

MINERAL LAKE LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY:

The Mineral Daily Bread Food Bank Expansion Project

Since 2015, the Mineral Food Bank has been a vital lifeline for families in our community, offering essential food assistance to those facing tough times. Located at 116 W Front Street in Mineral, WA, the food bank serves not only Mineral but also Lewis County, Pierce County, and surrounding areas, helping to ensure that no one goes hungry.

What Makes Them Different?

The Mineral Daily Bread Food Bank isn't just about handing out food—it's about dignity and respect. In partnership with Food Lifeline and Northwest Harvest, they've created a food bank experience that's different from the norm. They call it "Dignity Shopping". This means families can choose the food they need, based on their preferences and family size, instead of receiving pre-packaged bags. It's a small but important...

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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!

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Made possible in part by Lewis County Lodging Tax Funds



QUEEN LION'S CORNER

BY TINA. CLUB PRESIDENT

DEDICATION

I am thinking of the people in this community who dedicate so much time and energy to make Mineral a better place to live. Are you one of them? We have a monthly community event that has existed for many years and has been spearheaded by one person, Lion Dollie. She has a tribe that helps her, but she is needing to step down from this monthly responsibility. Who will step up and jump into her esteemed shoes and continue this essential event that the whole community so depends on. It would be detrimental to our neighborhood if these monthly meals no longer existed. It is a once-a-month commitment with a whole team to assist you. Please reach out to her to continue with this legacy. Thank you, Dollie, for everything you have done!

That brings me to another amazing, dedicated person amongst our community. She is responsible for so many FB pages and announcements. You don't know that she is the creativity behind the flyers and the events that are posted for many local organizations. Even when she cannot lift her head off the pillow, she makes sure that an event or pictures from an occasion are posted for the whole town of Mineral to see or be made aware of. She is a very vital member of our community, and I want to thank her for her perseverance even when she is hurting and for her to know that I am very grateful for everything she does. No one does it like Lion Starla does!

Both these ladies have made a difference in our community because of DEDICATION. Let's see your DEDICATION.

Love being a LION.





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 (???)

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



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

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

APRIL 2025

- Wed. 4/2 @6pm Board Meeting
- Thurs. 4/3 @12pm Community Lunch
- Wed. 4/9 @6pm Dinner Meeting
- Fri. 4/18
 Lions Den Opens for 2025
 Season!
- **4/18-20**MD 19N Convention
- Sat. 4/19 @1:30pm Easter Egg Hunt & Bake Sale
- Tu. 4/22 Derby Set-up!! We need everyone's help!
- Sat & Sun 4/26 & 27 Mineral Lake Fishing Derby!

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!



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way to allow people to feel empowered, respected, and in control, even in challenging times. Each household is welcome to shop twice a month, ensuring they have enough food to get through.

A Lifeline for Growing Need

Right now, the **food bank serves almost 10,000 individuals annually and over 650 families every month**. These numbers are growing fast, especially as more families in the community struggle with rising costs. In 2024, demand more than doubled, forcing them to reduce the amount of food they could give each family. As the need for food assistance continues to rise, the food bank's current space just isn't enough anymore.

The Urgent Need for Expansion

In 2020, the food bank expanded to meet growing demand, but they've outgrown that space already. To keep up with the growing need, they need to **expand the food bank by 200%**. Their plan is to remove the existing trailer currently used for extra storage and enclose the area, adding 1,000 square feet of usable space. This will allow them to install walk-in refrigerators and freezers, add more storage, and ensure that they can continue to meet the needs of the community.

How You Can Make a Difference

The Mineral Lake Lions Club has been a proud partner of the food bank since its inception. But now, the food bank needs help more than ever.

We have a **goal to raise \$145,000 for the expansion,** and there is an **urgent need to raise \$18,000 by April 1st** to qualify for a critical LCIF Hunger Grant. So far, we've raised \$8,100, but there's still a long way to go. Every dollar counts. Your contribution—whether it's a monetary donation, volunteering your time, or spreading the word—will help them continue this important work and ensure no one in the community goes hungry.

Together, We Can Make a Lasting Impact

The Mineral Daily Bread Food Bank is more than just a place to get food. It's a place where people can feel supported, respected, and cared for. With your help, they can expand its reach and impact, making sure it continues to serve as a vital resource for all those who need it.



GOAL \$145,00!







Please consider helping us make this expansion a reality so that the Mineral Daily Bread Food Bank can continue to provide food, dignity, and hope for our neighbors in need.

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.

For more information, contact District 19N Hunger Chairs:

Lion Steve (901) 359-1858 | theoregonone@hotmail.com Lion Starla: info@minerallakelions.com





MULTIPLE DISTRICT 19

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

Lions Multiple District 19
Training and Information Schedule
March & April 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/



UNIT Disease To MOS Product of September 20, 2004	
New Member Orientation third Monday of every mo	onth
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
The MD-19 Lions Foundation *	2 Apr
Duties & Responsibilities of the Club President	3 Apr
Mentors: Developing the Lions of tomorrow	4 Apr
Duties & Responsibilities of the Club Secretary	16 Apr
Duties & Responsibilities of the Club Membership Chair	17 Apr
New Member Orientation	21 Apr
Earth Day Reflections *	22 Apr
Duties and Responsibilities of the Club Secretary in Chinese *	23 Apr
秘書的職責和責任(中文講述)	23 Apr
Duties & Responsibilities of the Club Leadership Chair	24 Apr
Duties and Responsibilities of the Club President in Chinese *	30 Apr
會長的職責和責任 (中文講述)	30 Apr

^{*} Denotes special expert guest instructor, see page 2.

RSVP for all training to Al Hedstrom at LionAl@Hedstrom.ws. Each session is free, starts at **7 PM Pacific Time** and most are about one hour in length. 晚上 7 時開始, 約一小時

This schedule is always posted at the MD-19 web site, **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 Al 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 (includes seminars). Check your district's web page.



The MD19 Lions Foundation:

Empowering Leadership and Community Growth

Founded in 2003 with a generous bequest of US\$617,000 from a Seattle benefactor, the MD19 Lions Foundation has grown its endowment and funded over US\$500,000 in leadership grants and US\$100,000 in regional training grants. As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, the Foundation funds the annual Vice District. Governor and Zone Chair training and supports the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute, offering leadership workshops on skills like speaking, conflict resolution, and goal planning. Additionally, the Foundation funds leadership training for school personnel and students, scholarships, The Border Crossing newsletter, and even this website. For more details, visit the MD19 Lions Foundation website.

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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



Bake Sale Proceeds Benefit:

Food4Kids Backpack Program – providing weekend food for Morton School District students.

Want to Donate Baked Goods or Treats?

Reach out to Lion Starla (253) 375-9995

events@minerallakelions.com

A huge thank you to our hosts:

Mineral Lake Lions Club, Mineral Neighborhood Christian Center, LCFD9 - Mineral Fire & Rescue, and Mineral Market.

We couldn't do it without all of YOU!

Who Serves? We Serve!

32nd Annual Mineral Lake Fishing Derby - April 26-27

Get ready for one of the most exciting weekends of the year! The Mineral Lake Lions Club is proud to present the 32nd Annual Mineral Lake Fishing Derby, taking place from Saturday, April 26th through Sunday, April 27th. This spectacular event is not just about fishing—it's a weekend filled with fun, great food, fantastic prizes, and community spirit.

This year, Lion Tina and Lion Stan are securing amazing prizes, while Lion Tom has lined up food trucks serving ice cream, burgers, kettle corn, and a tacos and tortas truck.

The beer garden is back, too, providing a perfect spot to relax by the lake. Families can enjoy the kids' trout pond, where young anglers can win exciting prizes.

We're excited to welcome vendors offering fishing and outdoor gear—be sure to browse their booths and support these small businesses.

As one of our main fundraisers, proceeds go toward enhancing our campground and supporting community services.

We need our Lions members on board—not only during the derby but in the week leading up to it. Our biggest need is for tent setup help on Tuesday, April 22nd—stop by for coffee and lend a hand!



For more details or to sign up to help, please contact Lion Tina or Lion Steve.