

Dear Lions and Leos:



Our Forty-fourth Annual Mid-Winter Convention will be held at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest Hotel on January 7-9, 2022. The address is: 7025 Northland Drive N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428. Reservations are being accepted online or by telephone. The reservation form for convention is in this booklet, and the hotel reservation information is right on the convention registration form. You will also find all convention documents on the 5m7 website at [www.5m7.org](http://www.5m7.org).

This will be an exciting convention for all as we didn't get to be in person last year for convention. The convention committee is excited to be together again with our members. This convention will be a new experience for us in a new hotel. We are unable to host hospitality rooms in the individual sleeping rooms, but we have a room for our lions use which will have a cash bar on Friday night. We will have displays of many of our Lion's projects and a lot of socializing and being together again. You will find a tentative schedule in this booklet as well as on the 5m7 website.

Governor Judy will appreciate it if all will abide by the following policies and procedures for our conventions:

- Club fundraisers or club raffles **MUST** be done in your sleeping rooms and when there are not programs being run.
- No campaign posters on the main floor of the hotel.
- Candidates of the office of District Governor and Vice District Governors for 2022-2023 may be announced at the close of the Sunday breakfast. No campaigning for these candidates may be done prior to that time.

Please read: This year will begin a bit differently, but rest assured we will fit all of our usual programming in. The convention will begin on Friday afternoon with our usual gambling seminar. This will be followed by a cabinet meeting, a reception for our visiting International Director and much socializing and fun in our large hospitality room. Saturday morning will begin with three seminars, one from True Friends, a Leo-Lion Service Project and a Town Hall with the International Director. This will be followed by our Opening Ceremony with the Brooklyn Park Mayor and Lion, Lisa Jacobson. Then there is lunch...always important! After lunch, with taitwisting!, there will be a Service of Remembrance. Next is the Business Meeting including voting for the next District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors, and a constitutional amendment. After that, there will be a Leo's speech contest, which will be amazing and fun for all. The Banquet on Saturday evening will be another highlight of the convention and will be very enjoyable for all. There will be special entertainment following the Saturday Banquet. Sunday morning will include the Ecumenical Fellowship Service, followed by the buffet breakfast. Phew! A whole lot packed in for you.

**It is requested that each club bring one door prize (\$20 value) to be given at the close of each meal. Please drop the door prizes off as soon as possible at the registration area.**

Hospitality books (meal tickets) may be ordered immediately by using the registration form which is in this booklet and on the 5M7 website. This is the **ONLY** form that is acceptable and your check **MUST** accompany the order.

- **THIS IS THE ONLY WAY THAT YOU CAN GET TICKETS FOR THE MEALS**
- **THERE WILL BE NO MEAL TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE CONVENTION**

Your convention committee is doing everything possible to ensure that the convention this year will be the BEST! Your attendance and participation will make it just that. ***Start making your plans NOW!***

*Your 2022 Convention Committee*

