

# The Zone Alert



**LIONS: MD19 H-7**

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The DG's message:

## A New Lions Year is Coming—Things to keep in Mind

## Positive Pride

## Have FUN

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A new Lions year is coming up fast. This is the time where we are training our incoming officers, trying to finish up loose ends, making up a budget for next year and bringing about a smooth transition between this year and next.

One activity which will take up a bit of time is making up a budget for next year. Budget concerns are unique for each club. I would like to encourage your clubs and boards to consider giving more monies to the Health Screening Van and the Christmas Ship.

Do not forget that Golden Ear Days will be coming up in the fall. Now is the time to begin thinking about what possible projects we can do to raise extra funds to keep some of our NWS&H programs going, and to give more for district and international projects, like Camp Horizon and Lions Quest or CARE.

There are times when our in-

coming officers may feel like they would like more training. This can be accomplished via the Lions International website. There are a number of online classes which are offered. Classes involving conflict resolution, member motivation, managing change, leadership, to name just a few.

It is very easy to get to the educational section. Go to the International website, click on Resources, then Learning Center, then click on the class you would like to take. You can print off the various pages you work on.

The caveat is that the system will not save your input in the middle of a class. I would recommend that you take notes or print off the page you are working on, in case you need to stop in the middle of the class. In this way you can simply re-type your answers, instead of having to restart the entire class from the beginning.

Good luck with the classes.

Other programs which are available and worthwhile are the Lions for Life and Mentoring Programs.

At the end of May will be a meeting of the LEMPRR Team. This is where we will discuss goals the incoming District Governor would like to reach. Here is where I will need your help. **Please let me know if there are any concerns, or suggestions for District level goals you may have.**

A few of the areas of concentration we will be discussing at the AHI Kick-off Meeting will be:

Retention—Lions for Life and Orientations to name a few

Membership—each club has a net gain of 1 new member & get members under 50 years old.

Communication—to get more clubs to do bulletins, utilization of websites and more education.

Awards—to try and increase the number of Secretaries, Presidents, Zone Chairs and Membership Chair awards. To continue the Lion of the Year Award in the District.

## Officer Trainings

### Officer Trainings: The Officer Training & Updates:

I found out that the Officer Training & Updates in Mt. Vernon had to be cancelled due to road construction. It will have to be rescheduled. When I find out the new date and information, I'll forward it to those Incoming Officers who still have not been trained.

Our Zone's Treasurer's Training has a new Host Club and date. Coupeville has volunteered to host the training.

Since tax season is over, we can now proceed with the training. Our instructor for this training is Lion Bill Crim.

We will be sending out invitations to H1 & H2 Zone Chairs for their clubs tonight.

### Treasurers Training Time & Place?

July 12th, 2008 at 10:00am

Coupeville United Methodist Church at Main & 7th

### Zone Chair Activities

May 1st, 2008: Unofficial ZC Visit—Lopez

May 14th, 2008: Unofficial ZC visit—North Whidbey

May 18th, 2008: ZC Unofficial Visit—San Juan Leos

May 23rd, 2008: MD19 Annual Convention

May 31st, 2008: LEMPRR AHI Planning Session

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## News, News, News

### MD19H Annual Convention

**The Annual Convention will be happening this weekend May 22nd—25th. Hope to see some of you there.**

#### Event Congratulations

**Lopez:** *Congrats go to Lopez Lions for the very successful Pancake Breakfast they had in April, during the Tour de Lopez weekend. They were able to raise close to \$2000.00.*

*Their Thrift Store provides 30-40% of the monies they raise, which go directly to their community for various projects: The Sailing Program in the San Juan, where they provide scholarships to the youth to attend, The Lopez Union Cemetery (the only cemetery in the county, and possibly the state of WA, where it is community driven with volunteers), and Low Income Housing Project (where they are helping to build and provide housing for Low Income Individuals) are just a few of the many projects Lopez in which the Lopez Lions are involved.*

**Upcoming projects on Lopez:** *White Canes will be complete on Memorial Weekend, A Blood Drive will be held on June 3rd from 10:00am—6:00PM, the Lopez Lions Fun Run on July 4th. They will be raising funds July 4th by selling T-shirts (as they did last year). The front of the T-shirt will have a picture of a Float Plane landing in Fisherman's Bay. The back will have advertisements from the various businesses on the island. Interested parties should call Club President Charles Washburn (360) 468-4636.*

#### Orcas and their White Canes

*A terrific job was done by Lion Dave McPeake as Chair of the White Canes Project on Orcas. There are two phases to this fundraiser. The first part was collecting donation in front of Island Market in Eastsound. This endeavor yielded approximately \$660.00.*

*The second 1/2 of the project is a mass mailing to all on the Island. Lions get together and fold brochures. Lion Dave and his devoted wife Lina stuffed the 2500 envelopes. A job well done! This phase of*

*the project generally brings in about \$2000.00. Good Luck folks!!*

#### Sight First II

*Within District 19H the goal for this fundraiser was:*

*Canada = \$153,706*

*US = \$143,788*

*The funds we have raised are:*

*Canada = \$118,358 ==> this is 77% of goal.*

*US = \$98,695 ==> this is 69% of goal.*

*The US side of District H has a 95% rate of club participation. The Canadian side currently has a 64% participation rate.*

*Let's try to give a little extra push to reach our goals for Sight First II. Remember that your clubs can pledge future amounts for future Melvin Jones Fellowships. Monies pledged under \$5000.00, the club has 3 years to donate the funds. Monies pledged over \$5000.00, your club has 5 years to donate the funds.*

*Remember that when you donate for Melvin Jones Fellowships, and for Sight First II, send the monies to LCI via the MD19 Office. They will record the monies and send them onwards to LCI. When making out your checks to LCI, please remember to put for Sight First II in the note section.*

**Congratulations to Oak Harbor** for being a Model Club in the Sight First II Campaign. They have raised over \$12,000.00. A Model Club raises and/or pledges over \$10,000.

*Congratulations to H7: Our zone has raised or pledged to date, over \$30,000.00 as of 5/20/2008.*

*When you make your donations, remember to let our H7 Sight First II Representative Carl Sundman know. His e-mail is ces@telcomplus.net.*

#### CARE

*Let's remember to send in our CARE donations as well. They should also be sent via the MD19 Office. Also remember that there is a Gordon Smith Fellowship from CARE for \$500.00.*

### LCIF and the China Earthquake

*LCIF has mobilized US\$1.5 million to aid the Lions-led relief efforts in China. Lions are already responding in the areas hit by the 7.9 magnitude earthquake. Tents have been sent to the displaced victims and relief teams are on their way. Please go to the LCIF website for more up to date details.*

#### LEMPRR Membership Goal

*Before our Lion's Year began, the LEMPRR Team for District H met. One of the items we discussed was membership and trying to get younger people to join our organization. The goal of 50 new members under 50 years of age was formed.*

*I am glad to relate to you news reported to us from DGE Mel Stokes. He reports that we have reached this goal. As of May 5th, we had 73 new members under the age of 50 years old. Great job people. Let's see if we can continue this great effort.*

#### Fellowship Pins

*Camp Horizon is offering Camp Horizon Fellowship Pins. A fellowship is available for \$25.00. This provides a pin and a certificate.*

*100% of the proceeds from the fellowship will be used for the various refurbishment projects at Camp Horizon.*

*This is a great way to reward and recognize members in your club for the great job they have done throughout the year, or on a project.*

[www.lionscamphorizonpark.org/foundation/Fellowship\\_Pin\\_Re-Launch.pdf](http://www.lionscamphorizonpark.org/foundation/Fellowship_Pin_Re-Launch.pdf)

#### Secretaries and Reports

*April found all club in Zone H7 complete for reports and 4 clubs have already turned in their reports for May. Not only have the monthly reports been turned in, but the New Officer Reports have also been sent. Congratulations, Well done and keep up the wonderful work.*



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## Harborview Lions Casino Night

Wednesday, June 11th, 2008 from 4:00-7:00PM the Bellingham Harborview Lions Club is having a Casino Night at the Silver Ref Casino in North Bellingham.

All proceeds from this event will be generously donated to the Camp Horizon Foundation.

Please join your fellow Lions in this worthwhile and Fun Event.

Tickets? \$25.00 for attendees. A Buffet Dinner will be provided in the Pavilion Room, plus gaming credit.

Please contact: ZC Cyndi Bryan at (360) 223-4910 or e-mail: [manager@lionscamphorizonpark.org](mailto:manager@lionscamphorizonpark.org)

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Please let folks know you would like to participate, the Casino needs to know the number of attendees in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door.

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## Membership Moments— New Members Will Make a Great 2008-2009 Year!

By: PDG Bill Ellis, District Membership Chair

*We still have May and June to strengthen your club. May and June are great months to bring new members in on projects that are held in late spring and summer. New members that participate on projects now will be very active for the coming year. New members who are active will bring in other new members.*

*The most active time for community projects are May through September.*

*Yet, so many clubs do not bring in members during that time. Some clubs*

*don't meet in the summer time, so it is assumed that they can't bring in new members.*

*I hear so many club members say they wish they had more people to work*

*on projects. All indications are that the baby boomers getting ready to*

*retire do want to serve their communities. Looks like volunteerism is at*

*one of the highest levels in history. We need to ask all age people to*

*join us on our projects, to join our community service organization, to*

*give back to their community and to help those who need help.*

*People who want to help are everywhere. We just need to ask them to help us serve our community.*

Other Membership Building Items to keep in Mind: LCI has a President's Retention Campaign.

A number of "Focus On ..." pamphlets can be downloaded from the LCI website. The subjects are: Club Dynamics (16pgs), Meetings (20pgs), Involvement (16pgs) and Working Together (16pgs).

Meetings: Smart Strategies For Keeping Your Meetings on Track

Involvement: Smart Strategies for Keeping Members Involved in Your Club

Club Dynamics: For Handling Cliques and Politics

Working Together: For Club Cooperation



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### To Have Your Club's Events Posted

*Please let me know of your events. I would love to put them into the bulletin. I would also love to share your observations and experiences with the zone. Please send me anything you would like to share. 200—500 words. It can be less if you like.*

**Please make sure you attend the various fundraising events other clubs are holding. My understanding is that there has been a decrease in interclub support. Interclub visits enrich our Lions experience and allows us to bring a fresh perspective back to our clubs.**

### District H Whale Watch

*August 23rd, 2008: A 7 hour sight-seeing Orcas Whale watch trip. Cost: \$55.00 per person. Boarding time 9:30am, Arrival time back at Bellingham is 5:00PM.*

*Boarding will be at Island Mariner Cruises in Bellingham.*

*Bookings must be received by July 1st, 2008.*

*There are 105 seatings, so send in registrations ASAP. 1-877-734-8866.*

*Registrations can be mailed into Capt. Don Wight: <[donaldwight@yahoo.com](mailto:donaldwight@yahoo.com)> or PZC Judy Portas <[judy.lynn@shaw.ca](mailto:judy.lynn@shaw.ca)>*