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IPDG Debbie's Remarks

Okay, here we are in the 2nd month of our Lions Year and things are still 'out of the ordinary'. We must think outside the box in order to keep ourselves involved in our clubs and communities. I know it can be challenging, but it is so important that we all stay connected with each other. Some things that are being done by other clubs: purchasing I pads for senior residences for the residents to be able to stay in contact with family, delivering books to people who cannot get out to get them, delivering groceries/medicine to individuals, etc.

The first Cabinet Meeting is on **August 29th** at 9 am, virtually via Zoom. If you would like to 'sit in' I am sure we can get you the link up information, just drop me an email and I will see what I can do.

The USA/Canada Leadership Forum is going ahead virtually **September 25-27, 2020**. This is a great opportunity for you to attend. There is a registration fee of only \$20.00 U.S. You will have access to 19 educational seminars, be inspired by and motivated by the keynote speakers and get a sneak peek at next year's venue. Check the Forum's website, www.lionsforum.org for registration and more info.

The MD19 Annual Convention will also be held virtually, the dates to be confirmed. If you have never attended a Convention, this will be a unique way to see what happens at one. There will be panels for club officers as well as panels on various other topics. More info to come.

Your club should have received the semi annual dues statement from Lions Clubs International (LCI) as well as MD19. If you have not, please let me know as I have copies of MD19 dues and can get the LCI dues for you as well. These dues need to be paid asap.

The Peace Poster contest this year is *Peace Through Service*. Kits need to be ordered by October 1st from LCI. Due to the challenges we face this year, if you know a youth ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15th, consider having your club sponsor them in the contest. It is a great way for us to be involved in our young people. And through them, you may find a future Leo or even a parent who might become a Lion! You can find the full rules and further information on LCI's website www.lionsclubs.org

There is another contest that I do not think clubs know about. It is the Lions at Work photo contest which replaces the environmental photo contest. The photo is from a single club of an activity showing Lions in action in either service or fundraising. I know some of you are active in both, so take a photo and submit it. Full rules and info can be found on the MD19 website click on Awards and scroll down to the appropriate item.

IPDG Debbie

Lions Quest

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP IN ZONES D-10, D-7, D-8 AND D-3.

There is still time to register for the workshop to be held on August 20th 10 am. If you are interested, or no someone in the community who would like to attend, please let me know so we can contact you or individual with the information.

One good way to save face is to keep the lower half of it shut.

Officer Training Opportunity

If you have not been able to attend any of the last 4 online training sessions, there is still time to take in a session. This is for all club officers and will be via Zoom.

Saturday September 12th, 2020 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Register by September 8th, 2020 by emailing your name, club, and position to PID Anne Smarsh t.smarsh@att.net There will be pre assignments and the zoom link sent a few days prior.

There is a wealth of information to be found on LCI website as well as the MD19 website. If you have not checked them out, now is the perfect time to do so.

If you have an event, project, function or program that you would like to promote, send it to me and I will put it in the bulletin. debbie.bostock@gmail.com

Websites:

- MD19 <https://lionsmd19.org>
- District D <https://e-district.org/sites/19d>
- LCI <https://lionsclubs.org>
- Border Crossing <https://lionsmd19.org/newsletters.php>

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We can do it. We can sparkle with joy in the deepest, darkest basement, because the Lord is our battery pack that empowers us to smile and laugh no matter how dire our circumstances appear to be.
Barbara Johanson