



# 19H SPRI-CON CHATTER



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## SPRI-CON '11 approaches ...

By David Coppin

My, my, my ... how time does fly! It seems that it was just Christmas and now we're well into a new year. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and was able to spend some time with their families.

We're less than 2 months away from **SPRI-CON '11!** I'm thrilled about the great team helping me with this year's conference. I speak for all of them when I say we're getting excited about the coming Spring Conference and **we all hope that you're coming.**

**SURVEY** ... At last year's conference many of you took the time to complete a survey, and for that I thank you. There were some great comments that we are taking to heart in the planning of this year's conference. Some of the comments were – less “ideas” and more “best practices” sessions; keep the topics interesting; more time for fun and fellowship; and as well, many of you wrote about how much you enjoyed Fun Night and the keynote speakers.

**FUN NIGHT** ... I'm pretty sure that you'll enjoy what's planned for this year's **Fun Night**. For all you fine folk out there, we have a **LIVE BAND** to entertain your socks off. The “**Neurotics**” are sure to get your feet tapping, and maybe even dancing, to tunes from the 50s & 60s as we “**Rock On**” through the night. To make it even more fun we'll have some **prizes for best period costume**, best dancing feet, etc. As well, we encourage you to **invite your family and friends** to the Fun Night – just order extra tickets on your registration. So **come prepared for good music, dancing, and FUN!**

**CONFERENCE TEAM** ... Earlier I mentioned the great conference team that it is my pleasure to work with. We have ZC Chuck Leblanc looking after the raffle & silent auction, PZC Rosemary Small arranging all the panels, the very talented Lion Jim Small photographing it all, and Lion Wendy Canessa organizing the Contests and Awards. Last but not



*With their fun-filled frolics, The Neurotics present their whimsical yet superbly authentic musical tribute to the flower power days. The Neurotics cover the British Invasion of The Beatles and The Rolling Stones to the American legendary Rock bands like The Beach Boys, The Byrds and The Monkees; this group brings back fond memories of that magical musical era with a show designed to keep you laughing and crying for more, more, more!*

least, there is my partner in crime, Lion Shawna Ferguson, who is processing all the registrations that you're sending in and as well, managing the conference funds in her spare time.

Not be to forgotten, we have DG Judy making sure we don't forget anything and doing all the worrying for us so that we can focus on putting together a great conference for everyone.

In this edition of the *Conference Chatter* I have asked the team to say a few words about their respective areas. So I'll wrap up saying “**Please ... get those registrations in!**”

So to all you dudes and dudettes ... shine up your shoes and dig out those poodle skirts. Take care and we'll be seeing you soon!

“Big Daddy” Dave Coppin  
SPRI-CON '11 Chair



## Leadership 101

By PZC Rosemary Small



For the first time ever, a Leadership 101 course is being offered at our Spring Conference on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. This all day course runs from 9AM to 5PM. Your \$35 includes all materials, breaks and lunch. Make this a must attend!

Excellent facilitators will help you gain the skills you need to be an excellent leader. Learn with your peers about time management, team building, conflict resolution, communication, & goal setting. This workshop will provide club officers and others with the tools they need to achieve success. You must have paid and be pre-registered prior to attending the conference. Registration is on a first come first served basis.

## Panels and Sessions

By PZC Rosemary Small



It's the same challenge every year – how to make the panels interesting and fun? Many of you asked us to do just that in your survey answers. We listened and we hope that you'll enjoy the topics we've chosen for this year.

Membership ... This will be a fun & interactive membership panel. Come to this panel and be informed and entertained. Got questions? Bring them with you.

Free the Children ... children helping children through education is what it's all about. More than one million youth involved in innovative education and development programs in 45 countries. Through domestic empowerment programs & leadership training, "Free The Children" inspires young people to develop as socially conscious global citizens and become agents of change for their peers around the world.

Lions Quest ... Ever wondered what this Lions' program was all about? Lions Quest is dedicated to fostering positive youth development by producing and disseminating effective tools to empower and unite caring adults in all aspects of young people's lives. Come to this panel and find out more.

[Panels ... cont'd]

LEO Breakout ... **Calling all LEOs!** Come and socialize with your fellow LEOs. Learn what's happening in other LEO clubs and share what your club's been doing. Expect this to be a fun session.

Generation Gap ... Have you ever noticed that the different generations – Boomers, Gen-X'rs, and Millennials – have different ways of communicating including how they use technology? If you have, then this speaker will expand your understanding of the differences and help you learn the best practices for communicating with each.

Everything else ... other topics we're also working on include "Wine Tasting" (do we need to explain this one?), a fun discussion about health, and how to make better use of your computer (e.g. successfully searching the LCI website). Watch for more information to come on these panels.

## Raffle & Silent Auction

By ZC Chuck Leblanc



Fellow Lions,

The conference is getting close (March 11 to 13) and my all-star team of raffle experts is on the search for prizes. We require, both silent auction and raffle prizes. We will also gladly accept cash donations if you prefer.

As you may be aware, the cost of putting on a conference like ours isn't cheap. In the past 4 yrs my team has helped raise in excess of \$16,000 and it is largely in part due to all the great support from the Hallmark District's clubs. Call or email me and I will endeavour to retrieve your donations, or if you prefer, you can bring them with you when you come to Abbotsford for the conference.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

ZC Chuck

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## Registration!!!

By Lion Shawna Ferguson



Registrations are coming in, and I'm ready to process the many forms yet to come from all the great Hallmark District lions.

Don't forget the Early Bird Draw. Register by Feb 11 to have a chance at winning back your registration costs. There's also a challenge out to the Zone Chairs for the most Early Bird registrations within their zone - so do your part and help your zone win. ☺

Talk to other Lions and ask if they've registered. If not then try convincing them to do so (and I know you've already sent in your registration - right?).

Shawna

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## Keynote Speakers

By DG Judy Portas



Hello My Dear Lions,

I am very pleased to inform you that we have two wonderful keynote speakers for the conference.

Our luncheon speaker will be Narges Nirumvala. She is a professional speaker and comes highly recommended. She will be talking about the "Benefits and Pride in Volunteering". You can read more about her at [www.NargesNirumvala.com](http://www.NargesNirumvala.com).

Our Dinner speaker will be our special guest, PID Gilles Melancon. He is from Quebec and has been a Lion since 1964. PID Gilles has held numerous positions at all levels of Lionism, received many awards, and was an International Director from 1997-1999. PID Gilles has also been awarded the Ambassador of Good Will Award, which is the highest honour that can be bestowed upon a Lion. PID Gilles has a great reputation as a speaker, so you can expect a great speech from him.

Looking forward to seeing many of you soon,

DG Judy

## Contests and Awards

By Wendy Canessa



My fellow Rock'n'Rollers, it's time to get excited about this year's Contests and Awards. Let's aim to have every club in 19H enter at least one contest or award category. Then come out on Sat, March 12 to see what all the clubs can do. Are you ready to enter Contests & Awards? Fun, Fellowship, and even Leadership building skills are all rolled into great categories. Here are just some of the Contests & Awards your Club can get involved with.

- Musical Comedy Award
- Musical Performance Award
- Tall Tale Award
- Scrapbook Award
- Club Bulletin Award
- Uniform Parade Award



Maybe that's not your bag? Maybe you have someone else in mind that would qualify for:

- MD19 Leo of the Year Award
- MD19 Lioness of the Year Award
- MD19 Lions Distinguished Service Award

Or do you think your Club has the talent to try for:

- Business Card Award
- Club Brochure Award
- Club Excellence Award
- Website Award



There are many Contests & Awards that are up for grabs at the 19H Spring Conference in Abbotsford. Talk to your fellow Lions and get ready to be part of the 19H Contests and Awards! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Wendy

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**District 19-H Spring Conference Registration**  
**March 11-13, 2011**

Date Rec'd

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Registration #

**Abbotsford Ramada & Conference Centre**  
**36035 North Parallel Road, Abbotsford, BC, Canada**  
 (Exit 95/Whatcom Road from Hwy 1)

**Please Book Rooms Directly with Hotel**  
 1-888-411-1070 or 1-604-870-1050



**Special Lions rate of \$112 CAD per night (plus taxes) – includes complimentary parking**

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			1 <sup>st</sup> Spring Conf.: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Current Title:	Highest Past Title:	Email:	
Special Dietary Requests: <small>(For example: allergies, gluten-free, lactose intolerant, diabetic, etc.)</small>			

**Note: Partners and guests need to complete their own registration form**

➔ Are you attending Sunday's Memorial Service (Y/N)? \_\_\_\_\_

SPRI-CON '11

**(All Prices are in Canadian Funds)**

Function	Qty	CAD\$	Total
➔ Registration (required) ←		\$12	
Friday Entertainment Night		\$15	
Saturday Lunch Buffet		\$27	
Sat Banquet – steak entree		\$45	
Sat Banquet – salmon entree		\$45	
Sat Banquet – vegetarian entree		\$45	
Sunday Breakfast Buffet		\$24	
Total Payable (CAD\$)			

- Notes:** ➔ non-Lion partners attending any of the events are required to pay for registration.  
 ➔ meal prices include gratuity and taxes  
 ➔ business or formal attire reqst'd for banquet

**Please make cheque/check payable to:**  
**Lions 19H Spring Conference**

**OR**

**Complete the following to pay by credit card:**  
 Select Card Type:  Visa  M/C  
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 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: signature only required for registrations sent by regular mail. Credit cards charges will appear on your bill with the Hotel's name.)

Send registration and payment to: **Lion Shawna Ferguson**  
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**"EARLY BIRD" draw will be made FEBRUARY 11, 2011**  
**Meal registrations MUST be received by MARCH 7, 2011**  
 (Note: Meal Tickets will not be sold at the Conference)

