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“Look to the future and turn it around!”



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## From District Governor Gerald...

The Spring Conference was a great success; we had more than 150 registrations. Our speaker PID Floyd Miller impressed everyone present with his inspiring message. I wish to thank my Conference Co-Chairs PZC Rick Ganter and PZC Ron Linkert who worked extremely hard to make sure everything went off without a hitch. I would also like to thank PDG Jerry Flood for taking a great deal of my responsibilities since my accident. The Park Place Lodge provided wonderful facilities for the registrations, seminars and the rooms were extremely comfortable. The meals supplied were top-notch, I hope everyone enjoyed them. I wish to also thank Fernie Club for dealing with anything that came up at the hotel and Community Centre, Sparwood for the registrations, Elkford for the raffle and Sand Creek for the bar. I was grateful for all the help from everyone who took me to and from the hotel to the Community Centre.

My Congratulations to DGE Laura Wintersteen-Arleth, 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Ken Cook and PZC Kim DiRienz for stepping up to be 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG. PDG Jerry Flood was nominated for Vice Council Chair and PDG Brian Ross as Trustee for the North West Lions Foundation. Congratulations to all the winners of the Contests and Awards.

The Officer Report Form for 2012/2013 should have been submitted to MD19 by 30<sup>th</sup> April and the PU-101 should be at LCI by 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Winner of the Turtle Mountain mining claim was PZC Harry Lippincott from Spokane Southeast Lions Club. I want to thank all the Lions from District 19E, MD19 and LCI for their best wishes and get well cards following my accident. I am getting better and it is just a matter of time until I will not need a walker.

*DG Gerald*

**Welcome New Lions!!!** Let's give a **GREAT BIG WELCOME** to the following new Lions:



- N.P.O.V. - Belinda Russo, Guy Russo
- Rockford – Dave Nagra
- Spokane-Central – Terence Otte
- Priest Lake Kaniksu – Marilyn Frost, Terry Frost
- Priest River – Nadine Parker, Sonny Parker
- Rathdrum – Allan Holmes
- Kootenay-Slocan – Wilf Rimmon
- Lake Windermere District – Betty Goodwin, Marv Goodwin, Bob Page, Janel Seier, Mark Seier

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Recently, the Psychic Hotline and Psychic Friends Network have launched hotlines for frogs. Here is the story of one frog and his discussing with his psychic.

A frog telephones the Psychic Hotline and is told, "You are going to meet a beautiful young girl who will want to know everything about you."

The frog says, "This is great! Will I meet her at a party, or what?"

"No," says the psychic. "Next semester, in her biology class."

## Club Anniversaries



Golden District 5/01/56  
 Reardan 5/03/46  
 Spokane-Shadle 5/07/54  
 Kootenay Slocan 5/12/77  
 Spokane-Shadle 5/16/63  
 Chewelah Valley 5/17/90  
 North Pend Oreille Valley 5/23/74



## IMPORTANT DATES

95th International Convention- June 22-26, 2012, Busan, Korea  
 2012 Fall Annual Convention- Oct 11-13, 2012, Nanaimo, B.C.  
 District E Spring Conference –Spokane, Wa April 12-15, 2013

### **See attachments**

The contact for the bed race is Liberty Lake Lions Bed Race Chair  
 Wendy Van Orman, (509) 220-1557, email: [vanormanby5@aol.com](mailto:vanormanby5@aol.com)

## **From DG-Elect Laura...**

I am sure everyone who went to the Spring Conference had a great time. I thank each person who attended and put through a vote of support for me becoming your District Governor for 2012-2013. I am excited and look forward to a great year with each person's help. I would like to personally thank our wonderful District Governor, Gerry, who has led our district with love and grace. He had the vision to bring Ken, me and himself together as the 3 Musketeers to guide and assist each other and to form a team.

It is time to complete the Club officer reports. There are separate one for MD 19 and LCI. I have received many questions about why 2 have to be filled out, so I went to MD 19 office to ask. As always, Michele in the office is here to answer any of our questions.

Both forms do require the same basic information – however the MD19 form also asks about any Lioness or Leo clubs the club might sponsor. It also inquires about any PID's PCC's or PDG's that might be in the club (which we use for the Historical Record of Past MD19 Officers).

We also ask if there is a bulletin editor so they can be added to our Awebber list to receive notification for the link for the Border Crossing.

There is also a place for an email that can be used if the incoming officers do not have one that we can send information through so that the club can be updated through Awebber, etc. Of course the person to whom the email belongs must be willing to impart that information to the club.

**Be sure to fill out both forms and make sure the MD office, me and the current Zone chair gets a copy of the MD one.**

Knowing is not enough; we must apply.

*DG-Elect Laura*

Willing is not enough; we must do.



**36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
 USA/CANADA LIONS  
 LEADERSHIP FORUM  
 September 13 – 15, 2012, Tampa Bay, Florida**



This year don't worry about being away from the family, bring them with you, The Forum Planning Committee has created an event that is completely designed for families. The location, the many attractions and most importantly a learning event filled with over 70 new seminars and inspiring speakers.

The forum website is [www.usacandalionsforum.org](http://www.usacandalionsforum.org) you will find information regarding Early Bird Registration, hotels, RV parks and the Tampa Convention Center etc on the site.

Any questions please call or e-mail me at (208) 443-7039 or e-mail me at [eklerrobert@yahoo.com](mailto:eklerrobert@yahoo.com)

*P3C Lion Cheryl Ekler, Chairperson*

## From VDG-Elect Ken...

From the desk of 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Kenneth R. Cook Sr. ESQ

They say April showers bring May flowers, I certainly hope this is true. Since we are now into May. In July the names will change, but the work will remain the same.

I know that all clubs have certainly turned in their officers for the new year, it will certainly make communication easier for us all, and we all know communication is the key to everything.

It was wonderful to see so many friendly faces at the Spring Conference in Fernie. I always like to see friends new & old. My wife & I enjoyed the music and the performances for the contests & awards especially the comedy music act from E-11, I always enjoy the speakers particularly PID Floyd Miller Jr. The awards ceremony was very moving, Thank you to DG Gerald Mottl for a wonderful evening. However while I was away from home an ice cube tray suffered a horrible fate at the hands of my granddaughter.

I want to thank everyone who voted for me. I will try to meet the expectations set for me by my distinguished predecessors. I would extend my congratulations to fellow Lions, Laura, Brian, Kim, Jerry & of course all the new Zone Chairpersons, it will be my honor to serve with you, I believe we will be a strong cabinet! Special thanks to Kim DiRenz for stepping up to fill my position as 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG, Kim you have big shoes to fill, good luck (actually they are only size 9).

Have a great month everybody let's hope we get those May flowers & members!!!!

"People may not remember what you said, or what you did, but they will always remember how you made them feel"

*In Lionism. VDG-Elect Ken Cook*

## From Ena Mottl

My name is Ena Mottl, wife of the District Governor.

We had a wonderful Conference at the weekend; it was nice to see so many great Lions. Gerry is improving every day, he wants to overdo things and it's hard to get him to take it easy but he really enjoyed being in Fernie spending time with the Lions of District 19E. We have 2 months left in the Lion year and don't have too much travelling before July 1<sup>st</sup> so he will have time to recuperate.

**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY** to all the mothers in 19E

*Lion Ena*



## Leader Dogs for the Blind

### Mind Your Manners – A Bit of Leader Dog Etiquette

Our mothers taught us to "mind our manners," and most of us still follow those early lessons. There is one situation, however, your mother probably didn't cover – how to act when you meet a Leader Dog.

A Leader Dog is a Working Dog. Leader Dogs are friendly animals that like attention. However, it is important that most of this attention comes from their human partners. When you encounter a Leader Dog:

Do not pet a dog in harness.

Ask the owner's permission before touching the dog or making eye contact. Eye contact can distract the dog, so always interact with the person not the animal.

A person using a Leader Dog is independent. Often, if a visually impaired person needs assistance, he will ask for it. If it appears the person needs help, ask first, then:

Approach the person on their right side, as the Leader Dog is usually on the left.

Never startle them by grabbing their arm.

Do not take hold of the Leader Dog or its harness.

**Assisting with verbal directions.** When delivering directions to a person who is blind or visually impaired:

- Speak to the person, not the dog.
- Do not use hand signals such as pointing or broad statements like “It’s over there.”
- Use detailed, easy-to-follow indicators like “Go north two blocks then east” or “Turn left and go two blocks.”

**Never offer food to a Leader Dog**

Leader Dog owners follow a veterinarian-prescribed diet for their animals. Treats should only be given to a Leader Dog by its human partner.

**Acting as a human guide (aka sighted guide).** At times it is safer or easier to serve as a human guide instead of giving verbal directions. To act as a human guide:

- Initiate contact by offering your elbow by brushing it against the person’s arm.
- The person will hold your arm above the elbow and drop the harness handle, signaling to the dog that it is temporarily "off-duty."

An alternate method is that the Leader Dog user will instruct their dog to “follow” you.

- Walk ahead of the person at a normal speed, informing them when they are approaching turns, doorways, stairs, and drop-offs.
- At street crossings, walk with them across the street and onto the opposite curb. The Leader Dog will resume its duties once on the sidewalk.

**Appreciating independence.** Leader Dogs provide independent travel for thousands of people across the globe. As friends, family and coworkers of these people, we must respect the role the guide dogs play in their lives. Leader Dog owners realize that their dogs create unique social situations. However, there is more to the person than just the dog. To help fulfill each person’s potential, we also must remember to engage the individual as you would anyone else – sighted or not.

I hope you find this information useful!

Yours in Lionism, *Kim Di Rienz, District Leader Dog Chair*

## **MD-19 “E” SPRING CONFERENCE CONTEST & AWARDS**

The results of the Contest & Award portion of the recent District “E” Spring Conference were outstanding. We had many great Lions and one Leo take part in the many events that were offered.

The results are as follows:

<b>CONTEST</b>	<b>CLUB WINNER</b>	<b>CLUB RUNNER-UP</b>
5-Minute Achievement: (Speaker)	Rathdrum Lions Larry Quimby	Grand Coulee Dam Lions Holly Allen
Club Bulletin:	Spokane Southeast Lions	Rathdrum Lions
Club Business Card:	Spokane Southeast Lions	Castlegar-Selkirk Lions
Club Folded Brochure:	Priest Lake Kaniksu/ Coolin Branch Lions	Spokane Southeast Lions
Club Scrapbook:	Rathdrum Lions	Priest Lake Kaniksu/ Coolin Branch Lions

Club Website: Spokane Central Lions [www.spokanecentrallions.org](http://www.spokanecentrallions.org) Kootenay Slocan Lions [www.kootenayslocan.bc](http://www.kootenayslocan.bc)

Musial Comedy: N.P.O.V. Lions

Tall Tale: Rathdrum Lions

We had one Leo from the Priest River Leo's Club that participated in the following events:

<b>CONTEST</b>	<b>CLUB WINNER</b>	<b>CLUB RUNNER-UP</b>
5-Minuet Achievement: (Speaker)	Priest River Leo's Hanna Ayon	
Club Scrapbook:	Priest River Leo's (Hanna Ayon)	
Musical Performance:	Priest River Leo's (Hanna Ayon)	

All first place winners will represent District "E" at the Annual Convention to be held in October. Good luck to all you and thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Contest & Awards program.

*PDG Bob Ekler*

## From Diabetes Chair, Kay...

What a great time at Fernie, BC. I am going to be the Diabetic Chair for the coming year. My goal is for all you Lions to get some exercise of some kind. Walk, sit and move your limbs, jog or work out in a gym. We all need more movement to prevent diabetes. We that have Diabetes need to move about so our blood sugars are lower. Eating healthy foods that are in portions we should eat instead of supersize or extra large. By cutting down we can lose weight and feel better. At Fernie I learned some of the members would like to see a recipe. I've been trying some recipes so will have a good one next month. There are clubs having health Fairs. If you let me know I can help or write about them. Smiles and good eating.

*Lion Kay DeFrancesco*



**We met in the parking lot.  
Of coarse the wind was blowing!**

**We wanted to surprise the Baseball Team.**



Grand Coulee Dam Lions presenting  
\$500 check to baseball team.