

The River

August 2024



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Past President Gerry was on hand to join our 1st Vice District Governor September in receiving the official banner from District Governor Beth on August 17th in Anacortes. More inside!

Feature: Membership/Mission 1.5

Coquitlam River Lions Club Monthly Newsletter
 Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada
 District /Zone O-3, Multiple District 19

Club President: Rosalie Kunic

Zone Chair: Gerry Becker
 Home Club: Coquitlam River Lions

District Governor: Beth James
 Home Club: Renton Lions



Monthly Spotlight: MISSION 1.5 (million members)

Stronger together at every level.

Global change comes from local efforts.

When we invite new members to our clubs and build new vibrant clubs, it does more than make our communities stronger. It makes the world a kinder, healthier and better place to live.



Membership focused

MISSION 1.5 is a dedicated effort. We have committed the next four years to reaching this historic Lions Clubs membership goal.



Teamwork ready

Every Lion has an important part to play. Together, we can grow Lions Clubs to extraordinary new heights, serving an untold number of people in need.



Proven process

Our Global Membership Approach is designed to revitalize existing clubs, charter new ones and inspire all Lions through fellowship and exciting service.

MISSION 1.5 starts with you

[Click here to watch on YouTube!](#)



Welcome District Governor Beth on Zoom!



On August 21st, we were honoured to welcome our District Governor Beth James to our club meeting for her Official Visit. Thanks to the wonders of technology, we chose to meet on Zoom, since DG Beth lives in Renton Washington, and she's already had a busy week with club visits. She told us about some of the plans and goals for the year for our District, and invited us to attend the Heart of a Lion event on September 14th in Everett. "It's like a mini spring conference, which has all the learning and all the fun," she said. It's a one day event, hotel accommodation is a good

price if you want to go down the night before. (Road trip, anyone?) Club members shared some great stories for our Happy Bucks segment (don't forget your loonies for your IOUs at our next meeting, LOL) DG Beth also presented an International President's Certificate of Appreciation to **Sarah**, for her ongoing work to raise our social media profile, and organizing our participation in all the events for us to raise our community profile. This is especially important for a new club like us, and this award is well-deserved. Thank you, DG Beth for Zooming with us!



District Governor Beth James 2024-25

District Governor Beth joined the Renton Lions Club back in 2016, and has been very active ever since. She works full time as the Food Service Director for Mission Health Care in Renton, and her enthusiasm about Lions is infectious. She's won multiple awards for her leadership, and has a great theme this year: Give Them Something to Talk About! She's passionate about membership and looks forward to meeting all the Lions in our District.



Banner Passing for Zone Chair & 1st Vice District Governor

It's a tradition in our District to formally "pass the banners" to the new leadership each year. For Zone Chairs and District Governors, there's a Home Club banner for each, and it's embroidered with the name of the Lion in that position, what year and their home club. On August 17th, at the first Cabinet Meeting of District 19-O, we received TWO banners: one for **Zone Chair Gerry Becker**, and one for **1st Vice District Governor September Stokes**. It's worth noting that it does NOT happen often where one club has TWO of these banners at the same time, so the Coquitlam River Lions Club is certainly "giving them something to talk about."

Congratulations to Gerry for stepping up to be our Zone Chair, we know you'll have fun and do a super job. Congratulations also to September for taking on the role of 1st Vice District Governor. We hope you have an amazing year, and an even better one when you are District Governor for 2025-26.



Zone Chair Gerry Becker delivering his Zone Report at the Cabinet Meeting in Arlington, Washington



Fun fact: The Vice District Governor Banner is all in the family. PDG Mel Stokes' name is on here as well as 1st VDG September Stokes. Check it out at our next meeting!



Immediate Past Zone Chair Robin Woolmer of Surrey Central Lions presents the Zone Chair banner to Gerry Becker

Environment Corner:

About the environment

The environment is our home

The earth sustains human life. Our environment is more than a background: it's our home. And we're committed to caring for it.

*UNEP

**World Bank

†United Nation's Sustainable Development report, 2022

12M

Hectares of forest destroyed each year*

6-7M

Number of premature deaths annually caused by air pollution*

1/3

Amount of generated waste that is not safely managed**

17M

Metric tons of plastic entered the ocean in 2021. Projected to double or triple by 2040.†



September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 LABOUR DAY		4 Club Meeting 7:00pm	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Board Meeting 7:00pm @ Library	12	13	14 Heart of a Lion
15	16	17	18 Club Meeting 7:00pm	19	20	21
22	23 Club Officer Training (last chance) see page 7 for details	24	25	26	27	28 Club Planning Session (date to be confirmed)
29	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	<p style="text-align: center;">Dues are due! Check your email for invoice from our treasurer. Thank you.</p>				

Thank you to **Dawn and Gerry** for hosting our annual Summer Barbecue on August 11th! It was a beautiful day, with great fellowship and amazing food. Nice to see everyone; **Rosalie, Richard, Ryan, September, Patti, Dave, Rosemary and Jim.**



There are lots of resources available to discover everything there is to know about being a Lion. One of them is YouTube! Lions International has its own YouTube Channel, with lots of interesting videos about all types of information.

Did you know there's a Lions Legacy Society? [Click here for the link to this short video](#), featuring a who's who of many of our Past International Presidents! You can also look up the YouTube Channel for the Lion Portal, for all kinds of "how-to" videos to help guide you to get the most of the new Portal, for all Lions. These are very professionally done, and extremely useful and interesting. Check it out!



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but **THREE** Lions Clubs. Celebrate the amazing legacy of a
combined 240 years of service and fellowship.

Abbotsford Lions Club

Langley Lions Club

Maple Ridge Lions Club



DATE: Saturday, October 19th, 2024, from 2pm-6pm

WHERE: West Langley Hall, 9402 208th Street, Langley, BC

COST: \$40.00 for a fantastic BBQ meal

Registration deadline: September 30th

Contact: Dave Wallace 604-992-7987

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Membership Roster 2024-25

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Last Chance for Club Officer Training!
Monday, September 23rd starting at 5:30pm on Zoom.

For all officer positions, and open to anyone who'd like to learn more.

[Click here for the direct link to register.](#)



Coquitlam River Lions Club

Chartered March 2022

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00pm
 River Springs Recreation Centre
 1950 Lodge Drive, Coquitlam, BC
 www.coquitlamriverlions.club
 Email: coquitlamriverlions@gmail.com




Lions are people who are
CRAZY ENOUGH
 TO *think* THEY CAN
CHANGE
 THE WORLD
 AND WE DO.