

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 49



2021 Convention



Alaska, USA

Yukon Territory, Northwest Territory, British Columbia, Canada
TVS Fairgrounds - Fairbanks, Alaska

Minutes

Thursday May 20, 2021

9:15am Welcome by Convention Committee Chair/Rules of Convention, PDG Juanita Webb reviewed the agenda and answered any questions.

Opening Ceremony

Star Spangled Banner

O' Canada

Lions Prayer

Welcome remarks – Guests

2VDG Dist 22-D Lion Daniel Marney Elkins

Welcome remarks - Lions

Past International Director – Lewis Quinn

District 49A Governor – Anny Cochrane – represented by VDG Tary

Youngblood

District 49B Governor – Karen Lane

MD Council Chairman –Karen Burns

MD 49 – General Session – Called to order

Appointments

Parliamentarian & Sergeant of Arms – Lion Richard “Tiny” Fagg (Eagle River)

Appoint Resolution Committee – PCC Dennis Cummings, VDG Tary Youngblood,

Lion Gidget Hadget

Roll Call – 49A Secretary Lion Amy Orange-Posma

49B Secretary Lion Jennifer Bodily represented by PCC Howard Rixie

Preliminary Credential Committee report

49A – 42 Delegates, 4 Alternates & 10 PDG delegates

49B – 11 Delegates, 4 Alternates & 1 DG and 8 PDG delegates

A motion was made by PCC Howard Rixie to seat the delegates. Lion Amy Orange Posma seconded. Motion passed.

Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer Report– CST Dodie Rixie

A motion was made to accept the 2019 Convention minutes with two typo changes, 2018 to 2019 and B added to latter by Lion Janis Marcinkowski. Seconded by PCC Dennis Cummings. Motion passed.

MD49 Profit and Loss 2018-2019 & 2019-2020 Report was presented for review. Lion Megan Hemley made a motion to accept the report. PDG Hollis Hall seconded. Motion passed.

MD49 2019 Balance Sheet was presented for review. CC Karen Burns made a motion to accept the report. PDG Cory Bellows seconded. Motion passed.

MD49 2020 Balance Sheet was presented for review. PCC Ski Marcinkowski made a motion to accept the report. Lion Gidget seconded. PCC Howard Rixie asked if there was a cap on the GL/GMT Account. CST Dodie Rixie could not answer and will check and report at the next meeting. Motion was passed after discussion.

MD Committee Reports (Submit written reports to Sec / Treas)

Constitution & By Laws – PCC Mike Brown – Nothing was submitted.

MD Elections/Nominations – PCC Dennis Cummings reported that nothing was submitted by the deadline. He opened the floor for nominations. PDG Cory Bellows nominated PDG James Roderigues for MD49 Council Chair. PCC Ski Marcinkowski seconded the nomination. PDG James Roderigues was not present to accept in person. Lion Megan Hamley confirmed that “Dad” does accept the nomination. PCC Howard Rixie made a motion to close nominations. VDG Bert Verall seconded. Motion Passed.

Leadership – PCC Ski Marcinkowski handed out PDG Badges, Spouses nametags, and decals. An FDI pin and letter was presented to CC Karen Burns.

PCC Ski explained what FDI (Faculty Development Institute) and ELLI (Emerging Lions Leadership Institute) were. He also explained that the MD can fund Lions that are interesting in Leadership opportunities. He also asked that each club present submit at least one name of a potential future leader so the districts can work on getting them trained. PCC Ski closed out his report sharing what the Lions University is and encouraged “ALL” Lions to get their degrees.

Membership – PDG Dottie Vasquez reported that it was a rough year with very non-traditional training.

Global Service – PDG Jim Rodriques – no report

LCIF – PCC Dennis Cummings gave a brief explanation what the Foundation is, How we can contribute, How we can request grants, and that all clubs should review their donations and check their balance at International. Please consider handin out a Melvin Jones Fellowship to a member in your club.

2021 USA/Canada Leadership Forum – PCC Dennis Cummings reported that Forum is September 9-11, 2021 in Des Moines, Iowa. It is now a 2 day event.

Other Committees

NPLF - ABLERVC report and history

- 1st Eyeglass order since Covid-19 is going to Nigeria by way of Texas.

- Shared what the Rural AK Eye Program is

- Partner of the ACBVI for Vision Screening and aid materials

Peace Poster Presentaion

Cruis'n w/Santa Fundraiser pins are here for sale

Lions Quest Report was given

PID Al gave a brief NAMI intro

Vision report is attached

Recess – 11:36 am

Friday May 21st

Necrology

Service Project – Spruce up the Fairgrounds

Saturday May 22nd

8 – 9:30 am PDG Pancake Breakfast and Elections

10 – 11 am Out of the Darkness Walk – walk to remember those that have died from Suicide

12 – 12:40 pm

Call to Order

Final Credential Report

49A Secretary – 62 Delegates 100% voted

49B Secretary – 21 delegates, 1DG, 10 PDG = 32 certified to vote. 29 voted.

Final Committee Reports – no more committee reports.

Resolution Committee – Resolutions were read.

Elections Results & Speeches

MD49 – PCC Dennis Cummings

CC James Roderigues – Acceptance Speech.

49A – Lion Larry Helgeson

2nd VDG Kathie Morin

1st VDG Bert Verall

DG Tary Youngblood

Acceptance Speeches

All D49A Foundation candidates were voted in.

49A Constitution & Bylaws changes passed.

49B – Lion Donna Bellows

2nd Bobby Kirchner

1st Lizz Johnson

DG Helen Blattner

Acceptance Speeches

Lion Larry H. made a motion to destroy the links to voting (ballots) program. Lion Donna B. seconded. Motion passed.

Adjourn MD Convention Meeting at 12:43.

1:45 – 2:30 pm North Pole Adventure LEOs Program

MD49 Banquet – MC PDG Cory Bellows challenged all Lions present

1. to bring in two new members by convention next year
2. to have no more than 4 club members at any banquet table next year
3. to bring one new member to convention next year.
 - Guest Speaker – 2VDG Dist 22-D Lion Daniel Marney Elkins
 - PID Al Hedstrom

Presidents Certificates

PDG Juanita Webb, Fairbanks Host Lions

PDG Dodie Rixie, North Pole Lions

PDG Dottie Vasquez, Mt McKinley Lions

Certificates of Appreciation

PCC Ski Marcinkowski, GLT

PDG Dottie Vasquez, GAT

Melvin Jones Fellowships

Dennis Swarner

Esther West , 3rd Diamond

Dodie Rixie, 5th Diamond

Howard Rixie, 5th Diamond

Lion Inductions

Sid Bertz

Debbie Thomas

Quilt of Valor Honoree's

Larry Helgeson

Ski Marcinkowski

Parade of Checks

10 – Midnight Earl Hughes Band & Fun

Respectfully Submitted
PDG Dodie Rixie, CGJ

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 49



2018 Convention



Alaska, USA

Yukon Territory, Northwest Territory, British Columbia, Canada

Westmark Hotel, Whitehorse, YT

Minutes

Thursday – April 19, 2019

9:05 AM Opening Ceremony -Midnight Sun Bagpipers
The 505 Cadet Squadron
Star Spangled Banner
O'Canada
Lions Prayer

Welcome by Convention Committee Chair PDG Dodie Rixie

Review of Schedule – time and location: meetings, community service project (clean up main street), lunches, breakouts, coffee breaks, banquets, voting, necrology

Friday breakouts:

Intergenerational Communication, MyLion App, North American Membership Initiative, How to start a Foundation, Global Service, Why Lions leave and how do we retain them

Introduction of head table and guests CC Cindy Beardsley

Welcome Remarks – Guests

Minister of Yukon Government– Richard Mostyn

Whitehorse Mayor – Dan Kurtis

Council Chair of Council Ta'An Kwachan Council – Bill Burton

Regrets from Chief Dorris Bill with Kvonlin Dun First Nation

Welcome remarks - Lions

Past International President Jimmy Ross

Past International Director Lewis Quinn

Council Chairman Cindy Beardsley

District A Governor Hal Smalley

District B Governor representative PDG "Ski" Marcinkowski

Multiple District 49 General Convention Session Call to Order

Approve Agenda

Appointments:

Parliamentarian – PCC Howard Rixie

Sergeant of Arms –Jon Cochran

Resolution Committee –PDG Billy Williams, Bert Verrell, PDG Rick Webb

Roll Call of Delegates

District 49A Secretary Stacy Ross- represented by Kathie Morin

District 49B Secretary Jennifer Bodily

Preliminary Credential Committee Report

49A: 33 delegates, 4 alternates, 1 DG & 8 PDG delegates

49B: 15 delegates, 2 alternates, 4 PDG delegates

Motion: Delegates be seated (**PCC Mike Brown/PCC Dennis Cummings**) Passed

2018 Convention Minutes

Motion: Accept Multiple District 49 Convention 2018 Minutes with
typo corrections (**PCC Dennis Cummings/PDG "Ski" Marcinkowski**) Passed

Treasurer Report

Motion: Accept Multiple District 49 financials for review
(**Jon Cochrane-Bethel/Wesley Tonkins-Benton Bay**) Passed

Multiple District 49 Committee Reports

Nominations and Elections – CC Dennis Cummings

PDG Robert "Ski" Marcinkowski – Council Chair

(**PID Lewis Quinn/PDG "Dodie" Rixie**)

Acceptance of Nomination

Motion: Close nominations (**PCC Dennis Cummings/PDG Rick Webb**)
Passed

Global Membership (GMT) PDG Ski Marcinkowski

Membership continues to decline – specialty clubs
may be the way to go

Breakout sessions:

Inter-relational communications – PCC Howard Rixie

My-Lion App – PDG Karen Burns

North American Membership initiative – GLT Area

Leader PDG Dennis Grotrian

Starting a 501c3 Foundation – PCC Howard Rixie

Global Service – PDG Karen Burns

Why we lose Lions and what can we do to retain them

Global Service (GST) PDG Karen Burns –need more reporting

49A- 25 of 38 and 49B - 19 of 28 clubs reporting

International Convention & LCIF – PID Lewis Quinn

Reporting helps secure grants

LCIF 100 Campaign – MD \$7000 ahead of last year

Convention in Milan – join parade – sights to see

MD Pin – PDG Dodie Rixie – distributed to each sub district

Specialty Series - Racing 18-19, next year 19-20 Baseball

20-21 Motocross-motorcycles, 21-22 Football,

22-23 Off-Road, 23-24 Hockey, 24-25 Curling,

25-26 Snowmobile, 26-27 Athletic – college sports

USA/Canada Forum -PCC Dennis Cummings
Spokane, WA Sept 19-21, 2019

Vision & MD49 2020 Convention – PDG Esther West – written report attached
Received only 100 vsp certificates
2020 Convention – Aviator Hotel, April 29-May 2, 2020 – written report attached
Online registrations available in June

At PDG breakfast this morning PIP Jimmy Ross passed a basket around which we thought was for server – not true – proceeds \$40 Canadian, \$46 US will go to Vision Screening

Community project street cleaning in about 15 minutes

Recess: 10:55 AM

Saturday – April 21, 2019

7:00 – 8:30 AM Voting and Pancake Breakfast

9:00 – 9:50 AM Necrology

10:00 – 11:00 AM MD49 resumes general session

10:05 AM Call to order
Final Credential Report
49A Secretary stand-in Kathie Morin
100% voted – 36 delegates, 9PDG, 1DG
49B Secretary Jennifer Bodily
100% voted – 17 delegates, 6 PDG

Resolution Committee Report – job well done

Motion: Accept resolutions (**PCC Dennis Cummings/Helen
Iattner/Whitehorse Fireweed**) Passed

Election Results & Speeches

Multiple District 49 – PCC Dennis Cummings
Council Chairman - PDG Robert “Ski” Marcinkowski
acceptance

Motion: Destroy Ballots (**PCC Dennis Cummings/
PCC Howard Rixie**) Passed

District 49A – Lion Larry Helgeson
District 49A Lions Foundation
Region 1 – Kathie Morin
Region 2 – Robert Posma

Region 3 – Bert Verrell
District 49A
2nd Vice District Governor
Tary Youngblood – acceptance
1st Vice District Governor
Anny Cochrane – Jon Cochrane accepted
District Governor
Brian Sproat – acceptance

District 49B – Lion Donna Bellows
2nd Vice District Governor - none
1st Vice District Governor
Karen Lane – acceptance
District Governor
Gerald (Gerry) Gerein – acceptance

Motion: Destroy ballots District 49A (**PCC Dennis Cummings/Robert Posma** - Mountain View) Passed

Motion: Destroy ballots District 49B (**Sally Benevento** – Fairbanks Host/**PDG Rick Webb**) Passed

Multiple District 49 Vision – Aurora Borealis Lions Eyeglass Vision Center
Foundation – PCC Howard Rixie
Have recycled 500,000 pairs of eyeglasses

Closing Comments

11:00 AM **Motion:** Adjourn MD 49 Convention (**Jon Cochrane** – Bethel/**Larry Helgeson** – Benton Bay) Passed

Evening Banquet - Guest Speaker - PID Jimmy Ross

President's Certificates presented to:

Donna Bellows, Fairbanks Offroad Lions
Tom Kuryla, Fairbanks Goldstream Valley Lion

Global Action Team Certificates presented to:

Sally Benevento, Fairbanks Host Lions
Garry Doering, Whitehorse Grey Mountain Lions
Esther West, Anchorage Benton Bay Lions
Teresa Bahn, Anchorage Benton Bay Lions

Respectfully submitted

Karan Hupperten
MD49 Council Secretary/Treasurer



4th Quarter Cabinet Meeting, April 25, 2019

The Lions of District 49A and MD49 have had another banner year of visionscreening. Per capita we screen more children than any other Lions group in the world. Through April 20, 2019, a total of 19,294 children were screened with 2,651 referrals and 547 that we were unable to screen for various reasons, inability or unwillingness of the child to focus on the camera, shape of the eye. A child with Amblyopia cannot be screened because both eyes don't focus at the same time. The screener can see this when they look at the screenshot of the child on the camera.

Last year we were given life use of an Optical Scanner by the Alaska Health Fair group. This device is used to screen our adult population. We have used it at health fairs and at the Alaska State Fair. Please let me know if your group would be interested in using one of these scanners at your events.

With the valuable help and support from our Aurora Borealis Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center the Lions have distributed over 500 pair of reading glasses to those in need. That count will more than double when our Lions go to Guatemala this year.

The reorganized Anchorage Area Joint Sight Committee has set up a new webpage dedicated to our Lions work with vision in and around Anchorage. They hope to be able to expand the area covered later. The website will have the forms needed to request exams and glasses, a list of drop off locations for donated glasses, visionscreening schedules and forms and articles of interest. Check it out at www.anchoragelionsvision.org

We have received the district's annual supply of VSP certificates. Because they are issued on a first come first served basis we were not able to get our full allotment of 250. We received only 100. See me after the meeting to get your committee's limited supply.

Our Lions have worked on projects designed to prevent blindness, restore eyesight and improve eye health and eye care for hundreds of millions of people around the world as we continue to follow our motto of "We Serve".

Respectively Submitted in Lionism,

Esther

PDG Esther L. West

Multiple District/District Sight/Visionscreening Chair



2020 MD Convention Report

April, 2019 MD Meeting

It is my honor to announce that our 2020 MD Convention will be at the Aviator Hotel, 239 W Fourth Ave in Downtown Anchorage. It will start with our Ice Breaker at the hotel on April 29 and close with our MD Banquet on May 2.

We are putting together a few new ideas for the convention. There will be a Talent Show on Thursday evening so please Lions bring your special talents to entertain us. Also on Thursday we will have booths set up for nonprofit agencies so they can talk to you individually and maybe set up a schedule to be your guest speaker at regular club meetings. There will be a charge to the nonprofits for their table and those funds will go to offset convention expenses.

We will be doing fundraising activities up until the event. Because of this we can offer much lower registration fees, \$165 for Early Bird up to Aug 31, 2019, \$185 for On Time up to Feb 29, 2020 and \$215 for Late filers. The special Lions hotel rate will be \$129 + tax. This Rate includes breakfast.

Our website for online registration will open on June 1, 2019. www.lionsdistrict49a.regfox.com. We will also have paper registration forms for those that prefer to mail their paperwork.

The theme of our convention this year is “Together We Did”. All of your clubs have had many activities since they were chartered that are unique and special. This will be your chance to showcase your club’s distinguished achievements over the years. Bring posters, memorabilia, anything that will showcase your efforts.

My team and I look forward to offering you a different kind of convention next year. Please come and join us.

In Lionism,

PDG Esther L. West

MD 2020 Convention Chair

Lions MD49
Profit & Loss
 July 2018 through June 2020

| | Jul '18 - Jun 19 | Jul '19 - Jun 20 | TOTAL |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | | |
| Income | | | |
| Convention Income | | | |
| Advertising | 375.00 | 0.00 | 375.00 |
| Coffee Break Sponsorship | 800.00 | 0.00 | 800.00 |
| Fundraisers | 1,823.25 | 0.00 | 1,823.25 |
| Meals | 825.00 | 0.00 | 825.00 |
| PDG Pancake Breakfast | 930.00 | 0.00 | 930.00 |
| Registrations | 23,050.00 | 11,794.05 | 34,844.05 |
| Total Convention Income | 27,803.25 | 11,794.05 | 39,597.30 |
| Investments | | | |
| bank interest | 7.45 | 72.69 | 80.14 |
| Convention Interest | 4.28 | 2.51 | 6.79 |
| Interest-Savings, Short-term CD | 41.98 | 54.63 | 96.61 |
| Total Investments | 53.71 | 129.83 | 183.54 |
| Other Types of Income | | | |
| Convention Shirt Sales | 700.00 | 0.00 | 700.00 |
| GST MD Operating Budget | 600.00 | 0.00 | 600.00 |
| Mbrshp - LCI Promo Revenue | 1,942.50 | 1,990.00 | 3,932.50 |
| Mbrshp - Per Capita Revenue | 3,885.00 | 3,980.00 | 7,865.00 |
| MD49 Pin Sales | 2,715.50 | 639.00 | 3,354.50 |
| Total Other Types of Income | 9,843.00 | 6,609.00 | 16,452.00 |
| Total Income | 37,699.96 | 18,532.88 | 56,232.84 |
| Gross Profit | 37,699.96 | 18,532.88 | 56,232.84 |
| Expense | | | |
| Bank Charges | | | |
| Bank Service Fee | 5.95 | 0.00 | 5.95 |
| Total Bank Charges | 5.95 | 0.00 | 5.95 |
| Contract Services | | | |
| Accounting Fees | 750.00 | 250.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Total Contract Services | 750.00 | 250.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Convention Expenses | | | |
| Foreign Exchange | 90.00 | 0.00 | 90.00 |
| Hotel | 22,091.60 | 4,500.00 | 26,591.60 |
| Ice Breaker | 237.60 | 0.00 | 237.60 |
| Pin & Bags | 369.50 | 607.00 | 976.50 |
| Reimbursement of Registration | 0.00 | 9,154.05 | 9,154.05 |
| Square service fee | 337.41 | 0.00 | 337.41 |
| Suplies | 772.30 | 0.00 | 772.30 |
| Total Convention Expenses | 23,898.41 | 14,261.05 | 38,159.46 |
| Gifts & Awards | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 |
| Operations | | | |
| MD49 Pin Expense | 2,708.00 | 0.00 | 2,708.00 |
| Postage, Mailing Service | 0.00 | 55.00 | 55.00 |
| Printing and Copying | 116.89 | 5.33 | 122.22 |
| Supplies | 0.00 | 23.95 | 23.95 |
| Total Operations | 2,824.89 | 84.28 | 2,909.17 |
| Travel and Meetings | | | |
| Council Chairman | 492.32 | 1,163.10 | 1,655.42 |
| Council Sec/Treas | 834.99 | 1,145.10 | 1,980.09 |
| GST travel | 600.00 | 0.00 | 600.00 |
| Total Travel and Meetings | 1,927.31 | 2,308.20 | 4,235.51 |

Lions MD49
Profit & Loss
 July 2018 through June 2020

| | <u>Jul '18 - Jun 19</u> | <u>Jul '19 - Jun 20</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Total Expense | 29,906.56 | 16,903.53 | 46,810.09 |
| Net Ordinary Income | 7,793.40 | 1,629.35 | 9,422.75 |
| Other Income/Expense | | | |
| Other Income | | | |
| Convention Income - prior year | 900.00 | 0.00 | 900.00 |
| Total Other Income | 900.00 | 0.00 | 900.00 |
| Net Other Income | 900.00 | 0.00 | 900.00 |
| Net Income | <u><u>8,693.40</u></u> | <u><u>1,629.35</u></u> | <u><u>10,322.75</u></u> |

Lions MD49
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2019

| | Jun 30, 19 |
|--|------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Checking/Savings | |
| - Alaska USA FCU Other Acct | |
| 10 MD LEO's Acct | 1,505.92 |
| 70 MD Conv Acct | 4,762.40 |
| Total - Alaska USA FCU Other Acct | 6,268.32 |
| Alaska USA FCU Main Account | |
| 10 MD - GL/GMT Account | 34,590.05 |
| 20 MD Reserve/Savings | 25,000.00 |
| 70 MD Gen Ck Acct | 13,834.08 |
| Total Alaska USA FCU Main Account | 73,424.13 |
| Total Checking/Savings | 79,692.45 |
| Accounts Receivable | |
| Accounts Receivable | 2,715.50 |
| Total Accounts Receivable | 2,715.50 |
| Total Current Assets | 82,407.95 |
| Fixed Assets | |
| Accum Depr - Furn and Equip | 414.98 |
| Total Fixed Assets | 414.98 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 82,822.93 |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | |
| Equity | |
| Opening Balance Equity | 47,242.24 |
| Perm. Restricted Net Assets | 4,124.71 |
| Unrestricted Net Assets | 22,762.58 |
| Net Income | 8,693.40 |
| Total Equity | 82,822.93 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | 82,822.93 |

Lions MD49
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2020

| | Jun 30, 20 |
|--|------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Checking/Savings | |
| - Alaska USA FCU Other Acct | |
| 10 MD LEO's Acct | 1,507.21 |
| 70 MD Conv Acct | 2,297.91 |
| Total - Alaska USA FCU Other Acct | 3,805.12 |
| Alaska USA FCU Main Account | |
| 10 MD - GL/GMT Account | 34,705.70 |
| 20 MD Reserve/Savings | 25,003.09 |
| 70 MD Gen Ck Acct | 20,523.39 |
| Total Alaska USA FCU Main Account | 80,232.18 |
| Total Checking/Savings | 84,037.30 |
| Total Current Assets | 84,037.30 |
| Fixed Assets | |
| Accum Depr - Furn and Equip | 414.98 |
| Total Fixed Assets | 414.98 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 84,452.28 |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | |
| Equity | |
| Opening Balance Equity | 47,242.24 |
| Perm. Restricted Net Assets | 4,124.71 |
| Unrestricted Net Assets | 31,455.98 |
| Net Income | 1,629.35 |
| Total Equity | 84,452.28 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | 84,452.28 |

MD49 Council Of Governors
Membership/NAMI Report. 2020/2021

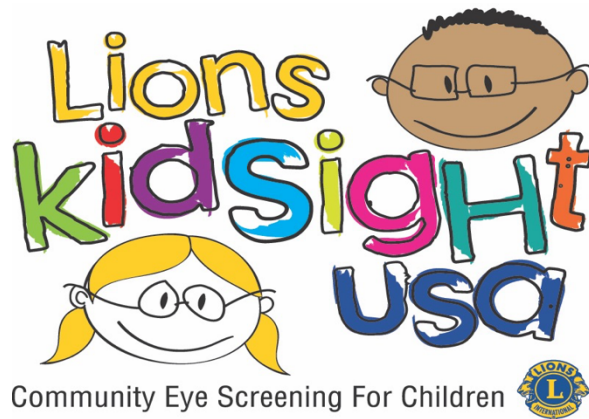
During the year visits in person, teleconference or electronic communications were completed with all clubs Telephone contacts were ongoing with any club that needed assistance. Information was provided via email. Each club received a poster and plastic holder to advertise Lions. This occurred in 49A. Due to covid I did not get to visit 49B. At the convention I will have the posters and frames to distribute to 49B.

In February a need arose with many clubs on officer training. I have been able to visit in person 11 clubs and train 78 Lions. I have done an additional 12 Lions from 5 clubs over the phone or met individually with them. More visits are planned prior to June 30. At the trainings packets were provided for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The packet included the ebooks on each specific office. Pertinent documents from "Robert Rules", IRS 990 statues, Lions Constitution and By-Laws, non-profit status and other documents were given in hard copy format.

Again this has only occurred in 49A. There was no money for reimbursement and my personal finances did support long distance travel.

This has proven to be a difficult year with Covid restrictions but we did manage to move forward

Dottie Vasquez PDG 49A
GMT Membership/NAMI



4th QUARTER SIGHT REPORT MAY, 2021

This year our sight programs changed, probably forever. We were not invited into our schools to do onsite Visionscreening. We were not invited to do Stand Down and Homeless Connect. KidsDay and the Baby Expo were cancelled. Our Joint Sight Committees found fewer eye doctors to take care of our friends in need. To follow our “We Serve” motto we had to adapt. To that end, in Anchorage, we partnered with the DHHS, the Muni and the ASD to do Visionscreening clinics in school parking lots using our trailer. That did not happen until the last week of January, 2021.

We were not allowed to go inside the schools in Anchorage until the middle February and then only with the principal’s permission. Schools outside of Anchorage have not yet allowed us to start screening. We have preformed 7,336 screening through yesterday with a 30% rate. Prior years’ referral rates were around 16%.

Our Aurora Borealis Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center at the North Pole continues to collect, clean, sort and distribute readers. Please consider volunteering a Saturday to help them continue their good work.

Our supply of VSP certificates has been replaced. If any club needs certificates please let me know. I currently have 20 certificates to give out.

Each of our clubs across Alaska and Canada have helped in our crusade against preventable blindness. We all have our stories to tell of the children we have helped. We would like to hear them. Please send them to me so we can share.

Respectively Submitted in Lionism,

**PDG Esther L. West
49A/MD Sight/Visionscreening Chair**