



Kindness, a Key to Service

Our Message from DG Joe

Websites:



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- MD19 lionsmd19.org/index.php
- District D e-district.org/sites/19d
- LCI lionsclubs.org
- NLF nlfoundation.org

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all the Lions in District D.

We are embarking on the 2nd half of our Lions year; there's light at the end of the tunnel, with vaccines being distributed. The vaccine won't change the way we operate for quite some time,

but perhaps we will be able to visit with everyone this fall.

I had waited on doing club visits in the hope of things getting better, but now is the time for my team to start making visits to each of the clubs. We will have to make these visits by zoom.

I am asking each of the clubs to get in touch with myself, Joyce, or Debbie so we can schedule visitations to each of our clubs. It is not the preferred method, but it is what we have. Please get in touch with one of us to schedule.

I have the zoom license so I can set up the meeting and then turn them over to one you choose.

I know our clubs have been doing a lot of great things during the Holiday Season. My own club collected over 80 stuffed toys to give the local ambulance and fire department, to give the children when they are at the scene of an accident or serious event in their lives. We also collected supplies for our local assisted home for seniors along with giving money to our local community cupboard. One neat idea from Okanagan Mission Lions was the Pocket Talker presented to their local nursing home. Many of our clubs have filled Christmas hampers, provided food, held Christmas parties for children (virtually), provided breakfasts for those shut in, Salvation Army bell ringing, and making the Holiday Season brighter for many.

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District Joe, continued.....

My fear is that some of our clubs may be getting out of the habit of meetings, while doing service. Zoom is not that hard to use, and it will keep us in contact with all our members, so let's ZOOM into the new year.

Let's continue the service we have been providing on into the new year, while keeping our members safe and healthy



From DC Joe & Dorothy

Environment...Angus Benedict

Here we are starting a new year, Happy New Year. 2021 will be a challenge, we will need to use all of our resources to their best use. We can do as much or as little, it is up to us to use our good sense and be aware what is best for our survival. Let's start the new year with a commitment to do more for the environment. Thank you for doing what you can.

My feature for this month is an easel, some of our umbrellas we sue on our projects got damaged in a wind gust. I dismantled them and salvaged the staves which became legs. A 2 inch T hinge, 4 bolts, 4 wing nuts and some plastic angle finished the easel.

Send me your creations at environmentangus@gmail.com

"Wherever you turn, you can find someone who needs you. Even if it is a little thing, do something for which there is no pay but the privilege of doing it. Remember, you don't live in the world all of your own."
~Albert Schweitzer



MELVIN JONES

The man who started it all with a vision - was born on 13 January, 1879.

In June of 1917 he sent out invitations and twenty delegates representing twenty-seven different clubs from various parts of the United States met in the Chicago Hotel LaSalle. It was tentatively decided to call the new group the "Association of Lions Clubs".

Lions did not become International until 1920 when the Lions Club of Detroit chartered the Windsor, Ontario Lions Club in Canada.

In 1950, when Lions membership had passed the 400,000 mark, the International Board of Directors gave Melvin Jones the title of Secretary-General of Lions International for life. In 1958 the Board changed his official title to Founder and Secretary-General. But perhaps his greatest thrill and reward came in 1953, when after 32 years in cramped quarters in Chicago's McCormick Building, he stood on the stage of the International convention and took part in the dedication of his Association's own magnificent building, on Michigan Avenue in Chicago.

Many honors came to Melvin Jones in his lifetime. In 1939, the Cuban Government decorated him with the National Merit Order of Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, the most cherished of the civilian decorations. In 1945 he was awarded the Order of Merit and Honor of the Cuban Red Cross. In 1932 US President Herbert Hoover named him to a select group of business executives, who attended a White House conference to discuss economic problems. In 1945 Melvin attended a Washington conference for preliminary planning of the United Nations, and in April of that year he was in San Francisco representing Lions International, as a consultant at the historic organization of the United Nations.

We now number 1.4 million members in over 200 countries. We are known for saving sight, feeding the hungry, aiding seniors and the disabled, caring for the environment and so much more.

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NLF – NORTHWEST LIONS FOUNDATION: NORTHWEST LIONS SIGHT AND HEARING

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE: [HTTPS://NLFFOUNDATION.ORG](https://nlfoundation.org)

Since Helen Keller's address in 1925, Lions Clubs have been committed to serving as "Knights of the Blind." Lions in Washington and Northern Idaho expanded that mission in 1969 by starting the Northwest Lions Eye Bank (now [SightLife](#)), establishing a center of excellence for cornea donation in the Pacific Northwest.

2021 SPRING CONFERENCE

Dear Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos,

As many of you have heard the latest news about the 2021 Spring Conference in Kelowna. It is not a rumour. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the 2021 Spring Conference in Kelowna. Because of the COVID-19 protocols DG Joe and I had made the decision and it was made official at the November 14, 2020 Cabinet meeting.

I am very disappointed this had to be done. We were all looking forward to seeing all of our Lions family after so many months.

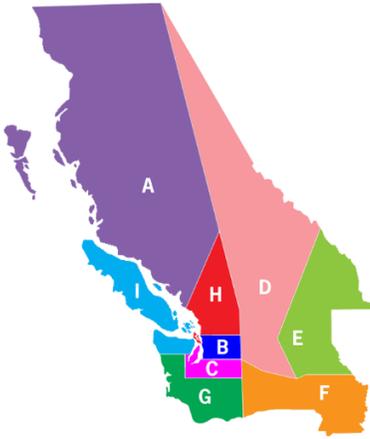
There was a discussion on the possibility of having a small ZOOM Conference. PDG Wanda will be checking into this and if there is any further information it will be sent out to your Zone Chair to distribute to your members.

PDG Wanda has sent out 2020 Spring Conference refunds. If you have not received your refund please contact me sonia.ayotte51@gmail.com.

There seems to be a light at the end of this tunnel. I am very much looking forward to the 2022 Spring Conference in Leavenworth, April 22/23, 2022. See you there.

Lion Sonia Ayotte, 2021 Spring Conference Chairperson





Have you checked out what is in the **MD19 Border Crossing** lately? Enter this website and see what is happening!!

<https://lionsmd19.org/newsletters.php>

Membership Ideas

14 REASONS FOR JOINING LIONSMOTIVATORS OF INVOLVEMENT

Personal or Self-Actualization Benefits

- Feeling of value to yourself and society.
- Making a contribution of lasting value.
- Developing professional contacts.
- Acquiring and developing new skills and interests in such areas as human relations, parliamentary procedures, speaking.
- Recognition of abilities by peers.
- Showcase for your talent; platform for ideas and opinions.
- Prestige, being sought out for advice.
- Seeing efforts come to fruition; achievement.
- A chance to feel your own capabilities in response to a challenge.
- Belonging to a select group of people.
- Making new friendships.

Social or Service Benefits

- Solving a professional or social problem.
- Chance to help others.

What is the MD19 Covid Campaign?

Thank you to all Lions Clubs for responding quickly and sharing your Covid service activities. The MD19 Covid Campaign is a platform for all members to access the creative service projects that have been successfully launched during these unprecedented times by members and clubs in MD19.

The Covid Campaign will be emailing all 10,000+ MD19 members directly with a weekly inspirational project bulletin showcasing the creative capabilities of our fellow Lions. We have also launched the Covid Campaign website.

This can be accessed via the MD19 website or by clicking the link below. This campaign is driven by you, the Members! Please share your stories, both success and failures so that we may all band together and ensure that we can serve our communities safely and successfully.

Let's Get Started:

<https://www.md19covidcampaign.com/>

Club Safety Officer Do you have one? Covid or not a Club Safety Officer is a member whose specific task is both member and public safety during any Lions service. Need more info? Check out the link below!

<https://md19covidcampaign.weebly.com/safety-officer-jobdescription1.html>

2020-21 Peace Poster

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity. This year's theme was "Peace Through Service".

To sponsor the Peace Poster Contest, Lions clubs can order a contest kit from January 15 to October 1. The kit is available in 12 of our official languages. A kit is needed for each contest sponsored. Each kit contains: • Official Club Contest Guide and Rules • Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules • Participant Flyer to duplicate and give to participating students to take home • Sticker to place on back of winning poster • Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group

Order Your Kit here <https://lionsclubsinternational.myshopify.com/collections/kits/products/ppk1>

*To order a kit by phone, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822 (U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada only).

