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**April 2020 Newsletter**

## **From our General Chairperson, PID Harvey Whitley**

The world around us has truly changed since our last newsletter. As I wrote to you just a few weeks ago, the COVID19 virus had just started to make an impact on North America. Our LCI International Convention in Singapore has now been canceled as well as numerous District and Multiple District functions. Training sessions, club meetings and cabinet meetings have been canceled or held electronically. Listening to the latest reports, it seems that we may now be able to see the other side of this pandemic as conditions are now trending in a more positive direction.

I have been asked more times than I can count—is the Forum still on? **Yes!** Your Planning and Host Committees are continuing to work hard to have the September Forum in Louisville. By the time September rolls around, we are optimistic that we will all be able to get together once again to renew friendships, meet new friends and hone our leadership skills.

To the 2020-2021 District Governors, I know you are very disappointed that you were not able to be together in Singapore as a Council to celebrate your induction. The Forum is planning something special for you to recognize you as new District Governors. It won't be the same as being in Singapore, but you don't want to miss it.

Registration continues to go well and early bird registration rates are still good through May 31.

See y'all in Louisville!!

***And We're Off...To Winning Leadership!***

PID Harvey Whitley, General Chairperson



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General Chairperson, Louisville 2020

### **Exhibits...Exhibits...Exhibits**

One opportunity that comes to Lions attending a USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum is the chance to visit the exhibits. The exhibit booths are open the same time as the Forum Store. Exhibits can be local vendors, clubs with a story to tell, Lions' services, various Foundations and support services and much more. Currently, LCIF, KidSight USA and the NC Lions Visually Impaired Persons Fishing Tournament have already committed to an exhibit booth. The latest information on the 2021 Forum in Des Moines will also be available. Those interested in details on how to arrange an exhibit booth can contact the Exhibits Chair: PID Ed Lecius at [lioncommish@hotmail.com](mailto:lioncommish@hotmail.com)

## COME ONE COME ALL

Come join all your friends at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual **"Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness"** being held Thursday morning in Louisville. There is no better way to kick off the USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum than a morning walk with friends you haven't seen in a long time.



Last year in Spokane was amazing when we had over 650 Lions walking through the park showing everyone in Spokane who the Lions are and how we care about those who suffer with Diabetes. Register now and let's make this another record-breaking year in Louisville.

This year the Kentucky Lions have something special in store for all who attend in hopes of bringing a little more fun to our event. Also, this year each walker will be able to choose how far he/she would like to walk, either 0.5-mile or 1.0-mile or 1.5-miles for those who want a real workout.





So, come out and walk for a great cause. Join our International Officers leading our walk. Visit with Leaders and Lions as we kick off the 44th annual USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky on September 17th.

### LEOs Roaring in Louisville

LEOs from around North America will be roaring at the USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum. We will gather to promote the principles and objectives of the Leo Club Program.

#### **Your \$50\* one-day (Saturday) Leo Day registration includes:**

-Lunch with a presentation by 2020-21 International President, Jung-Yul Choi and the Saturday evening banquet. Two lucky pre-registered Leos will have lunch with the International President.

-A hands-on service project that you can take back to your own club.

-Seminars that will help you and your club become stronger.

-A panel discussion presented by several LEOs for fellow LEOs and Lions.

-Shopping at the Forum Store. Bring your \$\$\$\$ to purchase your souvenirs.

-For an additional \$10 each enjoy a tour of the Louisville Slugger Museum and receive a Forum Leo t-shirt

#### **Your \$150 discounted registration rate includes everything above and:**

-A three day Forum experience including four meals.

-70 seminars that will give you the opportunity to develop your Leadership skills.

Contact [registrar@lionsforum.org](mailto:registrar@lionsforum.org) to take advantage of the special Leo rate.

Whether you come for the full Forum or just for Leo Day (Saturday) it will be FUN. Arrive early for the Friday night Get-to-Know-You party with games, music and food. You will love Louisville and the Forum!