

WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE AS OUR WEEKEND GUESTS
PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT CLEMENT KUSIAK AND LION JEANNE

ALL STATE BANQUET KEYNOTE SPEAKER:



**CLEMENT F. KUSIAK
PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**

Clement F. Kusiak, of Linthicum, Maryland, USA, was elected to serve as president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 87th International Convention, held in Detroit, Michigan, USA/Windsor, Ontario, Canada, on July 5 - 9, 2004. Past President Clem's theme was "*Share Success Through Service*".

Past President Kusiak is an engineer by profession and a retired manager for a corporation in Baltimore, Maryland. A member of the Baltimore Brooklyn Lions Club since 1966, Past President Kusiak served as an international director on the association's board of directors from 1988 to 1990. Past President Kusiak was a member of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Planning Committee. He was also program chairperson for the Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP) and advisor for the national rollout, as well as chairperson of the District Governors-elect School in 2001-02, held in Indianapolis. He recently completed his term as Trustee of the Lions Clubs

International Foundation, serving on the finance and development committees.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past President Kusiak has received numerous awards, including the 100% Club President Award, the 100% District Governor's Award, an Extension award, four International President's Leadership Awards, eighteen International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon association members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. During his year as president, he received an honorary doctorate degree from two colleges – the Pennsylvania School of Optometry and ISFOA (Finance and Business Management College) in Italy.

In addition to his Lion activities, Past President Kusiak is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served on numerous committees, such as the Drug Advisory Council under President George W. Bush, Atlantic Region's North American Membership Program, the Development Task Force and the Heritage Committee of Baltimore, Maryland, as well as an ex-officio board member of the Kusiak Lions Youth Foundation. Past President Kusiak and his wife, Jeanne, also a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and Ambassadors of Good Will, have two deceased sons, a grandson and a granddaughter and great granddaughter.



Saturday Awards Lunch
Keynote Speaker
Stephanie Decker



In March of 2012, a tornado ripped through the town of Henryville, Indiana. **Stephanie Decker**, a 37-year-old mother, found herself in a life-altering moment. As her house began to disintegrate around her, she shielded her two young children with her body. Her dream home fell in, crushing her legs, but because of her heroic actions, Stephanie's children were amazingly unscathed. It was a miracle that she even survived and made it to the hospital. At that point, doctors determined that parts of both legs would need to be amputated. Since the accident, Stephanie has been featured on: *The Today Show*, *The Ellen Degeneres Show*, *ABC World News Tonight* as "Person of the Week," *USA Today*, *USA Weekend*, and *People Magazine*. She was featured in *Successful Meetings'* list of Most Reliable Keynote Speakers who surpass expectations. She was also named as one of

L'Oreal's 2014 Women of Worth Honorees and nominated for the 2015 Betty Jane France Humanitarian Award for her foundation work.

Stephanie Decker has become a true symbol of survival and overcoming adversity. Using her own story, she provides the inspiration and motivation people need to take on challenges. She helps you discover your inner hero, as well as recognize the everyday heroes in life. She shares how humor, teamwork, and setting goals can be used to overcome any obstacle.

Sunday Membership Brunch
Keynote Speaker
Capt. Guy D. Gruters



Guy Gruters is an F-100 Fighter Pilot and former Prisoner of War (POW), who specializes in Forgiveness, Teamwork, Leadership, and Conversion themes. He speaks positively and enthusiastically on lessons learned during the more than five years he spent as a POW in North Vietnamese Communist prison camps, on his more than four hundred combat missions flown in South and North Vietnam before capture, and on business and family experiences after release. He was awarded more than 30 combat medals, including two silver stars, two distinguished flying crosses, two bronze stars for heroism, two purple hearts, and 20 air medals. His fighter aircraft was shot down twice over North Vietnam. He was rescued by Jolly Green helicopters after the first ejection and captured after the second. The suffering in prison camp was intense, 24/7, year after year without any end in sight. Time crawled. Six out of seven men in Guy's situation were tortured to death or killed in one way or another by the Russians and North Vietnamese during those

years. Guy describes the various aspects of his combat and prison camp experiences, ranging from the specific conditions of imprisonment to individual tales of heroic courage and leadership, in his recent book, "Locked Up With God." Upon return to the United States, Guy was a successful CEO of a computer business for 13 years, then Director and VP-MIS for billion dollar corporations. Guy and his wife, Sandy, who waited faithfully for six years until his return from Vietnam, raised seven children and survived twenty-five family moves throughout the US during those years. These varied and successful real world experiences have enabled Guy to effectively address many hundreds of business, church and military audiences throughout the United States and overseas over the past fifteen years.