



District 25E Southwest Indiana Lions

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Governor's Corner

Upcoming Events:

- May: Vincennes Law Camp – Cancelled
- 6 Jun: Bedford Lions Pancake Breakfast - Cancelled
- 20 Jun: 25E Picnic/4th Cabinet Mtg – West Boggs Lake, Loogootee

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As I sit here beginning to write my article, I think about all the changes our world has gone through these past months. I, for one miss seeing my kids and my grandkids, giving them hugs, seeing what they are doing in school and at home. I miss the interactions with people. I have really missed going to see all the clubs in our district. I miss everything I do as a Lion member. Because of the "Stay at home orders", I have been staying home because, I am over 60, have type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and overweight.

Our club has still given scholarship money to graduating seniors and installed our officers for next year and on the books at LCI. We did this through emails and phone calls. We couldn't do our fundraiser of selling flowers for Mother's Day. To me this is also a community project, because, flowers go out to people who enjoy getting and giving them. I know a lot of our clubs in 25-E are having the same problems.

I know we are all worried about fundraisers and projects that are coming up in the future. Lions we have to really think "outside of the box." Our Lions Club has a lot of older members. Like me you don't want to get out and get the virus. Our communities still need us.

However, if you have questions or just want to talk about things, your District Team is here to help you. Call, text, or email us.

Be Safe.

"Lions Can Do It"

DG Sheryl Schaffer

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Newsletter, Public Relations & Hoosier Lion

Some of you have asked the question of whom to send information (photos including captions, event flyers & articles) to when it comes to the newsletter, public relations and the Hoosier Lion. Below are the points of contact and deadline (if there is one) for each:

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1st Vice DG Corner

Unconventional times calls for unconventional measures. I don't need to beat the proverbial dead horse about this virus, but we need to think outside the box to meet and to serve our communities. Just protect yourselves and your loved ones by staying apart and good personal hygiene. We were lucky no one from our convention came down with the virus. Other Districts were not as lucky.



In this vein, all 2020-2021 Zone Chair training, will be conducted online at LCI no later than 15 June 2020. Once we know who all the Club officers are (They are past due to be reported to LCI at this date), we will get an LCI e-book out to all officers for training. It will also need to be completed no later than 15 June 2020. You may feel you don't need it, if you have served in that position before, but things have changed. You will be required to take the training. I know, double tongue lashes for those that decide not to do the training. You are guaranteed to learn something you didn't know before. Make sure the Club Secretaries/Admins/Presidents scrub your membership data. We must have good emails, addresses, and phone numbers.

NAMI. You will hear a lot more about it over the next few years. North American Membership Initiative (NAMI). It is a program to increase the number of our clubs and increase and retain members. Soon after we can meet in larger numbers, we will have a meeting to get input from all clubs. That is the biggest difference in NAMI. They want us to drive the ideas from the clubs up and not be driven down by LCI. But there lies the rub. We need your input. At that meeting, we need a representative from every club. This will allow us to right-size our efforts and to work towards common goals. You will hear more about this from Lion Erica Thomas, PDG Jean Bodensteiner, and myself, as soon as possible.

Stay Safe and Tanks for Serving

DGE Kenny

District 25-E Election Results for Lion Year 2020-2021

PDG Dale Leffler announced the results of the elections during the District 25-E Spring Convention at the Spring Mill Inn on Saturday, March 14.

District Governor

1st Vice District Governor

2nd Vice District Governor

Special Projects Trustee

Cancer Control Trustee

VisionFirst Indiana Lions Eye Bank Trustee

Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee

ISBVI Trustee

Indiana Leader Dog Trustee

Speech & Hearing Trustee

Kenny Williams (Ellettsville)

Lee Cuba (Bedford Eve)

Donald Russ (Evansville Eastside)

Sue Leffler

Debbie Ellis

PCC Keith Thomas

PDG Herb Stevens

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Jan Allen

PDG Eric Ahlbrand



2nd Vice DG Corner

My dad told me many wise things. One of them was “when life gives you lemons make lemonade”. As it turns out with social distancing and the limiting what and where we can go, one kind of lemonade I have made is that I am spending more quality time with my wife, Nancy. Another lemonade is I have done many projects around the house. I have had time to do many things that have been putting off or a long time. I am starting to like this new normal. My dad said to look for the silver lining. I have found a silver lining.



Has anyone else made lemonade or found a silver lining in this new normal?

What is next? Wait, I like the new normal. Do we have to change back to the way things were? I know there will be residual realities of the current life that cannot be forgotten but we will come through this.

When this sabbatical is over, we all will need to feel good about getting on with our purpose. Serving our community.

Whenever life serves lemons, make lemonade. Just don't forget to find the silver lining.

We will be able to serve again, face to face.

Lee Cuba, 2VDG

From the desk of the Cabinet Secretary - PCC Keith Thomas

Hello Lions,



Presidents and secretaries, your officers report for next year is now due. If you have held your elections and reported your officer, THANK YOU! If not, please hold your elections report your officers via MyLCI as soon as possible. If you have problem or questions about reporting, please contact me at kthomas@threeidesign.com or PCC Jeff Schafer at jeff.schafer1@comcast.net.

Also, Lions Clubs International has added more information to their website about their responds to the coronavirus crisis at <https://lionsclubs.org/en/coronavirus>. Please review periodically for updates from LCI.

Racing to Serve, CS PCC Keith Thomas

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Club Anniversaries

Club	Charter	Age (Yrs)
Ellettsville	5/8/1947	73
Mount Vernon	5/7/1952	68
Richland	5/18/1955	65
Sandborn	5/17/1955	65
Lanesville	5/6/1991	29
Wheatland	5/23/2006	14
Fredericksburg	5/11/2007	13



New Members Reported in April 2020 – Welcome!

Club	Member	Sponsor
Dugger	Debbie Rennier	Richard Rennier
Richland	Wendy Taylor	David Taylor



Fallen Lions Reported in April 2020

Club	Member
Fredericksburg	Mary Cervantes
Winslow	Mike Russell

Care & Concerns:

Our thoughts and prayers are with those Lions and their family members or friends around the world that are sick or in the hospital or at home, and all others whose losses were unknown to us at this time.

Lion Doris Bliss
Lion Sandy Ruane
Lion Henry Spindler
Lion Mary Chisham
Lion Richard Dean
Lion John Burns

Lion Cindy DeHart
Lion Jaline Spurgeon
Lion Harry Martin
Lion Alma Graf
Lion John Davis

Lion Dave Milby
Lion Bob Evans
Lion Kermit Flinn
Lion Bill Stoops
RC Monica Clemens

Lion Joan Bode
Lion Betty Schoonmaker
PDG Paul Schoonmaker
Lion Betty Taylor
Lion Larry Hanson

From the desk of the District's Global Service Team Chair
IPDG Ron Edwards...

SERVICE

With the recent ban on gatherings, personal separation and risk factors, service as usual is out of the question. However, there are several things we can still do for our communities. Everyone knows those on our Lions prayer list and certainly our churches have prayer concerns to be addressed. A phone call to those spiritually or physically in need would be of service. Also, some of those shut-ins might have needs for food, paper products, expenses, prescription pick-up or other needs that could be met by contactless delivery. Where there is a need there is a Lion. We can find a way to help.

While not being allowed to assemble in person, there are ways to assemble by phone conferencing or video conferencing. These meetings are necessary to keep our members engaged. Also, we need to report our membership and service activities each month. No activity you say. No problem. Just select past activity, other category and state no activity this month. Or state the phone calls or deliveries your club has made.

Reporting is important to tell others what we are doing. For the month of April to date Monthly Membership Reporting (MMR) stands at 16 clubs for 26.22%. Cumulative for Service Activity Reporting (SAR) is 59.52%. A most important report is the Officers Report. By the time you read this article the due date will have passed, but currently on 4/23/20 only 14 clubs have reported their officers for the coming year.

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From the desk of the District's Diabetes Chair
Lion Jo Hannah Edwards...

STRESS

Hello again. I hope everyone is safe and healthy.

Under our current conditions, stress is a very real aspect to our lives. Coronal Virus worries are enough but throw in other aspects and it could be overcoming. Stress affects your glycemia index. A study has shown people with diabetes have a larger reaction to negative visual stimuli than those without diabetes. Simply stated hyperglycemia is associated with stress.

Precautions and mandates as they are currently providing an abundance of negative stimuli. Have you or your spouse been furloughed or laid-off because of businesses being closed down? Do you or your spouse need to work from home because of work restrictions (limited assembly and separation requirements)? How about the kids being home all day and having to do their schoolwork online? What about their other activities like music, sports, and play time? These are just a few highlights of the stress causing events in our lives today.

Feelings of pessimism, anxiety, and even depression are common in persons with pre-diabetes or diabetes. This leads to less motivation. So, for those trying to increase activity change their lifestyle and diet, this becomes a larger problem.

In dealing with the new restrictions, don't give up on your goals to increase your activities and change your diet. Instead, focus on the benefits of a better diet, more physical activity and keep a positive mindset about the events that surround us. Also, take time for yourself. Go for a walk, use your exercise equipment or tend your plants. At the end of the day, do something you enjoy doing and are good at. Whether it is craft work, puzzles, reading, painting, mending or calling someone you like. End the day on a positive note because that will ease your mind renew your spirit and allow you to sleep better and awake to face another day on a positive note.

Keep abiding by the separation rules, home and travel restrictions and personal protection equipment and above all be healthy!

Lion Jo Hannah Edwards
Diabetes Awareness Coordinator 25-E

From the desk of the District's Environmental Chair Lion Sharon Kamman...

I think we all agree it's been an unusual spring. We had very warm weather in February; then here in Seymour we had frost warnings in late April. Also, I've seen articles in magazines and heard on the news that since we've all been staying home, not driving our cars, the pollution in the skies has decreased at a very noticeable level. This tells me that the earth can begin to heal itself if we give it a chance. However, there is still so much we need to do -- and we can do it, one step at a time.

Another environmental issue has come to my attention that I'd like to share with you. In reading magazine articles this month, I've learned that the number of bird species and insect species are decreasing at an alarming rate. This is the result of loss of habitat (forests being cut down or destroyed by wildfires) and the use of pesticides and herbicides.

To quote from the May issue of National Geographic "if insects were to vanish, the environment would collapse into chaos." Also, "It is shocking and alarming that in most places' scientists have looked recently, they've found that insect numbers are falling. This is true in agricultural places and wild places, and probably it's also happening in your backyards." Insects are an important part of the food chain. The loss of insects is suspected to be a leading cause of the decline in bird population.

What does this all mean for you? Have you noticed that you don't have as many insects, bees, and butterflies flying around in your garden or flower beds? Since we live in town, I certainly have noticed this -- maybe it's not as bad in the country. But many people in town still spray a lot of chemicals on their lawns. I wish it weren't so. But I believe we can still play a part in preserving and conserving our own personal habitat around our homes. Stop and think before you get out that spray can of chemicals. We can plant flowers that provide nectar for bees and other flying species. We can put up bird feeders and bird baths to provide food and water for the birds. We can plant trees and shrubs where birds can make their nests. This not only helps our environment, it's a joy for us to see these little creatures in our backyards.

In my time here on earth, I've found that with each problem or crisis, there's a lesson to be learned. What lessons are we learning in 2020? Think about these things. Read and educate yourselves about our earth and our environment. I'll be talking to you again soon.

Lion Sharon Kamman
Environmental Chairperson 25-E

Notice to All Lions:

Due to the COVID-19 precautions and the cancellation of the Indiana Lions State Convention, the Special Olympics Committee – Lion Ring Raffle, will be postponed until October 17th. The drawing will take place at the conclusion of the Indiana Lions Council Meeting.

We appreciate everyone's support and patient in these unprecedented times. To purchase tickets, call or email your Special Olympics District Chairperson or direct from me.

Thank you.
Bill McDonald
Indiana Lions Special Olympics, Chairperson
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From the desk of the Global Leadership Chair ...PCC Keith Thomas

Hello Lions!

Hope I everyone is well and have not become too stir crazy during this pandemic's stay at home. I know several Lions have had Covid-19 and some have died from it's complications. If you know of Lion in the district with Covid-19, please let us know.

I hope all the clubs in the district have experimented with email, telephone, or video meetings. The district leadership has been using mostly telephone conferencing and a ton of emails to conduct business. It will be interesting to see how we conduct Lions meetings and other functions as we begin to come together again. We would like to hear about your experiences with these different types of meetings and what you will do differently moving forward.

Since I am asking for your experiences, I will share a couple of mine. My club (Petersburg) tried an email meeting in April. We are fortunate enough that most of our members have email but most of the members did not seem to participate in the email meeting or they did not reply all so everyone would know what was being discussed. On the other side, the district long range planning committee held a telephone conference meeting. The agenda was emailed to the group before-hand and although the meeting went a little long, everyone participated. All members agreed the meeting went well and we should continue in this format as needed in the future.

On April 25, Erica and I attended a virtual Lions Symposium that was hosted by the Young Lions Task Force. The Symposium had several presenters including PID Steve Glass, PID Lewis Quinn, PDG Jodi Burmester and 2VIP Brian Sheehan. If you missed this event, it is on Youtube.com. Just search Lions Virtual Symposium to watch. On June 6, a second Lions Virtual Symposium will be held featuring ID Tom Gordon and 3rd VIP Patti Hill. We are looking forward to attending. You can register on Facebook or attend the streaming YouTube broadcast.

During the symposium, one of the presenters discussed how most clubs have expressed the desire to add younger members. I know this is true for most, if not all of the clubs in our district. It was discussed that most of our members (in the US) are made up of 'traditionalist' lions. A traditionalist is generally an active Lion leader that has served at many levels. Traditionalists tend to be resistant to change, not a fan of technology and holds onto outdated traditions.

It was also discussed that when we are blessed with new members to make sure they feel welcome to the club. Do not shut out new ideas even if the club has tried these ideas before. The new member may have a different way of doing something that the club has never done before. Nothing will turn off a new member like being told "we tried that before" or "we have always done it this way".

When you have those new Lions, it is a good time for the entire club to go thru new member orientation. Yes, I said the entire club. The Lions organization has changed a lot in the 15 years I have been a member and I foresee a lot more changes in future as LCI tries to 'reverse the trend' of dropping membership and changes caused by the Covid-19 virus.

During his part of the presentation, 2nd VIP Brian Sheehan said he thought that the virus has actually sped up the Lions embracing of videoing conferencing by 10 years and hopes the Lions continue to use these tools after the current pandemic is over.

Also, from the symposium it was discussed that if you see something that needs to be done, don't just assume someone else will do it. Go ahead and see what you can do to help get the ball rolling. Maybe you are the first to see the need or the first to have an idea to address the issue. As Lions we are all leaders in our communities and are striving to improve things when and where we can. Am I telling you to go start a project on your own? No, but you can research it and develop a plan to bring to your club, zone, and/or district. I know from experience as a Past District Governor/Past Council Chair that you can't think of or start everything you want to do. Also, the district leadership does not know your community needs as well as you do.

District Governor Sheryl is finishing her year, District Governor Elect Kenny is gearing up to start the North American Membership Initiative to help strengthen our clubs. As part of NAMI, clubs will be encouraged to develop new projects to help their communities and attract new members.

Please stay safe and healthy in the meantime and remember, ***Lions Can Do It.***

CS PCC Keith Thomas

From the desk of the Long-Range Planning Chair ...Lion Erica Thomas

Hello Lions!

If you were not one of the attendees at the Lions Virtual Symposium, please check out the recording on YouTube.com. I took notes along the way. Here are some of the ideas I came away with.

- Young Lions Task Force has been created in partnership with NAMI (North American Membership Initiative). This symposium was hosted by the Task Force. This group is focusing on strategies and resources to increase the numbers of and membership satisfaction of young lions. If you want to contact this group for more information, contact them at younglionstaskforce@gmail.com.
- Lions Quest could be a great asset to today's school curriculums, teaching relevant life skills, adaptability skills, drug prevention, and that Kindness Matters. LCI is working on adding to the program vaping and opioids concerns, digital app awareness, and diabetes awareness/healthy eating skills.
- Kindness Matters Challenge. How are you posting/sharing/publishing the random acts of Kindness that are occurring?
- Young Lions Task Force developed a 10-question survey that was sent to all the District Governor Elects. 52% of the surveys were completed.
- Did you know that plastic bags are trashed and not recycled? There's a program that does recycle plastic bags for benches. Check out TREX Recycling program at <https://www.trex.com/recycling/recycling-programs/>. 500 pounds of plastic = 1 bench. Each group can apply once in a 6-month period.
- Can we embrace new approaches?
- Can we make leadership and membership as important as humanitarian services?
- Can we re-evaluate the relationships inside our clubs to become more agile and open, one team not just individuals, and can we better utilize the resources that LCI has provided?
- Are we routinely asking our members "Are you getting out of the club what you thought you would be?", "What can the club do to help change that if need be?", "What are your top 3 passions?", and "What is the club doing to fulfill those needs?"
- There is a growing need in communities for Lions Clubs to become Knights of Prevention and Education. There are many opportunities for partnerships in the areas of drug use prevention to recovery.
- Do we as Lions see crisis as times to wait for someone else to do it, or as opportunities to serve more?

Just because we are stuck at home, does not mean we can't keep learning.

Remember, ***Lions Can Do It.***

Lion Erica Thomas

Hello Lions,

The District Picnic will be on June 20, 2020 and it will be at Boggs Lake in Odon (just north of Loogootee on US-231). More details in future newsletter. Please mark your calendar and **"SAVE THE DATE."**

Thanks, DG Sheryl





Bedford Evening Lions Club

Shown in the photo are (L-R) Hope Flores LCCF CEO, Lion President Dustin Williams, Lion Jim Fisher Vision Screening Chairman holding the new PlusOptix S12C camera, and Lisa Starr LCCF Finance/Grant Officer.

-Photo & article by Lion Jim Fisher

The Bedford Lions Club recently added a new piece of equipment to their tools to perform vision screening in Lawrence County thanks to receiving a Lawrence County Community Foundation Matching Grant for half the cost for purchasing a new PlusOptix S12C vision screening camera system. The PlusOptix system is used for vision screening of children ages 1 to 6 and works very well for vision screening of special need kids. They also received donations from the Indiana Lions Foundation, Lions District 25E Special Projects Funds, Fayetteville Community Lions Club, and other local contributions to meet their matching grant requirements.

Members of the 4 Lawrence County Lions Clubs (Bedford, Bedford Noon, Mitchell, and Fayetteville Community) working together have been using a Lions District 25E shared PlusOptix S12C camera system for seven years as part of the Indiana Lions Operation KidSight vision screening program. They have performed vision screenings at local childcare facilities, preschools, kindergarten and schools with special need kids. Since they started using this PlusOptix system they have screened 2,565 kids and referred 147 kids for additional professional exams. The Lions have done all this only having the shared District 25E PlusOptix system for 2 months each year because of sharing the PlusOptix system with other Lion Clubs in District 25E. This new PlusOptix S12C system will allow the Lions to do vision screening all 12 months of the year and find many more kids with vision problems that can be corrected to help them see better. This system works by taking a digital picture of the child's eyes from a distance of 3 feet. An invisible infrared light projects through the pupils onto the retinas and depending on the refractive error or prescription of the eyes the reflected light forms a specific brightness pattern within the pupils which the PlusOptix software analyzes to detect nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, lazy eye, eye misalignment, and imbalance between the eyes. After the child is screened a report is generated and sent in and reviewed by the Operation KidSight staff and then the results are sent out to the sponsoring vision screening site who reviews them with the parents with any referrals and explanation of any vision problems found. All of these screenings are provided at no cost to the kids, parents, or facilities where the screenings are performed. The first few years of a child's life are critical in the development of normal vision. A child with vision problems often does not realize they can't see properly even when their eyes appear to look normal. Many eye problems when caught early enough can be completely corrected and the earlier they are diagnosed the better the chance for correction and the easier and less expensive the treatment will be.



Petersburg Lions Club



Left picture: PCC Keith Thomas, Lion Connie Thomas, Lion Erica Thomas, Life member Don Southwood with their chevrons (15, 10, 15, 50 years). Middle picture: Lion Don Southwood receiving his new Charter Member Pin from President Lowell Thomas. Right picture: President Lowell Thomas receiving a Proclamation from Mayor R.C. Klipsch during their 50th Anniversary.

-Photos by PCC CS Keith Thomas



BEDFORD LIONS CLUB

70TH ANNUAL

PANCAKE FEST



Cancelled. See You in October

ON PARK PAVILION

ATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2020

6 AM TO 12 NOON

ULTS \$7 KIDS (12 AND UNDER) \$3



2020 New Albany Lions Club
Golf Scramble to Feed the Hungry

When: Friday, Sept. 11, 2020

Where: Chariot Run Golf Course

Laconia, In

Time: Lunch at noon. Golf at 1:30

Single Player \$75 Team of four \$280 Hole Sponsor \$100

For more information call 502-403-7956.

Charities supported by the NA Lions Club

Leader Dogs for the Blind Lions Cancer Control Fund Our Place
FOP Cops for Kids IN Lions Eye Bank IN Lions Speech and Hearing
IN School for the Blind and Visually Impaired NAFC Schools Scholarships
Visually Impaired Preschool Christmas Fruit Baskets for the Blind

Make check payable to "New Albany Lions Club"

Mail to: Kenny Adams

1090 Chapel Creek Trail

New Albany, In 47150

Please fill out and return this receipt: ☐ Single ☐ Team ☐ Hole Sponsor

Total amount paid _____

Company Name _____

Contact Name _____ Phone _____



Ever been hungry like a Lion?

The New Albany Lions Club has been able to support many worthy causes in our community and around the world through the generous support of our community. This year we are trying to extend our reach into helping to feed the hungry in our community. To do this we are holding our first NA Lions Club Golf Scramble "Hungry like a Lion" on September 11 at Chariot Run Golf Course in Laconia, IN. The money raised from this will be distributed to the organizations in our community who already work to help feed the hungry. Because of the Covid 19 virus this is even a bigger problem than when we first proposed having the scramble. Many families are having a difficult time choosing between keeping the heat and lights on and providing nourishing meals at home. Please help us help them and in doing so make our community better for all.

How you can help:

You have several options in how you can help out:

1. Be a hole sponsor for \$100 and we will place a sign at one hole with your logo on it. If you have your own sign or materials for distributing we will display those at the scramble.
2. Contributing door prizes is another way you can support our efforts.
3. Sponsoring a team of four players for \$280 is also something you might choose to do.
4. Be a player for \$75.

Your involvement will help make a difference for our neighbors and help us to fulfill our motto of "We Serve".

Thank you for your help.

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**SO Lions... let's SERVE in a way that makes
the sunshine brighter every day!**

April 8, 2020

Fellow Lions:

The last month, and in all reality the next month, will be trying times for our families, friends and fellow Lions around the world. We hope this letter finds all our Lions families, safe and virus free. We most definitely pray for those families and Lions Club member(s) that are currently being affected by this virus, and for those that have been lost during these trying times.

These are times that none of us have ever experienced. We pray that this virus war will be won very soon. Keeping the faith, and working together as a Lions family, we know that, **"This too shall pass."**

In the last few weeks, we have contacted many Lions Clubs. During this time, we also encouraged those clubs to actively communicate with their members and hold meetings by means of various social media outlets. In response to our contact, many clubs are doing just that. In return, the communities those clubs serve are reaping the benefits in so many ways: assisting with food banks, delivering food and meals to those in need, donating funds for various causes, and staying closely connected with their neighbors. The result of these various random acts of kindness proves that the sun IS shining on Lions clubs around the world. Now, I challenge you and your club, DON'T let that sun grow dim.

The Sun will be shining on Louisville, Kentucky, September 17th - 19th.

At this time, we continue to move forward to bring Lions from the US and Canada together. This time of renewal, at the 44th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will keep that sun shining bright.

To date, over 1,000 Lions have registered for the forum. Our hopes are that another couple thousand will register as well. Please remember, Early Bird Registration ends the last of May. After that time, a price increase, for registering for the forum, will be seen.

Our hopes are that this COVID-19 pandemic will pass, and this will be a time for Lions to re- unite: to share new ideas and take those ideas back to their clubs to keep that light shining bright for many communities across the US and Canada.



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**Louisville
Kentucky**

September 17-19, 2020

By the time of the forum, many Lions will have cabin fever and will need to get away. What a better way to get away, to see brighter skies, see old friends, and meet new friends at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky!

As many of you know by now, many Lions were planning to attend our International Convention in Singapore. However, due to the current pandemic, that convention will not be taking place. Therefore, now that that convention isn't taking place, we hope that you will make reservations to attend the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky.

In order for this forum to be of the highest quality for all attendees, the Planning Committee and the Host Committee have spent many, tireless hours together planning this event. The forum will have many informative, motivated seminars/classes that we can use to make our local clubs, zones, districts and states stronger than they have ever been in Lionism! The forum will include quality entertainment, exhibitors and displays, along with great food, fun and fellowship! There will also be a community service project (in which you can actively participate), a Strides Walk for diabetes awareness, Lions University Graduation, a Leo day, and much, much more! All we need is **YOU**, to make the sun continue to shine bright on Lions in the US and Canada.

Not only will the leadership forum be useful for you, but Louisville, Kentucky has so much to offer; great restaurants, shopping, museums, Bourbon tours and tastings, just to name a few. You can also visit Churchill Downs where our Kentucky Derby is held each year. Just down the street, from the Convention Center, you can visit the Louisville Slugger Museum, where the world's best baseball bats are manufactured. While there, you can also tour the museum and shop to personalize and purchase your own bat to take back home with you. In fact, Louisville was voted one of the top 10 destinations to visit in 2018 -2019 (by Forbes Magazine)!

We know that this pandemic is active. However, we pray that by September it will totally be behind us; and we look forward to seeing you in Louisville. To register, for the forum, go to www.lionsforum.org or call 605-723-4007. Don't forget the early bird special (before May 30th).

Together Lions...we CAN get through this pandemic!

Together Lions...we CAN keep the sun shining bright in our clubs and local communities!

Together Lions we CAN change the world!

**SO Lions... let's SERVE in a way that makes
the sunshine brighter every day!**