



## 100<sup>th</sup> Lions of Virginia State Convention

April 26 - 30, 2023

Delta Hotel by Marriott Bristol

3135 Linden Drive, Bristol, VA 24202 276-466-4100

(2-8-2023)

Dear Lions, Lionesses, Leos and Guests:

### Host Lions Club

Bristol Twin Cities Lions Club

### Convention Chairperson

John Seaborn, PDG

### Registration Chairperson

Lion Tammie Brightwell

### Booths and Exhibits

Jean Cook, FVDG

### Treasurer

Lion Lisa Seaborn

### International Guest

ID Ken Ibarra

Lion Amy Fink

San Bruno, California

### Escorts

ID Jay and Lion Nancy

Moughon

### WELCOME TO THE 100<sup>th</sup> VIRGINIA STATE LIONS

**CONVENTION!** Please make plans to be a part of an exciting convention that will be held April 27 - 30, 2023, at the Delta by Marriott - Bristol, VA. Visit the convention web site: [www.valions.org/](http://www.valions.org/) convention.

We are excited to host the 2023 State Convention here in Bristol, especially since it's the 100<sup>th</sup> State Convention. What a milestone! International Director Ken Ibarra and Lion Amy Fink from San Bruno, California will be our special guests for the weekend. We will kick off with a Thursday night Beach Party with DJ Tom Street. There will be training opportunities both Friday and Saturday. The Pin Traders will be on hand and their lunch is on Friday. The LOVF luncheon is Saturday. And don't forget The Bland Music Scholarship Competition is on Friday night. These young people are incredibly talented musicians and should not be missed.

I can't end without bragging on the City of Bristol itself. People say "Bristol is so far," but we say getting there is half the fun. Virginia is a beautiful state, enjoy the drive. They say "you can't be in two places at once," but in Bristol, you can. Take time to go downtown, straddle the center line on State Street and take a photo with one foot in Virginia and one in Tennessee. Be sure to get the iconic Bristol Sign in the background. While you are there, stop by Blackbird Bakery (recently voted the best bakery in Virginia). Be sure to visit the Birthplace of Country Music Museum. Here you will learn about the 1927 Bristol Sessions, the "Big Bang of Country music," where the careers of Jimmie Rogers and the Carter Family began. You high rollers can check out the new Bristol Casino, Future home of the Hard Rock. Now, I would never suggest that you miss our Saturday night banquet, but if any 80's Rock fans need another reason to come to Bristol: Billy Idol and Bret Michaels will be performing the Rebel Rock Street Show downtown Saturday night.

I hope to see you all here in Bristol in April.

PDG John Seaborn, Convention Chairman

Note: Hotel reservations must be made by **April 5, 2023** to get the room rate of \$99.00 + tax. Reservations can be made directly by calling (276) 466-4100. Online please use GROUP codes LV2LV2A for King Bed and LV2LV2C for double queen room. If calling hotel ask for group block 2023 Lions Club State Convention.