

The 106th Annual Arkansas State Lions Club CONVENTION

April 19 & 20, 2024

Rogers Conference Center, University of the Ozarks,
Clarksville, Arkansas



Friday Night:

Plan on joining us Friday for dinner and a program of fun and fellowship including a special tribute to our state's Melvin Jones Fellows.

Enjoy the magic of comic magician Scott Davis, and experience the magic of "Changing the World" along with your fellow Lions.

Saturday's Keynote Speaker: International Director John A. Lawrence

International Director John A. Lawrence, after serving in the US Army, had a career as a civil servant in the Department of Defense, leading a division of 120 research mathematicians and linguists. He also served as a distinguished visiting professor at the US Airforce Academy. When looking for an opportunity to give back to his community, he found his answer when his friend asked him to become a Lion, joining the Kent Island Lions Club in 1997. Director Lawrence has held numerous positions at all levels of the association. In addition to his Lions activities, Director Lawrence is active in numerous professional and community organizations.



From Chestertown, Maryland, Director Lawrence and his partner in service, PDG Carol Schoonover share four children and four grandchildren between them.

Guest Speaker: Council Chair BJ Blahnik for Leader Dogs



BJ Blahnik is originally from Seymour, Wisconsin and was diagnosed with Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP) about the age of 10. After high school he moved to Green Bay, Wisconsin where after attempting many different career opportunities, he discovered the challenge of his vision was not allowing him to reach his potential. BJ, along with his wife, Victoria, now own their own business, Reach Forward, which works with special needs individuals through day services and a residential program.

BJ married Victoria in May of 2010 and lives in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He is a member of the USA Blind Sailing Team and a volunteer in his community. He has been a Lion since 2006. That same year, BJ's life was changed forever when he received his first Leader Dog.

**AND FEATURING; The Memorial Service — Special Guests — Awards — State Projects
— Continental Breakfast — Lunch — PDGA Meeting — Fifty / Fifty Drawing —
Silent Auction — Council of Governors Meeting
AND LOTS OF GREAT LIONS FELLOWSHIP**

SAVE THE DATE and watch your email for registration information