

Let's Embrace Change As We Serve

District I Bulletin

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DG MIKE'S MESSAGE

Can we put a **WHOA** to what is happening to our District. It is so disheartening to see the damage that is being done by the Wildfires in Washington and British Columbia. States of emergency has been declared by the governments of Washington and British Columbia. That declaration will help to bring additional help to our areas. Unfortunately there have been deaths due to the fires. So everyone out there please be careful.

Many Lions Club members are out there helping in evacuation centers. Some clubs have their food wagons set up at centers. Good job Lions.

I have added the rules for applying for a Disaster Grant. Please consider these and if you see a need that could be met by applying please contact myself and or PDG Joyce Stevens or PDG Debbie Bostock who are our LCIF coordinators for District I.

Immediate needs apply within 30 days - The **Emergency Grant** is for Lions districts interested in addressing the immediate needs of disaster victims in the wake of a natural disaster.

- Grants available in amounts of US\$5,000 – US\$10,000
- District Governor must apply **within 30 days** of the disaster's occurrence; clubs may not apply
- At least 100 people need to be impacted and/or displaced by the disaster
- Funds must be spent within 30 days of receipt
- The request must detail the Lions' plan of action for their active involvement in providing immediate relief aid to disaster victims

What types of activities are eligible? The purchase and distribution of basic necessities, such as food, water, clothing, blankets, first-aid items, and cleaning supplies

Short-Term Relief Services Recovery Apply within 60 days - The **Community Recovery Grant** is for Lions districts interested in supporting short-term clean-up and repair efforts when other organizations have already met immediate needs. The relief effort will focus on a smaller or specific population among those impacted by the disaster.

- Grants available in amounts up to US\$20,000
- District Governor must apply **within 60 days** of the disaster's occurrence; clubs may not apply
- Districts may apply once in a 6 month period
- At least 100 people need to be impacted and/or displaced by the disaster
- Construction projects are not eligible
- Funds must be spent within 60 days of receipt
- The request must detail the Lions' plan of action based on their assessment of short-term needs; including a budget and timeline.

What types of activities are eligible? The purchase of equipment and supplies for debris removal; equipment and materials for minor repair and refurbishment of groups of homes, medical facilities, schools and other public institutions; coordination of blood drives; and temporary/mobile eye care clinics for disaster victims to replace lost glasses

Long-term Construction/Equipment - The **Standard Grant** is for Lions districts interested in rebuilding or equipping vital public facilities, such as schools, medical facilities, and centers for the elderly and disabled that were damaged by a natural disaster. This is a matching grant opportunity requiring local funding from the Lions. The grant range is US\$10,000 - US\$100,000. Additional criteria apply. Please refer to the Standard Grant Criteria and Application.

There are grants out there we just have to apply for them. Please consider the grants and if the need is there then let us start the process.

To those who attended the District I Cabinet meeting, your attendance as a live participant or a Zoom participant was appreciated. These meetings are part of the management of our District. The Lions on our cabinet have made the decision to be part of the management team, put in a large amount of volunteer time to keep our District going. Thank you for your dedication.

Sincerely YIL Michael Livingstone DG-I

1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JENNIFER EDGAR

Hello Lions!

From July – and now on to the ‘dog days of August’, it’s been smoky in lots of areas, and many under evacuation alerts or orders within the District due to fires. Those situations can be scary. In saying that, if your Club or Community is experiencing challenges with fire season, remember Lions are here to help. Reach out to the Leadership Team – DG Michael, 2VDG Chuck or myself – we can investigate ways Lions from other communities (and/or LCIF) can help support your Club and your community if needed.

While we have been meeting for some time during the Merge discussion, the first District-I Cabinet Meeting was held on August 19th in Penticton. Thank you to all who have volunteered your time and energy to strengthen our new district by accepting positions on Cabinet. I am looking forward to working together with everyone.

As Facilitator of the Global Action Team (GAT), I am teamed with PDG Debbie Allan, (GMTC) Membership, PDG Joyce Stevens, (GSTC) Service and PDG Wanda Eddy (GLTC) Leadership. Quite the POWER TEAM!!

And some hefty goals – stay tuned!💎💎

For Club Presidents and Secretaries: MD-19 Roster is an invaluable resource. I’ve spoken with MD-19 Michele Barrie who tells me the Roster is going to be (snail) mailed to all Club Secretaries this coming week. So watch for that, and if you don’t receive it, please make sure to get in touch with the MD-19 office.

FVDG Jennifer

Upcoming Events:

September 21-23, 2023 - USA/Canada Leadership Forum, Reno, NV

October 13-15, 2023 - MD19 Annual Convention, Surrey, BC

April 26-27, 2024 – District ‘I’ Conference in Kelowna BC at the Ramada. All the best, 1st VDG Jennifer

EASTER SEALS NEWS

lions den – peachland lions club 😊



The Peachland Lions Club got back in the swing of things after an extended pause during the pandemic, holding their 22nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament this past April.

“Since embarking on the vision of the BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities in 1947, Lions Clubs have continued to be an integral and formidable supporter for children and adults with disabilities,” says Michael Leland, Vice-President, Engagement & Philanthropy. “Over these many decades, Lions Clubs have continued to support the Society with their incredible fundraising, events and time volunteering at our camps — and for that, we are forever grateful.”

The Peachland Lions Club have supported Camp Winfield in the Okanagan since 2006, raising almost \$90,000, including \$8,000 at this year’s golf tournament held at the Summerland Golf Course.

ESTABLISHING A PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Lions Clubs International has been holding Peace Poster Contests since 1988 to give young people the opportunity to creatively express their feelings about peace and to share their visions with the world. Approximately 600,000 children from 75 countries participate in the contest annually.

Why should your club participate? The contest provides Lions with the chance to interact with young people in their communities, as well as giving Lions a vehicle for obtaining positive publicity for their clubs.

A copy of the Official Club Contest Guide and Rules is at the end of this bulletin. It will explain most of the process, including deadlines for submitting your entries to the District Governor. Since the District Governor is in Canada this year, DG Michael has agreed to let the clubs in the US submit a picture of their winning Peace Poster to him, since we had entries hung up in the mail systems before. If you decide to participate in the Peace Poster contest this year, you need to notify DG Michael.

You need to buy an official Peace Poster Kit from Lions International, copies are not allowed. You can go to the International website and search Peace Poster Kit, the kit costs \$11.95 plus postage.

I am a member of Quincy Valley Lions Club, and have been the Peace Poster Chairman for about 8 years. In our case we work with the local Middle School, because contest participants need to be 11, 12, or 13 years of age. I contact the Art Teacher for the school, explain the contest and ask for the teacher to help get her students interested in participating. If the teacher agrees, I go over all the rules of the contest, judging and prizes possible. Our Club offers to provide the paper for the contest. I always ask the teacher to have the students put their names and Date of Birth on the back of the poster. This is important, because you have to be sure their DOB falls in the parameters of the contest rules. We have a committee of Club members who judge the poster entries, always at least 3 judges. When we have chosen our winning poster, I notify the teacher and arrange for the student to take the entry form home to get the parents signature. Each year there is a theme for the Peace Poster to encourage ideas for the students, this year's theme is "Dare to Dream". Winners will enter their own Quote about peace on the official entry form. After we have the entry form back and the poster is ready to submit to the DG for further judging, I contact the parents of the winner and invite them to one of our meetings for dinner and a presentation of their winners' certificate and a prize from our club, usually art supplies. I also contact our local newspaper and give them a press release and picture of the winner (be sure and let the winner and parents know they will be in the paper). There is instructions for a press release sample on the LCI website.

I would suggest you make a poster size list of all the contest rules, which can be hung in the classroom. This will help the teacher and the participants to remember.

One club said the teacher said they didn't want the students competing against each other! The Grand Prize for the contest is \$5,000.00 and the 23 Merit Winners receive \$500.00 each. Students compete for scholarships all the time. I would calmly ask if the students didn't compete against each other in sports. Didn't the teacher have to compete for their job? I would think it is a life lesson.

You can have a contest for any youth group, Scouts, Girls and Boys clubs, etc. Doesn't have to be a school. You need to purchase a Peace Poster kit for each contest you facilitate, and can enter a winner for each contest you facilitate.

Please contact me if you have questions or need assistance.

Marilyn Cordova, Peace Poster Chairman, 509-398-2349, mdcordova53@gmail.com



REPORT ON GLOBAL ACTION TEAM SERVICE

I hope to feature a service activity from a club each month. If you would like for me to share an activity from your club, please send me a description, including number of people involved, what the service was, and if money was raised, how much. This month I am featuring the 'Ducks for Dogs' fundraiser held by the Vernon, BC Lions Club annually to raise funds to sponsor a Guide Dog for an Autistic Child in their community. They now have the funds to sponsor their FOURTH dog in the coming year.

Service reporting: Please enter your service / meetings / fundraising on MyLion as soon as any of these occur in your club. If your secretary needs coaching, please contact me. Also, MAKE SURE EACH MEMBER IN YOUR CLUB HAS AN ACCURATE EMAIL ADDRESS, AND THEIR BIRTH DATE IS CORRECT ON MyLCI. (Many were listed as January 1 incorrectly.)

PDG Joyce Stevens, Leavenworth Lions Club

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DUCKS FOR DOGS

The Vernon Lions Club host a duck race annually to raise funds for a service dog for an autistic child. We call the race "Ducks for Dogs" and we partner with BC & Alberta Guide Dogs to provide a dog to a family with a severe autistic child between the ages of 5 and 10 years old. To date we have provided 3 families with dogs and have just raised enough for the 4th dog in the coming year.

We sell tickets at all the grocery stores in Vernon and Coldstream, BC on Friday and Saturday of each week for 3 months prior to the race. We sell 4000 tickets at \$5 each. We were sold out a week before the race this year. Many people are also very generous with donations as well. This year we raised \$21,965 CDN net.

We had 14 sponsors providing us with \$250 each to cover all costs of the event. That way, all the money and donations made from the ticket sales go directly to the cause.

The day of the race, the sponsors also set up a booth to advertise their business. We have a Fish Pond, games for children, Kalamalka Pipe Band entertainment, BC Guide Dogs has a maze for people to be blindfolded and guided through by certified Guide Dogs. We have a hamburger and hotdog BBQ. The Citizens Patrol are on hand to keep the ducks in the water and children out. The Fly Fishers help us catch the ducks at the end of the race. Shawna Baher, Supt of RCMP is our judge for the race.



Booths



Fish Pond



Pipe Band



BBQ



Service Dogs on hand



*Shawna Baher, Supt. of RCMP
Judge for the race*

The race itself is the highlight of the day. We dump 4000 ducks in Vernon Creek in Polson Park. All the ducks are numbered corresponding to the tickets. The first duck across the finish line wins its adoptive parent \$1000. 2nd prize is \$500, 3rd prize is \$250 and the Lame Duck (last duck across) wins \$100.



1st 2nd 3rd *Lame Duck*

Roger Knox, Vernon Morning Star



Kaleena Hammond with Shay (left) and Ashley Curwen with Jovie, are grateful to the BC and Alberta Guide Dogs and Vernon Lions Club for the four-legged additions to their families



Vernon Moms Kaleena Hammond (3rd from left) with Shay and Ashley Curwen (4th from left) with Jovie received autism service dogs for their special needs children, courtesy of Bill Thornton of the BC and Alberta Guide Dogs (from left) and Peggy Price, Sharon Cain and Ken Cain of the Vernon Lions Club.



Sharon Cain of the Vernon Lions Club (right) received a huge hug from Kaleena Hammond after the service club partnered with the BC and Alberta Guide Dogs to provide autism service dogs to Hammond and Ashley Curwen for their special needs children.

It's amazing what a new house guest can do for someone's confidence. Well, a house guest with four legs and fur.

Kaleena Hammond and Ashley Curwen are two Vernon mothers with special needs children who had never met until they were selected to each receive an autism service dog from the B.C. and Alberta Guide Dogs through a partnership with the Vernon Lions Club, at no charge to the women or their families.

The women went through eight days of intensive training with sisters Shay – given to Hammond – and Jovie (to Curwen), three-year-old Labrador retrievers crossed with golden retrievers who came from the B.C. and Alberta Guide Dogs' training program. Each pup is now a member of the respective Vernon families.

"We started training every morning at 9 and we were done by 2:30 pm.," said Hammond. "We did some public places, malls, the public pool, Nature's Fare, a restaurant."

"We did some walking around," added Curwen.

Hammond's son, Reece, is 11 and for his entire life, Kaleena has had to lay in his bed or on a mattress next to his bed to get her son to get to sleep.

Enter Shay.

"Since she arrived, he's gone to bed every night at 8 pm. without me," said Hammond. "It makes me cry. I've never had that before."

Not a big fan of public places, but with Shay by his side, Reece spent 15 minutes in a park – which, Hammond says, is huge for her son – and while there he introduced the dog and himself to another child.

Reece also has food issues, for which he takes intensive therapy. He doesn't sit at the dining room table, and he doesn't eat much, if at all. But he does now.

With Shay's chin snugly on his lap, Reece stays at the table and enjoys a meal.

"It's been a huge game-changer," said Hammond of the addition of the service dog to the family, which also includes Toot the cat. "In just eight days, he's slept by himself, gone to a park, introduced himself and stayed at the table."

Curwen will also sing the praises of the guide dog program since Jovie arrived at her house to join her husband, Matt, and another dog. The Curwen's son, Ben, also has bed issues. Like getting out of bed.

"Usually it takes him about an hour to get mobile," said Curwen. "This morning, I brought Jovie into his room and said he could play with her for five-to-10 minutes. When I called Jovie to come, Ben came out right behind her."

BC and Alberta Guide Dogs is a registered charity that breeds, raises, and professionally trains guide dogs for individuals who are blind or visually impaired; autism service dogs for children aged three to 10 with autism and their families; and OSI-PTSD (operational stress injury or post traumatic stress disorder) service dogs for veterans and first responders.

"It takes two years and upwards of \$35,000 to produce one certified dog, provided free of charge to the recipient," said Bill Thornton, CEO of B.C. and Alberta Guide Dogs. "The autism service dogs are provided to children with autism aged three to 10 and their families, at no cost to the recipient."

Some benefits of autism service dogs include:

- Increased safety for the child (prevents the child from bolting);
- Encourages social interaction;
- Enhances responsibility skills for the child;
- Reduces stress and anxiety;
- Supports daily living skills;
- Provides greater quality of life for families who can spend more time in the community and participate in family activities.

It also brings people together, for which Curwen is extremely grateful.

"I'm so happy to have met Kaleena because it's great to be able to talk to someone who knows and understands what you're going through," she said.

The Vernon Lions Club raises funds to help sponsor the guide dogs through its popular Ducks For Dogs race, where people buy rubber ducks that are launched in the waters of Polson Park for a chance to win cash prizes. This year's event is set for Saturday, July 15, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., which includes fun family events in the park along with the duck race.

Hammond gave a huge hug to Sharon Cain of the Vernon Lions for the club's support in helping to bring Shay into her family. The gesture, and Hammond's story of how Shay has already impacted her life, brought her to tears.

"I'm so glad we are able to help," said Cain. "We are looking forward to doing it again this year."

Tickets for Ducks For Dogs are \$5 each, four for \$20 or 20 for \$100. The Lions will be selling tickets throughout June, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (June 2, 29, Freshco; June 3, 23, Save-On-Foods, Village Green Centre; June 8, Safeway; June 9, 24, Save-On-Foods, Shops at Polson Park; June 10, 30, Real Canadian Superstore; June 16, Butcher Boys; June 17, Buy Low Foods (includes hamburgers for sale).

Shay and Jovie are the second and third guide dogs to come to Vernon. Garbo arrived in 2021.

You can learn more about the guide dogs program at www.bcandalbertaguidedogs.com .

REPORT ON LCIF USA CLUBS

I attended an informative training by Lions Clubs International Foundation last month, so will be contacting the clubs in WA to encourage donations both club and individual towards LCIF, especially in light of the disaster on the island of Maui, in HI. Please consider sending donations to help those in need at this time. Remember: 100 % OF THE DONATIONS WE SEND GOES TO THOSE IN NEED; NONE GOES TOWARDS THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE PROGRAM.

PDG Joyce Stevens, Leavenworth Lions Club

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REPORT ON LCIF CANADIAN CLUBS

I attended the Lions Clubs International Foundation training this month in Toronto. I got good information from this. LCIF is really encouraging all Clubs and individuals to make donations. As PDG Joyce states in her article above all monies go back out, none is kept for administration expenses. Canadian clubs and individuals wishing to make a donation should mail it to LIONS OF CANADA FUND FOR LCIF, C/O STAN DURWARD/ BOX 38, SUNDERLAND, ONTARIO L0C 1H0. By sending to this address you will be issued a tax receipt. As we have had so much devastation from wild fires not only here in BC but also Washington and Hawaii, it is most important that we support our foundation. A grant was issued to Hawaii for the devastating fires on Maui and we are eligible to apply for grants for our areas as well.

PDG Debbie Bostock, Kamloops Paddlewheelers Lions Club

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TENTATIVE DG VISITATION SCHEDULE FOR ZONES I-1 TO I-5

Oct 2 – Fairmont & District Lions, Lake Windermere Lions – location TBD

Oct 3 – Wasa Lions, Cranbrook Lions, Mark Creek Lions – location TBD

Oct 4 – Golden Lions – location TBD

Oct 5 – Sparwood Lions, Sand Creek Lions, Elkford Lions, Fernie Lions – location TBD

Oct 17 – Kootenay Lake Lions and Creston Lions – location TBD

Oct 18 – Salmo Lions, Kootenay Lake Lions, North Pend Orelle Lions, Nelson Lions – location Nelson

Oct 19 – Beaver Valley Lions, Rossland Lions, Northport Lions – location TBD

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Multiple District 19, Lions International, P.O. Box 1621, Aldergrove, BC V4W 2V1

Lucky is being ready for the chance. (J. Frank Dobie)

CONTEST DEADLINES

January 15, 2023

Kits go on sale from the Member Service Center at Lions International Headquarters.

October 1, 2023

Deadline to purchase kits from the Member Service Center at Lions International Headquarters.

November 15, 2023

Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor. **Note:** Club must notify district governor in advance of its participation and to confirm the date of the district judging.

December 1, 2023

Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning poster to the multiple district council chairperson.

December 1, 2023

Postmark deadline for a district governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative at International Headquarters.

December 1, 2023

Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to Brand & Creative at Lions International Headquarters.

December 15, 2023

Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to Brand & Creative at Lions International Headquarters.

February 1, 2024

Club presidents of international winners will be notified on or before this date.

Note: Entries that do not meet deadlines will be disqualified.

CONTEST RULES & CONDITIONS

Entries not meeting the rules and conditions listed below will be disqualified:

- The contest's theme is "Dare to Dream."
- Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school or organized, sponsored youth group, such as YMCA programs, Boys & Girls Clubs, Scouts, etc. **Note:** The contest cannot be held in youth groups that a Lions club sponsors, such as a Leo club or Scout unit. However, individual members of those groups (such as Leos or Scouts) may participate if the contest is held at their schools or other organized youth groups.
- The contest is open to students who will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15, 2023. Eligible birth dates are November 16, 2009 through November 15, 2012.
- Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches (33 centimeters by 50 centimeters) and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches (50 centimeters by 60 centimeters). Do not mat or frame artwork.
- Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- All artwork must be the individual student's original creation. Duplications are not accepted.
- All media are accepted. **Note:** Chalk, charcoal and pastel entries should be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing. Do not laminate entries.
- Three-dimensional entries will not be accepted. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way.
- The use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster, in any language, is not allowed. All artist signatures or initials should be written on the back of the poster.
- Artwork should be done on a flexible material so it can be rolled for shipping in a mailing tube. Do not fold poster.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about the contest, please contact:

Brand & Creative
Lions Clubs International
300 W. 22nd Street
Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA
Telephone: (630) 203-3812
Email: peaceposter@lionsclubs.org

To view grand prize and merit award posters, download a video or get contest information, visit lionsclubs.org/peaceposter.

PEACE POSTER

2023-2024

LIONS INTERNATIONAL
PEACE POSTER CONTEST
Official Club Contest Guide & Rules

Dare to Dream

YOUR OFFICIAL PEACE POSTER KIT

This kit contains everything your club needs to sponsor one contest at a school or organized, sponsored youth group.

- Official Club Contest Guide & Rules (PPC-1)
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules* (PPC-2)
- Participant Flyer* (PPC-3) for your club to fill in the blanks, duplicate and give to each participating student to take home
- Winner Sticker (PPC-4) for your club to complete and place on back of the winning poster
- Achievement Award (PPC-5) and Certificate of Appreciation (PPC-6) for contest winner and sponsored school or youth group

*Please provide only the Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules (PPC-2) and the Participant Flyer (PPC-3) to your club's contact at the participating school or youth group. The club retains all other items in the kit.

Now you're ready to get started. Have fun, and good luck!

Dare to Dream

Thank you for sponsoring the Lions International Peace Poster Contest! This contest is a wonderful opportunity for your club to work with youth in your community to promote peace, tolerance and international understanding. It encourages young people, ages 11 to 13, to think about peace, creatively express what it means to them and share their unique visions with the world.

6 EASY STEPS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONTEST

1. Connect with Your School or Youth Group

Get in touch with an area school or organized, sponsored youth group early to allow enough time for planning. Once you have confirmed their participation:

- Provide the school or youth group contact with the **Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules**. Add your Peace Poster Contest chairperson's name and phone number in the spaces provided.
- Let the school and/or youth group contact know that you and your club are there to help!

Expand your contest! Involve your club members in identifying schools and youth groups to participate in the contest. Your club can sponsor more than one school or youth group—or multiple contests within the same school or youth group (i.e., one per grade level)—but a **Peace Poster Contest kit must be purchased for each contest sponsored**.

To place your order for Peace Poster Contest Kits, visit the ICI Store at shop.lionsclubs.org and Search "Peace Poster Kit." The price is \$11.95 USD each. Kits are available from January 15 to October 1.

2. Notify Your District Governor of Your Club's Participation

Email or call your club's district governor immediately to let them know that your club is participating in the contest. Be sure to confirm the deadline dates and when the district judging will be held.

3. Arrange Contest Judging

Discuss how the judging will be handled with your school or youth group contact. Work together to identify an individual, such as the school principal, youth group leader, local artist, club representative or a panel of judges to select one winning poster for each contest sponsored by your club.

Judges are asked to evaluate posters on three criteria: originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme, "Dare to Dream."

Posters selected to advance to the next level of judging must meet all the requirements as outlined in the Contest Rules & Conditions. Posters not meeting these specifications will be disqualified.

4. Advance Your Club's Winning Poster to the Next Level of Judging

After the winning poster is selected, forward it on to the next level of judging. If your club has sponsored multiple contests, you need to advance one winning poster for each contest (per kit purchased).

- Complete sections I and II on the **Winner Sticker (PPC-4)**. (Section I includes a signature line for parent or guardian consent.) Affix the sticker to the back, lower right-hand corner of the poster. **Posters without the completed Winner Stickers will be disqualified.** Reproductions of the sticker are not permitted.
- Take a photo of the winning poster for your club's publicity purposes, as well as to have a record of the student's artwork.
- To ensure that the poster arrives at the next level of judging in good condition, roll it and send it in a mailing tube. **Do not fold the poster.**
- Lions International Headquarters does not reimburse clubs for the cost of postage or shipping.
- Send the poster to your district governor for district judging. Entries must be postmarked on or before November 15, 2023. (If your club is not districted, forward the poster to Brand & Creative at International Headquarters by December 1, 2023.) Use express mail service when possible.
- Follow up with your district governor to make sure they received your club's poster. Winning entries submitted after the due date will be disqualified.

5. Recognize and Award Your Contest Winners

You'll find certificates for the club contest winner and participating school or youth group in this kit. Honorable mention certificates are available to print at lionsclubs.org/peaceposter.

Your club may offer additional prizes and even consider holding a special award ceremony during a club meeting or at the participating school or youth group location. If so, discuss this with the school or youth group contact. Artists of posters advancing to the final international judging are recognized as follows:

- **International Grand Prize Winner** receives a trip to an award ceremony where he or she will receive US\$5,000 (or local equivalent) and an award. Two family members (one being the winner's parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring Lions club president or a club member (as designated by club president) are invited to accompany the winner to the award ceremony.
- **23 Merit Award Winners** will each receive US\$500 (or local equivalent) and a certificate of achievement.

6. Promote Your Contest Winner

Publicity brings recognition to your club, the school or youth group and participants. In addition, it creates community support and awareness of your club's activities.

- Raise awareness about the Peace Poster Contest and celebrate your contest winners on your social channels. Download social media graphics and customizable templates, **Peace Contest Social Media Kits** are available at lionsclubs.org/peaceposter. Tag your posts #peaceposter.
- Prepare a press release on your club's letterhead announcing the winner. Download the **Peace Poster Winner Press Release** template at lionsclubs.org/peaceposter. Send a photograph of the contest winner and their winning poster with the press release to the editor/reporter of the features or community section of your local newspaper(s). Be sure to photograph the poster before advancing it to the next judging level. Keep a photograph for the club and student's records.

If your club or the school is hosting a special award ceremony for the winner, work with your school contacts to invite your local media to attend.

- Update the media and your social channels if your club's entry advances to the multiple district or international judging levels.
- Make arrangements to exhibit the local contest entries in a public library, community center, festival or other public area.

Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries. Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for entries damaged, destroyed or lost during the judging process. Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned. They become property of Lions Clubs International upon receipt. **Peace Poster Contest** images cannot be used without written permission from Lions Clubs International.

In consideration for the opportunity to enter the Peace Poster Contest, participants agree to allow Lions Clubs International to use their names and photographs for promotional and publicity purposes. An international grand prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Lions International Peace Poster Contests sponsored by Lions Clubs International. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lions Clubs International.

Lions Clubs International may cancel the contest without notice at any time. The contest is void where prohibited, taxed or restricted by law.

#peaceposter