



THE LIONS ROAR

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ROOTED IN SERVICE, GROWING IN VISION

Mineral Lake Lions Club | 2025-2026

As we begin a new Lions year, we reflect with pride on how far we've come—and look ahead with renewed purpose and vision.

The Mineral Lake Lions Club is deeply rooted in service. Since our founding in 1952, generations of Lions have given their time, talent, and hearts to make our community stronger. We honor their legacy by continuing to serve with that same unwavering commitment—adapting, evolving, and growing to meet today's needs.

We are more than a gathering of neighbors—we are part of a global movement committed to making a lasting difference. That mission calls each of us to step forward—not only to serve, but to help lead.

This year, we'll be inviting members to take a more active role by joining committees that help guide our projects, shape our events, and strengthen our outreach. Whether you prefer working behind the scenes or leading from the front, there's a place for your talents. Every voice matters. Every contribution counts.

Service isn't always easy. It's not always neat or convenient. But it is always worth it—filled with moments of impact that remind us why we serve.

We will also be learning—together—what it truly means to be a Lion. A Lion sees a need and responds. A Lion leads with compassion and serves with integrity. This year, we'll grow deeper in our understanding and stronger in our unity.

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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:

Tuesdays & Thursdays – Community Coffee (9-11 AM):

A simple but meaningful way to connect with neighbors and make the Lions visible and welcoming.

Saturday, July 5 – Fishing, Freedom & Fireworks:

Our biggest summer celebration! Volunteers are needed for setup, prize help, kid's trout pond, clean-up, and more.

Wednesday, July 9 – Dinner Meeting & Summer BBQ:

Help with food, setup, or bring a side dish as we gather for good food and great planning.

Saturday, July 19 – Fireside Melodies:

A laid-back evening of music and connection at the campground—we'd love help with set up hospitality, and greeting.

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**2025-2026
Mineral Lake Lions Club
Officers & Directors**

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

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

Committee & Chairs

- Campground / Events
 - Tina Moore, Chair
- Community Service / Events
 - Open
- Marketing/Communication:
 - Starla Mayer, Chair
- Membership
 - Tom Searl, Chair
- Sunshine / Hospitality
 - Linda Gordon & Rose Suter

Located in Mineral, Washington, the Mineral Lake Lions Club has been a cornerstone of community service since its charter in March 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.



Made possible in part by Lewis County Lodging Tax Funds



KING LION'S CORNER

BY STEVE, CLUB PRESIDENT

There's a saying, "It's good to be King"—and you know what? It really is. Not because of any crown or title, but because I get to serve alongside the most kind-hearted, hardworking, and community-driven people I know. Whether it's flipping pancakes, setting up tents, running fundraisers, or just showing up with a smile—you all make this role an honor and a joy.

As your new Club President, I'm excited to carry forward the momentum that Lion Tina sparked during her term. She led with vision and heart, and she's left me with a wealth of great ideas—many of them from you—for how we can continue to serve our community even better.

This year, I want each of us to find our place. Lions is a service organization, and service looks different for everyone. Maybe you can lift heavy things, maybe you can bake, maybe you're great at calling donors, designing flyers, or just lending an ear to someone who needs it. Your impact doesn't have to be big or loud—it just needs to be real.

So ask yourself: What can you do? Where can you serve? Let us help you plug in, because if you're not serving... why are you a Lion?

Our motto is "We Serve," and it's now been beautifully expanded to: "We are serving a world in need—one act of kindness at a time." Let's live that out, together.

Let's make this a year of meaningful service—together.

With gratitude and excitement,

Lion Steve

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





LIONS IN ACTION

Lion Linda's "Hugs" – Serving with Every Stitch

One of our very own Mineral Lake Lions Club members, Lion Linda Gordon, is spreading warmth and kindness one stitch at a time.

Through her heartfelt service project, she crochets small blankets lovingly called "Hugs" — offering comfort, care, and a tangible reminder that someone is thinking of you. These handcrafted gifts are donated to those in need of a little extra support, whether facing illness, grief, or simply going through a hard time. Each one takes over 24 hours to create, and she generously makes about 20 of them each year!

You'll often see Linda's hands in motion — quietly crocheting while listening to a sermon at church, sharing conversation at a Lions dinner meeting, or even while on vacation. Each "Hug" is a labor of love, and a beautiful example of how Lions serve with heart.

What hobby or talent do you have that could be used to serve others?

Service comes in many forms — and sometimes, it's as simple as showing up with a kind heart and willing hands.



Happy Birthday to Our July Lions!

Let's give a big birthday roar to our fellow Lions celebrating this month! Wishing each of you joy, health, and a year full of meaningful service.



- o Lion Eric
- o Lion Jane
- o Lion Tom
- o Lion Shawn

Have a birthday this month and don't see your name? Let us know so we can celebrate you too! 🍷



International Joke Day July 1st

Whether it's lightening the mood, sharing a groan-worthy pun, or playfully keeping us in line, Lion Stan reminds us that laughter builds connection and keeps our meetings fun and engaging.

His quick wit and infectious humor bring our club closer together — and prove that service and joy can go hand-in-hand.



Tail Twister
Lion Stan



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tall Tales Coffeehouse
every Tu & Th 9-11am

JULY 2025

Wed. 7/2 @6pm
Board Meeting

Thurs. 7/3 @12pm
Community Lunch & Library

Sat. 7/5 @3pm, 7pm & Dark
Freedom * Fishing * Fireworks
Kid's Fishpond @3pm
Mason Gaul Music @7pm
Fireworks @ Dark

Wed. 7/9 @6pm
Dinner Meeting

Wed. 7/19 @6pm
Fireside Melodies on Mineral
Lake with RK Radio

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!





Lions International Convention — Orlando 2025

July 13–17, 2025

Looking for a truly inspiring Lions experience? The 107th Lions International Convention will take place this summer in sunny Orlando!

Thousands of Lions from across the globe will gather to celebrate service, share ideas, and strengthen leadership. If you've ever considered attending — this is the year!

- ✓ Inspiring speakers
- ✓ Global networking
- ✓ Parade of Nations
- ✓ Leadership workshops
- ✓ Fun & fellowship with Lions worldwide

More info at:
www.lionsclubs.org



MD19 Environmental Committee Invitation —

The MD19 Lions Environmental Team is inviting all MD19 Lions to their regular Zoom Meetings, the first Tuesday each month at 2:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83307285506#success>

LIONISM

What Is Lionism? – Part 1: The Spirit and History of Lions Clubs International

Welcome to the first installment of our “What Is Lionism?” series—designed to help new and longtime members alike better understand the roots, purpose, and proud tradition of Lions Clubs International.

“You can’t get very far until you start doing something for somebody else.” — Melvin Jones, Founder of Lions Clubs International

A Movement Born from a Vision

Lionism began in 1917 with one powerful idea: **What if people put their talents to work improving their communities?** That’s exactly what a young Chicago businessman, **Melvin Jones**, believed when he gathered a group of service-minded individuals to form an organization focused not on personal gain, but on **service to others**.

From that meeting, the first Lions Club was born—and it didn’t take long for the movement to spread. Just three years later, the first international club was formed in Canada. Today, Lions Clubs International (LCI) is the **world’s largest service organization**, with over 1.4 million members in more than 200 countries.

What Lionism Means Today

Being a Lion means more than attending meetings—it means living a life of **service, fellowship, and purpose**. Lions serve because they see a need and take action. Whether organizing vision screenings, feeding neighbors, mentoring youth, or planting trees, Lions step up where others may step back.

We serve globally, but our strength lies in the **local impact** we make every day.

Five Global Causes That Unite Us

Lions Clubs International is guided by five core global causes:

-  **Vision** – Preventing avoidable blindness and providing access to eye care
-  **Hunger** – Supporting food banks and addressing food insecurity
-  **Environment** – Promoting environmental responsibility and sustainability
-  **Childhood Cancer** – Offering hope and support to affected families
-  **Diabetes** – Raising awareness and improving care and prevention

Each cause reflects our commitment to **making a difference where it matters most**.

More Than Service: A Culture of Leadership and Kindness

Lionism is about **growth**—as individuals and as a global network of changemakers. It’s a space to:

- Lead and learn
- Build friendships rooted in service
- Serve with compassion, courage, and integrity

Lions Clubs are intentionally **inclusive and diverse**, embracing members from every walk of life who share the common goal of bettering their communities.

What’s Next?

In our next installment, we’ll take a closer look at **Lions traditions and symbols**—from the iconic **Lion emblem**, to the bell and gavel, to the motto “We Serve.”

These traditions connect us across generations and continents and help strengthen our identity as Lions.



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 19 LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL Training and Information Schedule July & August 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/>



THE LIONS NAME

On June 7, 1917, at the invitation of Melvin Jones, a group of delegates met in Chicago to form what would become Lions Clubs International. The biggest decision? Choosing a name. After researching several options, Jones proposed “Lions,” believing the lion stood for strength, courage, fidelity, and action. On a secret ballot, the name Lions was chosen.

At the 1919 convention, some proposed changing the symbol. That’s when a young Denver attorney, Halsted Ritter, spoke up: “The name Lions stands not only for fraternity, good fellowship, strength of character and purpose, but above all, its combination of L-I-O-N-S heralds to the country the true meaning of citizenship: LIBERTY, INTELLIGENCE, OUR NATION’S SAFETY.”

A 1931 issue of LION Magazine further explained: “Our name wasn’t chosen at random. The lion has long represented what is good and noble. Courage, Strength, Activity, and Fidelity were central to its selection—with Fidelity holding special meaning for Lions, symbolizing loyalty to friends, principles, duty, and trust.”

THE LIONS EMBLEM

The Lions emblem features a gold “L” in a circular field, bordered by two lion profiles facing opposite directions. “Lions” appears at the top, “International” at the bottom. The two lions represent pride in our past and confidence in the future.

New Member Orientation third Monday of every month

The Leadership Challenge	2 Jul
Duties and Responsibilities of the Club Treasurer	3 Jul
Duties and Responsibilities of Lions Int’l New Club Consultants	7 Jul
New Member Orientation	21 Jul
The Helen Keller Challenge *	24 Jul
Accounting Fundamentals for the Club Treasurer *	28 Jul
Duties and Responsibilities of the Club Membership Chair (GMT)	30 Jul
Duties and Responsibilities of the Club President	4 Aug
Duties and Responsibilities of the Club Board of Directors	5 Aug
Duties and Responsibilities of the Club Secretary	12 Aug
New Member Orientation from the Member’s Perspective *	13 Aug
New Member Orientation	18 Aug
Public Speaking Strategies with Presentation Software	20 Aug
Ethics in Lionism	21 Aug
Lion Portal: Service Reporting	29 Aug

* Denotes special expert guest speaker, 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)

<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 and posted on YouTube. To view, search YouTube for Al Hedstrom.



Other Training Opportunities

Faculty Development Institute, Denver, CO, 24-26 Oct 2026. [Link here.](#)

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.

District 19N-8

MD19 is comprised of 4 Districts “L”, “I”, “O” & “N”.

Mineral Lake Lions Club is in District 19N Lions.
(Est. July 11, 2023 with the merger of District's 19C and 19G)

**2025 - 2026
19N District Governor
Donna Murr
(Her Home Club is
Lacey Sunrise)**

**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

CODE OF ETHICS

TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

TO REMEMBER that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position of action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

TO HOLD friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

ALWAYS bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

TO AID others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

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Our work continues to support the five global causes of Lions Clubs International: vision, hunger, the environment, childhood cancer, and diabetes. These pillars guide our mission and shape our service.

This is more than a new year—it's a fresh opportunity to reignite our passion for service, empower new leaders, and uplift our entire community. The more we lean in, the more lives we can touch—starting right here at home.

Let's build on the foundation laid by those who came before us. Let's lead with heart, serve with purpose, and continue writing the next chapter of a proud tradition.

Rooted in tradition. Growing in vision. Ready to serve—since 1952

Keep the pride strong — your involvement makes the difference!

Are You a Lion in Good Standing?

A Lion in good standing is a member who is actively engaged in club activities (service projects, meetings, fundraisers) and is current on their dues.

Good standing allows members to vote, serve in leadership roles, and represent the club — but more importantly, it reflects your commitment to service and fellowship.

Thank you to all our Lions who help keep our club strong and ready to serve!