To: Clubs of District 49 A

Fm: Lion Robert D Posma, DGE

Thank you to all of you who attended and voted for me as your district governor for the 2025-2026 Lion Year. It is time to continue the strong performance of the current year as we are on target to meet or exceed many of the current year’s goals (membership growth, club service with 100% of the Lions clubs reporting, leadership training)

In preparation for the upcoming year starting in July, I would like your assistance in getting communications working smoothly within the district whether it is to fellow lions clubs, zone and other cabinet officers, committee chairs, or to the Vice or District Governor. One of the significant items we wish to produce is a new Directory from this information. Please use this as a checklist of items to complete:

By May 15, 2025

* Complete your election/selections of new officers for your club including the typical President, Secretary, Treasurer, (Secretary-Treasurer), Vice President(s), Membership Chair, Service Chair, directors and other board positions.
* Select someone to be your Club Administrator. This would someone who is familiar with or willing to learn about the Lions Portal. This person backs up the secretary, president and in some respects the treasurer.
* Your LCIF chair may well be last year’s president.
* Consider sending delegates to attend Lions International Convention in Orlando, Florida.

**May 29, 2025**

* Enter all your leaders above into the portal for the upcoming year.
* For your President, Secretary and Treasurer, include with their officer information, the email they wish to have district communications sent. If they have multiple emails, indicate which email is the preferred to receive Lions related/official correspondence. Not everyone uses a personal email, for example: 1) Kenai Lions has a unique email for club correspondence rather than using their personal email. 2) enter officer specific names, which are monitored or forwarded to personal emails such as president@mtviewlions.org.
* Report any new and/or verify the information in the Lions Portal has your calendar of meeting places, times, and dates.
* Enter Delegates going to Lions International Convention in Lions Portal.

**June 1, 2025 – Member Dues**

Please examine your administrative budget and make sure you are collecting enough to cover:

* International Dues $25 per member paid bi-annually (total $50.00/year as of July 1, 2025) non-discounted member dues.
* District 49 A dues $2.50/member paid monthly (total $30/year)
* Multiple District 49 dues 1.50/member paid bi-annually (total $3/year)
	+ Total $83.00 per member/year
* Some degree of reimbursement for your president/secretary/membership chair to attend cabinet meetings, midwinter and MD Convention.
* Club meeting costs, office costs, and other costs

**June 15, 2025**

Identify club meeting dates which provide the opportunity for the DG or FVDG/SVDG to make an official visit to your club between July 31 and October 15. Please also provide any special events/ or service projects which I could help you with.

**July 11, 2025**

 The deadline for designating delegates for the Lions Clubs International Convention is July 11, 2025, at 11:59 PM CDT. Club presidents or secretaries can assign delegates online through the Lions Portal during that timeframe. A Club in good standing receives 1 vote for each 25 full or life members.

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| **2025-2026 District Calendar** |
| **Function** | **Date(s)** | **Event** |  |
| 2025-2026 Elections | April 9-12, 2025 | MD49 Convention | Fairbanks |
| 2025-2026 Pre-View Year | June TBD | New Presidents meeting | Zoom |
| 2025 DG Installation | July 14, 2025 | 2025 Int’l Convention | Orlando Florida |
| D49A 1st Cabinet | August 2, 2025 | First Cabinet Meeting | Big Lake  |
| D49A 2nd Cabinet | November 13-15, 2025 | 49A Midwinter  | Lake Front HotelAnchorage |
| D49A 3rd Cabinet | January 24, 2026 | Third Cabinet Meeting | Eagle River  |
| D49A 4th Cabinet | April 16-18, 2026 | MD 49 Convention | Anchorage |

I look forward to work with you and your club. We are still filling some chair positions for year, please share with your club the open positions shared at the MD Convention. We will forward to you, the cabinet contacts and district chairs for your reference. Please officers and chairs for your use during the year.

Sincerely,

Lion Robert D Posma

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