

2019
District 5M-7
Forty-first Annual

Mid-Winter Convention

January 18, 19, 20, 2019

Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel

Bloomington, Minnesota



We Serve

Lions, Lioness, and Leos:

Our Forty-First Annual Mid-Winter Convention will be held at the Bloomington Airport Marriott Hotel on January 18, 19, and 20 of 2019. The hotel will begin accepting reservations **December 1, 2018**. Reservations for individuals must be made directly with the **Marriott Hotel**, contact information is provided in this booklet. Please also **see the back of the booklet for reserving Hospitality Rooms**. Complete the **HOSPITALITY SUITE REGISTRATION FORM**, sign it, and send that form back to the hotel to persons noted on the forms, **by 12/24/18**. **Be sure to keep a copy!**

NOTE: Room reservation cutoff will be DECEMBER 24, 2018. Room rates are the same as last year. Any reservations after that date will be on a "Space Available" basis. You are encouraged to NOT wait until the last minute!

This promises to be another exciting convention, with Pin Trading, Displays on many of our Lion's projects and LOTS of socializing! The programs that **Governor Al** and the Convention Committee have planned are excellent and we hope you will enjoy all of them.

Governor Al would appreciate it if all would abide by the following policies and procedures:

- Club fundraisers or club raffles **MUST** be done in the hospitality rooms.
- Hospitality room doors are to close by 1:00 AM.
- No campaign posters on the main floor of the hotel.
- Candidates for the office of District Governor and Vice District Governors for **2019 - 2020** may be announced at the close of the Sunday Breakfast. No campaigning for these candidates may be done prior to that time.

The convention will open with a Memorial Service on Friday night followed by socializing in the many hospitality rooms. Saturday morning will begin with an Orientation Seminar. This will be followed by a series of special seminars. There will be displays with people to answer your questions in the hallway between scheduled events. Luncheon will be at 12:00 PM and the Leos Clubs will be tail twisting - so bring your change! Following the luncheon, there will be the Lion's business session including voting for the next District Governor, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, and a constitutional amendment. The Lioness meeting and Alternate Program will also take place on Saturday afternoon. The Banquet on Saturday evening will be another highlight of the convention and will be a very enjoyable program. There will be special entertainment following the Saturday Banquet. Sunday morning will include the Ecumenical Church Service, followed by the Breakfast.

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.

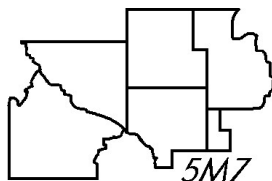
Hospitality books may be ordered immediately by using the form in this booklet. This is the **ONLY** form that is acceptable - and your check MUST accompany the order.

• **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!**

Club Presidents: Please pass this packet on to your Convention Chair.



YOUR 2019 CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Hospitality Room Contest

1. Governor and 1st & 2nd Vice-Governor Rooms are excluded from the contest.
2. Judges will review all hospitality rooms Friday evening.
3. The winners will be announced at the Sunday morning Breakfast.
4. Rooms will be judged on the following:
 - a. Theme
 - b. Costumes
 - c. Decorations
 - d. Creativity

First Timers Contest

If this is your first Mid-Winter Convention;

Meet the VDG's in the front of the hall immediately after the opening events Friday evening to get instructions and your booklet. This will be after the memorial service at the front of the hall next to the podium. This booklet covers Lions Clubs History and your chance to meet other Lions, the winners will receive Fabulous Prizes, Good Luck

Parade of Green

The Parade of Green checks will be collected upon registration to the convention, at the front table. This will save time at the Noon Luncheon and the reporting of the donations.

Thank you.