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More than 20,000 Lions are Roaring into Hamburg, Germany July 5-9

OAK BROOK, Illinois, USA, June 1, 2013 — More than 20,000 members of Lions Clubs International and their families will gather in Hamburg, Germany as part of the association's 96th Lions Clubs International Convention. Convention events will be held Friday, July 5 through Tuesday, July 9 in the Hamburg Messe und Congress (HMC). This will be the largest convention ever held in Hamburg.

Highlights of the convention will include:

- A spectacular Parade of Nations with 15,000 Lions from 130 countries and geographic areas, many in native dress, along with bands and colorful floats. The parade will step off at 10:00 on Saturday, July 6 and will take place in downtown Hamburg along the Binnenalster Lake. The parade route is approximately 1 mile (1.6 km) long.
- Recognition of the young winners of the 25th Lions International Peace Poster Contest and the Imagine Peace Essay Contest for blind and visually impaired students.
- A colorful flag ceremony with the flags of Lions nations from around the world on Sunday, July 7.
- Presentation of the 2013 Lions Humanitarian Award, the highest honor of the association, to international superstar tenor Andrea Bocelli, founder of Andrea Bocelli Foundation, on Tuesday, July 9. The award includes a US\$250,000 grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation for continuing humanitarian activities. Previous recipients include former U. S. President Jimmy Carter and Mother Teresa.
- Election of Barry J. Palmer of Berowra, NSW, Australia, as the 2013-2014 Lions Clubs International president on Tuesday, July 9.

Presiding over the convention will be 2012-13 International President Wayne A. Madden, from Auburn, Indiana, USA. President Madden has led the association through a year of increased community service, including world-wide campaigns to increase literacy and access to learning resources through their service, engage youth, preserve sight, feed the hungry and protect the environment.

Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world. Our 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs are serving communities in 207 countries and geographical areas around the globe. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired, championed youth initiatives and strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit www.lionsclubs.org.