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Welcome to 2022. I'm wishing all of you a healthy and prosperous new year.

Here we are back in the Covid twostep. We seem to make a move forward then two backwards. Given the demographics of our clubs it is important that we remain cautions and vigilant with our Covid protocols. I know some in person meetings have been held but we are back to the Zoom world for the time being.

I had the pleasure of visiting the Kelowna Mission Lions Club on Nov 8. President Ian T, Secretary Bob Ayotte and all the Lions present were exceptionally gracious and welcoming. We were also joined by three members of the Rutland Lions Club. I'm pleased to report that their club secretary and PDG Bob Ayotte was recently presented with the International President's Medal. This is a very prestigious award given by the International president. Congratulations PDG Ayotte!

The VDG visit to the Westbank Lions club has been postponed until we can meet again in person.

I have agreed to remain as the Zone Chair for the next year given I didn't really do much between Covid, my work with Elections Canada and knee surgery. The Election and the surgery are behind us so I hope to provide better support to the zone in the coming year.

District Conference

The Spring Conference will be via zoom again this year on April 23rd, and this will be followed up with picnics, 1 on each side of the border.

The first will be in BC at Camp Winfield and is planned for May 21st. The second will be in Leavenworth, Washington on June 4th. There will be more information to follow in the February bulletin. So stay tuned.

Everyone is welcome to attend both picnics if they so desire. They will be focused on fun and fellowship. DG Joyce will also be able to present any awards that she has at these picnics.

Peachland Lions Christmas Ornament

The Peachland Lions sold out their inaugural run of Christmas ornaments and are making plans for the 2022 version. For more information you may contact Lion Linda Craven or Shelley Sweeney at <u>cravenlj@gmail.com</u> or <u>shelleysweeney@shaw.ca</u>





Club Dues and MMRs

Dues Don't forget our second half dues for LCI and MD19 are out this month. Please make sure you have paid them up in full as soon as possible. All the clubs paid the first half dues to both LCI and MD19 and I thank you for your prompt payment. Let's do it again for this half's dues as well.

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. stevesweeney@shaw.ca

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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