



# Bob's Tales

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## Lions Clubs International District 22-D

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What an exciting time I had at District Governor School and International Convention in Bangkok Thailand. This is a trip I will not forget. First, I know what it feels like to sit on a plane for four hours and not take off. We were scheduled to take off at 2:22 pm. June 15, 2008. When we arrived at BWI, we were told the flight was delayed for one hour. We got on the plane at 3:20 and moved a little then were told several times of delays. Finally, we were told that we needed to go back and refuel so we could fly to New York because we had sat on the tarmac for over three hours. When the crew started to take the luggage off the plane we knew you were not flying today. Our flight to Bangkok took off from JFK on time at 9:05 pm. and we were still at BWI. Gina and I finally left BWI at 10:10 pm. by car on our way to JFK in New York. We did not know the directions to JFK and I had left my GPS at home. We called our daughter and asked her to go on the internet to get us driving directions. We arrived at JFK by 2:20AM Monday. We found out we were not the only Lions that missed the flight at 9:05 pm. There were about twenty-five of us that did not make the flight. After many phone calls, we were booked on British Air. We left JFK about midnight Monday. We arrived at London Heathrow Airport around noon on Tuesday. We had a ten hour layover there. A group of us did go to downtown London for five hours. We had tea at Buckingham Palace but the Queen could not make it (Right). Back on the plane at 10 pm. and about fourteen hours later we were in Bangkok and three hours or so after that we were at our hotel in Pattaya. The first thing I did was to shave, shower and put on a new set of cloths. Yes, Lions I will not forget this trip. Flying back took a good twenty-six

hours. I was real happy to be back in the Good Old USA again and happy to have my car in New York. We were home before our original flight back to BWI was scheduled to leave.

Now back to business. There are a lot of things that are going on in the district. By the time you read this news letter the Banner Transfer would be over and the first cabinet meeting would be close behind. Here are some of the goals for this Lion Year.

1. Increase membership.
2. Start at least three New Club Branches
3. Start at least one Leo Club in the district
4. Start using the Welch Allyn SureSight v2.23 device for screening children eyes. I would recommend that the purchases of these devices be done as Zone projects. One in each region would be a good start. Training will take place this fall. I hope to have more details in the next news letter.
5. Talk about Camp Merrick Leadership on Oct 10-12.
6. Talk about IP Al Brandel's theme "Miracles through Service" and "Every Day Heroes". You Lions are the Every Day Heroes. Every person you help you bring a smile to their face. By having more helping hands you will be able to do more Miracles through Service.

YIL  
DG Bob



## Around the District

### Milford

**Blue/Gold Game:** Lion Gale Grove reported that \$1,003 was sent to the DFRC and we donated 85 tickets to the football team families and the Boys and Girls Club.

**Golf Tournament:** Sixty four golfers participated and we had our first ever hole-in-one by Scott Sipple. Thanks to Lions Andrews, Day, Edgerton, Kaufman, Kiefer, Meck, Richardson, Sleva, Wadkins-Berry, Leo's Kyle Berry and Morgan Sleva who helped during the tournament. Special thank to Pat Craig, Carol Kiefer and Lucy Mehl for all their help with registration, lunch and handing out the door prizes.

### Millsboro

**June golf** outing was a success. We had a small field of players, but lots of supporters and the event netted \$2,060.

**Raise Funds:** We tried hosting at a local restaurant as an alternative way to raise funds. One or more of the Club members welcomed customers as they entered the restaurant and answered any questions they had about Lionism. The Club gets a percentage of the total income for the day. Our first try produced \$170. We are told by old hands at this approach that more funds can be had for the same effort. We already have a date for our next try at the same restaurant.

Our **Annual picnic** was held at Lake Melvin on July 15 and a good time was had by all.

**Glasses:** We collected 275 pairs of used glasses this month.

**Medical Equipment:** A folding metal wheel chair ramp was added to our medical equipment to permit entry to buildings not wheelchair accessible.



### Rehoboth Beach

**Scooter Sales** are going great guns. Lion Richard Merriwether has arranged for us to sell tickets at Atlantic Liquors on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Sales have been really good. Lions Tom Foster, Guyla Brinckmeyer, Bertha Scott, Joan Mayben, Dante Canarozzi, Marge LaFond, Richard Merriwether, Jim Hudson, Jack Brinckmeyer, Ken and Moe Pyle and Bob and Dot Taylor have manned the table each day for the past three weeks. Wanna help???

### Camden- Wyoming

**Festival:** On August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Fifer Orchard, we are going to roll out the good old blue trailer and cook up some French fries, along with some dogs and burgers. If you can come out and join us for the fun – please contact Lion Fred Hotchkiss at 233-2925 or email him at [fredhotchkiss@comcast.net](mailto:fredhotchkiss@comcast.net).

### Capitol City

The Capitol City Lions had nine members participating in the Dover 4th of July Parade. Everybody had a great time handing out small US Flags. We also had our very own lion attending and he did roar.

The club collected another 96 pairs of used eyeglasses during the month from 21 boxes.

Capitol City Lions inducted a new member.

We had a Casino Night at the Premier Poker Room, Hamlet Shopping Center, Dover on 17 July 2008.

Six club members participated in road cleanup to help beautify Delaware.

Lion Maxine Powers and Lion Bill Kircher received awards for bringing in a new member.

Six club members attended the Banner Transfer held by the Clayton Lions Club.

### Milton

King Lion Marshall Reynolds and Lion Brenda Coverdale were awarded 100% President and 100% Secretary awards respectively.

Charlie Fleetwood attended the June 23, 2008 board meeting to discuss the Milton Community Foundation's efforts to bring Milton's first public art. A statue of John Milton has been commissioned and will be revealed on December 7, 2008. The foundation is still raising money to cover the cost and installation of the statue.

### Lord Baltimore Chicken Dinner

August 9 (Saturday) 3pm to 7pm

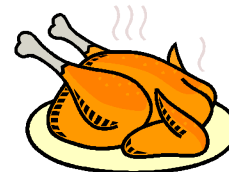
At The Millville Fire Hall

Cost:

Adults \$11.00,

Children \$5.00 (under 12)

Take out \$10.00



Questions e-mail Lion Janet Bauer at:

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Or call 537-5175

### From the Editor's Desk

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**22D DISTRICT GOVERNORS  
VISITATION SCHEDULE -- 2008 - 2009**

DATE	CLUB	TIME	KING LION	MEETING PLACE
9/4/08	Murderkill	7:00	Mike O. Nichols	Federica Fire Hall
9/10/08	Greenwood	6:30	Maureen W. Yocum	Café Tamburelli's
9/23/08	Millsboro	6:45	Christopher Cordrey	Country Kitchen
9/25/08	Laurel	6:15	Joy Spicer	Georgia House 300 Laureltowns St.
9/26/08	Holloway Campus	12:00 noon	Agnes Quigley	Biggs Bldg. DIB Conference room
10/1/08	Lord Baltimore	6:30	Joe Norton	Magnolia's Restaurant
10/2/08	Wilmington Gateway	6:30	George McManus Jr.	Police Athletic League (PAL) Center
10/6/08	Talleyville Naamans	6:15	Carmelal Clark	Romeo's in Branmer Plaza
10/7/08	Newark	6:30	Nancy Moore	Romada Inn Rt. 273 & I-95 interch.
10/8/08	Claymont	6:30	Ken Chew	Waterfall
10/9/08	Milford	6:30	Randy W. Harp	Shawnee Country Club
10/13/08	Milton	6:45	Bob Carbone	Goshen Hall
10/14/08	Georgetown	6:30	Sandra ( Sandy ) Wilson	Flight Deck Rest. 21553 Rudder Ln.
10/16/08	Dewey Beach	7:00	Ronald Krajewski	Big Fish Grill
10/20/08	Dover	6:30	Rosemarie Milne	Dover Sheraton
11/4/08	Glasgow	6:30	Tommy Lu	The Glass Kitchen
11/10/08	Harrington	6:30	Richard L. Sapp	Peoples II Rt. 13 Next to Super 8
11/11/08	Smyrna	6:29	Allen Thorpe	Hometown Café 100 South Main St.
11/12/08	Rehoboth Beach	6:30	Mozell F. Pyle	Big Fish Grill
11/17/08	Fenwick Island	10soc.12Lun	OJ Ashinhurst	Noble S. / Harpoon Hanna's
11/20/08	Bridgeville	7:00	J. Shawn Hatfield	St. Mary's Episcopal Church
<b>Holiday Break</b>				
1/5/09	Midway / Pike Creek Valley	12:00 / 6:30	Bob Bohan / Mark Oliver	Wahoo Restaurant / Charcoal Pit
1/12/09	Green Hills	6:29	Evelyn McKinnon	Hunter's Den Restaurant
1/14/09	Lewes	7:00	Randall L. Friend	La Rosa Negra Restaurant
1/15/09	Wilmington Manor	6:30	Edmund Sugzdinis	Wilmington Manor's Lions Den
1/19/09	Frederica Spring Creek	7:00	Bonnie J. Blades	Trinity U.M. Church Frederica
1/21/09	Clayton	6:45	Velenda Courtney	Wayside Inn
1/26/09	Middletown	6:30	Richard Hastings	Middletown Family Restaurant
1/28/09	Seaford	6:30	Keller Hoch	Seaford Golf & Country Club
2/2/09	Brookside	6:30	Lloyd E. King	Glass Kitchen
2/9/09	New Castle Hundred	6:30	Dr. Pad	Goodwill Fire Hall
2/11/09	Delmar	6:30	Anna Era	Delmar Memorial Post 8276
2/16/09	Selbyville-Indian River	6:30	Linda Fairfax	Doyle's Resturant Rt. 113
2/25/09	Delaware City	6:45	Kevin Swed	Delaware City Fire Hall
3/9/09	Camden - Wyoming	6:45	Jim Rolling	Caesar Rodney High School
3/18/09	Capitol City	6:30	Jack M. Liss	Noble Eagle Family Rest. 113 or 1
<b>Lioness Clubs</b>				
2/4/09	* Lord Baltimore Lioness	6:30	Sue Dick	Cheer Center
2/5/09	* Laurel Lioness	6:15	Cathy Parker	Georgia House 300 Laureltowns St.
2/12/09	* Bridgeville Lioness	6:30	Hilda Donnelly	Jimmie's Grill
3/11/09	* Dover Lioness	6:30	Bonnie Wiley	Dover Sheraton
4/8/09	* Seaford Lioness	6:30	Jamie Myers / Toni Cocilovo	Pizza King Stein Highway Seaford

**ALBERT F. BRANDEL**  
**INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**

Albert F. Brandel of Melville, New York, USA, was elected president of the International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 91st International Convention, held in Bangkok, Thailand, June 23-27, 2008.

He is a retired police detective. For many years he investigated child abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency, domestic violence involving children and missing children.

A member of the West Hempstead Lions Club since 1975 and an associate member of the Melville Lions Club, International President Brandel has held many offices in the association, including club president, district governor and international director. He has also served as a presenter and panelist at USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums. He worked with the Long Island Lions Eye Bank as a transporter and has been the Lions Representative to UNICEF in New York for 10 years. He helped coordinate Lions relief efforts at the World Trade Center following September 11, 2001.

In recognition of his contributions, he has received numerous awards, including the 100% Club President Award, the 100% District Governor Award, 15 International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest award the association grants to its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, he has served as a Little League volunteer and as a Eucharistic minister. He is a former member of the board of directors of the United Nations Association of the USA.

International President Brandel's wife, Dr. Maureen Murphy, an anesthesiologist and a Lion, practices at a community hospital.



Our Lions at the LCI Convection in Bangkok Thailand. More pictures can be seen on our District 22-D website. [Lionsclubs.org](http://Lionsclubs.org)



## What's Happening at the Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley?



As always, Lots of interesting things. We are supplying corneas to 96 surgeons around the tri state area. We have upgraded our technology and continue our ranking as one of the best eye banks in North America . In 2007 we supplied corneas to: Delaware 91, New Jersey 268, Pennsylvania 394 and 25 to other States. The Lions of the tri-state area can be proud of our accomplishments.

Our New Officers are: Chairman Mary Devon O'Brien, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P Bob Elsner, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Paul Sheridan and 3<sup>rd</sup> V.P Victor Graziano. Secretary/Treasurer Mel Bray.

We will be welcoming the new Governors to the Eye Bank in August. They will have a first hand knowledge of what we do and how we do it.

The Alaskan Cruise we have been talking about over the past year is sold out. Princess is only taking stand by reservations. We have about 55 cruisers going in August, 90% are going to take the additional cruise tour to Denali .

On August 11, we will hold the "Gift of Sight" 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic, Dinner and Auction at beautiful Laderrach Golf Course, 900 Clubhouse Drive, Harleysville, Pa. The Package includes fees, cart, gifts, barbecue Lunch/Dinner and more for \$125.00. Tee-Off is 12:30 PM. Non golfers are invited to join the Fun for the Dinner and Auction beginning at 4:30 PM- \$30.00 or just join us for the Auction- free admission.

Something very special for the entire family:

As you are aware, Delaware has many very nice old estates. The Auburn Heights Preserve near York Lyn is one of these. It is formerly known as the Marshall Estate. It is open to the public occasionally. Why is it so interesting? Mr. Marshall has the largest collection east of the Mississippi of Stanley Steamers, in addition he has an antique museum developed from a life of collecting. It is open from 1-4:30 PM to ticketed guests. We have tickets available for Saturday September 13; Adults \$10.00, Children \$7.00 from the eye bank, no tickets are sold at the door. If you are into antiques, steam power or antique cars, this may be the only time you can see this excellent collection and you will be able to take a ride in a 1915 Stanley Mountain Wagon. Tickets and contact information for any Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley event are available from: Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley , 401 North 3<sup>rd</sup> St , Philadelphia , Pa 19123. Call 800-743-6667.

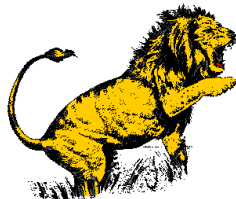
Need a program for a club meeting, call the Eye Bank or join us for a club dinner and tour of the eye bank

### Vision & Sight News

from **EYEBEAM** (News & Updates from the Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley) 2008 Edition

PID Gene Polgar, President, COO wrote:

.....The latest technology in Eye Banking is the surgical procedure known as DSAEK. This year, a milestone for the Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley was the purchase of the Microkeratome instrument. It was purchased at the request of many of our corneal surgeons and enables them to perform this latest surgical procedure. Key technical personnel were trained to do this unique precision cut on the cornea. This exciting new procedure allows the surgeon to transplant a thinner layer of donor tissue. Also, the patient retains much of their own corneal tissue thus allowing for a speedier recovery time and a higher success rate. The ability of your Eye Bank to provide this service enables us to stay in step with the demands of the ever-changing needs of our ophthalmologists and provide only the highest quality Eye Tissue to their patients! .....



### Walk for Sight

October 12, 2008

The people of Delaware again will be walking the monster mile for the Delaware Lions Foundation. The walk team has been busy planning this year's walk. If you want to help call either Lion Karl Gude at 539-3498 or Lion BJ Rydar at 284-9377. We hope to see you soon or on October 12th. Bring a friend and start getting pledges now. Remember this helps your foundation. The Auction will be October 19 at Dover Down.

### There is no cost for the first District News Bulletin Mailed.

(Cost per month is \$1.05 for a Black/ White copy)

Pay by check or cash

Make checks out to: District 22-D and send to:

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## From CS Don's Corner

Welcome to the 2008-09 Lions' Year, the year of "Miracles Through Service"! I hope your year is off to a roaring start! I would like to thank District Governor Bob Daniels for giving me the opportunity to serve the best Lions in Lionism this year as his Cabinet Secretary. I hope each and every one of you enjoy this year of service to others as much as I am. I'm anticipating supporting the Lions of Delaware during this year full of creating many "little" miracles while helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

I would like to start by thanking those returning Secretaries for all their years of service to their Clubs and Lionism and welcome those new Secretaries to a year full of new and exciting activities as you support your President and Club. As Club Secretary you are one of the important links between Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 22, and District 22D. Your dedication can and will make your President's and your Club's year the best that it can be. I wish you all the best for this year and offer my support to help you wherever possible to make your year the best it can be.

There are a couple items I would like to highlight at this time. These are important deadlines that you need to keep in mind. The first is the change on the 100% Club Administrative Contest Reporting Form for the Monthly Membership Report deadlines. To bring the Lions of the world the most current and accurate membership numbers each month Lions Clubs International has changed the due dates for this report. For those Secretaries filing their reports with LCI online the deadline for entering those reports is the last day of the reporting month. For those Secretaries filing by mail your deadline has been moved up to the 15<sup>th</sup> of the filing month with receipt expected at LCI by the 20<sup>th</sup> for posting with that month's numbers. If the report is received late any changes for the reporting month will be delayed to the following month. I would recommend establishing a date immediately after your Club's board meeting to file your reports to avoid missed deadlines. **Please keep in mind that the Monthly Membership Report must be filed every month even if there is no change in your membership.**

The other date change on the 100% Club Administrative Contest Reporting Form is the due date for the PU101. While this is not due until May please keep in mind that the due date for that form has been moved up to May 15<sup>th</sup>. I will be sending out a reminder as we get closer to that date.

With that said, I hope you all have a great year and I'm looking forward to meeting each of you during the Governor's Official Visit and the many other activities planned for this year. Good luck and keep those "miracles" coming!

YIL  
CS Don



## MEMBERSHIP LIONS YEAR 2008/2009

It is very simple, all we need to do is ASK!!!!!! And then ASK!!!!!! Again. As we start this lions year lets make it a plus membership year for all clubs. DG Bob has some plans on what he would like to see, but more on that later. We do so much and can do so much more with more Lions. Lets tell our friends and strangers why we do what we do and how it makes us feel. Its simple Just ASK!!!!!!.

Any clubs who have ideas or would like Help with some ideas I am available by Email. [lionkarl@hotmail.com](mailto:lionkarl@hotmail.com) Phone 302 539 3498 Cell 302 745 9279

To all clubs Secretaries:  
When you send in your Membership reports to the Cabinet Secretary please make sure you send me a copy so I can better track our growth.



YIL Membership Chair 22D  
Lion Karl Gude

### 9th Annual "Swing for Sight"

Charity Golf Tournament and Silent Auction Fundraiser  
Supports Low Vision - Research, Education and Rehabilitation



Hunters Oak Golf Club  
500 Amberly Farm Lane  
Queenstown, MD  
[www.huntersoak.com](http://www.huntersoak.com)

Date: Monday, September 8, 2008

Registration, coffee & pastries: 9:00 a.m.  
Shotgun Start: 11:00 a.m.

Lunch: 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Happy Hour/Silent Auction: 4:00 p.m.

Buffet Dinner/Awards/Silent Auction 5:00 p.m.

Prizes to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, longest drive, closest to pin

Door Prizes, Hole in One for Car, Tee Signs: \$100.00

Program Book Ads Full Page \$200.00; 1/2 Page \$100.00;  
1/4 Page \$50.00

Price per Golfer \$125.00; Dinner & Auction only  
(non golfing) \$25.00

Registration deadline 8/25/2008

Please made checks payable to: LVRG Golf

Mail to: Bob Muchow

102 Stauffer Rd.

Severna Park, MD 21145

Telephone: 410-647-4551

email: [muchow@verizon.net](mailto:muchow@verizon.net)

## The Milton Clipper Express

The *Milton Clipper Express* is a favorite activity of the Milton Lions Club. The train runs during the summer. During a weekend event the train runs all day Saturday. This year 841 kids (from newborn to 80+) rode the train. The price is always the same, 25¢ adult/child. After the Horseshoe Crab Festival, the train runs every Wednesday evening through the first week of September during the concerts in the park.

The train is owned by the City of Milton and the Milton Lions Club operates and maintains the train and the tracks. This year there have been 150-200+ riders per evening (7:00p.m. until dusk). It is a wonderful time to enjoy the train, and the company of Lions club members. The train is also run during the Bargains on the Broadkill event in August as well as for private parties. The train can be booked for a party at \$100 per event.



## July 28, 2008 District 22-D Banner Transfer



## USA/Canada Forum



The Forum planning committee has just completed its first organizational meeting in SASKATOON . Things are well underway to bring you a top notch FORUM in 2008.

First of all – about SASKATOON – as many of you have never heard of this city, SASKATOON reminds me of Grand Rapids , MI. as the South Saskatchewan River runs through the centre of the city and is crossed by 7 unique bridges. From the air it looks similar to Grand Rapids except the river is wider and deeper. One of the headquarters hotels ( Delta Bess borough) is built on the shores of this river. The city also combines many old, unique buildings with modern architecture. SASKATOON is the home of the University of Saskatchewan , which brings a fresh, young crowd to the culture.

The city motto and also the Forum theme is “SASKATOON SHINES”. This reflects the quality of life, scenery, culture, and leadership of the people. This city was not discovered as a convention or festival city until the second TransCanada Highway , (the Yellow head Route ) was built from Manitoba to the West Coast.

For those of you that wish to combine a holiday tour with your visit to the Forum, SASKATOON has a great deal to offer. The famous West Edmonton Mall and the Canadian Rockies are a short distance away. In Regina , just south, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have their training centre. SASKATOON area is also the land of Louis Riel , who led his Métis people against the Canadian Government in 1885. The town of Batoche preserves the site of Riel’s surrender. A small church, containing bullet holes, remains a reminder of the last Canadian Rebellion. One could also go in a northerly direction from SASKATOON and find some of the best fishing and hunting areas in Canada , Yes, YOU ARE WANTED, as SASKATOON SHINES on you during the 2008 Forum.

Several unique features will dot the makeup of this Forum. Everyone arriving by airplane or bus will be shuttled to Prairie land Park – the convention centre. Those that arrive by car will have free parking at Prairie land Park ’s large parking lot. RVers will park 100 feet from the convention building. Also since most people will be at Prairie land Park all day, several resting areas with food services will be offered. Events, seminars, exhibits and meals will require very little walking distance between rooms. Scooters will be available for rent for those that might need them.

The Friday night celebration, organized by the Host Committee, will take place at the Western Development Museum , Here, under one roof, guests will discover BOOMTOWN, a replica of an early Saskatchewan village with most businesses in operation. The blacksmith, the baker, the banker, the train station operator, and many others, in costume, will serve your needs. Several forms of entertainment will be found along the street. Food will be available at several stores. An antique car and railway/ agriculture displays are also located under this one roof. Enjoy the good times of the early settlers right here in Boomtown.

Sixty four seminar slots will be filled with the best available speakers. We also hope to add a fifth professional speaker to our already starting group. I also guarantee that during the meals the sound will be excellent and no matter what direction you happen to sit a screen of the stage activities can be seen.

Yes, YOU ARE WANTED, and the planning committee will do everything possible to make sure your stay in SASKATOON will be , not only a learning experience, BUT an exciting one. To register go to the website: <https://usacanadalionsforum.org/registration.html> or you could email me and I will send you the form. See you there !

PDG Ralph Schieferstein, Chairman  
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Next door to Prairieland Park is Saskatoon’s Western Development Museum, widely recognized as a world class facility. The WDM features 1910 Boomtown, a re-creation of a wooden-sidewalked prairie town Main Street of a hundred years ago which is the longest indoor museum street in Canada. Highlights include over 40 buildings/displays (many staffed and operative), plus a collection of authentic steam-powered farm tractors, plus a transportation gallery of old vehicles, plus a full-sized steam locomotive whose bell International Vice President Al Brandel loves to ring, plus a remarkable walk-in display called “Winning the Prairie Gamble” complete

with sod house, plus a gift shop, plus eating facilities. Your ticket will include admission to the Museum and all exhibits, a walk-around meal, and entertainment on two stages. Additional refreshments (wine and beer) will also be available. Shuttle buses will be running at a nominal fee. Visitors are encouraged to dress according to their favorite era. For more details, please call Host Committee Vice-chairperson Lion John Boersma at [jfbconsult@sasktel.net](mailto:jfbconsult@sasktel.net).



# Did you know?

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Grand Rapids had 2466 total registrations. That is just above the 13 year average of 2427. The top two Forums in the past 13 years have been Lexington, KY with 3614 and Reno, NV with 3032.

## The very First Forum was in 1977 at Rosemont, Illinois.

Before 1977 the Forum was just a dream of Lions International President Joseph McLaughlin. On September 30 of 1977 it became a reality as the first USA Lions Forum was called to order in Rosemont Illinois. The presidential challenge was to come together to forge measures "that will restore vigorous growth of American Lionism." Seventy International Directors and Past International Directors contributed \$100 each to the cost and the Lions of Illinois were able to return that amount at the close of the Forum. A small profit was made available to the 1978 Forum. A format of professional presentations followed by attendee discussion was developed. 984 Lions from North America attended and were entertained and motivated by Robert Devaney, athletic director from the University of Nebraska, Senator Robert Dole of Kansas and actress Betsy Palmer.

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