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Mark Your Calendar:

November 2026
- November 24 Membership Meeting

December 2026
- December 1 Board Meeting
- December 6 Christmas Party (4 to 6 pm)
- December 15 Board Meeting

January 2027
- January 5 Board Meeting
- January 12 Membership Meeting
- January 19 Board Meeting
- January 26 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



Bellingham Central Lions Club hard at work

Meeting Highlights

Board Meeting Highlights

Books for Kids
- Two events in December - watch for details
- Need: one Lion to co-chair Books for Kids with Amber

Concession Stand
- Home stretch on football season!
- 445 volunteer hours for October

Glasses
- 3,400 donations in August
- 3,800 donations in September

Haskell Eye Clinic
- 20 volunteers, 97 volunteer hours and 52 patients in October
- Open first and third Thursdays from 12:30 to 4:00 pm

Hearing Aids
- Three applications in one week!

NW Scholarships
- November is School Spirit Month - wear something from your past to November membership meetings

Wheelchair Warehouse
- 366 volunteer hours and $3,262 donations in October
- Four wheelchairs given to PeaceHealth

Lions Year's of Service

November
Wayne Weed 38 years
Patty Allen-White 36 years
Karilynn Hardan 36 years
Gene Knutson 31 years
Peter Anderson 25 years
Marcia Delorme 15 years
Nancy Abbott 13 years
Arthur Mccan 9 years
Amber Becker 8 years
Jerad Becker 8 years
Coral Levin 4 years
Joseph Burda 3 years

December
Karen McGaa 16 years
Erika Buse 10 years
Jennifer Evans Thompson 4 years

Lions Training

The November & December information schedule has been published. The left illustration is from the MD-19 webpage (LionsMD19.org) and on the right is the MD-36 webpage, (MD36LionsClubs.org).

There are many interesting topics in the new schedule:
- An examination of the dispute resolution process
- The mysterious Lions After Dark
- Zone Chair training (English and Chinese)
- Club Secretary training (English)
- Dealing with the toxic Lion (Chinese)
- The basic Intro to Excel (two sessions)

And many more ...

2027 Huntsville Forum

Submitted by Peter Anderson

The MD19 Foundation is offering to cover the Registration fees for all attendees ($365 early bird registration.) Transportation and living space while there is on your own or budget expense item or possibly club support. I really like these and the idea of Huntsville Alabama and space ships.... Geek out! Just saying.

Registration information: https://members.lionsforum.org/event-6769083

BCLC Christmas Party - December 6 at 4:00 pm

BCLC Christmas Party 12/6/26 from 4:00 to 6:30pm
📍 Portal Creek Park 6350 Portal Way, Ferndale, WA

We're looking forward to an enjoyable afternoon of good food, laughter, friendship, and holiday cheer! We'll enjoy dinner together and have a fun Christmas gift exchange. For the gift exchange – bring a wrapped gift with a $15 maximum limit. Everyone is welcome to participate!

Bring your own beverages.
Food to Share – Please choose an item from the sign-up list below.

- Ham (already provided)
- Scalloped Potatoes (to serve 12) X 2
- Deviled Eggs (1 dozen) X 3
- Salad (to serve 12) X 2
- Dinner Rolls & Butter (bags of 12) X 2
- Appetizer Plate (vegetables, pickles & dip) X 2
- Desserts (to serve 12) X 2

Let's make this a wonderful opportunity to relax, enjoy each other's company, and celebrate the friendships that make our Lions Club so special. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

December 1 - Giving Tuesday and BCLC

Taken from email from Jennifer Evans Thompson

Did you know that December 1st is Giving Tuesday? We are raising funds for several of our core projects and we need your help in getting the word out. Please let your friends, family, co-workers and centers of influence know. Let's make this first Giving Tuesday Campaign for the Bellingham Central Lions a success. No donation is too small. Did you know that $100.00 can by 38 books for us to give out to kids?? Over the next few weeks we will be posting on Social Media so, please share that on your networks. I have included a small explanation about our club and why we are raising funds. We have big goals, big dreams and as a collective whole we can do this. Thank you all in advance for your participation and let make the most if this Giving Tuesday!!

GivingTuesday is a global day of generosity that brings people together to support causes that strengthen their communities.

This year, your gift to Bellingham Central Lions Club will help fund three life-changing local programs and current needs: the Wheelchair Warehouse, which provides mobility equipment to those in need; the Haskell Eye Clinic, which helps improve access to vision care for those who don't have the means; and Lions Books for Kids, which promotes literacy by putting books into the hands of children.

Every dollar stays local and helps us serve our neighbors with practical support, compassion, and hope. No matter the size, your donation makes a real difference.

Join us this Giving Tuesday and help Bellingham Central Lions build a stronger, healthier, and more connected community. 🦁💙



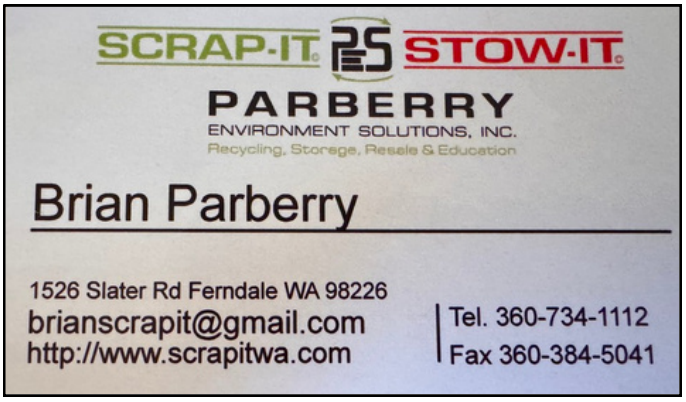
Conventions For Multiple District 19

March 19-20, 2027 District 19-O Skagit Casino Resort, Bow, Washington USA
April 9-10, 2027 District 19-S Coeur d'Alene Casino, Worley, Idaho USA
April 16-18, 2027 District 19-L Nanaimo, British Columbia Canada
April 16-17, 2027 District 19-N Heathman Hotel, Vancouver, Washington USA
April 23-24, 2027 District 19-I West Kelowna, British Columbia Canada

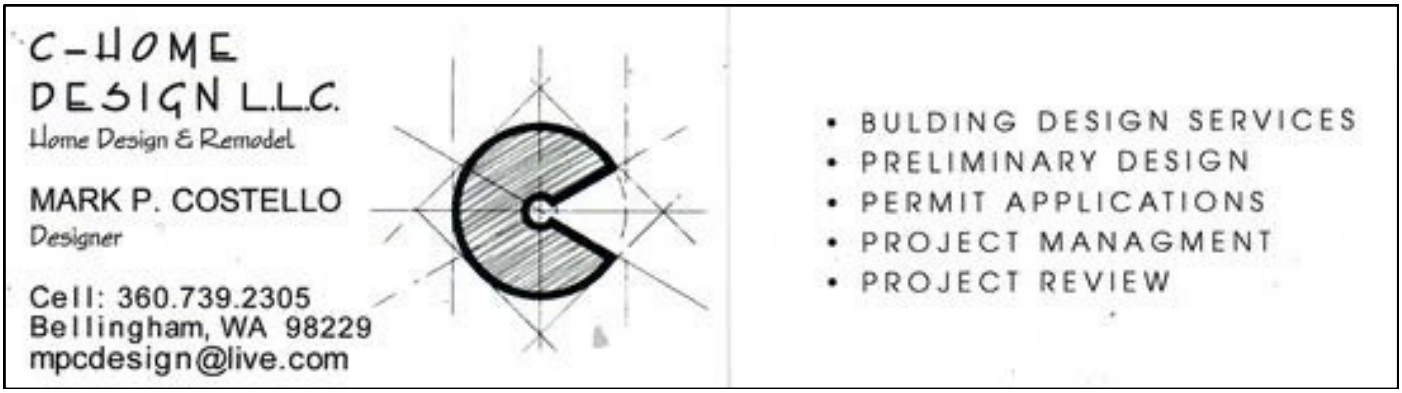
For more information on any of these events - visit the MD19 website:
https://lionsmd19.org/











Empower Independence: Sponsor a Future Leader Dog

Taken from Leader Dog email submitted by Patty Allen-White (note this has been edited for this publication)

Every Leader Dog begins as a puppy with the potential to change someone's life.

For Krisitin, raising puppies for Leader Dogs for the Blind has become an important part of her life – and of her service as a Lion.

She first learned about puppy raising in 2010 after seeing a Facebook post asking for volunteers. She applied, expecting to wait several months. Instead, just two weeks later, her first Future Leader Dog arrived.

Fourteen puppies, one Leader Dog Mom and six temporary puppy placements later, Kristin is still helping prepare dogs for the possibility of becoming a guide dog. Today, she also serves as a Puppy Development Coordinator at Leader Dog and is a member of the Flushing Lions Club and Leader Dog Chair for District 11-D-1.

For Kristin, those roles all share the same purpose: helping people live with greater independence and confidence.

"Every Lion should be proud of what our organization has done. Three Lions founded Leader Dog in 1939, and Lions continue to be some of Leader Dog's strongest supporters. I love knowing that I can help change someone's life – whether through cane skills or a Leader Dog to guide them."

Your Lions Club can be part of that journey, too.

With a $500 Symbolic Puppy Sponsorship, your club can choose a Future Leader Dog to sponsor while helping Leader Dog provide the skills, confidence and independence that can change a person's life.

Your club will receive a portrait and profile of your sponsored puppy, four wallet-size photos to share, an official symbolic sponsorship certificate and commemorative patch, and a matching plush puppy.

Display them at your club meetings, bring your plush puppy to community events and share your sponsorship with others. It's a wonderful way to celebrate what Lions have helped make possible at Leader Dog for generations.

Symbolically Sponsor A Puppy



Bellingham Central Lions Club at Work

Years ago Lion Gloria and daughter Lion Karilyn along with Lion Volunteer Linda Anderson, worked together at Gloria's business, Browns Beauty Supply. Today, they served at the Lions Concession Stand at Civic Field together.













