

**CONVENTION
SPECIAL**

LIONS ROAR



WELCOMING YOU TO THE CONVENTION OF DISTRICT 105EA



Convention is here!

Welcome to this our 40th Convention, this weekend is all about celebration and fun.

If this is your first Convention, don't forget to enter the first timer's competition, this will give you the opportunity to make friends with Lions from across the MD and further afield. Don't just grab a signature take the time to find out where they are from and why they became a Lion.

As you can see from the photo's I've had fun and so has PDG Paul!! But there has been a serious side, with the EGM for the formation of the new consolidated District 105CE, and the election of the new DG Team. The whole team is here this weekend and they are more than happy to talk to you.

This weekend you will hear about some new exciting projects, for us as Lions to get involved in, which we can take forward as we grow into 105CE. These projects will make a massive difference to the people we serve.

It is an honour and a pleasure to serve you as your **FIRST, LAST and ONLY LADY GOVERNOR** for 105EA. And I thank you all for the support you have given me on my journey.

Mandy Hawksley

District Governor 105EA



Welcoming our International Guest:

BRIAN E. SHEEHAN **THIRD VICE PRESIDENT**

■ Brian E. Sheehan, from Bird Island, Minnesota, USA, was elected to serve as third vice president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 101st International Convention, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA June 29 through July 3, 2018.

Vice President Sheehan is the founder and CEO of Rural Computer Consultants, a software development company.

A member of the Bird Island Lions Club since 1991, he has held many offices within the association, including council chairperson, long range planning chairperson, membership chairperson, retention chairperson, women's initiative chairperson and the MD convention chairperson. He has also served as the chairperson of the Headquarter Operation & Finance Committee, USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Seminars chairperson, Lions University coordinator, DGE group leader, GMT liaison and board appointee

to several committees including Constitutions and Bylaws, LCIF Executive, LCI Executive, USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and the Centennial Action committees. He has been a presenter at numerous Lions events, including the USA/Canada Forum.

He currently serves as a GLT area leader and is a member of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Planning Committee

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including Club Lion of the Year, the District 5M 4 Diabetes Awareness Award, the MD 5M Web Site Appreciation Award, the MD 5M Al Jensen Leadership Award, the Founders Membership Growth Award, six International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Award, four International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.



In addition to his Lions activities, Vice President Sheehan is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served as president of Bird Island Civic and Commerce, director of the Learning Funhouse and as a member of various school committees. He also received the 2011

U.S. Small Business Association Minnesota Small Business Person of the Year Award.

Vice President Sheehan and his wife, Lori, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons and two daughters.



■ *Penguin??? What's this all about? Maybe our guest will tell you!*

PHOTOS

We hope you have a great time at Convention and don't forget to take some photos and send in to Lion's Roar... We will include a selection in the April issue (please send no later than 20th March)