



# Celebrate 100 Years of Lions!

2017 ND State Lions Convention • Nov. 3 - 4th, Bismarck

Ramkota Hotel - 800 S 3<sup>rd</sup> St - Bismarck, ND 58504 - 701-258-7700

## Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

9am to 5pm	<b>Registration Opens</b>	Ramkota Hotel
10 'til close	<b>Displays and Silent Auction Items</b>	Courtyard
10am to 1pm	<b>5NW Cabinet Meeting with Lunch</b> <b>5NE Cabinet Meeting with Lunch</b>	Cannonball Room Sheyenne Room
1pm to 4pm	<b>ND Lions Foundation Board Meeting</b>	Cannonball Room
2pm to 4pm	<b>ND Past District Governors Meeting</b>	Sheyenne Room
5pm to 9pm	<b>Ice Breaker</b>	ND Heritage Center
5pm	Touring and Food	
7pm	ND Lions Hall of Fame Induction	
7:30pm	Lions Memorial Service	
9pm to ?	<b>Hospitality Rooms Open</b>	Ramkota Hotel

## Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

7am to 2pm	<b>Registration Open</b> Displays and Silent Auction Items	Ramkota Hotel Courtyard
7:15am to 8:40am	<b>Breakfast &amp; Opening Ceremonies</b> Presentation of Colors - Welcome by the Mayor Keynote Address by Monsignor Shea	Dakota Ballroom
8:45am to 10am	<b>District 5NE Meeting</b> <b>District 5NW Meeting</b>	Lambourne Room Grand Pacific Room
<b><u>Breakout Sessions I</u></b>		
10:10am to 11am	<b>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of LCIF</b> <b>Dakota Lions Sight and Health</b> <b>New Developments in Hearing Technology</b>	Cannonball Room Sheyenne Room Heart Room
<b><u>Breakout Sessions II</u></b>		
11:15am to 12 noon	<b>United Way Backpacks for Kids</b> <b>So You Want to Start a Lions Club?</b> <b>New Diabetes Emphasis in Lions</b>	Cannonball Room Sheyenne Room Heart Room
12:10pm to 1:50pm	<b>Lunch</b> Speaker PDG Doug Scheller "100 Years of Lionism" & Melvin Jones Awards Recognition	Dakota Ballroom
2pm to 2:45pm	<b>Q &amp; A Session with PIP Bill Biggs</b>	Grand Pacific Room
2:45pm to 3pm	<b>Coffee and Snacks</b>	Courtyard
3pm to 5pm	<b>ND Foundation General Meeting, ND State Lions Meeting, &amp; Parade of Green</b>	Grand Pacific Room
6pm to 7pm	<b>Social Hour &amp; Silent Auction</b>	Courtyard
7pm to 9pm	<b>Parade of Governors and Banquet</b> Banquet Speaker PIP Biggs	Dakota Ballroom
9pm to ?	<b>Hospitality Rooms Open</b>	Ramkota Hotel



## SEMINARS & FEATURES ANNOUNCED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lions Clubs International Foundation** ! This organization has raised and distributed millions of dollars to help build clinics, fight blindness, and contribute to major disaster relief around the world to alleviate the suffering caused by hurricanes, floods and earthquakes. PID Robert Littlefield, PDG Dave Czywczynski and IPDG Mark Koller will tell us about the amazing accomplishments of this international organization.

**Dakota Lions Sight and Health** What ever happened to the North Dakota Eye Bank? It's still working, collecting and distributing corneas under a new name. Alan Berdahl and Mike Blazek, of this new partnership between North and South Dakota, will tell us about how the association is operating now that they have joined forces.

**Don't Throw Those Old Hearing Aids !** Although we as Lions have been recycling eyeglasses for years, it is about time we learn how some parts of used hearing aids can also be recycled and become a renewable resource for those with hearing problems. Tricia Nechodom of Minot will tell us more about how to get involved in this project. Another way for clubs to serve!

**United Way's Backback program** Jenna Gullo from United Way will tell us about the hunger problems in our communities across North Dakota, and the food backpacks that they provide every other week for disadvantaged school children. They have been providing 928 backpacks every other week to the school children in Bismarck and surrounding communities. And Lions can help!

**So You Want to Start a Lions Club?** But where do you start? Lion Josh Ressler recently worked to charter a new Lions Club in Surrey, and Llewellyn Rustan led the charge to begin a new club the year before in Beach. These experienced Lions are willing to share their expertise if you or your club would like to embark on this exciting mission. This is a great opportunity to ask questions.

**New Diabetes Emphasis in Lions** It has been publicized that Lions International is planning to join the attack on diabetes in a big way, but what form will this campaign take? International Director Pat Vannett, along with the diabetes chairpersons from 5NE (Donna Ruff) and 5NW (Chuck Whitney) will speak to us about this new effort and how our clubs can get on board.

**Question and Answer Session** Past International President Bill Biggs, our main speaker, will be available to us in this session to answer questions we may have about operations and organization at Lions Clubs International. If you've ever wondered why we have certain traditions, or how Lions are functioning on the other side of the globe, he will be able to tell us. Council Chairman Terry Peterson will also be available for MD5 questions.

Now those of you reading this will probably think, "How can I actually attend all those sessions?" You can't, really, since they are packed into three 50-minute time slots. The solution? Bring lots of Lions members with you so you can split up and cover many topics as possible! At mealtime you can exchange ideas and information with each other as you enjoy your meal, and take those ideas back to your Club.

**Centennial Melvin Jones Recognition** Do you have members in your club who have received a Melvin Jones Fellowship award in the last year, since the Rugby convention last October? We would like to have a special recognition and a group picture of all of those who have received theirs in the last year. Also, if your club would like to announce any surprise Melvin Jones awards right there at the convention, we can do that at the lunch on Saturday.

**Silent Auction** This has been a popular and successful feature at recent conventions, so we are planning a silent auction in the courtyard of the Ramkota. We are hoping that all of the clubs who come will contribute an item of \$25 or more to be auctioned off for Lions charities. Any talented individuals who would like to contribute a handmade item would be welcome to do so as well. It should make for a fun display for all to enjoy, and will raise money for a good cause.

**Hospitality Rooms** What's a convention without the fun and fellowship of the hospitality rooms? Brach and Scott would like to suggest that if anyone is planning to book a hospitality room, that they do so in the rooms surrounding the courtyard. That way they will be close to the silent auction and the Lions display tables that will be in that area.

**Displays** And speaking of display tables, any Lions organization that would like to set up an information display table is welcome to do so. Please contact Brach [brachmarian@bis.midco.net](mailto:brachmarian@bis.midco.net) or Scott [sressler@abrasivesinc.com](mailto:sressler@abrasivesinc.com) if you have a display, or if you have questions about any of the rest of the events. Plan to join us now for the State Lions Convention on November 3-4 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck.

When calling for reservations (701-258-7700), mention that you are with the Lions. The planning committee is excited to see as many Lions as possible!

### What Should I Bring to the Convention?

By the end of October, all of you will be packing your bags to attend the state Lions convention in Bismarck at the Ramkota, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. But what do you need to bring? Let's make a list!

- If you are a club secretary, please bring your delegate form if you have not already sent it in. Contact Lion Butch Frank [bfrank@ndsupernet.com](mailto:bfrank@ndsupernet.com) or (701) 440-6193 if you still need a delegate form
- If you pre-registered at the early \$40 rate, make sure your club secretary or treasurer has sent in the names of the club members who will be attending
- Don't forget your silent auction items. We have already received many very nice contributions. If you have questions, please call Joel and Lori Newgard at (701) 663-2672
- If your club is giving a surprise Melvin Jones, don't forget the plaque, along with a couple of sentences about the recipient. Please let Scott or Brach know in advance at either [sressler@abrasivesinc.com](mailto:sressler@abrasivesinc.com) or [brachmarian@bis.midco.net](mailto:brachmarian@bis.midco.net)
- Are the PDGs and DGs, etc., wearing white jackets for Saturday night? Yes, whoever of the PDGs who would like to can wear their whites. The rest of the Lions at the banquet usually wear dressy-casual clothes. Church clothes would work
- Are the sessions during the day dressy? No. Casual wear is pretty much the norm, and we love to see those club shirts and vests! It's fun to see where all of the Lions come from around the state
- Just a minute !!! Do you have your room booked yet at the Ramkota Hotel? Their phone number is (701) 258-7700. Please mention that you are with the Lions
- Just remember to pack a big smile you can use to greet all of your fellow Lions! We're looking forward to seeing you in November.