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## Greetings from the Host Committee!

This is a special E-Newsletter edition of the Convention Host Committee Newsletter. We are now midway through the Mid-Winter Conventions. We are receiving lots of positive feedback from our membership about the Lions Club International Convention. Your excitement and interest is evident by the outstanding volunteering support that we have received. This issue is dedicated to updating you on the most recent information for participating and volunteering for the LCI Convention.

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Lion Bob Wharton, PDG

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### Website

[www.2009LionsConvention.org](http://www.2009LionsConvention.org)

## Top Ten Reasons To Attend The LCI Convention!

10. Make 20,000 new best friends!
9. Eat Street and 100 other fabulous restaurants, theaters, entertainment, and shopping venues.
8. Whether you are a golfer or like sight seeing cruises, something is available for all tastes.
7. Come early and celebrate our Nation's Independence Day by watching fireworks over St. Anthony Falls!
6. Have you ever had the opportunity to tour the **Minnesota Lions Eye Bank** facility at the University of Minnesota? Two tours are planned for Monday and Wednesday.
5. Whether you march in the LCI Convention Parade, or you are a parade marshal, a great time will be had by all.
4. The Twins & Yankees On Wednesday Night! Will this be your last trip to the Metrodome?
3. Keynote Speaker **Colin Powell** is highly selective of the groups he speaks to and he chooses the Lions!
2. The **Beach Boys** Will Rock The Joint On Tuesday Night!
1. Celebrate Lionism with 20,000 Like-Minded Individuals From Over 200 Countries.

## LCI Convention Registration Update

LCI recently informed the Host Committee that convention registration was over 7,200, or approximately 2,000 registrations higher as of the same date as the Chicago convention two years ago.

Your help will make our LCI Convention a great success.

## Bring Your Collected Eye Glasses To The Convention

The MD5M Lions will be collecting eyeglasses at the LCI Convention. We hope to collect between 150,000 and 200,000 eyeglasses.

Bring your collected eyeglasses to the convention hall. Our eyeglass trailer will be parked inside the hall. Staff will be there to help you.

For further information contact:

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## "Snowman" Volunteer Shirt

Orders for the "Snowman" shirt have been brisk. We have revised the order form to reflect other delivery options:

- May Multiple Convention
- Mail To Volunteer's Home

The last opportunity will be for us to hang on to your shirt order and have you pick up the shirts at a specified location or at your volunteer shift.

## Special Olympics / Opening Eyes Invited For Convention Demo

We are pleased to announce that a demonstration of our Special Olympics / Opening Eyes eye screening program will be conducted at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Minneapolis on Thursday July 9 at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

LCIF has established a Core Four grant to help with the cost of the Special Olympics worldwide. LCIF is pleased with the success that we have had with the Special Olympics Summer games and wants to demonstrate to the Lions of the world what we are doing.

We will be setting up the eye screening facilities in an exhibition hall, just like we do at Bierman Field for Special Olympics Summer Games. Lion Dr. Duane Rutz and his team of optometrists will be conducting the screenings. Lion Ellie Reitmeyer and the O.L.I.V.E.S Lions Club (5M-5's LensCrafters e-club) will be making the eyeglasses on the spot!

We invite the MD5M Lions to the eyeglass screening demonstration on Thursday afternoon from 1PM to 4PM.

## Introducing The Host Committee Logo



## Volunteer Update

The Host Committee Chairpersons are pleased with the MD5M Lions volunteering response. In the first month we have received hundreds of volunteer forms. We thank the many Lion volunteers for their quick response and support.

We have received other informational inquiries as well about the various volunteer opportunities, job descriptions, access to the volunteer side of the website, etc.

We invite you to visit the Host Committee Website at:

[www.2009LionsConvention.org](http://www.2009LionsConvention.org)

The volunteer portion of the website is password protected. Contact your club president, secretary, District Governor, or a Host Committee member for the user ID and password.

Please note some additional volunteering dates have been added for Airport Drivers, Hotel Greeters, and District Governor Elect School.

Many have asked if convention registration is necessary in order to volunteer. No. The only jobs that convention registration is necessary are those that are within the convention hall such as sargeant-at-arms, the host committee booth, and the souvenir booth.

Most jobs such as Airport and Hotel Greeters, Parade Marshals, Airport Drivers, DGE School (occurs before the convention) do not require convention registration. However, we strongly encourage you to participate in this unique experience.