

DISTRICT 39E

LIONS

NEWSLETTER



A word from our District Governor

This year started off with a bang! I barely had time to catch my breath after PDG Lion Brooke pulled the ribbon on my nametag during the International Convention in Australia before heading to Chicago for the Mission I.5 Summit. At the same time, many of our District clubs were doing vision, hearing and diabetes screenings at the Eastern Idaho State Fair. I held my first cabinet meeting in August and coupled it with zone chair training. Lion Neal Jorgensen has held two Zone Meetings and the other Zone Chairs are busy visiting clubs. First Vice District Governor, Paula Turner and I have been all over the district, training Presidents and Secretaries as we go. Oh my gosh, our clubs are so busy! I have been to several great fundraisers, and projects throughout the district recently and I am excited to see so many clubs active and making a difference in our communities. If you haven't seen me yet, look for me to do a club visit with you in the near future. Lion Irene Torgesen (our Global Membership Coordinator) has been working tirelessly with me to get several Leo clubs going in our District. I have been holding monthly contests for various initiatives including membership growth, service, and the upcoming one in December focusing on Lions marketing. Look for others to come up throughout the year! I have also been working hard to nail down the details of our Midwinter Convention coming up in February of 2025. I have some great ideas in mind, so plan on joining me for a fun and informational convention. In closing, please remember I am here to help. If there is anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to contact me! - District Governor, Lion Lisa Allen

SAVE THE DATES!

District 39E Convention

The District 39E Convention has been set for February 14-15, 2025 in Idaho Falls at the Hampton Inn (near the Teton Mall) The theme is "Roots of Service, Branches of Impact." Club Presidents and Secretaries, should watch your email for more information.



Multiple District 39 Convention

The Multiple District 39 Convention will be held in Sun Valley, Idaho on May 2-3, 2025. The theme this year is "Planting and Harvesting the Seeds of Lionism."

October was "Socktober". Five clubs collectively collected 715 pairs of socks to be distributed to their communities. The St. Anthony/Ashton Club won the drawing for the basket of baked goodies.



September's theme was "One New Member in September". Every Lion in 39E was encouraged to sponsor a new member. The District gained 4 new members, and James Riemenschneider from Arco Club won the \$50.00 gas card in the drawing.

DON'T BE THE BEST KEPT SECRET

December will be Media Month. All clubs in 39E are encouraged to start a forward facing Facebook page using the hashtag #Joinlions. Look for more information on this in your email and on our District Facebook page. If you do not belong to our Facebook page yet, you can find it by searching Lionsdistrict39E.



PEACE POSTER CONTEST

The theme this year for the Peace Poster contest is "Peace Without Limits". Clubs must send one winning poster per club into the District Governor by November 15th, 2024. This year the District had eight clubs participate in the contest. Three winning posters from the district will be sent to the Multiple District for judging and one winner will be sent to Lions International.

PATRIOTISM ESSAY CONTEST

The theme for the MD39 2025 Patriotism Contest is, "Celebrating America's Beauty". Clubs who participate should plan on club members getting into the schools beginning in January. Multiple District winners will be invited to give their speeches during the Sun Valley Convention. Essays must be returned to the District Patriotism Chair, March 1st.

CLUB UPDATES

St. Anthony/Ashton Lions is busy preparing for their annual community Thanksgiving dinner.

The Dubois Club is holding their turkey shoot this Saturday the 16th of November.

The Chubbuck Club handed out pumpkins to grade schools, putting together food boxes for veterans, and is preparing for their annual Special Needs Christmas Dinner to be held at the ISU Ballroom on Dec. 22.

The Challis Club has been busy with their wood collecting project. The many cords of wood the chopped and stacked help keep their community warm in the winter.

The Roberts Club is selling 6 1/2 inch potted poinsettias for \$16.99 and can be picked up at Town and Country.

The Rigby Club did a trunk or treat event, and is conducting their many yearly eye screenings.

The Franklin Club has been busy running their very successful hamburger stand and putting up Christmas tree lights in the local park.

The Hamer Club recently held their yearly fundraising roast beef dinner and auction.

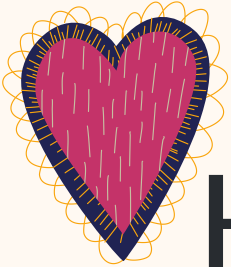
The Preston Club organized a downtown trunk or treat for halloween, and recently completed their Night for Sight Golf tournament.

The West Jefferson Club recently held a very successful annual Turkey Shoot fundraiser.

MISSION 1.5 SUMMIT

#WeBeThat

Several Lion leaders from Multiple District 39 were recently invited to Chicago to learn about spreading Lionism in a new initiative called Mission 1.5. They, along with nearly 200 other Lions from the United States and Canada spent several days learning about starting and growing new Lions Clubs in a new and novel approach. Another 200 Lions attended another summit held in Orlando, FL two weeks later. The goal is to reach 1.5 million members by June 30, 2027.



Heart of a Lion

The Multiple District LCIF Fundraiser, "The Heart of a Lion" continues through December 31. For just \$10.00 you can recognize that special Lion in your life. They may be involved in leadership, or be the soft spoken lion always there for club activities and projects, or perhaps they are a Lion mentor to you, other Lions or to the club. All funds go to LCIF on behalf of MD39 and will be used to award a Melvin Jones Fellow at the Sun Valley convention. The Lions Club with the most hearts purchased by members/club will receive an engraved bronze lion. Send checks made out to LCIF to Council Chair Betty Simpson, 1760 Sunset St. Weiser, ID 83672





A letter from our Council Chair

Thank you for all the amazing service activities you are doing in your communities and district! ROAR! I enjoy viewing the photos you post on each club's Facebook site as well as on your 39E District site. Congratulations, on your recently completed, outstanding "SOCKTOBER" district-wide project! I loved viewing the drawing video posted by DG Lisa. Three, new Multiple District (MD) committees were added this Lion year (MD 39Marketing, MD 39 Sunshine, and MD 39 Newsletter). Lion Curt Kelley is the MD Marketing Chairperson. He has been doing a great job and is available to help with any questions you might have. Our special Multiple District email address is lionsmd39marketing@gmail.com Our MD Sunshine Chair is Lion Linda Youngblood. If any MD club or Lion would like to have a beautiful, handcrafted card sent for an occasion from MD 39, you can email a request to lionsmd39sunshine@gmail.com This email is set up specifically for MD Sunshine requests and upon receipt, our Sunshine chair will create and mail a card to the designated recipient. It will be signed "From the Lions of Multiple District 39 and Council Chair Betty Simpson." The MD 39 newsletter will go out quarterly to club Presidents and secretaries. We encourage them to share it with all their club members. 39E clubs are encouraged to submit photos and/or brief articles about their activities. The MD 39 email address is md39newsletter@gmail.com Our newsletter co-chairs are Lions Billie Wood and Rose Jensen.

We have a dynamic Council this year for our Multiple District! Lions from both District 39E and 39W agreed to serve. We also have an amazing team of 39E and 39W Lions serving on the Multiple District 39 Convention committee. We have been working on convention plans since August. The MD Convention theme is the tagline you see at the top of this article just below the MD 39 pin. It references Lions leadership, membership, and service while reflecting the beauty of our agricultural-based Multiple District.

Thank you, for letting me serve as your MD 39 Council Chair (CC) this Lion year. I look forward to seeing you at your District 39E Convention in February!

Happy November and Happy Thanksgiving!

My Warmest Regards,

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Leader Dogs for the Blind

Navigating Life After A Hurricane GUIDE DOG CLIENT STORY - LION WALKER J. AND LEADER DOG LOKI

"Going to get vulnerable here for a moment. This morning, I had the most TERRIFYING experience of my life! My son, Riley, had to return to school after two weeks of no school courtesy of the hurricane. Because of that, I was notified yesterday that his bus can only pick him up at the end of our street because of all the debris and power lines down. Which means he has to walk there. However, it's a very long road and I'm not going to let my son walk that far in the dark by himself at 6:00 a.m. So, I decided that I would go with him with Leader Dog Loki guiding me.

Loki and I have been practicing night walks for a while now, so I figured we could do this despite all the debris. As we began our walk to Riley's bus stop, things were fine at first—felt like any other night walk. But as we got further down the road, that's when things got scary. The amount of debris began to become worse and worse, and it got so bad that I could feel Loki pulling me to the middle of the road for long periods of time. This could only mean that there was a lot of stuff he was having to take me around. At this exact time, there were no more streetlights to give me any indication of where we were because they had fallen. So, while Loki could see, it was completely black for me. I was completely and totally blind. Finally, we reached the end of the street. I could hear Riley's bus and then I heard Riley yell "Bye, Dad. Love you!" So, I knew he got on the bus.

Now it was time to walk back, but this time on the other side of the road. This is when I lost it. We're walking and Loki is pulling me around even more stuff and I have no clue what it is. All I could think about is what if we get hurt? What if he makes a mistake and I get stabbed by a sharp branch or worse? I started hyperventilating and I couldn't stop. Loki's a fast walker, which didn't help my nerves either. As we continued forward, my heart was pounding out of my chest. All of a sudden, I yelled out "Loki stop!" and I completely froze for about a minute. There we were, standing in the dark right there in the middle of the road, and I couldn't move. I had never been so scared in my entire life. Eventually I decided we couldn't stay there forever, so I knelt down and told Loki "I'm going to give you everything I have right now. We can do this. Take us home." So, we marched on. He's pulling me left and right. It felt like we were walking through an obstacle course. Not a single clue as what any of these obstacles were, but I trusted him with my whole heart and kept reminding myself that he can see things that I can't.

Navigating Life After A Hurricane Cont'd.

After what felt like an eternity, we finally arrived at my doorstep. I broke down in tears. I fell down to the ground and held him and thanked him over and over again. I have never been so scared and so amazed in my life. I've seen Loki do the most amazing things, and I still couldn't believe he got me home. It's moments like this where I really see just how smart and well trained he is. It's moments like this where I really see his loyalty to me. It blows my mind. This dog doesn't owe me a damn thing. He didn't ask to be a guide dog. He didn't ask to be given to me. But this is what he is meant to do and he's damn good at it, despite some of our hiccups along the way. After seven months working alongside him, this was the most trust I've ever had to put into him and it paid off."

