

The River

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COQUITLAM RIVER
LIONS CLUB

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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

Our Story



1917 The Beginning // Chicago business leader Melvin Jones asked a simple and world-changing question – what if people made a commitment to improving their communities? More than a century later, Lions International is the largest service club organization in the world, with more than 1.4 million members in 49,000 clubs acting on the same simple idea – when Lions come together for the good of humanity, there’s nothing we can’t achieve.

1920 Going International // Just three years after our founding, Lions became international when we established the first club in Canada. Mexico followed in 1927. In the 1950s and 1960s, international growth accelerated, with new clubs in Europe, Asia and Africa.

1925 Saving Sight // Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA, and challenged Lions to become “knights of the blind.” Since then, we have worked tirelessly to aid those who are blind or visually impaired.

1945 Uniting Nations // We were one of the first nongovernmental organizations invited to assist in the drafting of the United Nations Charter. We host an annual Lions Day with the United Nations to continue our partnership and identify global solutions to the challenges facing humanity.

1957 Organizing Youth Programs // We started the Leo program to provide the young people of the world with an opportunity to serve and lead with Lions. There are approximately 190,000 Leos and 7,600 Leo clubs in more than 150 countries worldwide.

1968 Establishing Our Foundation // Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) assists Lions with global and large-scale humanitarian projects. Through our global Foundation, Lions have received more than US\$1 billion in grants to help meet the needs of their local and global communities.

1990 Launching SightFirst // Through the support of LCIF, Lions are restoring sight and preventing blindness on a global scale with the SightFirst program. Launched in 1990, Lions have raised more than US\$372 million for this initiative that targets the major causes of blindness.

2017 Celebrating Our Centennial // Lions celebrate a century of service by serving more than 250 million people around the world through a special Centennial Service Challenge.

2018 Rallying Around Global Causes // Lions unite to support the global causes of vision, hunger, the environment, childhood cancer and diabetes. LCIF launches *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service* to raise US\$300 million to increase the service impact of Lions around the world.

2022 Campaign 100 // LCIF successfully completes the largest fundraising campaign in the organization’s history, raising more than US\$325 million and exceeding its US\$300 million goal. This amazing success will enable LCIF to continue to support grant-worthy projects and empower Lions to improve health and well-being, strengthen our communities, and support those in need around the world.



Installation of Officers and Recognition Night



Sarah received her Life Membership Award to the Lions Foundation of Canada from Rosalie.

On Wednesday, June 12th, our club honoured several members for their achievements and contributions for this past Lions year. President **Rosalie** presented the following Appreciation Awards:

- **Ryan**, for his stellar job as Club Treasurer
- **September**, for Secretary and Newsletter Editor
- **Patti**, for Rookie of the Year
- **Sarah**, for Lion of the Year. Sarah was pleased to receive this award, which is a Life Membership to the Lions Foundation of Canada. Sarah worked tirelessly to organize and promote this year's Dog Walk, for which we raised a total of \$5,500 for LFC!

September put on her Vice District Governor Elect hat, (or tiara, to be exact) and memorably installed the new Board of Directors for 2024-25. We had some "you-choose" trivia, and it was a perfect evening to wrap up a successful year for the Coquitlam River Lions.



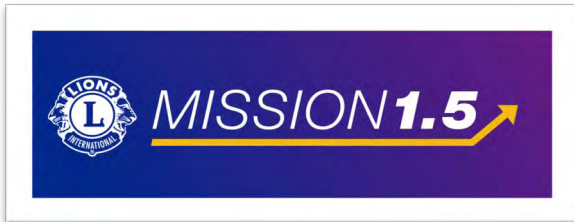
Thank you to all the club members who came out to work at our table at the Community Connections Volunteer Fair on June 9th. Thank you to Gerry, Dave, Rosalie, Rosemary, Jim and Sarah for your participation. We are getting out there and getting noticed!



July activities: Farmers Market and Croquet



On July 28th, we set up a booth to sell hot dogs and chips to raise money for Dog Guides at the Coquitlam Farmers Market “Dog Days of Summer” event. The weather was great, we had help from members Rosalie, Rosemary, Jim, Patti, Richard, Ryan and Sarah. We also had help from non-Lion volunteers, including Diane, a regular at our projects. Well done, Lions!



Environment Corner:

Every hour, 2.5 million plastic bottles are thrown away in the US!

Plastic bottles take up to 450 years to degrade.

Up to 200 million tons of plastic is currently in our oceans.

Please recycle and support our club at the same time. Take your bottle returns to the Return It Depot in Coquitlam, label your bag by entering “riverlions” as the phone number. Our goal this Lions year is to raise **\$500.00** with bottle returns. We can do it!



Gerry, Dave, Sarah and Richard volunteered at the annual Poco Foundation Croquet Tournament on July 11th. It was a beautiful day, and another successful event.



August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 	6	7	8	9	10
11 Past President BBQ at Gerry's	12	13	14 Board Meeting 7:00pm @ Library	15	16	17 Cabinet Meeting/ Banner Passing Arlington, WA
18	19	20	21 Club Meeting 7:00pm DG Official Visit	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



Lions Multiple District 19 Training and Information Schedule July and August 2024



New Member Orientation third Monday of every month	
How to conduct a SWOT analysis	8 Jul
Effective Communications: A Two-Way Street	11 Jul
New Member Orientation	15 Jul
Just Ask and the Global Membership Approach *	17 Jul
Duties and Responsibilities of the Club LCIF Chair *	18 Jul
Grants for Clubs and Districts	23 Jul
The MD-19 Care Project	25 Jul
Duties and Responsibilities of the Club Service Chair *	26 Jul
Duties and Responsibilities of the Club Zone Chair *	30 Jul
Duties and Responsibilities of Lions Int'l New Club Consultants	2 Aug
Presentation Software Delivery Strategies	5 Aug
Tail Twister	8 Aug
Duties and Responsibilities of the Club Secretary	14 Aug
Duties and Responsibilities of the Club President	15 Aug
New Member Orientation	19 Aug
Duties and Responsibilities of the Club Board of Directors	22 Aug

* Denotes special expert guest instructor

This schedule is always posted at the MD-19 web site, LionsMD19.org

Additional topics coming soon:

Youth Exchange Program	Mary Bridge Hospital and Childhood Cancer
The Care and Feeding of New Lions	PR Strategies with Facebook
Intro to Lions Learning Center	... and much more

RSVP for all training to LionAI@Hedstrom.ws. Each session is free, starts at 7 PM Pacific time and are about one hour in length.

Permanent Training Link: [Click Here](#)



Save The Date: Sept 21

Stay tuned for further details on the time and location, but plan to be part of our Planning Session for the coming year. What types of projects do we want? Do we want to do some fundraising? Who do we support, and how do we see ourselves as a Lions Club? All ideas are welcome in this setting, with lots of brainstorming and discussion. You don't want to miss it. Mark it on your calendar, and be part of the direction of the Coquitlam River Lions Club.

Membership Roster 2024-25

Board of Directors:

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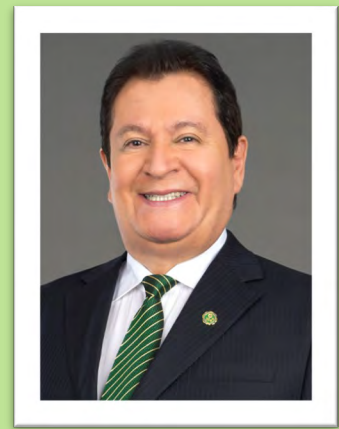
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Chartered March 2022

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00pm

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Fabricio Oliveira

2024-25 Lions Int'l President

A member of the Catolé do Rocha Lions Club since 1985, he's served as club president, zone chairperson, region chairperson, district governor, Multiple District LA first council of governors chairperson, and international director. He has received many awards, including the 100% Club President Award, the District Governor Excellence Medal, District Governor's Extension Award for chartering nine Lions clubs, the District Governor's Membership Growth Award, seven Council Chairperson's Appreciation Medals, 19 International Presidents' Certificates of Appreciation, the nine Leadership Medals, 16 Presidential Medals, and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor awarded by the association to its members. President Fabricio has sponsored 30 new members, as well as sponsored five new Leo clubs. Learn more by [clicking here](#) to watch a short video.

