



5M7 GRAM

February 2017



Wow, what a weekend. For us, the Mid-Winter Convention started Thursday night with the ID host PDG Terry and Lion Donna Wold, Lion Kathy and I when we went over to the airport to pick up ID Nicolin Carol Moore and her husband Rudy from Trinidad and Tobago. We got back to the hotel around 10 p.m. and called it a night. Friday morning started with taking ID Nicolin and Rudy, PDG Terry and Lion Donna, Lion Lyle And Lion Theresa Goff, Lion Kathy and myself to the Minnesota Lions Vision Center and to Can Do Canine for tours of the some of the places our monies go to help people. Next was the Gambling Seminar arranged by Lion Shawn Donahue. Big thanks to Lion Shawn. We then held the Cabinet Meeting where the Zone Chairs read their reports.



Now we officially opened the 5M7 Midwinter Convention with a great Flag Ceremony with the help from Lioness Teresa Elmstrand, Lioness Judie Zaske, 2nd VDGE Jim Kugler, 1st VDGE Al Kvistero, and DGE Dan Kaiser doing a great job presenting the flags. Lion Hal Hinchliffe always does a wonderful job with the Bell, Book and Candle. With PDG Pat Kennedy at the controls the Memorial Service went off without any problems. Thanks, Lion Hal, PDG Pat and DGE Dan for a great job. First Lady Lion Kathy and a lot of volunteers filled the swag – or as I like to call them shag – bags, I hope everyone will use those bags in the future. The first timers met with 1st VDGE Al and DGE Dan and went over the rules and got them started. The Hospitality Rooms opened after the first timers meeting. All the rooms had great themes with plenty of food, drink and entertainment. First place went to the Centerville/Columbus Lions Clubs.

Saturday morning started with Jessica Moore, a Double Corneal Transplant Recipient. She is a freshman in college, and her story was very moving about how this changed her live. Next were the puppy raisers for Leader Dog for the Blind, Lion Bob and Sue Kulbeik. They had a picture story about all nine puppies they have raised, from a small puppy to a 1-year-old then on to the recipient of these dogs. Lion Bunny Tabatt was one of the recipients of Lion Bob and Sue puppies. She talked about her different Leader Dogs and the difficulties of being blind.

I really want to thank Deb O'Flanagan for setting up and operating the Community Service Room. A lot of Lions, Lioness, Leos and guests went through the room helping with sanding cars, learning how to knit and crochet. Thanks Deb.

Lunch with Host IPDG Tom, was a great meal. My two grandsons Ryan and Tyler did the Cub Scout Super Hero Invocation and my daughter Jennifer did the invocation before the meal. The Leos did the tail twisting before the meal, collecting \$378.35 to be divided between the Leos Clubs. Thanks Leos for a super great job.

My Governors Speech was about service, and membership in our Destrict. Lion Virginia Hestekind presented the prizes to our Peace Poster winner sponsored by the Fridley Lions Club. Door Prizes were then handed out. I awarded The International President's Certificate of Appreciation to Lioness Arlene Schroeder for all she has done for children in the Communities.

The business meeting went well, with most Cabinet Chairs presenting their reports.

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Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

What an exciting MidWinter Convention we just had. If you missed it, you missed a passionate speech from our International Director Nicolín Carol Moore from Trinidad and Tobago. Trinidad is an island nation seven miles off the coast of Venezuela in South America. Trinidad was the island that Christopher Columbus “found” on his third trip to the new world in 1498. She and her husband Rudy were not ready for any ice fishing during their visit, even if the weather for the convention was only in the high 20s.

We had some changes in the program this year where we had the recipients for our donations speak. On Sunday, we had Christine LaMott tell her “Lloyd” story, about their dog that they received from Can Do Canines. She also spoke on how her son, who is autistic, is now able to go to school, interact with others, and do the things other boys can do. This is all because Lions donated to this cause. It was very emotional watching this mother talk about the improvements her son as made and thanked those that made it possible.

For those that attended the convention, on a side note, we provided our own audio-visual equipment for the first time, because of what the hotel was going to charge us. I hope it was seamless and you didn’t notice anything different in the presentations – I hope we did it right. If you have any suggestions for future conventions and events like this, please let us know. Also, if you have a background in the A/V field and would to like help next year that would be great. We would be grateful for volunteers.

Finally, thank you to my club Almelund, those that helped me through the years, my wife Lion Cathy for making my nomination, and for those that voted for me for your Future District Governor. I thank you very, very much.

VDG Dan

Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

I’d like to thank all of the guests from around the District, and from around the Multiple District for attending our Mid-Winter Convention. I would also like to thank the convention committee and all the other people who made it another success. I know I had another great time. Thank you to everyone who voted for me as 1st VDG. Congratulations to Lion Jim Kugler on his election to 2nd VDG. Congratulations also to Lion Dan Kaiser on his election to DG for next year. I look forward to continuing my learning process under his tutorage and finishing out this year following DG Steve around.

Just a reminder to everyone, the Multiple District convention is coming up April 21-23. Let’s get as many attendees as possible up to Bemidji and support PID Brian Sheehan in his quest to become 3rd International Vice President. How exciting is it to maybe have a future President of Lions International come from our Multiple District.

Our Centennial Convention is getting closer, June 30 – July 4 in Chicago. It promises to be a huge celebration for Lions everywhere. Before that, we will be celebrating our centennial at the Mall of America June 3r There has been information on the event in the past couple of Grams. I’d love to see every Lion down there to show the rest of the state what we do.

After a rather quiet December, I know I have lots of club visits scheduled over the next couple of months. I’m looking forward to seeing you all.

Thank you all very much for everything you do,
2VDG Al Kvistero



DGE Steve's calendar:

February

- 2 Post-Convention Meeting
 - 3-5 5M8 Mid-Winter Convention
 - 6 Cokato-Dassel Lions Governor's Visit
 - 7 Cambridge Lions Governor's Visit
 - 9 Rush City Lions Governor's Visit
 - 10-12 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention
 - 14 Spring Lake Park Lions Sr. Valentine's Lunch
 - 15 Crow River, Albertville, Hanover Lions Governor's Visit
 - 16 Forest Lake Lions Governor's Visit
 - 17-19 5M3 Mid-Winter Convention
 - 20 Montrose Lions Governor's Visit
 - 21 Cedar east Bethel Lions Governor's Visit
 - 28 Fridley Lions Governor's Visit
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Thank you

Lions, Lioness, & Leos, I would like to thank you all for money that was giving to Leader Dog for the Blind in the Parade of Green. Leader Dog for the Blind received \$ 13,270. Job well done by the clubs. I hope that we can have 100 percent by Lions, Lioness & Leos this year 2016/2017. I hope Lions, Lioness & Leos who attended the seminar Puppy Raisers for Leader Dog by Lions Bob & Sue Kulbeik and Lion Bunny Tabatt Recipient of a Leader Dog enjoyed seminar.

District Chair for Leader Dog Lion Tom Fiecke

Thank yous and events

Have someone to thank? Submit it for inclusion in the 5M7 Gram. Have an event coming up? Submit your event poster and it will be posted in the Gram. No poster? No problem. The basic details of your event can be placed on this page. Send all 5M7 Gram submissions to glicht@heraldjournal.com.

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Upcoming events

February

- 5 Delano Lions Super Bowl Sunday Pancake Breakfast at Delano American Legion
- 11 St. Francis Lions Remembering the King concert, 5:30 dinner, 7 p.m. show at St. Francis American Legion
- 12 Montrose Lions Pancake Breakfast, 8 a.m.-noon at Montrose Community Center
- 12 Howard Lake Lions Valentine's Day Breakfast Buffet, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- 13 Zone 1 Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Social Hour, 7 p.m. Meeting at Huikko's in Buffalo
- 18 Lynn Johnson Memorial Ice Fishing Contest, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Centerville Lake
- 18 Little Hole on Big Lake Fishing Tournament, noon-3 p.m. at Big Lake
- 25 Annandale Lions Youth Fishing Contest, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Pleasant Lake South City Public Access
- 25 Delano Lions Johnny Cash Tribute Concert, 7 p.m. at Delano American Legion
- 25 Minnesota Independent Wrestling, 7 p.m. at John P Murzyn Hall, Columbia Heights

March

- 3 Waverly Lions 24th Annual Fish Fry, 3:30-7:30 p.m. at Waverly Village Hall
- 4 Cokato Dassel Lions Pancake Breakfast During the Dassel Cokato Business Expo 9 a.m.-noon at Dassel Cokato High School Commons
- 14 Elk River Lions Bingo (4 p.m.), Pancake Dinner, Music (5 p.m.) at Guardian Oaks Dining Room
- 16 13th Annual Empty Bowls Benefiting the NACE Foodshelf Soup Dinner, 5-7:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Oak Grove
- 19 North Branch Lioness Annual Breakfast, 8 a.m.-noon at North Branch American Legion
- 25 Anoka Lions 29th Annual Country Music Show Featuring Marty Haggard, 3 and 7 p.m. at Anoka High School

April

- 23 Oak Grove Lions 12th Annual French Toast Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Oak Grove Senior Center
- 25 Feed My Starving Children Food Packing Event, 6-7:30 p.m. at 401 93rd Ave. NW Coon Rapids
- 28 Cokato Dassel Lions annual pork chop supper, 4:45-7 p.m. at Cokato Elementary School

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Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation

Minnesota Lions Eye Surgery Center

Since the opening of the first phase in September 2016, the **Minnesota Lions Eye Surgery Center (MLESC)** has been a welcomed addition to the University of Minnesota's Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Neurosciences. After not having on-campus surgical space for several decades, the MLESC now allows for the eye surgeons to perform their procedures without the hassle of traveling off-site to the Phillips Eye Institute or Fairview Hospital – Southdale. This off-site scheduling created inefficiencies with the doctors and took up the patients' time. Having this new part of the department at the U of M means better use of time and more opportunities to handle patients.

With the U of M being a medical school, the eye doctors and surgeons of tomorrow are able to receive their surgical training at the same place where the rest of their lessons occur. By getting this overall experience, these new doctors and researchers can return home to their local communities to begin their practices. Many of the eye doctors and surgeons from around the state received their education at the U of M. By having the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation provide the funding to improve their educational experience, it benefits us all in Minnesota as well as those patients visiting from neighboring states.

Currently, the MLESC is handling four to five surgeries per day. It may not seem like much now but, considering the U of M wasn't doing any on-campus procedures until just a few months ago, it is actually great progress. Having this surgery center required the need to acquire equipment and get staff in place. In addition, the doctors at the U of M have begun shifting their surgeries from off-site locations to the new surgery center. As more and more procedures are scheduled, the daily use of the surgery center will increase. If things go according to plan, the MLESC will be the site of 20 to 25 surgeries per day within several months.

We have paid **\$750,000** towards our **\$4 Million** pledge to the Minnesota Lions Eye Surgery Center. **By the end of June, the MLVF will have added another \$250,000 payment to the total. This will mean we will have covered \$1 Million overall, which is 25 percent of the pledge.** This is all due to the contributions that Lions across Minnesota have made to the MLVF. We can't do this without you and we thank you for your generosity. Please keep the eye surgery center in mind when you are making your donations towards the MLVF. Let's keep supporting the efforts at the U of M in helping those with visual impairments and for the search to cure blindness or low-vision problems.

Legacy Gifts

There are several ways that someone can make a contribution towards the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. Many people make an annual charitable donation for a tax deduction. Some parties make contributions that coincide with such events as anniversaries or birthdays. Others have designated the MLVF as a charity of choice for honoring a loved one who has passed away. In addition, some individuals have taken it one step further by setting up a legacy gift to the MLVF.

Legacy gifts can be done in several different ways. Options available to you could be a contribution in the form of *bequests, charitable gift annuities, retained life estates, wealth replacement trusts, charitable lead trusts, real estate gifts, life insurance policies, securities gifting, stock gifting and retirement plan asset gifting*. With so many options available to you, it is recommended you sit down and talk to your financial planner and lawyer to explore which might be best for you. **If you wish to make a lasting gift towards sight preservation & conservation, a legacy gift to the MLVF might be just the thing for you.**

Amazon Smile

If you're already making purchases on **Amazon** or **Amazon Prime**, you now have a great way to make a contribution to the **Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation** when using these on-line services. Just log into your Amazon account and enter *Amazon Smile* into the search bar. From there, you will be given the opportunity to register your charity of choice. Just type in *Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation* and you'll be able to link the Foundation to your Amazon account. Now every time you make a purchase through Amazon, the MLVF will receive a contribu-

tion equaling 0.5 percent of your purchase. This passive fundraising can add up over time so, sign yourself up and have your family and friends do the same. The more this service is used, the greater the number of donations will be. It's a perfect way for you to give a little bit extra while you're making your gift purchases or buying your everyday needs.

Spring University Tour

With the spring coming your way very soon, please make note of the date for the tour at the University of Minnesota. **Saturday, May 6th** will be the day for you to check out the vision and hearing clinics & facilities at the U of M. If you're a new Lion or someone who hasn't been on the tour for quite some time, it is recommended to come down for a visit. You get to hear some great speakers, see some interesting presentations and check out the latest additions to the vision and hearing departments. You will also get a box lunch for free and have an opportunity to go tour the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank in the afternoon. If you're interested, please let PDG Paul or Lion Lyle know. We can help you get registered for the tour and will be happy to see you on May 6th!

Don't forget to turn in your collected used eyewear to your Zone chair, PDG Paul or Lion Lyle. If you haven't had a club or zone visit in a while from a MLVF director,



it would be great for us to come see you. You can hear all the latest developments on research and treatments being done at the U of M, as well as how your club is sitting with Helen Keller Sight Awards. We hope to come visit all of you in the very near future so, please contact us to book us for your event.

Thank you Lions, Lioness and Leos of 5M-7 for truly being "Knights of the Blind!"

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Legislation update

Members and Associates,

We now have numbers for our Senate bill, SF419. It was authored by Senator Carla Nelson. If Senator Nelson is your Senator, please thank her. Please ask your Senator to support this bill. Since only six Senators can sign onto a bill, ACM will take care of filling out the authors. Bill is attached. This bill is slated to go directly to the Senate Tax Committee.

House file 226 is getting additional authors, but not very fast. To date Representative Dettmer, Representative Davids, Representative Lucero and Representative Lien are on the bill. Yesterday Representatives

Drazkowski and Knoblach agreed to sign on as well. If any of these are your Representative please remember to thank them for their support. We need many more to sign up. If you have not asked your Representative to sign on, you need to do that. Bill is attached. This bill is headed to the House Commerce Committee.

Last week in the House Commerce Committee there were overviews given by Director Barrett of the GCB and myself. I had hoped to have the audio for you, but it has not been posted. Attached are my comments.

I would like to make a comment here. This session promises to be very interesting and will have lots of ups and downs. I want to stress to

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you that the GCB and the MN DOR enforce laws, they do not make them. Our issue on taxes must be dealt with by the House, Senate and Governor. Those three alone will determine our destiny. Putting focus on any other group diverts the attention from where it belongs. If our elected officials are not hearing from us there will be no change for us. It is as simple as that.

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Can Do Canines' Lions Newsletter Submission – February, 2017



Thank you to the wonderful Lions Club members for visiting us in the beginning of January! Special thanks to Ross Thorfinnson, far left, a Lions Club member and Can Do Canines board member for attending as well.

Help make the Gram great

Thank you to everyone who has submitted highlights of past events and previews of future events. Please submit everything for the 5M-7 Gram, including the name of your club and captions for your photos, to glicht@heraldjournal.com no later than the 20th of each month. I try to be flexible, but reserve the right to decline items sent after the deadline.

Please note when submitting information that PDFs and JPGs work best. If you must send a Word document, please send it as a doc and not docx. The latter causes a whole host of problems. Please share any suggestions directly with me via email. I believe all my email addresses for secretaries and presidents are updated, but please let me know if the Gram needs to be sent to someone else.

Thank you!

Gram Editor Lion Gabe Licht
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DG Steve recounts 5M7 Mid-Winter Convention

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PID Brain Sheehan announced that he will be running for 3rd Vice President of Lions International.

We tried something different this year. The dress code was casual Saturday until the Governors Banquet. I believe that went very well.

The Governors Banquet started with 1st Lady Lion Kathy giving the Invocation and Host PDG Lion Terry Wold introducing the head table, PDGs and visiting guests. PID Mike Molenda introduced ID Nicolin, who gave an inspirational speech about how we can better our lives and the lives of others through Lions.

I then presented my awards to very deserving Lions. Lion Debbie Roberge and Lion Hal Hinchliffe were presented with a Helen Keller award, for being my right and left hands. They always are there with reports, agendas and anything else I may need. I awarded Lion Genia Sjerven an International President's Certificate of Appreciation. Lion Genia has been a club vice president, president, the next year stepped into a Zone Chair position, and followed that by becoming the chair working with the Wellness Van. Lion Joel Anderson received the Leadership Metal for the outstanding job he has done in Lions. Lion Joel has held most positions in his club. Lion Joel has been a Zone Chair many times and this year stepped up to become the Diabetes Co-Chair. Last, the Presidential Metal was awarded to PDG Terry Wold. Beside heading up the Mid-Winter Convention Committee this year, PDG Terry is a charter member of his club, has recruited many new members and was my mentor while I was 2nd VDG. PDG Terry is always there when I need some help. Door prizes were handed out and the banquet was closed. Entertainment after the banquet was Tunes To Go, with DJ Chuck spinning songs.

Sunday morning started with a church service with Deacon Mike Kraemer from Holy Family Catholic Church.

PDG Norm Kelzenberg hosted the Sunday breakfast. Election results were revealed with DGE Dan Kaiser, 1st VDGE Al Kvistero and 2nd VDGE Jim Kugler being elected. Parade of Green collected \$115,948.27 in donations. WOW, many foundations will really benefit from these donations. Christine and Jon LaMott talked about receiving a service dog from Can Do Canines for their son who has autism. They talked about how they had to deal with their son having sudden melt downs. It was very educational and emotionally.

I would like to thank the Mid-winter Convention Committee for allowing me to try some new things.

I'd also like to thank you the Lions of 5M7 for attending the Mid-winter Convention, because without you it would not happen.

Thank you for all you do,
District Governor Steve



Exciting news! We learned last weekend that our grant from LCIF has been approved!! This means we will be able to order our machines, putting us one step closer to vision screenings. Yay! We also learned about a change to the Minnesota Statutes, regarding School Board Responsibilities, which will require a mandatory early childhood developmental screening program. It is to be targeted to three and four year olds with vision screening as one of the program components. Wow, do you know what this means? We, the Lions of 5M7, could be very busy with vision screening clinics. PDG Lion Dennis Kelly is going to meet with a representative from the department of education to determine how we can assist with this new mandated requirement. We, Lions KidSight Minnesota Board of Directors, have a lot of work ahead of us with equipment training and developing efficient vision screening processes. We are excited. Do you want in on the action, do you even know what we are talking about? We would love to talk to your club about KidSight. Please contact us. Thank you to everyone who stopped at our booth during Midwinter. Help us spread the word! This will be a rewarding, fun project for your club. District 5M7 Lions KidSight Co-Chairs: Lion Mary Curtis, Lions Ann and Tim Kaduce. 5m7lionskidsight@gmail.com

Seeking the Endorsement for **3RD VICE PRESIDENT**



Brian Sheehan



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

MD5M CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



Saturday, June 3rd



1. Participate in Vision Screening for 6-month to 6-year old children.
2. Work with Kids Sight First and Plus Optics.
3. Collect used eye-glasses and hearing aids on site.



1. Kids Snack Pack Project: Create wholesome summer meal kits for children and families at the Mall.
2. Work directly with Second Harvest Heartland.
3. Distribute to Food Banks throughout the state.



1. Participate in handing out packets of Minnesota-friendly seeds.
2. Help the Monarch Butterfly with packets of Milk-Weed seeds.
3. Talk with Mall Visitors about your Club's Environmental Projects.



1. Work with our Leos on Speed Volunteering Opportunities.
2. Examples: (a) Making Luminaries
(b) Cards for our Military
(c) Hospital Cards and Thank You Cards
3. Our Leo Clubs and their Advisors will lead the way!

We need your help to make these happen! Let us know which of these 4 Core-Values you can participate in through your Centennial District Coordinator or the Steering Committee.

**This is a once-in-a life-time opportunity, and we hope you will join us at this great event!
More information is forthcoming as we finalize speakers, entertainment, etc.**



Second Harvest Heartland Donation Form

Club Name: _____ **District #** _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Amount of Donation: _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$75 _____ \$100

_____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$1000 _____ \$ Other

Please make checks out to Second Harvest Heartland.

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You will receive a donation receipt once processed.

Your donation will help fund the Lion's "Kid's Meal/Snack Packs" at the Lion's 100th Celebration on June 3rd @ the Mall of America event. Any remaining funds will become the property of Second Harvest Heartland.

Please attach your check & mail no later than March 1, 2017 (absolute deadline) :

**Lion Cheryl Thompson
Centennial Hunger Chair
903 Montrose Blvd S
Buffalo, MN 55313**

You will receive information on sign up for special recognition of your club no later than April 1st, 2017.

Have questions? cherylakthompson@gmail.com or call 612-481-3088

5M7 Mid-Winter Convention Highlights



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At the 5M7 Mid-Winter Convention (Jan. 13-15), Coon Rapids Lions Bill and Marcia Guthrie and members of the Lions International Trading Pin Club presented display cases of pins. One containing Leo pins from around the world was presented to Lion Pete Yelle, LEO Clubs co-chair (above). The other case with pins related to vision from around the US was presented to Lion Lyle Goff, MN Lions Vision Foundation, Inc. chairman (below). Through the use of these display cases, we can show and inform Lions, Leos and Lioness in 5M7 and the Multiple, that other Lions and Leos around the World are doing sight activities and Leo activities.



Community Service / Activity Room at the 39th Annual 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention

For the second year in a row, Deb O'Flanagan was invited to host a Community Service / Activity Room at the District 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention. On Saturday, January 14 between 9 AM and 5 PM, convention attendees could visit the London/Edinburgh Conference Rooms to take a break, visit, meet other Lions/Lioness/Leos, work on various community service projects, sand toys, relax, play cards, do word puzzles, work on putting a puzzle together, make friendship bracelets, learn how to crochet, do finger knitting, share project ideas, play games and meet Lions Bob and Sue Kulbeik from Elbow Lake and their puppy they are raising to be a Leader Dog. Some pictures taken that day are below.



Lions Sue and Bob Kulbeik & the puppy they are raising to be a Leader Dog visited and gave a talk to the Leos and other convention attendees.



Lion Marcia Guthrie is shown here working on a puzzle.



Lion Joy Rooney is crocheting a baby hat to be donated.



Catherine Fruzyna, a Leo from Spring Lake Park (front) is crocheting a "knitted knocker". Briahna Brown (back) from the Rum River Leos is crocheting a scarf. Two other Leos, were working together on finger knitting.



Spring Lake Park Leos Yma Langoe and Haley Cartier are sanding toys that will be given away.



A very BIG Thank you to all that donated to the Mid-Winter gift bags:

Fridley American Legion, Airport Marriott, Youth Out Reach, Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation, True Friends- Camp Courage, Spring Lake Park Lions, 5M7 Lions Kids Site, Lions Centennial Celebration Committee, The Governor's Cup Golf Tournament - Mark, Lions Hearing Foundation – Defeat Hearing Walk, Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Can Do Canines, 2nd Vice Governor Elect – Lion Jim Kugler, Governor Elect – Lion Dan Kaiser, and Mall of America.

All attendees received a bright yellow Lions bag filled with goodies.

Thank you again to all who donated!!

-Lion Kathy Linder



MLDF at Mid-Winter



Lion Deb Weston (Elk River Lions Club) and Lion Joel Anderson (Coon Rapids Lions Club) are pictured in front of the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation (MLDF) display at the 5M7 Mid-Winter Convention. The Parade of Green collected more than \$10,000 for MLDF! MLDF wishes to express a big THANK YOU to all the Clubs for supporting the work of the Foundation and helping us to **“Catch the Dream”** Life Without Diabetes!

Environmental Photo Contest Winner



The winning photo for entered in the 5M-7 Environmental Photo Contest was submitted by Lion Marcia Guthrie from the Coon Rapids Lions Club. This photo will be judged at the multiple district and winners will be shown at the International Convention in Chicago.

Lion Jan Dubats



Cokato-Dassel Lion Paul Holm was recently named a Melvin Jones Fellow, and accepted a plaque honoring him from Cokato-Dassel Lion President Steve Nelson.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Paul Holm honored

Lions Club International recently honored Cokato-Dassel Lion Paul Holm of Dassel, naming him a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Cokato-Dassel Lion President Steve Nelson presented Holm with a plaque commemorating this honor.

Holm will also receive a Good Neighbor Award from WCCO radio. The presentation will air on the radio Monday, Jan. 16 at 7:52 a.m., and 12:40 and 5:50 p.m.

Paul Holm

Paul Holm is active in his church and community.

He runs audio visual equipment at his church, not just Sundays, but also for weddings and funerals.

He is president of the Steelville Cemetery Association, and does volunteer work with his ham radio group.

For many years, he has been chairman of the Red Rooster

barbeque pits, the largest chicken barbeque in Minnesota.

As a Lion, he is the longtime chair of the club beer stand at the Saints Ballpark (the beer shack).

This past year, he designed and organized the building of the new beer stand for the state baseball tournament, and coordinated the work schedule for the three weeks of that tournament.

Melvin Jones Fellowship

The Melvin Jones Fellowship was created in 1973 in the name of the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones (1879-1961).

This is not an award, but rather the highest level of recognition to acknowledge an individual Lion's dedication to humanitarian service, not only to their Lions Club, but also to their community.

Big Lake Lioness



The Big Lake Lioness hosted Shop with Santa Dec. 10. Lioness are pictured working the tables and serving coffee, juice, donuts, and cookies. This is the club's main fundraiser for the year.





Lioness Spotlight



The Lioness of 5M7 have been very busy with bake sales, making mittens for children, Breakfast with Santa events, Shopping with Santa, collecting "Labels for Learning," decorating Christmas trees at nursing homes, hosting a blood drive, assembling Christmas baskets with Lions, clowning, working at and donating at food shelves, hosting a Christmas Auction, and helping at a senior day care just to name a few events.

Mid-Winter News

Lioness Teresa Elmstrand and Lioness Judy Zaske participated at the Opening Ceremony by presenting the flag of Lions Club International and the flag of Arima, Trinidad, Tobago the flag of the visiting International Director.

Lioness Arlene Schroeder was awarded the International President's Certificate of Appreciation by Governor Steve Linder and International Director Nicolin Moore. Congratulations Lioness Arlene!

The Next Group Meeting will be held: May 2nd hosted by the Anoka Lioness. Details to follow.





DELANO LIONS



2nd Annual Super Bowl Breakfast

“Featuring”

WAFFLES & FRIED CHICKEN



Sunday February 5th 9AM to 1PM

adults \$10.00 per person

Children 12& Under \$7.00

Delano Legion Post #377

**All proceeds to benefit
the Delano Community**



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PROUDLY PRESENTS

A Valentine's Event

Saturday, February 11/2017



ST. FRANCIS AMERICAN LEGION

Tickets - \$25.00

Dinner: Chicken/Ribs

Dinner – 5:30 – 7:00

Potatoes/Gravy, Corn,

Show – 7:00 –9:00

Buns, Coffee, Root Beer Floats

For tickets and info call Tim or Kristin @ 763-753-1265 or pick up tickets at the Am. Legion or at St. Francis Hardware

[Reserved handicap seating only; call in advance 763-753-1265]



VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST BUFFET



Sunday, February 12th

8:00 am – 12:30 pm

Howard Lake Lions Club

Lions Hall 625 8th St. Howard Lake

**Enjoy a delicious meal of
Pancakes, French toast, Sausage,
Scrambled Eggs, Potatoes,
Biscuits and Gravy,
Coffee, Juice, and Milk**

**Take your sweetheart out for breakfast
Everyone is welcome to attend**

FREE WILL DONATION

Proceeds to benefit local Lions projects

Lynn Johnson Memorial Ice Fishing Contest

Hosted by the Centerville Lions Club



February 18th, 2017

Centerville Lake, Centerville MN

Tournament Ticket Sales	9am
Fishing Contest	11am
Final Weigh-in	2pm

Tickets will be sold on the lake, one hole for \$10, two for \$15.

Door prizes, kid's handouts, same day raffle, bouya, chili, hot food, beer and drinks

No portable ice houses, coolers, alcohol, or glass containers may be brought in. Contestants must have fishing ticket in plain view at all time.



This is a fund raiser for the Centerville Lions. Non-perishable food items will be collected for the food shelf. Special Assistance available for those in need.

13th Annual Albertville Lions

Comedy Night

Friday, February 17th, 2017

Doors open 5:00 p.m. (cash bar)

Dinner 6:00 p.m. (Choice of Stuffed Pork Chop or Stuffed Chicken Breast, salad, green beans, mashed potatoes & dessert)

Show 7:00 p.m.

**St. Albert's Parish Center
11458 57th St NE, Albertville**

Tickets for both dinner and show only \$30!
Date Night for You and Your Special Valentine
Seating is limited so reserve your spots soon!

Reserve your seats by calling or texting Lion Pat Sweeney at 763-439-4515 or at AlbertvilleLionsComedyNight@gmail.com
Please specify your name, number of seats needed, and dinner selection for each seat (Stuffed Pork Chops or Stuffed Chicken Breast)
A reply will be sent as confirmation of reservation.
Check and/or cash payment at the door, Sorry- No Credit Cards.
Funds Raised Go Towards Lions Vision Programs and Local Charities



**Head Liner
Elliott Threatt**



**Opening Act
Nathan Hults**



visit us on facebook

Raffle • Door Prizes • Food • Music

Little Hole On Big Lake

FISHING TOURNAMENT

Sat. February 18th, 2017 | On Big Lake | NOON-3:00

OVER \$10,000 PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS

FREE! KIDS FISHING DERBY
Held Before the Main Event From 10:00-11:30
First 100 kids receive a FREE Rod & Reel Combo

TICKETS:
Adults \$20 Children \$15 (12 and under)
Tickets are \$30 & \$20 day of event

Tickets Available At: **HANK'S** BIG LAKE | **COBORN'S** BIG LAKE

More Event & Ticket Info LittleHoleOnBigLake.org

1ST ANNUAL ANNANDALE LIONS YOUTH FISHING CONTEST

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017

11AM-2PM

FREE TO PARTICIPATE!!!

Pleasant Lake, South City Public Access Free Hot Dog,
Chips & Pop/Gift per child!
16 years old and under eligible




All Children
Must be
accompanied
by an adult

15 MAN OVER THE TOP ROPE MIW RUMBLE




MINNESOTA INDEPENDENT WRESTLING
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25,
 DOOR OPENS 7 P.M. FREE FACE PAINTING
JOHN P MURZYN HALL 530 MILL ST, COLUM
 HEIGHTS, MN 55421
TICKETS \$10 BELLTIME 8 P.M.
 SPONSORED BY :
 COLUMBIA HEIGHTS LIONS
 *WITH A LIONS CASH BAR *





DELANO LIONS
 Presents
CHURCH OF CASH



WORLD CLASS JOHNNY CASH TRIBUTE
 WAYLON tribute at 7 CASH at 8

Saturday Feb. 25th 7:00 PM
 Delano Legion Post #377
 Proceeds to benefit the Delano Community

\$25 Per Person

Available at:
 Cyber Geeks • McDonald's Studio,
 Southfork Brewery • Vanderlinde Group REMAX

ORDER ONLINE
<https://delanolions.ticketbud.com/coc>
 Questions? Contact Todd Belz 612-618-0921

WAVERLY LIONS
TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL
 All the fish you can eat!

FISH FRY



Friday, March 3rd
3:30 to 7:30 p.m.
 (Or when fish runs out.)
Waverly Village Hall
Carryout available



Elk River Lions
PANCAKE DINNER, BINGO AND
MUSIC!
 Proceeds to Benefit CAER

Tuesday, March 14, 2017
Bingo at 4:00p.m.
Pancake Dinner & Music at 5:00p.m.
Music by:
Debbie Schreyer & Tom Owens



Location: Guardian Oaks Dining Room
Cost: Free will donation & a food item
or cash donation for CAER

Help the Elk River Lions provide support to our local food
 shelf and enjoy the best pancakes in the area!

13th annual Empty Bowls

Benefiting the NACE Foodshelf



March 16th, 2017

5:00-7:30pm

Free Will Donation
Soup Dinner

St Patrick Catholic Church
1921 Nightingale St NW
Oak Grove, MN



Sponsored by:

- Cedar/East Bethel Lions
- Cedar/East Bethel Lioness
- Ham Lake Lions
- Oak Groves Lions
- St. Francis Lions
- St. Francis Lioness

PLUS!
~Live Auction
~Silent Auction
~Ceramic Bowls
~And More!

NACE Foodshelf
763-434-7685
www.nacefoodshelf.org



NORTH BRANCH LIONESS

ANNUAL BREAKFAST



March 19th 8am-NOON

North Branch American Legion

All you can eat French toast, pancakes, sausage links,
scrambled eggs, juice, milk and coffee

\$7 for adults \$3 kids 4-12 under 4 free

Advanced tickets \$5 available by calling (651)674-5127



All proceeds go directly back to the community. The North Branch Lioness support a wide range of service projects in the community including:

Chisago County Senior Center, Senior All Night Party, Women's Refuge, Youth Bureau, Wellness Van, New Pathways, Food Shelf, Children's Eye Clinic, Lions Hearing Foundation, & many others

For more information, please like us on Facebook



The Anoka Lions proudly present
Their 29th Annual Country Music Show

Featuring Marty Haggard

A Tribute to my Dad, Merle Haggard

Show Opening and band by Sherwin Linton

Saturday, March 25, 2017 Anoka High School 3939 7th Ave N.
3:00 PM Matinee -- 7:00 Evening Show Reserved Seats \$25.00; \$20.00 Gen. Adm.



Marty Haggard is the oldest son of country music icon Merle Haggard. In 1979 Marty began touring with his own band. Then he signed with Dimension Records and released the single "Charleston Cotton Mill" which spent weeks on the Country Music charts. At his father's request, Marty joined his dad's road band, singing and playing guitar. He also released "Trains Make Me Lonesome", which received a nomination for Best New Male Vocalist in Country Music. Marty's love of his dad's "real country" music inspired him to develop "A Tribute to Merle Haggard, My Dad". He cut two albums of "Tribute" songs, and has performed at the Oak Ridge Boy's Theatre and



Clay Cooper Theatre in Branson, MO. He has performed all over the US, Canada, England, Ireland and Scotland. Music fans love his musical tribute to his Dad, Merle Haggard.

← Sherwin and Pam Linton. Sherwin Linton's long history in music spans over 55 years. Sherwin has received numerous music industry awards, including CMA and Music City News nominations for Country Entertainer of the Year Awards. He recorded "Cotton King" in 1966 which catapulted him to the top of Country Music charts. Sherwin opens this year's show with a variety of popular country music, and provides the band for Marty Haggard.



For Tickets please **mail the coupon below**, or call for more information;

Lions Bill or Jan Dubats (763) 757 4143 or Lions Joe or Lynn Zimmerman (763) 421 4361

Yes! We want to see The Anoka Lions Music Show featuring **Marty Haggard with Sherwin Linton**, **Saturday, March 25, 2017**, Anoka High School, and 3939 7th. Ave N., Anoka, MN
Tickets are \$25.00 per ticket for reserved seats, \$20.00 for general admission.

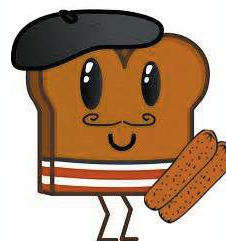
Please reserve our tickets as follows: **Circle one:** → Reserved Seats or General Admission

3:00 PM Matinee Show # of tickets Name: _____

7:00 PM Evening Show # of tickets Address: _____

Phone # () City/Zip: _____

Mail coupon & payment to: Anoka Lions, 12967 Crooked Lake Lane Coon Rapids, MN 55448



Oak Grove Lions

12th Annual

French Toast Breakfast

Sunday, April 23, 2017

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Senior Center
19900 Nightingale St. N.W.

Ticket prices –

Family \$21*

Adults \$7*

Children (12 & under) \$5*

*Save \$1 – buy in advance

Proceeds from ticket sales
help area youth groups

The Oak Grove Seniors will
be hosting a bake sale
during this event



WANTED: YOU!!
FOR: AN UNBELIEVABLE OPPORTUNITY
WHAT: 2017 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute
WHEN: March 30 – April 2, 2017
WHERE: Shooting Star Convention Center in Mahanomen, MN

We are looking for Lions from your district to attend the 2017 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute! Lions that are selected as participants in the Institute must be in good standing in a Lions Club and may not be a 1st Vice District Governor, District Governor, Past District Governor, International Director, or Past International Director.

The \$150 fee for the Leadership Institute includes the cost of materials, facility, staff, and three (3) meals. Room costs and additional meals are not included. However, a \$100 rebate from MD5M, through a grant from LCI, will be given to each participant that completes the program. Participants **MUST** be available to attend **ALL** sessions beginning on Thursday evening and ending Sunday afternoon.

Each district has the opportunity to send six (6) participants; however, if other districts do not meet their allotment, your district may send additional Lions. The Institute will have a maximum of 72 participants. Applications are available from your District Governor or on the MD5M Website and are due (without fees) by December 1, 2016. Your District Governor will then make the final participant selection.

Institute graduates from your district will tell you that the Regional Lions Leadership Institute is beneficial for you in every facet of your life and not just in your role as a Lion.

If you have questions concerning the Institute, please feel free to contact:

Lion Earl Orvik – ejorvik1@gmail.com

We look forward to giving **YOU** this **UNBELIEVABLE OPPORTUNITY!!**

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN EVENT

Tuesday, April 25, from 6-7:30 p.m., the Lions, Lioness and Leos of Zone 5 AND Zone 6 will come together at Feed My Starving Children, 401-93rd Avenue NW in Coon Rapids to pack food!!

We are also asking all the participating Clubs to donate \$\$ to help pay for the cost of the meals that we pack. Feed My Starving Children is a 501c3. At our last joint Food Packing Event May 5, 2016, donations amounted to \$5,063 which was about \$100 more than the actual cost of the food! Thank You again SO much for your wonderful donations of time and money!!

Appoint 1 Chairman from each Club to do fundraising for the event and to get the names of the volunteers to me so that they can be entered into the volunteer list for that evening.

We are hoping to have GREAT participation for this HUNGER event which would qualify as 1 of the 4 parts of the Centennial Service Challenge. That Challenge also includes Youth, Vision and Environment.

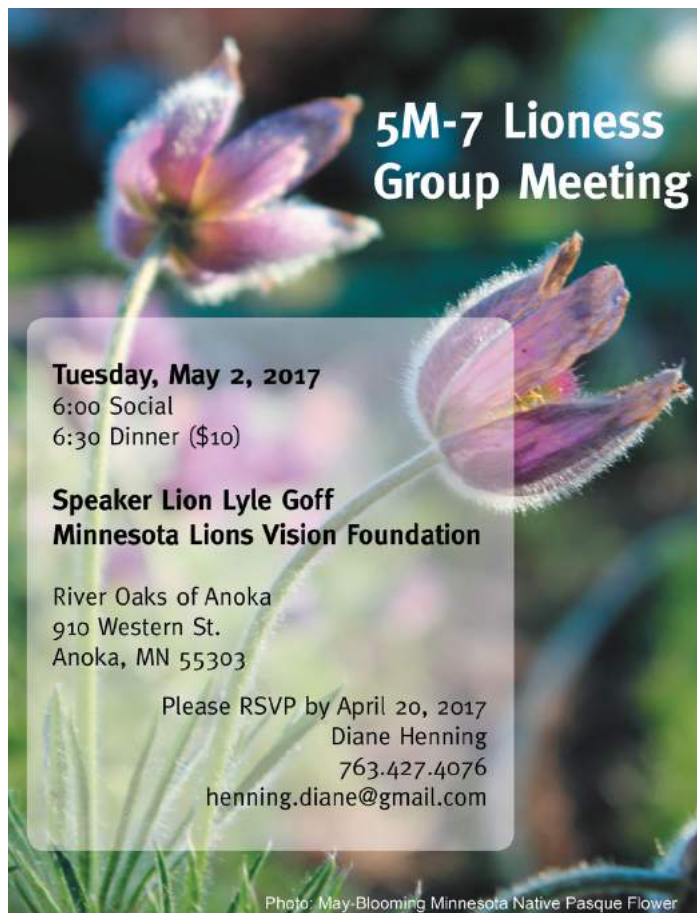
Lions Bill and Marcia Guthrie

Coon Rapids Lions Club

bmguthrie9@q.com

763-786-8072

February 2017



**5M-7 Lioness
Group Meeting**

Tuesday, May 2, 2017
6:00 Social
6:30 Dinner (\$10)

Speaker Lion Lyle Goff
Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation

River Oaks of Anoka
910 Western St.
Anoka, MN 55303

Please RSVP by April 20, 2017
Diane Henning
763.427.4076
henning.diane@gmail.com

Photo: May-Blooming Minnesota Native Pasque Flower



Join us at the
"LIONS OF THE NORTH"
 98TH MD5M Convention
 April 21,22,23, 2017
 Sanford Center, Bemidji, MN
 Hosted by District 5M-10



REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print

☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest

☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROV/ZIP: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROV/ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

EMAIL: _____

TITLE: _____ DISTRICT: _____

TITLE: _____ DISTRICT: _____

CLUB: _____

CLUB: _____

☐ Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

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Please specify any dietary needs: _____

Please specify any dietary needs: _____

Will you need Braille convention material? yes or no

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MEAL	AT 2016 MD5M CONVENTION	BEFORE MARCH 1, 2017	ON OR AFTER MARCH 1, 2017	NUMBER ATTENDING	AMOUNT
HOSPITALITY BOOK	USD: \$100	USD: \$110	USD: \$125		
FRIDAY NIGHT MIXER	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$20	USD: \$20		
SATURDAY BREAKFAST	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$20	USD: \$25		
SATURDAY LUNCH	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$25	USD: \$30		
SATURDAY BANQUET	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$45	USD: \$45		
SUNDAY BRUNCH	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$25	USD: \$30		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES, I AM COMING TO THE CONVENTION BUT NOT STAYING FOR ANY OF THE MEALS. USD: \$0.00				TOTALS:	

"Zero-K Walk for Diabetes" USD: \$20.00 per Person. Includes a free T-shirt.

T-Shirt Size/Quantity: (S) _____ (M) _____ (L) _____ (XL) _____ (XXL) _____ (XXXL) _____

Make checks payable to: **MD5M 2017 CONVENTION**

Mail payment & registrations to:

BEMIDJI LIONS CLUB

P.O. BOX 3045, BEMIDJI, MN 56619

Convention Information Email:

Lion Wayne Tieman: tieman13@yahoo.com

Lion Mel Milender: melmile@msn.com

GRAND TOTAL

SUBMITTED:

Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 1, 2017. \$20.00 fee for cancellations.

SEE SEPARATE FORM FOR AVAILABLE HOTEL ROOMS AND RATES

Bemidji 2017

February 2017

"We Serve"
www.e-district.org/sites/5M7

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To See and Do!

Tours



Air Corps Aviation
 ~Specializing in the restoration, maintenance, and rebuilding of vintage WWII aircraft. Passion, dedication and award-winning detail.
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 ~Historic, Fashionable and Family owned and operated. Local fiber to final product.
www.bemidjiwoolenmills.com

Lakeland Public Television ~
 Educate, entertain, enrich and enlighten. Local and national programming. A true gem of the North. Empower citizens and connecting the diverse communities across the region. Reaching an estimated 7,500 sq miles.
www.lptv.org



Other Opportunities:

Pinewood Fire Tower and Forest Education Center
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJG2uw-9Zb8>
 Many other attractions: www.visitbemidji.com

Hotel Accommodations

Country Inn and Suites (Convention Headquarters)
 218-441-4800
 110 rooms on hold
 Attached to Sanford Center

Additional

Accommodations:

AmericInn 218-751-3000
Best Western 218-751-0390
Double Tree by Hilton

218-441-4400
 Shuttle to Sanford Center

Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton

218-751-3600
 Shuttle to Sanford Center

Holiday Inn Express

218-751-2487

Quality Inn 218-444-7700

Super 8 218-751-8481





CONVENTION AND HOTEL RESERVATION FORM
LIONS CLUBS 100TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
Chicago, Illinois USA • Friday, June 30 – Tuesday, July 4, 2017



DEADLINES MAY 1, 2017:

• Deadline for advance registration and hotel reservation. (Registrations after this date will be processed in Chicago). • Deadline to submit a refund request for registration, housing and/or ticketed event cancellation.

REGISTRANT INFORMATION: Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.

First Name/ Family (Last) Name _____ Badge/Call Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Daytime Phone _____ E-mail _____

☐ Leo ☐ Lioness ☐ Omega Leo Club No. _____ Membership No. _____ District _____ Title _____

COMPANION: First Name/ Family (Last) Name _____ Badge/Call Name _____

☐ Leo ☐ Lioness ☐ Omega Leo Club No. _____ Membership No. _____ District _____ Title _____

CHILD: First Name/ Family (Last) Name _____ Age _____ ☐ Alpha Leo

PACKAGE A:

Includes convention registration for each registrant listed above plus one (1) hotel room serviced by shuttle buses during convention.

☐ Before January 13, 2017 ☐ Reservation in delegation hotel
☐ After January 13, 2017 ☐ I prefer my delegation hotel ☐ Prefer another hotel

Hotel Name _____

Arrival Day/Date _____ Departure Day/Date _____

Number of Guests in Room _____ Number of Beds Needed ☐ 1 ☐ 2

Special Requirements: ☐ Non-smoking ☐ Wheelchair Accessible ☐ Other

The Hotel deposit is US\$200 per room. Your deposit will be credited to your hotel bill at checkout.

PACKAGE B:

☐ NO ROOM REQUIRED (Registration only for each person listed above.)

OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENTS

I/we plan to attend the following event(s): (Must be registered to attend)

EVENT: MELVIN JONES FELLOW LUNCHEON

DATE/TIME	FEE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
July 3/ 13:30-15:00	US \$75	_____	\$_____

EVENT: DISTRICT GOVERNOR/PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR BANQUET

DATE/TIME	FEE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
July 3/ 20:00-22:00	US \$125	_____	\$_____

CENTENNIAL SERVICE CHALLENGE PROJECTS IN CHICAGO

☐ I am interested in participating in a hands-on community service project during the Chicago Centennial Convention. Further details on registering for service projects will be sent to you in the coming months.

PAYMENT: Full payment is required with this form. US currency only. Checks and money orders must be drawn on US banks. Visa, MasterCard & Discover cards accepted.

REGISTRATION FEES:	Adult	Child (17 and under)/Alpha Leo	Omega Leo	PACKAGE A:	PACKAGE B:
EARLY (Before January 13, 2017)	US\$130	US\$10	US\$60	Registrations: US\$ _____	Registrations: US\$ _____
REGULAR (January 14 through March 31, 2017)	US\$180	US\$10	US\$60	Ticketed Events: US\$ _____	Ticketed Events: US\$ _____
LATE (April 1, 2017 – onsite)	US\$200	US\$10	US\$60	Hotel Deposit: US\$ <u>200.00</u>	
				Total Due: US\$ _____	Total Due: US\$ _____

☐ Check # _____ ☐ Wire transfer (payment slip must be attached to this form) ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard Discover ☐ Discover

Name as it appears on card _____ Credit card must be in the name of the registrant.

Card Number _____ Expires Month/Year _____ Security code (3 digits) _____

X _____

Cardholder Signature _____

Mail: Lions Clubs International Attn: Convention Division • 300 West 22nd Street Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA • **Fax:** +1 630.571.1689 • **E-mail:** registration@lionsclubs.org

Please note: Lions Clubs International will be documenting the international convention for promotional purposes. Your participation may be filmed or photographed at this event. Your registration is your consent for use of these images by Lions Clubs International.