

# District 19 -Zone O so sweet Burlington Lions

August 2023, what in the World is happening to the Burlington Lions Club? The influx of new members is so exciting to see. We current longer time members need to welcome our new members by remembering what it was like for us those first meetings & that first year. What are we doing & why. Is it important work? Is there a purpose to our projects? Are we just doing the same old thing because we do? I challenge all members to continue our open-minded policy. Listen, not just hear but listen. If we do, we will attract additional members which will further the growth of Lionism. Growth for growth's sake is not an answer to membership. Growth for Friendship, Growth for Projects, Growth for Self-esteem works.

I read the Zone Chairs report at the Cabinet meeting. He said most clubs were dark during the summer. Holly smokes, what more can we do. In our Zone Chairs defend our new zone O, he is not aware of our projects. We will educate him about what Burlington Lion are all about. More about the Zone Chair office in next month's letter.

President Travis has called for a planning session. Several items were brought up at the last meeting. One idea is to have a 3-to-5-member committee to help draft several items for discussion. These planning sessions are not a do or die item. We have several concession trailer items that need updated & work on our storage trailer needs work. Trailer items can be expensive. Having a budget upfront will help with funding these upgrades.

Orientation for our new members which includes an update for the longer-term members is needed. During our meetings we will be discussing Lions issues and our new members will have no idea what is being talked about. I am asking our leadership team, which includes the board of directors, to select times for Orientation. Lions Club International is a wonderful organization so let us tell our story. Our Zone Chair, the District Governor, we have several members involved in the Big Picture for Lions. Let us ask them for help.

Our Concession trailer soccer tournaments, back to school, flight museum, fall fest are ending. All but the back-to-school events are fund raisers. These events fund our club with money that we can donate back to the community, regional Lions projects, Lions International Foundation "Melvin Jones Fellowship" & Care. We opened a trailer bank account where 10% of the net proceeds head into that account. It is used for equipment or repairs. We also have a park bank account. Donations are accepted at the park by trailer & RV users. These donations are sent into that account. These funds are used to update the park. We have spoken about major updates for this park. We must work with the Burlington Parks Department with plans for upgrades. We plant flower bulbs, spread bark, trim flowering Rhodys. For most of our holidays Lions place 50 American Flags the

full length of the park. This is absolutely a beautiful site. Hopefully some planning ideas will take place this fall.

District Governor Joel Hagen has called for 100% of our district membership to donate to our Lions International Foundation. Our foundation serves as beacon of hope to millions of people around the world. Whether a crisis arises from climate, Forest fires, storms, or war our Foundation is there to serve. Our club has supported the Lions Foundation through yearly donations in our club's budget. At a meeting very soon maybe, we can bring in a Melvin Jones Fellowship plaque and, on our agenda, name our fellowship members.

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