



The River

**Monthly Newsletter of the
Coquitlam River Lions Club**

February 2023

Editor: September Stokes

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Jimmy Carter

Did you Know....

Our Leadership Team for 2023-2024: Nominations

Each year, every Lions Club elects a new team for the Board of Directors. The Board oversees all of its fundraisers and activities, sets the direction of the club, and looks after all the business of keeping the club healthy and active. Lions protocol requires that we have three official nomination calls before the new Board of Directors is elected by the club before the end of March.

We've now had the first two nomination calls, and the last one will be at our meeting on March 1st. In any club, there is most often one candidate in line for each board position, but sometimes we may have more than one. In that case, we would have an election. The final resolution and adoption of our 2023-24 Board of Directors will take place at our March 1st meeting, right after final reading. We encourage you to attend, so that if we have to vote, there will be a good representation of voting members.

Here is the list of candidates so far who have been nominated, and have accepted the nomination:

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| President: | Rosalie Kunic |
| Vice President: | Kim Schoffer |
| Secretary: | September Stokes |
| Treasurer: | Ryan Stokes |
| Director (1year): | Terry Hughes |
| Director (1year): | Richard Simonson |
| Director (2year): | Dave Macey |



Other positions in the club that are not elected, but are open to be filled include:

Membership Chairman

Lion Tamer

Tailtwister

Club Manager



February 15th was an "interesting" meeting! We had a little bit of business to start, and then we broke out the games collection. Thanks to **Sharon** and **September** for bringing so many great options! In the end, we settled on one, and it was certainly, um, memorable! Can you guess which one we played?

Our first ever "Games Night"



Clockwise from bottom left: **Paul Hand** (Barnet Lions), **Rosalie**, **John Moralek** (Surrey Central), **Lynne**, **Richard**, **Ron Harris** (Pitt Meadows), **Barry Shiles** (Surrey Central), **September** and **Sharon**. In the background are Dave, Gerry and Ryan. Not pictured: **Terry** (taking the photo)

Spring Conference: March 24-25th

Why should you go to the Spring Conference? * Network with other Lions from around our District * Learn about the good work that Lions do every day in our communities here and around the world * Win great prizes * Enjoy delicious food and fellowship * Dance the night away to some toe-tapping live music! * Cheer on your fellow Lions who receive awards of recognition * Recharge your "Lions batteries." * Make new friends, because people who are Lions are the best! * And to say you were there for the last Spring Conference of District 19-H, before we merge with 19-B to become the new District 19-O, as of July 2023.

Check out the registration form with all the details and get yourself signed up today! You can carpool with other club members who are going, or make a weekend of it. **Check your email for the direct link to sign up online**, and if you're planning on staying over, call the hotel directly to book your room.



Hotel Rooms are just
\$129.00 Cdn Funds per
night! Call the Silver Reef
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360-383-0777 today.



Sunday, May 28th, we will be delighted to be hosting our local Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides, a fundraiser for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. It will be happening at Mundy Park in Coquitlam, which is a very popular dog-walking location. **Sharon and Rosalie** are hard at work putting together all the details, and we hope you can join us for what is sure to be a huge event!

This is a national event, with Dog Walks happening in many towns across Canada. Check out more information by clicking here at www.walkfordogguides.com.

Mother's Day is for Flowers!

We're pleased to announce for our next fundraiser, we'll be selling beautiful hanging baskets for Mother's Day. They're just \$25.00 for either a Mixed Basket, or a Fuchsia Basket. Orders must be received by March 24th, and they will be ready for pickup in time for Mother's Day, which is **May 14th**. Pass the order form around your office, show it to your friends, or just order some for yourself. The order form is enclosed in this newsletter.



March 2023



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|-----|-----|----------------------------|-----|---|-----|
| | | | 1 Meeting 7:00pm | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Board /Zoom 7:00pm | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Spring Forward! Daylight Savings | 13 | 14 | 15 Meeting 7:00pm | 16 | 17  | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | Spring Conference | |
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Did you know?

Last chance to get your tickets for the **Surrey Central Lions Potato Feed Dinner**, happening February 25th at the West Langley Hall. Call **John Moralek** at 604-230-4244 or email lionjohn19h@gmail.com

We're sorry to hear that after 76 years, the **New Westminster Lions Club** will be closing its doors. We wish all their members the very best.

It's not too soon to be thinking about registering for the **Lions International Convention** in Boston from July 7-11th. Dr. Patti Hill, a wonderful Lion from Alberta, will become the new International President at the Convention, and there'll be many Canadian Lions will be there to celebrate! Go to www.lionsclubs.org for details.

Being a Lion should be fun! Here's a great article on the **Lions International Blog** about how to have more fun in your club. [Click here to read more.](#)



**LION
JIMMY
CARTER**



**LIONS ACROSS
THE WORLD
ARE PRAYING
FOR YOU.**

[Click here](#) to read about former President Jimmy Carter's amazing contributions to Lions. He's been a Lion for an astonishing 60 years!

Membership Roster

Board of Directors:

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| Gerry Becker gbecker@telus.net | (President) |
| Rosalie Kunic rosalielkunic@yahoo.ca | (Vice Pres) |
| September Stokes septemberstokes@gmail.com | (Secretary) |
| Ryan Stokes ryansstokes@gmail.com | (Treasurer) |
| Shannon Rasmussen shannonkunka@gmail.com | (Membership) |
| Terry Hughes askterryhughes@gmail.com | (Director) |
| Richard Simonson lionrichards@shaw.ca | (LCIF Chair) |
| Kim Schoffer lionkimschoffer@gmail.com | (Marketing) |

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The order form is now ready for you to order your **Coquitlam River Lions shirt**. Get yours today, check your email for details.



Did you know?

District 19-B, one of the original five districts formed in 1947 when Lions Clubs International District 19 became Multiple District 19, serves Lions and Leo clubs located in King and Snohomish Counties in the State of Washington, U.S.A.

Currently, there are 26 clubs within the district, and all of these clubs will be part of the new District 19-O when our two districts merge in July.

District 19-B is having its last Spring Conference on **May 20th, 2023**, so be sure to check here for more information on that event. Wouldn't it be great to go to their conference, and welcome them as we join with their District.

Even though Lions fellowship knows no borders (just ask anyone who has travelled to other parts of the world, and worn their Lions pin), our district borders are changing, so let's get started working with all the team members of the new District 19-O.



HAPPY
Mother's
DAY

Flower Baskets for Mom

Get mom a beautiful hanging basket for Mother's Day, and you'll also help others, with the Coquitlam River Lions Club Mother's Day Hanging Basket fundraiser.

Choose from a 12-inch Mixed basket, or a Fuchsia basket, for just **\$25.00** each.

Net proceeds to go to support Lions charities.

Baskets need to be ordered by March 24th, and will be available for pick up just before Mother's Day.

For more details, send an email to coquitlamriverlions@gmail.com





Mother's Day Hanging Basket Order Form

Order Details

Date (yyyy-mm-dd):

Name:

Phone #:

Email:

Presales Only

Orders required by March 24, 2023

| Item | Description | Quantity | Unit Price | Amount |
|------|-----------------------------|----------|------------|--------|
| CRFB | Fuchsia Hanging Basket | | \$25.00 | |
| CRMB | Mixed Flower Hanging Basket | | \$25.00 | |

Method of payment: Cash; E-transfer to coquitlamriverlions@gmail.com
(e-transfer orders will be approved once e-transfer has been received)

Total

Payment Method

*Pickup time and location will be emailed to the order email above.
Email coquitlamriverlions@gmail.com for any questions related to your order.*



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