

BELLINGHAM CENTRAL LIONS

# JUNGLEER



## Mark Your Calendar:

### September 2025

- September 16 Board Meeting
- September 20 Suicide Walk
- September 23 Membership Meeting

### October 2025

- October 7 Board Meeting
- October 12 Pistol Pete's Fund Raiser
- October 13 Community Needs Meeting
- October 14 Membership Meeting
- October 21 Board Meeting
- October 28 Membership 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](mailto:rwarberg@yahoo.com)

## Regular Meetings

**Board Meetings:** 1st & 3rd Tuesday @ Noon

**Membership Meetings:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday @ Noon

**Community Needs Meeting:** 2nd Monday

**Meeting Place:** Lions Community Room



## Pictured Right

Patty Allen-White enjoying good conversation at the BCLC picnic

## Committee Updates

### Concession Stand:

[Sign up to help!](#)

### NW Washington Fair:

- NWWF Wheelchair program topic of September 16 Board Meeting



Candy receives Melvin Jones Award



## District O News

taken from District O Newsletter sent on September 13

September Zoom [MD-19 Training Schedule](#)

9/27 10 am International Lions Christmas Ship, Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Fort Langley Lions Hall, 23022 – 88 Ave, Fort Langley. RSVP for lunch to [Wendy Canessa](#). ALL Lions welcome to attend!

9/27 11-3 pm East Vancouver BC Lions, Vision and Hearing Fair Flyer.

Oct 4-12 Week of Service: Mental Health and Well-Being. Plan your event and join Lions around the world to focus our global service. Check out the [mental health and well-being resource](#) for key mental health facts & service project ideas to raise awareness. For more info about Weeks of Service watch this [video](#) featuring President Singh.

Oct 12 Bellingham Central [Pistol Pete Contest](#)

Oct 15 Coupeville [Open House](#)

October MD19 Step Challenge [initial flyer](#) and [MD19 info](#) from the MD19 chair



### Lions Club Anniversaries

September

- David Goss - 23 years
- Don Webster - 21 years
- Bonnie Goss - 21 years
- Kelly Jeffrey - 20 years

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## Eyeglass Lenses and CLERC

By Peter Anderson

Recently club member Peter Anderson (pictured right) delivered 14 boxes used eyeglass lenses across the Border to Lion Barry Shiles of Surrey Central Lions Club, that otherwise would be in a landfill. Lion Barry worked a partnership out with several Canadian trucking companies who haul pallets of glasses and lenses to the facility in Calgary that is operated by Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (CLERC). All these are shipped free of charge! Now, if you always thought that the lenses were cleaned, sorted, bagged, tagged and then processed for new use in glasses, read on, and be surprised!



According to Lion Barry, lenses are actually ground down to a slurry mixture and then added to the paint that is used on the Canadian road system. That's how the reflective paint is created! Recycling is great, eh? Furthermore, the plastic frames are ground down and added to the aggregate mix that becomes the road.

Last week, the Lions of District 19-O shipped 90 boxes of eyeglasses to CLERC, each box holds 300 glasses! CLERC processes and distribute eyeglasses all over the world, (see this link <https://clerc.ca/eyeglasses/shipping-supplies/>) and check out the 100 countries that CLERC has already shipped too.

Lion Peter was stopped at the Border, and asked several questions about the lenses, including the value and quantity of the lenses. He had 14 boxes, all about the same size, each weighing about 25 pounds. His response to the Border Guard was, "while the gift of sight is priceless, these lenses have no commercial value."

Bellingham Central Lions, we have several opportunities to do simple service projects like the delivery of lenses to other clubs, let's go visiting!

## Service Opportunity

By Peter Anderson

Come, be a part of the 6th Annual "Out of the Darkness Walk" on Sat, Sept 20th, once again at Bellingham High School.

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

All volunteers will need to be there by 8am.

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

Please indicate your willingness to:

- 1/ help with set-up
- 2/ any need for special considerations such as limited ability to stand or can only be available during certain of the hours.
- 3/ please include your contact information and availability of your time

I hope to see many of you there on Sept 20th.

Contact Peter to get involved!

## Step Challenge from the MD19 Diabetes Chair

Trying to get our clubs involved and motivated and thinking about Diabetes is a challenge, sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't. As your MD Diabetes Chair, I hope to help you bring awareness to your clubs and communities about Diabetes. In doing so, let's take care of ourselves first! For the past few years the former District I and the new District L have worked at the "fitness" approach. I initiated a "Step Challenge" to all clubs. This was going along with my theme when I was District Governor "Step Up to the Plate", I asked clubs to join in and step up for Diabetes. Last year, CC Patty Allen-White approved of me taking this Multiple District wide, it was slow on catching on but I think once the "shoe" trophy was presented to the District winner, the other Districts thought why not us!

### Step Challenge

I am challenging each of the five districts to participate in this step challenge. This year as last year I ask that each walker donate a participation fee of \$5.00 which will go toward sending a child to camp in either US or CA. All monies donated will be split by where the majority of the clubs are located and sent to either the Diabetes camps in the US or Canada.

### How it will work

This will be a 30 week challenge with the winning District announced at the MD convention in May. Each District or club will need a coordinator who will receive the total steps from each club in their District and forward to me each Monday of the 30 week challenge. Something new this year, anyone can walk in this challenge! Your neighbor, friends, relatives, get them walking and reporting their steps to your coordinator, besides feeling better, submitting \$5.00 to a good cause, who knows, maybe one day they will say, "I want to join your club!"

So tune up your Fitbit, I watch, pedometer and/or apps on your phones, get ready we are about to start!

Start to walk on Monday October 6, 2025 (all weekly steps are from Monday to Sunday) report your steps to your club or District Coordinator, or even straight to me on the following Monday October 13.

Full information linked here:

[MD Step Challenge Flyer](#)

[Full Step Challenge Article](#)