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The Latest News & Information for the 2024
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

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FORUM LOOKING TO BE THE BEST YET

STEVE SHERER, GENERAL FORUM CHAIR

The horses are out on the track taking their final warmups as we are now just two months from the start of the Forum in Louisville. The forum Executive committee will be in Louisville the end of this month to make sure everything is in place.

We had reported this past month from all committee members, and we are looking forward to a store stocked with several new items, you should have no trouble finding some new Lions apparel to take back home with you. The last report indicated we would have an additional vendor in the store this year. Exhibitor applications keep coming in and it appears we will have many vendors for you to visit with offering various Lions Club services. We appreciate the support of our vendors and sponsors who help to make the Forum a great success.

Also, we offer a special thank you to our Friends of the Forum for their contributions to the event. You will be able to recognize these individuals at the Forum as they will have a ribbon attached to their name badges identifying them.

The seminars committee is finalizing their list, the Strides Walk is ready to step off and we are looking for a huge collection of warm winter clothing for our service project.

We also look forward to the Saturday afternoon luncheon, where we will all have the opportunity to hear from our 2024-25 Lions Clubs International President Fabricio Oliveira from Brazil. International President Oliveira will share his vision as the leader of the greatest service organization in

the world. Every Lion can have an impact!

I am sure we will also get an update from LCIF and hear the great things that are going on at Lions Clubs International.

You also want to mark your calendars to attend the Mission 1.5 Seminar that is scheduled to take

place on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 3:30 p.m. in Hall C. The information to be shared is of vital importance to all the Lions of the United States and Canada.

Remember, the last price increase goes into effect Aug. 1 - to \$365 for Lions and \$175 for Leos. Register at members.lionsforum.org.

Well, I have to get back to the track to make sure everything is in order, and we stay on target to SET THE PACE.



President Fabricio Oliveira



DRESS FOR THE DERBY!

Pack your Kentucky Derby outfits to wear to the Thursday night opening banquet. One lucky winner will receive a \$100 Forum Store certificate for the best decorated hat.

PACK YOUR BEST DERBY GEAR

CINDY GREGG, GENERAL SESSIONS CHAIR

Are you getting ready to “Set the Pace” at this year’s USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum? Well, this year’s Planning Committee has been working very hard to make this a fun and educational event.

Starting with Thursday night’s General Session, we are asking EVERYONE to come dressed as if you were really attending the Kentucky Derby. Women are asked to wear dresses and hats. Of course, one lucky winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate to the Forum Store for the best decorated hat. Get your creative juices flowing and make that winning bonnet! Men can also get into the spirit with Derby shirts, a sport coat, bowtie, polo shirt, or jockey outfit. Let’s have some fun!

In last month’s newsletter, you read about our outstanding General Session keynote speakers. Sam Glenn will share his artistic talents with us. Of course, one lucky winner will take home his beautiful artistic creation.

Randy Pierce’s story will demonstrate his determination and fortitude to transform his life into a beacon of hope and a role model for others who encounter major life altering challenges.

International President Fabricio Oliveira will discuss his theme, while LCIF Chairperson Dr. Patti Hill will update us on the numerous humanitarian projects that our foundation has recently been supporting.

Finally, Trish Wilson will challenge each of us to change someone’s life EVERY day. In addition to these inspiring keynote speakers, we will have a few surprises, some skits, awards, presentations by our sponsors, raffles, a preview of the 2025 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Atlantic City, and the announcement of the venue for the 2028 Forum.

So, “Set the Pace” and wear your best Kentucky Derby outfit for a weekend of fun and learning in Louisville, Sept. 5-7.

KENTUCKY SPONSOR CELEBRATES 70TH BIRTHDAY DURING LOUISVILLE FORUM

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KENTUCKY LIONS EYE FOUNDATION

The Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation (KLEF) is honored to be a sponsor of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, and we look forward to sharing the wonderful work of our Kentucky Lions with you! We hope that while you’re at the Forum, you will take some time to enjoy the beauty and hospitality of the city where our organization is proudly headquartered, Louisville, and our Commonwealth!

Our mission is to provide vision services through education, detection, prevention, treatment and empowerment. Through collaborative partnerships, we enable greater independence and increased quality of life for all Kentuckians while focusing on children and adults in financial need.

In the 2023-2024 fiscal year, over 31,000 Kentucky children and adults have received a FREE vision

screening through our vision screening programs, more than 41 low-income individuals from across the Commonwealth have received FREE eye surgeries or sight-saving procedures through the work of our foundation, and more than 47 legally blind individuals from the Louisville area have received financial support to help enhance their lives. We have also been working diligently to open our NEW Low Vision Clinic later this year; the Clinic will provide low vision services to Kentuckians and individuals from surrounding states, and will help us touch more lives in support of our mission.

In 2024, KLEF is celebrating 70 years of saving sight! We hope that you will stop by our booth at the Forum in September for a free birthday gift from us and to learn how YOU can support our work and mission. For more information about the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation, please visit our website at www.kylionseye.org.