



DUNCAN LIONS CLUB NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION MANUAL

Welcome to Lions Clubs International and Duncan Lions Club

Name of New Member: _____

We are excited that you have stepped forward to help in our service to humanity. This book of information is for your personal use, in order that you may learn and ask questions as you begin your journey in Lionism.

Your sponsor has selected two other Lions in our club who will be available to help with your orientation and involvement with all facets of our organization. Please feel free to call on them at any time you need assistance in understanding our mission.

Sponsor: _____

Phone: _____

Assisting Lions:

_____ Phone _____

_____ Phone _____

We are looking forward to your involvement in our activities. If there is anything I can do to make your service in Lions more meaningful, please contact me.

Yours in Lionism,
Gord Bigham, President
Duncan Lions Club

Orientation Checklist

Your Sponsoring Lion and Assisting Lions pledge to help you grow in Lions.

This guide will assist you in completing your orientation and start you on your road to continuing education. This list of accomplishments will help you learn at a pace that fits your time schedule.

___ Induction (Date inducted _____ at our _____)

___ Orientation (Date met with your sponsor and Assisting Lions _____)

___ Name tag (Ordered _____) (Received _____)

First Meeting

___ Club Protocol (How do I participate at functions without feeling out of place?)

___ Club Officers (Who is in charge of what?)

___ Club Service Projects (What are we doing?)

___ Club Fund Raisers (Where do we get our budget funds?)

___ Project (_____) Date(_____)

___ Fund Raiser (_____) Date(_____)

___ Club Visitation (_____) Date(_____)

___ Board Meeting (_____) Date (_____)

Three Month Review Questions and answers Schedule Visitations

___ Review First Meeting Date(_____)

___ Zone Meeting (_____) Date (_____)

___ Sight Meeting (_____) Date (_____)

___ Hearing Meeting (_____) Date (_____)

___ Cabinet Meeting (_____) Date (_____)

___ Spring Conference (_____) Date (_____)

First Year Review Questions and Answers on entire Orientation and Education Guide

___ First Year Meeting Date(_____)

Second Year Review Questions and Answers on entire Orientation and Education Guide

___ Second Year Meeting Date(_____)

Finding the Most Current Information

(Where to Look & What is Available)

District 19-I Information: A very informative web page is available for District 19-I at <http://www.lionsdistrict19-i.org>. This page has connections to all clubs that have websites, it provides a copy of the Governor's bulletins, locations of clubs in the district, resource help available and a calendar of coming events.

MD19 Information: There is a lot of information about the Multiple District on their web page: Some of the information that is available includes the history of MD-19, who the officers are, where the conventions and workshops are located, forms available for Lions, items available for purchase and many other interesting things. In addition they have a resource library page available that has all the different forms, leadership manuals and other how to information. In addition you can view the latest issue of the "Border Crossing" as well as the stats sheets. Take some time to look at this page and learn what is available.

Lions Club International Information: The LCI has a fantastic web page that has excellent information available to all Lions. This page has many resources available to Lions. These include press releases that can be customized for local use. Training is also available on-line and they have such classes as: Goal Setting, Lions Coaching, Delegation and Leadership. More courses will become available as time goes on and it is very easy to take the course online. This web site also has the Lions Catalog of products. Anyone can order from this on-line catalog, all they need is a credit card. Only the club secretary can charge things to the club account. If you are traveling to different states or countries they have a club locator function on the web site. It will give you local clubs in that area along with contact information so that you can visit a Lions Club on your travels.

There are many resources available to better inform all members of clubs. If you want to download information the web sites listed above make it very easy to accomplish. For other information contact your club, zone or district leadership and they should know how to find further information for a Lion.

About Duncan Lions

Chartered by Victoria Chinatown Lions in 1957 with 25 members, Duncan Lions soon grew to 38 members by 1966. The Charter President was Gil Thom who has been active until today. On September 1966, District Governor Clark Mathieu visited Duncan from Zone 19H, which included south west area of BC to Mt Vernon, WA. That year Jim Jang was incoming President, was inducted by Jack Tang, Governor of 19H.

Fundraising efforts included pancake breakfasts, Las Vegas Nights, Bike-a-thons, Radio and TV Auctions, Variety Shows, barbeques, car rallies, manning gas pumps for Timmy's Telethon, "Big Gig" garage sales, and regular bingos.

Over the years, donations were made to Cowichan District Hospital from its construction for equipment, children's swim classes, Easter Seal for handicapped children (converted into Camp Shawnigan in 1980/81), CARE, aid to the blind, Cowichan Extended Care Hospital, Cowichan Opportunity Centre for workshop equipment, repairs to the Easter Seal bus, and scholarships for further education.

At Spring Conference in 1983, Duncan Lions built a train for parades.



During November 1966, a Duncan Ladies Club was formed to help the Lions. Four successful Spring Conferences have been held in the city over the years. Dry Grad was instituted in 1992.

Lions Housing Oak Grove subsidized housing was opened in May 1993 complete with school band, and ceremonies. Management and maintenance are the responsibility of the Housing Society.

The Sassy Lion Thrift Store was opened in 1998/99.

Major Projects

[Sassy Lion Thrift Store](#)

Cowichan Independent Living & Medical Equipment (rentals & refurbished used for sale)

[Duncan Lions Housing Society](#)

[Manage gates at Island Savings Arena for Hockey Games](#)

Our Current Service Projects:

- Operates Sassy Lion Thrift store with 40 Lions and local volunteers.
- Funded Centennial Park's children's water feature.
- Sponsors Medical Equipment at Cowichan Independent Living Centre.
- Tree chipping at Forest Discovery Centre, and providing lights for 2011.
- See [Duncan Lions Club](#) for more information.

Awards or Recognition

Melvin Jones Fellowship & Brian Stevenson Awards

Melvin Jones was the founder of Lionism and the highest recognition in Lionism is, appropriately, named for him. It began originally as a means of encouraging contributions to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (a \$1,000US contribution to LCIF must accompany the nomination), but this award has come to be the means of recognizing members who have served long and well. Duncan Lions has awarded three Melvin Jones Fellows in the Club over the years (see Club Roster).

The Club has awarded seven Brian Stevenson Awards over the years (see Club Roster). The contribution to [Lions Club Foundation of Canada](#) (LCFC) is \$500.

A Typical Duncan Lions Meeting

Duncan Lions meetings start at 7pm with a 6:30pm Social on the first and third Tuesdays each month between September, and the end of June. Executive meetings are held on second Tuesdays of each month at 7pm, Lions Housing.

Duncan Lions meet for about 1 ½ hours, follow “Rules of Robert” meeting protocol, and Legion volunteers provide excellent \$12 meals at the Royal Canadian Legion. Red vests (either summer or winter) are worn (a fine applies if not wearing uniform). Tail Twister Trevor expects no one to know the answer to his question of the meeting. We enjoy ourselves and have fun!



**Lions “Santa” John & Barb
Tacky Gift Exchange Xmas Party, November 27, 2009
Mt Brenton Golf Course, Chemainus**

Lions Acronyms & Terms

MD19	Multiple District 19
19-I	District 19-I
I-4	Refers to the zone in which the club is located
LCI	Lions Club International
LCIF	Lions Club International Foundation
CARE	Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere
BCHCS	BC Hearing Conservation Society
YEP	Youth Exchange Program
LEMPRR	Leadership, Extension, Membership, Public Relations, Retention Committee
CC	Council Chairperson
VCC	Vice Council Chairperson
IPCC	Immediate Past Council Chairperson
PCC	Past Council Chairperson
DG	District Governor
DGE	District Governor Elect
VDG	Vice District Governor
VDGE	Vice District Governor Elect
IPDG	Immediate Past District Governor
PDG	Past District Governor
ID	International Director

PID	Past International Director
IP	International President
IPIP	Immediate Past International President
PID	Past International Director
ZC	Zone Chair
ZCE	Zone Chairperson Elect
PZC	Past Zone Chair