

April 20, 2016

District 49 A Convention  
April 22, 2016  
Coast International Inn  
Anchorage, Alaska

### Nominations and Elections Committee Report

I have received notice of their intent to run and appropriate endorsements from the following individuals in a timely manner for the following offices so nominations are closed for those positions:

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. Therefore nomination will be open from the floor during the convention.

There was a different procedure and timeline for nominations to the District 49A Foundation board. These were not met in a timely manner so the following positions will be open to nominations from the floor.

Region I (Zones 1 and 2): Three year term  
Region II (Zones 3, 4, 7): Three year term  
Region III (Zones 5, 6, 8): Three year term

Elections will be held Saturday Morning from 7 until 8:30. I would like to encourage all delegates to check in and vote before 8:00 so we can all enjoy a wonderful, relaxing pancake breakfast.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Larry Helgeson  
District 49A Nominations & Elections Chairperson  
ljhelgeson2@gmail.com

Attached Draft Ballot

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International Association of Lions Clubs District 49-A  
April 22, 2016

Please cast a vote for each leadership position:

## District Governor:

\_\_\_\_\_ Lion Karen Burns (nominated)

\_\_\_\_\_ Write in \_\_\_\_\_

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor:

\_\_\_\_\_ Lion Jeannine Morse (nominated)

\_\_\_\_\_ Write in \_\_\_\_\_

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor:

\_\_\_\_\_ Lion XXX (nominated from the floor)

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\_\_\_\_\_ Lion Michael Brown

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After voting please fold the ballot in half and place in the ballot box

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2016 Multiple District Camp Abilities Report  
Compiled and Written by Lion Margaret E. Webber

Amazing! This year marks the 15<sup>th</sup> year of Camp Abilities Alaska. We are currently securing venues for the camp well in advance. Vision teachers across Alaska are recruiting visually impaired children in their cities, towns and villages throughout the state. We also have seasoned campers coming back annually, because they love it. Returning campers also want pitch in to help and support the new younger campers. The campers, and their 1:1 volunteers, coaches, and Directors become family for a week.

As most of you know our volunteers pay their own way from the lower 48 to Alaska to volunteer to be 1:1 volunteer buddy to a camper. This year we have approx. 25+ applicants it is crazy and great!!

Lauren Lieberman Ph. D is the Founder of Camp Abilities, located at the State University of NY @ Brockport. This is the camp I visited and brought back to Alaska 15 years ago. This year Camp Abilities Brockport developed a grant to photo journal all the existing Camps, including Camp Abilities Alaska. This will be an exciting project to be a part of and a learning experience for all of us. We are in the process of finding out their needs. Our photo journalist from NY will be Matthew Yeomen. He will be snapping pictures of all the sports venues as well as leisure time activities.

Camp Abilities Alaska Rocks!! And Alaska is huge draw for the volunteers and Staff that join our camp!! We hope to get as much media coverage for Lions as possible. Without our Lions Clubs sponsors our Alaskan blind and visually impaired children would not have a camp that breaks down barriers. Thus revealing a camp that is auditory rather than vision oriented. It works, the athletes love it. They learn that they can excel in sports.....then you look at little faces with huge smiles, saying "I DID IT!" It just can't get better than this.

Written by  
Lion Margaret E. Webber  
Camp Abilities Chair  
Executive Director  
Alpine Alternatives, Inc.

# 2016 Camp Abilities Lions' 2016 Project July 16 - 21

Camp Abilities Alaska needs your help to reach all of the blind/visually impaired children who need our program. Your help is greatly appreciated as Camp Abilities Alaska would not be possible without the Lions of District 49A. Please donate to Camp Abilities today. Thank you.





Nancy Norton  
49A Centennial Coordinator

Esther West  
Centennial Coordinator  
Multiple District 49

*We Serve!*



Cory Bellows  
49B Centennial Coordinator

TO: DG Mike Brown  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Karen Burns  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Jeannine Morse  
PDG Esther West

### MD49A Centennial Report 4th Quarter -- April 2016

- Recruitment Efforts:
  - Ballyhoo reports 7 new members; Eagle River Sleeping Lady 5 new members.
  - The Mendenhall Flying Lions is planning a "Meet and Greet" in May. The public will be invited for coffee and cookies and learn about Lions and how they can become involved.
- Centennial Service Challenge: We have 40 clubs in our district:
  - 15 clubs have not input any service activities into MyLCI this year.
  - 18 clubs have not reported any centennial service challenge activities.
  - 7 clubs have completed all four centennial service challenges.
- Club Legacy Projects. Three clubs have entered six legacy projects into MyLCI:
  - Level 1 (3 projects)
    - Copper River Basin designated two projects (eye exams and glasses)
    - Eagle River Sleeping Lady's Easter Egg Hunt
  - Level 2 (2 projects):
    - Eagle River Sleeping Lady's annual Valentine Dinner
    - The Juneau Mendenhall Flying Lions USS Juneau Presentation Silver
  - Level 3 (1 project):
    - Eagle River Sleeping Lady's Tree of Giving
- Multiple District Legacy Projects:
  - Auto Rally from various locations ending in Whitehorse, doing service activities along the way (in planning stages). Anchorage Alaska Sports Car is the lead.
  - Bloodbank, completed. Eagle River the lead club (pending input into MyLCI). Level 3
  - Newtok Fresh Water Project with Benton Bay Lions in the lead (in the works). Level 3
- Centennial Blog for MD49. *The Gold Rush of Lionism* is updated on a regular basis.
- Total people served this year: 285,559

Challenges: Clubs are busy doing what they're supposed to be doing.... *servicing their communities*. Not all clubs are submitting their activities into MyLCI or identifying them as Centennial Service Challenges.

*We Serve!*

Lion Nancy Norton  
49A Centennial Coordinator

Report of the 49A Constitution and Bylaws committee to the delegates of the District Convention in Anchorage, Ak April of 2016.

I have emailed to all clubs the proposed change to the 49A Bylaws. These changes were sent with my favorite return receipt program which allows me to receive when it was received, when it was opened the attachments were opened and how long they were opened. It also tells me where you were when you opened them. This meets the requirements of the District 49A Constitution and Bylaws regarding notification of proposed amendments to these documents.

The Following change to the 49A Bylaws was proposed by the Palmer Lions Club with assistance of the Copper River Basin Lions Club at the Kodiak Midwinter Conference in November of 2015. The Lions District 49A Cabinet did vote and approve this proposed amendment as a DO PASS at that meeting.

This change amends the Bylaws to finally recognize what has occurred for many years, with the approval of Lions Clubs International. It officially allows the District Governor to have one of the Vice Districts Governors make an official visitation to any club in the district on his/her behalf. The DG will include these visits in their reports to LCI, and will request reimbursement for travel and other allowed expenses from LCI as allowed by LCI.

This is intended to make the travel requirements for the Governor more easily fit into their work schedule, or to allow for other emergency situations that may arise and make travel by the Governor difficult or impossible to perform.

## **ARTICLE II,**

### **Duties**

#### **SECTION 1. District Governor.**

- 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;

Respectfully Submitted

Everette L Burk  
Chair 49A Constitution and Bylaws Committee.



Lion Ted Burke  
District 49A Global Membership



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April 12, 2016

2015-2016 District 49A  
Global Membership Team

**Global Membership Report**

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

District 49A Lions Year 2015/2016 4th Quarter Cabinet Meeting and Multiple District 49 Convention April 2016

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

**Membership Numbers as of April 1<sup>rd</sup> 2016**

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

MEMBERS	APRIL START	YEAR START
Opening	1429	1605
New Members Added thus far -	194	
Members Dropped thus far	371	
Membership Net Gain/Loss	-177	- Big Concern

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

Note: Our member losses have been steady and outnumber new added members through the first 3 Quarters of this year. I sent Club assessment reports to each Zone Chair so they could review each club’s activity with the President’s and Membership Chair Lions. It is a work in progress. My latest Club Assessment information I distributed covers the first 3 Quarters of this Lions Year. It is included with this report. I believe your new GMT needs to concentrate on member retention with each club President and Membership Chair.

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

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

I received a Membership Drive communication from our LCI 1<sup>st</sup> Vice International President that talked about the GMT making presentations to clubs emphasizing the LCI President’s and District Governor’s Themes for the Lions Year and to talk about Membership needs. Unfortunately, for our District, visiting the locations of each club it would be financially impossible for us to have the GMT travel like the DG. I recommended the DGE select a GMT that resides on the road system so that many of the clubs could be visited and personally helped with their membership goals.

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

ALL 49A ZONE CHAIR  
LIONS

I want to personally thank each of you for giving me the opportunity to SERVE as your GMT

Lion Ted Burke, District 49A GMT

**To: 2016 District 49A Convention, Lions International, April 20-23, 2016**  
**Report of Walt Hays, International Relations, April 20, 2016**

We are defined by two words “**Lions and International**”; if we focus on our home area we are missing out on our opportunity to “encourage peace and International understanding” which is a core part of our mission statement. Here are ways to you can open the door to the world of Lionism: to your club.

**Peace Posters.** This is a signature program of Lions and a great way to relate to local schools. Some 400,000 students (ages 11-13) from 60 countries were involved in last year’s contest. This year’s theme is “**Share Peace**”. Lion Jim LaBau reminds clubs to order the packets promptly from LCI and pay close attention to the rules: poster may not have text (words) on the image and use the right size art paper. Students work too hard to have their work disqualified when this rule is broken. ([jimlabau6@gmail.com](mailto:jimlabau6@gmail.com) 907-344-1018)

**LQ.** This quarterly video magazine is a **MUST** for every club. You need to see the great humanitarian work of Lions around the world. This 15 minute experience will enrich your club’s life – four new stories each quarter.

**Twinning.** A great way to make amazing Lions friends. VDG Karen Burns and I can share our experience about contact and projects with Lions in Nepal. LCI can help get you started.

**PET Mobility Cart.** Lions continue to be a major distribution partner for this Han-cranked cart that has brought mobility, dignity and a chance for a better life to 57,00 disabled in 101 countries. A major story about PET in Zambia will appear in The Washington Post this month. ([walthays9@gmail.com](mailto:walthays9@gmail.com) )

**Humanitarian Service Team.** Plans are now underway to field a team to serve in Guatemala, July 23-August 1, 2017. This “blended” team recruited from service clubs, churches and the broader community (youth, professionals and retirees) will build on the work of the Alaska teams of 2013 and 2015, conducting four days of rural medical and dental clinics, vision screening for 800 children and distributing 250 Days for Girls Feminine Hygiene Kits ([walthays9@gmail.com](mailto:walthays9@gmail.com) 907-350-6259)



04-21-2016

District 49A LCIF Report  
PDG LCIF Chair Jerry Blackburn

In February I was guest speaker at Anchorage Alaska Sports Car Lions Club. Gave one slot/one life pins.

In March was guest speaker at Benton Bay Lions. Did about 10 minutes. Lion Dennis Cummings filled in the rest to kill time waiting for lunch. Thank you Lion Dennis.

Yours in Lionism  
Jerry Blackburn

## Multi-District 49 Convention



April 22, 2016

### DISTRICT 49A LEO REPORT by Bonnie Leonhard

Leo's have been busy with their club activities and planning and decorating for the Convention. What a great job at the Ice Breaker and at our Coast International. Thank you Leo's/Advisors and Lions for their hard work!

19 Leo's are registered for Convention, Bethel, Kodiak, Kenai , Mabuhay , Anchorage Performing Arts and the Bear Mt. Leo's; we have a lot of fun activities and events planned. Serving and cleaning at KID'S KITCHEN, holding our own MD/District meeting, visiting the blood bank and having a hands on CPR class at Alaska Regional. We have a Special Guest Speaker on Saturday, Carolyn Teague who has visited rural Kenya and will be taking our 100 pair of shoes many of you have purchased over the last few month.

I am excited over the latest Leo club up and coming from Palmer. They are getting their members organized and will soon be deciding on their Leo Club name.

Each Leo group at Convention this week will be ready to give their club reports on Friday afternoon!

Thank you

DISTRICT 49A PUBLIC RELATIONS  
REPORT FOR April 22, 2016  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

- 1) Continuing Radio and TV ads as funding permits
- 2) PRESENTED BLOODBANK OF ALASKA PROJECT  
\$125,000 DONATION TO THE NEW BUILDING
- 3) CONTINUE WORKING WITH DENALI MEDIA TO PRODUCT (3)  
NEW DVD VIDEO  
(RECEIVED JBER PUBLIC AFFAIRS APPROVAL TO UTILIZE  
MILITARY PERSON (DAVID WOLFE) Chugiak Lions FOR NEW  
VETERANS DVD.
- 4) INTRODUCE NEW PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE CLUBS TO  
DONATE 50 CENTS/MEMBER FOR DISTRICT PR
- 5) CONTINUE ENCOURAGING MEDIA STORIES IN EAGLE RIVER  
STAR AND OTHER MEDIA

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