, on Melvin Jones day and raised in Hamilton Ontario. This is also where I received my education to the grade twelve level. Later, I attended colleges in the cities of Toronto and Vancouver. In 1963 I was legally blind, having less than 20/20 vision, and by the mid-eighties the lights went out.

In the mid-seventies I moved to Vancouver and soon became part of the disability community. During this time, I participated in Sports for the Disabled, (as they were then known as). I went from participating in local events to the ultimate, of all athletes, the Olympics.

At the turn of the century, I moved to the Sunshine Coast where I joined the Pender Harbor Lions Club, in 2002. Unfortunately, this was short lived. In 2017 I rejoined the lions through the Sunshine Coast Lions Club, where I held positions up to the presidency.

Ever since 1979, when I received my first Dog Guide from Seeing Eye Inc, to today with Lionheart from Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, I have been a strong advocate for these fantastic, trained puppies. Throughout these many years, I always advocated for the accessibility of citizens with a disability. I gained my knowledge of advocacy through sitting on local, provincial and national organizations that represented citizens with disabilities. Today I sit only on my community committees.

Ever since I became a Lion many doors have been opened. Today I serve as:

- ◆ Zone Chairperson District19 L– Zone A6
- ◆ Past President - Sunshine Coast Lions Club
- ◆ Executive Member True Vision Lions Cyber Branch Club, a zoom platform club that has members from coast-to-coast of Canada, with 95% members with having a vision loss
- ◆ Vice-chair - Knights Of The Blind (KOTB) MD 19 where we focus on expanding Hellen Keller's motto, Empowering Blind Lions through Accessibility, Inclusiveness and Technology
- ◆ Director Sunshine Coast Lions Housing Society
- ◆ Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship recipient