

Michael E. Molenda International Director

Michael E. Molenda, from Hastings, Minnesota, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 96th International Convention held in Hamburg, Germany July 5 through 9, 2013.

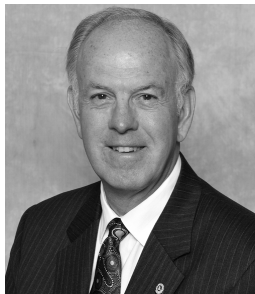
Director Molenda is an attorney.

A member of the Rosemount Lions Club since 1984, he has held many offices within the association, including secretary, president, district governor, zone and region chairperson and council chairperson. He has also served as chairperson for the Campaign SightFirst and the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. He was also a member of the 92nd Lions Club International Convention Host Committee in Minneapolis.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the District Governor Excellence Award, a Leadership Medal, the Progressive Helen Keller Award, a Michigan A. Charles Weir Fellowship, two International President's Certificate of Appreciation and three International President's Awards. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Molenda is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Minnesota and Dakota County Bar Associations, the Minnesota Association for Justice, the Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Hastings Chamber of Commerce, the Minnesota Swimming Officials Association (MSOA) and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA).

Director Molenda and his wife, Linda, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have a daughter, son-in-law, and two grandsons.



Governor's Invitation

Please Come!

2015 Lions District 13K Convention

Lions, Lionesses, LEOs, and Guests,

The Governor, Vice-Governors, and CST would love to have you celebrate with us at your 2015 District 13K Convention on March 6th, 7th, and 8th. It will be held at the Crossroads Event Center at 2095 West Fair Avenue in Lancaster. You and your clubs have all been working hard in your communities all year and now it's time to CELEBRATE all of your accomplishments. Blue Frog will be joining us both Saturday and Sunday to meet all of your Lion apparel needs.

On Friday evening, at the Holiday Inn, the Carroll Lions will be providing various treats for hospitality. Lions Jim Norris and Laura Jordon have karaoke for your entertainment. Enjoy yourself and get up to sing to all of us.

There will be many awards for all the hard work that you have been doing. On Saturday, we will be recognizing the excellent officers of your clubs. As in the past few years there will be not oral reports at the business meeting. The spouses and guests will tour Rock Mill. The LEOs will receive awards at the Saturday luncheon. We will have some informative sessions in the afternoon, followed by the necrology service. In the evening, a fund raiser, the Leos will have games for you to play. Concurrently, the steel drum band from Canal Winchester will be entertaining. To top off the evening, we will have a best dressed farmer and farmer's wife contest. The dress of the day on Saturday is bib overalls or jeans.

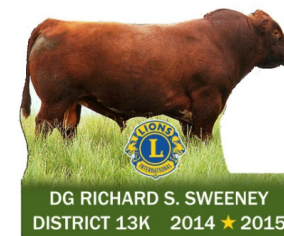
International Director Mike Molenda will be delivering an inspirational message at the Grand Banquet on Sunday. And then there will be more awards.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the convention. It is the first in the state and, with your help, it will be the best! Come have FUN with your fellow Lions and meet some Lions you may not yet know from our district and throughout the state.

Deadline to Register is February 20th.

BEEF IT UP!

District 13K 2015 CONVENTION March 6-8



Richard Sweeney District Governor



Strengthen the Pride Joseph "Joe" Preston International President



A Melvin Jones Fellow, Governor Richard served as State Youth Exchange Chairman in 1985-1986 and placed 17 youth from five different nations. He served as District Youth Chairman from 1983-1986 and District Band Chairman from 1979-1982 and 2011-2014. He served as Zone 4 Chairman 1991-1993 during which time he appointed the very first Assistant Zone Chair.

Lion Richard has served as Club President, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Vice President. He has been club Secretary and served on the Board of Directors. Lion Richard has had perfect attendance, since he joined Lions in 1975.

Outside of Lionism, Lion Richard served 26 years on the Greenfield Township Zoning Board and was Zoning Inspector for two years. He has been a member of the Fairfield County Farm Bureau for over 40 years and has served on its board for over 15 years, ultimately holding the office of Vice President and President of the Board. He was a 4-H advisor for ten years and a swim official for over 15 years.

Lion Richard was a Design Engineer for Ohio Bell/AT&T for 28 years. After retirement, he worked as a substitute mail carrier, did title searches, and worked with the Extension Office.

Lions Richard and Sharon Sweeney were married in 1967. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

Friday, March 6, 2015

Fun & Fellowship

- 4:00-9:00 PM: Convention Registration-Holiday Inn Express
- 6:00-8:00 PM: PDG Banquet with ID Mike Molenda (invitation only) at Liberty Center, 951 Liberty Dr., Lancaster
- 7:00-11:00 PM: Music & Karaoke by Jim Norris & Laura Jordan; Hospitality at the Holiday Inn Express

Saturday, March 7, 2015

Team Appreciation!

*All events will be at the Crossroads UMC,
2095 W. Fair Ave.*

- 8:00 AM-6:00 PM: Registration-Tower Hall
- 8:00 AM-9:00 PM: Blue Frog Productions-Room 100
- 8:30 AM -11:00 PM: Leo Refreshments for sale-Tower Hall
- 9:00 AM-Noon: Spouse Program – Tour Rock Mill & Crafts
- 9:00 AM-Noon: Leo Activities-Room 102
- 9:00 AM-Noon: Lions Business Meeting-Gymnasium
- President, Sec., & Treas. awards
- Noon-1:30 PM: Lunch-Gymnasium
- Leo Awards, Peace Poster Winner, Leo Auction
- 1:30-2:10 PM: Breakout Sessions
- ID, Young Ideas, Building Clubs, Redistricting—Meet Clubs from Districts G & J

- joining with K to form OH7
- 2:15-2:55 PM: Breakout Sessions
- Pilot Dogs, Canine Companions for Independence, Quest
- 3:00- 4:00 PM: Business Meeting, Elections
- 4:00- 5:00 PM: Necrology Service-Gymnasium
- 6:00- 8:30 PM: Farmer's Supper-special awards
- 8:30- 11:00 PM: Country Fair—Leos Games
- Best Dressed Farmers Fashion Show
- Hospitality – Gymnasium
- 9:00- 10:00 PM: Winchester Steel Company—Steel Drum Band

Sunday, March 8, 2015

Lions Celebration

- All events will be at the Crossroads UMC,
2095 W. Fair Ave.*
- 9:00-10:30 AM: Registration-Tower Hall
 - Blue Frog Productions-Room 100
 - 10:30-10:55 AM: Seating for Grand Banquet
 - 11:00 AM-2:15 PM: Grand Banquet-Gymnasium
 - Address by ID Mike Molenda
 - COG Awards, International President's Awards

