

Let's Embrace Change As We Serve

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DG MIKE'S MESSAGE

November is Diabetes Awareness Month in Canada, and November 14 is World Diabetes Day. Diabetes is a global epidemic. An estimated 463 million adults across the world are living with diabetes, and its prevalence is increasing rapidly. By 2045, the number is expected to reach 700 million. Diabetes is a global epidemic that touches every corner of the globe.

Lions Clubs International and LCIF are dedicated to empowering Lions and Leos around the world to fight diabetes by serving their communities one by one. Of the 463 million adults living with Diabetes in 2019 1 in 2 Cases is undiagnosed (232 million) 1 in 5 people above 65 years old have diabetes and there were 4.2 million deaths from diabetes in 2019. There is some indication that people suffering from Long Covid seem to have a greater chance of developing Diabetes. Lions International has Diabetes grants waiting to be used. Search for Diabetes District and Club Community Impact Grants on the LCI website.

The donations towards the matching grant through Lions Clubs International Foundation for replacing equipment in the Scotch Creek Firehall are coming in and it is quite evident that the Lions of District I are pulling together to make the North Shuswap a safer place for all. We will be accepting donations to bring up our half of the Matching Grant. The maximum grant we are applying for is \$100,000 US. We are looking at arranging publicity.

November is also World Kindness month: Kindness Matters

NOVEMBER THOUGHTS – VDG JENNIFER

I have been following this Facebook site as current Club Global Action Team Facilitator on District-I Cabinet. There is great information being shared. What an idea!

District 19-I (that's us) now have at DG Michael's suggestion – our own Facebook site as well – this one is 'private' and requires signup. I encourage Lions to 'click' and follow. Easy to do – and we can learn while we scroll.



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Comments:

#1 Richard Stevenson

Build a Lions club of people who are not necessarily interested in being members of a club with regular face to face meetings, but do want to serve in their community, and offer the cyber alternative. This is how we formed our club which serves a school district and does not meet face to face, but with monthly online board meetings.

#2 Lisa Gismondi

So which came first? Did you have a service project in mind that brought these likeminded folks together? Or did you offer a cyber 'meet n greet' to introduce them to the concept of giving back and serving in a capacity different from the "tradition"?

#3 Richard Stevenson

Started as a branch, built service project, visibility in the schools, introducing school personnel to what we can be doing for their children, recruiting, meeting via the net, rinse and repeat.



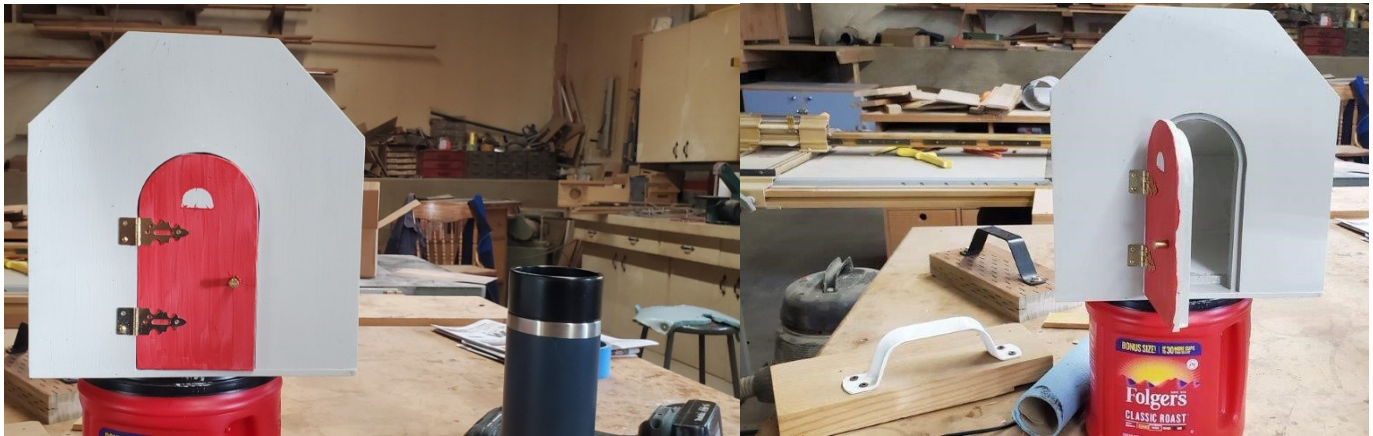
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ENVIRONMENT -Imagination in Recycling

Hello Lions,

Imagination is a wonderful trait to have but it seems, as we age, we lose that vision. So, when my daughter asked me to make a fairy door, as a surprise for our great grandson, I was taken aback. Researching a "fairy door", I found that they're often just painted on trees or other objects. Some, however, are made to open; I chose to do this, with a recessed space behind the door, in which small objects could be hidden, for a delightful find later! To create this small treasure trove, I searched through my reclaimed lumber pile and found enough to build the whole thing. Needing a small doorknob, I came up with the idea of a 22 shell. I cemented the fairy door and house in place, amongst large rocks, just off my daughter's deck. Now let the magic begin ♦♦.

If anyone wants more specific info on this project: Email: lionjoed2@gmail.com Cell #: 509-669-6766
Lion Joe Nilles, I Environmental Chair



Fairy Door Closed

Fairy Door Open

CABINET MEETING

Hello All Cabinet Members, The Next MD19-I Cabinet meeting will be **December 2, 2023 by Zoom at 9:30 AM (PST). Please mark your calendars.** Reports are due by November 28, 2023 to Brian dandallan@telus.net. Agenda and Zoom info will be out the week before the meeting.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF)

LCIF: Has your club designated an LCIF coordinator for this year? Many clubs follow the Lions Clubs International example of having the prior year's president serve in this capacity. This person can be listed in this officer under 'officers' on the MyLCI page. What are the responsibilities for this position? This person keeps the club informed of major fundraising efforts / grants that have been awarded in our district and grant opportunities. For example, this year already a disaster grant was awarded to North Shuswap Lions Club to help them recover from the devastating wildfire that occurred there. PDG Debbie Bostock is leading the effort to write a matching grant for up to \$100,000 (\$130,000 Canadian) from LCIF to assist the Scotch Creek fire department replenish some of their firefighting equipment that was all lost in the Bush Creek wildfire. If your club or individuals can donate to this cause it will be much appreciated. **Make Cheques out to: Lions Canada MD19 Alert Fund and send to DG Michael Livingstone, PO Box 437, Okanagan Falls, BC V0H 1R0. Gaming funds cannot be used.**

SERVICE

Does your club secretary do both filing all reports online and taking minutes club meetings? GIVE YOUR SECRETARY SOME HELP!! Designate a Club administrator (can do all reporting online), or a Service Chairperson (can do the MyLion service reporting online). If your club has not had the opportunity to report service yet, please contact PDG Joyce Stevens for assistance. Email jstevens98826@gmail.com

If you give everyone a slice of pie, you will have more than enough. (Jay Leno)

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2nd, 9:30 am – District Cabinet Meeting via Zoom

April 26-27, 2024 – District 'I' Conference in Kelowna BC at the Ramada.

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I will be away from November 7th to 29th. I will not have access to email or phone. So if you are trying to contact me you will have to wait until I am back.

**Debbie Bostock
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