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TO: DG Mike Brown  
PDG Esther West

MD49A Centennial Report  
3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
February 2016

In MD49A we are busy gearing up and making things happen!

- Created a Centennial Blog for MD49. *The Gold Rush of Lionism* was created to highlight the four areas of service activities (Sharing the Vision, Engaging Our Youth, Feeding the Hungry, Protecting Our Environment) and recruitment efforts for MD49 as well as new Centennial information. This blog is a work in progress and Clubs can submit their projects and ideas for posting. This blog can be found at <http://lionsmd49ab.blogspot.com/> If you haven't visited yet, I hope you do soon!
- LCI has a new Centennial Challenge – the Legacy Project – for Lions to shine in their neighborhood with a project that will be a lasting legacy to all their service contributions! A couple clubs have finished a Legacy Project. Spenard Lions reported they will purchase a Spenard Lions sign for the entry of their town limits and Benton Bay participated in Project Homeless Connect where they handed out 4 bags and 2 boxes of reading glasses to the homeless.
- Club Accomplishments:
  - Clubs are working hard at completing the four areas of service with some having completed all four such as Sleeping Lady Mountain Lions and Mendenhall Flying Lions. All Clubs need to work on recruitment.
- Multiple District Initiatives:
  - Eyeglass Depository in Anchorage
  - Auto Rally from Anchorage/Fairbanks to Chicago in the planning stages
- Social Media:
  - Blog posts are shared on Facebook for MD49A, MD49, Centennial Coordinators, and 49B for distribution. Have asked LCI to add the blog URL to their blog roll and link to 49A website.

Clubs are embracing the Centennial Challenge and we look forward to hearing all the good things Clubs are doing!

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Lion Nancy Norton  
49A Centennial Coordinator

The proposed change voted as a do pass by the Cabinet in Kodiak at Midwinter has been sent to all clubs.

Those that had an email bounce were resent to another email address of a club officer. If you did not receive it in your email file I suggest you check your spam file, as GCI is particular bad about sending some emails through. I sent all with the follow on read notify telling me the when you received it, when you opened it, how long it was opened and if the attachments were opened and how long they were opened.

This meets the requirement of notification as laid out in the Constitution and Bylaws.

I also sent copies to all PDGs that I have emails for. This is not required by the constitution, but I do it as a courtesy to the PDGs and PIDs from our district.

The change sent out is to Article 1, section 2 Paragraph H of the Bylaws regarding visitations by the District Governor. This change meets the requirements as recently approved by LCI.

**H.** Officially visit each Lions Club at least once during the District Governor's term and provide a written report of completed visits conducted, at each meeting of the Cabinet; In lieu of the Governor visiting a club he/she may direct the First or Second Vice District Governors to make an official visit on his/her behalf;

Everette Burk  
C&B Chair

DISTRICT 49A PUBLIC RELATIONS  
REPORT FOR Feb 6, 2016  
EAGLE RIVER, ALASKA

- 1) Continuing Radio and TV ads as funding permits
- 2) PRESENTING BLOODBANK OF ALASKA PROJECT \$125,000  
DONATION TO NEW BUILDING
- 3) CONTINUE WORKING WITH DENALI MEDIA TO PRODUCE  
(3) NEW DVD VIDEO'S
- 4) INTRODUCE NEW PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE CLUBS TO  
DONATE 50 CENTS/MEMBER FOR DISTRICT PR

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FINIS J. SHELDEN, PCC, DISTRICT 49A  
PUB RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHMN

3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting

Eagle River, AK

February 6, 2016

I spent two days in San Francisco with 1<sup>st</sup> VDG's from our area 1 H learning about goals and action plans. Trying to help make it easier for the transition into District Governor. Seeing both the Leadership and Membership side of the spectrum.

I encourage all of you to register for the MD Convention April 20 – 24 at the International Coast Inn.

USA/Canada Forum is in Omaha Nebraska this year in September. Some of the best training you will ever receive.

Remember our International Presidents Theme Dignity, Harmony and Humanity.

Joy Blackburn

Global Leadership Team

# Lions Clubs Thank Blaines Art Supply



Bayshore School  
Winners



Rogers Park  
Winners

Local Schools  
Peace Poster  
Winners 2015

Alaska State Winner  
Romig Middle School  
Raquelle Melchert



16 Local  
Elementary  
Schools  
Participated



Klatt School Poster Artists



Taku 1st Place Winner

## Report to Cabinet Meeting, 49A Lions International

February 1, 2016

From: Walt Hays, International Relations

The pace of change will continue to impact our lives – as individuals and organizations. Technology, trade and tourism all will have an effect on LIONS as our world changes. We will see structures and programs change as we start our second century. The INTERNATIONAL OF Lions International will become increasingly more important. Some Comments.

**LQ** This quarterly video magazine is a MUST for every club proving 4 short segment of Lions humanitarian work around the world. This 15 minutes can give your club a wonderful window on the world of Lionism.

**Twinning.** Make 2016 the year when you start a connection with another Lions club outside North America. Exchange emails, videos, photos. See if you can meet these Lions at the LIC. You will learn a lot about other lands and cultures and how Lions serve world-wide.

**PET Mobility Cart.** Alaska Lions have been very generous in supporting this humanitarian effort that serves the poor and handicapped of the world. 55,00 OPET carts have been distributed free to those in need in 100 countries world wide. Lions have been involved in distributions since 2007. Lions and other Alaska volunteers have had the joy of delivering PET carts in Honduras, Guatemala, Sri Lanka, Kenya, S. Sudan and Cameroon.

If you will be traveling in TX, FL, ME, MO, IA, MI, KS , WA, IA, IN, IL, TN or AL this year “google” PET International, Inc. and find the locations and contacts for our 23 shops. You will be a welcomed visitor. Lions are a valued part of the volunteer corps. Or call contact me and I can put you in touch ([walthays9@gmail.com](mailto:walthays9@gmail.com))

**Centennial Project.** I am working Bonnie Leonhard and the Bear Mountain Leos on the “Shoes That Grow” project. The Leos plan to send 100 pairs of these sandals to children in Kenya via Anchorage educator, Carolyn Teague, in 2016 . Carolyn has delivered Lions eyeglasses and a child’s PET on behalf of our district in past years.

**Nepal.** 12 telescopic canes for the blind and visually impaired are being delivered to the Katmandu Lions Club of Excellence this month. “Jay” Jackson, the founder of Helping Hands for Nepal, is making the delivery on our behalf. The canes are a joint gift of the McKinley Lions the 49A 2015 Mid Winter. Lions have now sent 42 canes to Nepal over the past several years.

**Peace Posters (2016-2017)** Please order the packet and get an early start on the contest for this next school year. Jim LaBau will emphasize again that the rules for entries must be followed. Our youth should not be disqualified because the size rules were not followed. Attached is a collage that Jim prepared about Anchorage area winners including our district winner, Raquelle Melchert of Romig Middle School.





## DISTRICT 49A CABINET MEETING

February 6, Eagle River Alaska

DISTRICT LEO REPORT by Bonnie Leonhard

All of our Leo's are keeping busy with their club activities and we will hear from them with their reports at cabinet meeting.

Recently visited Palmer Lions and happy to report they are in process of getting their new Leo club organized.

Have been discussing activities for Leo's at Multiple District with our district Leo's and MD Chair Angie Craig. Will keep you posted as I learn more.

THANK You





Lion Ted Burke  
District 49A Global Membership



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February 3, 2016

2015-2016 District 49A  
Global Membership Team

**Global Membership Report**

**MICHAEL BROWN**  
**DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

District 49A Lions Year 2015/2016 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Cabinet Meeting in Eagle River 02/6/2016

**KAREN BURNS**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

**Membership Numbers as of February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016**

**JEANNINE MORSE**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

MEMBERS	THIS MONTH	YEAR START
Opening	1501	1605
Added	1	125
Dropped	0	228
Net Gain/Loss	<b>1</b>	<b>-103</b>

**CINDY BEARDSLEY**  
**IMMED. PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

**LCI Club Service Activity Reports.** So far this Lions Year **23** Clubs submitted Activity reports and **17** Clubs have not submitted any reports

**KARAN HUPPERTEN**  
**CABINET SEC./TREASURER**

**Zone Chair and Club Membership Activity:** As you can see, we continue to drop more than adding new members. As part of my goal that I reported at the Mid-Winter Conference, I provided all District 49A Zone Chair Lions with copies of the Lions Clubs LCI Health Reports for each Lions Club. Each Zone was asked to share the information with their respective Club Presidents and Membership Chair Lions. I received positive support from two Zone Chairs and will continue to keep all of them informed as well as seek their help. I am including a copy of the report I sent with this Quarterly Report.

**JOY BLACKBURN**  
**GLOBAL LEADERSHIP**

**TED BURKE**  
**GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP**

ALL 49A ZONE CHAIR  
LIONS

**Note:** The February Club Health Reports were not received by the time of this report. When I receive these reports I will review them closely and share information with the Zone Chairs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lion Ted Burke  
District 49A GMT



February 5, 2016

District 49 A Third Cabinet Meeting  
February 6, 2016  
Eagle River, Alaska

#### Nominations and Elections Committee Report

I have received notice of their intent to run from individuals for the following offices:

49A District Governor – Karen Burns  
49A 1st Vice District Governor – Jeannine Morse

I have not received any letters of intent to run for 2nd Vice District Governor. This letter must be filed with the Nominations Committee by email, a return certified or registered mail no less than 45 days before the opening of the Multiple District Convention. That deadline will be around the second week in March.

There is a different procedure and timeline for nominations to the District 49A Foundation board. The District Governor appoints a nominating committee consisting of one member from each region in the District. All clubs must be informed of the members of that committee by the end of next week. The Nominations for the foundation board are processed through that committee. If that process is not completed with qualified names provided to me 45 days before the opening of the Convention, nominations will be accepted from the floor at the convention in April.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Larry Helgeson  
Nominations & Elections Chairperson  
ljhelgeson2@gmail.com



## 3rd Cabinet Meeting, Feb. 2016

### Sight/Vision screening:

LCI members have worked on projects designed to prevent blindness, restore eyesight and improve eye health and eye care for hundreds of millions of people around the world for nearly 100 years.

The District 49A Lions continue to do the Vision screening for our schools and at various events. This year we are trying to expand our helper base. We have had the UAA Gymnasts help at several events and we have had clubs that have never helped before. Thank you to you all.

With up-to-date reports from the Juneau Mendenhall Flying Lions, the Wasilla Lions, the Sleeping Lady Mountain Lions and the 8 Anchorage clubs participating in screening we have a quarter total of 1,928 screenings plus 473 referrals. Our grand total since Sept, 2015 is 11,222 with 1,724 referrals.

We had one very special event this quarter, Project Homeless Connect held on Jan 27 at the Egan Center. With help from Gayle Quinn of the Anchorage Lions, Judy Kowall of BBALC, and two of my friends we gave out 252 pair of reading glasses supplied by the Aurora Borealis Lions Eye Glass Recycling Center. We were told that we had the busiest booth of the event. At times we had people out the door and down the hall waiting to see us. We weren't really prepared for the demand this year. Next year we will be ready.

Every club in each of our 8 zones have helped in the crusade against darkness from eye screenings to sponsoring and participating in health fairs to taking care of the expenses for someone's eye surgery. We all have our stories to tell of the children we have helped. Keep up the good work and Thank you all for your service.

Respectively Submitted in Lionism,

*Esther*

PDG Esther L. West  
District Sight/Vision screening Chair