

District 19A Zone 9 Newsletter

Message From Your Zone Chairman, John Fell



ZONE A 9

Building a New Tomorrow

HOW I BECAME A LION

One way or another it is interesting to know what brought us to LIONS. For me, it started at the Sea Festival Parade in 1989. Quite a while ago. At work, part of my job was community service (I might add that this was not court ordered either) The Lions from the Vancouver Renfrew Lions Club had rented some scooters to ride through the parade. One of the mirrors on one of the scooters was loose, so they asked me if I had a wrench to tighten it. Since I drove a tow truck, a wrench was no problem, just doing my job. The guys

from the LIONS club were friendly, we talked for a few minutes. Then someone asked me if I would consider becoming a Lion? From what I had seen and heard, it sounded interesting, after all these guys were having some fun, trying to make new friends and do something for the community? They took my name and phone number. A few weeks later they phoned me and said they had a project and asked if I wanted to come and meet the rest of the club. I did and later, I found myself as a LION. If the club hadn't been active and been doing something interesting to catch

my attention, would I have joined? The way to attract new members is to show them what we do and that we enjoy what we do. We want people to say how do I join? That is why projects are so important.

What caught your attention to become a LION?

We would like to hear what brought you to Lions? Please send your stories to the ZC and we will try and publish them in future issues of the Zone Newsletter.



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Jan 29th Chinese New Year Parade

The day was wet and gray (hey, it's Vancouver) There was a very good turn out for the parade considering the weather. The district uniform changed a little bit, I have never seen ponchos listed as club attire? Most Lions donned ponchos and walked the route, while some sat in heated comfort in the bus. Good turn out and good participation and just a good showing for Lions.



Projects

CHRISTMAS TREE CHIP UP

Vancouver Champlain Heights Christmas Tree Chip Up was held on January 7th & 8th at Sunset beach in Vancouver. Total raised was over \$2,600 and over \$400 in food was donated. All in all, a good project. Saturday the weather cooperated, cold but not bad. Sunday was a totally different story. It started out not all that

bad but, there is always a but, rain and a cold wind, all the good stuff. Everyone persevered and carried on! Hats off, to all who attended. In all, a very good project that brought Lions to the forefront and got us out to let people know who we are and that we are still here. In the future some other clubs could be there to give some support.



UPCOMING EVENTS

COLLINGWOOD DAYS: May 27th We will be doing a pancake breakfast

9am to 10 30 am. We will also have a Lions table used to promote Lions and lions clubs, and a membership drive. (We need lions magazines and club paraphernalia)

HATS OFF DAYS: June 4th This is a fun event going out in the parade Zone A1 A2 & A7 might come along to help us celebrate. Then maybe we just might have a chili cook off, even more fun.

THOUGHTS FOR THE MIND & TRIVIA

Remember to live every day as if it is your last because one day it will be.

Things to think about: Sometimes the light at the end of the tunnel is a train???

Do you know: Which is the oldest Lions club in British Columbia?

Answer on last page

ZONE MEETING

The Zone meeting held January 14th had a good turn out only Burnaby Edmonds and Burnaby. Central did not attend. Discussion was about Zone membership drives and Zone projects. Since there was a quorum 6 of 8 clubs, the vote was passed, "Who ever bid not show up owes the ZC a steak dinner at the Bay Shore ". The next Zone meeting is going to be about 2 weeks before the Spring Conference so we can come to agreement on voting

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Many years ago MD 19 and mostly Zone A9 was extremely involved in the community. We even had our own parade float. Back in the day, most communities had a major parade. As Lions we built a float to show ourselves off. The float was towed by an Easter Seals van, and accompanied by a group of Lions, some walking, sometimes riding scooters, all were wearing Lions vests. The float brought

a lot of attention to Lions. In the first 2 years we won 4 awards. We were everywhere, Squamish, North Vancouver, Richmond, White Rock, and Cloverdale.

Lions came from all over to attend the parades. As a result we had a reason to get together and to get to know each other. Not only was this a great PR thing for Lions it was fantastic for

fellowship. The globe in the middle of the float rotated as the float went down the road.



TRAVELING AROUND THE ZONE WITH THE DG

The DG has been busy visiting in A9. With one early visit to Burnaby Central out of the way. The visiting started first with Vancouver Champlain Heights on Jan 10th. Then the next Tuesday the 17th it was Burnaby Host and Vancouver Renfrew, Jan 18th Vancouver Yaletown, Jan 18th was also Burnaby Loughheed, finally Jan 25th Burnaby Edmonds. A busy few days all the meetings were informative.





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International**

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR, SIMON YAU'S
VISITATION SCHEDULE**

Burnaby Edmonds

February 27th

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TRIVIA QUESTION ANSWER

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ZC CLOSING REMARKS

Till next month, Yours in Lionism
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