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Welcome Lions, Lionesses, Leos and Guests, to the 97th Annual Lions of Virginia State Convention. Our hosts, the Newport News Denbigh and Tappahannock Lions Clubs have planned a fun-filled and exciting convention. Enclosed you will find brochures, pamphlets and other informational material to help you select just the right venue for your trip to Chesapeake, Virginia. This year the convention dates are May 14-17, 2020. Make plans today to come out and attend the best convention anywhere.

The 2020 Lions of Virginia State Convention will be held in the heart of Chesapeake, Virginia at the Delta Hotel by Marriott Chesapeake. We are honored to have International Director Justin K. Faber as our LCI guest. He will guide us on how we can Build Better Leaders for Tomorrow: A Ladder for Leadership and Recognizing Leaders in your District. This will be followed by a "Town Hall" where you can express your ideas and concerns about the future of LCI. We are excited to offer a two session Membership Class taught by Lion Daniel Marney Elkins of District 22-D. He will share his story and knowledge on his unique ways to grow club membership. This is a seminar not to be missed. Please come out to the convention and give ID Justin and Lion Daniel a warm Virginia Lions welcome.

During the conference there will also be social time in a relaxed setting. An early bird "Dining in the Dark" is planned for Thursday evening. Make plans to come out and dine with friends and family in complete darkness. On Friday, the district meetings, the foundation meetings, Pin Traders Luncheon and first plenary session are scheduled, with the James Bland Music Contest to be held on Friday evening. The Hospitality Rooms will be open after the Bland, giving attendees a meeting place to gather, and make plans to do fun things in Chesapeake. This will be a great opportunity to make new friends and renew acquaintances!

One of the most important aspects of our convention is the level of educational and leadership opportunities available. Whether it is leadership development, membership or club officer training, you will find what you are looking for on Saturday morning at this year's convention. Following the morning classes, we will hold a Memorial Service to honor all the Lions in Virginia that have passed away this Lions year. LOVF is hosting the Saturday luncheon. This will be followed by the second plenary session. Don't forget to stop by our Exhibits and booths. We are offering an array of products, and of course, pin trading.

Enjoy the Lions of Virginia State Convention. Enjoy Chesapeake, Virginia. Your presence is an indication that you are committed to making a positive difference, not only in your own Lions Club and district, but throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Meanwhile I'm here to help you. If there is anything I can do for you please do not hesitate to contact me.