

Club Officer Training Offered at State Convention

In addition to the other activities scheduled for the State Convention, April 19-22 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Club officers will have the opportunity to receive training. When a Club's officers receive training, and learn new ideas for their Clubs, the Clubs themselves benefit by becoming stronger. Newly elected officers, especially, will benefit greatly by attending the training sessions. Some Clubs hold their elections later in the year than the time of the state convention. By simply moving their elections to an earlier date, these Clubs can participate in the training as well.

The Host Convention Committee has arranged a truly special experience for some of those electing to tour the historic Missouri State Penitentiary. For the first 50 to sign up for the Prison Tour on their Convention Registration Form, the tour guide will be Mark Schreiber. Mark had a 42-year career in criminal justice, including many years at the penitentiary, and has written two books on events in the prison. He has countless stories to tell. The tour has been scheduled from 2:00 to 4:00 on Convention Friday. Later registrants will tour as well, but with a different tour guide.

The State Convention offers the one opportunity each year for Lions of Missouri to gather together for an outstanding social event. On Friday night, each of our seven districts, as well as International Director Candidate Donal Knipp, will serve as hosts, as we gather for food, libation, music and great fellowship. The Capitol Plaza makes available to us one large room, where we can gather together for this evening of fun and fellowship.

In addition to our convention sessions, seminars and training will be offered, as well as a luncheon and our District Governors' Banquet. We will have the opportunity to meet and get to know our International visitor, who will also bring us words of inspiration and news of International affairs..

Each Lion who died during the current year will be remembered at our Necrology service on Sunday. The service will be followed by a closing Convention session, and Council of Governors' meeting.

The State Convention Committee will operate a store, offering shirts, hats, etc., and the Missouri Lions Pin Traders Club will have a room where you can exchange a ticket in your registration packet for a free Missouri Lions State pin. While there you can look over their displays of Lions pins. There will be display tables in the lobby offering information on Lions-related activities, such as the Eye Research Foundation, and vendors of Lions-related items and activities.

With this convention centrally located, this is a good opportunity for Lions from all parts of the state to enjoy a state convention. Registration forms are available in the Missouri Lion Newsletter, from district convention chairs, on the internet at Missourilions.com, the Lions State office or from thebonnots@embarqmail.com.