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**JULIA’S JEWELS**

Merry Christmas to the wonderful Lions’ family of District F. I want to thank all of you who have offered get well wishes during the past several weeks. Health wise, I am on the mend and expect to be back on the visitation trail in January.

For most of us December marks the end of the year, but for District Governor’s the end of December means her spring conference is just three months away. I hope to have a lot of great information for all conference goers in the January newsletter. So please mark your calendars for the weekend of March 17 and make plans to travel to Moscow, Idaho for the District F conference. Don’t forget there are plenty of contests to enter for prizes and bragging rights.

For those who still want to improve on their leadership skills, there is still time to register for the 2012 Northwest Leadership Institute to be held in Gig Harbor February. Check out MD 19 Website for more information.

In other leadership news, those of you with the qualifications and more importantly, the desire, are encouraged to announce your intentions to run for first vice district governor. It is a fun job on your way to being the district governor which is the best job ever.

I continue to be impressed with the variety of community activities each of the club tackle this time of year. Keep up the great work.

So have a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

**RETENTION: PZC Bob Ferger, Chairman**

As retention Chairman for the District I would like to emphasize again that retaining our existing members should be a priority for all clubs. At this holiday season we need all the members we can get to help provide for the needs in our communities, there is no better time of the year to let your members know the difference your club makes in the community and it's a great time to keep all your club members active with projects. As the community see the good Lions are doing it is also a great time to recruit new members. Ask someone to join Lions!

I see in last months statistics that the district has dropped several more members. If this continues to happen than we will not achieve the Districts retention goal for the year. I would encourage clubs that dropped members to sit down with these members and find out why they are dropping and try to solve any problems and encourage the members to come back. There is no sense in loosing good members and then having to replace then with new members. Let's keep the members we now have and then add a few news ones.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**MEMBERSHIP: PZC Steve Noble, Chairman**

At the last cabinet meeting I promised to send out links to several resources for membership flyers and information. So here they are:

There is a flyer called "My Club My Family" which has several download links on the back, including Club Excellence Process (CEP). To download go here:

<http://lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/index.php>

There are several flyers on the international web site including inviting new members, Orientation, Retention and more, go here: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php>

There are several downloads on the Lion for Life here:

<http://www.lionsmd19.com/lionforlife/lionforlife.htm>

I am working on getting a link set up for How to put on a Lions club open house. This has been a very successful tool.

**SUPPORTEAM: PDG Larry Carley, Co-Facilitator**

The D, E, & F Support Team Half Time Meeting will be at the Clarion Hotel in Yakima WA. January 21, 2012. It will start at 8:00 A.M. and end at 5:00 P.M. Anyone wishing to stay at the Clarion Hotel, needs to reserve their rooms before January 1, 2012. That is the deadline for the block of rooms set aside for this event. When you reserve your room tell them that you are with the Lions Organization for the \$77.00 room rate. The Clarion Hotel Phone # is (509) 248-7850.

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**Region D, E & F  
Meal Reservation Form for District Support Team Half-time Meeting  
January 21, 2012**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **District** \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle Your Chair or Office:** District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors, Extension, Leadership, Membership, Public Relations, Retention, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Candidate or Zone Chairperson.

**Saturday Lunch:** \$14.00 US \$15.35 CDN \_\_\_\_\_ **# ordered**

Deli style sandwich, with choice of Virginia baked ham or golden turkey breast, Served on 12 grain bread with cheese, lettuce, Tomatoes and mayonnaise. Potato salad and Fresh fruit garnish. Coffee and tea.

Virginia baked ham     golden turkey breast

Indicate above which meat you'd like for your sandwich.

**TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out the form completely and indicate on the line next to the meal the number of people ordering the lunch and which meat you want on your sandwich. Send this form with a check made out to **PDG Larry Carley, 8122 Yakima Valley Hwy., Zillah, WA 98953.**

**Deadline to send your money to Larry by: January 10, 2012**

**All meals are pre-paid.**

**CONTEST & AWARDS: PDG Bill Shepherd, Chairman**

Three months and counting until the district F Spring Conference, March 16-17, 2011 in Moscow, Idaho.

There has been little response, questions or registrations for the various contests being offered. The registration deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup> for most of the contests. For the Distinguished Lion Award the deadline is February 25<sup>th</sup>.

The theme is “Everything Irish” so the dress for Friday night should be something GREEN—

IMPORTANT REMINDER-BE SURE TO READ & FOLLOW THE CONTEST RULES AS FOUND ON THE MD 19 WEBSITE. ALL JUDGING FOR THE REGULAR CONTESTS WILL FOLLOW THOSE RULES. DON’T BE DISQUALIFIED BECAUSE YOU DIDN’T FOLLOW THE RULES.

The deadline (December 15<sup>th</sup>) for the Lions Environmental Contest is past. But it’s not too soon to be thinking about the contest for next year. Winter and spring might offer some wonderful scenes for photographing.

Four ways to register for the Contests you’ve chosen:

Use the included registration blank

Register by email to [lionsrus001@msn.com](mailto:lionsrus001@msn.com)

By phone—(509) 966-3027 or (509) 901 1010

By postal mail Contest & Awards MD 19 Spring Conference  
221 North 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Yakima, Washington 98908-2702

DISTRICT F SPRING CONFERENCE  
MARCH 16 --17, 2012 MOSCOW, IDAHO  
CONTEST & AWARDS  
REGISTRATION FORM

Please indicate which contest or contests you plan to enter.

- Achievement – Five Minute Speech \_\_\_\_\_
- Club Bulletin \_\_\_\_\_
- Club Business Card \_\_\_\_\_
- Club Folded Brochure \_\_\_\_\_
- Club Scrapbook \_\_\_\_\_
- Club Web Site \_\_\_\_\_
- Musical Comedy ----Group \_\_\_\_\_
- Musical Entertainment –Individual \_\_\_\_\_
- Tall Tales \_\_\_\_\_
- Uniform Delegation Parade \_\_\_\_\_

All contests will be judged according to the MD 19 Contest & Award rules.

Please return your registration form to PDG Bill Shepherd, Contest & Awards Chairperson no later than February 25, 2012.

Questions-Contact (509) 966-3927 Home (509) 901-1010 Cell email [lionsrus001@msn.com](mailto:lionsrus001@msn.com)

Postal Mail to: Contest & Awards Chair  
PDG Bill Shepherd  
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## YOUTH OUTREACH – PEACE POSTER: PZC Marge Shepherd, Chair

The 2011/2012 Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest was completed, at the Club level, on November 15<sup>th</sup> when winning posters were delivered to District Governor Julia. The District winner will be announced soon and the poster will be forwarded to MD 19 for judging against the other District winners.

Thanks to the District F Clubs sponsoring one or more contests in your community.

The theme for the 2012/2013 contest will be announced in late January. Look for it in your Lions magazine or go to the LCI web site and follow the links to International Peace Poster contest.

To clarify about who and where a contest can be sponsored:

WHO—children between the ages of 11 & 13

WHERE—any youth organization in your community, schools, churches, Boy & Girl Scouts; Boy & Girls Clubs.

The contest theme is always about Peace and is open to children ages eleven (11) through thirteen (13). These children are usually in the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grades in school.

The contest is OPEN to any organization sponsoring a youth group with members in the age group 11-13. IT IS NOT LIMITED TO SCHOOLS. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire, Church youth groups all are eligible to enter.

The only requirement, besides age, is the sponsoring Lions Club must buy a Peace Poster kit for each contest they sponsor. Kits cost under \$20.00 and are available from LCI club supplies after the theme is announced.

## SIGHT & HEARING: PZC Marge Shepherd, District F Trustee Northwest Lions foundation LIONS HEALTH SCREENING UNIT—

Requests for the LHSU 2012 were due by November 30, 2011. Scheduling will begin in late December and all clubs making a request will be notified of the dates.

If you missed the deadline and wish to request a date for 2012, PLEASE SEND IT IN NOW. There is no guarantee but your club's name will be there if the date is open or in case of a cancellation. It never hurts to ask- the answer might be YES.

Remember, for the present time the LHSU does not come to Eastern Washington and Idaho before April 1<sup>st</sup> or after October 30<sup>th</sup>. This is due to the weather. BUT

RUMOR has it the Pilot Program for Eastern Washington & Idaho is on the front burner again. Coming soon will be all the details as to how the Foundation hopes to better serve our area. We have many smaller communities where school enrollment is small. These communities often go unserved. The new smaller unit may be the answer.

I NEED YOUR HELP-- Zone Chairs. Presidents & Interested Lions---

If you live in a smaller or rural community and would like to have your students screened for vision and hearing PLEASE contact me. I have some questions about your general area. NOTE: This unit will only be equipped to do vision & hearing. If you would like to have your community screened for diabetes, blood pressure and glaucoma then you need to request the new LHSU.

Final screening statistics for the 2011 year will be available in the next newsletter.

## UPDATE on WHITE CANE DAYS & THE 2012 PROPOSED BUDGET—

The 2011 goal for WCD was about \$55,000.00 short. Not receiving the expected revenue help put a financial strain on all the Lions Regional Programs, especially the Hearing Aid Bank and Patient Care Grants. However, the loss of income wasn't the only reason. When the State and Federal Governments dropped many of their health care programs (they no longer provide glasses or hearing aids (and have cut back on many other needed services) Lions Clubs in most communities received more & more requests for assistance and their budgets for these services couldn't always meet the need. None of us know what 2012 will bring but at our Board meeting in November, a tentative budget was approved. We will have \$272,000.00 guaranteed by SightLife and our goal for WCD 2012 has be lowered to \$105,000.00. Everyone needs to remember that WCD is MONEY WE HOPE TO GET.—IT IS NOT GUARANTEED. WWCD May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 2012.

Two other things discussed—1.) Should we keep White Cane Days in its traditional form or should we try something new? WHAT DO YOU THINK??

2.) Should we develop more guidelines when reviewing requests for assistance?

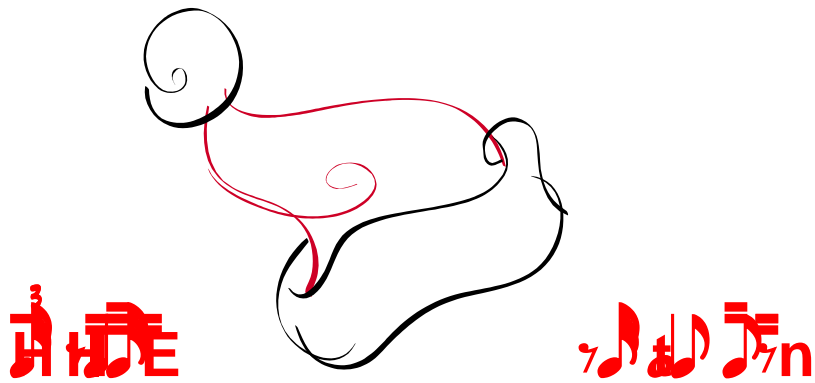
I am available for a program on the Foundation or any of the Regional Programs. Please call for any information you need or questions you need answered.

Thank you, District F Lions for your continued commitment to helping make a difference in the lives of the partially sighted and hearing impaired in your communities.

Have a Beautiful Holiday Season, PZC Marge



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