



MD33 84th Annual State Convention



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Fellow Lions,

We are very excited to be serving as your MD33 84th Annual State Convention Committee. This year the convention will be held at the **Sturbridge Host Hotel on May 4, 5 and 6**. We have been working tirelessly to ensure that this convention is everything that you hope it will be. Our guest for the weekend will be 1st Vice President Wayne Madden and his wife Lion Linda from MD25 Lions - Auburn Lions Club.

Adding to the excitement of our International visitor, this year MD33 will have the opportunity to nominate a candidate for International Director. As you are aware, this is an opportunity that does not come up annually. We are fortunate to have this opportunity and look forward to increased attendance at this years convention as a result of this nomination.

As usual, our convention will open with a business meeting on Friday afternoon at 3pm. Friday night we will celebrate our Membership Key and Life members. Lions will have the opportunity to enjoy a flag ceremony, the Lions All State Band and a great meal. After the banquet, Lions will have the opportunity to celebrate with Lions from all over MD33 in the hospitality rooms. This year, we are anticipating hospitality rooms to be hosted by the DG-elects, 1st and 2nd VDG-elects as well as our International Director candidates. Even if you do not wish to spend the weekend, the fellowship and friendships that you can find in all of these rooms is worth the \$5.00 registration fee.

Saturday will open with our business meeting, sales tables will be open from 10am to 4pm, various meetings will be held during this time. In addition, the Youth Speech Contest and All State Band concert will be held on Saturday. We have arranged with the hotel to offer an "ala-carte" luncheon which will be available in the Atrium area of the hotel beginning at 11:30am and ending at 1:00pm. Maximum cost per person \$15.00 depending on what is ordered. Saturday nights banquet will be fun and exciting and allow everyone to enjoy our guest speaker as well as learn the name of our Lion & Leo of 2011-2012 for MD33. After the banquet the hospitality rooms will open again.

Sunday morning will be a very busy! Registration opens at 8am and Lions may attend the MD33 Necrology Service. A special meeting will be held where Lions from MD33 will learn about our candidates for International Director. Once this meeting is complete, we will break out and participate in our Sub-District meetings. Initially, all delegates will participate in the nominating of the ID candidate. Once this is complete, your District meetings will continue while ballots are counted. Once the counting of the ID candidates is complete, there may be a need for a 2nd ballot. After the voting is done, Lions will participate in the Governor-Elect luncheon where we will announce the winner of our ID nomination as well as learn what Clubs in MD33 were voted as the Best Clubs in the State and meet their new leaders.

Registration deadline for the MD33 State Convention is **April 10, 2012**. Please do your level best to make your reservations prior to this date so we can ensure that you will have a room. We encourage all clubs to make sure that all **delegates are pre-registered** to ensure no delays in getting to meetings. Remember, we cannot hold registration open so that the Host Club members and Cabinet Secretary Treasurer's can attend the meetings and functions.

Lions who have any questions or concerns should feel free to contact their District State Convention Committee representative or the Convention chairs at any time. We have included a registration form, a tentative schedule and a sales table registration form as well as a list of local attractions. We look forward to seeing you at the convention.

2012 MD33 State Convention Committee

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Important notes: (A) **Everyone must register!** (B) **Pre-Registration highly recommended!** (C) If you are using a debit card, your bank may debit your account more than one nights stay! Please check with your bank.

Convention Dates

Friday May 4 to Sunday May 6
 All Rooms & Registration handled by
 State Convention Committee

Convention Location

Sturbridge Host Hotel & Convention Center
 366 Main Street Sturbridge, MA 01566
Registration Deadline: April 10, 2012

Recommended dress for events

Business Meetings: District uniform (pants/skirts/burgundy polo or pants/skirts/white shirt/burgundy blazer)

Friday Night: Business Casual **Saturday Night:** Cocktail/Business, Head/Sub-Head table formal wear

Sunday events: Business, business casual, or district uniform

Special Room Requests <input type="checkbox"/> Handicap Accessible Room <input type="checkbox"/> Smoking Room <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Bed <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Beds	Special Meal Requests <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free <input type="checkbox"/> 1 person <input type="checkbox"/> 2 persons <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> 1 person <input type="checkbox"/> 2 persons <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Attendee 1: Name: _____ Club: _____ District: _____ Title: _____ Badge Nickname: _____ Email: _____	Attendee 2: Name: _____ Club: _____ District: _____ Title: _____ Badge Nickname: _____ Email: _____
Address for mailing confirmation: Street: _____ City/Zip Code: _____	
If registration only please include a sheet with attendee information for each registration Note: All checks should be payable to: MD33 State Convention Committee Mail to: PCST Tom Merritt, 12 Appleyard Lane, Holliston MA 01746	

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PLEASE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE PACKAGES AND SELECT ACCORDINGLY!

Single Package: Includes hotel room Friday & Saturday nights, 1 Friday night banquet, 1 Saturday banquet, 1 Sunday luncheon and registration Total Cost (inclusive of taxes) \$321.00	
Meal Choice: Friday () Chicken () Spinach Ravioli Saturday () Fish () Beef () Vegetarian	
Double Package: Includes hotel room Friday & Saturday nights, 2 Friday night banquet, 2 Saturday banquet, 2 Sunday luncheon and 2 registrations Total Cost (inclusive of taxes) \$434.00	
1st attendee Meal Choice: Friday () Chicken Parm () Spinach Ravioli Saturday () Haddock () Prime Rib () Vegetarian	2nd attendee Meal Choice: Friday () Chicken Parm () Spinach Ravioli Saturday () Haddock () Prime Rib () Vegetarian
Extra Night Hotel: \$113.00 (\$95.00 plus taxes) () Thursday Night () Sunday Night Cost: \$ _____	

ALA-CARTE OPTIONS

One hotel room night \$113.00 (\$95.00 plus taxes) Friday () _____ (one or two beds) Saturday () _____ (one or two beds) Reminder: Registration not included Total Cost: \$ _____	Meals Only (includes \$5.00 registration) Friday Night \$40.00 () Chicken Parm () Spinach Ravioli Saturday Night \$45.00 () Fish () Beef () Vegetarian Sunday Brunch \$38.00 Total Cost: \$ _____
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Registrations only: \$5.00 each () Include information for each registrant. **Total Cost:** \$ _____

() Club registrations may be placed in same envelope () OK To release to any club member

Total Cost \$ _____ Single Package: _____ Extra Night _____ Double Package: _____ Extra Night: _____ Ala-Carte Totals: _____	All checks should be made payable to ^(NO CASH!) MD33 State Convention Mail to: PCST Tom Merritt 12 Appleyard Lane Holliston MA 01746
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Credit/Debit Cards

Name on card: _____

Card type () AMEX () Visa () Master Card () Other: _____ () Credit () Debit

Card Number: _____ **Expiration Date:** _____

(initial) I understand if I am using a debit card that I may see an advance charge of more than one room night depending on my banks policies .

Cardholder Signature: _____

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Important notices - Deadline for registering: April 10, 2012

Every attendee must have a MD33 State Convention Registration. This includes (a) sales table staffing, (b) all delegates and (c) anyone staffing hospitality rooms. Because of the International Director election on Sunday we strongly recommend pre-registration to avoid delays. Registration times are firm and closing time will not be adjusted. We need to have registrations closed to allow host club members, committee members and CSTs to attend meetings.

Registration times: Registration tables will be open at the following times during the State Convention: Friday 2pm to 5pm, Saturday 8am to 11am and 2pm to 4pm, Sunday 8am to 9:30am. All delegates must first pick up their Convention registration **BEFORE** obtaining delegate cards from CSTs. The times for picking up delegate cards are the same as registration times. **Please note:** Registering as a delegate with your District CST does not automatically register you for the convention. All convention registrations are handled through the State Convention Committee.

Meeting starting times: Friday Business Session: 3pm, Saturday Business Session: 8:30am, Sunday ID Meeting: 10am, Sunday Sub-District Meetings: 10:45am.

Meal starting times: Friday Banquet: 6:30pm, Saturday Banquet: 6:30pm, Sunday Brunch: 1pm

Other Events: Speech Contest: Saturday 12:45pm, All State Band: Friday night (banquet), Saturday 2:30pm, Necrology Service: 8:15am Sunday. Sales Tables are open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday.

Important note about debit cards: If you are using a debit card to pay for your package, the hotel will place a hold for one room night. However, your bank may place an additional amount on hold. Please contact your bank for information if you are using a debit card.

Detach above for your records so you have times of events. If reserving a sales table detach on line and mail form below

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact Email: _____

Club/District/Organization: _____

Table Details:

Fundraising: Yes () No () Electric Needed: Yes () No () Number of tables/chairs: Tables () Chairs ()

Table Details: \$20.00 if used for fundraising. No charge for display only. Maximum Tables available 30
 All people manning tables must be registered with the convention. Cost \$5.00 per person.

Tables: _____ X\$20 = _____ **Registration:** _____ X\$5= _____ **Amount Enclosed:** _____

Checks payable to MD33 State Convention: Mail to Tom Merritt, 12 Appleyard Lane, Holliston MA 01746

Note: If including registrations provide name, Club, District and Lions title (where applicable) for registration on back of form so we may prepare badges.

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Area Events and Attractions

For those who are interested in bringing their families, there are plenty of activities available outside of the convention. Here is a short list of area events and attractions that you may elect to participate in outside of the convention.

Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Located in Springfield, Massachusetts, the birthplace of basketball, the new Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame honors all levels of the sport and its most influential players, coaches, referees, mentors and more. Celebrated names who grace the Hall of Fame include Magic Johnson, The Harlem Globetrotters, Larry Brown and Lute Olson. The Basketball Hall of Fame is open daily, excluding Christmas and Thanksgiving. Visit www.hoophall.com. (42 minutes drive)

Old Sturbridge Village. Step back in time to the late 1700s and early 1800s for a taste of life in rural New England. Old Sturbridge Village, located next to Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center is the largest outdoor living history museum in the northeast region of New England. The 200-acre complex features resorted and reproduced buildings to depict an actual township. Docents are dressed in period clothing. Hands-on activities and educational programs are offered throughout the year. Visit www.osv.org. (3 minutes drive, 11 minute walk)

Six Flags New England. Buckle up for adrenaline-pumping family fun at Six Flags New England theme park in Springfield, Massachusetts. Six Flags New England offers everything from thrilling roller coasters for big kids to mild rides for young children, live entertainment, a water park with wave pools and water slides, and calendar full of special events including the annual Fright Fest. Visit www.sixflags.com. (45 minute drive)

Worcester Art Museum. Established in 1898, the Worcester Art Museum boasts a collection of over 35,000 pieces of art from nearly every civilization on the planet. Worcester Art Museum is known for its impressive collection of photographs and was one of the first museums in the country to recognize photography as a fine art form. In addition to its permanent galleries, Worcester Art Museum features traveling exhibits and offers public lectures and art classes for children and adults. Visit www.worcesterart.org. (29 minute drive)

Heritage Country Club. Heritage Country Club is recognized as one of the top public golf courses in central Massachusetts. The championship par -71, 18-hole course plays to 6,468 yards over rolling hills and through often tight fairways. Heritage Country Club is home to the Central Massachusetts Professional Open golf event. Instruction and tournament play is available. Visit www.heritagecountryclub.com. (11 minute drive)

Sturbridge Pottery. Collectors of fine pottery will find a treasure trove of artful pieces at Sturbridge Pottery. Locally-owned and operated since 1976, Sturbridge Pottery prides itself on one-of-a-kind hand-thrown pottery that is lead-free, dishwasher safe, and microwavable. The Sturbridge Pottery collection features everything from bowls and pitchers to platters and pie plates. Visit www.sturbridgepottery.com. (3 minute drive)

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