

Convention Call

In compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the International By-Laws, I hereby issue the Official Call for the 2017 International Convention. Our 100th International Convention will be held in Chicago, Illinois, United States. It begins at 9 a.m. June 30 and ends July 4. The purpose of the convention is to elect a president, first vice president, second vice president, third vice president and 17 members of the International Board of Directors and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Chicago was where Lions began in 1917, and the city is the perfect choice for our centennial convention. Chicago has a stunning lakefront, great architecture and countless cultural attractions. The food is great, the people are friendly and, befitting the birthplace of Lions, Lions and their service are part of the fabric of life in Chicagoland.

The five days will feature renowned speakers, first-class entertainers, a stirring torch ceremony to mark the centennial, and, of course, Lions' convention traditions such as the grand parade, the swearing-in of the new international president and three plenary sessions that demonstrate the amazing range and scope of Lions' service. Al Gore, former U.S. Vice President, will give the keynote address, and Remote Area Medical will

receive the 2017 Lions Humanitarian Award. Another highlight is the announcement of the Peace Poster and Essay Contest winners.

Performing at the convention will be Chicago, the Beach Boys, the Charlie Daniels Band, Patti LaBelle, the Blues Brothers Revue, David Archuleta of “American Idol” fame, the African Children’s Choir and other top-notch entertainers.

Convention Week is a wonderful experience packed with fellowship, fun and learning. The centennial convention will be especially memorable. Lions will understand and appreciate what Lions have achieved over the last 100 years and help launch our second century of service.

Signed by me in Oak Brook, Illinois, United States of America, this 9th day of May 2017.

Warmest regards,

Chancellor Bob Corlew

Lions Clubs International President

