



LIONS CLUBS OF IRELAND District 133 50TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Kinsale | March 2-3rd 2019

Kinsale and District Lions Club has been selected to Host the 50th annual convention of District 133 - the all Ireland governing body of 106 local Lions clubs. This prestigious event will attract up to 300 delegates and visitors to Kinsale over the weekend 1st - 3rd March, 2019. This International voluntary organisation has 2200 members in Ireland all involved in serving their local communities.

The 50th national convention will recognise the work of the members who raise €4 million annually for community projects and charities. Since their formation over €50M has been raised for projects in Ireland. The International organisation has 46,000 clubs worldwide and over 1.4 million members and is one of the world's largest service organisations.

The Convention is the vehicle used to educate and train the officers and members of the 110 clubs in Ireland. It coordinates the national programmes of community welfare promoted by the National Executive and sets the priorities for the coming year. It aligns with the worldwide projects of LCIF - Lions Clubs International Foundation - whose current priorities are the fight against Global blindness, Diabetes and Child Cancer.

The Lions club is a registered charity in Ireland (GHY15707) and is recognised as one where 100% of the monies raised goes directly to local projects and charities. Members fund the organisation from their own personal contributions and attend this convention at their own expense.

The Convention Director is Eddie McCarthy a past president of Kinsale Lions Club.

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THE VENUE

Delegates will enjoy the historic town of Kinsale, the gourmet capital of Ireland and home to many convention gatherings. The convention centre is in Actons Hotel - a 4* contemporary boutique style hotel located in the heart of Kinsale. Just recently refurbished to 77 bedrooms including harbour view and family bedrooms, Suites, Sidney's Bar & Garden Lounge, Fisher Street Restaurant, Health & Leisure Club with fully equipped gym, swimming pool, sauna and steam room.

See www.actonshotelkinsale.com.

Further accommodation is available in their sister hotel - The Trident.

THE PROGRAMME

The programme is designed to foster the exchange of ideas and experience between members by providing time and space to meet over the days of the convention. On Friday there are Civic receptions, presentations and meetings with local business and community leaders and an official opening ceremony. The main plenary sessions are held on Saturday, which will include addresses from the keynote inspirational speakers, reports on the National programmes and training seminars for the club officials. There is the traditional Governors Ball on Saturday evening - an established part of National conventions.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Brian E Sheehan
3rd Vice President
Lions International

Brian is from Bird Island, Minnesota USA, and will shortly lead 1.5 Million Lions members worldwide. From one of a family of 8 children in a small community, he has extensive Leadership experience in Lions and still runs a family software development company employing 60 people serving the distribution industry. He will talk to the convention on embracing change through use of technology particularly focused on younger members. He will share his worldwide pathway that utilizes young members to share their experience with seasoned members. He is a passionate and motivational speaker.



Mark Mellett
Vice Admiral and Chief of Defence
of the Irish Defence forces

Mark is the first naval officer to serve as Ireland Chief of Defence. He has had a stellar career in the forces serving at all levels including three seagoing commands and overseas with joint operations in Afghanistan and Lebanon. He has implemented over 80 major projects driving transformation, focused on inclusion and embracing change while at the same time attaining unity of effort among disparate stakeholders. He is well respected for his views on management style and effectiveness and will bring to the convention a breadth of experience and a rear insight into leading a multifaceted organisation.



Frank O' Donoghue
District Governor
District 133 Lions Clubs of Ireland

A Lion club member since 1975 Frank has served his Dublin club and the National organization holding many different positions. He has degrees in Town Planning and has worked for local authorities in the UK and as planning officer for Dublin port. He is presently a consultant to the food, retail and logistics sectors. He will introduce "the way forward" his vision and a plan for moving the organization with renewed vigour. He will draw from the consultation process he has established from four new regional conventions being held through the country in Autumn 2018. He is a man committed to serving his community and to leading the 2200 Irish Lion club members with a deeply held passion for progress.