

MD 19 Service and Leadership Development Foundation
report to the COG October 2017

Who are we?

We are a foundation that was set up by the COG in 2003 to manage a 600,000.00 dollars bequeath under the name of Multiple District 19 (MD19) Lions **Service** and **Leadership Development** Foundation. Our Board is made up of Lions representing all Districts of MD 19 and one non Lion.

Our mission as created by our Foundation Board.

To provide education and leadership training programs for the development of tomorrow's leaders in school, community, business and service organizations.

The Foundation achieves its mission by:

1. Providing training opportunities in leadership skill development communicating the need for assuming voluntary leadership roles.
2. Developing Leadership skills
3. Encouraging personal growth and the participation of those with leadership abilities in national and international skill building opportunities.

We are supplying assistance for the Leadership Development Course (old Leadership -101), subsidies for Lions to attend the Lions Leadership institute, District and Zone Officers training funding, we pay for the Go to meeting contract that allows on line training of our Vice District Governors to name a few.

Our original bequeath with accrued interest has grown sufficiently to allow for additional fund opportunities. At some point in time after the Foundation was created, the Board made the decision to Do Business As (DBA) the "**MD19 Lions Leadership Foundation**", which narrowed our focus to only Leadership as reflected in our Mission Statement above.

The Foundation Board is now looking for ideas in how the foundation can also contribute to the area of Service. Our intention is not to help finance the many service projects in a club but more to the education of service the Lions do in their community and Districts.

Our Purposes as presented in our Articles of Incorporation state that we can, "implement a public relations outreach that promotes positive community involvement and leadership skill development by service-minded individuals; and to encourage those with leadership abilities to achieve continued personal growth by accepting challenges and opportunities in community service local y regionally, nationally, and / or internationally."

Thus the now we are called MD 19 **Service** and Leadership Foundation

Some possibilities.

a. Subsidies for putting on an open house.

Example. Each District is allocated funds to help Clubs put on an open house, 5 subsidies of \$100.00 each for the 9 Districts for a total of \$4,500.00. A club to make application to us with the DGs signature, a total of five per year per District. This would educate the public as well as attract new members.

b. Workshops

Rally in the Valley type workshops on service that was conducted by the Chilliwack Lions a few years back. Very successful. We could help with financing for other Districts to do a similar event.

c. Projects Managed by new Lions who are developing their leadership skills that would not be possible without financial assistance. Partnering with local community groups on such a project would fulfill the Foundation's purpose as noted above.

Of course these are just some ideas we are exploring we are open to other ideas.

What do you think???

PCC Lion Al Beddows (President)