



COME, CELEBRATE CHICAGO - 2017



CHICAGO— A CITY OF FIRSTS

Throughout the city's history, Chicagoans have demonstrated their ingenuity in matters large and small:

The nation's first skyscraper, the 10-story, steel-framed Home Insurance Building, was built in 1884 at LaSalle and Adams streets and demolished in 1931.

When residents were threatened by waterborne illnesses from sewage flowing into Lake Michigan, they reversed the Chicago River in 1900 to make it flow toward the Mississippi.

Start of the "Historic Route 66" which begins at Grant Park on Adams Street in the front of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Chicago was the birthplace of:
 the refrigerated rail car (Swift)
 mail-order retailing (Sears and Montgomery Ward)
 the car radio (Motorola)
 the TV remote control (Zenith)

The first self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction, ushering in the Atomic Age, took place at the University of Chicago in 1942. The spot is marked by a Henry Moore sculpture on Ellis Avenue between 56th and 57th streets.

The 1,450-foot Sears Tower, completed in 1974, is the tallest building in North America and the third tallest in the world.

The sole female mayor, Jane M. Byrne, served from 1979 to 1983, and was succeeded by the first African-American mayor, Harold Washington, who served until his death in 1987. The longest-serving mayor, Richard J. Daley (1955-1976), presided over a public and private building boom that strengthened both downtown and the city's neighborhoods. His son, Richard M. Daley, mayor from 1989 to 2011, reformed education and public housing, strengthened community policing and oversaw the construction of billions of dollars worth of schools, libraries, police stations and infrastructure, as well as the renovation of Soldier Field and creation of Millennium Park. Mayor Daley was also known for spearheading many environmental initiatives in his quest to make Chicago the 'Greenest City in America'. Chicago's current mayor, Rahm Emanuel, was inaugurated in a ceremony at Millennium Park in May of 2011. "It is hopeless for the occasional visitor to try to keep up with Chicago. She outgrows his prophecies faster than he can make them." - Mark Twain, 1883

October 2016

- *A celebration of 100 years of service*
- *Welcome Home to Chicago*
- *June 30-July 4, 2017*
- *Parade July 1, 2017*
- *Marching on State Street*
- *Your Kind of Town!*

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As you can see by the sign above, the volunteer seeds have been planted and they are beginning to take root. The volunteer data base list is growing and the Lions are becoming excited about the opportunity to be a part of the 100th Year Celebration of our organization. Lions are asking to be included in not just one aspect of our volunteer duties but two or three different committees. Talk about flexibility!

Lions Clubs International has informed the host committee that we should prepare for between 40,000 and 50,000 Lions to attend the Convention. We also have been told to expect as many as 25,000 Lions to march in the parade on July 1st. To meet the demands that these anticipated numbers present to the host committee, we have decided that we need a volunteer, dedicated force of 2,000 Lions. I feel that this is going to be a task that can easily be accomplished by the Lions.

Recently, I have been receiving contact information from Lions near and far and they have volunteered to work on the various committees. Some have said, "I'll work whenever and wherever I'm needed". Now that's the Lion spirit.

If you have not already filled out the FILLABLE VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM on the MD1 State Website, now is the time to do it. Simply fill it in on line and e-mail it back to me at "santonlions@comcast.net."

I will add your name to the database and the Chairperson of your assigned committee will soon be in touch with you. It's that easy!

Remember this...

"Do Your Part...Play A Part...Chicago 2017"

PCC Steve Anton, Staff Volunteer Chairman



CONVENTION REGISTRATION INFORMATION

2017 LCI Chicago Convention Registration and Hotel

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Fee:

Registration Fee through January 13, 2017 is US\$130
From January 14 through March 31, 2017 the regular registration fee is US\$180
April 1, 2017 through onsite registration, the fee is US\$200.

Leo Registration Fee:

Omega Leo - (18 years and over) US\$60
Alpha Leo - (17 years and under) US\$10

Registrants will receive an official name badge and souvenir medallion; official convention program; one ticket for the International Show.

Convention badges are mailed in late May 2017 to each registered delegate or group.

All changes (*name change, arrival/departure date revisions*) must be submitted in writing by May 1, 2017 to registration@lionsclubs.org.

Registration Form

Questions?

General questions about the convention: convention@lionsclubs.org
Questions about registration and hotels: registration@lionsclubs.org

[Register Now](#)

SEVENTY SIX TROMBONES AND THEN SOME!!!

Some things can't easily be put into words. But the swelling call of a bugle, the pattering of a snare drum, the trill of a line of marching flute players—music can awaken a feeling of joy and purpose that words cannot match.

Lions Club International founder Melvin Jones, from Fort Thomas, Arizona, wrote in 1927 that “music, both vocal and instrumental, have a wonderful effect for good. In it there is harmony; and whether or not we realize it, harmony winds itself into our very souls; and you cannot have discord in souls filled with harmony.”

The earliest All-State Bands were made up of Lions who were eager to make music together, but today they are made up of the best of the best from local schools' marching bands. When marching musicians are needed for Lions conventions, local parades and even international events, All-State Bands from around the country rise to the occasion. Local clubs support their bands and fund travel for the musicians to attend competitions and conventions around the world.

Young musicians must prove themselves in auditions every year. Success brings the opportunity to travel and make music with the best of the best and to play alongside young musicians they might not otherwise meet. In 2015, the Mississippi Lions All-State Band attended the International Lions Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, and won the 31st Annual International Lions Parade Championships. The 145 high school musicians in the band survived a tryout with 852 participants.

“It feels amazing to make the Lions Band,” said trombonist and high school senior Trevor Shoup. “I never thought I would make it this far.” He practiced 15 hours a week in advance of the All-State Band auditions, which included two performances in front of a five-judge panel.

Once a musician is chosen, the real work begins: a full week of band camp, with practices and drills running from dawn till long past dusk.

“The practices were very intense,” said trumpeter Jesse Gibens, also a senior. “We got 30-minute breaks every now and then, but we were constantly playing every minute.”

Three students from Mississippi's Warren Central High School attended the 2015 convention, with financial assistance from the Vicksburg Lions Club of Mississippi. They were given \$300 each for travel and food during their weeklong stay in Hawaii.

“Someone has said that music is a means of expressing man's feeling without words,” said Melvin Jones. “Had there never been human affection, there never would have been uttered a strain of music. Language is not subtle enough, tender enough, to express all that we feel, and when language fails, our highest and noblest longings are translated into music—the sunshine and climate of the soul.”



The Indiana All-State Lions band played at the 1934 convention.

Each member was a Lion!

IN THE WORDS OF MELVIN JONES

ON SERVICE...."You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else."

ON NAMING THE ASSOCIATION...."THE Lion stands for something; not as much as a noble animal, but rather as the traditional symbol of great deeds and high accomplishment."

ON LIONISM'S RAPID GROWTH.... "the Lions had high ideals that could appeal to a group of young men just returning from the battle fronts with a worldwide vision; a group of young men, active, energetic, enthusiastic....the doers of the earth."

ON PERSONAL GAIN...."Why was Lions International the first service club organization? My answer is that we were the first association to insert into our constitution the flat statement "that no club shall hold out as one of its objects financial benefits to its members. This was the beginning of unselfish service to others."

ON TREATMENT OF OTHERS.... "You must give the other fellow the benefit of the doubt. Friendship is an end, not a means. A man must accept nothing that has a string tied to it."

ON FRIENDSHIP.... "the most beautiful thought in the Lions Code of Ethics is in the fourth clause—"to hold friendship s an end and not a means. This thought, if put into action, makes a man a leader, a big man. For it makes him big enough, in questions of ethics, to resolve all his doubts against himself."

ON LIONS OBJECTS....'If a Lions Club carries out its Objects, it will have a full program. It will be interested in world affairs, in national problems, in the needs of its own community and in the welfare of its individual neighbors"

ON DREAMS...."dreams are the fool ideas of day before yesterday that become the commonplace miracles of today."

ON BROTHERHOOD...."the whole purpose of Lionism is to teach people the importance of the brotherhood of man. Unselfishness can be the greatest force for good in any neighborhood or in any country. True brotherhood exists where people live together, work together and break bread together in mutual trust and respect."

ON TRUTH"It doesn't make any difference who discovers truth, so long as it is discovered. Truth has been in existence longer than anybody who goes out looking for it."

ON LEADERSHIP...."It is not given to a great many men in the ordinary conduct of their lives to exercise leadership within a group, yet every member of a Lions club has this opportunity. Group action, the ability to live with others, is the basis of our civilization. By giving the business and professional men of a community the chance to lead their fellow in activities that rebound to the good of the entire community Lionism is promoting the cause of human advancement."

ON GIVING...."What you give to humanity you get back. Bread cast upon the water is much more wholesome and nourishing than pie in the sky."

ON MEMBERSHIP....:It is not an uncommon thing for a Lions Club to accomplish the transformation of a man from a misanthropic, selfish individual to a respected community benefactor."

ON THE FUTURE OF LIONS INTERNATIONAL...."I hope there will always be a Land of Beyond for Lions International, a goal that will keep growing larger and larger as we approach it, yet will keep just out of reach, challenging us to run faster, work harder, think bigger and give more.!"

**FAMOUS LIONS LISTING
CURRENT, HONORARY
OR DECEASED**

Dick Van Arsdale

Professional Basketball Player (New York Knicks)

Johnny Balbo

LaGrange Lions Club, Illinois
Lions Clubs International President
Professional Wrestler (The Great Balbo)

Navy Lieutenant Andy Baldwin, M.D.

Sacramento Senator Lions Club
Undersea Medical Officer, Ironman triathlete, Navy diver and humanitarian, star of ABC hit show
"The Bachelor"

Larry Bird

French Lick West Baden Lions Club, Indiana
All-Star basketball player/coach (Indiana Pacers)

His Majesty King Juan Carlos Y Bourbon

King of Spain

John Henry "Jack" "Doc" Bradley

Antigo Lions Club (Club President)
Flag Raiser at Iwo Jima/United States Navy Hospital Corpsman

Milton Bullock

Princeville Community Lions Club (Charter President)
Member of "The Platters"

Jim Bunning

Past District Governor, Kentucky
U.S. Senator and Major League Pitcher/National Baseball Hall of Fame inductee

George H.W. Bush

Honorary Membership
United States President

George W. Bush

Honorary Membership
United States President

Admiral Richard Byrd

Washington D.C. Lions Club
Famous Explorer

Jimmy Carter

Plains Lions Club, Georgia
District Governor/Council Chairperson
United States President

FAMOUS LIONS CLUBS LISTING
CURRENT, HONORARY
OR DECEASED

Richard J. Daley
Chicago Central Lions Club
Mayor of Chicago, Illinois

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Chicago Central Lions Club
Mayor of Chicago, Illinois

Jeff Davis
Professional Football Player (Tampa Bay Buccaneers)

Dominique Dawes
Washington D.C. Lions Club
Three-time U.S. Olympian/Olympic Gold Medalist (gymnastics)

Anna Marie "Patty" Duke
Coeur d'Alene Lions Club
Academy Award winning actress (played Helen Keller in *The Miracle Worker*)

Amelia Earhart
Honorary Membership
New York City Lions Club
World famous aviator

Gerald Ford
Grand Rapids Lions Club, Michigan
United States President

Jimmie Giles
Professional Football Player (Houston Oilers and Tampa Bay Buccaneers)

Ron Guidry
Professional Baseball Player (New York Yankees Pitcher, Cy Young Award winner)

Gail Hamilton
Englewood Lions Club, Colorado
Ms. Colorado Senior America 2013 (first blind winner)

Bill Hands
Professional Baseball Player (Chicago Cubs Pitcher)

Sir Edmund Hillary
Remuera Lions Club, New Zealand
First person to climb Mt. Everest

Jim "Catfish" Hunter
Professional Baseball Player/Baseball Hall of Fame Member (Pitcher for Kansas City Athletics, Oakland Athletics and New York Yankees)

**FAMOUS LIONS LISTING
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Don Maynard

Professional Football Player (New York Jets)

Oscar McGuire

District 1 A Governor, Illinois
Harlem Globetrotter (1985-86)

Thomas M. Menino

Hyde Park Lions Club
Mayor of Boston, Massachusetts

Dr. M.C. Modi

Davangere Lions Club, India
Lions Clubs International Humanitarian Award Recipient
World renowned ophthalmologist

Burton Hill "Burt" Mustin

Pittsburg Lions Club (founding member/club president/lifelong member)
Actor

Richard Nixon

Honorary Membership
New York Host Lions Club
United States President

Dr. Mehmet Oz

Peninsula Special Interest Lions Club (Charter Member)
Cardiothoracic surgeon, author and television personality

Jerry Quarry

American Heavyweight Boxer

Jennings Randolph

Senator, West Virginia

Ronald Reagan

Dixon Noon Lions Club (Life Member)
United States President

M. Jodi Rell

New Fairfield Candlewood Lions Club
Governor of Connecticut

Babe Ruth

Professional Baseball Player/National Baseball Hall of Fame inductee (Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees)

Johnny Rutherford

River Oaks Lions Club, Texas
Three-time winner of the Indianapolis 500

**FAMOUS LIONS LISTING
CURRENT, HONORARY
OR DECEASED**

Dr. Albert Schweitzer
Honorary Membership
Ysounde Lions Club, Cameroon
Famed humanitarian

Lee Roy Selmon
Professional Football Player/Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee (Tampa Bay Buccaneers)

Harry S. Truman
Kansas City Lions Club
United States President

Jessie White
Secretary of State, Illinois

Marie Wicks
University of Mississippi Lions Club
Miss Mississippi

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2017 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION STREET BANNER SPONSORSHIP

WELCOME THE LIONS OF THE WORLD TO CHICAGO AND SHOW YOUR PRIDE!

Just imagine the State Street parade route and the streets around the McCormick Place Convention Center, delegate hotels, and Navy Pier lined with Lions Banners welcoming the Lions of the world to Chicago!

About the banners

Two banners will hang together – the “Welcome Lions” banner, shown to the right, will be paired with one sponsored by an individual Lions Club or District. At the end of the Convention, each Club will receive a replica of their banner – a special memento of this historical event!

Place your order

Reserve your Club’s personalized street banner today! Orders must be received by **1 April 2017** to make the installation date.

Club Name: _____ District: _____

Order Contact: _____

Contact Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Quantity	Price	Total Price
	US\$275	
Or order two banners for US\$500 <i>(if order received before 1 April 2017)</i>		

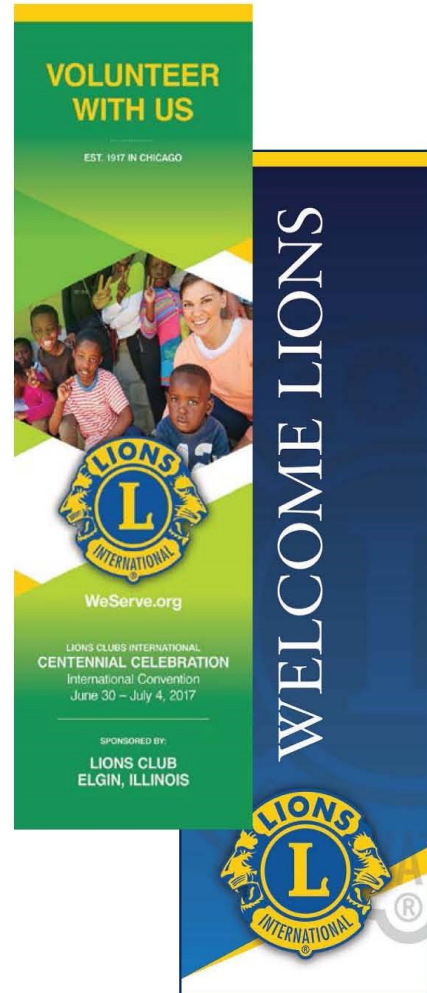
Payment information

Inside the U.S.

Make your check payable to: **Lions 2017 Host Committee**
Send this order form and check to: Lion Janice Wiggins
1028 Westchester Blvd.
Westchester, IL 60154

Outside the U.S.

Contact Lion Janice Wiggins (LionJaniceWiggins@gmail.com)
for payment information.



We appreciate your support and look forward to celebrating with you in Chicago!

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