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**USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
2024 Louisville Forum, September 5-7, 2024**



The 2024 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be in Louisville, Kentucky. The Forum is set against the backdrop of Louisville, a city known for its rich history, vibrant arts scene, and iconic events like the Kentucky Derby. The headquarter hotel is the iconic and historic hotel, The Galt House Hotel, which is the largest hotel in Kentucky with a rich history that dates back to the 1800s.

In keeping with the famous Kentucky Derby, the theme for the 2024 Forum is **“SETTING THE PACE”**.

From MD19, we are proud to have 3 Lions - PID Anne Smarsh as Vice Chairperson, PCC Polly Voon as Forum Secretary, and PDG Mark Mansell as Education Team Chair - -serve on the Louisville Planning Committee.

Work is well underway on the program for the Forum September 5-7, 2024, in Louisville. Attendees have the chance to take in seminars and sessions facilitated by a lineup of quality facilitators and moderators, in an environment of shared learning, positive power and energy where we can embrace new ideas to uplift our Lions service individually and collectively as well as giving them tools and insights that can be applied both within the Lions Club network and in their personal and professional lives.

Plan to be in Louisville early Thursday for a unique and fun Strides Event and a “Kentucky Derby Horse Race”. A Hat Decorating Contest is planned for the Strides Event in support of the local Lions Diabetes project – all materials will be provided. The Host Lions of Kentucky are collecting hats, gloves, scarves and non-perishable food items for the area Food Banks and shelters. Attendees are encouraged to bring whatever they can and participate in the service project.

We have four excellent speakers for Louisville – Sam Glenn, Randy Pierce, 2024-25 LCI President Fabricio Oliveira, and Trish Wilson.

Be a **Friend of the Forum!** You can help the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum fulfill its’ mission to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International. There are two different levels available to become a Friend of the Forum. Individual Lions, for the sum of \$150.00, and Lions Couples, Lions Clubs, Lions Districts or Lions Multiple Districts can support this fantastic event for \$250.00. Whether you are planning on attending or cannot attend but believe in the event enough to still be a part of it.

Plan on attending the Louisville. Do it soon before the registration rates go up. The Forum website, **www.lionsforum.org**, continues to be updated with information on the 2024 Forum. Check it out!