

Let's Embrace Change As We Serve

District I Bulletin

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DG MIKE'S MESSAGE

Well, it is cooling down and along with the temperature drop there is a drop in wild fire activity. This is GOOD. There have been devastating fires through BC and Washington, with at least 2 deaths reported. WE have been fortunate in receiving a \$10,000 Emergency Disaster Grant from LCIF, to assist the people that were evacuated by the fires in Lee Creek, Calista, and Scotch Creek in their return to their homes. We are putting together a proposal for a Matching Grant from LCIF to assist the Scotch Creek fire department, the hall was burned down in the fire. A matching grant means that LCIF will match whatever we have raised ourselves. This grant would be used for the equipment for the fire hall.

Global Extension Team (GET) District Coordinator - we have a new position in our (GAT) Global Action Team for our District to consider. This would be a (1) one year term and can be extended for another year. As the GET District Coordinator, your efforts directly impact the success of the MISSION 1.5 membership growth plan implementation and achievement of goals, as established. You would lead our District's efforts to charter new clubs. You would build and lead a team of Lions who share your passion for extension. You would know how to connect with people and overcome obstacles. If you feel that you would like to take up this position contact **pleases contact me**.

DG Michael Livingstone

MD19 CONVENTION

URGENT: There is still time to register for our MD19 Annual Convention to be held on Oct. 12 – 15th, at the Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel

The room rate is \$179.00 which is only \$20.00 more than the earlier price. It is still the best rate you will get there. New deadline is **Friday October 6** so make haste while the sun shines or it rains or the weather does what it wants however make haste and quickly register and get the information to Wendy Canessa wendycan@telus.net ASAP. The registration form is attached or do it via online by going to the MD19 website and the link is there.

The Convention is a great place to catch up with fellow lions. Hope to see you there.

CARE

Support Families with Production of Natural Fuel for Cooking

The 2023-24-25 CARE Project is in Northern Honduras in Central America. Honduras is a very poor country and they have a high rate of deforestation, having lost over 10% of their forest in less than a decade. An important contributor to deforestation in rural Honduras, as elsewhere in Central America, is the [burning of wood for cooking and other household purposes](#). CARE now proposes to partner with MD19 Lions to construct biodigesters to produce natural fuel. Our objective is to reduce the use of firewood in kitchens, helping address deforestation and contamination of water sources, and protecting the health of the population and the ecosystem. In addition, products such as organic fertilizers will be obtained. We are asking all Lions' clubs to put CARE in their budgets for a donation to support the work in Honduras. Please find an informational flyer on this project as well as what we have done with CARE over the years.

Please refer to the MD19 web site for more information on how you can support CARE.

Canadian club donations should be mailed to:

MD19 lions International, PO box 1621 Aldergrove, BC V4W 2V1

DISTRICT I FACEBOOK LINK

Do you know that we have our own District I Facebook group? Lion Lori would love to have more of our Lions members join, so please check it out and become part of our Facebook group, help us to grow.

This is the link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/5745189942250564>

Lion Lori Kirkham

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

REPORT ON GLOBAL ACTION TEAM SERVICE

Fairmont And Panorama Feed Hungry Firefighters

Posted by [Lyonel Doherty](#) | Aug 31, 2023 | [Local News](#)

The three large wildfires in the Columbia Valley are still burning, but they have been contained as much as possible over the past month by wildland firefighting crews.

In a gesture of gratitude and appreciation, the community of Fairmont Hot Springs spent three weeks feeding the firefighters who were shuttling into and out of the Fairmont Airport in helicopters.

“As a community, people just wanted to help out,” Fairmont resident Lynda Devenish told *the Pioneer*. “We just saw the helicopters and fuel trucks coming and going all day. There were 12 to 15 helicopters, each with a crew of five or six firefighters and they were busy all the time, so people started taking cakes or drinks or something to the airport.”

Devenish is president of the Fairmont and District Lions Club and a member of the Mountainside Ladies Golf Club. She has plenty of contacts through the Fairmont community, and, after being approached by airport volunteer AnnMarie Jackson Deagon, she put those contacts to good use in making the effort to feed the firefighters a bit more coordinated.

“We just made it a bit more organized, rather than having everybody doing their own thing. Without that, you might have too much food for them to eat one day, then not enough the next,” said Devenish, adding that once the initiative got going, it ran fairly smoothly, with 35 people combining to donate snacks for morning coffee break, bagged lunches, and dinner in the evenings.

Fairmont residents, Fairmont restaurants, the Fairmont and District Lions Club, Mountainside and Riverside Golf Clubs, the Fairmont Community Association, other Fairmont businesses, the Columbia Valley Airport Society and even some Radium Hot Springs residents all contributed to the effort, which began on Aug. 1 and ran until most of the helicopter crews departed for the Okanagan and Lillooet regions on Aug. 21.

“They (the firefighters) are at work at 8:30 a.m. and they’re not done until 9 p.m. at night. So where do they go to eat? We’re a small town, we don’t have many restaurants, and the restaurants we do have usually aren’t open that late,” said Devenish. “We have three big fires around us, and these firefighters helped bring them under control. It was our way of saying ‘thank you’.”

As things slowed down at Fairmont Hot Springs Airport, the Columbia Valley Airport Society held a barbecue for the remaining helicopter crews. “One of the remaining pilots got up and said ‘we’ve never been treated like this’. He sounded very emotional. It was nice. I’m glad they know how much we appreciate them,” said Devenish.

Last week, on Tuesday, Aug. 22, Panorama Mountain Resort hosted an appreciation event for the ground crew firefighters working on the Horsethief Creek wildfire, a group from B.C. Wildfire Service, the Panorama Volunteer Fire Department, and 40 members of the Serpiente Amarilla (Yellow Snake) — a crew of forest fire experts from Mexico working on the Horsethief Complex fires.

Panorama media and customer relationship manager Clarissa Amaro explained that the firefighters were welcomed to the resort by a large group of homeowners, locals and staff who assembled outside the Great Hall. Panorama president and chief executive officer Steve Paccagnan gave a speech thanking the crews for their hard work before a barbecue lunch.

“Despite the rain, members of Serpiente Amarilla (then) headed up the Mile 1 chairlift for a quick sightseeing ride,” said Amaro.



The communities of Fairmont Hot Springs and Panorama Mountain Resort honoured the work and dedication of firefighters by keeping them well fed with lunches and dinners. Volunteers at Fairmont Hot Springs Airport made sure that fire-fighters were well nourished during the firefight.

LET'S END HUNGER

Hello Fellow Lions,

It sounds like an ambitious project, ending hunger. Yet we've taken on other challenging projects, and succeeded! Let's start by *lessening* hunger.

Here are some simple suggestions:

- ❖ We are still in gleaning season. Clubs can coordinate with food banks and growers to arrange a time to pick up produce in the fields.
- ❖ Do any of your members have gardens, of which they'd like to share things grown? Is there a community garden whose members would share produce?
- ❖ Your club may be able to find space in a community garden, allowing members to grow and share, starting in the spring.
- ❖ Cold weather, with increased hunger, is right around the corner. Perhaps it's time to start planning a food drive.
- ❖ How about holding a community dinner? This might help your club ascertain where the greatest food needs are.
- ❖ Is there a program at your local schools, where your club might be able to donate food or money to feed hungry students?

So, what do you think so far? These are just a few thoughts; there are zillions of ideas out there.

The LCI website offers ideas for planning a food drive. Look for the Food Collection Initiative. The website also offers a planner for a program called Direct Food Service, which helps a club feed community members. This answers questions about holding a community dinner, #5 on the above list!

Come on Lions! Let's challenge our clubs to find new ways in which to guarantee that no one in our community goes hungry.

Let no one go hungry.... We Serve!

PZC Dorothy Nilles

LCIF

Bush Creek Forest Fire in the Shuswap area of BC



The North Shuswap Lions have received an emergency grant of \$10,000. They are using this amount to

supply a box of cleaning products, flashlights and essential dry food supplies. The district is raising funds to apply for a Matching Grant for \$100,000 from LCIF. This grant will support the equipment needs for the Scotch Creek Fire Hall which was destroyed in the fire. The Regional District will look after the rebuild of the hall. We have received \$12,800 so far. We need to apply for the grant 3 months prior to the LCI Board Meeting, this means we need funds by mid November if we wish to apply for it and have it approved at the March LCI Board Meeting. If your club would like to contribute towards our efforts please make cheques out to: **Lions Canada Md-19 Alert Fund** and mailed to the below address:

**c/o PDG Wayne Atkinson
3341 McQueen Road
Westbank, BC V4T 1B7**

Please do not forget to also continue to support LCIF with your donations. As you can see the monies we donate to LCIF do come back to our communities. Donations to LCIF for clubs in BC should be made out to: **Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF and mailed to: c/o Stan Durward, Box 38, Sunderland, Ontario L0C 1H0.** Remember personal donations are also very welcomed, 100% will go directly to relief/grants awarded. You will also receive a tax receipt. Clubs in the U.S. should make checks out to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation and mail to: 300 W. 22nd St, Oak Brook, IL, 60523-8842

Here is some information on recent disaster relief efforts. It is important to note that when major disasters occur, the local Lions on the ground are the ones who help implement projects, with LCIF funding support. In some cases with major disasters, there is no immediate update – as search and recovery efforts are taking place, debris is removed, and Lions are making plans for long-term reconstruction. Lions are most often not first responders or experts in disaster relief. Therefore, long-term efforts sometimes take years for Lions to implement.

Morocco Earthquake



- On the morning of September 9, LCIF awarded an Emergency Grant for \$10,000 to help fund immediate basic needs. Later that same day on September 9th, LCIF awarded an additional Major Catastrophe grant for \$100,000. Lions of Morocco are still working to finalize plans for how to use the Major Catastrophe funding, but they are looking at supporting infrastructure related to schools and education. Additional grant funding may be available in the future, depending on donations and Lions plans for additional efforts.

Libya Flooding

- There are no Lions active in Libya. LCIF has not awarded any grants to Libya thus far, as there are no local Lions to manage a project. There are some preliminary discussions about how LCIF can support efforts, but it may be difficult with no Lions presence in the country.

US/Canada Hurricane Lee

- LCIF has not yet received any applications from the impacted districts. However, disaster grants are available if the impacted districts and Lions wish to apply. This is early days after the hurricane, so it is possible that local Lions are working on a plan.

Other Disasters

LCIF continues funding disasters around the world that do not make international news headlines. Since July 1, 2023, \$610,000 has been awarded across 21 different countries for a variety of different disasters. In areas where more long-term reconstruction LCIF will work with local Lions on relief efforts for years to come

We typically advise Lions to donate to the general disaster fund as it goes to the most pressing disaster needs, but we understand Lions' desires to support a particular disaster and do our best to adhere to their

wishes. If Lions wish to donate to a specific disaster, they can indicate so when sending a check or cash. LCIF earmarks funding for the indicated disaster and we do our best to distribute funding to that disaster, but it is wholly dependent on Lions in the area and their capacity/need for funding. If the full amounts of donations collected are not needed for the earmarked disaster after an extended period, then the funding will go into the general disaster fund. That's why we recommend donating directly to the general disaster fund. LCIF has awarded a \$10,000 Emergency Grant to District 50 (Hawaii) to help with immediate needs. Emergency Grants can help support any immediate need – food, water, clothing, blankets, bedding, medications, cleaning supplies, hygiene products, etc. In the case of Maui, many people are still displaced and in need of basic items. It is possible that additional funding will be awarded but this is dependent on needs and the local Lions' plans and capacity for additional recovery efforts. Needs are still being assessed while the Lions work to expend the initial funding.

LCIF awarded a \$10,000 Emergency Grant to District 19 S in Washington on August 22, but we never received banking information to disburse grant funding. We also awarded a \$10,000 Emergency grant to 19-I for the Canadian side in early September and that funding was disbursed.

I've come to learn that the best time to debate family members is when they have food in their mouths.
Kenneth Cole

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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