



September 17-19, 2020

Louisville, Kentucky

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March 2020 Newsletter

From our General Chairperson, PID Harvey Whitley

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is still on schedule to take place September 17-19, 2020 in Louisville, Kentucky. However, the Forum Planning Committee is very much aware of the pandemic COVID-19 virus that is affecting the world. The Committee will continue to monitor the situation and reevaluate our position. At this writing, the Forum is still six months away. None of us can predict the future, but we will consider the safety of all and comply with any CDC recommendations as we move forward.

Many have asked about our cancellation policy. The policy is stated on your registration form. It is reproduced below as it appears on the form:

"CANCELLATION POLICY: If you must cancel your registration and/or room, notification must be in writing to the Forum Registrar. Any cancellations received between July 1, 2020 and August 1, 2020 will be subject to a \$50 per person cancellation fee and forfeiture of the Hotel Deposit. After August 1, 2020 no refunds will be issued. Cancellation notification must be received on or before August 1, 2020. Please send cancellation notice to: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, PO Box 723, Rapid City, SD 57709. Phone (605) 723-4007; FAX (605) 791-0950; E-Mail: registrar@lionsforum.org"

Should the need arise to cancel the Forum, the Planning Committee will evaluate the above stated cancellation policy to do what is best for our attendees.

I would encourage all who have pre-registered to not panic as you can see there is plenty of time to make a decision. The Planning Committee remains optimistic that we will be able to hold the Forum and we have even discussed extending the Early Bird registration deadline due to the current uncertainty of the situation.

The Forum will continue to update you on a regular basis as conditions change.

See you in Louisville!

"And We're Off.....To Winning Leadership"



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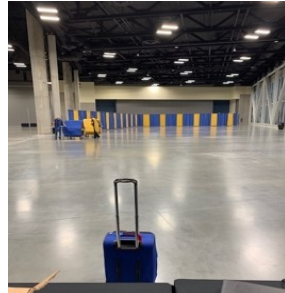


Kentucky International Convention Center

Looking for a USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Souvenir?

Look no further than the Forum Store!

The empty room transforms into the Forum Store for 3 days!



Before



After

The room is packed with a wide variety of merchandise. There are club supply items from Lions Club International, along with two excellent private vendors: Johnson City Ties & Bluefrog. These two vendors have a large selection, ranging from notebooks, purses, and umbrellas to stuffed animals as well as an assortment of clothing apparel.

You never know what you will find.

Come check us out!

The Forum Store hours are:

Thursday:

8:00 am- 8:45 am is a time set aside for Lions that need special assistance with shopping.

9:00 am the store will open to the general contingency until 5:00 pm.

Friday:

8:00 am – 11:30 am, closes for lunch and reopens at 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

Saturday:

8:00 am – 11:30 am, closes for lunch and reopens at 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm.

Volunteers are always needed. If you wish to volunteer, contact PDG Guy Hollander, Manpower Chair – chemcomputer@gmail.com or cell #502-343-0061.

Be sure to stop in and see all the wonderful items that are being offered for you to purchase for yourself, a loved one or a fellow Lion!

Top Ten Reasons to Attend a Seminar

1. To have fun!
2. To learn new information.
3. To interact with our Association's leaders, as well as Lions and Leos from North America and beyond in sharing ideas and experiences.
4. To discover innovative ideas to introduce to your club or district.
5. To gain a fresh perspective on various topics.
6. To become inspired from others' success stories.
7. To engage with like-minded people.
8. To reconnect with old friends; to make new ones, and possibly connect with media contacts that you've never met in person.
9. To share your Lions' experience and knowledge during group or breakout activities.
10. To overcome the fear of interacting with people you don't know.

Because it's fun!
Seminars Team 2020

Cindy Gregg-Seminars Chair

Ardie Klemish-Facilitators

Bill Phillipi-Moderators

Justin Faber-Board Liaison

Carol Hollander-Host Seminars Chair



The Forum Executive Committee recently met in Louisville. The group practiced social distancing and had only ten people at the meeting table at one time. A two day agenda was accomplished in one marathon day due to their diligence. Travel plans were moved forward shortening the time away from home.

A special thank you goes out to Host Chair PCC Chuck Carlson and PDG Bob Swett for their efforts to be so warm and welcoming in this time of challenges.