

2017-2018 Zone Chairman H-2
Rock T. White

I was born on September 15, 1953 in Great Falls, Montana ... the nearest hospital to my home town, Fort Benton. My parents had twin boys (Rick & myself) and the experience led them to realize no further children were necessary. I grew up and attended high school in Fort Benton. My summers were spent on the family farm & ranch with winters spent in town.

I started my college endeavors @ the University of Montana. After 1 year of college, I attended and graduated from a Vocational College in Great Falls, Montana with a degree in "Automotive Countermanship." After working in industry for a year or two, I re-entered college attending two universities both in the Montana State University System (MSU "Northern" & MSU "Bozeman"). My education allowed me to become a teacher, counselor, and eventually a public school administrator.

On July 20, 1974 I married my sweetheart and best friend, Carol (Gross) White. Together we have raised 3 children: daughter: Courtney, and sons: Greg, & Adam. Carol and I are six times grandparents as Courtney and husband Scott have a family of 3 boys, Xander, MaKean and Jackson while son: Greg and wife Morgan have 1 boy (Cole) and 1 girl (Riley). Adam and wife Sara have 1 girl, Parker. We are blessed not only having three great children but also the **world's most fabulous grand kids**. Carol and I moved to Washington State from Montana in 1984 when I accepted a job as a K-12 Counselor out on the Olympic Peninsula in the Cape Flattery School District. Throughout my 25 year public school tenure, I spent about 20 years in school administration (mostly as high school principal) prior to retiring in 2003.

I first became a Lion back in the mid 1980's when I joined the newly formed Clallam Bay Lions Club at Clallam Bay, Washington when we lived on the Olympic Peninsula. Unfortunately, I just got started in Lionism when my occupation allowed me to move to a high school principalship on Vashon Island where no lions club was available. I did not engage in lion's club activities again until I moved to a high school principalship at Coupeville, in 1991. While my career took me to two other school districts, I was consistently able to maintain my active status as a lion's club member. Following my retirement in 2003, Carol and I relocated from Tenino to Burlington, Washington where we maintain a residence to this day. I lost the love of my life, Carol to Cancer on November 11, 2016.

I have been blessed by my participation in Lionism. There is no better feeling then the feeling gleaned from helping others and making a difference within a community. I have held a variety of Club offices over the years. I have been both a local club President & Secretary. I have been fortunate to engage in numerous lion's leadership positions and committee chair participations. I attempt to engage in every activity tackled by our club. I especially enjoy being Chairman of our club's Sight & Hearing Committee and have been deeply humbled when my club presented me with both a "Sight Fellowship" and a Melvin Jones Fellowship. During my tenure as a lion I have been honored to receive a number of awards/recognitions. I have served on MD 19 Committees, served as Zone H-2 "Zone Chairman" several times. I have served in a variety of District level Cabinet Positions. I am a District H "Trustee to the Northwest Lions Foundation. I think one of the most special positions I ever held was serving as District Coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II for LCI & Past International Director, Burl Hardin from Bellingham.