

SEPTEMBER 2026

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BELLINGHAM CENTRAL LIONS

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Full House for Dinner and
Induction Ceremony - August 2026

Mark Your Calendar:

September 2026

- September 22 Membership Meeting
- September 26 Books for Kids - Buddy Fest

October 2026

- October 6 Board Meeting
- October 12 Community Needs Meeting
- October 13 Membership Meeting
- October 20 Board Meeting
- October 27 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



Lions Dinner Meeting and Induction Ceremony in August 2026

Meeting Highlights

September 1st and Sept 15th Board Meeting Highlights

Books for Kids

- Back-to-School event was a big success
- Next event on September 26 in Lynden - Buddy Fest 12-3:00 pm

NW Fair Results

- Great information received from comment book
- May need more wagons next year
- New schedule was good - closed at 8 pm

Concession Stand

- Several new Lions signed up for concession stand shifts
- Mike Simonds is training to be a captain and another person might be interested too
- Phone call won't be made for volunteers this year - please take the initiative and sign up online: bellinghamcentrallions.org
- There were 49 volunteer slots filled by 27 volunteers in the last two weeks
- Members will be called for a short survey

Haskell Eye Clinic

- Ken is meeting with Chuckanut Grant Foundation for potential grant funds for clinic equipment needs
- WWU are pleased with the eye clinic program and the clinic will remain at same location for present time

Hearing

- One of the two clinics we send hearing aid clients to has raised it's fee to \$90 (Medicare has raised fees)
- BCLC provides \$350 for hearing aids and the NW Foundation for Sight and Hearing provides the remaining cost of hearing aids

Membership

- New members were sponsored (Dylan Landkar)
- Transfers were accepted (Kenny Roos and Vicki Harnden)
- New members to induct: Pam Rasmussen and Kelly Franks

Other

- The fourth Tuesday of the month will be an evening meeting starting at 5:30 pm



Lions Year's of Service

September

David Goss 24 years
Don Webster 22 years
Bonnie Goss 22 years
Kelly Jeffrey 21 years
William Morin 1 year
Madeline Tompkins 1 year

October

James Bergner 51 years
Michael Rawls 49 years
Richard Cranfill 37 years
Ray Caldwell 36 years
Biff 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

Around Multiple District 19

September 19 - Grill Chill and Celebrate NWLERC hosting volunteer appreciation BBQ

September 19 - Volunteers needed for Bellingham Airport Emergency Exercise

September 26 - Fall Pre Council of Governors Meeting

October 3 - Fall Council of Governors Meeting

October 6 - MD19 Environmental Committee Invitation to Zoom monthly meetings

October 6 - Knights of the Blind Committee meeting on Zoom

October 10 - MD19 Memorial Garden Work Party - starts at 8:30 am - just show up

October 17 - Toast the Harbor fundraiser for Aberdeen Lions Club

For more information on any of these events - visit the MD19 website:

<https://lionsmd19.org/>



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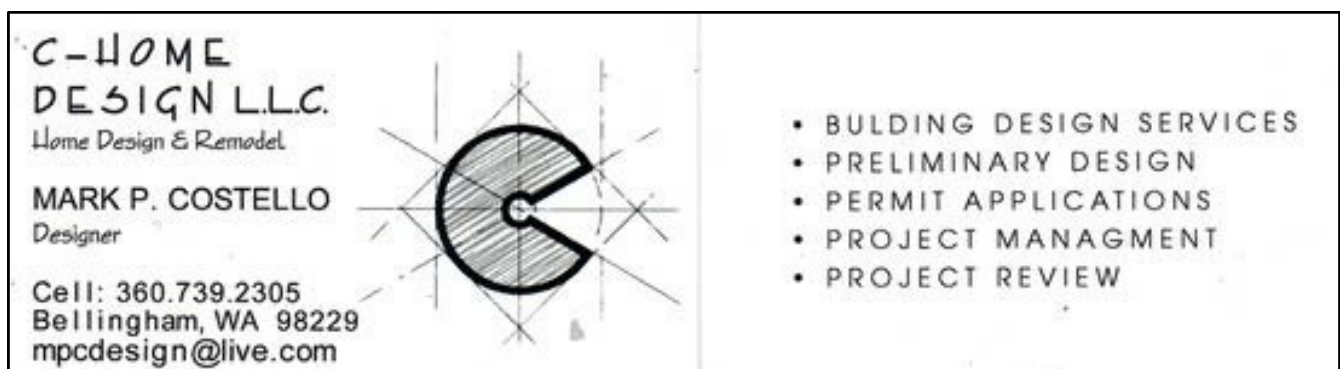
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Poker Chip Orders

Post Falls Lions July 2026
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Post Falls, ID 83877

Dear Lions,

Our club is raising funds to purchase vision screening equipment. The vision screening equipment will be available to other clubs to use to increase the efficiency of getting students screened and reported. Our goal is to raise enough money to purchase (3) units.

We are raising funds thru businesses, grants and by offering you an AMERICA 250 celebration poker chip which is of legitimate weight and size and has a metal core which is magnetic. Please see the picture. One side has an eagle and the reverse has our Lions Logo. These are available only to Lions and will be a collector's piece for Lions in MD19.

These are being sold for \$5.30 US or \$7.00 CA each or which includes taxes, & shipping by mail to you. To order please send a check for the quantity of poker chips you would like to the Post Falls Lions address. We will mail them out once we have orders completed by September 30, 2026. If you have any questions please email Larry Luther and put poker chip in subject please.

We thank you for your time and consideration of our fund raiser to help the children for their vision as this a large part of Lions efforts.

Best,
Larry Luther – Post Falls Lion Treasurer
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MD19 STEP CHALLENGE

START
SEPTEMBER 28TH,
2026

A one-time \$5.00 participation fee, paid to your District Diabetes Chair, goes to Diabetes Camps in your area

30 Weeks of counting steps - submitted weekly

Last day to walk April 25th, 2027

Updates posted in:
MD19 Diabetes Newsletter & Border Crossing

Open to Lions Members and Non-Members
(Family and Friends pay the one-time \$5.00 participation fee for steps to count)

All money raised
will send kids to
Diabetes Camps
in Canada
and USA

Winner announced at the MD19 Convention in Abbotsford, BC
weekend of May 15th - 16th, 2027



REPORT STEPS each Sunday to:
Georgia Medwedrich - gdalmaine@gmail.com

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A full house for dinner and inductions...5 new members were inducted





Greetings from Yellowstone National Park, The Grand Canyon of Yellowstone Upper Falls, Old Faithful spouting off about 250' height, looking for a Lions Club and all we found were hundreds of bison and dueling BBQ steak night in Lander, WY. We will find Lions somewhere.

From: Mark and Debbie Costello and John and Toni Wilson.



On a recent trip, Bob and Mimi found a representation of Lions in Keswick, UK (pictured left). A fantastic 2 weeks in UK and Scotland. One of the most extraordinary vacations possible.