#### ZONE O6 NEWSLETTER - ISSUE #9



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Concrete, Sedro-Woolley, Burlington, Mount Vernon, Stanwood, Arlington, Lake Stevens & Skagit Valley Leo

#### INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT **IP FABRICIO OLIVEIRA**

Make Your Mark – Give back to the community through service that leaves a mark.

Burlington Lion Travis Walkup is stepping into the 2025-2026 O6 Zone Chair role. Now, it is time for you to start voting in 2025-2026 Club Officers. Take a look at the "Standard Club Structure" Lions Clubs officer handout you picked up at Zone Meeting #3. Invite your club members to try a new role. Highlight your members' knowledge, skills, and abilities by mentoring them into an officer position.

#### DISTRICT GOVENOR DG BETH JAMES

Give 'Em Something to Talk About - Build teams to share. serve, and inspire growth.

# **Calling All Lions!** Encourage everyone to attend a

training session and be ready to grow. The Lion Portal has online training modules available through their Lions Learning Center & MD19 has monthly trainings. These are great resources for quick refreshers or even topics for your club to work through together at a meeting. Utilize these learning tools & gain insight into leadership.

# Your Club, Your Way

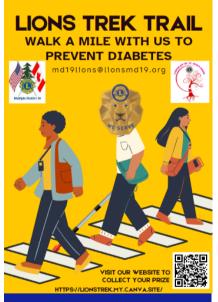
Burlington Lions are gearing up to Each year, these Lions award five flip burgers while raking in funds to educational scholarships & bring support & serve their community. Their yellow concession stand is at soccer tournaments all summer, Berry Dairy Days in June, the Burlington Fall Fest in September, and other community events. In August, the menu is budget friendly drug Naloxone. Their highway 20 hotdogs, chips, & a drink for the Back-to-School Fair at Maiben Park Trek trail, is a popular RV dump where all profits go towards the **BECK** program. The Burlington Lions sponsor the Skagit Valley Leo Burlington Lions on the airwaves Club and support these youth in YEP experiences, individual / team radio program interviewing Lions sports, and leadership development from the area on aspects of opportunities.

joy to ATTIC students with their "Cups of Cheer" holiday parade. Addressing the opioid crisis, Burlington Lions provide dual language flyers to educate & increase access to the lifesaving roadside park promotes a Lions station, and recently received new signage. You are soon to hear the as they have developed a Lions service, leadership, and Lionism.

### **ZONE CHAIR ZC ROSEMARY WALKUP**

Friendship **Zone Project -**Lions Trek 2024-2025

The MD19 Convention is fast approaching. This May event will have Officer training sessions, service projects, fellowship, and time to network. Encourage your members to attend. Invite new members to come see the impact of leadership in Lionism. Learn, Grow, and Serve Together!  $\mathbf{+}$ 



**O6 ZONE MEETING #4** Date: Saturday June 7th, 2025 Time: TBD Location: Destination Unknown

Remember to report in Lions Portal: service activities, fundraisers, visitations, and new members. Send copy of Lions Club Officer Report Form (PU101-International form) to MD19 Office before May 15th.

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#### **APRIL 2025**



**THE PINWHEEL PROJECT**- Give the Gift of Sight

"Try to imagine how you would feel if you were suddenly stricken blind today. Picture yourself stumbling and groping at noonday as in the night; your work, your independence, gone. In that dark world wouldn't you be glad if a friend took you by the hand and said, "Come with me and I will teach you how to do some of the things you used to do when you could see?"

Hellen Keller addressed Lions at the 1925 International Convention urging Lions everywhere to join the crusade against darkness and be Knights of the Blind.

## MD19 Trainings Online 7 PM RSVP LionAl@Hedstrom.ws

\* Denotes special expert guest 4/02-MD19 Lions Foundation \* 4/03-President Duties/Responsibilities 4/04-Mentors Develop Future Lions 4/16-Secretary Duties/Responsibilities 4/17-Memb. Chair Duties/Respons... 4/21- New Member Orientation 4/22-Earth Day Reflections \* 4/23- Secretary Duties & Responsibilities in Chinese \* 4/24-Leadership Chair Duties & Responsibilities 04/30-President Duties & Responsibilities in Chinese \* A national awareness of safety for the blind spurred Lions Clubs to initiate White Cane Day in the 1960s - handing out small white canes to fundraise while increasing awareness of vision support.

 The Northwest Lions Foundation assists those with vision / hearing services in the Pacific Northwest. They work with Sight Life offering financing, screenings, and awareness of sight / hearing needs. They rely on Lions and Leos like us to recommend service needs in our areas.

The Skagit Valley Leo Club has a new way to fundraise for White Cane Day. This spring along with tulips popping up, pinwheels will be sprouting. The Leos are planting pinwheels and raising funds to Give the Gift of Sight!

Watch out Lions, the Leos are coming to pin you! Each pinning has a letter introducing Leos to explain the project, fundraising forms, & a yard sign ransom note. Pinwheels continually relocate. Donors pick the location of the next yard to be pinned. Gifts of any amount are appreciated. Recipients are not required to donate. Pinwheels will relocate regardless of donation.

#### 2025 MD19 Convention "Lions, A Culture of Growth - Hitting the Mark" 8 Global Causes for Service Fun! May 15 -17, 2025 Coast Hotel, Chilliwack, B.C.

Diabetes Support Group - Anacortes Lions 3rd Wednesday of the Month In person: Fidalgo Room, Island Health 1211 24 th Street Anacortes, WA 98221 Zoom: Meeting ID: 880 2388 8946 Passcode: 226473

This April event correlates with the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival. All proceeds go to support vision services with a long-term goal of building an accessibility trail for the visually impaired. Help raise \$45,000 in seed money! **Plant pinwheels** & GIVE THE GIFT OF SIGHT!



Zone meeting #4 - We have had an amazing year in Zone O6. Let's get together one more time to celebrate our successes, introduce our 2024-2025 officers, and enjoy some fellowship. Clear your calenders Saturday June 7<sup>th.</sup> More details to come. In the meantime, look for opportunities to serve alongside each other. Mount Vernon will be selling tulips, Lake Stevens hosts a fishing derby, there are Easter Egg Hunts, Earth Day activities, and more! Spend an hour or two outside meetings and immerse yourself in our diverse communities.

# Talk To

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#### <u>District 19-O Convention</u> <u>"Give 'Em Something to Talk</u> About"

Thanks for joing us at the March 21-23, 2025 <u>Swinomish Casino</u> We had a blast hearing your presentations, playing games, & attending break-out sessions.

MD19 Environment Committee 1st Tues/month Noon-1 PM zoom link https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/83307285506

Finincial Note \* Treasurers -- please pay International dues and second 1/2 MD19 dues