



District 19C NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2005

Ida Malone, District Governor

Greetings, fellow Lions,

December is here and it brings us not only the shortest days of the year, but also the Christmas lights that brighten up our homes and neighborhoods, stores, and city streets with their twinkling colors. It always seems to make those short days more bearable, especially in Iceland (Eesland) where I grew up. There is precious little daylight around Christmas-time there, so the lights were always welcome. And don't forget that the days will start getting longer after the 21st, slowly but surely.

The last six months have gone by so fast, it's hard to believe we are almost on the downswing, so to speak. My travels are going well - I've only had to reschedule one club so far due to weather. I'll make five visits in January and three more in February. I'm looking forward to being able to do regular visits to clubs in the coming months.

One of the things we need to be working on after the New Year is membership. The District is down in membership, and we need to reverse the trend. We have an excellent product (Service to the Community) and should be proud to ask fellow citizens to join us in helping to make our communities a better place. Let's make that one of our pledges for the New Year.

Enjoy the holidays with your family. Stay warm & safe.

Gledileg Jol **Merry Christmas**
Happy Hanukkah

See you all after the New Year!

DG Ida

LCI NEWS

Some upcoming events for Lions Clubs International

Applications are due by **December 22** for the **Emerging Lions Leadership Institute** for Lions in the USA. This program will be offered **March 16-20, 2006** in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

March 10 will be the 28th annual **Lions Day with the United Nations** in New York. Here's a chance to learn about the worldwide humanitarian activities of the UN. The registration deadline is **February 10** - ask DG Ida for a registration form.

April 29 is the date for the annual **Lions Worldwide Induction Day**. A Planning Guide is available from LCI, www.lionsclubs.org. Clubs are encouraged to join in the celebration of being part of the leading service organization in the world!

Caring and Sharing



NW Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center

Thank you to all the clubs that have sent in your glasses collection locations. We are now in the need of eyeglasses to process, as things move a bit faster in our new facility!

Please bring eyeglasses to the LERC at 9013 Mullen Rd, Olympia 98513. If the LERC is not open, please use the drop-off box under the carport next to the building. Be sure to put your club's name in the boxes/bags so we can give you the credit you deserve.

If you have any questions, just e-mail me at llovelywright@lionsnwlerc.org or call at 360-456-8211.

Lynda Lovely-Wright
Volunteer Coordinator

NWLERC is closed Dec. 19 – Jan. 8

UPDATE ON OUR LEOs

December 5th was International Leo Day, and our District Leos have been active!

Lakewood's Lochburn Leo Club had a food drive in early November, then later in the month visited nursing homes to sing carols and deliver stockings with little gifts they had made.

The Poulsbo Junior High Leo Club is preparing shoebox gifts to deliver to Fishline for needy children in North Kitsap. Packed in the shoebox are dental care items, arts & craft supplies, small toys, Christmas candy, stuffed animals, and school supplies.

The Bremerton Leos worked at the Festival of Trees for Harrison Hospital in Silverdale. They hosted games, did face painting, and paraded around in quaint costumes to add another dimension to the Christmas tree auction.

IN MEMORIUM

PDDG Bob Gius, a Life Member of the Lakewood First Lions Club, passed away on Nov. 17th. Bob was 90 years young, and actively participated in the life of MD19. He started out as a Lion in California, where he also held the office of Deputy District Governor. Lion Bob was the epitome of a "gentle man"; his charming manner and delightful demeanor will be sorely missed by all who knew him. A memorial service was held on Nov. 26th.

We will all cherish our favorite memories of this special Lion. Please keep PZC Grace in your thoughts and prayers during the days ahead. Cards may be sent to 5212 108th St SW, Lakewood 98499.

Beryl Smith, wife of PDG Gordon F. Smith, and mother of MD19 Exec. Secretary/Treasurer Patty Allen, passed away on November 9th, following a long illness. Gordon and Beryl have been mainstays in MD19 for decades, and ran MD19 out of their home until the current office was purchased in the early 1980's. Beryl provided great counsel, and lots of good fun, for many Lions and their better halves, over the years.

A Celebration of Life was held on November 18th in Bellingham. Donations in Beryl's memory may be made to MD19 CARE, and sent directly to the MD19 office at PO Box 66, Bellingham WA 98227.

Cards may be sent to PDG Gordon F. Smith, 2969 Plymouth Drive, Bellingham 98225 and to Patty Allen at the MD19 office.

T. M. "Mel" Bleakney, quite possibly the oldest active Lion at **103**, passed away on November 19th. Although he didn't belong to our District, he serves as an inspiration to all Lions!

He was an active member of the Ballard Lions Club from a year after its founding in 1925 until illness forced him to miss meetings only weeks before his death. He was devoted to his club, as evidenced by his regularly proselytizing for new members and extending invitations to interesting acquaintances to speak at club meetings. A gathering to share memories of his life was held on December 11th. Remembrances may be directed to the Northwest Lions Eye Bank, 901 Boren Avenue #810, Seattle 98104.

Around the District



CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Lions Clubs throughout our District sell Christmas trees as a fundraiser, so when you go out to buy your tree this year, look around for a Lions tree lot!

ENUMCLAW LIONS CLUB Christmas Swag Sale

Here's another chance to support a fundraiser! For \$10 you can purchase a fine Lions handcrafted evergreen swag. Call PDG Em Bishop with your order, 360-825-6328.

FIFE LIONS CLUB 50th Annual Ham Dinner

Sunday, January 29, Noon – 5:00 pm
Fife High School Cafeteria

Dinner includes sugar-cured ham, salad, potatoes & gravy, biscuits, plus strawberry sundae for dessert.

Prices: \$10 Adults, \$5 Children 6-12yrs

GUIDING LION TRAINING Saturday, January 21

The Guiding Lion program offers a premier orientation to Lionism for Lions of all types and longevity. While the training is mandatory for Lions assigned to assist new clubs in their development, this is one of the best all-round training opportunities for every Lion and is open to anyone. Last year, twelve Lions from our district were certified as Guiding Lions as a result of our training program.

This year, the District 19C Guiding Lion training will be held on January 21st at the Greater Lakes Mental Health Facility in Lakewood. Registration will begin at 8:30 am, with training starting at 9 am, sharp, and concluding no later than 1 pm. Attendance is limited and supplies must be ordered for each attendee, so an **RSVP is required**. Attendance will be on a first come, first served basis, so be sure to sign up now.

To reserve your spot at the District 19C Guiding Lion training session, or a spot for members of your club, contact one of the following Lions no later than January 10th, 2006.

PZC Jan McCaffrey
253-460-1968

Janmccaffrey10@hotmail.com

PZC Dave Pratt
360-894-4019

Dave54@ywave.com



THE VIKINGS ARE COMING!!!

DISTRICT 19-C 57th SPRING CONFERENCE March 3rd & 4th, 2006

LaQuinta Inn, Tacoma 1-800-531-5900

Rooms: \$84.00 + tax

Host Club: Lacey Sunrise Lions Raffle: Poulsbo & North Mason Lions

Meet Lions from Other Clubs * Attend Seminars * Enjoy Fun & Fellowship * Get New Ideas
Achievement Speech Contest – Friday Night * Musical Events & Tall Tales – Saturday Afternoon
Crock Pot Cook-Off – Saturday * Showcase of Lions Talent: Display your crafts/hobbies *

* Vote for your Vice District Governor for 2005-2006 – Saturday after lunch *
Candidates: PZC Barbara Ellis and PZC John Gardner

* Celebrate DG Ida's year at the Saturday Night Banquet *

* International Guest: PID Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson from Iceland *

DG Ida's Calendar



Date	Zone	Club	Time
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DECEMBER

1	C-5	Eatonville	7:00 PM
3	C-5	Zone 5 Advisory Mtg	6/7 PM
5	C-6	Yelm	6:00 PM
8	C-5	Mineral Lake	7:00 PM
12	C-5	Graham	7:00 PM

JANUARY

10	C-2	Olympia West	6:45 PM
12	C-6	Yelm Midday Branch	Noon
18	C-1	Key Peninsula	7:00 PM
19	C-2	Hood Canal	7:00 PM
26	C-1	Lakewood Korean	7:00 PM

FEBRUARY

5	C-5	Zone 5 Advisory Mtg	
8	C-4	Bremerton Central	Noon
14	C-3	Zone 3 Advisory Mtg	
18	C-6	Zone 6 Advisory Mtg	

BACK PAGE KUDOS

The **Bonney Lake Lions Club's** "Coats 4 Kids" project was featured on Page 1 of the South Sound section of the News Tribune on Nov. 29th. They collected backpacks and school supplies, as well as \$1,200!

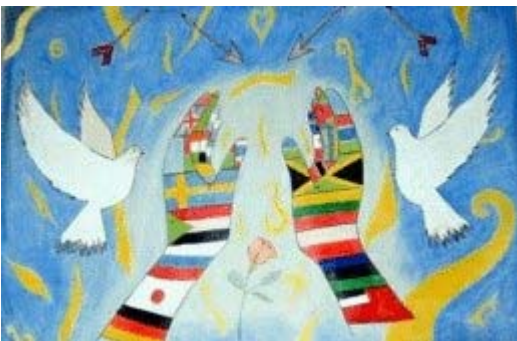
ZC Mary Jo Cady, Shelton Lions Club, was honored as the Volunteer of the Week in the October 16th edition of the Olympian. She says she started volunteering when she was 14 years old, and never stopped!

PZC Dave Pratt, Yelm Lions Club, was also a Volunteer of the Week in the November 13th Olympian. Not only is he a very active Lion, he's also in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters mentoring program, and "a whole lot of fun", according to the newspaper article!

ROSTER UPDATE

Please add PZC Barbara's info:

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244 SW 330th Street
Federal Way, WA 98023
253-925-5865
Barbaellis@aol.com



PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNER

CONGRATULATIONS to Shelby Reister, Tumwater Middle School, for being selected as the winner for District 19C! Her poster will be sent forward to the MD-19 contest level. Shelby was sponsored by the Tumwater Lions Club, and competed against nine other entries from around the District. What a great way to involve Lions and students!

Caring and Sharing

THE VIKINGS ARE COMING!!

The Spring Conference registration forms have been sent to each club and the event is rapidly approaching. Please register for the conference early. If your registration is postmarked by February 1st you will be eligible for the early bird drawing where you could possibly get your registration refunded, registration & lunch or even your entire conference paid for. Three lucky Lions will have this occur.

Friday night at the conference will be very busy. We will have the fellowship dinner followed by a skit by your illustrious Zone Chairs. A portion of contest and awards will also be held on Friday night. The achievement speech will be held on Friday night prior to fun night starting. This is a change from last year due to popular demand to move the musical talent and tall tales to Saturday afternoon. All Lions are encouraged to come to the fellowship dinner in costume relating to the Viking theme. There will be prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd best costumes, so come and have fun on Friday night.

On Saturday we will have opening session at 8:00 am, sharp. We will have short reports from the ZCs, recognize new members and have the nominations for higher office. Following this we will have many different seminars for all to enjoy, with a topic for everyone. On Saturday afternoon the rest of contest and awards will occur, as well as the election for District officers for 2006-07. It is important that the clubs come and elect our leaders for next year. We have a contested election for the VDG next year.

Saturday night is the Governor's Banquet. This is a formal event where we will listen to our International guest, PID Jon Bjarni, speak to us. In addition we will have the election results and contest & awards results, as well as some Governor recognitions. This is a celebration of DG Ida's year, so come and enjoy.

Something else new this year will be a table set up to showcase *Lions Talents*. It will be a place where Lions can place something that they do on display. We ask that you contact Lion John Budzak Jr at 848-2353 with your display. In addition, a small note about the talent with the Lion's name would be appreciated. These items can be brought on Saturday morning.

Finally, we need quality raffle prizes brought to the conference for the drawing. The Poulsbo and North Mason Lions are in charge of the raffle this year, so if you have items for the drawings please let them know what you will be bringing. The raffle is a very important part of the conference to help us break even.

See you all at the conference.

PZC JJ Budzak
Conference Co-Chair

ZONE LEADERSHIP 2005-2006

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A copy of the District newsletter is mailed to each club or e-mailed to the club's president and/or secretary.

Is there a Lion in your club who would like to receive a copy? Send the editor an e-mail and get them on the list!

It would also be great to include all your club newsletter/bulletin editors – please send in their names & addresses, too.