



## Lions Fall Conference – 2017 – Diabetes Chairman’s Report:

As Diabetes Chairman many things have been happening.

- 1.) Lions Club International at our convention in Chicago June/July this year has made diabetes one of the Lions Global Initiative. This action by LCI has now made diabetes a main emphasis for all Lions just like we have for many years focused on hunger, the visually impaired, and environmental issues.
- 2.) Each month I send out a diabetes newsletter to all diabetes district chairperson’s, the Border Crossing, the Busy B, and MD-19 forwards it on to all Club Presidents and Sec.
- 3.) An information booth on diabetes is set up at many of the district conferences, including this Lions fall conference to make Lions more aware of the dangers of diabetes.
- 4.) A Lions “Stride Walk” was held at the USA/Canada Forum in Portland, Ore. on Sept. 22 that had over 500 walkers and raised nearly \$ 7,000.
- 5.) Working with Lion Jan Weatherly, Art Ruben, and the American Diabetes Association in Seattle to roll out a new program. Details of this new initiative for the Lions of MD-19 will be announced later. We want all the steps in place and know how to accomplish this effort prior to announcing it to all Lions.
- 6.) Garnering support from MD-19 Lions to support our Lions diabetes camps for kids.

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