

### **District A4 Lions Convention**

April 19 – 21, 2024 Hilton Garden Inn Ottawa Airport 2400 Alert Road, Ottawa, ON K1V 1S1



Reservations: (613) 288-9001 Group Code: LIONS

Online Hotel Booking Link: Online Hotel Booking Link

# Update #2 - February 2024

# Join us as we travel 'Back to the Future', Embracing Change along the way!!

District Governor Barry Chisholm and the Convention Team have been busy planning the 49<sup>th</sup> District Convention 2024. There are changes this year – read the exciting news below. Please share this information with all your club members and we hope your club will be represented at this event. It promises to be an exciting weekend! Some things new & some things are changing.

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Ottawa Airport – Your home for convention weekend!

- Reservation information link is at the top of this page. Use the code 'Lions'. The block of rooms available for Lions cannot be guaranteed after March 20, 2024.
- Limited accessible rooms are available for booking. While these rooms are designed to cater to the needs of guests with accessibility requirements, we ask that if you do not specifically require an accessible room, you consider leaving these options open to others who may have such needs. Book early if you wish this option. Your understanding & cooperation in this is appreciated.
- Room rates have been negotiated at \$165 + HST per night. Bonus: **No** additional parking or municipal fees.

**Registration:** The Registration form is attached to this notice. Details relating to payments for registration & meals are included.

We have requested it be posted on the District A4 website <a href="https://www.e-district.org/sites/a4/">https://www.e-district.org/sites/a4/</a>

If you wish to correspond electronically for registration form and electronic funds transfer, please use the convention information on the registration from (not his personal email).

**Voting:** Lions may register at various times but delegates wishing to vote must be registered on Friday or by 11:30 AM Saturday according to District A4 Constitution & Bylaws.

### **Guest:**

Our International Guest will be **Lion Daniel Marney Elkins**, International Board of Directors Appointee at Lions International. Lion Daniel is asking each convention attendee Lion who has received a Membership Key award (pin) for sponsoring a new member who has remained in the club for a year and a day to wear the pin.



# **Opening Ceremonies:**

**NEW** Join us on **Friday** evening for the <u>opening ceremonies</u>. There will be a parade of banners ... show your club pride and bring your banner. Share in a 'Meet & Greet" time. And, of course, the hospitality following.

## Could your Club Admin account use a financial boost?

Three (3) or more attendees from your club to the convention earns a spot in the draw for \$250 for your club administration account.

# 50/50 Draw Please support our 50/50 draw.

Last year the winner won over \$1500. <u>Tickets have been sent to clubs</u>. Sale is limited to Lions members. Please join in this draw ... <u>you</u> could win. And the proceeds help defray convention expenses. Need more tickets? See Lion Marilyn Southall at the Cabinet meeting or contact her at <u>msouthall686@gmail.com</u> or 613-599-6537

## **Club & Event Promotion:**

Do you have a special event you wish to promote? A charter celebration coming up? A member running to be a District Officer and your club wishes to encourage their success in the upcoming election? Then, please consider placing an ad in the Convention Program that will be developed.

Details and pricing has been sent to all clubs. Costs: Quarter page \$75 Half Page \$140 Full Page \$250 Your contact is Lion Cheryl Sullivan at <a href="mailto:cheryl@7Sullivans.ca">cheryl@7Sullivans.ca</a> or 613-821-4136 (home) 613-558-1031 (Cell)

#### Auction:

The annual popular auction and raffle is once again promising to be interesting. Lion Jean Lauziere is looking for contributions to this popular event. Can your club send a donation? A letter from Lion Jean will be coming.

## **Convention Service Project – Ottawa Food Bank:**

Each year we have a community/service project. This year we will be supporting the Ottawa Food Bank. More information will follow but donations suitable for the Food Bank including cash) will be welcome.

#### **Photo Booth**

What is a photo booth? Overall, the purpose of a photo booth at an event is to add an element of fun and interactivity, while also capturing memories that guests can take home and share with others. Be prepared for this attraction at the convention.



### Let's help the LEO members -

Do you drink pop at home? Save the pop tabs and bring to the convention to support a LEO project.

### World Wide Induction:

District A4 will be holding an induction service for new Lions attending, whereby Lions who have joined since July 1, 2023 will have the distinct pleasure of renewing their induction with the International Guest participating. So ... new members please plan to attend.

