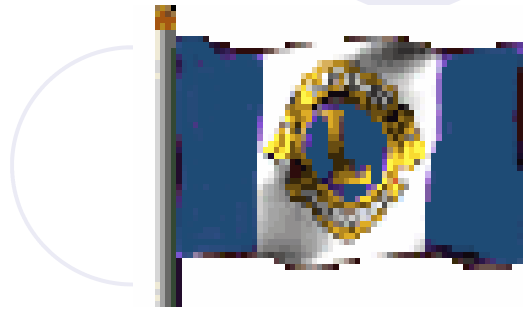


C-4 Zone Newsletter



April 2010

Daves Comments and Thoughts



To Be, or Not...

By ZC Dave Risley

Fellow Lions of District 19C - Zone 4,

We have an important decision to make. Since our only remaining gathering before August is the Zone Social, I ask your indulgence to act on this important business at that time. Please read the following carefully, discuss it openly among yourselves, and in a slight departure from tradition come to the zone social ready to vote.

After attending one of the best spring conferences we've ever had, I received an amazing compliment. I was pulled aside and was told that my name had been brought up for consideration as nominee for the unfilled Second Vice District Governor position.

Having been club President, Zone Chair, a member of my clubs board of directors and the district cabinet, attending the Leadership Institute and Faculty Development Training, and serving on the Board of Directors for Camp LEO I've often considered District Governor as a goal. But how? I work full time and enjoy working with my home club and church at community activities. Would I have enough vacation time to fulfill my duties? Would my employer support enough flexible work hours to attend the many morning and noon meetings?

Over the next couple of weeks, as I contemplated the idea of Second Vice District Governor, I received encouragement from several other Lions of various distinction around the district. I researched the duties of Second Vice District Governor and found that though they are minimal, I would be exposed to much more of the workings of our District and Multiple District. I met with my em-

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employer and received full support for the mission "To Serve". I considered our District's pride in training and mentoring new leaders. I pondered why some of the senior leaders that I hold in esteem should be so aggressively opposed to a new opportunity for mentoring new leaders in our District. I recall that as Zone Chair, I was invited to several meetings and venues that I hadn't been exposed to before. I learned so much more about what it means to be a Lion and how our organization works. I consider a year as Second Vice District Governor as a valuable training ground on the path to District Governor. Finally, I replied that if the District Cabinet appointed me to the position, I would be honored to accept.

Since the time I made myself available, I have been delighted by avid support and disturbed by unveiled criticism. It has become apparent to me that we did not have a candidate for Second vice District Governor at the spring conference because of active discouragement. I have received four calls telling me that I should not accept the position, that we don't need a Second Vice District Governor, and that it is bad for the district. In an attempt to understand the opposition to this change I spoke with several leaders in our district and though the words and phrases are different, what I hear is "that's not the way we've done it in the past, so why do we need it now." How many seminars and planning sessions have we attended that emphatically remind us that we must evaluate our current situation, encourage leadership, and be willing to try new things.

I should state for the record that no one, at any time has attacked me personally or intimated that I was unfit, unqualified, or for any other reason unable to carry out the duties of the position. This is about: Opposition to the position of Second Vice District Governor; Discouragement of people running for Second Vice District Governor; and following that, discouragement of appointing someone to the position if no one is elected.

So, now we've had our conference and no one was elected as Second Vice District Governor. The next options are to continue without the position or the District Cabinet can receive nominations, vote, and appoint someone to the position.

There are concerns by some about appointing someone to the position.

1. Nobody campaigned – my position is that we should have encouraged people to run, but we've actively discouraged that so we've put ourselves in the position of needing to appoint someone if we want the position filled.

2. The clubs don't get a say, won't know what's happening and the Cabinet will force this on them – my position is that we have several months before the August 9th cabinet meeting to publicize this and encourage the clubs to let the cabinet members know what they want.

I just don't see the reason for not encouraging our future leaders to become involved at this level and learn the job in steps. It works in many of our clubs as we elect multiple Vice Presidents. We should mentor our future District Governors in the same manner.

I encourage you and your clubs to discuss this and I ask you for your support or to endorse another candidate. Let the past go and give this new position a try. No matter what the outcome, encourage upcoming leaders to run for Second Vice District Governor next year. We are a District of progress, leadership, and growth. I submit that this is a good thing and we ought to embrace it.



Dear Club Presidents and Secretaries,

The time for our zone social is fast approaching. This year my club, Silverdale Sunrise, has decided to host the social. As you can see from our flyer our location is unique and we are hoping to set a precedence for following socials. Due to the cost and logistics of the buffet, we are asking for attendees to prepay. This will help us to have a paid count for the buffet and to know the size of the room we will be need. There will be a very limited amount of tickets that can be sold at the door. I am asking for your help with getting your members to committ to this zone social, prepay and then collect the money and send it to our club. I need to have the names of those attending and monies by May 15. Please make checks payable to Silverdale Sunrise Lions Clubs and mail to Silverdale Sunrise Lions Club PO Box 2584 Silverdale, WA 98383. I thank you in advance for the work you will be doing to help this social be a success.

Yours in Lionism,

Maria McMahon

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President, Silverdale Sunrise Lions Club

C4 ZONE SOCIAL

May 26, 2010 6:00pm

Oxford Suites

9550 NW Silverdale Way, Silverdale

6:00 Social/No host bar

6:45 Invocation/Introductions

7:00 Dinner/Zone Meeting

Dinner Buffet:

Tossed Green Salad

Pasta Salad

Chicken Breast with Tarragon Cream Sauce

Wild Sockeye Salmon with Orange Ginger Beurre Blanc Sauce

Rice Pilaf

Vegetables

Fresh Baked Rolls

Iced Tea

Cost: \$25/per person

Dinner must be prepaid by May 15

Please send check payable to Silverdale Sunrise Lions Club to Silverdale Sunrise Lions Club PO Box 2584 Silverdale, Wa 98383

Lions At Work We Serve

The North Mason Lions Club will be out at the Bremerton Raceway on **May 22nd!** Come out and enjoy the races, grab yourself a Philly cheesesteak or burger and take a ride with some of the racecar drivers! .

Attention!

MD-19 Convention

TEAM MD-19

Time is running out. Get your Registration Form on the District website.

Convention information is also available on the MD19 website <http://lionsmd19.com/conventions/MDConvention.htm> and will be included in the April issue of the *Border Crossing*.



Attention!

NORTH MASON



LIONS CLUB

FIRST ANNUAL POKER RUN

MAY 23, 2010

Visitation

PDG Em Bishop, 19C Visitation Chair

Five "Plus" Five Clubs

WOW! Only 3 months to go!

So gather up those members and get out visiting.

Enjoy Fun! Friendship! Learn what other clubs are doing. Get to know your fellow Lions.

It's so easy - just visit 5 clubs in your Zone and 5 clubs outside your Zone.

Remember - other club's projects and events count - in your Zone or outside.

It takes just 2 Lions members and don't forget to report it on your VAD.



*North Mason Lions Club
Installation Dinner & Ceremony*

Date: June 2nd, 2010

Location: Trophy Lake

Lake Flora Rd. Port Orchard, Wa.

Port Orchard, Washington

Menu: Choices:

Tuscan Style Chicken Breast

8oz. marinated chicken breast, pan roasted with fresh herbs and red wine.

Orzo Toscana

Sautéed Fresh Vegetables

Spring Greens Salad

Dried cranberries, Slivered onions, Candied Nuts, and Blue Cheese Crumbles

Warm Rolls

Dessert

Chocolate Cake, Pecan Pie, Blackberry Cobbler, or Cheesecake

or

Or Marinated London broil

With a Portobello Brown Sauce

Garlic Mashed Red Potatoes

Fresh Sautéed Vegetables

Arugula Salad

With Pomegranate Vinaigrette

Warm Rolls

Dessert

Chocolate Cake, Pecan pie, Blackberry Cobbler or Cheesecake

Cost: \$27.00 Per Person

RSVP to: Nancy Adams @ nancym_adams@hotmail.com or 275-8421



The North Mason Lions is proud to announce their sponsorship of the now Chartered North Mason Leo Club!

On April 19th, 2010 DG Dave Pratt and Zone Chair Dave Risley were a great help in performing the induction and installing the club and the officers for the North Mason Leo Club.

It has been a long time coming and a huge accomplishment for the North Mason Lions to have established a Leo Club in North Mason. There are 11 charter members and the club is growing. A big thank you from Kari Morgan and Nancy Adams to those that came to show your support and celebrate with us. We had nearly 40 people attend ranging from the Poulsbo, Silverdale and Kingston Lions Clubs, to community members and of course the stars of the show, our new Leo Members! Good food and company was had by all.



Space available to share what is going on in your club! Send your information to the editor: nancym_adams@hotmail.com no later than the 10th of each month



Special thoughts and prayers to Walt Adams, Dan Miller, and their families as they recover

