

2007 USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN SEPTEMBER 6-8

July 1, 2007

Dear Fellow Lions:

Our new Lion year began July 1. With Excellent Planning, Organization and Leadership training we will make 07-08 the best year ever. I am sure you are making plans for this coming year, scheduling vacation time, and making decisions regarding club goals, projects and activities. You are encouraged to include in your planning the 31th annual **USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 6-8.**

There is no place in Lionism that does a better job of preparing a Lion as a member or as a leader of his/her club than the **Forum**. The theme this year is **"Making a Difference Through the Challenges of Change."** Over 80 seminars covering Lion related areas of interest have been scheduled incorporating the theme of our 2007-2008 International President Mahendra Amarasuriya, **"Making A Difference."** Lion attendees select sessions based on their areas of interest. There will be four of the most outstanding professional motivational speakers in the country at the meal functions. Three of these will also be conducting separate sessions. A special first timers session will welcome and indoctrinate the new comers. Those who attend and **bring a first timer** will receive a special Forum Mentor Pin with 2007 dangler.

Over 2000 have pre-registered for Grand Rapids Forum. This Forum will be well attended and we want Texas well represented as usual. This Forum has been structured to give you the opportunity to learn and return to your respective clubs **"To Make A Difference."**

The Forum does not have to be all work and no play. The Grand Rapids area offers many interesting activities and sights in and around Grand Rapids you might want to include in your stay. You may remember the internment of former President Gerald Ford at his library in Grand Rapids.

Forum brochures with registration applications are available. Please contact me if you plan to attend, think you might attend or have any questions. I will be happy to mail you brochures with registration forms and hotel information. Brochures will be available at the cabinet meeting July 28th. It is never too early to start planning for the Forum. Early registration can save you money. Registration fees go up after August 1.

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