

# DISTRICT D NEWSLETTER

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## Many Hands Make Light Work



DG Debbie's thoughts: Here it is nearing the end of August and everyone is busy. I have heard that a lot of clubs are out in their community feeding people at State Fairs, cooking hamburgers at ball tournaments, or just meeting to plan for upcoming events. If your club is planning an event, please send me the information and I will have it put in the newsletter.

I am trying to book my visitations to each of the communities and most clubs are getting back to me promptly to let me know whether the dates work for them. Thank you! We have a very large district and I am trying to make my trips involve at least 2 or more clubs so that the mileage is not as large as going to just one club.

What do Lions do when things happen at the last minute and plans have to change? They improvise. This recently happened to Forest Grove Lions Club. They have 13 perspective members that had some questions about what being a Lion was all about. As I neared their community, I received a phone call that there was a sewage backup at the hall they usually hold their dinner meeting in so the meeting would have to be canceled. After some phone calls, it was decided that we would hold the meeting at the Ruth Lake Park that is maintained by the Forest Grove Lions. Now, the problem seemed to be what to do for food. The phone rang and members offered to bring their small bbq and hot dogs with the fixings, so that is what we had. The meeting was very informative not only to those members that attended but to me as well, as I did not know about this park and the history of how they got it. That is a story for another time.

The real story here is 13 perspective new members. How did they get them? Well, two of the members went to the newspaper and announced that they would be holding the last meeting ever of the Old Forest Grove Lions or the first meeting of the New Forest Grove Lions at the end of July. The article explained to the community that with only 7 members they could no longer continue with the Ruth Lake Park, the Christmas tree sales, and any other projects that they had done in the past with only 7 members and that if they could not get new members, they would close. The article also talked about the other two Lions groups in the area, 100 Mile Lions and 108 Mile Ranch Lions. These two groups are also looking for new members. At the July meeting in Forest Grove, 10 perspective new members attended with 3 more community members stepping forward since then. After attending their meeting and hearing the passion and input from some of these new members, I have confidence that this club will be a strong presence in their community for years to come!

*The most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they want to do.*  
- Kobe Bryant

Enjoy the Summer



## **North Shuswap Lions Fund Raiser**

North Shuswap Lions are hosting a “Fine Wine String Quartet” on September 4th at the Celista Winery. Do you like good music and fine wine? Then save the date September 4<sup>th</sup>, and come out and join them. \$25.00 per ticket, brochure is attached.

## **Lions Quest Canada**

### **We urgently need your financial support!**

According to the Mental Health Commission of Canada and the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction, the pandemic has had a greater impact on young people living in Canada than other age group. Only 1 in 4 youth report excellent or very good mental health, with 42% reporting moderate to severe anxiety and 17% contemplating suicide. Nationally, suicide is the leading cause of death for 10-14 year olds, and second leading cause of death for 15-24 year olds. Substance use has increased with 37% of youth reporting increased alcohol use and 45% reporting increased cannabis use.

**The need for Lions Quest programs has never been greater.** We recognize last two years were difficult for clubs, and our donations were less than 50% of our goal. In the 2021-22 Lions year, less than 12% of clubs contributed. We can do better, we need to do better, our young people deserve better.

Every donation from \$25 to \$5,000 is appreciated and makes a difference. The power of the Lions family joining together to invest in our young people is what counts. In most municipalities, funds raised from gaming/lotteries/bingo can be donated to Lions Quest Canada as we are a charitable organization.

Our new Board Chair, VDG Michael Stanford, has issued a challenge to all clubs. Present a **Q Bear Fan Club** membership right now to a deserving person in your club or community by investing \$100 in Lions Quest Canada. Or buy one yourself!

To learn more about our work, we invite all Lions and Leos to join us at the “Lions Quest 101” webinar on Monday September 12 at 2 pm EDT. To register, check the “Latest News” section on the front page of our website at [www.lionsquest.ca](http://www.lionsquest.ca) or [click here \(gotowebinar.com\)](http://gotowebinar.com). This will be a preview of the presentation being made at the USA/Canada Lions Forum in Calgary.

It’s often said that “it takes a village to raise a child” – our role at Lions Quest Canada is to help raise the “village”. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of our request to support this award-winning initiative, one of Lions Clubs International’s signature youth programs. **Call Us At: 800-**

**265-2680**

## **Gain Recognition with the Club Excellence Award**

The Club Excellence Award serves as a club’s road-map to excellence, focusing on the key elements of a quality club—membership, service, organizational excellence and marketing. It is more than an award—it’s proof that a Lions club is strong! For more information go to the LCI website.

## **MD19 Annual Convention**

Attached with this bulletin is the registration form plus convention information sheet. Please plan on attending this fun event. And if your club would like to contribute a raffle or silent auction item it would be greatly appreciated. Kamloops Paddlewheelers are looking after the auction and raffle so if you can let Lion Connie Robson know if you are bringing something or you wish to send money to purchase an item send an email to her at [paddlewheeler1@gmail.com](mailto:paddlewheeler1@gmail.com)

Hope to see you there.

## **Tentative Visitation Schedule as of August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

September 15-17: USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM

September 22: Mattawa

September 28: Westbank

October 4: Oliver Lions

October 5: Moses Lake

October 6: Leavenworth (confirmed)

October 13-15: MD 19 CONVENTION PENTICTON

October 19: Lake Country

October 20: Vernon

October 24: Kelowna Okanagan Mission

October 26: Armstrong

October 27: Enderby

November 1: Lumby

November 7: Okanagan Falls

November 9: Peachland

March 7: Ephrata

March 8: Othello

March 9: Wenatchee-East Wenatchee Greater Wenatchee Sunrise

March 10: Wenatchee Central

March 16: Lake Chelan

March 21: Wenatchee Valley

April 5: Quincy Valley

April 11: Waterville

## **Important Dates**

September 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> - USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM in Calgary

October 13<sup>th</sup> – 15 – MD19 ANNUAL CONVENTION in Penticton (registration attached)

Websites: • MD19 <https://lionsmd19.org/index.php>

• District D <https://e-district.org/sites/19d>

• LCI <https://lionsclubs.org>

• Border Crossing <https://lionsmd19.org/newsletters.php>