



District 19E Newsletter



District 19E
2020 – 2021 Cabinet

District Governor's Message

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OPPORTUNITIES

Never in the history of Lions Clubs International have members been given the opportunities afforded every single member. How many of you can recall a time when you didn't have to leave home to attend training? a meeting? a district conference? the US/Canada Forum? or the International Convention? I'm guessing everyone's answer would be never.

I know everyone really misses being with and meeting their fellow Lions as much as I do; however, we have had many members who haven't been to one training, district conference, US/Canada Forum or an International Convention in their entire life as a member. Those activities seem to be attended by just a few members and many of them seem to be the same ones each time.

Now everyone has the opportunity to attend many different venues without worrying about travel costs, additional travel insurance, hotel costs, food, or registration fees. Just by a click on their computer and a few dollars, all members have had opportunities open up to experience things they never have before.

I was pleased to see that there were members of District 19 E attend training that was offered for club officers, Guiding Lions Certification and the MD 19 District Convention. However, it's time to step out of your comfort zone and attend one of the largest conventions in Lions and the world.

Granted the experience will not be the same as it would be in person, but nonetheless, it's something you may never experience in your lifetime. So, I want to encourage you to sign-up and attend the upcoming Virtual Lions Club International Convention being held June 25-June 29. Take the time to see what Lions is all about beyond the four corners of your community without leaving your couch and spending hundreds of dollars.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTAINED WITHIN THIS NEWSLETTER

Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all. – Dale Carnegie



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District Governor's Visitation Schedule

Due to the pandemic, the District Governor's schedule remains very fluid. Obviously, visits to clubs north of the border are contingent on authorities opening up the border. Thank you for your continued support and understanding. As always, I will do my best to keep everyone involved informed. Any club that would like to do a Zoom meeting on an opening date, please contact DG Peggy Harriman.

(At this point the DG would gladly crawl on her hands and knees to meet with District 19E Clubs.) 😊

February

6th-7th	Fri-Sat	Council of Governors Meeting
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March

2nd	Tuesday	Nelson Charter Night--Zoom visitation
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6th	Saturday	3rd Cabinet Meeting---TBD
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April 30- May 1 & 2

District 19E Convention

May

4th	Tuesday	Priest Lake Kaniksu
5th	Wednesday	Coolin Club Branch
20th	Thursday	North Pend Oreille Valley

RETENTION

*"A SINGLE ACT OF KINDNESS
THROWS OUT
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MAKE NEW TREES"*

*If we show our new members understanding
and let them know we are there to guided them
and explain what it is your club does and why
then they will be more likely to bring in new members.
All new members are assets to your club to keep them*

Lion Marge Bega

Retention Chair MD19

District 19E Clubs

Zone E-1:

Airway Heights
Cheney
Centennial
Medical Lake
Rosalia
Spokane Central
Spokane Shadle North

Zone E-2:

Almira
Davenport
Grand Coulee Dam
Reardan
Wilbur

Zone E-3:

Coeur d'Alene
Hauser
Osburn
Pinehurst Kingston

Zone E-4:

Post Falls

Rathdrum

Smelterville

Zone E-5:

Cranbrook

Creston

Kootenay Lake

Mark Creek

Zone E-6:

Beaver Valley

Northport

Rosland-Golden City

Trail

Zone E-7:

Elkford

Fernie

Sand Creek

Sparwood

Zone E-8:

Castlegar-Selkirk

Kootenay Slocan

Nelson

North Pend Oreille Valley

Salmo

Zone E-9:

Chewelah Valley

Liberty Lake

Rockford

Spokane Valley

Zone E-10:

Fairmont & District

Golden & District

Lake Windermere

Wasa

Zone E-11:

Priest River

Priest Lake Kaniksu

Sandpoint

Please submit all District Newsletter articles to: d19e.dg.newsletter@gmail.com
Pictures need to be in jpeg format and text needs to be in either .docx or .rtf format.
Deadline for submission is the 25th of the month. Please send corrections or additional information to the above email address

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What have you done lately to support your Lions Club, your Zone Chair Person, or your District?

Lions clubs throughout the United States and in Canada are slowly dissolving through lack of membership, participation of members, and an overall sense of apathy.

Where do you fit in in this picture? Have you been a club officer, served on a committee as chairperson, or taken any on-line classes to increase your knowledge of information that will make you a better Lion?

Your involvement in any of those segments of a Lions Club will help your club grow stronger, help you increase membership, and help you remind your fellow Lions that we have a mission here – "To Serve".

IPDG Frank Bega

District 19E

COOPERATIVE FOR ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF EVERYWHERE (CARE)

Here is the District update regarding donations to CARE. However first off I want to remind everyone that this year donations are going to Haiti in an effort to help 12-19 year old girls with their education. Through the end of December our District has donated \$1350.00 from only 6 clubs, which means 40 clubs have not donated as of 12/31/2020. I realize fundraising during this time is hard; some clubs have lost major fundraisers recently. I am encouraging clubs to do what they can to help support CARE.

If a club or individual donates \$500.00 a year they are entitled to a Gordon F Smith Fellowship that year. Also if a club averages \$5.00 per member that club is entitled to a rocker patch for their banner. A club of 10 members only needs \$50.00 in donations to qualify. One club from another district had a pass the hat event. That club has raised in excess of \$3000.00 this year with 3 members giving \$500.00 each. The Shadle North Club asks members to donate \$5.00 during their birth month. There are many ways to raise funds for CARE, get creative!

Checks should be mailed to the Bellingham office with CARE on the memo line.

Thank You,

Lion Barb Yeoman

CARE Chair

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM (GLT)

If you are interested in learning about Zoom Meeting setup or just becoming more comfortable about using the Zoom platform for training or meetings, please log-on to this video training session support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-video-tutorials.

If you are intimidated by the presentations but still want to learn what is becoming our "NEW" communication pathway, please feel free to contact me and I will try to set up a training session for those interested.

I hope to hear from some of you so that we can strengthen our communication skills and maybe even go so far as to hold club meetings using the Zoom network. I can be reached at either frankbega@frontier.com or (208) 659-1446.

MD-19 and our District 19E both have programs that you can use if necessary until you get comfortable with this program.

I hope all of you have a very productive New Year.

IPDG Frank Bega

District 19E

Global Leadership Training Coordinator (GLT)

DISTRICT 19 LEOS

Since the Fall Council of Governors (COG) meeting, not much has been transpiring with the Multiple District Leos.

VCC John Morlek secured funds for 30 scholarships through the MD 19 Foundation and starting in 2021, VCC John Morlek, Past Leo Chair Barry Shiles and myself have been working on a scholarship application form to be distributed to Leos and Leo clubs. Once the application is developed and previewed by the three committee members, they will be distributed.

A \$300 US scholarship will be awarded to 30 Leos to attend the 2021 fourth annual US/Canada Leo Leadership forum, taking place in Calgary Canada July 21 – 25. We have hopes that every available Leo takes advantage of this opportunity. If this forum goes virtual, the scholarships will roll over to next year and will again be available through an updated form.

The June International Leos convention in Montreal Canada has been redirected as a virtual meeting rather than an in person get together. All Leos can attend virtually for only \$30 USD. I have sent memos to all District Governors in the hope that they will send the information to their respective Leo clubs so we have many Leos from MD 19 attend. Leo advisors are able to attend as well at a slightly higher cost. Well worth the time and cost. Please encourage attendance.

PDG Lyndon Harriman
Extension Chair

ENVIRONMENT

More Tips and a Request for Your Help

As promised in the January newsletter, here are some more simple things you can do to help our environment:

- Instead of buying bottled water, use your own refillable container,
- Turn off unnecessary lights,
- Use energy efficient lightbulbs, and
- Reuse and/or recycle everything that you can. For example, reduce paper use by printing on the blank, back side of used paper.

Take some time to check out the MD 19 COVID Campaign webpage (<https://md19covidcampaign.weebly.com>) to see if there might be a new environment project that your club can adopt and be sure to submit successful projects to the website to share with others.

And here's heads up about an online survey that will be coming your way from the MD 19 Environment Team. The purpose of the survey is to assist Lions to increase effective environmental service and to link Lions to great ideas. We are asking for your help in completing the survey; asking you to consider your Club activities and mark projects you do on the survey. By completing the survey, we will gain information about activity throughout the District and Multiple District. We hope you will learn about a variety of projects you might want to launch with your Club. All Lions in MD 19 are invited to complete the survey. Watch for it!

Respectfully Submitted,
PDG Kim Di Rienz
District 19E Environment Chair

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT)

Let us peacefully change the world with our acts of kindness and growth of our great organization. There are many ways new clubs are being formed within the United States and the world of Lions. Many new specialty clubs with reference to: Diabetes, Hunger, Vision, Retirement, Focus on Reading, Snowmobile, Investment, Cancer, Professional, Cancer being formed. And the list goes on only to your imagination.

Our District needs the input and leadership of our lion's members to grow these types of new clubs and membership. How about a Grandmothers or Grandfathers club to brag on their families and give support together to neighbors that are struggling, or support to less fortunate?

What about a sportsman club to help take those youth that have no connection to the great outdoors we are so blessed with in our region? A great opportunity to teach and educate on hunting and fishing, snow skiing or boating activities.

Contact your Zone chairs and give them the opportunity to help you organize an event to grow our Lions and create new clubs. Our District needs strong determined young leaders to carry us into the future. With your leadership and devotion now, we will create a strong future to support the humanitarian needs of our communities and the world. Together we will grow our District E.

Just released from Lions International, new member and new club entrance fees will continue to be waived until June 2021.

Take the time in your club to do a **SWOT** analysis. This is analyzing your **Strengths**, **Weaknesses** your club may have, **Opportunities** available to excel, and **Threats** you have in your club or community. If needed, ask someone from our district or another to help you. This can be done during a Zoom meeting using one area at a time. You will be able to put together a futurist plan for your club's growth, leadership development, project commitment and so forth.

Keep in touch.

PDG Brian Ross
GMT District 19E



Fairmont
Fernie

Merlin Velker
Marcel Kremer

As the Corona Virus continues to impact Lions and the service we provide in our communities, the Executive Officers and International Board of Directors has approved the following approach.

- **Flexible payments** – No clubs in good standing on December 31, 2020 will be suspended or cancelled through June 30, 2021 for late payment of dues. Clubs with outstanding dues from the July 2020 billing which were placed under financial suspension on December 31st 2020 may be returned to good standing by making arrangements for repayment with the Accounts Receivable Department.

- **Charter and entrance fees waiver** – Waive all charter and entrance fees from January 1 – June 30, 2021. Over the past six weeks I have had many inquiries regarding whether the Charter and Entrance Fee Waiver would be extended to June 30, 2021. Hopefully this was not just idle curiosity as we really need to step up and take advantage of the opportunity before us. Let's look at doing things a bit differently. Let's look at Specialty Clubs made up with groups that currently exist. Here is an article on Virtual Volunteering that may be of interest. <https://www.thebalancesmb.com/becoming-a-virtual-volunteer-4138357>

Let's be open minded. If you have any questions please get back to me.

Regards,

ID Allan Hunt

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LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF)

Wanted to give you an update regarding donations from District E through yesterday. Overall we can be very proud of what we have done the first 7 months of the year. Fundraising has been extremely difficult and a few clubs in recent time have lost major fundraising activities. With the obstacles we have faced disasters are still occurring and hunger has increased. We only need to recall back 2 weeks ago when we had a wind storm. Two years ago 800 million people went to bed hungry, due to Covid 19 that figure has now increased to 820 million individuals go to bed hungry daily.

To date District E has total donations of \$18,693 which is down from \$21,996 a year ago. Again with everything going on at this time I feel very proud of how District E has responded. Donations have come from 17 club donations, 32 individual donations and 1 donation from outside of Lions. Thank you all. I also want to thank the members who have responded with donations in response to Founder Melvin Jones Birthday celebration.

Encouraging all clubs to donate to LCIF, we had 100 % club participation 2 years ago. To date 29 clubs have not donated. Would also encourage more individuals to support LCIF. Remember our district has received **two** grants in the past 6 months; grants are not possible without donations going to LCIF. We received a grant last summer due to Covid 19 in which we purchased and distributed PPEs. Then we received another grant due to the fire in Malden and Pine City. With this grant we purchased commercial equipment for the Malden food Bank.

Donations can be made by going to LCI home page and selecting DONATE in the upper right hand corner. Please continue to support LCIF.

Thank you

PDG Bob Yeoman

LCIF Chair

MALDEN-BABB AND PINE CITY On the Road to Recovery

Malden and Pine City, Washington communities have a long road ahead of them after a 2020 fire swept through on Labor Day weekend. Many of the estimated 206 Malden and Pine City residents were displaced (132 families including 70 children), and eighty-percent of the homes and businesses were destroyed, including a food bank that had recently been equipped with a new refrigerator, freezer and microwave and used tables.

The true hero during this devastation was the Rosalia Lions Club who managed the relief efforts. More specifically Secretary Linda Pritchett, who put her job on hold for several weeks, came to manage the relief center and coordinate the relief efforts with other organizations. Linda was surrounded with helpers President Barbara Botham, Lori Furman, Lesa Kuehne, Dr. Mary Widman, DVM, who attended to all injured and displaced animals, Monique Hanson Newman, and many other outstanding volunteers. Through their efforts, water, food, clothing, bedding, medicine, coats, equipment and funds donated by many Lions Clubs and citizens, were collected and distributed to the Malden-Babb and Pine City community members.

After talking with Malden's food bank director Bob Law, District 19 E came to the realization that the needs of Malden and Pine City and the surrounding areas would be best served by replacing the food bank's equipment destroyed by the fire in Malden.

After applying and receiving a District/Club Community Grant and a month of several deliveries to Malden, I am happy to say that the Malden Food Bank is operational in a temporary facility. Plans are in the works to rebuild a community center that will house the food bank among other organizations.



19 E District
Governor Peggy
Harriman and Food
Bank Director
Bob Law



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SPRING CONFERENCE----SAVE THE DATE

April 30 - May 1-2, 2021

Red Lion, Post Falls Id.

We are putting together the registration form, should be out the shortly.

Please think positive we can make it work

PDG Ken Cook

Conference Chair

CONTEST & AWARDS

Our District E Spring Conference is right around the corner. Let's show our fellow Lions just how much talent we have in District E. Some of the categories are Musical, Musical Comedy, Humorous Story, 5 minute Achievement Speech, Newsletters, Club Business Card (club name, where and when you meet) and Scrapbook.

Please contact me by March 22nd to let me know you are participating in Contest & Awards. We will be judging some of these categories a head of the Spring Conference.

For information call (208) 443-7039 or email me at mooseknuckles@hughes.net

Thank you,

PZC Cheryl Ekler

KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND

On Tuesday, January 5th, we held our first meeting of 2021. At that meeting we confirmed our Constitution and elected another District Representative in District G. DG19-G, Doug Harvey sent me an email on Monday and gave me a contact, who I called immediately, and he was at our Tuesday evening meeting and Chad Lewis was elected District G Representative. We are still in need of Representatives for Districts D and I.

Our meeting was attended by Al Hedstrom and Ray Fujiura and we were very pleased to have them join us as we begin to move into action. We talked about the importance of empowering Lions (and prospective Lions) to fully participate in Lionism, by assisting in improving accessibility for Blind and Low Vision individuals. We have been working with Peter Anderson and Antoinette Polk of LCI on some of the web material and application forms that are partially screen-reader accessible but need more work. By way of example the welcome booklet that is available in Braille is based on a 2014 version of the booklet, with a charge to the group of \$21.95 plus \$10.66 shipping.

In the conversation we formed a Tech Committee to help find our what direction we can go to see what the best avenue is to format web sites, new member applications, membership materials, etc.

We also formed a committee that will develop a file naming standard for committee minutes and other documents, so that everything will be more easily accessible for all of us, sighted or not.

Prior to our meeting I called all the District Governors in MD19 to ask their permission to pass their phone numbers on to our District Representatives so that they will have a liaison for us to have a better form of communication. While Lions Clubs around the world have done so very much to prevent avoidable blindness, we want to educate ourselves on the activities of MD19 Clubs to improve the quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired, especially through improving accessibility.

Our meetings are via ZOOM on the first Tuesday of each month, with our next one at 6:30 pm, February 2, 2021, which is Ground Hogs Day. We would like to invite anyone who is interested in our committee to join us, especially any of your members who are blind or visually impaired. If you would like to join us, please reach out to me and I will forward the meeting information to you.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Arvidson, Chair

MD19 Lions Knights of the Blind Committee

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CHILDHOOD CANCER

FEBRUARY: LCIF CHILDHOOD CANCER MONTH FEBRUARY 15TH: INTERNATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER DAY (ICCD)



From the ICCD website: "International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD) is a global collaborative campaign to raise awareness about childhood cancer and to express support for children and adolescents with cancer, the survivors and their families.... This annual event was created by Childhood Cancer International, a global network of **170 parent organizations**, childhood cancer survivor associations, childhood cancer support groups, and cancer societies in **over 90 countries** across 5 continents."

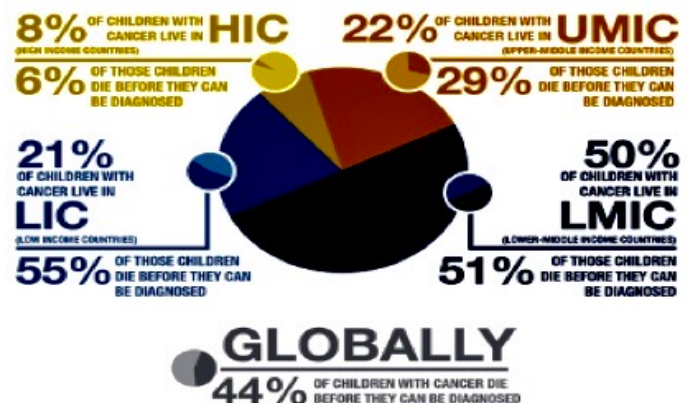
Globally, it is estimated there were over 400,000 cases of childhood cancer in 2020. There is a large disparity between high income/upper-middle income (HIC-UMIC) countries and low income/lower-middle income (LIC/LMIC) countries in terms of diagnosis, treatment and survival of children with cancer. In high-income countries, 80% of children with cancer will survive. That drops to 20% in some low and middle-income countries.

The goal of the 2018 World Health Organization (WHO) Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer is to achieve at least 60% survival and to reduce suffering for all children with cancer by 2030. One million children can be saved in the next decade.

Lion Connie Hill-Bunch, Chair
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PROJECTED FOR 2020 DIAGNOSIS RATES OF CHILDREN WITH CANCER (AGE 0-1 BASED ON INCOME LEVEL OF HOME COUNTRY



Please join me in welcoming the following new Lions to District 19E:

CLUB

Coeur d' Alene
Rathdrum
Spokane Central

NEW MEMBER

Christina R Johnson
Roxanne M Kusler
Patricia D Hume
Julie Morin

SPONSOR

Ken Cook
Ken Cook
Joseph Hume
Laura Wintersteen-Arleth

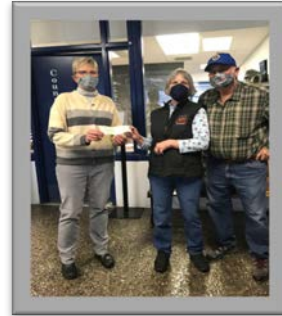


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Out and About in the District

CHEWELAH VALLEY LIONS

The Chewelah Valley Lions club presented a check to Jenkins Jr./Sr. High school counselor, Sue Fisk. The donation is for the Invest Fund that helps Chewelah area students to be successful in school.



COEUR D ALENE LIONS

CDA Lions were busy putting smiles on children faces and supporting the local food bank.

Joining ranks with the Marines annual event "Toys for Tots" collection at Grocery Outlet in CDA, CDA Lions took the opportunity to support the Community Action Partnership Food Bank. The food drive brought in 674 pounds of food (about \$1,007!) along with a \$200 gift card.



Peace Poster Essay Winner for CDL Lions Club, District E and MD 19!

L-R: Lion Tina Johnston IESDB, VP Maria Andrews,
Emma Erckenbrack--Essay Winner,
PDG Ken Cook CDL Peace Poster Chair.

The club gave Emma an award and a \$ 50 check for winning .



Spokane Shadle North Lions Club has a year-round fundraiser:

<https://shadle-north-lions.terrilynn.com>

Order Gourmet Nuts, Baking Nuts, and so much more! Choose from Fancy Pecans, Giant Cashews, Healthy Mix, Colossal Pistachios, Milk Chocolate Raisins, Deluxe Mix, Walnuts (Light & Dark) and LOTS, LOTS MORE!! SHIPPING IS \$5.00 no matter how much you order!!

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BACK TO SCHOOL



2021 NORTHWEST LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

"Leadership: Unleash Your Inner BEAST"

Date: June 3-5, 2021

Location: Harrison Beach Hotel, Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia, Canada

Cost: \$350.00 without the Waiver (deposit of \$150 US/CAN at par)

Please note: Applicants from Clubs in MD19 can apply for a special fee waiver, which can reduce the cost of the Institute by \$200.00, so don't forget to apply for that waiver!

REGISTRATION CLOSES on APRIL 1st, 2021 (No Fooling!) So, SIGN UP TODAY at www.nwlli.org

Your cost will cover 3 nights double occupancy lodging at the Harrison Beach Hotel (single occupancy available on a limited basis for an additional charge.) Dinner on June 3rd, Lunch on June 4th, Lunch & Dinner on June 5th, coffee breaks and snacks. Cost will cover all training materials, & hotel parking for 3 days. (All Breakfasts and Friday dinner are on you own.)

For more information or any questions, contact Art Weatherly: registrar@nwlli.org or 360-898-0060 / or call Assistant Superintendent, PDG Laura at lionlaurawintersteen@gmail.com / 509-999-6282

PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth
Assistant Superintendent



ZOOM MEETINGS...

Learn to setup or just becoming more comfortable about using the Zoom platform for training or meetings, log-on to this video training session.

support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-video-tutorials.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership FORUM

[USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum](http://lionsforum.org)

To develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International.

lionsforum.org

Dates: September 9-11, 2021

Location: Des Moines, Iowa

Theme: "Cultivating Leaders"

Go online at <https://lionsforum.org/> for registration

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION---JUNE 25-29, 2021



Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion Leader,

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Although we are disappointed that we won't be able to host this event in person, we are excited about hosting our first virtual international convention that can safely connect Lions from around the world. We are still finalizing the details of your new convention experience, and will share those with you as soon as they are ready.

Here are some important details about the 2021 virtual convention we'd like to share with you:

- **Everyone's invited** – Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- **Registration fees** – The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.
- **Current registrants** – Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.
- **Elections** – Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- **Convention updates** – Check our convention website [LCICon](#) for convention updates and details as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service.

We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time for our organization and the world, and thank you for your incredible service as a Lion.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President