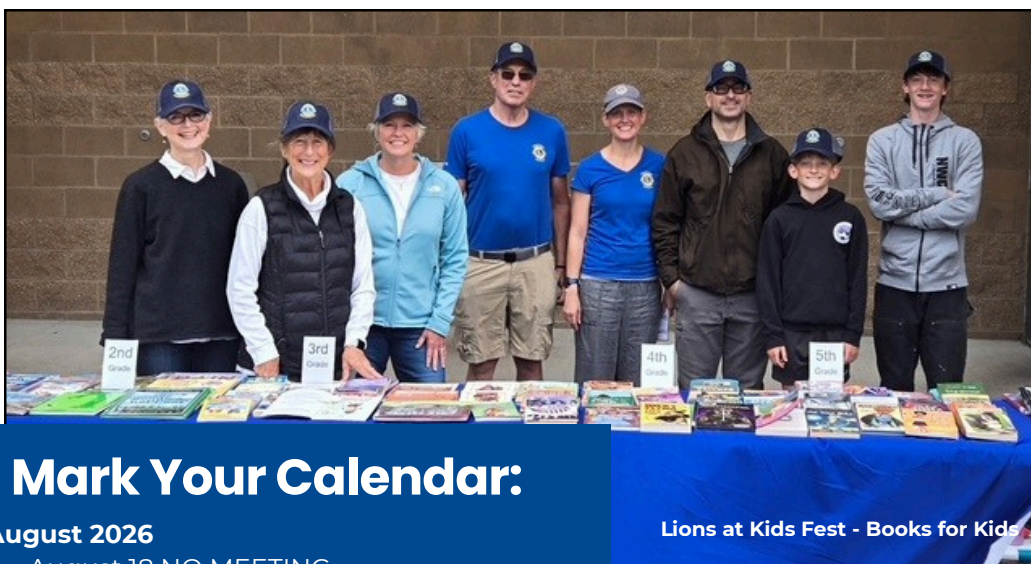


AUGUST 2026

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Lions at Kids Fest - Books for Kids

Mark Your Calendar:

August 2026

- August 18 NO MEETING
- August 25 Membership Meeting - evening dinner meeting...invite a friend!

September 2026

- September 1 Board Meeting
- September 8 Membership Meeting
- September 14 Community Needs Meeting
- September 15 Board Meeting
- September 22 Membership Meeting

Regular Meetings

Board Meetings: 1st & 3rd Tuesday @ Noon

Membership Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tuesday @ Noon

Community Needs Meeting: 2nd Monday @ Noon

Meeting Place: Lions Community Room

Tell us what you're up to!

To be included in the monthly bulletin, please send articles, photos, opportunities, and committee updates to Rebecca Anderson at rwarberg@yahoo.com



Past President Todd in hat (gift from BCLC) and Celebrating Gloria's birthday at a recent meeting!

Meeting Highlights

August 4 Board Meeting Highlights

- A rousing rendition of Happy Birthday was sung Bellingham Central style to Gloria Hardan. (pictured on front page and in collage)
- Immediate past president Todd Hathaway was presented a thank you gift, and is now sporting a fine looking hat. (pictured on front)
- 800 books were given away at the previous Books for Kids event. Sign up now for the next event on August 22 from 9:30am to 1:00pm at the Back to School event held at Bellingham High School.
- Lions Wheel Chair Warehouse served over 600 people last month with 300+ items loaned out. (They only track the wheel chairs, transfer chairs, knee scooters, and such. They do not require any tracking of items like crutches.)
- There is still a need for volunteers on Sept 19 for Mass Disaster Preparedness Training conducted by EMS, Airport, and Hospital personnel who need this certification every 3 years. Contact Peter if you can help, must be 18 or older at this time, and need to sign up by Sept 3.
- Aug 25 meeting is an evening dinner meeting for all membership, please invite a friend too!



Lions Year's of Service

August

John Hooley 54 years
Dan Cantrell 48 years
Bob Curtis 9 years
Rebecca Anderson 9 years
Rich Sundance 5 years
Todd Hathaway 4 years
Linda Rawls 4 years

September

David Goss 24 years
Don Webster 22 years
Bonnie Goss 22 years
Kelly Jeffrey 21 years



Picture from planning meeting held on July 28, 2026

Lions Information and Training Schedule

Information provided by Al Hedstrom

- The session on new fundraising ideas has been postponed to 9 September.
- Stephanie O'Dell will talk about community collaboration and recruiting through marketing, Be Seen Doing Great Things.
- Last, we have two sessions on the Lion Portal. The first is information for every Lion on accessing and navigating this important online tool, 7 August. The second Portal session is with Lion Lori Kirkham who will lead us through the various club officer tasks.
- And by popular demand we are doing another session on dealing with the toxic Lion in your club.

The full schedule is posted on the MD-19 website, lionsmd19.org/downloads/md19-training-schedule.pdf.

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7th Annual "Out of the Darkness Walk"

Information from Steve Carroll, lion.stevencarroll.walk@gmail.com

It's that time of year again !!!

We've had many Lions volunteers that participated in past year's "Out of the Darkness Walk & Mental Health Fair". It cannot be emphasized enough how important your participation as Lion's has been to the success of this Zone Project each year. Thank you!!!!

It is very much appreciated by the community as evidenced by the incredible unsolicited feedback I have received...not only within the community but by the AFSP leadership within our NW District, as well as our NY Headquarters.

Please consider volunteering this year for the 7th Annual "Out of the Darkness Walk" on Sat, Sept 19th, once again at Bellingham High School.

The Mental Health Resource Fair and registration begins at 9:00 am with the Walk ceremonies beginning at 10:00 am.

All volunteers will need to be there by 8:00 am.

I will need some of you to be there at 7:00 am to help with set-up and later on around 11:00 am for help with breakdown/cleanup. Breakdown will be completed by noon.

Please indicate who will be helping with set-up, who needs special considerations such as limited ability to stand or can only be available during certain of the hours.

Feel free to add others to the list, Lions or future-Lions, who would like to volunteer for the event. Please reply by Sept 1, 2026 and include available volunteers and their contact information.

Also, on the next page you will find the 2026 AFSP OOTDW Poster for distribution on Social Media, workplace, church, friends and family, etc.

Please let me know where you have distributed the info!!!

I hope to see you there on Sept 19th. Flyer with information on the next page!

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Pictured left:
Welcome back to the Concessions Stand
(Mike, Pamela, Patty and Gloria)



Pictured right:
Lions Books for Kids
volunteer Robin, Debbie,
newest Lions member Stacie,
Joe and their leader Amber
at the Kids Fest Event in
August

Pictured right:
Gloria and Debbie at a
meeting (Happy
Birthday to Gloria!)



Pictured below:
Lions at the BCLC planning meeting led
by Lynden Lion Galen Laird

