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Host Committee

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The attendees of the 91st Annual Lions International Convention in Bangkok rave about Thailand's hospitality and how well organized the convention was. With the Bangkok convention over, we now turn our attention to our own Minneapolis convention to be held in the Twin Cities on July 6-10, 2009.

The Host Committee has been busy making preparations and wish to extend an invitation to you to attend the convention!

We anticipate over 15,000 Lions, Lionesses, Leos, and their families from over 150 countries will attend the convention. The convention will be a wonderful opportunity to meet your fellow Lions and show them our particularly "Nice" brand of hospitality.

Host Committee Chair

Lion Jack Hines, PDG

Host Committee Vice Chair / Treasurer

Lion Bob Wharton, PDG

Secretary

Lion Jan Cariveau

Information Chair

Lion David Reach

Website

www.2009LionsConvention.org

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

We encourage you to register **right now** for the LCI Convention in Minneapolis. There are significant benefits to register early. Most importantly:

- Early registration saves you money. If you register between now and December 31, 2008, **the fee is \$100, a \$50 discount**. The registration fee between January 1 and May 1, 2009 increases to \$130 and after May 2, the fee is \$150. In any event, all Lion volunteers must be registered no later than May 1 in order to have our job assignments timely.
- Only registered convention attendees with their convention credentials will be allowed in the parade and in the Minneapolis Convention Center.
- Most of the volunteer opportunities may require convention center access.
- While you are here, attend the convention! Besides the seminars and speakers, we are pleased to announce **The Beach Boys** will be performing for us at the convention! You will not want to miss it!
- Priority in selecting your hotel. Speak to your club and district leadership about your delegation hotel preferences.
- Lastly, volunteers who are registered convention attendees will get an added bonus – a \$25 rebate on their registration fee from the Host Committee. Those registered Lion / Lioness / Leo volunteers who complete their volunteer responsibilities will receive a \$25 rebate shortly after the convention. This effectively reduces your convention registration fee to \$75.

A copy of the Convention Registration and Hotel Registration Form is included in this newsletter.



LCI CONVENTION OFFICIAL VOLUNTEER SHIRT ORDER FORM

Order your shirts in advance NOW for supply assurance. In order to save on shipping costs we will bring your order to:

- your Mid-Winter Convention, or
- the 5M Multiple Convention in Bloomington, or
- it will be sent to your District Governor for distribution.

Please order your shirt no later than five weeks before your Mid-Winter Convention.



Order for:

Name: _____

Club Name: _____ District: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____



Quantity	Description	Shirt Size Small - 5XL Men's Sizes	Unit Price (US)	Total
			\$35.00	
			\$35.00	
			\$35.00	
			\$35.00	
			\$35.00	
			Balance Due	

Mail this form and your payment to:
 Lion Mark Sikes
 16561 72nd Place North
 Maple Grove, MN 55311
 Questions? Email Mark at:
 Mark.Sikes@2009LionsConvention.org



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Host Committee has been busy identifying our volunteer needs and defining job responsibilities. We estimate over 800 volunteers will be needed to accommodate our guests. Volunteers will be needed for:

- Airport & Hotel Greeters
- Sergeant-At-Arms
- Host Information Booth
- Merchandise Booth
- Parade Marshals
- Interpreters

We invite you to visit our website at www.2009LionsConvention.org. The website will soon include a section to register for volunteering (Planned for January 2009 in conjunction with the Mid-Winter Conventions). You may complete and submit the form on-line or you may download the form and either fax or mail the form to the Volunteer Recruiting Chair. With your information, we can keep you informed about volunteer opportunities.

Please note that some of the jobs may involve certain physical requirements such as the ability to stand for a long time, be subject to the July heat, or the ability to carry heavy objects.

THE "OFFICIAL VOLUNTEER" UNIFORM

With so many guests from all over the world attending the Minneapolis convention, it is necessary for our volunteers to stand out and be recognized as "a person who can help". It has become customary at other conventions to have an "Official Volunteer" uniform so that we can be easily recognizable. For our convention, the Host Committee has selected the following:

- **Shirt** – The blue "Snowman" shirt that many people have purchased already during Lion Ross Thorfinnson's recent election campaign. The cost is \$35. The Snowman shirt order form is included in this newsletter. The shirts will be delivered to you at your district Mid-Winter Convention or at the Multiple Convention in May. *Please order your shirt no later than five weeks before your Mid-Winter Convention.*
- **Khaki pants, shorts, or skirts**
- **Comfortable shoes of your choice**
- **The Host Committee will provide to you, at no cost, a "White Hat" identifying you as a "host committee volunteer".** The hat will be given to you at check-in by your volunteer shift manager.

This will be the required attire for all volunteers.

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THE PARADE

The LCI Convention parade will be on Tuesday July 7, 2009. PCC Keith Johnson announces that **twelve bands** have confirmed their participation so far. This is fantastic!

We can use more.

We ask our Lions Clubs again to encourage your local High School and Community Bands to perform in the Lions Parade.

Many Lions Clubs are fundraising to offset their band's costs. What a worthwhile project to help show the world the talent of our musicians!





**92nd Annual Lions Clubs International Convention
JULY 6-10, 2009 • MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, USA
Convention Registration and Hotel Reservation Form**

Deadline for Advance Registration is May 1, 2009. See http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_conv_register.shtml for details.

REGISTRANT INFORMATION. Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Nickname for badge _____
 Address _____ City _____ State/Province _____
 Postal Code _____ Country _____
 Daytime Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Lion: Club No. _____ Club Name _____ District _____ Title _____ Leo Lioness

SPOUSE: First Name _____ Last Name _____ Nickname for badge _____

Lion: Club No. _____ Club Name _____ District _____ Title _____ Lioness Non-Lion

CHILD: First Name _____ Last Name _____ Nickname for badge _____ Age _____

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Club Delegate Alternate Delegate

This is my first LCI convention. Not my first convention, I have attended _____

Letter of Invitation (If a visa is required for your country of origin) [Club number must be provided above to verify membership]

The plenary sessions are presented in English with simultaneous translation. Will you require a headset? No Yes

PACKAGE A: Includes convention registration for each name listed above plus one (1) hotel room serviced by shuttle buses during convention.

Before December 31: Reservation in delegation hotel

After December 31: I prefer my delegation hotel

Prefer hotel based on: room rate of _____ location near convention center

Arrival date _____ Departure date _____

Number of Guests in Room: _____ Number of Beds Needed 1 2

Special Requirements Non-smoking Wheelchair Accessible Other _____

Indicate special needs _____ Subject to: hotel availability.

* Hotel deposit is not the rate but reserves the room. Deposit will be credited to hotel bill at checkout.

PACKAGE B: REGISTRATION ONLY. Includes convention registration for each person listed above.
 NO ROOM REQUIRED. I am staying at _____

OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENTS I/we are registered above and request tickets to the following event(s):

EVENT	DATE/TIME	FEE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
Membership Key Award Breakfast	July 8 / 07:00 – 08:30	\$35	_____	\$ _____
Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon	July 9 / 13:00 – 15:00	\$50	_____	\$ _____
"The Hero Awards" Banquet (2 Comp tickets for each past president and past director)	July 9 / 18:30 – 22:30	\$120	_____	\$ _____

Meal Preference: None Vegetarian Indian Vegetarian Diabetic

PAYMENT • Full payment is required with this form. • US currency only. Checks and money orders must be drawn on US banks.
 • Only Visa and MasterCard accepted. Credit card must be in the name of the registrant. • Contact LCI for wire transfer instructions.

REGISTRATION FEES		Adult	Child (17 and under)
Early	(before 31/Dec/2008)	US\$100	US\$10
Regular	(1/Jan-1/May/2009)	US\$130	US\$10
Late	(2/May/2009 – onsite)	US\$150	US\$10

Package A:		Package B:
Registrations: US\$ _____		Registrations: US\$ _____
Ticketed Events: US\$ _____		Ticketed Events: US\$ _____
Hotel Deposit: US\$ \$150.00	OR	
Total Due: US\$ _____		Total Due: US\$ _____

Check Bank transfer/deposit (copy must be attached to this form)
 Visa MasterCard Your name as it appears on the card _____

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Mail form and payment to: Attn: Convention Division • Lions Clubs International • 300 West 22nd Street • Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA
 Credit Card and Bank Transfer Payments can be faxed to: (1-630) 571-1689 (If you fax, please **do not mail original**)
 • Allow 4 weeks for processing and mail delivery of your confirmation.