



THE LIONS ROAR

MINERAL LAKE LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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A few photos from our July Fishing, Freedom and Fireworks event - Thank you to all of our members who made this another great Mineral Lake Lions Club event!

IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES:

A Message from Our District Governor

As the Mineral Lake Lions Club steps into the new 2025–2026 Lions year, we are proud to join clubs across District 19N in welcoming back **District Governor Donna Murr**. A dedicated Lion with a deep love for service and community, DG Donna returns to the role with warmth, enthusiasm, and a heartfelt vision for the year ahead. Her theme, **“Imagine the Possibilities,”** invites each of us to reimagine what’s possible when Lions come together with courage, compassion, and kindness. Inspired by the timeless words of John Lennon, she challenges us to envision a world without blindness, hunger, childhood cancer, conflict, or disease—and to work boldly toward that vision through service.



“May we continue to serve with passion and compassion, courage, and kindness as we support the Global Causes of our organization - Disaster Relief, Environment, Diabetes, Vision, Childhood Cancer, Youth, Humanitarian, and Hunger.”
– District Governor Donna Murr

DG Donna also pays tribute to Immediate Past District Governor Leslie Chasse, commending his dedication and leadership during the past year. She reminds us that we are continuing a powerful legacy of

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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.

Sat. & Sun., August 9 & 10 – First Annual Mineral Lions Club Yard Sale:
Come out and help support a great cause. We need help with set-up and tear down.

Saturday, August 9 – Fireside Melodies:
A laid-back evening of music and connection at the campground—we’d love help with set up, hospitality, and greeting.

Wednesday, August 13 – Dinner Meeting
Help with food, setup, or bring a side dish as we gather for good food and great planning.

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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

Community Service / Events

- Open

Environment

- Dick & Paula Hopkins

Marketing/Communication

- Starla Mayer

Membership

- Tom Searl

Sunshine / Hospitality

- Linda Gordon & Rose Suter

Youth / Fishing

- Stan Bartle & Shawn Seeger

Located in Mineral, Washington, the Mineral Lake Lions Club & Foundation is a dedicated 501(c)(3) organization that has been a cornerstone of community service since its charter in 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



Dear Lions,

As we dive into a new Lions year, I want to thank each of you for the energy, dedication, and heart you bring to our club. It's been incredible to witness the momentum behind the Mineral Daily Bread Food Bank expansion. From removing the old trailer to prepping the site for the next phase, this project is a true community effort—and a shining example of Lions in action. Thank you to everyone who's pitched in.

I'd also like to recognize Lion Tom for leading a fantastic training session at our July membership meeting. His insight into what it means to be a Lion was a great reminder of why we do what we do. Thanks, Tom, for stepping up and helping us all grow in service.

On a broader note, I'm honored to be serving this year as the District 19N Hunger Chair, and I'm proud to share that Lion Starla has been officially appointed by our District Governor as the District 19N Marketing Chair. These roles are an extension of the work we do right here in Mineral, and we hope to represent our club well at the district level. We truly appreciate your support as we take on these responsibilities and continue to serve both locally and regionally.

We have several events ahead, and I want to encourage each of you to get involved. Our visibility in the community matters. Lions are one of the best-kept secrets in town—but we shouldn't be. When we're present, active, and engaged, people notice. And when they notice, they're more likely to join, support, and share in our mission.

Also, keep an eye on our upcoming newsletters. We'll be sharing more about what it truly means to be a Lion—our history, our symbols, and the values that unite us. If you've ever wondered "What do Lions actually do?" or "Where did our traditions come from?"—these articles will help answer those questions and reconnect us with the heart of our organization.

Thank you for all you do. Let's keep showing up, serving with purpose, and making a difference—together.

In service,

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 Stan - Champion of Young Anglers

If you've ever been to one of our community events with the Kids' Trout Pond, you've probably seen Lion Stan Bartle right in the middle of it all—smiling, joking with the kids, handing out fishing poles, and making sure every young angler gets a chance to feel that tug on the line.

Stan's one of those people who just shows up—not for the attention, but because he truly cares. He's out there rain or shine, helping kids make memories they'll never forget. And it's not just our events—Stan volunteers at youth fishing days with other organizations too, always ready to lend a hand (and probably some extra worms).

But Stan's dedication doesn't end at the water's edge. Week after week, you'll also find him quietly serving behind the scenes—driving the food bank truck north to pick up donations that help stock the shelves of Mineral Daily Bread. He's someone we can always count on, and he never asks for anything in return.

Whether he's baiting hooks, hauling food, or just offering a steady hand and a kind word, Stan leads by example. He's the kind of Lion every club hopes to have—reliable, generous, and full of heart.

Thank you, Stan, for being a rock in our community. Your quiet, steady service makes a difference every single day. 🧡🚚💛



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tall Tales Coffeehouse
every Tu & Th 9-11am

AUGUST 2025

Wed. 8/6 @6pm
Board Meeting

Thurs. 8/7 @12pm
Community Lunch & Library

Sat. & Sun. 8/9&10
First Annual Mineral Lions Club
Yard Sale

Sat. 8/9 @6pm
Fireside Melodies on Mineral
Lake with Kage Dallas

Wed. 8/13 @6pm
Dinner Meeting

Sat. 8/30
End of Summer Celebration,
Kid's Trout Pond & Fireside
Melodies on Mineral Lake with
Becky Rowe

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!

HAPPY
birthday
**Happy Birthday to Our
August Lions!**

Let's give a big birthday roar to
our fellow Lions celebrating this
month!

Lion Scott & Lion Kerry
Wishing each of you joy, health,
and a year full of meaningful
service.

DON'T FORGET TO REPORT YOUR SERVICE!

We are a service organization and every hour you volunteer makes a difference and reporting it helps tell our story. Please make sure your hours are turned in to the club secretary at the next dinner meeting.

HUNGER PROJECT UPDATE

Clearing the Way for a Brighter Future

Exciting progress is underway for the Mineral Food Bank Expansion! On the morning of July 7, work began to remove the old trailer that sat on the site of the future building. Lions Rick, Stan C., and Steve—along with several dedicated community members—rolled up their sleeves and got to work dismantling the structure to make way for construction.

As of now, rock is being laid in preparation for the concrete foundation. This step brings us one giant leap closer to a more spacious and accessible food bank that will better serve our community.

Stay tuned for more updates as this project continues to take shape—thanks to the incredible teamwork of our Lions and local volunteers!



**DISTRICT 19-N
COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSONS**



CHILDHOOD CANCER
Edie Brannon
La Center Lions Club



DIABETES AWARENESS
Wendy Sandor
Eatonville Lions Club



HUNGER
Steve Mayer
Mineral Lake Lions Club



VISION/HEARING
PZC Bill Scholl
Pierce County Virtual Lions Club



**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 2: The Symbols and Traditions That Unite Us

Welcome to the 2nd 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.

“When you see the emblem, hear the bell, or say the words ‘We Serve,’ you’re not just honoring a tradition—you’re standing shoulder to shoulder with millions of Lions across the globe.”

Every great movement has its symbols—and for Lions Clubs International, these icons carry meaning far deeper than decoration. They are visual and ceremonial expressions of our mission, our unity, and our identity as Lions.

The Emblem: Looking Both Ways



Our official emblem features a bold “L” flanked by two proud lions facing opposite directions. One looks to the past, honoring our legacy. The other looks to the future, symbolizing our ongoing commitment to serve. Together, they represent our respect for tradition and our forward-thinking vision. Surrounding them is a circle—symbolizing unity and the global reach of our service.

The Bell and Gavel: Calling Us to Purpose

At club meetings, you’ll often see a gavel in the hand of the presiding officer and a bell on the table. More than tools for order, they’re symbols of leadership and respect. The bell is rung to call us together, to begin, to honor a moment—or sometimes to mark a member’s contribution or milestone. These rituals remind us that every meeting is more than an agenda—it’s an opportunity to reconnect with purpose.



The Motto: “We Serve”



Short, simple, and powerful—our motto encapsulates the essence of Lionism. It’s a call to action, a reminder of our shared commitment, and a pledge we make not only to each other but to the communities we serve. These two words are spoken with pride across languages and cultures. They are our promise.

What’s Next?

In our next installment, we’ll explore Lions’ global structure and how local clubs fit into the big picture, and dive into service project traditions and legacy programs.

LIONS TAKE A RIDE ON THE RAILS

The Mineral Lake Lions Club recently enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship aboard the Mount Rainier Scenic Railroad. The trip offered not only beautiful views and great company, but also insight into the exciting future plans for the rail line. For many, it was their first time traveling toward New Reliance on the newly expanded route – a unique experience that offered a fresh perspective on familiar landscapes typically only seen from the road.



Special thanks to Lion Dick S. for making the arrangements and helping to make this a memorable outing possible.





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/>



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/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.



ASK THE PRIDE

Got a question about Lionism, club traditions, service projects, or why we do things the way we do? You're not alone - and that's what *Ask the Pride* is all about! Each month, we'll feature real questions from our members and provide helpful answers from seasoned Lions.

Whether you're a brand-new cub or a long time Lion who's always wondered "why", this is your space to learn, grow, and roar a little louder.

Have a question? Drop it in the box at the next meeting or email it to: info@minerallakelions.com





2025 - 2026

**19N District Governor
Donna Murr**

**District 19N8 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 & 3rd Wednesday 7:00PM
19725 Orville Road E
Orting, WA

Puyallup South Hill

The Salvation Army
1st, 3rd Monday 7:00PM
4009 9th St SW
Puyallup, WA

Spanaway

Spanaway Denny's Restaurant
2nd & 4th Tuesday 7:00PM
20420 Mountain Hwy E
Spanaway, WA 98387

Spanaway Parkland

American Legion Post #2
1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:30PM
11204 Park Ave. S.
Tacoma, WA

The Power of Club Visitations

Visiting other clubs helps us stay connected, share ideas, and strengthen Lionism across our district. It's a great way to build friendships and get inspired.

Pick a club and plan a visit—let's support each other and grow together!

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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service—and that every act of kindness contributes to a better world.

The words of the late Lions International Vice President Judge Haynes Townsend are central to her message:

“If every one of us did a random act of kindness every day, it would
have a huge impact on the world.”

As a club, we are excited to embrace that spirit—stepping into this new year with open hearts, a willingness to lead, and a drive to tell our story. We're ready to expand our circle of service and continue showing up for those in need.

District Governor Donna shared her hope to reconnect with familiar faces and get to know new ones in the months ahead. Let's rise to the call and make this year one of growth, impact, and imagination.

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!



We're proud to introduce the 2025–2026 International President of Lions Clubs International – Lion A.P. Singh of Kolkata, India! 🇮🇳

Elected at the 107th International Convention in Orlando, Florida, Lion Singh brings over 40 years of dedicated Lionism, visionary leadership, and a heart for service. From district governor to global leadership trainer, and from major donor to Ambassador of Good Will awardee – his legacy of impact speaks volumes.



We're excited to see how his leadership will guide Lions around the world in serving with purpose and compassion. ✨
Please join us in giving a warm Lions roar to International President A.P. Singh! 🦁❤️

A CHALLENGE FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT A.P. SINGH

Two challenges for Lions in all parts of the world:

- Can we induct at least one member in every club of every district by 31st August 2025?
- Can we charter at least one new club in every district in the first quarter?

The love and passion for our organisation needs to be reflected in our actions to grow to serve

Tracks Across the District

Lions are always on the move!

Explore upcoming events hosted by clubs across District 19N. Whether you're looking to lend a hand, learn something new, or just enjoy some fellowship, there's always something happening along the tracks of service.

Stay connected. Stay involved. Stay inspired.



55TH ANNUAL

EATONVILLE ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL

AUGUST 1ST-3RD, 2025
GLACIER VIEW PARK

<https://www.facebook.com/eatonvilleartsfestival>

MD19N

2025 - 2026 BANNER PASSING & CABINET MEETING

BRING A POTLUCK DISH, A BEVERAGE, AND A CHAIR

AUG 16 | 11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

NW LERC
9013 MULLEN RD SE
OLYMPIA, WA

QUESTIONS?
CALL JUNE FERREIRA 2VDG (253) 219-7444



MD19 STEP CHALLENGE

START OCTOBER 6, 2025

A one-time \$5.00 participation fee, paid to your District Diabetes Chair, goes to Diabetes Camps in your area

30 Weeks of counting steps - submitted weekly

Last day to walk May 3rd - 2026

Updates posted in MD19 Diabetes Newsletter & Border Crossing

Open to Lions Members and Non-Members (Family and Friends pay the one-time \$5.00 participation fee for steps to count)

Winner announced at the MD19 Convention in Wenatchee, WA weekend of May 23 - 24, 2026

All money raised will send kids to Diabetes Camps in Canada and USA

CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT DIABETES CHAIR FOR MORE INFORMATION

- District L: PDG Georgia Medvedich: gdalmaine@gmail.com
- District I: Lion Linda Schaffrick: lindashaffrick@gmail.com
- District O: Lion Michael Contreras: mikercv.nac@gmail.com
- District N: TBD
- District S: TBD

MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING WEEK

OCTOBER 4-12, 2025

An initiative by International President A.P. Singh

