



THE SKAGIT VALLEY LION

December 2009

Remember [MD-19H Spring Conference in Bellingham, WA 26/27 March 2010](#)

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With colors like this, they must be ready for Christmas



Greetings Fellow Lions

First, allow me to thank the terrific Secretaries of H2 for making it 5 months in a row of 100% on-time reporting! Many people rely on obtaining these reports and so we are grateful for your monthly contributions! Consider submitting your December reports early, so you can focus on the Christmas Season, and family and friends.

Our Second Zone Meeting, hosted by Concrete (thank you Concrete Lions) was another resounding success, with lots of GREAT discussion about Membership & Retention. Membership Chair Kyle and Retention Chair Carol are willing to visit your club and do a personalized presentation, tailored just for you! Please contact me so I can put you in touch with them.

Better late than never so, here goes: Belated congratulations to Burlington Lion Glen Griffith for obtaining his 100% Secretary award. Congratulations also to the Burlington and Sedro-Woolley Clubs for their recognition in support of the Lions Quest Program, under the direction of PDG John Wojahn.

Congratulations to the Burlington & Mount Vernon Lions Clubs for being the first in the Zone to step up and produce an Orientation Manual. This is a FABULOUS way to record the most important points of your Club's history, by using a foolproof fill-out form, available online. Please see me if you're interested in putting one together for your club. Wouldn't it be cool if all 4 clubs in the Zone had an Orientation Manual?

The District Governor and I have concluded our official visitations

for the Zone, but that doesn't mean our work is done. With 6 months remaining in my term we still have lots of work to do with the individual clubs (working projects and such), we have one more Zone meeting and, then Spring Conference!

The months have flown by! Remember, we've still got the Leadership Institute (Deadline December 15th) and I'm still searching for my replacement. Could YOU be the one?

On behalf of PZC Ken and our family, I'd like to wish you, one and all, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year.

2009 has been a Fun ride! I can't wait to see what's in store for 2010... can you?

Yours in Lionism
ZC Sandy

DG & ZC VISITS—COMING SOON TO A CLUB NEAR YOU!



District Governor
Virginia Edgelow

SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Done ZC— July 20/09

Done DG— August 3/09

BURLINGTON

Done ZC— September 16/09

Done DG— October 7/09

CONCRETE

Done ZC— November 4/09

Done DG— November 18/09

MOUNT VERNON

Done ZC— November 5/09

Done DG— November 19/09



Zone Chair
Sandra Ball



The bulletin features an additional insignia; that of the Tomahawk battalion from the 5th Stryker Brigade out of Fort Lewis. Our son, Nathan, is in Afghanistan and his insignia proudly bears the words "We Serve."

Our daughter Sarah and our granddaughter Shannah live in North Carolina.



A little bit about your District Governor's theme for the year. DG Virginia believes very strongly that every Lion is a Lion on Purpose, and a star in their own right. That's why she petitioned the board of Governor's to make a small change to the official uniform. The men will wear a star studded tie, and the women will wear a star studded scarf. This is in keeping with the theme of the pin, the Oscar signifying that we are all Oscar worthy in what we do, and are stars in our communities.

After all, we're all
LIONS ON PURPOSE.

For the first time since Sandy and I joined the Mount Vernon Lions Club, the annual MD-19H Spring Conference is going to be held in the states. It will be at the Lakeway Inn and Convention Center in Bellingham the weekend of March 26 thru 28. It's real nice that it's so close, so let's get a good crowd this year. Just click the link on the first page in the title announcement to bring up the registration form.



COMING EVENTS

Burlington Lions Club has changed their meeting location to: Avenue Bistro, 454 S Spruce Street, Burlington WA 98233

ZC Sandy and I will see some of you this weekend on the Christmas Ship. We're looking forward to a great time.

Camp Horizon is having a fund raiser with the drawing to be held on 9 January, 2010. The prize is a week stay at a 2 bedroom beachfront timeshare on the Oregon coast the week of 15-22 May, 2010. See your Club President or Zone Chair for tickets.

Have a little extra funds this holiday season? Think about donating an unwrapped toy to the United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots project. Times are a bit lean and I'm sure they'd appreciate the help. See me (PZC Ken) for info.