

Positive Pride



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Happy New Year Lions!

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What an exciting first half of our Lions year this has been. I have had such a wonderful time visiting with the various Lions and their clubs. It is just GREAT to see all of you enjoying Lions and providing such good service to your communities.

Lions are such a marvelous organization, and it is important for all Lions to let our friends and associates know what we do for those less fortunate than ourselves. They may just want to be part of our Clubs, so be sure to ask them to help you with your efforts. We started the year with a decreased membership, and we have the next six months to get back to a positive position with our membership. Asking new people to help us can be so much fun and raises the identity of our wonderful Lions clubs.

As you are refining your 2008 resolutions, be sure to have one of them that you share the opportunity of being a Lions member with someone new this year. Perhaps there is someone just waiting to be asked to assist you as a Lion and are not quite ready to ask you how, so you can do the asking for them. It would be wonderful if every one of us were to bring in one new Lion before June 2008. What a lovely change that would make to our District. It could happen, because we all know that we are what we think. Think someone new to your Lions club. Feeling a little bored with your Club? Invite another friend or associate to become a member, and let them bring new ideas to your Lions club.

Our Spring Conference is coming very soon, March 14-16, 2008 in Abbotsford, BC. Have you made plans to attend? Plan to attend, get your registration to Dave Coppin, dcoppin@telus.net, Langley Lions today. Registration forms are available on-line at the H web page. Do something different and share your success at our Conference with the many other Lions that will be attending. We have an exciting program in the works and a very exciting International guest, so plan on being with us. You'll have a great time!

I wish all of you positive results with your New Year's Resolutions and a very happy and successful second half of our Lions year.

— DG Grev





INTRODUCING ZONE CHAIR STEVE WONG, H-4

Steve is dedicated to service and serving the community. He is a very active member of the Richmond Chinatown Lions, having served as President, Secretary, and on a number of committees, including chairing the Lions Journey for Sight for four years. Some of his other volunteer work includes serving as Treasurer and Chairman of the Chinese Cultural Centre of the Lower Mainland of Greater Vancouver, 2004-2006; work for the Better Business Bureau of Greater Vancouver; membership in the Ethno Business Council of BC and work with the Civic Education Society. He speaks English and Chinese and has taught English as a Second Language. He has been a fitness training leader and instructor at the YMCA for fifteen years. He is an avid runner, having completed seven marathons, including the Vancouver International Marathon, the New York Marathon, the Victoria Marathon and the Big Sur International Marathon. Steve is a Melvin Jones Fellow, a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellow, and has been awarded the Lion of the Year. His aim is to make a difference!

— *Student Member Program* —

During the 2007 International Convention in Chicago, Illinois, delegates approved the new Student Member Program to make membership more affordable for college-age students. This program is designed to encourage student participation in campus and traditional Lions clubs and ensure the dynamism of student and young adult involvement in Lions. The Student Member Program expands our recruiting efforts and gives more student and young adults the opportunity to join the association. This program began on July 1, 2007.

Who qualifies for the Student Member Program? — The eligibility definition of “student” is as follows: a student is an individual enrolled in an educational institution and between the age of legal majority in the jurisdiction in which they reside and through the age of 30.



Students who join existing clubs must be invited and approved by the club’s Board of Directors. Club secretaries complete the Student Member and Leo to Lion Certification Form to report qualifying members.

Dues Rate: Students receive a special dues concession, paying only half International Dues of US \$19.50 and are exempt of any entrance fees.

The future is now. The new Student Member Program helps our association be a competitive force in recruiting these valuable leaders by expanding both traditional clubs and campus clubs. Together we can prepare this emerging generation to lead the future of Lions.

For complete information about this program, go to:

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_student.shtml

Report from Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight and Hearing

Lions of District H can be proud of the accomplishments of the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing this year. As 2007 drew to a close, the NWLFSH has had another successful year in providing materials and services for those in need.

Through the first half of December, corneal transplants have surpassed the 2006 record of 2,630 transplants. — White Cane Days totals as of November 30th reached \$224,928, surpassing the goal of \$215,000. — Play It by Ear, with a goal of \$50,000, has raised \$41,896 as of November 30th, almost doubling the \$23,000 raised in 2006. (It’s not too late to participate if your club has not yet become involved.) Both SightLife and Audient revenues were higher than in 2006.

Construction on the new foundation headquarters at Alley 24 is anticipated to begin in January and hopefully completed in April.

— Alan H. Stone, 19H Trustee

Global Influenza Outbreak

Past International President Jimmy Ross wrote to tell us about an exciting new Lions partnership.

In July 2007, the International Association of Lions Clubs agreed to help the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) disseminate information about large-scale or pandemic influenza (flu). This new partnership includes PIP Jimmy Ross' participation as one of four leaders of national (US) non-profit organizations to appear in advertisements for HHS' awareness campaign, *Take the Lead: Pandemic Flu—Working Together to Prepare Now*. Participation in this national public health campaign is an honor for Lions clubs. This national campaign coincides with our Lions ALERT Emergency Preparedness.



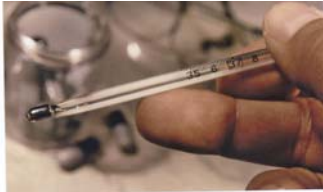
Three global influenza (flu) outbreaks or pandemics occurred during the 20th century. The first flu pandemic occurred in 1918. More than 50 million people died worldwide. The second flu pandemic occurred in 1957. Worldwide, between one and two million people died as a result of contracting the Asian Flu (H2N2).

In 1968, 700,000 people died worldwide after contracting the Hong Kong Flu (H3N2). In 1997, the first case of avian (bird) flu (H5N1) was reported in Hong Kong. In 2003, the first case of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) was reported in China. Worldwide, 8,098 people contracted SARS; 774 people died. Although flu viruses remain, there has been a notable

decrease in the number of flu deaths. This is a result of improved sanitation, health care, and education about the spread of the flu. As community leaders, Lions can educate others about flu prevention techniques.

A Personal Lions ALERT Plan

Flu germs transfer through close personal contact such as shaking hands, sneezing, and the sharing of common surfaces including doorknobs and table tops. To minimize the spread of germs during a pandemic, minimize contact with others. Good personal hygiene will help reduce the spread of flu germs. However, during a flu pandemic, the following preparations may be necessary.

- Eat well and exercise daily to stay healthy.
 - Use soap, alcohol-based hand wipes, or gel sanitizers to wash hands. Clean off surfaces that are frequently touched such as telephones and computer keyboards.
 - Use a disposable tissue when sneezing or coughing. If a tissue isn't available, sneeze into the sleeve of a shirt. Sneezing into one's hands can further spread germs.
 - Avoid close contact with others. Consider alternatives to daily routines including working from home and watching worship services on television.
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- Stay home if infected with the flu virus. This will minimize the spread of germs.
 - If a family member contracts the flu, decide who will provide nursing care.
 - Stockpile two weeks' worth of drinking water, non-perishable food items, and prescription medicines in case you become ill or are providing nursing care and cannot go to the store.
- Maintain updated health information including allergies and the blood types of all family members.
 - Maintain an emergency contact list.



Information about pandemic flu is available on the following Web sites:

World Health Organization (<http://www.who.org/>)

US Department of Health and Human Services (<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/>)

To contact Lions Clubs International, e-mail: programs@lionsclubs.org





"19 H Spring Conference"



"2008" Count Down
2 months to go !!!

Mark your calendars "NOW"

When: March 14- 16th, 2008

Where: Ramada Plaza Conference Centre,
36035 North Parrallel Road, Abbotsford, BC, Canada

(1-800-411-1070 or 1-604-870-1050)
Special Rate \$109.00 Canadian per night



Why: to Celebrate/ Network/ Panels/Vote/ Guest
Speakers/Obtain Information

How: Register now—forms are available



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Let the Hallmark District Stand Out
in MD19

Let's exceed previous attendance records.
You and I can "Make it Happen!!!!!!"

Contest and Awards – 19H Spring Conference

How time has flown! Once again Spring Conference is just around the corner. So that means I need clubs to start getting things together for Contest and Awards. This part of the Spring Conference is an integral part of not only the conference, but also LIONS, District and Multiple District. This is where you get to show off your club for all to see, a time to brag, a time to show the fun and fellowship in your club.

Spring Conference is on March 14th – 16th 2008, so as I said not much time until it happens. We have had a few changes in the District on C&A such as the re-introduction of the Limerick and that is to compose of the format AABBA on something to do with Lions and the caution not to be rude or include derogatory remarks to Lions Clubs or people.

We have split the attendance into two categories this time Clubs 20 and under and Clubs over 20 so get you members out and wave the flag for your club.

The Website will be closed for judging on March 1st, so let me know if you intend to enter your clubs website with the web address. Make sure you have everything up to date and all links work.

Scrapbook will be closed of on Friday 14th March at 9:00 pm. If they are not in, they will not be judged. If you can not attend by this time, give the scrapbook to someone who will be attending , or your Zone Chair.

Club Business Card and Brochure will be cut of Saturday 15th March 9:00 am. There will be a box at the registration table for collection and judging.

Other categories are 5 Minute Achievement on a club project in this Lionist year. Club Bulletin, Induction Ceremony, Musical Comedy, Musical Performance, Tall Tales and Uniform Delegation. All rules are listed in the 2007 - 2008 roster. Every club President and Secretary should have a copy .

Read the rules carefully.



Entering C&A not only make's it a fun time at Spring Conference but it also helps your club to win awards, helps you Zone Chair to achieve his or her Excellence and possible Efficiency awards. It also helps your District Governor. So support your Club ZC and DG — its YOUR CONFERENCE as well.

There will be a change in the format of the C&A. Some of the performances will be done at Fun Night.. Lions have called for change, and we are going to sample a bit of change. It could be good or bad — it depends on you and your club.

So in conclusion, get your submissions in and have a FUN TIME at Contest and Awards and everything at Spring Conference.

My contact information is: Ph: 778 571 0084 or email: lionluke@telus.net

— *PZC Luke Wright, Contest & Awards Chair ,MD19H*

“Sometimes”

“Sometimes things don't go, after all,
from bad to worse. Some years, muscadel
faces down frost; green thrives; the crops don't fail,
sometimes a man aims high, and all goes well.

“A people sometimes will step back from war;
elect an honest man; decide they care
enough, that they can't leave some stranger poor.
Some men become what they were born for.

Sometimes our best efforts do not go
amiss; sometimes we do as we meant to.
the sun will sometimes melt a field of sorrow
that seemed hard frozen: may it happen to you.”

- Sheenagh Pugh

*Many blessings and much hope for
a wondrous New Year.*

Register now for the 2008 Spring Conference!

**District 19-H Spring Conference, March 14 - 16, 2008
Registration Form**



Date Rec'd _____

Reg. # _____

Ramada Plaza and Conference Centre, Abbotsford BC
Please Book Rooms Directly with Ramada Plaza and Conference Centre
Local 604-870-1050, Out of Town 1-888-411-1070
Special Rate \$109.00 Canadian per night, Suites \$149.00

Lion / Lioness / Leo _____ **Special Diet** _____
Attach additional sheet if necessary
Club _____ Office _____ First Spring Conf. Yes ___ No ___

Partner/ Lion / Lioness / Leo _____ **Special Diet** _____
Attach additional sheet if necessary
Club _____ Office _____ First Spring Conf. Yes ___ No ___

Function	Qty	Canadian	Total
Registration Only		\$10.00	
Conference Pin (First 300 Only)		\$ 3.50	
Friday Night, Welcome Dinner only		\$30.50	
Friday Night Welcome Dinner / Contests & Awards / Fun Night		\$40.00	
Fun Night / Contests & Awards		\$10.00	
Saturday Breakfast		\$22.00	
Saturday Lunch		\$25.00	
Governor's Banquet		\$40.50	
Sunday Brunch		\$30.50	
Total			

Payment may be made by Cash, Cheque/Check, Money Order, Visa or MasterCard

Card Name _____ Card # _____ Expiry Date _____

Signature if using Credit Card _____

Make Check/Cheque payable to Lions 19H Spring Conference and mail to.....

Dave Coppin, Conference Registration Chairman
3392 – 198th Street
Langley, B.C. V3A 8X3
Phone 604-532-4050 Email dcoppin@telus.net

**Please Note: No Meal Tickets will be sold at Conference.
Meal registrations must be received by March 03, 2008**

Early Bird Draw Friday Feb. 14, 2008
Registrations *received by Feb. 13th* are eligible for Early Bird draw.