

THE HUNGER REPORT
For District I Cabinet Meeting, Virtual
Saturday, December 2, 2023

To My Fellow Cabinet Members in District I,

The Christmas season is approaching; right now Lions Clubs are ramping up their donations, typical for this time of year, and a positive thing for hungry people. Let's encourage our clubs to be generous but to remember that food banks dwindle after the first of the year and particularly need our attention then too.

In mid-October, information was directed, in District I, to Zone Chairs and club officers. Thank you to those who passed on the information regarding:

1. Selecting an organization to receive your food.
2. Determining the style of food collection.
3. Promoting the food collection project.

These are steps in the Food Collection Initiative.

PZC Linda Schaffrick sent information on food related projects in the Oliver and Penticton Clubs. Oliver Lions Club makes donations to the MJ Country Kitchen for their Pay It Forward board, so people can have coffee, soup, or a meal they can't afford. The club also supports the Star Fish Program through the school, which fills back packs with food for the weekend, for the kids and their families.

Penticton Lions Club supplies free breakfast once a month to disabled Skaha Sunrise residents. They also donate annually to Soupateria, so 100 individuals can have a Christmas dinner; they support the Salvation Army Food Bank as well.

Please think about encouraging your clubs to have a food drive in early spring. Or perhaps there are other ideas floating around out there? A couple of articles have appeared in our District I Newsletter, regarding ways to deal with hunger in our communities.

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

Lion Dorothy Nilles, Hunger Chair for District I