

2025 FORUM SEMINAR SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 25, 2025

	Title	Description	Facilitator(s)
THURSDAY 8:30 - 10:30	SPEED LEARNING	Experience twelve mini-sessions in two hours. It's learning--fast and furious!	12 Lions Leaders
THURSDAY 2:00 - 3:10	Building a Team focused on a Vision	PCC Lion BJ Blahnik, a two-time World Championship Blind Sailing medalist, shares how building a team without sight translates to preparing your district for the future.	BJ Blahnik
	Starting a Specialty Club for Targeted Audiences	Explore how to start a specialty Lions Club that focuses on a specific cause or interest group to attract targeted members.	Charlie Short
	How to Apply for an LCIF Grant: A Step-by-Step Guide	Learn the step-by-step process of applying for LCIF grants to fund your club's service projects and expand its impact.	Beth Smith
	BAKE - <u>B</u> uild <u>A</u> Kick a\$\$ <u>E</u> vent	B.A.K.E. from scratch a great club social that will engage your current members and attract new ones! Using your GMTeam resources to organize, plan, and execute an event that will put the "FUN" in your function!	Lori Horton Langley
	Turning Fundraising into a Fun Event	Turn traditional fundraising into exciting events that members and the community will love.	Breanne Liston
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	Launching Diabetes Specialty Lions Clubs	Learn how to create Diabetes Specialty Lions Clubs, plus expert advice on managing diabetes physically, mentally, financially, and through diet.	Terri Pease-Huffman
	ID Candidate Session	Opportunity for all attending certified International Director candidates to showcase their presentation skills. A great time for DGEs to find potential speakers for their conventions. The presentation will not be campaign related.	1st VP Mark Lyon
	Lions Portal Q & A (Session repeated 9.7)	Get your questions answered about how to navigate and utilize the Lions Portal to manage your club efficiently, access key resources, and enhance your Lions Club's impact through this powerful online tool.	Elizabeth Huskey
	Best Practices for Running Efficient Club Meetings	Discover best practices for running efficient and productive club meetings that keep members engaged and focused.	Dennis Kelly

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	Forum First Timers	For first-time Lions attending the USA/Canada Lions Leadership forum. Here is an opportunity for you to learn what you should know to navigate this forum and enjoy your learning experience.	Tyler Bray
THURSDAY 3:30 - 4:40	Injecting Fun into Every Lions Meeting	Discover ways to make your Lions meetings more fun and engaging for all members.	Dr. Gary Anderson
	The Power of Servant Leadership in Lions Clubs	Discover the principles of servant leadership and how it fosters trust, growth, and community within Lions Clubs	David Strudthoff
	Families Serving Together: Strengthening Bonds Through Lions Club Service	This session offers practical ideas to engage multiple generations in service, fostering unity and leaving a lasting legacy of giving back.	Joyce Middleton, Mahesh Chitnis, Michael Middleton, and Ojas Chitnis
	Redefining Tradition: Keeping Core Values While Embracing Change	Learn how to balance tradition with innovation, keeping core values intact while embracing necessary change.	Stewart Sherman-Kahn
	LU - What is Lions University?	Come learn about the three programs in Lions University and how it was developed as an extension of the offerings at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum so that participants could continue growing year round.	Gary Steele
	Uniting for Impact: Engaging the Global Action Team in Disaster Relief	Learn how to activate Lions' Global Action Team in disaster relief to strengthen partnerships, grow membership, and expand service.	Manny Sanchez
	Harvesting Hope: Serving Communities through Gleaning Initiatives	Discover how Lions can fight hunger and reduce food waste by organizing gleaning projects. Learn how to partner with local farmers, gather excess crops, and deliver fresh food to communities in need.	Dr. Chris Hibbert
	The Power of Persistence: How to Reach 212 Degrees of Involvement	Understand the power of persistence in membership growth, and how one degree can make all the difference.	Bruce Beck
	SMYLE - Respect to Connect: Listening to the New Generation of Lions	Explore how Lions of all ages can better understand and value the ideas, energy, and experiences of young and new members to build stronger, more connected clubs.	Anand Mehta and Lori Sheehan
FRIDAY 8:30 - 9:40	RetinaVue and Spot Vision Screener by Welch Allyn: Save Vision for Members In our Communities	Learn how you can use the Welch Allyn RetinaVue care delivery model to increase access to diabetic retinal exams in the community and the Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screener to detect six amblyopic risk factors in children within seconds.	John D. Prior, Kate Lyons, Maryellen O'Keefe Smith

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	Serving Together - Partner-in-Service Opportunities	Partners-in-Service of our District Leaders are uniquely positioned to have a true impact on our Lions Association's well-being and progress. How do you support your Partner-in-Service?	Sangeeta Jatia, Lyn Lyon, & Lori Sheehan
	Lions University - Doctorate Overview and Project Understanding (LU-300)	This seminar will help you in your journey to getting your Doctorate in Lions University. Get a jump start today.	Deanna Shurtleff
	Starting and Supporting Leo Clubs: Empowering Young Leaders	Learn how to launch and support Leo Clubs to develop young leaders and enhance your Lions Club's impact. Get quick tips on recruitment, mentorship, and support Leo service.	Subarna Sahni
	Bridging the Gap: Empowering Young Lions to Lead	Engage in a dynamic panel discussion on bridging generational gaps within Lions Clubs, empowering young Lions to step into leadership through collaboration, mentorship, and open dialogue.	Gary Brown
	There is an App for that: How to use a Free App Builder to grow your club.	Learn how the free TeamApp can streamline communication, organize events, and boost member engagement, making your Lions Club more efficient and connected.	Chris Wooters
	LCIF Chairs meet with Chairperson IPIP Fabricio Olivera	This is your opportunity to hear from LCIF Chairperson IPIP Fabricio Olivera. Learn how LCIF can make an impact through grants available, success stories, and renew your commitment to Empowering Greater Good!	LCIF Chairperson Fabricio Oliveira
	Engaging Service Projects: A Path to Growing Your Lions Club	Learn how impactful and engaging service projects can attract new members, retain current ones, and strengthen your Lions Club. Discover ideas and strategies to inspire growth through meaningful service.	Wendy Cain
	Generating Ideas for Growth and Impact	This town hall meeting will focus on gathering ideas around marketing, growth, use of technology, and the like. Lions and Leos, come share your brilliant ideas and concept.	IP AP Singh
	Marketing to Be Noticed, Not Just Seen	In a crowded world, it's not enough to simply be visible with your marketing. Learn innovative strategies that ensure your Lions Club stands out, attracts attention, and leaves a lasting impact in your community.	Dimple Willabus
FRIDAY 10:00 - 11:10	Introducing the New Plusoptix S20 Vision Screener	Vision screening just got better! Plusoptix is introducing the latest instrument to our world class line-up: Plusoptix S20. See the latest advancements and features that set Plusoptix ahead of the competition.	Tammy Johnson & Jami Cortez
	Future-Proofing Your Lions Club: Preparing for Generational Changes	This session provides practical strategies to identify, approach, and collaborate with local organizations for lasting, mutually beneficial relationships.	Jama Wahl

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	Member Motivation (LU108)	Learn a practical approach to identifying motivational theories and how they apply to keeping Lions excited about being Lions.	Denise Lowe
	Developing Your Multiple and District GAT Leadership TEAM	Learn how to build effective GAT Teams with Lion Leaders on the Multiple and District levels. Attendees are asked to wear their Lions or favorite Sports Team Jersey. Win! Win! Win!	Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina
	Planting the Seeds of Leadership	Discover how planting seeds of leadership fosters both personal and community growth. Session emphasizes taking action, patience, and the powerful impact even small efforts can have in creating lasting change.	Jay Moughon
	Boosting Service Visibility: Marketing Strategies for Traditional Lions Clubs	Learn effective marketing strategies to promote your Lions Club's service, attract new members, and engage your community.	Paul Bledsoe
	Attracting New Members: Creative Recruitment Strategies	Discover creative strategies to attract new members to your Lions Club by engaging your local community in new ways.	Stu Young
	Building Stronger Communities: Developing Meaningful Partnerships	Strong partnerships amplify community impact and expand service opportunities. Learn practical strategies to identify, approach, and collaborate with local organizations.	Stephanie O'Dell
	Leveraging Corporate Partnership to Amplify Club Service Impact	Learn how to leverage Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs to strengthen the reach and impact of your club's service projects.	Brian Sheehan & Justice Brian Stevenson
	International President Meets Club Presidents	Club presidents meet with IP AP Singh.	IP AP Singh
FRIDAY 2:00 - 3:10	Memphis Forum	Join us in 2026 for the Forum in beautiful Memphis, Tennessee.	Ardie Klemish
	Working as a Team (LU201)	Your district cabinet is a Team. It is important to identify the right players for a successful Team. Learn how to build your Team to ensure its success.	Len Day
	Mental Health and Aging: How Lions Clubs Can Offer Support	Explore ways your club can support the mental health of aging populations, offering companionship and support services.	Dr. Robert Littlefield

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	Building Partnerships with Local Organizations for Growth	Explore strategies for building strong partnerships with local organizations that can support your club's growth.	Hayat Omar-Hurbert
	Making Volunteerism Fun for All Ages	Discover how to make volunteerism enjoyable and accessible for members of all ages.	Michael Foote
	Marketing on a Dime: Leveraging Free Tools for Big Impact	Learn how to maximize free digital tools like Canva, Mailchimp, and Hootsuite to create marketing campaigns that don't break the bank.	Jodi Burmester
	Becoming an ID	What does it mean to be an International Director? Explore the realities and possibilities of stepping up your service to the International level.	Joanne Ogden
	Closing the Back Door: Retention Strategies	Want to make your club stronger, provide more service, and be more attractive to new members? Learn proven strategies to boost your current members' engagement, satisfaction, and loyalty to grow your club.	Joe Preston
	1st VP Mark Lyon meets FVDGs/DGEs	FVDG/DGEs will hear VP Mark Lyon's plans for the DGE seminar and the 2026 International Convention.	1st VP Mark Lyon
FRIDAY 3:30 - 4:40	Leading with Knowledge, Guiding with Skill	Celebrate 85 years of service with Leader Dogs for the Blind. Discover our free life-changing programs and learn how to become a human guide to make a powerful difference in your community.	Kelsey Martin Gardner & BJ Blahnick
	Lions Recruiter's Passport	A Pocket Reference: Sharing My Story	Tamarra Parker-Stephens
	Creative Adult Learning (LU303)	You already know that your Club is made up of unique individuals, and you work hard to address that diversity in your training. Add another layer by incorporating the seven adult learning styles.	Kathy Donahue
	Expanding Our Service: Leading with Purpose	Discover how Mission 1.5 enhances our service impact, inspires volunteers, and meets community needs—driving meaningful growth and lasting change. Serve more, change more lives!	Mark Piva
	Dealing with Resistance to Change: Strategies for Club Leaders	Explore strategies for addressing and overcoming resistance to change within your club to ensure progress.	Ken Ibarra

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	Fundraising with a Twist: Fun & Impactful Ideas	Get inspired with fun and impactful fundraising twists that can boost your Lions service initiatives.	Darren VanDuyn
	From Little League to the Major Leagues...Lessons Learned in Leadership	Winning in athletics is all about putting yourself in the best position for success. Hear how professional baseball player, Warren Morris, uses an athlete's mindset to be a successful leader in the business world and beyond.	Warren Morris
	Preventing Cybercrime: How to Recognize and Avoid Scams	Discover how to recognize and avoid common cyber scams and protect yourself from digital crime.	Tanios BouRamia
	Urban Farming: Transforming Communities and Empowering Youth	Learn how an urban farm transformed vacant lots into thriving gardens, empowered local youth, and strengthened community ties through sustainable practices and creative leadership programs.	Matt Williams
	International President Meets District Governors	It's check-in time for DG Teams! IP AP Singh will meet with DGs and their teams.	IP AP Singh
	SMYLE - Teamwork Without Borders: Bridging Generations to Serve Together	Learn how young and young-at-heart Lions can collaborate across clubs, causes, and age groups—proving that real teamwork knows no limits.	Anand Mehta and Daniel Elkins
SATURDAY 8:30 - 9:40	Eversight, Lions, and The Future of Sight Restoration	This session will explore how Eversight and its Lions partners are expanding access to cornea transplantation in the United States and globally, while also developing future therapies that will make a real difference to those in need.	Collin Ross
	Hosting a Forum	Serving as the host city for a Forum can be a fun and rewarding experience! This session will provide you with an overview of the site selection process and guidelines you need to know to bring the Forum to your area.	Steve Sherer, Jama Wahl, and Randy Heitmann
	Membership Committee (LU124)	Learn the importance of having a Membership Committee, and why one person cannot do it all. Become familiar with the valuable recruiting resources available through LCI.	Vince Leone
	From Idea to Impact: Launch Your New Club	Discover the key steps to starting a new club, from building a plan, building a team, building a vision and building success in bringing your goal to life!	Jay Norby
	Mission 1.5	Mission 1.5 is the drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide, so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than ever before. Mission 1.5 starts with you! Don't miss this session!	IP AP Singh and 1st VP Mark Lyon

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	Hosting Successful Recruitment Events to Attract New Members	Learn how to host successful recruitment events that introduce your club to potential members and encourage long-term involvement.	Jerome Thompson
	The Power of Storytelling to Inspire Action	Learn how impactful storytelling can motivate others to act and engage with your Lions Club's service projects and mission.	Rev. Dr. Heather Murray Elkins
	DIY Video Marketing: Creating Impactful Videos with Free Apps	Learn how to shoot, edit, and publish professional-looking videos using free apps.	Rich Morris
	Leo Advisors: Strengthening Collaboration and Service	Experienced Leo Advisor shares insights to help fellow advisors and Lions better support Leos, fostering stronger collaboration and impactful service projects.	Sue Hibbert
	Stealing Back Our Future: The Great Lions Heist!!	It's time to take back our future. In this high-energy session, we'll rally as bold leaders to revive our clubs, launch new ones, and reclaim our momentum. The clock is ticking — are you in?	Brian Sheehan
	Zumba - Lions in Motion	Zumba fitness for everyone and great fundraiser for LCIF . Let's get moving and enjoy. Zumba is not just a workout... it's a lifestyle.	Varsha Naik
SATURDAY 10:00 - 11:10	Vision Screening 101	This presentation covers the why, what, who, when, where and how of vision screening. Please bring any questions you have as this will be an interactive exchange of information.	Bob Patterson
	Collaboration (LU221)	What is Collaboration? This session will describe the benefits and purposes of collaboration while you learn to use the processes of it.	Julian Austin
	Pride in Service: Building and Growing Successful LGBTQ+ Lions Clubs	Specialty Lions Clubs are a powerful way to engage new members and expand service. This session explores the importance of LGBTQ+ Lions Clubs, why they work, and how to start and grow one successfully.	Joshua Smith
	Navigating Change: Revitalizing Mature Lions Clubs Amidst Community Growth	Examine the challenges mature Lions Clubs face in attracting new members, even with growing populations. Discover key insights and strategies to ensure long-term club sustainability and relevance.	Dan Sibanda
	Just Ask: A Simple Approach to Recruiting for Club Growth	Use the "Just Ask!" method to foster a culture of recruitment and help your Lions Club thrive by growing membership and expanding service opportunities.	Debbie Doty

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	Motivating your District ahead of the Lions International Convention 2027	Energize and educate your local Lions and Leos on how they can participate in the events leading up to and during the Lions International Convention in Washington D.C.	Jeremy Bair & Sonia Wiggins
	Leo Voices: What Drives Us	Join a panel of Leos as they share their experiences, passions, and motivation for service. Discover what matters most to young leaders today and how Lions can support their growth and impact.	Kyle Leonard
	AI: How to transform Membership Growth and Marketing	Explore how AI enhances recruitment, engagement, and outreach for Lions International, boosting membership growth and strengthening global presence.	Daniel Marney Elkins
	Empowering Our Legacy: Leaders of PDG groups townhall	This is a town hall for leaders of PDG groups. Come share ideas, tackle challenges, and explore how to lead, energize, and strengthen the role of Past District Governors in your district or multiple district.	Stuart Wizwer
SATURDAY 2:00 - 3:10	A Ball for All	Learn more about the patented mini blind soccer ball which can only be donated to blind or visually impaired children! This is the "1,000,000 Smile" campaign.	Gary Anderson
	Park Avenue Leadership on a Baltic Avenue Budget	Discover how to lead your Lions Club to success with limited resources. This seminar offers practical tips on maximizing impact, motivating members, and achieving big results on a small budget.	Glenn and Lisa Kaufmann
	Advanced Coaching Style (LU312)	Learn advanced coaching methodologies to enhance leadership, tackle organizational challenges, and drive impactful outcomes. Also explore principles of emotional intelligence to improve interactions and relationships.	Connie Le Cleir Meyer
	The Power of Play: Bringing Fun to Leadership	Learn how incorporating fun can enhance your leadership style and energize your club.	Susan Lindberg
	AI: Enhancing Lions Impact with Caution and Care	Explore how to critically assess AI while embracing its benefits. Learn strategies for responsible use, ethical considerations, and practical applications to harness innovation safely.	TBD
	How the Council Chair Moves the GAT Team to Action	Creating synergy within the Service, Membership, Leadership and Extension Teams of your Multiple District.	Pat Vannett
	LCIF Impact	LCIF Overview covering impact that is made possible through donations.	IPIP Fabricio Oliveira

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SATURDAY 3:30 - 4:40	Promoting Mental Wellness Among Lions Members and their Communities	Discover strategies to promote mental wellness within our clubs and our communities, helping everyone stay healthy and engaged in service.	Hilary Kumnick
	Showcasing Leo Service: Inspiring Impact	Discover the power of youth-led service! This session highlights standout Leo projects, showcasing their creativity, dedication, and impact on communities. Learn how these projects inspire action and drive positive change.	Carlisle Goddard
	SMYLE - Leading Forward: Empowering Young Lions to Step Up and Shine	Discover how to recognize, support, and celebrate the leadership potential of young Lions—and how their growth lifts the entire organization forward.	TBD
	Serving Safely in War Zones: Lessons in Situational Awareness	Join Phil Nathan, a Lion with over 20 years of experience in active war zones, as he shares essential insights on situational awareness. From Bosnia to Ukraine, learn key lessons on assessing risks, staying adaptable, and serving safely in high-risk areas.	Phil Nathan
	Building a Free Website for Your Club - Not your grandfather's E-Clubhouse	Learn how to create and manage a professional-looking website for your Lions Club using free platforms like Wix, WordPress, or Google sites.	Louis Lambe
	Succession Planning: Preparing the Next Generation of Lions Leaders	Discover how to plan for leadership succession and prepare the next generation of leaders to continue your club's mission.	Gary Wong
	Digital Safety: Protecting Your Identity and Data Online	Learn how to protect your personal information and identity in today's digital world.	Dave Wineman
	All You Need Is Love: A Lion's Heart in Action	Discover how love, service, and community, inspired by iconic Beatles songs, drive Lions' mission to create meaningful change and foster deeper connections in their communities.	Jeff Kozicki
	Leading with Service: Making a Lasting Impact	Discover how Lions leadership can drive impactful community service, addressing key issues like diabetes awareness or homelessness to inspire positive change through compassion.	Dr. Jose Marrero
	Leadership Matters	Explore the critical role of leaders in providing vision, motivation, and mentoring future leaders.	Maninder Chandok
	Lions Portal Q & A (Repeated session)	Discover how to navigate and utilize the Lions Portal to manage your club efficiently, access key resources, and enhance your Lions Club's impact through this powerful online tool.	Elizabeth Huskey

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Lions University Graduation	Join this year's Lions University ceremony to celebrate our new graduates.	Deanna Shurtleff
MD Executive Director/Administrator Meet-up	Multiple District administrators and state secretary/treasurers meet-up.	Neil Spencer