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MD39 Council Chair PDG Betty Simpson

Greetings, Multiple District 39 Lions!

Welcome, to the beginning of an exciting new Lion year! I am grateful to be serving as your 2024-2025, Multiple District (MD) Council Chair. I am very excited about the amazing MD Council team we have in place this year! Lions from both Districts 39E and 39W have agreed to serve. Be sure to read the list of MD Council Lions and their positions. We also have a dynamic team of Lions serving on the MD39 Convention committee.

A new Multiple District 39 committee position is "MD Sunshine." If a Multiple District Lion or, club would like to have a beautiful, handmade card sent for an occasion from MD39, you can email a request to lionsmd39sunshine@gmail.com This email is set up specifically for MD Sunshine requests and upon receipt, our MD39 Lion Sunshine chair will create and mail a card to the designated recipient. It will be signed "From MD39 CC Betty Simpson and the Lions of MD39." Check out the brief Q & A, Sunshine article in this newsletter for details.

My Council Chair tagline theme this year is "Planting & Harvesting the Seeds of Lionism." It references Lions leadership, membership, and service while reflecting the beauty of our agricultural based Multiple District.

With my Warm & Enthusiastic Regards,

Lion MD39 CC Betty Simpson

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"Planting & Harvesting the Seeds of Lionism"



MD 39 Sunshine Q & A

Q- Does this replace an individual club's Sunshine committee?

A- No. Clubs can continue having their club Sunshine send out cards. This just offers another option for an additional card specifically from our MD.

Q- What should my MD Sunshine request include?

A- Please, include the occasion for the card, card recipient's name and mailing address. If necessary, include a specific mailing date for the card.

MD39 Opening

There is an opening for a Global Service Team (GST) Multiple District Coordinator. The MD GST works with the District GSTs to encourage them to promote service projects. A MD GST also serves as a resource and content expert for best practices in service project implementation.

If this sounds like a position you might be interested in and wish to receive more information, please, contact me.

Thanks,
Lion CC Betty

MD39 Council, 2024-2025

MD Council Chair: PDG Betty Simpson (Weiser Lions Club)
MD Secretary and Admin: Jennifer Weeks (Meridian Lions Club)
MD Treasurer: PDG Timothy (Tim) Vincent (Nampa Lions Club)
MD GLT: PCC Joyce Saunders (Scholarship Lions Club)
Tech (Zoom) Meetings: PCC Joyce Saunders (Scholarship Lions Club)
Marketing: Curt Kelley (Boise Bench Lions Club)
Vision: PDG Sue Kenney and Lion Paul Kenney (Rigby Lions Club)
Diabetes: Lisa Gier (Caldwell Lions Club)
Protocol/Election: PDG Craig Parrish (Chubbuck Lions Club)
Newsletter (quarterly): Billie Wood and Rose Jensen (Payette Syringa Lions Club)
Sunshine: Linda Youngblood (Weiser Lions Club)
Leos: Chealsey Straw-Holguin (Mountain Home Lions Club)
Patriotism Essay Contest: PCC Bob Saunders (Scholarship Lions Club)
MD GMT: PCC Greg Torgeson (Soda Springs Lions Club)
MD GST:
MD LCIF Coordinator: PDG Betty Simpson (Weiser Lions Club)
Peace Poster: PCC Bob Saunders (Scholarship Lions Club)
Convention Chair: CC Betty Simpson
Convention Committee: Jennifer Weeks, Esteban Galan, Chealsey Straw-Holguin,
Nampa Lions Club (goody bags), Linda Clemenger (centerpieces), PDG Lyndon Rinehart,
Scholarship Club/PCC Joyce Saunders (Celebration of Life), PCC Doug Beehler (MC),
Lois Sutton (Entertainment)
*More convention committee Lions/clubs **TBA**

Council of Governors: CC Betty Simpson, 39E DG Lisa Allen, 39W DG John Hand,
FVDG 39E Lisa Ward, FVDG 39W Peggy Hess

Honorary Guests:
PID Floyd Miller
PID Gary D'Orazio

Some Frequently Used Lions' Acronyms:

PID= Past International Director
CC= Council Chair
PCC= Past Council Chair
MD= Multiple District
DG= District Governor
PDG= Past District Governor
FVDG= First Vice District Governor
SVDG= Second Vice District Governor
GMT= Global Membership Team
GST= Global Service Team
GLT= Global Leadership Team
ZC= Zone Chair
LCIF= Lions Clubs International Foundation
CGL= Certified Guiding Lion
GL= Guiding Lion
GAT= Global Action Team
GMA= Global Membership Approach

CERTIFIED GUIDING LIONS TRAINING

To Register click below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcpduyprTwtGNUVPpH2TE5pladMfTeCqm>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with your personal link to join the meeting.



The flyer features a blue header with a sun icon and the text 'EXPERIENCED FACILITATORS' and 'VIRTUAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT'. Below this, it says 'You're invited to our Summer Picnic for Guiding Lions!' followed by the date and time: 'AUGUST 10, 2024 (Saturday) TIME 10:00—2:30 Pacific'. The event title is 'CERTIFIED GUIDING LION LEARNING' and it is described as 'A VIRTUAL LEARNING EVENT'. The flyer encourages becoming a 'LIONS INFORMATION EXPERT!' and states that the event is for 'ANY LION' whose goal is to possess the tools and information to help his/her club. It says 'ALL LIONS and LEOS WELCOME!!!!'. There are two boxes: one stating 'Session limited to Lions in Canada, USA and Caribbean' with 'Session language is English' and 'Virtual treats will be served!'; the other provides contact info: 'Questions to Lion Anne Smarsh, PID at Lsmarsh@att.net' and 'Registration Deadline August 5, 2024'. The bottom of the flyer has a decorative border with grass, a picnic basket, and butterflies.

Summer 2024 Training -MD39 Lions

Some of your Multiple District and District Lions will be attending/have attended trainings scheduled by Lions International/Lions Clubs International Foundation, and MD39* this summer. Helpful information will be received to share with you! Following, are some of the trainings:

August 2-4, Global Membership Team Training for your MD39 GMT Coordinator, District Governors, District GMTs, and District GETs (Global Extension Team)

August 15-18, LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation) training for your MD LCIF Coordinator, and District LCIF Coordinators

August 10, Certified Guiding Lion training- This training is for any interested Lion. (The flyer is included in this MD 39 newsletter.)

September 5-7 USA Canada Leadership Forum

Additionally, our MD39 Global Leadership Team Coordinator, GLT Joyce Saunders, conducted training for interested MD Lions on July 22.

*MD 39= Districts 39E and 39W



July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024



LIONS ENVISION SIGHT

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

Sight Restoring Surgeries Provided	13
Surgery Funds Distributed:	\$14,326.96
Hearing Aids Provided	36
Hearing Aid Funds Distributed:	\$9,760.00

EYE BANK

Humanitarian Eye Donors	276
Corneas Provided for Transplant	367

VISION AND HEARING COMMUNITY SCREENINGS

Individual Screenings	26,721
Volunteers	380
Volunteer Hours	2,281
Referred	4,382
Event Days	58

IDAHO LIONS VISION CLINIC

Optometric Patients	420
Glasses Dispensed	279

RECYCLED EYEGLASSES

Donated Glasses Recycled & Distributed	71,822
Distribution Locations: San Diego Vision Clinic, Arizona Lions vision clinic, Trinidad and Tabogo, St. Luke's Critical Care, Corpus Christi House, Cambodia, Kenya, Nicaragua, West Africa, Honduras, Dominican Republic, Ghana, Terry Reilly, Nicaragua	

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99,379

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Marketing

Facebook Scams

I have noticed an increase in phishing messages on Facebook recently, which threaten to disable the Club's Facebook account. Be careful, a scammer is attempting to get information in order to place malware on your device and steal your information.

The latest message received on my club's Facebook page, which showed up in the Messenger inbox is:

"We regret to inform you that your account is facing deactivation due to violations of our Terms of Service. Recent activity on your account does not align with our guidelines. To avoid permanent deletion, please take a moment to verify your account. This simple process will ensure continued access: <http://business.demonstrate-infopage.com/case/226807676074> Failure to complete verification may result in automatic account suspension. We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a safe environment for all users. Terms of Service Team © 2024 Inc"

We have received other notifications claiming that a post violated community standards and copyright laws. The post in question did not have anything not in the public domain.

The Help Center has a lot of great information about Facebook and the potential to appeal a decision, it is located under the profile picture in the upper right-hand corner of the Facebook page.

Things to watch for

The official Facebook emails come from an @Facebook.com address

Check any URLs as they may contain links which download malware to your device. Security software such as McAfee or Norton may indicate an unsafe URL.

Watch for urgency. Scammers want you to act quickly, legitimate Facebook messages don't threaten immediate ban or deletion.

Facebook does not have a call center that you can call.

The Support Inbox will have a message concerning legitimate warnings.

(information for the article above was gleaned from the Identity Guard Website, Channel 4, Columbus Ohio, and Facebook)

The newest Facebook page "Lions Multiple District 39-Southern Idaho and Eastern Oregon" is up and running, along with YouTube and Instagram. The Facebook page is public and will have posts and information from both Districts. The YouTube Channel is Marketing Multiple District 39 and there are videos about hearing screening, Envision and vision screening and more to come. The Instagram page is Lionsmd39marketing and will also have posts from various clubs in MD39.

Curt Kelley
MD39 Marketing Chair
Lionsmd39marketing@gmail.com

Newsletter Information

This newsletter is an excellent way to share information. Anybody can send in an article! Do you have an up-coming event, a service project you are passionate about, just completed a fun project or just want to share an Idea? Well send us the information! and we will include it in the next Newsletter. Send us a couple of pictures to go with it to add to the impact.

The MD39 newsletter will be sent out quarterly (July, October, January, and April) on the 25th of each month.

The deadline for submission of your newsletter article is the 20th of the month.

Articles need to be in a Word document or similar text file. Try to make your articles concise and limit the number of photos to two (2).

*Please make sure you have a release from a parent or guardian for any pictures that include children.

Email your articles for the newsletter to md39newsletter@gmail.com.

Feel free to call, email or text if you have any questions

Your Newsletter Team

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Meet some of your MD39 Council



CC Betty is ready to teach a Fit & Fall Proof exercise class.

17 years ago, I made one of the best decisions of my life! I became a Lion, and joined the Weiser Lions Club. My husband (Jim) had already been a Lion for some time. A college friend joined the club before me and became my sponsor. Four months later, I was elected the club's secretary and my journey at the club, district, and Multiple District levels began. Over the years, I have held a variety of Lion positions (club, District, MD) with the most recent ones being 39W District Governor, MD39 PDG Association President, LCIF Multiple District Coordinator. Currently, I serve as the marketing chair, LCIF chair and administrator for my home club.

I truly enjoy being of volunteer service, connecting with other Lions, being creative, and doing those high kicks while sharing my enthusiasm/love of being a Lion! Joining Lions has been a perfect niche' for me!

My husband and I have been married 53 years; have two grown children and two grandsons. I also enjoy being a volunteer master trainer for the Idaho Fit & Fall Proof program at the Weiser site.

With My Lion Spirit & Enthusiasm,
MD 39 CC, PDG Betty Simpson

Greetings!

We are Paul and Sue Kenny from the Rigby Club. We are the Global Awareness on Vision. Paul has been a Lion almost 8 years and I've been a Lion for almost 9 years. I am the Immediate PDG of 39E. I'm currently the President of the Rigby Club. Paul is blind and as our club does thousands of eye screenings in our area, Paul teaches kindergartners about Respecting the Cane.



Joyce Saunders, MD 39 GLT, 40 years a Lion, Scholarship Lions Club. 100% of clubs will enter new club officers (25-26) on Lions Portal by June 15, 2025.

Bob Saunders, Peace Poster/ Patriotism Chair, 49 years a Lion, Scholarship Lions Club. I hope to be able to get information out to clubs with lots of participation for the Peace Poster and the Patriotism Essay Contest.

Peace Poster guidelines: Theme: "PEACE WITHOUT LIMITS"

Oct. 1 – deadline to purchase Peace Poster packet from LCI.

Nov. 15 – one poster from each club to District Chair

Dec. 1 – one poster from District to MD Chair: Bob Saunders

Dec. 15 – one poster to Lions International.

Patriotism Essay guidelines: Theme: "CELEBRATING AMERICA'S BEAUTY"

Mar. 21st – top three essays from each grade level to District Chair.

April 5th – top three essays from each grade level to MD Chair: Bob Saunders

Apr. 10th – notify clubs of winners for invite to Sun Valley.



Curt is an Idaho Native who grew up and lived on the other side of the Mississippi before we retired and moved to Boise after a career in automotive finance. Curt also is an Army veteran, having been stationed in Germany for over two years. He and wife Pat moved to Boise to be near their daughter and son in law and two grandchildren. Curt was a member of the Haslett, Michigan Lions for five years and he joined the Boise Bench Lions as it is a great way to serve the community in 2002.

He has held several Lions positions, such as club membership chair, club marketing chair, District Secretary, Council Secretary Treasurer, District Marketing Chair and served on the Envision board for 9 years, 7 as President. Additionally, he also has volunteered for the Alzheimer's Association as a community representative. He and his wife like to travel, fly fish, and indulge in photography. This year Curt is the Multiple District Marketing Chair and would like to increase visibility for MD39 through social media. A few sites have been set up since the beginning of the month: Facebook page, Lions Multiple District 39-Southern Idaho and Eastern Oregon (like it, follow it and share your club posts on it), Instagram, and Threads at [lionsmd39marketing](https://www.instagram.com/lionsmd39marketing). These are public sites and will be great locations to share information from all Lions Clubs in the Multiple District. Email address is lionsmd39marketing@gmail.com

My name is Lisa Allen, I am the District Governor for 39E.

I have been a Lion for 10 years and I'm in the Chubbuck Lions Club. My theme this year is Join. Serve. Grow. Be A Lion! I am super excited to serve the Lions of my District & our communities together. Southeast Idaho is a wonderful place to live, and I know we are going to grow Lions by continuing to serve together each and every project. "Making our Mark" on our Community and our individuals will be a key to our success. This will make our growth monumental.



Hello, folks! My name is Lisa Gier and I have been a Lion in the Caldwell Club for almost 5 years. I am currently the Diabetes Chair for MD39, and my goal for this year is to help make our diabetes impact charge meaningful, doable and fun for each Lion, through each of our fantastic districts!

PDG Craig Parrish (39MD Protocol/Election) has been a Lion for forty-one years. His father, Rodney J Parrish, a charter member of the Great and Glorious Chubbuck Lions Club, was the District Governor of 39E in 1976, when Craig was 11 years old. Craig was the District Governor in 2000. In the Parrish family Lions is just a part of life, Craig's beautiful wife, Amy and two oldest sons, Wilson and Jason, are members. His other three sons are not old enough yet! His mother, three brothers, one sister and their spouses are all members as well as several uncles, aunts and cousins. Service is what we do. Craig is a Melvin Jones Fellow, has been the President of two different clubs, has held almost every local, district and council office and has received numerous Presidential awards and Certificates of Appreciation. Craig is a general practice attorney with an emphasis on adoptions, guardianships, wills and estates and family and elder law. He is bilingual and has the opportunity to serve many in the under-privileged Hispanic community. He is also heavily involved in his church, Boy Scouts of America, local youth athletic programs, politics, and on the Board of several community organizations.

CRAIG W PARRISH
POCATELLO ID

Lion Peggy Hess, 24 -25. 39W Vice District Governor
Member of Rupert Lions Club

Member for 28 years, starting as a Lioness.

I have held most club offices and many main offices multiple times. I am currently club treasurer. Served 39W as Zone Chair for multiple years and on the 39W Childhood Cancer Chair.

I have received a Melvin Jones award and my husband Lion Jess and I won the Helen Keller Humanitarian award.

I work for a local food bank so my theme is "Feed the Need" our food requests have doubled over the last few years. My goal is to help out all of the Global Causes in Idaho and Beyond. Environment, Hunger, Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Vision, Disaster Relief, Youth, and Humanitarian Efforts.

Together We Can Do It All!!!!



I was born in Ontario Oregon and raised in Payette Idaho. I married Bob Jensen in 1973 and we had two children. We lived outside of Portland for 10 years. Bob's job transferred us back to the Payette area at that time I joined the Payette Lioness Club. Later on our club transitioned to Payette Syringa Lions. I have held several officer positions in both clubs in the last 30+ years. My husband passed away 4 ½ years ago. Currently I am the President of our Club. In 2020 my sister Billie moved into the area, and I asked her to join the Payette Syringa Lions. Billie Wood and I are co-cochair of both 39W and multi district 39 newsletters.



I was born in Ontario Oregon and raised in Payette Idaho. I joined the Air Force after I graduated. I met my husband Woody while stationed in Germany. After retiring and several moves, we settled in the Dallas area. In 2020 we moved to Idaho to be closer to family and I joined the Payette Syringa Lions. My husband passed a year later and the Lions and my family became my world. I have been a Payette Syringa Lion for 4 years and I am the Service Chair for our club

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