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**Congratulations to all clubs in our zones. Your submission of reports is excellent!**

Eight months of 100% submissions! Keep it up and be proud of your achievement.

With our club Secretaries and Presidents doing such a great job, we should now focus on New Membership and Retention.

Other clubs are bringing in new members every month. Why is it working for them and not for others? What are they doing that other clubs are not?

Is it the members? Is it the way they run their meetings? Is it the fun and fellowship they are sharing? There has to be a reason. Have you wondered what that reason could be?

Or is it that some clubs are just content to sit on their laurels and quietly exist? Now is the time to shake up your members, your meetings, and your clubs.

Start this Spring Season by encouraging things to grow. You should be choosing your new board members now. Nominate members who will bring new ideas into your clubs. Nominate members who will become involved in your club activities. Nominate members who will make a difference. It is only by change that we will continue to grow. Change for the positive is rewarding.



If every member of your club would bring a friend to their next meeting, you should gain at least one of them as a new member.

Make your meetings fun. Bring in Guest Speakers, make it a special event by introducing a talent portion, play a game, or show a video. Come to a meeting with your home made Easter Bonnet and win a prize. There are a number of events you can incorporate into your meetings.

It is by thinking outside of the box, that our membership will grow, and you will look forward to attending your club meetings.

Your meetings are something every Lion should be able to look forward to attending.

We are asking all clubs out there to send photos and news clips of your club meetings.

Share your ideas, thoughts, and successes. Make a difference in the name of Lionism.

**ZC Ellie & ZC Troy would be visiting Sunshine Coast on March 16th & attending A6 Zone Meeting.....(details posted on 19A "EVENT" webpage. Join US for Fun & Fellowship!**

# 19A SPRING CONFERENCE

**COUNT DOWN.....**

**APRIL 4-5,  
2008**

**Contests Submission Deadline:**

**March 21st**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

**MARCH 26TH**



**Remember to Vote for your**

**District Governor &**

**Vice District Governor**

**2008-2009 on that day!!!!**

**CLICK TO 19A WEBSITE FOR DETAIL INFORMATION & DOWNLOADING**  
**[http://www.lions-bc19a.org/19A\\_springconf.htm](http://www.lions-bc19a.org/19A_springconf.htm)**



Why would anyone decide to take time off from our busy everyday lives to attend a Lions Leadership Institute? Especially going to one in a location far away from your home? Some of these questions ran through my head when I made the decision to go to the Northwest

Lions Leadership institute in February 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Well to simply put it, why not? I had never been to a Lions convention outside of my own city and the fact that I could actually learn something was promising as well.

I still had my concerns though. I did not know anyone at the institute and I expected some awkward moments trying to get to know people I had never met before. In addition, I had been sponsored thousands of dollars in the past by my employer, before going the institute, to attend other leadership workshops. I felt that there might not be anything I could learn at an institute that was only charging an amount that was a fraction of the cost of many of the other seminars that I have taken. What I expected and what I learned over the time at the institute were completely different things.

I still had my awkward moments at the institute with the other Lions, however, once everyone started to get to know each other, there was a noticeable change in the environment there. When you get a group of like-minded people together, there is just a quicker connection with the people around you. The other Lions were very supportive of each other, especially during the times when many of us needed to overcome our fear of public speaking. I felt safe and did not feel embarrassed of making any mistakes. As an example, I needed to make an additional speech at this particular convention, and immediately two other Lions came to my aid to help me through it. All the other Lions around me did not hesitate to also throw in their supportive comments as well.



I also learned a lot...and not just only about leadership. I learned about how other Lions clubs in our part of the region serve. I learned that many of the issues that I saw in my own club were facing by many of the others. I could see the areas where our club was excelling in and others where we could improve upon. Leadership was just the focus of this institute but I also gained a higher appreciation for the organization we call Lions. I made friend, shared drinks and laughs with them; all the while sharing the same sentiment of Lionism. It was a surreal experience.

Would I recommend this institute to others? Most definitely! Would I just suggest it to our potential leaders? If I could I would send every Lion that we have to this training, not only to grow our future leaders but to also try to inspire new ones. At the moment, my club only has me to tell them of the good times that I had there, and with what skills I have learned I will do my best to pass the knowledge along to my members.

~ President Lap Cheung, Van. Cathay New Century Lions ~



Throughout my years as a Leo and Lion, I have not really received any formal training for leadership skills. My skills have mostly stemmed from scattered bits of training I received from various areas of my life. When I heard about this Lions leadership conference, I decided that it would be a great way for me learn more about myself as a leader, and what I can do to become a better leader within the lions organisation. Before attending the conference, I had set 3 top goals for myself. One of them was to identify effective techniques for becoming an influential leader. While the other two goals were to evaluate how I lead and find ways to strengthen my leadership skills.

Throughout the 3-day period, the amount of knowledge I gained far exceeded my expectations. I learned something new from every interactive workshop. The topics were relevant and useful for aspiring leaders. From public speaking to conflict resolution, these topics would be resourceful during any point in life. Additionally, it was a very friendly, positive and supportive environment for learning. Understanding the essentials of effective leadership, I am very anxious to test-drive those strategies within my club.

Beyond the workshops, another bonus about the conference was meeting people from all walks of life. I was very lucky to have the opportunity to learn from these wonderful individuals who pour their hearts and souls into Lions. Forming meaningful connections with these leaders was one highlight of the conference. We shared ideas, laughed, and explored possibilities on how to become better leaders. Hearing their stories and learning about other lions clubs, I had gathered numerous innovative ideas to try out in the future. I realized that leadership is very much a piece of art. There are many versions of it, and everyone has their own unique way of leading. In the end, the ultimate goal of leadership is to inspire.

All in all, the leadership institute laid the foundation for my growth as a Lion and rejuvenated my spirit for Lionism. My goals were achieved and the experience had helped me to develop the confidence to challenge myself. With all the tools, I now have the courage to run for president, something that I did not dare before. I would recommend the institute to all Lions who have the motivation and desire to become better leaders.

~ Lion Becky Chen, Van. Templeton New Century Lions ~

**UPCOMING A1 & A7  
EVENTS & CHARITIES  
FOR MARCH & APRIL, 2008**

March 16 (Sun.)  
Vancouver Cathay New Century Lions Ice Skating Social at Kerrisdale Arena, Vancouver.  
1 p.m.–3 p.m. \$10.00 admission including rental.

March 27 (Thurs.)  
**THE BIRTH OF ANOTHER NEW CENTURY LIONS CLUB  
IN A1**– Vancouver Chinatown New Century Lions Induction and Installation Night at Pink Pearl Restaurant. 6 p.m., \$25.00 per person

April 19 (Sat.)  
Vancouver Arbutus Lions Club (A1) 3rd Annual Fundraising Event - **“SINGING AT CHARITIES” Ball** at Executive Airport Plaza, Richmond. \$78.00 per guest

**A7 3rd Zone Meeting  
March 29, 2008  
(Saturday)  
Marine Drive Golf Club**



**A1 3rd Zone Meeting  
April 13, 2008  
Sunday  
9:30 a.m.  
Van. East Lions Den**



2007-2008 100% Lions Attendance Award Pin is available to order from LCI website. Click to the Store supplies and fill in PA07 in the search box. You can view this lovely pin and order it online at USD1.75 per piece.



Introducing  
District Governor  
Candidate  
Lion Cecil Fung, PZC  
Van. Broadway Lions  
(A7)

**PHOTOS RECAP**

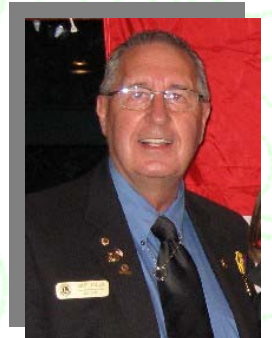


ZC Ellie's official visit to Van. Chinatown Lioness Club and induction of new member Tina Tang, sponsored by Lioness Linda Li on March 5.

**Introducing Vice District Governor  
Candidates**



**A1  
Lion Dickie  
Lam, IPZC  
Van. Cambie  
Lions**



**A7  
Lion Troy  
Dalen, ZC  
Van. Marpole  
Lions**



# 19A Diabetes Foundation Fundraising Dinner

**APRIL 20, 2008 (Sunday)**  
FLOATA SEAFOOD RESTAURANT,  
VANCOUVER, BC

Details can be viewed from our District  
website:

[http://www.lions-bc19a.org/19A\\_diabetes.htm](http://www.lions-bc19a.org/19A_diabetes.htm)

## **Zone A-7 15TH ANNUAL LIONS FUNDRAISING ZONE PROJECT 2008 “CARNIVAL” DINNER & DANCE CRUISE**

**JUNE 1, 2008**  
**M.V. “BRITANNIA”**

\$50 per person  
(\$30 for children 4-12 year old).  
Boarding at 5:55 p.m.,  
Depart: 6:30 p.m.  
Disembark: 10:30 p.m.  
Contact ZS Allan Chang or  
Lion Anne Seto for tickets

Zone 19A-1  
[www.19a1.com](http://www.19a1.com)

District 19A  
[www.lions-bc19a.org](http://www.lions-bc19a.org)

Multiple District 19  
[www.lionsmd19.com](http://www.lionsmd19.com)

Lions Clubs International  
[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

**REMINDER TO CLUB SECRETARIES**  
Deadline for MMR/VAD submission has  
been moved up to the 20th of the  
month. It is recommended to submit the  
report on the 12th each month, thanks!

## **2008-2009 MD19 ROSTER INFORMATION MUST RETURN BY APRIL 30, 2008**



## **MD19 ANNUAL CONVENTION AT YAKIMA, WA MAY 22-24, 2008 Registration Deadline: May 16, 2008**

## **91ST ANNUAL LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

June 23-27, 2008  
BANGKOK, THAILAND  
Registration Deadline  
May 1, 2008



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