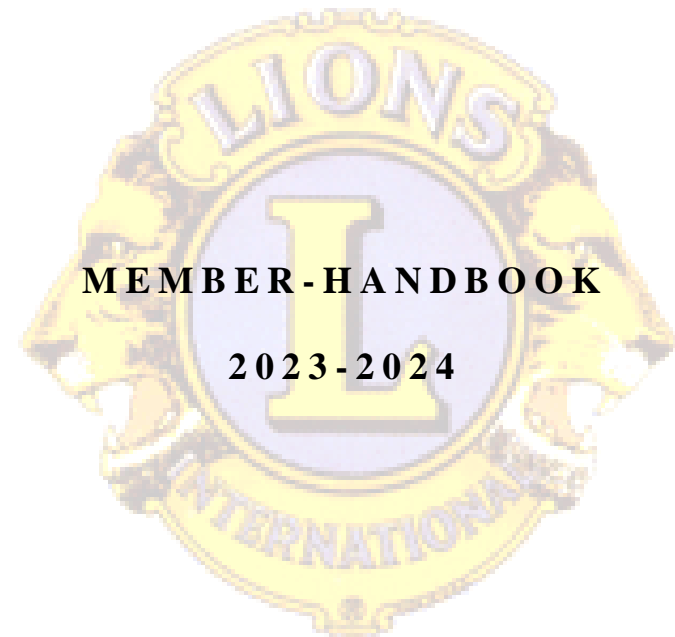


# LIONS CLUB OF ABBOTSFORD



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## Lions Club International Purposes

- **To Organize**, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.
- **To Coordinate** the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.
- **To Create** and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- **To Promote** the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- **To Take** an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- **To Unite** the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- **To Provide** a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- **To Encourage** service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

## Lions Code of Ethics

- **To Show** my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.
- **To Seek** success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.
- **To Remember** that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.
- **Whenever** a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.
- **To Hold** friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
- **Always** to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.
- **To Aid** others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.
- **To Be Careful** with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

## CLUB OFFICERS AND DUTIES

**IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT**—Assist the President as an advisor giving him/her the benefit of his/her experience gained as president. Chair the elections of the executive officers for the next Lions year.

**PRESIDENT**—Is the Chief Executive Officer and presides over all club meetings. It is your duty to appoint your club members to the various committees of the club and you are EX-Officio of all committees. With the assistance of your Vice-Presidents and the Directors, you will see that all committees function smoothly. Along with the Secretary will be Active Members of the District Governor's Advisory Committee and as such attend the Quarterly Committee Meetings of the Zone.

**SECRETARY** - One of the most important offices of the Club. The success of our Club depends largely upon the efficiency with which duties are performed. Also acts as a liaison officer between the Club, Lions International, MD 19 and District 19-H.

**TREASURER** - The custodian of all Club funds, depositing all monies received in such Bank or Banks designated by the Board of Directors. You will be part of the finance committee in preparing a budget and distributing funds upon direction of the Board of Directors using recognized and accepted business procedure.

**VICE-PRESIDENTS** - Will substitute for the President in his/her absence. The duties of the Directors also apply to you. Under the direction of the President you will oversee the function of such Committees as may be assigned to you.

**DIRECTORS** - Assist in formulation and executing the policies of the Club. All new business is considered and shaped by the Board of Directors. You will oversee the functions of such Committees as may be assigned to you and generally assist the President in the operation of the Club.

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR** - Lead the Membership Committee and help in developing and implementing a growth program approved by the Board of Directors. Encourage and assist Club members to bring in qualified members. Seek out members not attending to see why they are not attending and possibly help them return to the Club.

**LION TAMER** - Responsible for the Club property (regalia), see that flags, gong, etc. are properly placed and all materials distributed; with the assistance of the Past-Presidents, act as Official Club Greeters.

**TAIL TWISTER** - Maintains harmony and encourages good feelings and fun in the meetings. Impose and collect fines at meetings, using your best judgment. Use your resourcefulness to prompt fellowship, fun and laughter by making the members forget for the time their business and worries they may have. **REMEMBER**, the **RULE** is that the **FLOOR** is yours for that period of time.

**MEMBERS** - In general are expected to attend Club meetings and participate in club projects.

**REMEMBER:** you represent the Lions Club of Abbotsford and Lions Club International. **HAVE FUN** and enjoy the comradeship of your Club members and Lions everywhere.

## INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

The International Association of Lions Clubs began as the dream of Chicago insurance man Melvin Jones, who wondered why local business clubs -- he was an active member of one - could not expand their horizons from purely business concerns to the betterment of their communities and the world at large.

Jones' idea struck a chord within his own group, the Business Circle of Chicago, and they authorized him to explore his concept with similar organizations from around the United States. His efforts resulted in an organizational meeting at a local hotel on June 7, 1917.

The 12 men who gathered there overcame a natural sense of loyalty to their parent clubs, voted the "Association of Lions Clubs" into existence, and issued a call for a national convention to be held in Dallas, Texas, USA in October of the same year.

Thirty-six delegates representing 22 clubs from nine states heeded the call, approved the "Lions Clubs" designation, and elected Dr. William P. Woods of Indiana as their first president. Guiding force and founder Melvin Jones named acting secretary, thus began an association with Lionism that only ended with his death in 1961.

That first convention also began to define what Lionism was to become. A constitution and by-laws were adopted, the colors of purple and gold approved, and a start made on Lionism's Objectives and Code of Ethics.

One of the objects was startling for an era that prided itself on mercenary individualism, and has remained one of the main tenets of Lionism ever since. **"No Club,"** it read, **"shall hold out the financial betterment of its members as its object."**

Community leaders soon began to organize clubs throughout the United States, and the association became "international" with the formation of the Windsor, Ontario, Canada Lions Club in 1920. Clubs were later organized in China, Mexico, and Cuba. By 1927, membership stood at 60,000 in 1,183 clubs.

In 1935, Panama became home to the first Central American club, with the first South American club being organized in Columbia the following year. Lionism reached Europe in 1948, as clubs were chartered in Sweden, Switzerland, and France. In 1952, the first club was chartered in Japan.

Since then, the association has become truly global, with clubs in more than 207 countries and geographical areas worldwide.

### *The Name*

The proper name of the association is "The International Association of Lions Clubs." Many Lions, however, prefer the use of the shorter form of "Lions Clubs International."

### *The Emblem*

Throughout the world, Lions are recognized by the emblem they wear on their lapels. It consists of a gold letter "L" on a circular purple field. Bordering this is a circular gold area with two lion profiles at either side facing away from the center. The word "Lions" appears at the top, and "International" at the bottom. Symbolically, the lions face both past and future - proud of the past and confident of the future. Lions wear their emblem with pride.

### *The Motto*

The motto of every Lion is simply **"We Serve."** What better way to express the true mission of Lionism?

### *Our Vision*

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

### *Official Colors*

The royal colors of purple and gold were selected as the official colors when the association was organized in 1917. **Purple** stands for loyalty to friends and to one's self, and for integrity of mind and heart. **Gold** symbolizes sincerity of purpose, liberality in judgement, purity in life and generosity in mind, heart and purpose toward humanity.

### *Mission Statement*

To empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.

## THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS ORGANIZATION

The International Association of Lions Clubs is the world's largest and most active community service organization, with more than 1.4 million members serving in more than 46,000 clubs in 210 countries and geographical areas. Lions are recognized worldwide for their service to the blind and visually impaired.

The International Association of Lions Clubs has a proud heritage of service dating back to its beginning in 1917. With your help, the future will be even brighter.

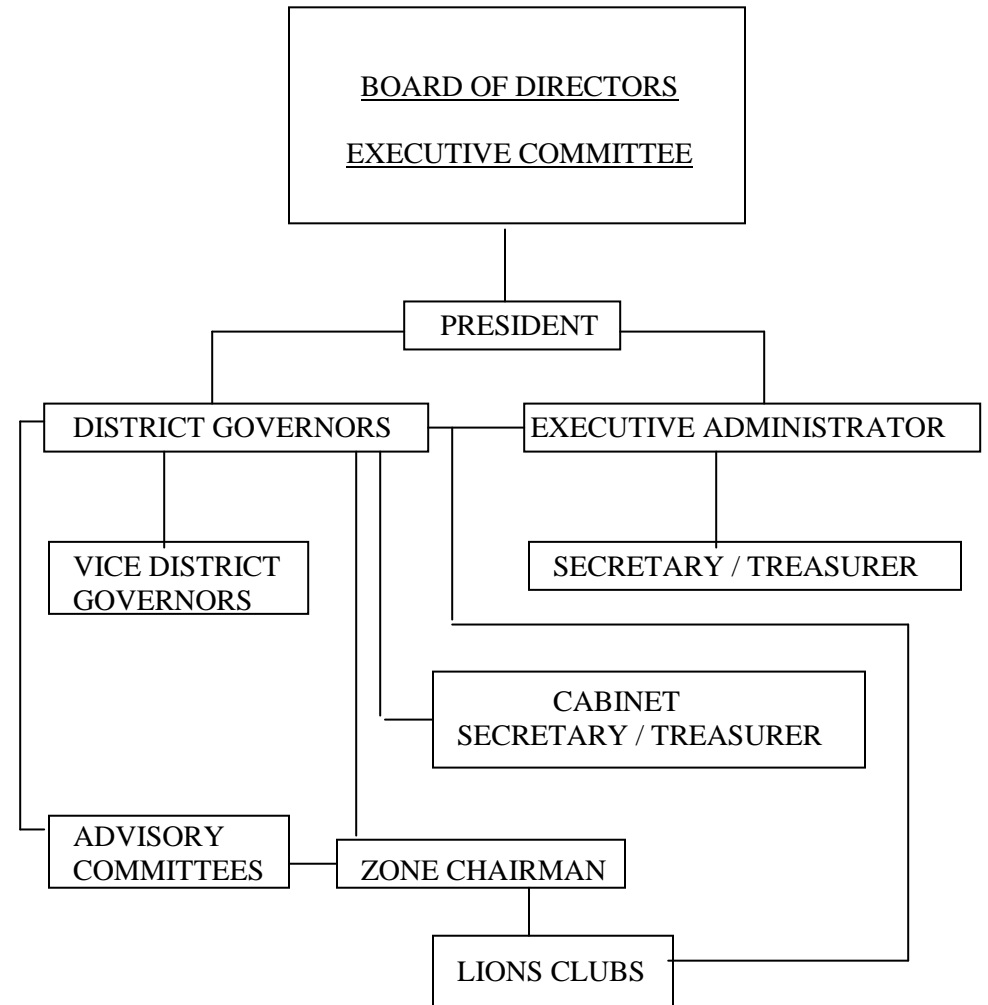
### THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS OFFICERS

President	Dr. Patti Hill
Past President	Douglas X. Alexander
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Fabricio Oliveira
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	A. P. Singh
3rd Vice President	Mark S. Lyon
35 Directors	

**Director from MD19**

Canadian Director

PID Allan Hunt



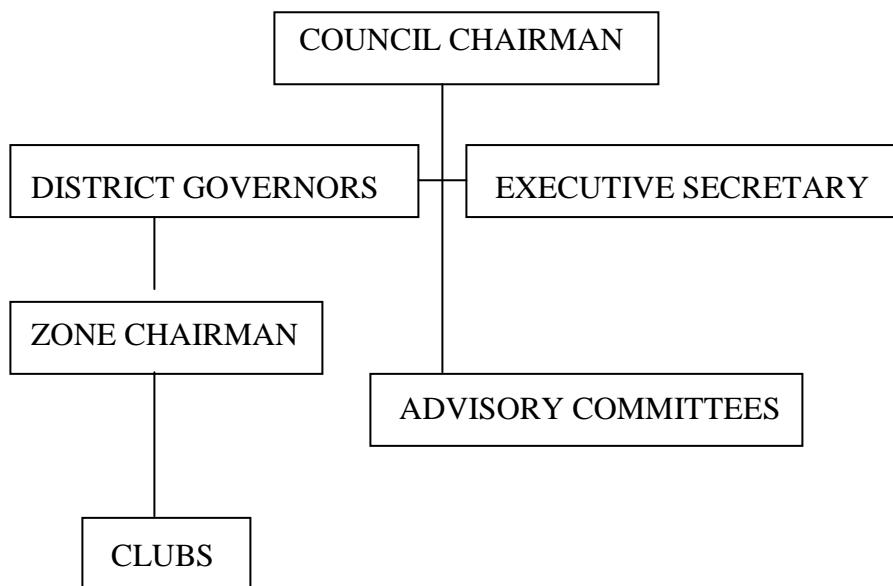
## MULTIPLE DISTRICT 19 ORGANIZATION

Multiple District 19 has 5 districts, 67 Zones and 397 Lions Clubs. The area includes the Province of British Columbia, and the States of Washington and Northern Idaho.

The members of the various advisory committees are listed in the Multiple District 19 Roster.

- Council Chairman
- Vice Council Chairman
- Immediate Past Council Chairman
- District Governor of each district
- Immediate Past District Governor of each district
- Executive Secretary is a non-voting member

Council Chairman	Steve Noble
Vice Council Chairman	Patty Allen-White
Past Council Chairman	Lyndon Harriman
District Governor “L”	Elaine Luk
District Governor “I”	Michael Livingstone
District Governor “O”	Joel Haggan
District Governor “N”	Lisa Ikeda
District Governor “S”	Ken Cook
Past District Governor “L”	May Ho
Past District Governor “L”	Lia Marie Versaevel
Past District Governor “I”	Debbie M. Allan
Past District Governor “O”	Lee Woodard (Sharon)
Past District Governor “O”	Steven Wong
Past District Governor “N”	John Budzak
Past District Governor “N”	Debbie M. Mansell
Past District Governor “S”	Harry Lippincott
Past District Governor “S”	Melissa Smith
Executive Director	Peter Anderson



## DISTRICT 19-O ORGANIZATION

District 19-O has 12 Zones and 78 Lions clubs in the Province of British Columbia, and the Washington USA.

The members of the various advisory committees are listed in the Multiple District 19 Roster.

The Cabinet consists of:

- District Governor
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor
- Past District Governor
- 12 Zone Chairpersons
- Advisory Committee members

District Governor	Joel Haggan
1st Vice District Governor	Beth James
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor	Jack Pebbles
Past District Governor	Steven Wong
Zone Chairman “O-1”	
Zone Chairman “O-2”	Tom Latter
Zone Chairman “O-3”	Robin Woolmer
Zone Chairman “O-4”	Roger Chevrier
Zone Chairman “O-5”	Galen Laird
Zone Chairman “O-6”	Scott Bullard
Zone Chairman “O-7”	Brian Pulk
Zone Chairman “O-8”	Doug Houghton
Zone Chairman “O-9”	
Zone Chairman “O-10”	
Zone Chairman “O-11”	
Zone Chairman “O-12”	Russ Carlsen

## LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- LCIF
- CARE
- DIABETES
- SIGHT
- HEARING
- EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

## LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES (CANADA)

- Lions Foundation of Canada – Guide Dogs
- Lions Quest

## LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES (B.C.)

- B.C. Lions Society for Children with Disabilities  
Camp Shawnigan - Vancouver Island  
Camp Winfield – Okanagan  
Camp Squamish - Squamish
- Easter Seal Houses  
Vancouver
- Camp Horizon – Birch Bay, WA
- Lions of B.C. Hearing Conservation Society



## LIONS CLUB OF ABBOTSFORD

The members of Lions Club of Abbotsford have been serving this community for over seventy nine (79) years. It was chartered March 31, 1944 with 16 members.

We meet every 1st. and 3rd. Thursday evening at 7:00 PM, at Chances Casino, 30835 Peardonville Road Abbotsford.

Our club consists of 17 members, one is a life member. Members represent all facets of the community, professionals, non-professionals and retirees.

We are proud to have had seventeen Zone Chairman, two District Governors and a Council Chairperson out of our very active membership.



## CLUB PROJECTS

**As part of the world's largest service organization, Abbotsford Lions Club plays a vital role in this International Organization and has made donations to:**

- Lions Foundation of Canada
- Law Enforcement Torch Run - Special Olympics
- Youth Exchange and Cyrus Centre
- L.C.I.F, CARE, Hearing and Diabetes
- Lions Quest
- Upper Fraser Valley Child Development Center
- B.C. Lions Society for Children with Disabilities
- Easter Seal House.
- Kinghaven and Peardonville House
- Abbotsford Foundation - Bursaries for all High Schools
- Abbotsford Gateway and Mill Lake Park
- Abbotsford Hospice Society
- Canuck Place Children's Hospice
- Community Services Christmas Bureau - Food Hampers

## FUND RAISING PROJECTS

- Christmas Gift wrapping
- Pancake Breakfast and Hot-Dog sales
- Easter Egg writing at Wal-Mart
- Community projects

## LIONS CLUB OF ABBOTSFORD PAST PRESIDENTS

Dan Kippen	1944	Tom Ruben	1970 – 1971	Tom Bruckal	1995 - 1996
Harry Cannon	1944 – 1946	Gordon Gibson	1971 – 1972	Gary Bone	1996 - 1997
Harvey Henderson	1946 – 1947	Herb Parsons	1972 – 1973	Richard Hay	1997 - 1998
Pat Douglas	1947 – 1948	Tom Bruckal	1973 – 1974	Gerry Gillis	1998 - 1999
Harry McDonald	1948 – 1949	Ivor Evans	1974 – 1975	Ron Mare	1999 - 2000
C. Greaves / Ernie Brown	1949 – 1950	Rolf Jost	1976 – 1976	Hugh Powell	2000 - 2001
Fred Stirling	1950 – 1951	Paul Anderson	1976 – 1977	Surinder Gahir	2001 - 2002
Dick Martin	1951 – 1952	Erv Pender	1977 – 1978	Irene Stokes	2002 - 2003
Andy Laurie	1952 – 1953	Mike Corrigan	1978 – 1979	Mel Stokes	2003 - 2004
Eldon Jacobsen	1953 – 1954	Stew Kennedy	1979 – 1980	Surinder Gahir	2004 - 2005
Bob Wright	1954 – 1955	Jake Gerestein	1980 – 1981	Mike Stanford	2005 - 2006
Colin McKenzie	1955 – 1956	Ian Macalpine	1981 – 1982	Ron Mare	2006 - 2007
Fred Reeve	1956 – 1957	Ray Waterhouse	1982 – 1983	Rick Bamford	2007 - 2009
Vic Arnold	1957 – 1958	Ed North	1983 – 1984	Keith Sim	2009 - 2011
Stacy Frost	1958 – 1959	Frank Johnson	1984 – 1985	Elisa Wagner	2011 - 2012
John McGowan	1959 – 1960	Douglas Heywood	1985 – 1986	Clayton Ingle	2012 - 2013
Jack Ellis	1960 – 1961	Howard Swaren	1986 – 1987	Carl Schmietenkop	2013 - 2015
Lloyd Wilson	1961 – 1962	Neil Caddey	1987 – 1988	Clayton Ingle	2015 - 2016
Wes Wolther	1962 – 1963	Rod Lewis	1988 – 1989	Lynne Hutsul	2016 - 2017
Al Minter	1963 – 1964	Dennis Darrell	1989 – 1990	Lynne Hutsul	2017 - 2018
Ed Laidley	1964 – 1965	Rich Lightheart	1990 – 1991	Rick Bamford	2018 - 2019
Trev Charles	1966 – 1967	Gord Driver	1991 – 1992	Clayton Ingle	2019 - 2020
J.O. Trethewey	1967 – 1968	Gale Holroyd	1992 – 1993	Clayton Ingle	2020 - 2021
Bob McPherson	1968 – 1969	Al Pope	1993 – 1994	Gail Maltby	2021 - 2022
Tom Windt	1969 – 1970	Jeff Brown	1994 – 1995	Lynne Hutsul	2022 - 2023

