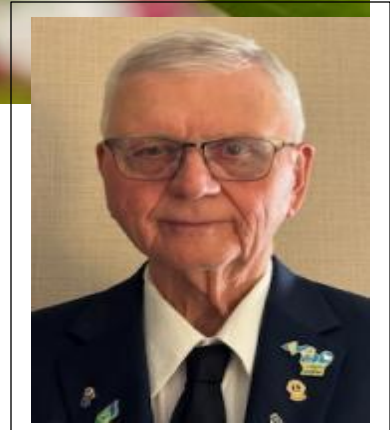


District "I" April Newsletter

April 2025 Newsletter



District Governor Chuck Robinson
Newsletter Editor: PDG Shelley Costello



Happy Apple Blossom to each of you!

As we continue to embody the spirit of service, we are reminded of the power we hold. When we come together as Lions of District 19-I, each of you contributes to the legacy of kindness, compassion, and dedication that defines our organization. Together, we've made incredible strides in impacting lives and serving our communities, but the work is never done.

This newsletter is a testament to the extraordinary efforts of our Lions across the district. Whether through local service projects, fundraising initiatives, or offering support in times of need, your commitment and passion are what make us strong. I encourage each of you to stay engaged, to continue to inspire others, and to reach new heights of service in the months ahead.

As always, thank you for your unwavering dedication to Lions' mission of serving those in need. Let's continue to grow, to lead, and to serve with pride.

District Governor Chuck

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I have completed visiting 23 Lions Clubs throughout the Okanagan and Cariboo. I want to express my wife and my heartfelt gratitude for the friendship and warm reception we received at every club. It was a great experience to see how each club engages their communities. There are tremendous similarities and yet each club is unique. It is an energizing experience to see how Lions make a difference in every location.

We hope to see some of you again during my term as District Governor and also look forward to celebrating significant milestones with some of your clubs.

My theme for my term is a quote from the late North Carolina basketball coach Jim Valvano “Every single day, in every walk of life, ordinary people do extraordinary things!”

Sincerely, Steve Sweeney / 1st VDG, MD19 “I”



NORTHWEST LIONS FOUNDATION

Website: <https://northwestlionsfoundation.org>

WE ARE NOW OFFERING HEARING AIDS IN CANADA. I am looking for a Canadian person, very interested in this, to be my elision in Canada. My position is a voted in position, as yours would be also. I am currently the traveling Trustee, but you would be part of everything along the way on zoom. Please contact Shelley Costello if interested: shelan143@msn.com



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Steve Sweeney message!!

I am in the process of finalizing the 2025/2026 cabinet and zone chairs. We have a few vacancies outstanding and I am hoping we can identify suitable candidates for the vacancies.

Please consider stepping up in our District! Positions

Global Service Team (GST) Chair

As part of the Global Action Team you work with clubs to assist reporting on the LCI portal. Good knowledge of the portal is helpful.

Contests and Awards Chair

Responsible for the annual conference awards working with the newsletter editor and clubs to solicit and encourage entries for conventions.

Diabetes Chair

Take the district lead on the diabetes awareness programs offered via LCI. This is one of the service goals for 2025/2026

Northwest Lions Sight and Hearing Deputy Chair, Canada

Work with the current chair Shelley Costello to promote and administer the program in Canada

Peace Poster Contest Deputy Chair, Canada

Work with the current chair, Marilyn Cordova to promote the Peace Poster Contest for school aged children in Canada

Zone Chair Vacancies

The following zone chair positions are currently vacant. To help lessen the administrative requirements you will no longer be asked to prepare a separate monthly Zone Newsletter. You will submit a few paragraphs to the DG Newsletter editor and they will be included in the "In the Zone" section of that newsletter. A training session will be provided at the October District Conference in Penticton

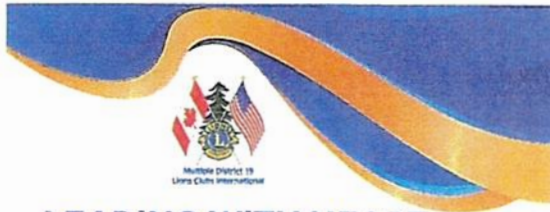
Vacant Zones:

Zone 2,3,4,5,6 and 10

This position is very enjoyable, please consider stepping up!



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LEADING WITH HEART, SERVING WITH PURPOSE

Compassionate Leadership for a stronger MD19



**Wanda Eddy
Candidate for
MD19 Vice Council Chair
2025-26**

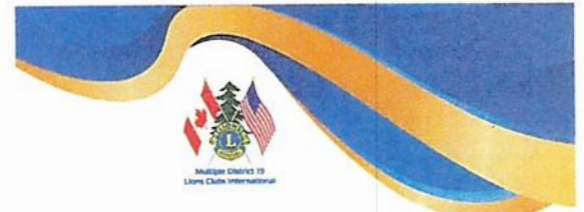
*Committed to empowering
districts through heart driven
leadership and meaningful service*

Hello, my name is Wanda Eddy, and I am honored to run for the position of MD19 Vice Council Chair. As a passionate Lion, I believe that leadership should always come from a place of empathy, integrity, and purpose.

Key Pillars of My Candidacy

- **Leading with Heart:** Leadership is about more than making decisions—it's about inspiring others and fostering unity within our community. I will bring compassionate and creative leadership to our council, ensuring every voice is heard.
- **Serving with Purpose:** Service is the foundation of our organization. I am committed to empowering our districts to serve our communities with strategic intent and heart.

*Together, we can make a difference. I ask for
your support in leading MD19 toward a future
defined by heart and purpose*



WHY VOTE FOR WANDA EDDY?

Dedicated to Leadership, Committed to Service

Key Qualifications & Achievements

- **Experienced Leader:** Serving as the MD19 GLT 2018-2021) as well as the Northwest Lions Leadership Superintendent 2024, I have worked to build effective, compassionate leadership teams.
- **Proven Track Record of Service:** Having been a lion for over 27 years, I have led impactful community service projects. I was District Governor for 19D for two years and a member of the Council of Governors for three years. I have consistently demonstrated a commitment to service that creates lasting change.
- **Strong Advocate for District Governors:** I will be your advocate on the Council, making sure your voice and concerns are heard, and ensuring that all districts are supported in their leadership and service efforts.

Core Values

- **Empathy:** Understanding and addressing the unique needs of our districts.
- **Collaboration:** Uniting Lions from all corners of MD19 for common goals.

The Impact of Heart-Driven Leadership:

- **Elevating District Governors:** As Vice Council Chair, I will mentor and support district leaders, helping them to lead with confidence and purpose.
- **Expanding Service Opportunities:** I will work to identify and create new service projects that align with our shared mission and values.

*Join me in building a future where leadership and
service are defined by heart and purpose. Together,
we can make MD19 stronger.*

REMEMBER to ask your club secretary for your ballot to
vote in the
Multiple District Elections.
You must have your signed form, to be able to
cast your vote for
WANDA in Chilliwack!!!!



From Growth to Impact Hitting the Mark

HELLO FELLOW LIONS OF MD19

**THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER
TO JOIN OUR SOLD OUT
CONVENTION VIRTUALLY ON
YOUTUBE.**

The MD19 annual Convention is **Sold Out** for in-person attendees only, but we still have lots of room for you to join us virtually on YouTube.

Due to unprecedented ticket sales, a Virtual Attendee option has been added. In-person ticket sales have gone from 200 spots originally to adding another 50 spots that are now also sold out.

The MD19 Convention 2025 Virtual Attendee ticket provides access to the convention floor via live stream. See the Streaming Schedule below. The Virtual Attendee ticket option offers a great way to stay engaged and connected with your Lion family!

Join the convention with your fellow Lions as a group, or from the comfort of home, all for just \$10.00 CDN. Get your Virtual Attendee ticket or be added to the in-person waitlist using the link below.

<https://www.simpletix.com/e/md19-lions-convention-tickets-207716>

For more convention information: <https://dogwoodlions.com/md19convention/>

Streaming Schedule

Friday, May 16th

- Opening Session - 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm
- First Nation Drummers will kick off the opening session
- Land Acknowledgement - CC Patti Allen-White
- Banner Recognition and Instruction
- VCC Candidates
- MD19's Lions Got Talent Show - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- MC 1st VDG September Stokes
- Lions and Leos show off their talent from multiple districts
- Cheer for your Favorite!

Saturday, May 17th

- Lions Memorial Service - 8:30 am - 9:15 am
- Celebrating the legacy of our fellow lions.
- Morning session - 9:30 am - 11:00 am
- Uniform Parade
- DG Recognitions
- 5-minute Achievement Speeches
- Leo's Showcase - 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Leo Live
- Head, Body, Legs - a larger-than-life puppet show
- Voices of the Leos

Lunch Session - 12:00 pm - 1:45 pm

- MC Leo Josiah Walkup
 - Jazz Band
 - 5-minute Achievement Speeches
 - Sponsor Showcase
 - Adding Accessibility - 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
 - Learn simple, effective ways to make your events and meetings more accessible for everyone.
- Gender 101 - 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Learn the basics of gender identity and expression.

Dinner Session - 5:30 pm - 8:15 pm

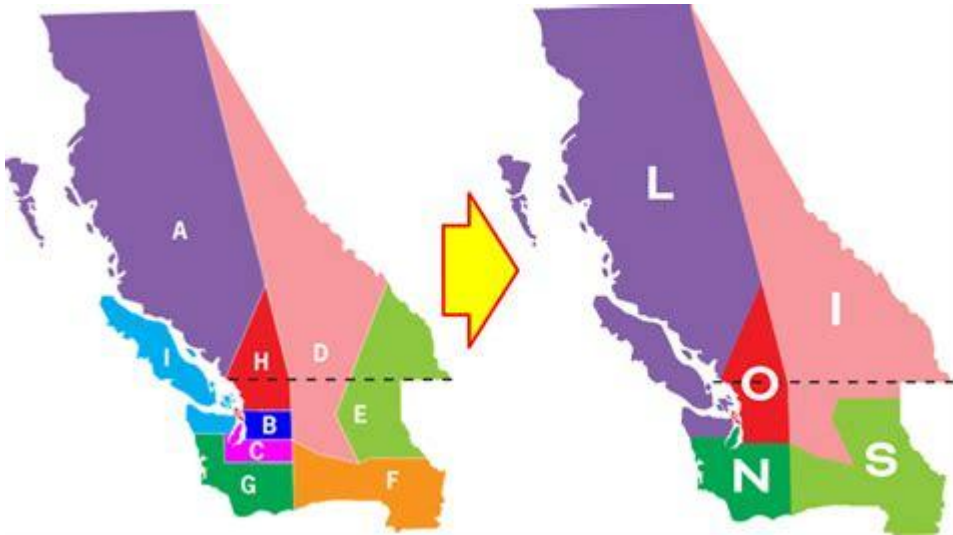
- Drumline VIP Entrance
- MC ZC Rosemary Walkup
- Keynote Speaker
- Special recognitions and awards

Questions? Contact: Shannon Croitor / MD19 Convention 2025 Registration
604-997-0553 - smartypants5955@gmail.com

District “I” Voting for our Governor Team.
Location at MD19 Wenatchee 2026 Table



- DG Steve Sweeney
- 1-VDG Bob Elliott
- 2-VDG Craig Boothe



Question for each of you,.....

Are you aware that we changed from 9 Districts to 5?

District D is now District “I”

Much larger and including clubs to the East of us, which is new.

MD19 Website is a great place to go to learn many things about us.
<http://www.lionsmd19.com>