

Anchorage – 2011

What better place to sharpen your Lions leadership skills and knowledge, and meet up with old friends and make new ones, then Anchorage Alaska in September! More than 1,800 Lions, Lioness, Leos and guests registered for the 35th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum which was held in Anchorage on September 22-24, 2011. The weather was great, the Alaskan Lions welcomed us with open arms and Mt. McKinley stood majestically above the mountain range. It couldn't have been any better.

The new Dena'Ina Convention Center and the adjacent Egan Center were home for our seminars and banquet meals where attendees learned from knowledgeable presenters and heard three inspiring speakers. In addition, International President Dr. Wing-Kun Tam moved everyone during his motivational presentation on Saturday.

The year of planning by the Planning and Host Committees was quite evident. Evaluations and comments collected and tabulated following the Forum expressed enjoyment of the facilities, presenters, speakers, transportation, host volunteers...and yes, even the food! An overall rating of 4.4 out of a possible 5 for their Forum experience was one of the highest ever.

My sincere thanks to Host Committee Chairperson PID Buster and Lion Cheryl Hall for their untiring efforts and for putting together a fantastic Host Committee. A special thanks also goes to our Honorary Chair, Vice President Wayne Madden and the Planning Committee for their dedicated service. But, most importantly, thank you to all the attendees for helping make the Anchorage Forum a success. You indeed believed in our theme, "*I Believe in Lions Leadership.*"

I look forward to the Tampa Forum, to be held September 13-15, 2012 under the very capable hands of PCC Polly Voon. I hope to see you all there. In Service,

PID Bud Wahl
General Chairperson