



COQUITLAM RIVER
LIONS CLUB

The River

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A lot of firsts at our September 20th club meeting; first guest speaker, first "Bring a Friend" night, first meeting for one of our new members, and first time with these amazing Lion cupcakes! It was a wonderful evening, and that's only the beginning. See page 2 for more details.

Friendship, fellowship and feline cupcakes!

You never know what magic will happen at a Lions meeting, and when the theme is Friendship, it's even better. At our club meeting on September 20th, we welcomed guest speaker **Wilhemina "Willie" Martin from the Port Moody Seniors Friendship Society**, who gave a terrific talk about their organization, which is 500 members strong! Founded in 2016, they have a café four days a week, and they have regular bus trips, trivia nights, weekly newsletters, crib tournaments, dinners, and other special events throughout the year.

[Click here](#) to find out more info!

Willie is also known as the "Air Conditioner Lady" as she has spearheaded getting donated air conditioners to seniors after the terrible heat dome a few years ago. She says they have been able to donate 55 portable air conditioners so far!

Sharon introduced Willie, and we learned that the two of them have volunteered together and been friends for decades. Also in attendance was **Rosemary Small**, one of four members transferring to our club, and we learned that she has also been a longtime volunteer and friend, so it was very special to get a photo of these three strong and vibrant women together.

We played a game to come up with as many synonyms as possible for the word Friend. Willie and her partner **Courtney Stokes** took the prize. We warmly welcomed several friends who were in attendance, and one of them will be joining our club! **Sarah** brought delicious snacks, including these adorable Lion cupcakes! Thank you so much, Sarah.



Rosemary Small, Willie Martin and Sharon Hughes



When one door closes....

Last month, the **Barnet Lions Club** gave up its charter after declining membership made it impossible to continue. While we are sad to lose a club in our zone, we are delighted that we didn't lose the Lions. Four members have already transferred to the Coquitlam River Lions Club, and we are thrilled to have them. Please join me in a big Coquitlam River welcome to:

Rosemary Small
Jim Small
Byron Tiu
Jeremiah Tiu



October 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 T. W. E. C. S. 	3	4 Meeting 7:00pm	5	6	7
8	9 HAPPY THANKSGIVING 	10 Board Mtg 7:00pm	11	12-14 MD19 Annual Convention		
15	16	17	18 Meeting 7:00pm	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN 		Board Meeting date change: Tuesday, October 10th		

Have you ever wondered what they do with all the donated used eyeglasses? Let's all find out together! On Monday, October 2nd, join us as we go on a "field trip" to the Eye Lab of the **Third World Eye Care Society**, in Burnaby. You'll learn all about the amazing things this organization does, and you can help sort the eyeglasses by checking the prescriptions. It's really cool!

They are even going to order pizza for us when we arrive!

Lions have been "Knights of the Blind" for just about 100 years now, and service projects like these to help those in need are so important. You will learn about the impact our donations and our service has around the world. The Eye Lab is open every 1st and 3rd Monday from 7-9pm.

Join us as we carpool over, or head on over yourself. It's located underneath the clubhouse of the Burnaby Lougheed Lions Club, at 7420 Mulberry Place in Burnaby.

[Click here for more information about TWECS.](#)



Kim worked on storyboarding our content and sections at our Website planning meeting on September 29th, with **Rosalie, Richard and September**, to start building the foundation of our website. Thanks to **Sarah** for emailing in her ideas since she couldn't be there in person. Stay tuned!

Here's what you missed, from the Board:

- Coquitlam Signs donated two sandwich boards and a large presentation cheque to our club. They look great! The Board approved to give Coquitlam Signs one of the Green Capes Dog Guide Calendars as a thank you.
- Our new Christmas Poinsettia Sales project will be launched shortly. Rosalie has agreed to chair it. This should be big!
- The 2024 Lions International Spring Board of Directors meeting is being held in Vancouver at the Marriot Parq in March. The planning committee is looking for donations from clubs to help. Several board members contributed on the spot, with a total of \$50.00 raised.
- We have a Speakers Bureau! At the last meeting of each month, we are excited to be featuring a guest speaker. Watch your emails for the latest announcements.
- Don't forget to return your bottles and empties to the Return It Depot to raise funds for the club. The phone number is 748-375-4667 (or just remember "riverlions")



We need your help!! Our club voted to rent a display table at the MD19 Convention in Surrey on October 13 and 14th. What will we be doing there? We will be promoting and selling our brand new Cookbooks, just in time for gift-giving. We'll also be promoting our Halloween Fun Bowl which is coming up on October 28th, and we're going to take pre-orders for Christmas Poinsettias. Lots of good stuff, and we need members in attendance to help at the table. Many hands make light work, so if you haven't registered for the convention yet, don't waste another moment.

[Click here to register easily through an online form.](#) If you've never been to a Multiple District 19 Convention, you're in for a treat, because you will meet some amazing Lions who will inspire you, you'll make new friends, and you will get a greater sense of what it means to be a Lion. Lots of learning opportunities and oodles of fellowship. Sign up now!



Multiple District 19

Project Checklist



October:

MD19 Convention
Halloween Fun Bowl
Cookbook Launch

November:

Remembrance Day Wreath
Christmas Poinsettia Sales
Cookbook Sales

December:

Gift wrapping with Surrey Central
Aunt Leah's Xmas Tree Sales
Christmas Party

January:

Back in action in 2024/Planning

February:

Burger and Brew

March:

Spring Conference
Easter Project
Charter Celebration

April:

Annual Spring Hanging Basket Sales

May:

Mothers Day activity
LFC Dog Walk

June:

Fathers Day event @ Eagle Quest
Installation and Awards Night

Do you have an idea for a club project, service activity or fundraiser? Let us know, new ideas are always welcome!

Membership Roster

Board of Directors:

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Happy Birthday, to our hard working and dedicated Guiding Lion **Barry Shiles**. He came to our meeting on September 6th, his birthday, and **Rosalie** got him his own birthday cupcakes!



Did you know?

Lions Club International is over 100 years of service around the world? Founded in 1917, it is the world's largest service organization, with over 1.4 million members in 50,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and regions. We truly are a global force, but it starts right here at home with our individual Lions Clubs.

The five Global Causes supported by Lions are

- Diabetes**
- Vision**
- Hunger**
- Environment**
- Childhood Cancer**

Plus, they've recently added two more: **Disaster Relief and Humanitarian Causes**. You can be proud to be a Lion and be part of this major impact around the world.

Coquitlam River Lions Club

Chartered March 2022

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00pm
River Springs Recreation Centre
1950 Lodge Drive, Coquitlam, BC
www.coquitlamriverlions.club
Email: coquitlamriverlions@gmail.com





Halloween Fun Bowl

Get your “spooky” on, and join us for a super-fun filled evening of bowling, costumes, games, raffles, and more!

Your ticket includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, and snacks.

Come as you are, or dress up for Halloween! Prizes for best costumes, so have fun.

Saturday, October 28th

9:00pm-Midnight

**Poco Bowl
2263 McAllister Avenue
Port Coquitlam**

Tickets: \$25.00 each



Get your tickets in advance, space is limited.

Buy in person, or send an e-transfer to
coquitlamriverlions@gmail.com.

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