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### **Thoughts from Zone Chair Angus**

Hello D10: Time Marches on! It feels good to have warmer weather, snow is going, rain is replacing it. Spring is just around the corner.

It is my pleasure to be your Zone Chair for 2020-2021. Although it has not been possible for in person visits, I still feel it has been a new way of doing what needs to be done.

My term will end soon so I would like to invite a member from D10 to replace me. This year has shown that meetings can be accomplished by zoom or other virtual means. Travel can be reduced making it easier. Communication by email etc. is effective and cost saving. Please give it some thought. Our next zone meeting is March 20th, look for the agenda end of next week. The next cabinet meeting is April 10th, all are welcome. We are holding a virtual District Conference on April 17th, see attached information.

Stay safe

ZC Angus

### **BC Trivia**

(Good for Tail twisting)

#### **Comparisons**

On the world scene British Columbia is four times larger than Great Britain, two and a half times as large as Japan, or equal to the combined size of France, Germany, Austria and Belgium. There are only thirty nations in the world bigger than British Columbia.

***The great pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do***

### **Leadership Tip**

#### **Feedback Closes the Communication Gap**

Communication is a two-way street. It's designed not only to impart information but to create understanding and acceptance. It is the process of feedback which helps a communicator gauge how well he or she has shared the data. To gain feedback:

- Be a good listener. Give others a chance to express themselves completely. Weigh what they say. Don't interrupt.

- Be sensitive to people, their viewpoints and needs. As you communicate with others, watch for changes in their moods, indications of how they are reacting to your messages, and other clue to whether you are maintaining their interest.
- Look for feedback from many sources. Asking questions is fine. But it's just one way to obtain feedback. Conduct a survey. Form an advisory panel. Convene focus groups. Talk with people one-on-one. Seek group input. The more feedback you have to work with, the better a feel you'll have for how efficiently your communication process is working.

### **Membership**

#### **WAYS TO RETAIN MEMBERS**

Meaningful induction, orientation and involvement. Programs-good, timely and "on time" when scheduled.

Keep members active and members-at-large informed.

Publicize club's activities in local media.

Encourage new member's partner to join if not already a member.

Break up cliques. Place cards for meetings-change them each meeting so that the same group does not always sit together.

Sponsor's responsibilities should be stressed.

Lion of the Month-special recognition award; announce in club bulletin that he or she won't have to donate to pay the tail twister's 'donation' for a month.

Find out why a member wishes to resign-membership committee should meet with member to discuss the problems or reasons.

Recognize member's accomplishments both as a Lion and as a member of the community.

Keep meetings open for discussion for all members.

Keep track of attendance, check why members not attending.

Have club socials- relaxed way to get to know members.

Keep costs-meals, dues, etc.-reasonable.

Encourage attendance at district, multiple district and international conventions.

### **Elections**

#### **The All-Important Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee is often the most important committee of all because it recommends who may serve as club officers for the incoming year.

A club president should think deeply about forming the committee and not rush through the process. Should the club need a profound change in leadership, the club president should not allow tradition or protocol to constrain the selection of a hard-working, objective-thinking Nominating Committee that can lay the foundation for this change!

January is not too early to select your Nominating Committee, especially if much screening of candidates will be required. The Standard Form Lions Club Constitution and Bylaws requires that the Nominating Committee meet in March and that your club's election be held no later than April 15. *It is important that every club member be informed at least ten days prior to the committee meeting and two weeks prior to the election meeting.*

When selecting a nominating committee and its chairperson the club president should:

- Choose members who are widely respected within the club.
- Select members who clearly understand the responsibilities of each club officer and who have knowledge of the performance of current and past club officers.
- Ensure that the committee represents a cross section of the club's interests.
- Identify members who will thoughtfully assess the qualifications that the candidate:
  - a. Will have enough available time for the office.
  - b. Is willing to assume the responsibility
  - c. Completely understands the responsibilities of the office.

*It's alright to hold a conversation, but you should let go of it now and then.*

### **Election Reporting**

Once your elections have taken place, make sure the secretary completes the PU101 on MyLion and sends a copy to MD19 by May 15th.

### **Dates to Remember**

Zone Meeting            March 20th  
Cabinet Meeting        April 10th  
District Conference    April 17th

For all above events you need to let me know if you wish to attend so I can send you the link as they will all be held virtually by Zoom.

### **LCIF**

#### **CREATING A HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT**

Half the world will soon live in water-stressed areas. Service Lions can do with LCIF funding has a very real impact.

It's no secret. The world is suffering. Our environment-our home-endures pollution of land, water, and air. We see devastation wrought by warming temperatures. Rising sea levels and deforestation threaten entire ecosystems. Agricultural output, and those whose livelihoods depend on the health of our environment, are deeply impacted. Human, animal, plant...no form of life is spared.

While the realities are daunting, Lions are often there and part of the solution. With grant funding from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions have established sanitation systems providing clean water where it was once absent; helped remove pollutants from local parks; provided education on the need for change; and planted community vegetable gardens to feed neighbours and teach children about healthy eating and responsibility for cultivating life.

The service Lions can do with grant funding from LCIF has a very real impact today and on generations to come. There is so much work to do, and with LCIF's support Lions can help create a healthier Earth.

