

THE LIONS ROAR



MINERAL LAKE LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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HOW TO “S.W.O.T.” A LION

Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and... Teeth?
Why Even Lions Need a SWOT Plan!



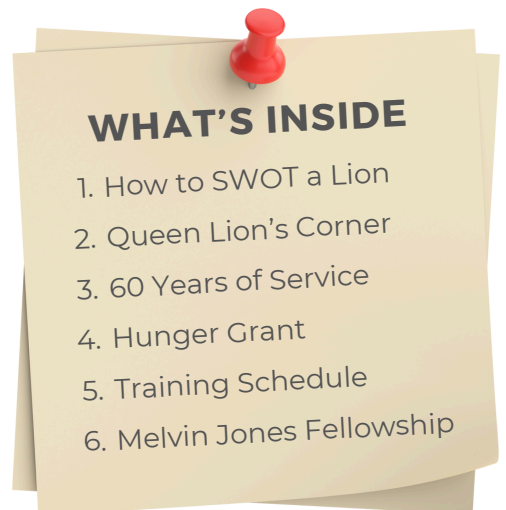
Lions are known for their strength, courage, and leadership qualities that are at the heart of our club. But even the fiercest lions need a good strategy, and that’s where SWOT analysis comes in! Whether you’re organizing a fundraiser, running a business, or just trying to survive another board meeting, understanding your Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) can help you face challenges head-on like a true Lion.

On Saturday, January 18, Lion Steve and Lion Starla joined other Lions from District 19-N in Ocean Shores for a SWOT analysis training session. The event, led by FVDG Lion Bob Johnson and presented by Lions Debbie and Mark Mansell, was hosted by the Ocean Shores Lions Club.

We focused on how to assess our clubs strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. The Mandells did an awesome job keeping us energized as we worked in teams to come up with ideas to strengthen and grow our clubs. It was really inspiring to hear the creative solutions everyone shared! While many of the challenges we face—like membership growth and retention—were common across the groups, it was comforting to know we’re all in this together, and there are plenty of innovative ideas to go around.

This training is part of the leadership development journey Lion Steve and Lion Starla began last fall, with two more sessions to go—one this month and the final one in March.

If you’ve been thinking about getting more involved or stepping up into leadership, now is a great time! We need passionate members like you to keep our club growing and making an impact. Don’t wait to join us in shaping the future of our club and community. We’re all in this together!



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Lion Tina and husband, Lion Kerry at the Zone Meeting Hosted by the Orting Lions CLub

2024-2025 CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS:

- President: Tina Moore
- VP: Stevan Mayer
- Secretary: Paula Hopkins
- Treasurer: Dick Hopkins
- Lion Tamer: Dick Suter
- Tail Twister: Stan Chandler
- Stan Bartle
- Michael Gordon
- Starla Mayer
- Tom Searl

Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month, with member dinner meetings on the second Wednesday.

Located in Mineral, Washington, the Mineral Lake Lions Club has been a cornerstone of community service since its charter in May 1952. Over seven decades, we've been committed to making a positive impact in our area.

Lions Clubs International, founded in 1917, is the world's largest and most active community service organization, with 1.45 million members across 46,000 clubs in 210 countries.

Got news to share? Submit it to us by the 25th of each month, email: info@minerallakelions.com to be included in the newsletter!

QUEEN LION'S CORNER

BY TINA, CLUB PRESIDENT

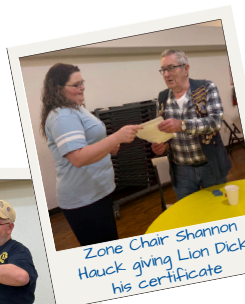
Winter has finally arrived and with it very cold temperatures! This forces us to stay inside. I have been able to catch up on so many projects. The 32nd Mineral Lake Lions Annual Fishing Derby is coming together beautifully. All our vendors are coming back, and the raffle is going to be amazing. The lake has already begun to be stocked with some big fish and the campground is almost sold out.

Sunday, February 9, a group of us attended the zone breakfast meeting in Orting. It was a good time. Once you get to know other Lions and hear what they have been doing you feel a camaraderie that we all are serving for a common purpose and that is OUR COMMUNITY. Look at your community and see what you could do to make it better. Try to attend one of the many Lions meetings all over the state and meet other Lions. It will change your life and that of others.

Until next time, get those indoor projects done! Spring will be here next month!

LOVE BEING A LION!

Tina





60 YEARS OF SERVICE

Honoring Dick Suter

For **60 years**, **Lion Dick Suter** has been a dedicated Lion, and we're lucky to have him as our Lion Tamer! He helps keep our meetings running smoothly and ensures everything is in place—but more than that, he's been a steady presence, always ready to lend a hand and share a smile.

At the **February Zone Meeting** hosted by the Orting Lions Club, Dick was honored with an award celebrating his incredible six decades of service.

Alongside his wife, **Rose**, Dick's dedication to our club and community is truly remarkable. Not only does the Suter name have deep ties to Mineral, but Dick was also instrumental in founding the **Mineral Lake Lions Den Campground**, a legacy that continues to benefit our community. As the club's **historian**, Dick has also played a key role in preserving the rich history of the Mineral Lake Lions Club, ensuring that the stories and achievements of the past continue to inspire future generations of Lions.

What advice does he have for others considering joining the Lions?

"Do it! Being a member of the Mineral Lions Club is great fun, and the more you get involved, the more you appreciate it."

Dick's service has truly shaped our club's legacy. We thank him for his unwavering commitment and leadership over the years!

BOARD NOMINATIONS ARE COMING UP!

Are you passionate about service and leadership? The Mineral Lake Lions Club is seeking dedicated, team-oriented members to join our board and help shape the future of our club.

Consider nominating yourself or a fellow member for one of these roles:

- ♦ **President & Vice President** – Lead and support club initiatives.
- ♦ **Secretary** – Manage records, communications, and operations.
- ♦ **Treasurer** – Oversee financials, dues, and payments.
- ♦ **Lion Tamer** – Manage club property and meeting setup.
- ♦ **Tail Twister** – Foster fun and fellowship at meetings.
- ♦ **Board Member** – Support club decisions and initiatives.

Join us in making a difference! Reach out for details or to submit a nomination.

Thank You for Reporting Your Volunteer Hours!

The Mineral Lake Lions Club would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to

- Lion Tom**
- Lion Sue**
- Lion Jack**
- Lion Shawn**
- Lion Laura**
- Lion Starla**
- Lion Steve**
- Lion Linda**

for submitting their volunteer hours! Your dedication to reporting makes a significant impact, helping us track and celebrate the collective efforts of our club within the community.

Remember, tracking our volunteer hours is vital in demonstrating the true scope of our service. These records allow us to showcase the value of our contributions, secure resources, and recognize each Lion's hard work. Volunteer hour tracking sheets are available at the Lions Legion building and on the club website for your convenience.



VOLUNTEER HOURS

Please submit them to **Lion Starla** before or at the next Dinner Meeting. Thank you!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tall Tales Coffeehouse every Tu & Th 9-11am

FEBRUARY 2025

- **Wed. 2/5 @6pm**
Board Meeting
- **Thurs. 2/6 @12pm**
Community Lunch
- **Wed. 2/12 @6pm**
Dinner Meeting

MARCH 2025

- **Wed. 3/5 @6pm**
Board Meeting
- **Thurs. 3/6 @12pm**
Community Lunch
- **Wed. 3/12 @6pm**
Dinner Meeting
- **Sat. 3/15 @6pm**
Community St. Patrick's Dinner



These events are fantastic chances to log your monthly volunteer hours while truly living out our Lions motto: **We Serve!**

Getting involved not only helps our community but also brings us together as a team. Let's make a difference together!



GROWING TO MEET THE NEED: EXPANDING THE MINERAL DAILY BREAD FOOD BANK

Expanding the Mineral Daily Bread Food Bank: Meeting the Growing Need
Hunger is a harsh reality for too many families in Lewis and Pierce Counties. The Mineral Daily Bread Food Bank has been working hard to meet rising demand, serving more than twice as many families in 2024 as the previous year. However, our biggest challenge isn't getting food—it's having enough space to store it.

To address this, **Lion Starla and I have, your District 19N Hunger Co-Chairs, have successfully submitted a hunger grant application to LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation).** This effort has strong backing from **local officials, state representatives, Lions clubs, and District Leadership.** While we await the grant decision in May, our work isn't done.

We need to raise an additional \$50,000 to fully fund this project, with a goal to secure the funds by July and break ground this fall. To achieve this, we are launching fundraising initiatives with community organizations and seeking additional grants.

WHY THIS MATTERS:

- **Keeping Up with Demand:** In 2024, we served over 657 families—nearly 10,000 individuals. More storage means no one leaves empty-handed.
- **More Stability:** Expanded space ensures families receive consistent food support.
- **Future Preparedness:** This project will sustain us for years to come.
- **Emergency Readiness:** We aim to store 3-4 weeks' worth of food for crises like natural disasters or supply chain disruptions.

Together, we have the power to effect significant change within our community. We invite you to join us in these upcoming fundraising efforts, confident that our collective dedication will make a profound impact.

If you'd like to help—whether by donating, volunteering, or spreading the word—we'd love to hear from you. Together, we can ensure no one in our community goes hungry.



For more information, contact Lion Steve (901) 359-1858 | theoregonone@hotmail.com



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 19 LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

Lions Multiple District 19 Training and Information Schedule February & March 2025

As always, the schedule is published on the MD-19 web site. Its tucked away on the left of the home page: <https://lionsmd19.org/>



New Member Orientation third Monday of every month	
Ethics in Lionism	3 Feb
Your Club, Your Way	4 Feb
Starting a New Club: The Role of a Guiding Lion	6 Feb
NW Lions Leadership Institute	13 Feb
New Member Orientation	17 Feb
Public Speaking Strategies with Presentation Software *	19 Feb
Brief Software Intro: MS PowerPoint	20 Feb
Duties & Responsibilities of the Club President	21 Feb
Duties & Responsibilities of the Club Secretary	25 Feb
Duties & Responsibilities of the Club Treasurer	3 Mar
Recognition with Pizazz on a Shoestring Budget	4 Mar
Duties & Responsibilities of the Zone Chair	13 Mar
The Lion Portal for Club Presidents, Secretaries (and anyone else)	14 Mar
New Member Orientation	17 Mar
What your district does for your club	19 Mar
An Introduction to LionsVirtual	20 Mar
Duties & Responsibilities of the Club Board of Directors	25 Mar

* Denotes special expert guest instructor, see page 2.

RSVP for all training to AI Hedstrom at LionAI@Hedstrom.ws. Each session is free, starts at **7 PM Pacific Time** and most are about one hour in length.

This schedule is always posted at the MD-19 web site, [LionsMD19.org](https://lionsmd19.org)

<https://lionsmd19.org/downloads/md19-training-schedule.pdf>

The online Zoom connection requires the following on your computer, tablet or smart phone: A web browser (such as Edge, Firefox, Chrome, Safari, etc.) to download and install the Zoom web-based application, a microphone and speakers or headset. While a camera is optional, we would like to see your smiling face.

Selected training sessions are recorded. To view, search YouTube for AI Hedstrom.

Other Training Opportunities

Free online training available at the Lions Learning Center (in the Lion Portal on the Lions International web page) and even more at LionsUniversity.org.

MD-19 Convention: 16 & 17 May in Chilliwack, BC.

District Conventions every spring include seminars. Check your district's web page.

Multiple District 19 History

Continuing from last month, we pick up where we left off with the ongoing developments in District 19...

District 19: A Legacy of Growth and Organization

By 1936, District 19 had expanded to 30 clubs and 1,287 members, prompting local leaders to establish a "Board of Control" to improve organization. In 1927, International introduced zones, with District Governors appointing their cabinets. Northern Idaho joined District 19 in 1936, though its first clubs didn't form until 1941. Alaska briefly became part of the district in 1943 before reorganizing as District 49. By 1939, the district had grown to 55 clubs, governed by a District Governor and five Deputies.

By 1944, District 19 had 87 clubs and 3,678 members, and by 1946, it had expanded to 111 clubs and 6,254 members. Recognizing the challenges of a single-district structure, leaders developed a new organizational plan while traveling from Victoria to Vancouver.

In 1947-48, District 19 officially became a multiple district covering Washington, Northern Idaho, and British Columbia. It was divided into five districts, each led by an elected District Governor, and the role of Zone Chairpersons was expanded. This structure remains the foundation of Multiple District 19 today.

Come back next month for more of the story!



District 19N Lions
Established July 11, 2023
(District's 19C and 19G Merger)

2024-2025
19N District Governor
Leslie Chasse

Zone N8 (formerly C5)
Zone Chair, Shannon Hauck

Eatonville
 1st, 3rd Thursday 7:00PM
 123 Rainier Ave.
 Eatonville, WA

Mineral Lake
 Lions/Legion Bldg.
 2nd Wednesday 6:00PM
 108 Front St E
 Mineral, WA

Mt. Rainier
 MT Rainier Lions Hall
 2nd Tuesday 6:00PM
 27726 SR 706 E
 Ashford, WA

Orting
 Orting Lions Clubhouse
 1st Wednesday 19:00
 19725 Orville Road E
 Orting, WA

Puyallup South Hill
 The Salvation Army
 1st, 3rd Monday 19:00
 4009 9th St SW
 Puyallup, WA

Spanaway
 Spanaway Denny's
 Restaurant
 2nd, 4th Tuesday 19:00
 20420 Mountain Hwy E
 Spanaway, WA 98387

Spanaway Parkland
 American Legion Post #2
 1st, 3rd Tuesday 18:30
 11204 Park Ave. S.
 Tacoma, WA



RECOGNIZING EXEMPLARY SERVICE

In 1973, Lions Clubs International established the **Melvin Jones Fellowship Award** to honor individuals who exemplify exceptional service within their local Lions Clubs. Named after Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions International, this prestigious award symbolizes dedication, service, and a commitment to improving communities worldwide. The **Mineral Lake Lions Club** proudly upholds this tradition, recognizing outstanding members who go above and beyond in their efforts to make a positive impact in our community each year.

LION STEVE MAYER RECEIVES THE MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP AWARD

We're excited to share that **Lion Steve Mayer** was honored with the **Lions Melvin Jones Fellowship Award** at our January Club Member Dinner Meeting, one of the highest recognitions a Lion can receive!

Steve and his wife Starla have been Lions since 2019, and in that time, they've worked tirelessly with the Mineral Lake Lions Club to revamp the Mineral Lake Lions Den Campground, gradually transforming it into a destination for campers. Steve has served once as the club president and twice as vice president, where he, along with other Lions members, played a crucial role in **turning the campground into a community hub & destination campground**. His leadership and dedication continue to inspire, and he is currently overseeing the addition of a **shower facility**, which will further enhance the visitor experience.

We're incredibly proud of and grateful for everything Steve and Starla do for our community. Congratulations, Steve—you truly deserve this honor!

COMMUNITY MEMBER DONNA ELLIOT RECEIVES THE MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP AWARD

We are beyond thrilled to announce that **Donna Elliot** has been honored with the Lions Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, a prestigious recognition typically given to Lions members but **also awarded to outstanding individuals who embody a spirit of service and leadership**.

Donna has dedicated years to our community through **Mineral's American Legion Post 177**, playing a key role in **starting the St. Patrick's Dinner** and preserving many of our town's cherished holiday traditions. Her commitment to bringing people together and serving others has left a lasting impact.

Congratulations, Donna! We are so grateful for you and the lasting impact you've made.