



25 September, 2011

Dear Lions President/Secretary,

- While February, 2012 seems like a long way off, it will be here in a blink of an eye. Before the busy holiday season is upon us, now is the time for you and your club members to discuss attending the 34th Annual 5M8 Mid Winter Convention to be held on February 3,4, &5, 2012 at the Best Western Kelly Inn in St Cloud.

Enclosed are several forms concerning the Mid Winter Convention:

- Individual Registration Form. Please make copies of the form and give them to your members at your next meeting. Or email it to them with your next newsletter. The form is self explanatory, but if you do have questions; please contact us. **Registration deadline is January 11, 2012.** If you plan on reserving a room at the convention, contact the Kelly Inn at 320-253-0606 and ask for the convention rate of \$94 per night before January 3, 2012.
- The Invitation to Host a Hospitality room during the Convention. As it states; there are 16 poolside hospitality rooms . Talk to your neighboring clubs, you may want to do a joint venture. Also, you have a chance to receive your \$200 fee refunded. Rules concerning hospitality rooms will be sent to clubs who reserve a room.
- Hospitality Room registration form. If you desire to host a hospitality room, please fill out this form and mail it along with the \$200 fee to the address indicated on the form. .

At this time, a full convention schedule has not been completed; however, we can tell you that a Health Fair, seminars concerning Lions and everyday life, entertainment, good food and fellowship are all on the schedule. The 1st Timer's Contest has sparked a lot of interest from new Lions as well as the "Old Timers". The 5M8 Foundation and District Business meetings will be held on Saturday morning with voting to follow. Sunday morning the Parade of Green will give all Lions Clubs a chance to brag a little. A full schedule will be on the District's website, in the Governor's newsletter and in future mailings when completed.

We encourage you to attend the entire convention, but if you cannot do that, please attend what you can. Cost for the full convention package is just \$70 this year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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Hope to see you at the convention!!
The 5M8 Convention Committee