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BOSTON BOUND!

In just six short months, we will be converging on Boston to elect PID Mark Lyon as our International Third Vice President! We want you to join us in the ceremony, celebration and making those Lionistic memories to last a lifetime!

This is one international convention you don't want to miss! On page three is all the info and links you need to register and make hotel reservations!

Where in the world are the Lyons?

Upcoming Adventures!

FOLAC Forum Paraguay January 18-23

LDUN New York March 3

Want To Be In The Know?

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Message from PID Mark & Lion Lyn

Greeting Lions!

Lion Lyn and I must admit that we've been overthinking how to approach this newsletter update for you. How can we possibly capture all of the amazing experiences we've had these last few months? How does one describe the outpouring of "Welcome" and hospitality we have received? The short answer is, of course, that we cannot. All we can tell you is that our global family of Lions is passionate about service, and are very excited to share their experiences with us. There are literally not enough hours in the day to cover all of the unique and relevant activities in which our Lions are engaged. Our heads spin from all the learnings! We truly belong to the most incredible service organization in the world!

So if you've been following our adventures on social media since early October, you know that we have been in heavy international travel mode. It being LCI's peak Forum season in our eight Constitutional Areas, Lion Lyn and I have been campaigning actively in front of new, international audiences of Lions and Leos. We have been to the Africa Forum in Hammamet, Tunisia (CA8), the OSEAL Forum in Jeju, South Korea (CA5), and the ISAME Forum in Vishakhapatnam, India (CA6) since mid-October. With only the FOLAC Forum in Asuncion, Paraguay (CA3) remaining in mid-January, we will have so nearly accomplished our goal of attending and campaigning at all of the 2022-2023 Lions Year international forums. Sadly, we missed the Europa Forum in Zagreb, Croatia (CA4) due to illness. But we still found a way to participate virtually!

During these trips, we have shared our passion for Lionism with all we meet. From the brand new Lion and Leo at the club level, to our Past International Presidents, we have been afforded every opportunity to offer our vision for where we see our association heading in the future. We have been given the stage to tell our unique story about Lions and the impact it has had in our lives. And the reception has been, as you've probably read in our social media postings, both awesome and humbling. Lion Lyn and I are truly energized by these visitations because we continue to learn and share so much more about the critical role all Lions play in our global mission of service.

In the coming weeks, we'll be wrapping up the international travel. Our focus and attention will then be wholly on our campaign activities and preparing our team for Boston! Stay tuned for lots of exciting activities in the works here in MD23 and through our New England Lions Council, and stay connected to the campaign. We want all of you to join us on this adventure! Thank you for being Lions!

In Lionism and friendship,

PID Mark and Lion Lyn



Meet Me In Boston...

PDG Heidi Zacchera, our 2023 MD International Convention Chairperson, has been busy pulling together information, links and process so we can all get going on making reservations for Boston. It's time to get those reservations made!

PDG Heidi says "Our own PID Mark Lyon will officially be celebrated as 3rd Vice President for Lions Clubs International. You'll want to be there! Please complete steps 1 & 2 ASAP so you are registered, and have a hotel to stay in.

Step 1: Registration and information go to: https://lcicon.lionsclubs.org
**Registration: \$175 through 1/13. \$250 through 1/14 - 6/30. Plus other activities you'd like to add.

Step 2: Make hotel reservations:

Contact: https://www.mcisemi.com/Ici2023

Phone: 866-258-0198

Fax: 972-349-7715

Email: <u>Ici@mcievents.com</u>

Choice #1. Hampton Inn and Homewood Suites by Hilton Boston Seaport 670 Summer St . 2 blocks from the convention center Boston MA 02210 (this is where the hospitality suite will be) Phone 857-356-3033 Fax 857-356-3044

\$279/night

Choice #2. Boston Park Plaza
50 Park Plaza 1.6 miles from the convention center
Arlington St
Boston MA 02116
Phone:617-426-2000
\$288/night



CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 6 - Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Official LCICon events will take place at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC)

THURSDAY, JULY 6

9:00 - 17:00 Advance Registration Pick-up

9:00 - 17:00 Parade Office

FRIDAY, JULY 7

07:00 - 16:15	FVDG/DGE Seminar
08:00 - 17:00	Registration
08:00 - 17:00	Parade Office
10:00 - 17:00	Exhibit Hall Open
19:00 - 22:00	District Governors-Flect Celebration Banquet

SATURDAY, JULY 8

09:00 - 13:00	Parade of Nations
09:00 - 17:00	Registration
10:00 - 17:00	Exhibit Hall Open
15:00 – 16:00	Business Session Present the Candidates for International Director
18:00 - 20:00	International Show

SUNDAY, JULY 9

09:00 - 17:00	Registration
09:30 – 12:00	Opening Plenary Session Presidential Address, Flag Ceremony, Nominations for Third Vice President
10:00 - 17.00	Exhibit Hall Open
12:00 - 17:00	Certification and Voting
12:30 - 14:30	Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon
13:15 - 17:00	Seminars

MONDAY, JULY 10

09:00 - 17:00	Registration
09:30 – 12:00	Second Plenary Session, Memorial Service, LCIF Session, Keynote Speaker
10:00 - 17.00	Exhibit Hall Open
10:00 - 17.00	Certification and Voting
13:15 - 17:00	Seminars
20:00 – 22:00	Past International Presidents / Past International Directors/District Governors/Past District Governors Banquet

TUESDAY, JULY 11

07:30 - 09:30	Registration
07:30 - 09:30	Exhibit Hall Open
07:30 - 09:30	Certification and Voting
09:30 – 12:00	Final Plenary Session Installation of 2023-2024 International President, U.N. Flag Ceremony, Installation of 2023-2024 District Governors
19:00 - 21:00	International Officers Meet and Greet



Message from Campaign Chair PDG Keith

I encourage you to make an investment into the future of Lionism here in Connecticut. Your donations to the campaign are an investment into the future of our great service organization, Lions Clubs International. Now is the time to pledge your support. We will culminate our financial support of the campaign at our midwinter conference in February. Your level of support will be displayed on a life size Oak "Giving" Tree at the midwinter conference. Levels of giving are "Acorn \$10-\$99", "Leaf \$100-\$499", "Branch \$500-\$999" and "Trunk \$1000+". Donations can be made in part now or in full by June 2023. So please consider a donation and send your pledge card to me.

Click to Pledge: https://forms.gle/THcTubjyUQXPmb8D6



Where in the world are the Lyons? Recent Adventures Around The Globe





















































