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Mark Your Calendar:

October 2026
- October 27 Membership Meeting

November 2026
- November 3 Board Meeting
- November 6-7 My Garden Nursery fundraising by Lion Ron Evans
- November 10 Membership Meeting
- November 12 Book Event at Salvation Army Food Bank
- November 16 Community Needs Meeting
- November 17 Board Meeting
- November 24 Membership Meeting

December 2026
- December 1 Board Meeting
- Chrismas party - TBD
- December 15 Board Meeting

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

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



Bellingham Central Lions Club looking cool as they work at the concession stand

Meeting Highlights

October 6th and 20th Board Meeting Highlights

Books for Kids
- Thursday, November 12th at 10 am to 1 pm - event at Salvation army Food Bank in Birchwood

Concession Stand
- Look ahead on the calendar and sign up for concession stand shifts
- Out of 60 able bodies, only 30 are currently working shifts

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

Haskell Eye Clinic
- Marcia Delorme is helping as an Assistant Administrator
- Any members fluent in Spanish willing to help in the front office once or twice a month should contact Nancy.

Hearing Aids
- NWLF has contract for those in need of this program
- Whatcom Audiology currently might be the only authorized dispenser
- Community Needs could help those with insurance who are still in need of financial assistance
- BCLC will be giving the Hearing Aid Program $400 per year

NW Scholarships
- October 29th WCC Luncheon
- Four WCC and five BTC recipients

Wheelchair Warehouse
- August report: 505 clients, 303 volunteer hours and $3,018 in donations

Don't miss the Membership Meeting on October 27th at 5:30 pm - come ready for Chili and Bingo!

Lions Year's of Service

October
James Bergner 51 years
Michael Rawls 49 years
Richard Cranfill 37 years
John Dickerson 31 years
Dean Bates 27 years
Keith Wallace 25 years
Ken Henderson 25 years
John Wilson 23 years
Mike Simonds 20 years
Debbie Costello 12 years
Tess Tondi 9 years
David Tondi 9 years
Laurel Piper 4 years
Jonathan Rands 4 years
Georgia Johnson-Carroll 2 years

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

BCLC Scholarship Committee Report - October 2026

Submitted by Wes Reynolds 10/12/2026

This is a summation of where Bellingham Central Lions Club stands with college scholarships.

This is the largest single effort of the BCLC that is directed to members of the community who are between high school and retirement age.

1. Whatcom Community College (WCC) Scholarships were first awarded to three students for the academic year of 2023-24, and again in 2024-25 and again in 2025-26. Our Lions Club funded scholarships were approved by our board in spring 2026 in the amount of $8,000 for 2026-27. WCC has announced four recipients of BCLC scholarships for the 2026-27 academic year and they are: Jaime Hernandez, Social Work Major; Alexandra Lee, Social Work Major; Alexander Baker, Business Major; and Hannah Cain, Biology Major.

2. BCLC also paid $8,000 to the scholarship program at Bellingham Technical College (BTC) for the 2026-27 year. Dr. James Lemerond, BTC President, spoke to our club this past spring. BTC accepts applications until June and awards scholarships in the summer. BTC Lions scholarship recipients for 2026-2027 are: Vanessa Andriychuk (Radiologic Technology); Katie Bevens (Nursing (RN)); Junior Hernandez (Radiologic Technology) Erin Lyons (Nursing (Practical)); Ashley Morrison (Nursing (RN)).

3. Thank you statements from the 2025-2026 WCC and BTC students expressing their gratitude and motivations were forwarded to the newsletter editor and appeared in the Jungleer last year. This will be repeated for 2026-2027.

4. We still need to note on our BCLC website and in a newsletter that students should apply to their school, either WCC or BTC for our Bellingham Central Lions Club scholarships. The website could have a link for donations to scholarships as it can for each club program.

5. The disbursements from BCLC to colleges occur in the second half of our fiscal year.

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Thank you for supporting the student(s) who received your scholarship for 2026–27. This year, we asked students to "Describe a moment, experience, or inspiration that led you to pursue a career in your chosen field." I've included their response to this prompt as a way to introduce them to you, along with any thank you notes we have received.

This summer, we awarded over $1,500,000 in scholarships to 494 students (so far)—a remarkable investment in their futures and in our campus community. With a highly competitive applicant pool, the selection process was both inspiring and challenging. Each student's story reflects determination, resilience, and a deep commitment to building a brighter future.

The students introduced in these letters were selected during our primary scholarship cycle. As the year unfolds, some students' plans or eligibility may change. When that happens, their scholarship is awarded to another deserving student through our Second Chance Scholarship Round later in the fall. This process ensures that your generosity continues to support students who will fully benefit from the opportunity you've provided.

Your generosity makes all the difference. You're helping students stay in school, achieve their goals, and strengthen their families and communities. We're grateful for your trust in us to steward your scholarship and honored to share in the impact you're making.

With gratitude,

Valerie Frank, Dean Fulton, and the BTC Foundation Scholarship Committee

Vanessa Andriychuk - Radiologic Technology

Bellingham Central Lions Club Scholarship

I chose to pursue the Radiologic Technology program because I have always been fascinated by health care and human biology. My interest in this field became a true career goal after a personal experience I had in the fifth grade when I fractured the fifth metatarsal bone in my right foot after slipping and landing on it. When I went in for imaging to confirm the injury, the radiologic technologist repositioned my foot abruptly and without explanation. The movement caused significant pain and discomfort, and I felt unprepared for what was happening. Afterward, I told my mother about the experience, and she explained that I should've been informed about procedures and positioned carefully, especially when in pain. That experience had a lasting impact on me. It inspired me to pursue a career in radiologic technology so that I could provide a

better experience for patients. I want to ensure that every patient feels respected, informed, and as comfortable as possible throughout the imaging process. By communicating clearly, showing empathy, and treating patients with compassion, I hope to make a positive difference during what can often be a stressful and painful time in their lives.

Katie Bevens - Nursing (RN)

Bellingham Central Lions Club Scholarship

I never felt a calling to a specific career until I was hospitalized at 31 to deliver my first daughter. My first pregnancy happened during the first year of the COVID-19 shutdown, which came with its own unique challenges and isolation. It wasn't the birth experience I'd hoped for. My labor ended in an emergency C-section, and for the first time in my life, I felt completely vulnerable. I had to place an extraordinary amount of trust in a team of well-trained strangers whose actions would directly affect both my daughter's outcome and my own. Watching the nurses work changed something in me. Their calm demeanor, efficiency, and quiet confidence helped me stay grounded through one of the most overwhelming moments of my life. Even when I was exhausted, scared, and disappointed that my birth plan had changed, they made me feel safe. At the time, I wasn't fulfilled in my career. Seeing those nurses care for me sparked an epiphany: I wanted to be on their side of the equation. I wanted to be someone people could trust on one of the hardest days of their lives. I wanted to invest my energy in work that truly mattered to me. If I could thrive in a job I wasn't passionate about, I couldn't help but wonder how much more I was capable of if I loved the work I was doing. That experience ultimately led me to nursing. I hope to become the kind of nurse who helps patients feel the same sense of comfort, confidence, and compassion that ultimately changed my career trajectory.

JuniorHernandez - RadiologicTechnology

Bellingham Central Lions Club Scholarship

After leaving engineering, I sought a career in healthcare that would bridge my technical background with my desire for meaningful patient interaction. My experience as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) was foundational, teaching me that true care requires both clinical competence and the ability to preserve a patient’s dignity through empathy and active listening. While I appreciate the hands on connection of bedside care, I discovered that radiologic technology was the perfect evolution of my goals. It allows me to apply the methodical problem solving and precision I gained in engineering to a clinical setting where I can ease patient anxiety and produce high-quality images vital for diagnosis. Transitioning to radiology is not a change in direction, but a refinement of my purpose; it is a role that utilizes my strengths in technical care and emotional support to make a tangible difference in the lives of those I serve.

Erin Lyons - Nursing (Practical)

Bellingham Central Lions Club Scholarship

When I was nine, I was diagnosed with type one diabetes. This led to my first hospitalization and first significant memory of the nursing field. During my stay in the hospital, I learned the importance of knowledgeable and caring nursing staff. For the majority of my stay, I had a nurse named Koleen assigned to me. She understood the difficulty of my diagnosis from the perspective of a child. She was able to approach me with my treatments in ways that eased my distress at the thought of constant needle pricks. Since this experience, I have had an interest in the medical field and how much it can change one’s life. Another experience that has deeply motivated me has been having the opportunity of taking care of survivors that have faced violence. It is an honor to be someone they trust to help. Thus far, this has been the highest privilege I have experienced. Connecting with them and their stories has inspired me to seek out ways that we can better our healthcare

approach, and gives me hope to see survivors thrive. I believe their successes are an optimistic sign.

Ashley Morrison - Nursing (RN)

Bellingham Central Lions Club Scholarship

As a young single mom who had two medically needy children, I have had to advocate for myself and my children to get better health care from providers that used my age as a reason to disregard my knowledge of what was happening to my children. I want to help patients be educated in their medical discissions and help them make sure their needs are met within a system that can be challenging for most to navigate. I think it really helps a patient to be informed so that they can better care for themselves and nurses provided a lot of that education.

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I am writing to extend my deepest gratitude for awarding me the Bellingham Central Lions Club Scholarship. It is an honor to be chosen, and I am deeply appreciative of the support you are providing toward my educational journey. This scholarship will significantly ease the financial burden of my education and allow me to focus more on my academic and professional goals. I am currently pursuing Radiologic Technology, and with your support, I am one step closer to achieving my dreams. Thank you again for your generosity and for believing in students like me. I am committed to working hard and giving back to others in the future, just as you have given to me.

With sincereappreciation,
VanessaAndriychuk

Dear BTC Foundation Scholarship Committee,

I am writing to sincerely thank you for the scholarship from the Central Bellingham Lyons Club.

Your support is going to provide significant relief while in the nursing program. It will allow me to work fewer hours and focus more time and energy towards my studies.

After graduation, I look forward to using my education to serve the community.

Sincerely,
Erin Lyons



To the gracious donors of the Bellingham Central Lions Club,

Iam grateful for your generosity in awarding my family this scholarship, as these funds will help to relieve the financial stress from my ambitious endeavor into nursing while raising a young family simultaneously. I look forward to continuing the pursuit of a better life through a meaningful career in Nursing. I look forward to doing my part in giving back to the community during my time in school as a CNA/UC at St. Joseph Medical Center and as a Nurse in the future.

A most heartfelt thank you,

Katie Bevens

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Bellingham Central Lions Club Scholarship, Thank You, Letter

Dear Bellingham Central Lions Club Scholarship Committee,

I would like to sincerely thank you for awarding me the Bellingham Central Lions Club Scholarship. I am truly grateful for your generosity and for your support in my education. Receiving this scholarship means a great deal to me. It will help me continue my education at Bellingham Technical College and work toward achieving my educational and career goals. I greatly appreciate the time, effort, and generosity that you have invested in supporting students like me. Thank you again for this opportunity and for helping make my education possible. I am very grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

Junior Hernandez

Whatcom Community College Students

Whatcom Community College Students 2026-2027 who have been awarded a Bellingham Central Lions Club Annual Scholarship

The following messages were shared by Whatcom Community College Foundation Scholarship Coordinator Rose Hill. These are the conclusions of statements that describe their challenges and motivations. All of these students are working as they study for their degrees.

Alexander Baker is pursuing an Associate in Business degree.

What would you like to say to the donor who made your scholarship possible? You might share how you felt when you first found out you received it, how it's helping you right now, or how it's motivating you to keep going. A few heartfelt words can mean so much! Thank you so so SO much. Your faith and donations are why I am able to continue chasing my dreams and are paving the path to my success. When it was announced I had been awarded this scholarship, an INTENSE sigh of relief came over me. With this money I can continue to buy high-quality food, I can pay for my rent, and I can continue living my life. Thank you for believing in me, and I am excited to one day pass on the good will.

Jaime Hernandez is pursuing a Bachelor of Applied Science in Social Work

What would you like to say to the donor who made your scholarship possible? You might share how you felt when you first found out you received it, how it's helping you right now, or how it's motivating you to keep going. A few heartfelt words can mean so much! Hello. My name is Jaime Hernandez, and I am an entrepreneur and a father. I currently work full-time and raise my 13-year-old son 4 days a week. I have been going to school for a long time and have struggled because my family was immigrants and lacked the education to help me get through school with ADD and Dyslexia. I was in special Education reading till 5th grade. I am currently getting support at school through the disabilities program, and it has been a tremendous help!! I really love learning and always have. With your kindness and generosity it allows other humans to feel supported and seen. My life purpose seems to be supporting people with injury care and overall wellness. I love gardening, painting, playing music, hiking, and having quality time with my family. I love my community here in Bellingham and hope to live my life out here. This community is amazing! My son was born here, too and is in 7th grade. My daughter is 26 and is a ballerina.

Whatcom Community College Students - continued

Alexandra Lee is pursuing a Bachelor of Applied Science in Social Work

What would you like to say to the donor who made your scholarship possible? You might share how you felt when you first found out you received it, how it's helping you right now, or how it's motivating you to keep going. A few heartfelt words can mean so much! I am a single mother of two children, a son and a daughter, who are entering kindergarten and first grade. I currently work full-time at an independent senior living center, and after being away from school for over 10 years, I am now a full-time student at Whatcom Community College, pursuing my degree in Substance Use Disorders. Addiction has had a significant presence in my life, but I have chosen to use my experiences as a way to create change and help others who are struggling. I understand what it feels like to be in that place because I have been there myself, and I hope to use my perspective to support others through their own journeys of recovery. After completing my Associate degree in Substance Use Disorders, I plan to continue my education by earning my bachelor's and master's degrees in social work. Helping others has always been something I have been passionate about, and I am grateful for the opportunity to turn my experiences into a career where I can make a difference.

Hannah Cain is pursuing a transfer degree in Biology

What would you like to say to the donor who made your scholarship possible? You might share how you felt when you first found out you received it, how it's helping you right now, or how it's motivating you to keep going. A few heartfelt words can mean so much! This scholarship means so much to me and my family who supports me, aiding in the struggle of paying for college. I'd like to thank the Bellingham Central Lions Club for their generosity, I I am so thankful to be chosen for this award. Financial support like this goes a long way, especially for someone from another state, and this scholarship will be incredibly helpful in paying my tuition. Without the burden of unmet financial needs, I can focus on my studies and gain the experience I need to have a strong foundation in my future career. The welcoming and encouraging community in Bellingham motivates me every day to work hard towards my goals, this assistance is a strong example of that. I will use this opportunity to put forth my best effort and achieve my dream to study science and the world we live in. From the bottom of my heart, Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship.

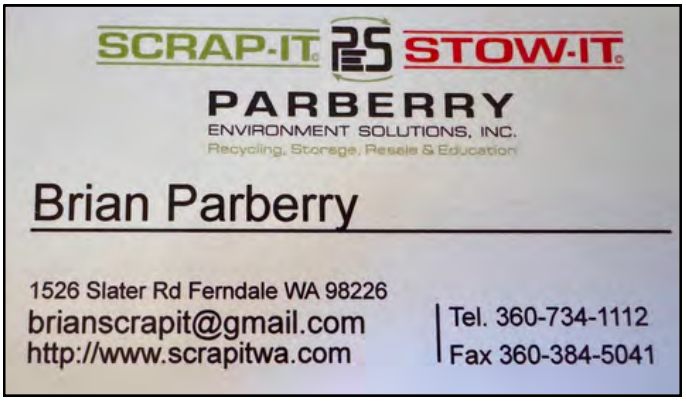
Conventions For Multiple District 19

March 19-20, 2027 District 19-O Skagit Casino Resort, Bow, Washington USA
April 9-10, 2027 District 19-S Couer 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

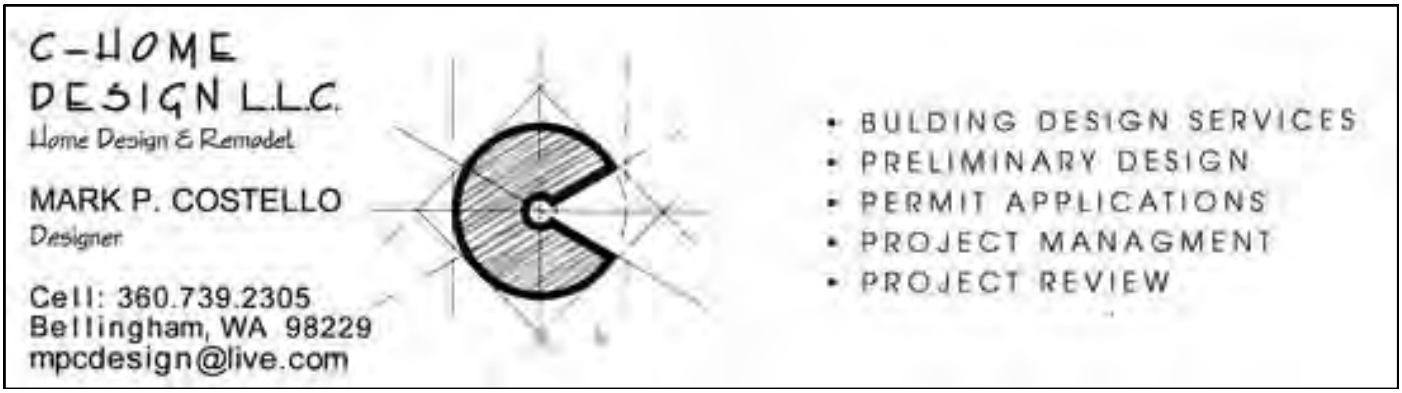
For more information on any of these events - visit the MD19 website:
https://lionsmd19.org/











Support Lion Ron and a Great Cause

By Lion Jen Evans

If your yard or garden need a little personality (or you just want an excuse to shop), stop by the Garden Artisan Market at My Garden Nursery and say hello to Lion Ron Evans!

Ron will be showcasing and selling his artwork, and the best part? 50% of his sales will be donated to the Wheelchair Warehouse, supporting a cause close to all our hearts.

📅 Saturday, November 7 | 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM
📅 Sunday, November 8 | 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Browse unique creations from talented local artisans, enjoy the beauty of the season, and support both local artists and our community. You may even find the perfect piece you didn't know you needed!

My Garden Nursery
929 E. Bakerview Rd.
Bellingham, WA 98226

Come for the art, stay for the inspiration, and help turn creativity into community impact! 🦁💙



Belingham Central Lions: Haskell Lions Eye Clinic

By Lion Jen Evans

Exciting news! Ken Henderson submitted a grant request to Cheddar Up for the HEC and we are one of the winners this past quarter. Cheddar Up is a system we use for collecting dues, installation banquet tickets, donations, etc. Thank you Ken for submitting the request. It has been a great partnership with Cheddar Up and HEC now has $1,500.00 more to help patients.

Taken from the Cheddar Up Changemaker application website:

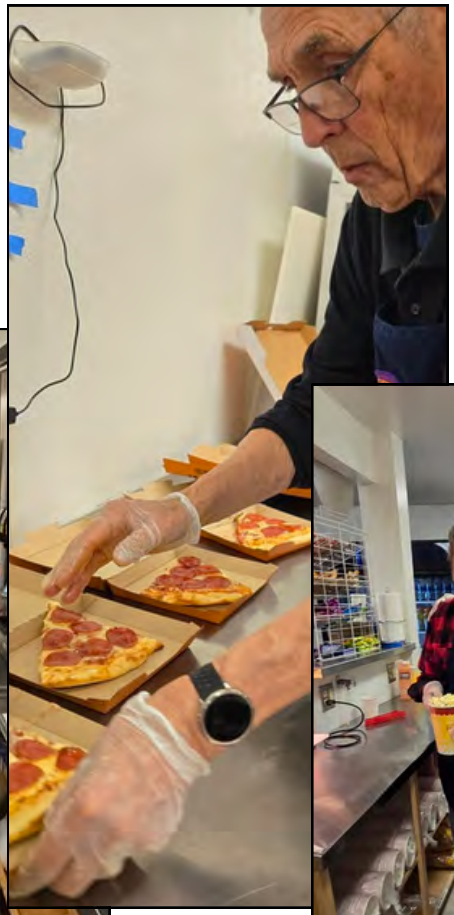
For 15 years, Bellingham Central Lions volunteers have run a free eye clinic for low-income and uninsured families. Along with exams and glasses, the clinic helps patients access medically necessary eye care they couldn't otherwise afford, from cataract surgery to glaucoma treatment.

Bellingham Central Lions Club at Work











Bellingham Central Lions Club at Play





