

Serving Together As “Lions on Purpose” MINUTES District H Cabinet Meeting Nov. 7th, 2009 Camp Horizon

Call to order: DG Virginia Edgelow
Please turn your Cell Phones/Blackberry/IPOD off or on to Vibrate

America: ZC Ron Bruland

O' Canada: ZC Rolande LaGrandeur

Invocation: ZC Paul Whelan

Housekeeping: DG Virginia Edgelow
Please see Jan Polen who is collecting money for LUNCH!! Huge thanks to the Camp Horizon Leos and Jan Polen for supplying lunch.

Opening Remarks: DG Virginia Edgelow
A special thanks to Don Webster for all the work that has been done around Camp Horizon. All paperwork is completed for the LCI matching grant. DG Virginia suggested that all present, who haven't seen the camp for awhile to take a few minutes and look around. You will be impressed
DG Virginia talked about the Vancouver West Leos who just inducted an additional 57 Leos into their club, the total is now 97 strong.

Introductions: DG Virginia Edgelow

DVD Presentation: Everyday Creativity by Dewitt Jones

LEMPRR Update: VDG Judy Portas

As the facilitator for the District H LEMPRR, let me say that all Chairpersons covering the designated elements of this TEAM are very busy indeed and involved in Leadership Training, Extension Workshops, Membership and Retention Seminars and a District PR project for Lions Day. I know each will be reporting to you of their achievements in their individual reports to this Cabinet.

The LEMPRR meeting held at Camp Horizon Sept. 19th saw all Current Zone Chairs and almost 100% percent of the LEMPRR chairs turn out for a very energetic, informative, idea sharing session. The mini goals that were set by each individual team member at the

July meeting had by this time either been completed or were in continuation. A great amount of effort is being put forward by all Zone Chairs to have the Lions for Life manual implemented and adopted by their clubs and to further develop the mentoring program. A challenge was set forth; the home club of each of the Zone Chairs, VDG and DG to develop this program and have an orientation guide completed by year end.

The team this year has been just that, A TEAM in every aspect of the word, working together, sharing fellowship together plus assisting one another when a concern or challenge does arise. I could not have asked for more dedicated Lions to work with. The A, H & I Half Time LEMPRR meeting is set for January 16th and 17th in Victoria, BC. The Lions of District H have always been out in full force and I know that once again we will lead the way in attendance. This to further our commitment to the communities we serve and represent in our Hallmark District. If you are interested in the happenings at these interactive three District sessions, you too are welcome to attend.

I thank all the LEMPRR team members for their time and continued commitment to the goals and ideals of District H and our District Governor.

This report is respectfully submitted.

LEMPRR Facilitator

19H --- 1st VDG Judy L Portas

New Business:

Amendments to District 19H Constitution and Bylaws: PCC Allan Hunt.

Allan explained the changes and why they were necessary.

A motion was made that the Cabinet recommends a do pass of the C & B changes, as presented to the Cabinet on November 7, 2009 and will be on the Ballot at the District 19H Spring Conference.

Moved by IPDG Mel Stokes

Seconded by PZC Gary Semenoff

Carried

Spring Conference Recognition Item: DG Virginia Edgelow

Motion: ZC Sandra Ball made the motion to authorize the expenditure from the escrow account to purchase Spring Conference Recognition Items, not to exceed \$750 US.

Seconded: VDG Judy Portas

Carried

Old Business: DG Virginia Edgelow

Approval of Cabinet Minutes as circulated from July 18th, 2009

Motion: IPD Dur Roberson

Second: VDG Judy Portas

Carried

Zone Chair Goals - Each speech will be timed and kept to 2 minutes max.
Timer is Don Wight, President Bellingham Central Lions

H1 ZC Ron Bruland

Zone H-1 Cabinet Report

Bellingham Central

- * Chartered 1922
- * 129 Members
- * Orientation Manual in Club
- * Planning an Open House
- * Well known event is Wheelchair Warehouse

Bellingham Fairhaven

- * 25 Members
- * Chartered 1954
- * No Orientation Manuel
- * Planning an Open House
- * Well known event is Santa Pictures with Children

Bellingham Harborview

- * 47 Members
- * Chartered 1990
- * Orientation Manuel in Club
- * Planning an Open House
- * Well known event is Fair Parking

Birch Bay

- * 12 Members
- * Chartered 1993
- * No Orientation Manuel
- * Open House Planed 1/10
- * Well Known event Eyeglass Assistance

Everson

- * 37 Members
- * Chartered 1930
- * Orientation Manuel in Process
- * Open House Planed 12/1/09
- * Well known event is Steak Dinners

Ferndale

- * 18 Members
- * Chartered 1941
- * Orientation Manuel in Club
- * No Open House Planned
- * Well known event is Thanksgiving Turkey Drive with Scouts

Lynden

- * 55 Members
- * Chartered 1976
- * Orientation Manuel in Club
- * Open House has been held
- * Well known event is Train show

Mt. Baker

- * 26 Members
- * Chartered 2002
- * No Orientation Manuel
- * Planning Open House
- * Well known event is Children's Easter Egg Hunt at Silver Lake Park

Sumas

- * 15 Members
- * Chartered 1929
- * No Orientation Manuel
- * No Open House Planned
- * Well known event is Christmas in the Park

H2 ZC Sandra Ball

Greetings from H2 – The Zone which is the envy of all my fellow Zone Chairs, because we have just four clubs. While that may be true, our four clubs have been busy, building up their membership and serving their communities.

First up is the **Burlington Club**, chartered in 1977, and with 39 members. Burlington is putting the finishing touches on their Orientation Manual AND, they gearing up for a couple of special membership drives. While this hard-working club conducts many projects, the community best knows them for the White Cane Days campaign.

Next is the **Concrete Club**; 75 years young having chartered in 1939. While the Club membership sits at 27, this group performed over 100 hours of service to their community last month. Their VAD's consistently reflect that many hours of service and more, virtually each and every month. Concrete is best known for the Health Screening Unit from the Northwest Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation, which screens over 600 school children in their area each year.

The **Sedro-Woolley Club** is the smallest Club in our Zone, at 12 members, and we're in dialog about increasing those numbers. Chartered in 1936 this club runs many projects and is best known for their 4th of July parade, which keeps growing each year. Another hard-working club in the Zone, Sedro-Woolley Lions performed over 200 hours of community service and fundraising in the last 2 months.

Last but not least, the **Mount Vernon Lions Club** and my home club; we're also the oldest in the Zone, having celebrated 80 years of service to our community this year. We've had some success with membership in the past year or so, now sitting at 42 members, and more are reported to be joining. Our Orientation manual is almost ready for mass-printing, to all our membership, since this is our first one. Of the many projects Mount Vernon Lions do, perhaps their most well-known one is Tulip Sales at Lions Park.

Respectfully submitted ZC Sandra Ball

H3 ZC Corinne White

Abbotsford Lions

Chartered March 1944

29 members

No orientation manual

Open House planned for April

Project known for in the community is the Christmas Tree Lighting

Aldergrove Lions

Chartered January 1971

17 members

Orientation manual practically exists

Open House planned for May

Project known for in the community is the Purina Dog Walk

Cedar Valley Lions

Chartered April 2008

15 members

Orientation manual no

Open House planned for the New Year

Project known for in the community is the Intergenerational Dance

Fort Langley Lions

Chartered in 1971

29 members

Orientation manual yes

Open House in the New Year

Project known for in the community is May Day

Langley Lions

Chartered May 1944

42 members

Orientation manual have started on it

Open House in February

Project known for in the community is Christmas Kettles for the Langley Christmas Bureau

Maple Ridge Lions

Chartered in 1944

39 members

Orientation manual No

Open House planned for February

Project known for in the community is lending medical equipment and building wheelchair ramps

Mission & District Lions

Chartered in November 1949

17 members

Orientation manual No

Open House No

Project known for in the community is Light the Christmas tree on evening of candlelight

Pitt Meadow Lions

Chartered in 1951

19 members

Orientation manual Yes

Open House Yes

Project known for in the community is Pitt Meadow Days

Breakfast – first Saturday in June

Walnut Grove Lions

Chartered in 1980

13 members

Orientation manual No

Open House in April

Project known for in the community is Breakfast with Santa

Respectfully Submitted ZC Corinne White

H4 ZC Belinda Wu

	Clubs	# Current Members	Chartered In Year	Orientation Manual	Open House Planned/Completed	Events well known for within community
1.	Delta Scottsdale	17	1980	No	No	Christmas Tree Chips – Every January for last 18 yrs. Chipped thousands of Christmas trees. Keeps the trees out of the landfill, \$5,000 profit for com. Projects.
2.	Ladner	9	1951	No	No	Traditional event “Christmas Tree Chips”. Recycle the old Christmas trees. Money goes to Boys & Girls and different community projects.
3.	North Delta	34	1967	No	No	2009 – 41 st Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Family Day since 1970 – consists of parade & family picnic.
4.	Peace Arch Monarch	32	1986	No	No	Polar Bear Swim held in White Rock very New Years Day no matter what the weather.
5.	Richmond	27	1946	No	No	Yearly event “Sockeye Run Car Show” in May. They have around 200 entrances.

						Fund raised around \$3,500.
6.	Richmond Almeta	15	2008	No	No	They had two Fundraiser Lounging Parties. Fashion Show – Purple, VIP Party II and Glamorous.
7.	Richmond Asiana	11	2007	No	No	2008 Karaoke Fundraising for Richmond Hospital Foundation. Raised a total of \$4,000.
8.	Richmond Chinatown	55	1994	Yes	No	2007 Fundraised for Richmond Food Bank. Raised a total of \$25,000.
9.	Richmond Mandarin	35	1994	No	No	2009 July 18 – Garden Festival to fundraise for the B.C. Law Enforcement Torch Run for B.C. Special Olympics.
10.	Steveston Harbour	13	1996	Yes	Yes	Burger Night. Usually fundraised in the amount of \$3,000 to \$3,500.
11.	Tsawwassen Boundary Bay	41	1968	No	No	Car Lot Sales – we manage the registration of a weekly second hand car sales lot at the local mall. Generates approx. \$20,000 per annum. Canada Day Picnic: over 2,400 hotdogs are given

						away.
12.	White Rock Lioness	26	1987	Yes	No	Valentines Tea very February 14 th . We serve sandwiches, cookies, slices, strawberry short cakes/scones with whipped cream, tea & coffee. Money goes to local hospital.

H5 ZC Patricia Cuthill

Barnet Lions Club

Members 16

Chartered July 30, 1972

Open house-No

Orientation Manual-no but working on it

Community Event– Last year was the first year for our Craft Fair and decided to hold it annually. It is amazing the items that are sold. This year it will be held on November 21 at Alex Graham Manor

Proceeds to go to share

Burquitlam Lions Club

29 Current Members

Chartered in 1960

Open House-no

No Orientation manual

We sponsor the annual Easter Egg hunt at Blue mountain Park every year. The eggs are hidden for the kids to find and have fun looking for them.

Guildford Lions Club

Current members 14

Chartered on November 18, 1976

Orientation manual yes but have been updating it.

Planning a open house in the Spring.

Guildford Lions started the Christmas hampers in 1992 .The Christmas Hamper project involves many different groups. We purchase 48 hampers from IGA, adopt 25 families from the Christmas Bureau, A Girl Guide company helps us shop for the children.

Remaining money and food goes to Holly School.

Maillardville Lions Club

Current members 14

Chartered 2002

No Orientation Manual

No Open House planned

Community Event - Known for the Blue mountain Festival-it is a two day project always held at Blue Mountain Park. We sit on the Kinsmen Festival Board and we have a voice there as well as what the community expects us to have.

New Westminster Lions

Current members Chartered in 1946

Chartered Orientation manual -yes

Planning a Open House in February

Well Known Community Event started in 1946 at Buchanan Lodge by holding a Christmas party for over 100 people and is an annual event. There is a Entertainer and of course HO! HO! HO! Santa Rick attends. Every year parents Bob and Ruby Gillmor's daughter Lindsay have attended since she was a baby.

North Surrey Lions Club

Current members 35

Chartered 1957

Orientation Manual -No

Open house-No

Event well known for is a Mothers day pancake Breakfast that we have been doing for 40 yrs. It is held at the same venue at Kennedy heights at Scott Road. we had a charge of \$2, but now we have changed to donations. Funds go into the general account for the Community needs.

Port Coquitlam Lions Club

Current Members- 21

Club was Chartered in 1949—60th year

Orientation Manual-yes

Planned and held a open house in July 2009

Well known Community Event- Pancake breakfast Canada Day (and all day Celebrations -1 member is MC)

Cloverdale Lions Club

Members-15

Club was chartered in March 1966

Orientation Manual-no

Open House-no

Event Blueberry Festival in Cloverdale with fundraiser

Tri City Korean Lions Club

Members-16

Club was chartered in September 2004

Orientation Manual-No

Open House-No

Event-Holding Meat Draws for fundraising

Respectfully Submitted

ZC H5 Patricia Cuthill

H6 ZC Rolande La Grandeur**Steller's Jay Lions**

22 members.

Chartered July 1988

Yes have one, most likely need update.

Open house in the spring

Pre-Xmas raffle for 2 shopping spree

Tickets value at \$200. ea. at Safeway and Save-on-foods

Chilliwack Lions

24 members

chartered 1947

Yes we have an orientation man.

Annual Chilliwack music festival, for 50 yrs.

Chilliwack Dogwood Monarchs

36 members.

Chartered 1947

Yes, have an orientation manual

Thur. Night TV bingo

Chilliwack Mt. Cheam

45 members.

Chartered in 1977

Yes have an orientation manual

Open house after Christmas

Annual train show, for many years.

Lillooet Lions

22 members.

Chartered June 1956

No don't have one

No plan for open house right now.

Annual Fishing Derby

Agassiz-Harrison

37 members

Chartered Dec. 10 1963

Yes have one

Plan one later

Sponsors cubs and scouts

Hope Lions

33 members

Chartered 1943

No don't have one

Open house, maybe

Annual Easter Egg hunt for community

Sasquatch Lions

20 members

Chartered 1980

No manual

Open house no plans at the moment

Volunteer appreciation night, every spring we recognize non-lion

Volunteers and major donors with a buffet and free entertainment after a brief report of our activities

Lytton Lions

15 members

Chartered in 1953

No orientation manual

Plan to have one soon

Christmas fund raiser.

H7 ZC Paul Whelan

Anacortes

Number of members: 24
Chartered: 1936
Orientation Manual: No
Open House: No
Event: Hamburger and Curly Fry Trailer. They serve delicious hamburgers and curly fries at a number of events in Anacortes including the Oyster run, July 4th Parade, and the Swap Meet.

Central Whidbey

Number of members: 36
Chartered: 1988
Orientation Manual: Yes
Open House: No
Event: Flags. As a way to celebrate the nation's heritage and honor veterans and those serving in the military, the club places some 80 flags along Main Street in Coupeville 12 times each year, including Independence Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Martin Luther King Day, and Flag Day.

Coupeville

Number of members: 118
Chartered: 1938
Orientation Manual: Yes – Manual and PowerPoint
Open House: Planned for Spring
Event: Annual Garage Sale. Started in 1985. The Club gathers donated items throughout the entire year and stores them in a giant barn where they are sorted, screened, cleaned and repaired. The donated items also serve another important use; furniture is donated to families whose homes were destroyed by fire. Last year's garage sale raised more than \$35,000 – all of which will be returned to the community the following year in support of local programs and charities.

Lopez Island

Number of members: 48
Chartered: 1945
Orientation Manual: No but being worked on
Open House: No
Event: The Lopez Island 4th of July Parade sponsored, organized, and staffed by the Lopez Island Lions Club. The Club selects and communicates the theme, arranges for the float judges, helps with traffic control, coordinates with the police and other emergency agencies, provides for and distributes the awards, arranges for Porta-Potty rental, elects the Grand Marshall from the community, arranges for cars for the Grand Marshall and other

dignitaries (including the Lopez Island Lions Club president) and generally does everything it can to make the parade (an island tradition) safe and fun.

Oak Harbor

Number of members: 46
Chartered: 1951
Orientation Manual: Yes
Open House: Nothing planned at this time
Event: Summer Fruit Sale. Fruit is purchased direct from orchards in Eastern Washington during June, July and August. They sell cherries, apricots, tomatoes and some other fruits and vegetables. The club has a trailer that is located in the Safeway Shopping Center Mall on Highway 20 so they are seen by literally thousands of people throughout the season.

Orcas Island

Number of members: 61
Chartered: 1972
Orientation Manual: No but working on
Open House: No
Event: Salmon BBQ which is held each 4th of July and one of our largest fundraisers. It is held at the American Legion Hall following the annual 4th of July Parade. Our membership does all the food preparation, set-up, serving, parking and cleanup. It is no doubt our most successful and popular event.

North Whidby

Number of members: 20
Chartered: 1985
Orientation Manual: Yes
Open House: Planned for Spring
Event: The North Whidbey Lions hosted the North Whidbey Lions Club Car Show since the club's inception. Unfortunately, the show outgrew the club and they no longer had the necessary membership or leadership to continue to put it on. In 2009 they worked closely with the Oak Harbor Rotarians to ensure that Oak harbor did not lose this major community event. Although the Rotarians took over the car show, the Lions continued to coordinate the car show vendors and retained a limited fund raising capability while they explore other fund raising opportunities.

San Juan Island

Number of members: 67
Chartered: 1962
Orientation Manual: No but is being worked on
Open House: No – had one two years ago and might do again
some time
Event: July 4th parade where they sell bratwurst and have a
float on which members play jazz and for which they won a prize this year.

South Whidbey

Number of members: 36
Chartered: 1948
Orientation Manual: Yes
Open House: Planned for Spring
Event: Ongoing landscape maintenance at Freeland Park
where they constructed the Picnic Pavilion in 2005.

Cabinet Goals

BC Lions Society PCC Surinder Gahir, Chairman of the Board

District Governor Virginia, fellow cabinet members, Lions, Lioness, Leo's and guests, The British Columbia Lions Society for Children with Disabilities has continued providing specialized services and facilities to benefit over 20,000 people each year throughout B.C. These programs and services are supported by Lions and Lioness Clubs, individuals, corporations and other organizations.

Our vision for the future is to continue providing specialized services and facilities that will encourage children to reach their full potential a future of ability, self-esteem and self-confidence.

Our Services include;

Three Easter Seal Camps Three Easter Seal Houses

Patient Care Grants Easter Seal Buses

Lions Laser Skin Care Centre Vancouver General Hospital Helipad

Scholarships Grants to various Child Development Centres

My friends, great things are happening at our British Columbia Lions Society for Children with Disabilities. There have been lots of very positive promotions in the News papers on radio and TV; we have had great success in promoting our Lions Society.

District Governor Virginia, Zone Chairpersons, a request, please make sure you inform all Lions clubs on your visits of our programs.

For more information on our Society and all programs please check our web site, www.lionsbc.ca or send me an email or phone and I will provide you with all the information. Thank you for supporting and promoting this great organization.

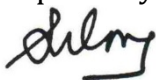
Respectfully Submitted PCC Surinder Gahir

BC Hearing Society PZC Steven Wong

Since Lions of BC Hearing Conservation Society was formed in BC in April 29, 1999, clubs in District H have been supporting efforts on three fronts:

1. Collection of hearing aids. Lions of BC Hearing have a refurbishing depot where they are refurbished as new and placed in a Hearing aid bank and some are sent to 3rd World countries.
2. Lions Clubs can also sponsor a general citizen in need of hearing aids.
3. Lions of BC Hearing Conservation Society also asks for funding or donations for hearing-related programs such as "Sound Start" for newborns, and for families in need with hearing-impaired children 5 years of age or older.
4. Our goal this year is to improve the level of donations and level of participations from various clubs. We would like to have the seven zone chairs to assist BC Hearing to accomplish these goals.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Wong, Lions of BC Hearing Rep

Bulletin Editor “Between Lions” PZC Lucy Chan-Ng

No report available

CARE PDG Ray Tremblay

First I would like to thank the 10 clubs who have so far (End of September) contributed a total of \$2,100.00, this falls short of our goal to have all of our Clubs make their annual contribution.

District H has had the distinction of being a 100% contributing district towards CARE for many years. It my hope to continue this tradition this year as well. Hopefully the other Clubs will forward their support in the near future.

I would like to report that the Project in Bolivia is doing well and advances are being made in getting the children out of forced labor in the mines and attending school. Your support will certainly increase the level of education in this impoverished country, thereby improving the lifestyle of the people and family life as well as their health.

I would like to remind all clubs that for a \$500. donation you can recognize the dedication to service of your members with a CARE Gordon Smith Fellowship.

This donation may be in Canadian or US dollars, (No exchange) Please make out your checks or cheques to CARE and submit all donations through the MD 19 office.

Respectfully submitted

Ray Tremblay PDG

Please see attached an interesting article on the mining operations in Potosi and a Gordon Smith Fellowship application form or you may download the form at:

http://lionsmd19.com/care/Images/CARE_GSFellowship.pdf

Mining Cerro Rico in Potosi, Bolivia

Bolivia Mining Conditions and Child Labor in the Potosi Mines

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The miners of Potosi, Bolivia, some 9-years-old, struggle to make a living in the harsh conditions within the Cerro Rico mines with out-dated Bolivia mining techniques.

Cerro Rico, the ‘Rich Mountain’ of Potosi, Bolivia, no longer lives up to its name. [Its history](#) is one of extravagant wealth, stripped by Spanish colonials at the expense of 8 million lives. Indigenous and African miners were forced to work for their new masters, perishing over three centuries of back-breaking labor, while Spain and Potosi grew rich from the silver.

Mining Potosi Silver and Zinc in the Poor Working Conditions of Cerro Rico in Potosi, Bolivia

While low-grade silver is still extracted from the Cerro Rico mines, zinc is now the most profitable metal for the miners of Potosi. The silver 'boom' days gradually came to an end in the early 1800's as the mines became depleted. However, as many as 8,000 miners still try to earn a living in the Cerro Rico mines, also known as Cerro Potosi. The miners, many of whom are local Quechua-speaking Indians, now work in small co-operatives. They work, albeit collectively, for themselves.

While the days of slavery have thankfully come to an end, conditions and techniques within the mines of Cerro Rico have changed little. The shaft network is primitive, poorly lit and inadequately ventilated, with temperatures often reaching 40C.

Where power cables are present, they are often poorly maintained and often exposed. Elevators are not installed for moving between levels. The Bolivian miners squeeze through small crawl spaces and climb old wooden ladders to access the deep-cut extremes of the Potosi mines.

Within the cramped depths of the Cerro Rico mine the workers hammer iron rods into the rock face, progressing slowly before removing the rod and sliding dynamite into the newly formed hole. Retreating to a supposedly safe distance, fuses are then used to detonate the explosives. This process creates a newly exposed area in which to mine.

Bolivia Mining Conditions, Coca Leaves, Low Life Expectancy and Silicosis in Cerro Rico, Potosi, Bolivia

Working days are long in the Cerro Rico mines. Much time is needed at the mine-face in order to earn enough to survive. The miners chew huge amounts of coca leaves while they work. This helps to ward off hunger (stopping to eat wastes precious time) and also helps keep the body stimulated in the high altitude and harsh conditions of the mines. A constant supply of coca leaves is a priority for every miner. Cheeks normally bulge with the stimulating leaf.

Long days and dangerous conditions lead to a low life expectancy in the Cerro Rico mines, on average only 40 years. Mining accidents play only a small part in this. The greatest danger is the constant exposure to mineral dust. It is too uncomfortable for the miners to wear protective face masks in the hot and poorly ventilated mines, air already thin due to the altitude, and many contract the lung disease known as silicosis.

Known as the *mal de mina* this disease is the greatest killer in Cerro Rico. A government pension is available to miners with advanced symptoms but by this time the victim often has only months to live.

Child Labor in the Cerro Rico Mines of Potosi, Bolivia

The fatal nature of prolonged exposure to the mineral dust is exacerbated by child labor in Cerro Rico, where children begin working in the mines as young as 8-years-old. Becky Branford, in an article entitled 'History Echoes in the Mines of Potosi' (BBC News Online), writes that "an estimated 1,000 children between eight and 12-years-old" are among the 8,000 miners who work in Cerro Rico.

It is not uncommon to find a child working alongside his father in the mines. Mining is often a family tradition, generations having worked the same mines in Cerro Rico. It is also a matter of income. A family of miners struggling to earn enough to support themselves will often commit their children to work in the mines at an early age.

Governmental rules are not in place in Bolivia, or in Bolivia mining regulations, to guard against such child labor. In the Cerro Rico mines the cycle of working early in life and dying young constantly renews itself.

Escaping the Mines of Potosi, Bolivia, and Cerro Rico Tours

A few miners are now escaping the long and dangerous days in Cerro Rico, finding work as tour guides for the tour operators in Potosi who take tourists into the mines. Tourism in Potosi and [guided tours of the mines](#) are a new and modern development in the area. But while some of the miners can benefit from it, many will not have the chance.

For some in Potosi, Bolivia, mining is the only life they know and will ever know. In this remote region of Bolivia there are limited other options for work. And while the potential still exists to make a living in the Cerro Rico mines of Potosi people will continue to work them whatever the cost.

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Camp Horizon Don Webster, President

Key Activities Since The Last Cabinet Meeting

- The 2009 camping season was very successful with 183 campers with special needs served
- The Foundation's Annual General Meeting took place on September 19, 2009. All Officer and Board positions were filled.
- Demolition of the surplus buildings adjacent to the Camp Horizon facilities has been completed.

Priorities Moving Forward

- Marketing the Camp Horizon facilities for rental use to increase income. Marketing the Camp Horizon program in Canada and the USA to enable us to serve more campers. A special focus area is engaging campers who have attended the BC Lions Camps and who have reached legal adulthood and are therefore no longer eligible to attend those camps.
- Strengthening the Foundation's financial position
- Engaging the District's Lions and Clubs in an effort to obtain broader volunteer engagement and more consistent/predictable financial support.

Respectfully submitted,



Don Webster
President
Lions Camp Horizon Foundation

Constitution & Bylaws/Parliamentarian PCC Allan Hunt
Change to Constitution and Bylaws, covered under new business.

Contest & Awards Lion Pam Visser
“District H Lions”

Mark your calendars and get ready for some fun - March 26-28, 2010 our **District H Spring Conference** in Bellingham, WA! This Convention promises to be a lot of fun as we Cruise on the SS Christmas Ship! Contest and Awards is exciting and lots of laughter too, but we need you! This is a fun way to get involved with other Lions, show your talent and club achievements.

Here is the line-up of contests for all Lions to participate in:

- 5 minute achievement speech
- Club Brochure – must be 25% different than last year's entry
- Club Bulletin – Must have 10
- Business Card – 25% different than last year's entry
- Scrapbook
- Website
- Environmental Photo

Musical Comedy
Musical Performance
Tall Tales
Uniform Parade
Visitation (**New this year**)
Zone Newsletter (**New this year**)

Wow, what a wide variety of items for all Lions to participate in! "Contests Rules" can be found at <http://www.lionsmd19.com/>. The one contest that needs to be completed in advance is the Environmental Photo. These photos along with a 25 word description of the photo need to be turned into the MD-19 office by the 15th of December. So get those cameras out and start taking some wonderful pictures.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at visserpam@yahoo.com or at 360-303-5869.

Thank you. Yours in Lionism.
Pam Visser, Contest and Awards Chairperson

Cops for Cancer PZC Corinne White

The Tour de Valley ride went well. It was very successful. Money is still coming in. There were several pole sitting events held over the course of the summer. A rider will be in a scissor lift for 50 hours. There are two other riders on the ground taking donations, selling t-shirts, travel mugs and buddy bears. They also explain about the ride. I was able to help out with a few of these. Fort Langley Lions would like to look into holding a barbeque at one of the pole sitting events in the area.

Walnut Grove Lions does a barbeque for the riders and the junior team, serving hot dogs and hamburgers. They had a wonderful time. They also hold a barbeque for the team the day they are riding in Langley.

Fort Langley Lion's Pedal Power Dinner was a great success. It was held at their hall. It was very relaxing atmosphere for the riders and volunteers. Everyone had a good time. They are hoping that it will be held there again next year. The silent auction and 50/50 draw raised \$2,500 for the cause.

Respectfully submitted Corinne White

Diabetes Awareness, BC PZC Gary Semenoff

After my submission of a nil report as chair for the Diabetes Awareness, two events were forwarded to me via Mel Stokes. The First one was that November 14 was the International Diabetes Day and the second one was the contact person with Canadian Diabetes Association who informed me that the Association was having a fund raiser and was asking for Lion volunteers for November 25. A call was sent to the clubs in Richmond, Delta and White Rock.

I need the help of the Zone Chairs to publish my entries in their Bulletins.

A special thank you to Mel Stokes.

Gary Semenoff
Diabetes Awareness Chair BC

Diabetes Awareness, BC Lion Barb Love
No report available

Environment PZC Mike Forst

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT ON RECYCLING AND ADOPTING A HIGHWAY
Everyone knows it's better to recycle an item than to throw it away. It's good for the environment rewarding and in some areas can earn you spare change. Recycling helps cut domestic waste that would otherwise be buried in landfills and provides a steady supply of pre-used materials that can be transformed into new practical objects that we use every day. Recycling is beneficial to the environment and to us. Things you can recycle easily are Batteries, Beer and Wine Bottles, Paper and Plastic Bags, Magazines, Newspapers, Phone Books, Plastic Bottles, Plastic Containers, Cans and Tins Juice/Soup/Milk containers (any items with recycle symbol), Cell Phones and Old Televisions. Another way for clubs to get involved is to "Adopt a Highway" this provides an opportunity for your club to be recognized for sponsoring a section of highway. Some of the benefits you get are; Gain recognition from thousands of potential customers driving by your sign every day. Benefit from a favorable image in your local community leave an everlasting positive impression on the environment the community and potential customers. Get your Clubs name displayed on America's busiest highways and intersections 24 hours a day 7days a week.
Respectively Submitted PZC Mike Forst

Extension, BC PZC Gord Graves

Our extension team hosted an extension work shop on October 27th with the presenter being Gunter Hirsch and his wife Cris from the new club development department of Lions International. The following two days we canvassed the local business of White Rock and South Surrey. The team signed up 4 New Lions for the Club. We will be re-contacting the local Business people to come to a meeting in the next 10 days. I would like to thank our extension team for there dedication and hard work on those 3days. We know there will be a new club in the area in the near future.
PZC Gord Graves
Extension North

Extension, WA PZC Ken Ball
No report available

Eye Glass Recycling PZC Ernie Fehler

As mentioned to one of our Cabinet, I truly miss the camaraderie of meeting with our Cabinet Members on a regular basis. However, with the advent of e-mail, we can stay in touch on a much greater scale than in my days gone by.
Since our last communication July 18, 2009, our Eye Glass Collection project is growing beyond my fondest dreams. Please see the July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 report. Way to go team!

Since the arrival of the MD19 Roster in September we sent out a memo to All Zone Chairpersons in B.C. asking would they please add one more chore to their already heavy load.

Would they please ask All Presidents and/or Secretaries in each Zone to ask for one or more volunteers to take on the position of Chairperson of Eye Glass Collection within their respective communities for the Club. As such would they please contact me via e-mail for all information re our great humanitarian cause.

Please believe me almost all of the MD19H Zone Chairpersons responded promptly with much of the info we needed, and still coming.

In turn we are in the process of preparing 'Banner' patches and Certificates of Appreciation for mailing to all Club Eye Glass Collection Chairpersons and Co-chairpersons.

Talk about team work, my hat's off to All Chairpersons and Lions Clubs Involved.

I am very proud to say the least to be a part of this great group of Lions.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your great team.

Respectfully submitted,

P.Z.C. Ernie Fehler

MD19/MD19H: Eye Glass Collection Chair.

B. C. Canada

International Conventions

PZC Kenny Lee

District Governor Virginia Edgelow, 19H Cabinet officers and Committee Chairpersons, The 93rd Lions Clubs International Convention Hotel for MD 19 has been announced and it is the GRACE HOTEL.

The landmark Grace Building is recognized as one of Sydney's most elegantly restored Neo Gothic buildings located in the heart of Sydney. Modeled on the Chicago Tribune building and opened in 1930, the Grace Building was originally the headquarters of the Australian department store, Grace Bros. Converted into The Grace Hotel in 1997 it stands beautifully renovated with many of the original featured restored and retained.

The convention rate for this hotel is AU\$230 includes G.S.T. per room per night. The hotel is only 0.5 MI or 0.75Km to the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre and the Sydney Entertainment Centre.

When you submit your Convention registration and hotel reservation form with the hotel deposit and convention registration fees, hotel reservations for the Lions Clubs Int'l convention are automatically made at the delegation's assigned hotel until December 31, 2009. After that date, rooms can be reserved at any hotel in the LCI hotel block, subject to availability.

All nationalities will require an entry visa to Australia. You can obtain an electronic visa by going online and pay a fee of \$20 or when you purchase your trip from your travel agent, you can ask them to do it for you.

For those who are joining the pre-convention package tour will be staying at the Grace Hotel in Sydney. Thus there will be no checking in/out and we just pay the LCI convention rate upon check out.

Respectfully submitted. PZC Kenny Lee

International Relations

Lion Cindy Grandquis

"The school In the Box" portion of International Relations is the focus of "International Relations" this year!

LCI, through LCIF has supported UNICEF "School In a Box" since 1996. Our District Governor Virginia saw the box on display at the International Convention in Minneapolis and reports that it contains an entire "School In A Box", just as advertised. A huge aluminum box filled with everything a teacher and students will need in the worst of conditions after a disaster!

As Lions "We Serve", and I ask each of you to encourage your clubs within your zones, and your home club to sponsor a gift to "school In the Box" this Lions Year. LCIF will need your check/cheque for \$190.00 US, with a notation for the School In the Box, and your club could support children all over the world to continue their education following emergencies. A \$500 donation will qualify your club to receive a School-In-a-Box Banner Patch recognition!

Please pick up a brochure at the end of the Cabinet Meeting today!! To learn more www.lionsclubs.org - search: School In the box.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Grandquis

Information Technology Webmaster Lion Richard Bennett

My apologies for not attending today, I won a full ticket to the District Fall Conference for Toastmasters in Burnaby.

The website, as is every website, is a work in progress. Almost all the issues I reported on earlier have been straightened out. One even had support scratching their heads trying to figure out what the issue was, but is not fixed.

One item that is new this year is a map link beside every Club. Clicking this opens Map quest's site with your Club meeting location. The only trouble I had with this was 1: here the location was given as an intersection rather than as an address, but this was done; and 2: where the name of the Club did not reflect the name of the Town, and where Executive members lived in different Towns!

I would like all Clubs to send me their upcoming events so I can put them on that page, just as I am putting District events on its page.

Respectfully submitted

Law Enforcement Torch Run PZC Tom Latter

No report available

Leader Dogs PZC Toby Hiller

My goals this year have been similar to those over the past years: Make as many Lions and people aware of Leader Dogs as possible. It is so difficult to set amounts and numbers, particularly during these times of great financial demands, and when there are so many worthy causes to support. Yet, I am pleased to note the generosity with which H1, H2 & H7, as well as other MD19 zones, have shown in their support of this program. The "70 for 70" initiative

is over, and to my knowledge \$780.00 was raised for just the initiative. The total funds raised within the U.S. zones was \$3,580.00. I hope that there were clubs and individuals that donated funds that I was not aware of.

I would like to tell all of you again that Leaderdogs is an important project and that it continually needs your support. Zone chairs to speak to your clubs at zone meetings and ask the following. 1.) Set a manageable amount of money as a donation goal to reach in every club. 2.) Each club ask a member to step up and accept the role of Leaderdog advocate in their club to raise funds. 3.) Assist your club with retention by keeping either a new member or a long time Lion actively participating in a worthy club project - "Keep 'em busy" and any member will feel that if they are making a purposeful contribution to their club - they will stay a Lion. These are clearly outlined in DG Edgelow's goals - you can help your District Governor as well as your club.

If only one club member, in each club, worked with the dedication of any leaderdog - we would raise enormous amounts of funds for Leaderdogs.

Respectfully yours in Lionism
PZC Toby Hiller

Leadership PZC Rosemary Small

On October 3 a very successful Leadership 101 workshop was held. Facilitators were Mike Gayda & Patty Allan. With some excellent assistance from PZC Marion & Steven Wong, the event went well with 17 students graduating. I received positive feedback and great comments from all of the attendees.

I have been busy working on panels for the Spring Conference. I am delighted to announce that one of the panels will be facilitated by September Stokes, the recent winner of the 2009 International Newsletter Contest.

I have continued to enjoy writing the monthly District 19 Sharing Leadership Newsletter, started by Ruth Roberts. If you would like to have anything included in this newsletter please let me know.

In closing the 2010 Northwest Lions Leadership Institute will be held Feb 4-7. The deadline for graduation is December 15th. If you have not attended, as a past graduate, I urge you to consider the opportunity to grow and learn.

Respectively submitted

Rosemary Small

Leadership Chairperson.

LCIF

PDG Mel Stokes

Lions Clubs International Foundation

- My main focus has been the distribution of the monthly bulletin called "Look at LCIF". With the assistance of CS Lynda Davidson, all 19H Cabinet and Club President and Secretaries receive by email the monthly issue. Hopefully the bulletin is being forwarded down to the individual members.

- The purpose of the bulletin is to provide information on the history of LCIF, various programs and grants available. In the New Year, I will be providing information on the various methods of donating as well as updates on LCIF.
- I have attended two Zone meetings to date showing a 13 minute video on LCIF followed by 5/10 minutes of discussion including a question and answer period. In addition, I have handed out to all attendees a hard copy of the LCIF programs to share with their fellow Lions.
- I will be attending a number of additional Zone meetings in the New Year providing information in the same format.
- I have a list of all clubs that have monies currently at LCIF and not designated. If you wish to check you clubs, please send me an email.
- Thank you for allowing me to chair this great Foundation for District 19H

Respectively submitted

PDG Mel Stokes

Leo Clubs

Jan Polen

Current Number of Leos Clubs: 4

H-1 Camp Horizon Leos

Sponsor Lynden Lions

H-1 Western Washington University Leos

Sponsor Bellingham Central Lions

H-5 Guildford Leos

Sponsor Guildford Lions

H-7 San Juan Leos

Sponsor San Juan Lions Club

Possible New Leos Clubs: 2

H-3 Langley

H-3 Cedar Valley

Reported Activities

Camp Horizon Leos:

Parked cars for Lynden Lions Train Show

- ♦ Participated in H-1 Olympiad
- ♦ Organized with new sponsor, Lynden Lions
- ♦ Planned events: volunteering at fundraiser for Camp Horizon, bake sale, serving meals at Zone and District meetings, collecting cell phones

• Guildford Leos:

- ♦ Worked with Guildford Lions on projects
- ♦ Volunteers with seniors

- ◆ Held planning meeting on October 19

The Leos Clubs are remaining active with service and fundraising.

I attended the Cedar Valley appreciation dinner and met several potential Leos. They are very active with the Cedar Valley Lions Club and the goal is to start a Leos Club.

On October 19 I attended the planning session for the Guildford Leos. With the guidance of PZC Rosemary Small and advisor ZC Patricia Cuthill the Leos planned activities and set goals for the year.

I am one of the advisors of the Camp Horizon Leos and attend their meetings. The CH Leos increased their meetings to twice a month, 1st and 3rd Sunday. The Leos have set a goal to raise money to support Camp Horizon. They have several projects organized for the next few months.

Respectfully submitted Jan Polen

Lions Alert

Elisa Wagner

Since I am new at this post I really don't have very much to report. However, I submitted an article on "Earthquake Preparedness" for the October bulletin. I will also be doing a panel at the Spring Conference in Bellingham on the same subject.

I plan on doing 'mini' presentations on personal safety and emergency during disasters for Lions and family members to the local H3 clubs as soon as I can arrange it.

Will be submitting an article on "Floods and how to cope" for the November bulletin.

Thanks, Elisa Wagner

Lions Foundation of Canada

Lion Jim Small

Since its inception in 1983 and with no government funding, Lions Foundation of Canada has placed hundreds of Dog Guides with Canadians with visual, hearing, medical or other physical disabilities.

Dog Guides are provided at no cost to clients and all costs are funded entirely by donations. LFC relies on the support of many groups and individuals, including, corporate sponsors and donors, foundation grants, volunteers, service clubs, Lions Clubs, and participants in the Purina Walks for Dog Guides, volunteers, foster families, and breeders who donate puppies.

This year LFC have launched their newest service, Autism Assistance dog. The first class will be graduating in January.

I sincerely hope that when you are thinking of recognizing the Lions in your club, you consider one of the LFC's awards, such as the Judge Brian Stephenson.

Or consider holding a Purina Walk for Dog Guides. The Purina Walk for Dog Guides is the foundations largest fundraiser. Since 1985, annual fundraising walks in communities across Canada have collectively raised more than \$5,000,000 in support of Dog Guide training programs. In 2009 alone total funds raised were \$812,756.79. A target of one million dollars has been set for this year.

Last year District H donated \$28,000.00 to Lions Foundation of Canada. I hope that we can surpass that figure this year.

Respectively submitted Jim Small LFC Chairperson

Lions Quest, BC

Lion Karen Madill

The Committee has restructured and began the efforts of establishing the contacts to continue to provide the resources and strengthen this international program in our District.

- Our grant to LCIF is in place and awaiting approval at the January 2010 meeting.
- The new Grant administrator, PDG Grev Edgelow, has established the bank account.
- Letters have gone out to all clubs, requesting a club contact to establish a communication channel to keep clubs informed and aware of the needs and progress as well as an avenue for contact when a need is identified. As well, clubs were asked to identify their budget plans for this program so we may plan our year of workshops and involvement in the communities. To date, we have had no response to establish the communication format but have received a donation from the New Westminster club.
- The October LCIF newsletter featured Lions Quest and the success of the program in our district in the past. This was very humbling and we hope that clubs realize that this program may not be directly controlled by the club but is an essential part of a healthy community.

To move forward, we will be contacting the school districts, schools that have been identified as areas of concern and needs to propose the program be used and recognized.

I have personally had meetings with an organization known in the Tri-Cities area as PoCoMo Youth Services Society. This society relies totally on funding from the public and businesses and operates two vans that travel the streets at night to establish a communication, counseling and services to kids on the street. I chose this somewhat out of frustration but also to identify their take on the problems as they have a wealth of research and resources that they have documented over the years of operation. My goal was to create an alliance to identify the problems, work in those areas through the schools and see if, over time, they could see a difference of youth's decisions, outlooks and needs in communities.

I was surprised about some of the facts I discovered through this group and realized there is a lot of work to be done in establishing relationships with outside sources dealing with our youth. Also, there are youths traveling to this area from New Westminster and Surrey, as they know that they offer a "safe" place.

It has been identified that the forgotten age is 12-19 year olds with an increasing amount of females being on the street. The gangs are predominantly male as the females question and do not conform as well in this age range. The females tend to travel in packs of 2 or more. The ideology of consequences is very immature. Policing is ineffective as the mentality is negative to these youth and drop in services normally do not offer any outreach services, therefore a youth must enter the facility to receive any support.

These are just some of the findings with this group and we discussed the avenue that if these children had developed stronger skills of decision making, self

esteem, personal responsibility they would be then have the ability to set goals and the chose on the street would not have been an option they took.

Lions Quest can do this and it only confirms the need in today's society as our youth must go to school and if our educators are trained to incorporate the teaching of these skills at a young age and develop them as they grow we can make a difference on the outcome of our youth.

Upcoming is the provincial Lions Quest conference, November 27 & 28th in Courtney, BC. 19H has been asked to do a presentation on the grant application, as we are the only district that has completed that process.

Lions Quest 19H committee is strongly requesting that all zone chairs, club presidents and members seriously look at the international program and come forth with support, monetarily as well as true interest in your communities youth.

Submitted by Lion Karen Madill

Lions Quest 19H (Canada) committee chairperson

Lions Quest, (WA)

PDG John Wojahn

Lions Quest US report:

We have an additional \$15,000 for MD19 and Lions Quest US. This is enough for about 3 full (36) k-12 workshops. Be FAST or BE LAST !!! Contact J Wojahn @ jwojahn@aol.com/360-854-0851.

Yours in Lionism...

Membership

Lion Kyle Hall

On Saturday, Sept 26th, Carol and I held a Membership/Retention/PR training in Fort Langley. It was pretty well attended with 21 people. This 5.5 hour training received very good feedback from the group. The single most common suggestion for improvement being that the training should be even longer, so we could cover more topics in depth. On Sunday, Sept 27th, Carol and I both presented to the H6 Zone Meeting. On Saturday, Nov 14th, we are scheduled to present to the H2 Zone Meeting.

MD19 PR Representative 2011 Convention Committee

PZC Grev Edgelow

I am pleased to advise you that on my travels around our wonderful District with our wonderful DG, sales and interest in our 2011 International Convention in Seattle, WA are being well received. Lions and Clubs are purchasing the 2011 pins and badges in large quantities, much needed help in our efforts to raise funds for our staging of the Convention.

I strongly encourage each of our Lions to register on the 2011 web page at www.lionsconvention2011.com to assist as a volunteer for the Convention. As hosts for the International there is a huge need for help with the various positions named on this web page, be part of the fun and fellowship with an International Convention. You will meet Lions from around the World, be part of it, and take home many wonderful memories.

See you at the Convention!!!

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Grev

No CHILD WITHOUT (NCW) PROGRAM PZC Alfred Woo
No report available

NWLERC (eyeglass recycling WA) Lion Ken Henderson
No report available

NW Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing PZC Alan Stone
Since our last Cabinet meeting, we've learned that White Cane Day contributions totaled \$178,000. This is 11% below the \$200,000 BUDGETED FOR THIS PROJECT. The economy seems to be the primary issue for this decline. Seven of our District H clubs have not participated in WCD this year and I've encouraged their participation before the end of this current calendar year. Interestingly, a number of clubs exceeded their contribution for 2008.

Clubs requesting applications for Hearing Aid Bank services have been advised that the Foundation's budgeted funds have been used up. Through the last part of this calendar year clubs will be responsible for 100% of the cost. A number of clubs from our District have utilized the services of the HAB for clients in need. At least 8 clubs have sent applications and have had services completed as of September.

The Lions Health Screening Unit is in need of replacing and it is estimated the replacement cost is \$120,000 of which \$60,000 needs to be raised from Lions Clubs. A \$60,000 grant from LCIF has been requested. A lead gift of \$20,000 has been received from the Queen Ann/Magnolia Lions Club and other clubs of our MD19 are committing pledges over the next 2 years. The Foundation does suggest each club in Washington State and northern Idaho consider a gift or pledge of \$200 toward the vehicle purchase and every Lion consider a gift of \$20.00 to this major fund raising project. The Annual Foundation Giving Campaign is being designated for this replacement project.

During 2009, seven District H Clubs brought the LHSU to their communities and in January 2010, 3 additional clubs have requested the unit. The vehicle traveled over 20,000 miles in 2008, served over 30,000 children and adults. In addition, it has provided outstanding public relations for the Lions of MD19.

SightLife continues to increase the scope of its services for supplying corneas for transplant. This coming year the funds received from SightLife for the Foundation's programs will increase due to the increased SightLife revenues. The Foundation received \$163,000 for 2009 and could reach \$200,000 for 2010 for use for its programs.

Respectfully submitted, Alan H. Stone

Peace Poster Lion Michele Barrie

The 2009-10 Peace Poster Contest "The Power of Peace" is in the winding down stages. By November 15th all clubs who are participating in this contest should have their posters sent to District Governor Virginia Edgelow. The poster can be postmarked by the date of November 15th but clubs can and should have them in earlier if at all possible. Also, the posters should have the completed winner sticker placed on the back of the poster. Those without will be disqualified.

After the 15th November the District Governor should get a panel of judges together and decide which they feel best follows this year's theme. Criteria's include originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme, "The Power of Peace".

December 1st is the deadline date for DG Virginia to send the winning District Poster to the MD19 Office. Eventually all the District posters will end up at the office where the Council Chairperson and his selected judges will determine the Multiple District winner. And by December 15th the winning poster will be in the hands of Lions Clubs International.

Although I only heard from a few clubs that they were going to participate in the contest it is my hope that DG Virginia gets quite a number to choose from. I'm interested to see how our youth interpret this years' theme.

Michele Barrie Peace Poster Chairperson

Public Relations

PZC Ralph Nakamura

As previously reported by District Governor Virginia Edgelow, the United Nations and Lions Clubs International will be proclaiming Friday, March 26, 2010 as "Lions Day".

For highest visibility, District 19H proposed that the clubs in the District conduct a Food Drive to benefit their local communities. Several clubs have indicated that they already conduct a Food Drive at a different time of the year, so were not interested in conducting another one. In Zone H-7 the Coupeville Lions and the South Whidbey Lions have indicated they will conduct Food Drives to benefit their own local Food Banks to coincide with "Lions Day". In addition, both Mayor Nancy Conard of Coupeville, Washington and Mayor Paul Samuelson of Langley, Washington have committed to issuing proclamations for "Lions Day" on March 26, 2010. In Zone H-4 District Governor Virginia has approached Mayor Malcolm Brodie (himself a Lion) from the city of Richmond, BC who will also proclaim March 26, 2010 as Lions Day. Beyond these three clubs, I have not heard from any others as to their plans.

My suggestion for clubs who do not wish to conduct another Food Drive for Lions Day, you might want to schedule another of your projects to coincide with "Lions Day", March 26, 2010. As a suggestion, you might want to clean a park or strip of highway, assist in a Youth or Senior Center, collect recycle eyeglasses at a shopping mall, or distribute information about your eyeglass recycling project. Whatever your club decides, the purpose is to schedule a Lions activity to help in the recognition of Lions on this special day. This might even be an opportunity to recruit new members.

If your City has a Mayor, may we suggest you contact the Mayor's office to inquire as to whether they would declare the day of March 26, 2010 as "Lions Day". Have a 'suggested' proclamation in hand should he/she agree to do this. In your letter of request, you might want to point out your club's various projects which help the

community. Keep in mind that the wheels of government turn slowly, so although it is early, it is wise to begin the process early to assure a successful result.

It is also suggested that you contact your local newspaper about any activities you will be planning and advise them about "Lions Day" being proclaimed on March 26, 2010. Encourage them to send a reporter down to get a story on your activity. If you have a "Lions" flag, have it flying on that day. Or, erect your club banner or fly balloons in the Lions colors. Do whatever it takes to draw attention to your club. Visibility is the key.

Whatever your club or zone decides, it would be appreciated if you would keep both District Governor Virginia and me advised as to your planned activities for "Lions Day". Thank you for your time.

Retention PZC Carol Vincent-Hall

Retention Achievements

Zone Meetings Attended:

H6 & H3

Presentations went well. I changed my normal approach of a mini-presentation to that of Exit Interviews & Dropped Member Forms.

Zone Meetings Booked:

H2, H4 & H1 are booked for November.

H7 & H5 = are booked in February 2010.

Word documents have been compiled from the notes taken at the Zone Meetings. These were sent to the Zone Chairs where I have presented. This process will be done for all the Zone Meetings. The Zone Chairs can then send this information to their clubs.

As you have already heard from Membership, we gave a Membership/Retention Training in September in Fort Langley. These trainings are very interactive. We changed things a bit this time around. We added a section on Exit Interviews and the Dropped Member Forms. We all had a group exercise. This allowed us to cover more material that we otherwise would not have been able. We also had a section on PR as well. The training was about 5 ½ hours.

My intent is still to contact and make arrangements to see clubs which do not/have not attended their zone meeting where I have presented.

USA/Canada Forum PID Dur Roberson

Nothing yet to report for next years USA/Canada Forum

Youth Exchange Lion Verna Doering

1 male, Jeremiah Tiu Lim from Coquitlam went to Japan.

1 female, Aki Sato from Japan was hosted in H-6 for 3 weeks by the Hutsons. She was a wonderful young lady, and was a pleasure to Host.

Kyle McKay hosted a young lady from Germany overnight while she was in "in transit" from the USA on her way home.

Altogether in MD 19 there were 9 Youth Hosted from Finland, Austria, Germany, Italy and Japan. As far as we know, District H only Hosted the 1 Youth from Japan There were 5 Youth from MD 19 went to Germany, Italy and Japan. Only 1 from District H.

We have a request for the Winter Exchange of 3 Females from Peru, all from the Lima area, and 1 male from Australia.

The Peru Exchange is for 6 weeks-3 weeks in Canada, and 3 weeks in the US, if Host Families can be found. They arrive December 19th, change Host Families January 10th, and leave for home on January 30th.

The Australia Male arrives in December for 3 weeks, and leaves in the 1st part of January. We are in desperate need of Host Families.

Please find Host requirements attached. If you can help us in any way please contact Kyle McKay, Australian Coordinator at lloydandkyle@haw.ca, or Peru Coordinator Bob Kelley at bobleekelley@q.com.

HOSTING YOUTH IN YOUR HOME

Hosting periods are usually two or three weeks. From time to time however, this might be extended to four weeks due to the youth's course of study.

Host families are volunteering their hospitality. Who can be a Host family? Any family of good moral character, and with the sponsorship of an MD 19 Lions club. Lion's membership is not necessary, but the local Lions Club must approve the Hosting Application.

What about entertaining your visitor? The visiting Youth is to become part of your family during the visit, and is expected to participate in your normal family activities. Entertain them as you would any visitor to your home and community. Also consider having your sponsoring Lions Club participate and spend time with your Youth. As various Club members shatter their interests with your visitor it can be rewarding for everyone involved!

For Hosting, there must be at least one responsible person home most of the time. It is also mandatory that the Youth have private sleeping arrangements, no doubling up. The usual Hosting Period is three weeks with a common exchange day selected so that most are traveling the same day.

When there is sufficient Host Families, we can provide a Hosting on each side of the Border.

Hosting a Youth from a foreign land can be a rewarding experience.

Bonds of Friendship are formed that can last for many years.

Host families are volunteering their hospitality because they enjoy the opportunity to learn about another culture, and to make a new friend. If you are interested in Hosting, please apply through your local Lions Club.

Lion Verna Doering, District H YEP Rep.

Conference Chair PZC Galen Laird

I am pleased to report that the conference preparation is in full swing. All the pieces of the puzzle are coming together the committee members have their assignments.

The registration form is in the final draft and will be available to distribute by December 1st.

Our Saturday Luncheon guest speaker will be Lion Bonnie Dean Goss, a very well known inspirational speaker. Our International Guest will be IPID Dr. Patti Hill who will come in from Edmonton Alberta and share her thoughts and experiences.

PZC Rosemary Small is putting together panels for the morning and for the afternoon.

Lion Pam Visser from Lynden is chairing "Contest and Awards" and is encouraging lots of club participation.

An area that I am struggling with is selling ads in the conference booklet. PDG Grev is doing a great job on the BC side and Bellingham Central is lining up a member to sell on the US side. I also am seeking raffle prizes and ask that if anyone has contacts to some nice prizes that would entice Lions to buy tickets, please get in contact with me.

One big goal that I have is to have every club represented by at least two or more members.

Respectfully submitted Galen Laird

Call to Higher Office VDG Judy Portas

1st VDG and Zone Chairpersons --- 2010-2011

We have three well respected Lions that have declared their candidacy for the position of Zone Chairperson in our next Lions year, these are for H-1, H-3 and H-7. This leaves Zones H-2, H-4, H-5, H-6 and the 1st VDG position with no candidates. We are actively seeking and encouraging Lions who wish to make a difference in their Zones and in our District to please step forward and fill these Leadership rolls. We are a strong, dedicated, innovative District within the Multiple District and can only continue to be so with a full Cabinet to continue this tradition.

Business from the Floor: IPDG Mel Stokes

IPDG Mel presented PZC Rosemary Small with her Secretary Excellence Award for 2008-2009. He also presented Lion Jan Polen with her Secretary Excellence Award and his DG Certificate of Appreciation.

DG Virginia thanked all the clubs as we have had 4 months of 100% reports for LCI and MD19 – remarkable teamwork!

Please continue to have your reports emailed by the 25th of each month and hard copy by the 20th.

Lions Murray Hastings and Harry Caine as members of the Tsawwassen Boundary Bay Lions made a brief presentation on the "Lions Playground for Children with Abilities". They had made a formal presentation to the District H Cabinet at the July 18th, 2009 Cabinet Meeting, and approval was given by the cabinet at that time to submit the application for the matching grant to LCIF.

District 19H has received notification that the matching grant has been approved from LCIF and work will start with a sod turning ceremony on Nov.20' 2009 at 11:00 am. Work is expected to be finished by Christmas.

Upcoming Events:

DG Virginia Edgelow

Christmas Ship	Bellingham, WA	Dec. 12-13/09
LEMPRR Half Time Meeting	Victoria, BC	Jan. 16-17/10
NW Lions Leadership Institute	Wenatchee, WA	Feb. 4-7/10
3 rd Cabinet Meeting	Fort Langley, BC	Feb. 6-2010
District H Spring Conference	Bellingham, WA	March 26-28/10
MD 19 Annual Convention	Olympia, WA	May 13-16/10

For the Good of Lionism:

Motion to adjourn: ZC Sandra Ball
Seconded: ZC Corinne White

Adjourned at 1:35pm