



COME, CELEBRATE CHICAGO - 2017



SUMMER IN CHICAGO!



January 2017

- *A celebration of 100 years of service*
- *Welcome Home to Chicago*
- *June 30-July 4, 2017*
- *Parade July 1, 2017*
- *Marching on State Street*
- *Your Kind of Town!*

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166 DAYS TO GO BUT WHO IS COUNTING!!!

The stage is being set and the plans are being finalized for the Lions of the World to come to Chicago for the Centennial Convention in 2017. The Host Committee along with Lions Clubs International is preparing to welcome you in June, 2017 for the 100th Lions Clubs International Convention.

The convention opens on Friday, June 30th and runs through Tuesday, July 4th. Changes have been made in the use of the Chicago venues as well as the parade route since the last time the convention was in Chicago.

- All the plenary sessions, voting, exhibits, educational seminars and the International Show will be at one venue - McCormick Place located on Chicago's lake front.
- The traditional Lions International Parade of Nations will march through the commercial district of Chicago on State Street on Saturday, July 1st. Annually, Chicago only permits three parades on State Street and in 2017 our parade will be number four.

You will be able to experience the city of the birth of our organization. See the Lions statue that appears in the photograph of our founder, Melvin Jones. You will have the opportunity to visit an exhibit in the Convention Hall that displays our history as well as the opportunity to visit our headquarters in Oak Brook.

Chicago by itself has a lot to offer for those that visit. We have our beautiful lake front where you can walk, along with a variety of museums and cultural centers, Navy Pier with its new Ferris wheel and of course the Magnificent Mile for your shopping experience.

As chairman of the Host committee, I can assure you that the Committee Members are preparing to make this convention one of the best in our Association's history. Our goal is to make the attendees feel as if they are home and enjoying a family reunion.

So, as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary, let's take the time to renew our commitment to the motto "*We Serve*" and for the centennial "*Where there is a need, there is a LION*". This commitment will help us achieve our goals for our Centennial Celebration and carry us forward into our second hundred years of Service.

So plan to COME and CELEBRATE this milestone in the history of LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL! We have a date in Chicago in June!

**Lion Bob Block Convention Chair and all
The Members of the 2017 Convention Committee**



Fellow Lions,

Okay, so you have thought about it, you have discussed it at great length, you decided to wait until your friends make a decision and now it's January 2017 and you have to make up your mind. Well, what are you waiting for?

The Host Committee for the 2017 International Committee is still in need of volunteers to donate a few hours of their time to work at the 100th Anniversary Celebration.

It's easy. Go to www.lions2017chicago.org click on the volunteer tab, and fill out the fillable form and send it in by pushing the submit button or dropping a copy in the mail and send it to me. I will add you to our database and you will soon be hearing from the chairperson of the committee in which you have selected.

We need help in all of the committees that are listed on the form and we can use your help no matter the time of day or day of the week. The success of this convention will be judged by the work of our volunteers. If you have a question that I can help you with about the form or volunteering just drop me an email at: santonlions@comcast.net

Thank you,

PCC Steve Anton
2017 Host Committee
Staff Volunteer Chairman



CONVENTION REGISTRATION INFORMATION

2017 LCI Chicago Convention Registration and Hotel

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Fee:

Registration Fee through January 13, 2017 is US\$130

From January 14 through March 31, 2017 the regular registration fee is US\$180

April 1, 2017 through onsite registration, the fee is US\$200.

Leo Registration Fee:

Omega Leo - (18 years and over) US\$60

Alpha Leo - (17 years and under) US\$10

Registrants will receive an official name badge and souvenir medallion; official convention program; one ticket for the International Show.

Convention badges are mailed in late May 2017 to each registered delegate or group.

All changes (*name change, arrival/departure date revisions*) must be submitted in writing by May 1, 2017 to registration@lionsclubs.org.

Registration Form

Questions?

General questions about the convention: convention@lionsclubs.org

Questions about registration and hotels: registration@lionsclubs.org

Register Now

2017 LCI international Convention

Assigning Club Delegates – Certification and Voting Information

Assigning Club Delegates

Each club is **entitled to one voting delegate** for every 25 members or major fraction thereof.

Club Delegates to the 2017 International Convention can be assigned by the club president or the club secretary using **MyLCI** at any time between January 1, 2017 and June 28, 2017.

For clubs not using MyLCI, the club president or secretary can complete the **Club Delegate Form** and mail or fax to the address below by May 1, 2017.

Confirmation of the Club Delegate assignment will be emailed to the Club Delegate. When the email address of the Club Delegate is not available, the Confirmation will be emailed to the club officer.

Club Delegates will bring the printed Confirmation along with the delegate's government-issued photo ID to the Voting Area.

Certification and Voting

New process

For the first time, at the 2017 International Convention certification of delegates and voting will occur at the same time in the convention Voting Area. As soon as the delegate is certified, they will receive a ballot and will be able to vote immediately.

Extended Voting Times

Certification and Voting days and times are listed below.

Sunday, July 2, 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Monday, July 3, 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Tuesday, July 4, 7:30 AM – 10:30 AM

More information about Certification and Voting

Club Delegate Form

Certification and Voting Frequently Asked Questions

Club Delegate Entitlement

Alternate Delegates

Because certification of delegates and voting will occur at the same time, alternate delegates do not need to be pre-assigned. Should a delegate not be able to attend convention, an alternate delegate for the club can be assigned in the Voting Area. Optimally, the new delegate will bring the original delegate's Confirmation. The new delegate will need to be accompanied by a club or district officer who can authorize them to serve as a delegate for the club. The new delegate and the authorizing officer will need a government-issued photo ID.

2017 LCI international Convention Assigning Club Delegates – Certification and Voting Information—continued

LCI “VIP” Delegates

The LCI officers and Lions listed below are entitled to full delegate privileges at the international convention and are entitled to cast one delegate vote. Their vote is not counted against the club delegate entitlement. A Confirmation will be emailed to these officers and Lions. The “VIP” delegate should bring the printed Confirmation along with the delegate’s government-issued photo ID to the Voting Area.

“VIP” Delegates: Past International President, Past International Director, Council Chairperson, Lions serving on the LCIF Executive Committee. Also each Past Council Chairperson and each Past District Governor serving as an appointee to a standing committee of the LCI Board of Directors.

NOTE: For additional information contact the Member Service Center.

Member Service Center—Lions Clubs International
300 W. 22nd St. Oak Brook IL USA 60523
Email: MemberServiceCenter@LionsClubs.org
Phone: 1+630-203-3830 Fax: 1+630-571-1687

2017 INTERNATIONAL SHOW UPDATE

You don’t want to miss the International Show where Lions and friends from around the world will begin the 100-year celebration with a concert featuring two very popular bands and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductees...The Beach Boys and Chicago!

The Beach Boys, known to be America’s first, best rock band will start off the weekend festivities! The Beach Boys were formed in the early 60’s and regarded as the most iconic American band. With 36 songs making their way to the Top 40 Charts...you will sure to be on your feet as you sing along to their popular songs - “Surfin Safari”, “Wouldn’t it be Nice” and “Good Vibrations”.



Headlining for the International Show will be Chicago’s very own...**Chicago!** Having sold more than 100 million records, Chicago is one of the world's best-selling, longest-running and most successful rock groups of all time! With five #1 albums and 21 top 10 singles, it’s no wonder Chicago is still entertaining fans around the world. Founded in Chicago in 1967, Chicago will be celebrating a milestone in 2017, their 50th anniversary together. What a milestone and great opportunity to come together and celebrate!

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During the International Show, the Exhibit Hall will be open for Lions to enjoy food, drinks and other entertainment taking place during the show.

Leos attending the 2017 International Convention

The 100th Lions Clubs International Convention will take place in Chicago IL, USA June 24 – July 4, 2017.

LCICon offers Lions and Leos an opportunity to meet peers from around the world, experience exciting events like the International Parade and participate in seminars designed to address the unique interests of each member.

Events for Leos

International Parade of Nations

Date: Saturday, July 1

Time: 9:00

Location: TBA

Leos will march side-by-side and lead the Parade of Nations through the streets of Chicago.

Other Events for Leos

In addition to these events, Leos can also enjoy event highlights, including three action-packed plenary sessions, an exciting exhibit hall, the international show and more.

For registration and hotel information please check the LCIC registration page.

LCICon Visa Information

The following information will assist you in your travel planning to the 100th Lions Clubs International Convention in Chicago, IL, USA. Please [click here](#) to find out which countries are part of the United States Visa Waiver Program. If your country is not part of the United States Visa Waiver Program, please consider the time it takes to process your visa application. Make sure you start your visa application process early and well in advance of your travel dates.

Letter of Invitation

The visa letter of invitation, though not required for the visa application, can assist as a supporting document. Please complete the required form to request a letter of invitation:

[ISAAME Constitutional Area Form](#)

[All other Constitutional Areas Form](#)

Please remember that an email address is mandatory. All Invitation Letters will only be sent electronically. For more accurate application processing times, specifics, information and advice please consult your nearest [United States Embassy or Consulate office](#).

United States Visa Links

[United States Visa Information](#)

2017 LCI CON NEWS

Lions Performance Stage

Calling all talented Lions! A special Lions Performance Stage will be placed inside the exhibit hall where you will have the opportunity to perform up to 45-minutes representing your club and district to a global audience at the Chicago convention. From singers, musicians, dancers, and more – this is your special opportunity to entertain, have fun, and share your culture with your fellow Lions.

Due to the expected high demand, performance times will be allotted by LCI. Please complete the [Performance Stage application](#) and return it to convention@lionsclubs.org.

Lions Campfire Sessions / Lions Den

Did your club or district do a unique service project? Did you discover a new way to attract members to your club? Have you revamped your club or district's meetings? Do you have expertise in an area that you'd like to share with your fellow Lions? If you've answered "Yes" to any of these questions then you should apply to present at one of the Lions Campfire Sessions / Lions Den areas at the Chicago convention. We will have two designated areas inside the exhibit hall where informal discussions up to 30-minutes in length regarding topics of interest plus 15-minutes for questions and answers will be available to convention attendees. This is a great opportunity to share and learn from others.

Due to the expected high demand, session times will be allotted by LCI. Please complete the [Lions Campfire Session / Lions Den application](#) and return it to convention@lionsclubs.org.

Apply for these great convention opportunities today!

IMPORTANT: Please note that we expect to receive more applications than available time slots. All applications will be reviewed by a committee for selection. Applications need to be received by January 31 with the selected performers and speakers notified by mid-March.

LCI CONVENTION MOBILE APP

Download the free convention mobile app to your smartphone to get the latest news, design your own convention schedule, connect with other Lions, share photos, rate seminars, browse exhibitor information and more! The app is available in English, Japanese, Korean and Chinese.

Android and iPhone users can [click here to download](#) or scan the QR code.

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Facebook location: www.fb.com/lions2017chicago

