

Keynote speaker

International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal, of Batala, Punjab, India, was elected to serve as international president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 100th International Convention, held June 30-July 4, 2017 in Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Naresh is chairman of companies specializing in steel and agricultural products.



A lifetime member of the Batala Smile Lions Club since 1974, President Dr. Naresh has served with great distinction as club president and international director. He also served as chairman of the Council of Governors for MD 321 in 1989-90.

Dr. Naresh served as international director from 1998-2000. He earned great appreciation by achieving significant membership growth while serving as Global Membership Team area leader. He was a faculty and group leader for DGE Seminars at three International Conventions. He also served as international board appointee three times, and as Global Leadership Team constitutional area leader (CA-6).

Dr. Naresh is trustee and vice chairperson of Lions Quest in India Foundation and has also served on the National SightFirst Committee. He is the chief patron of Dainik Prarthana Sabha, which operates charity projects in Batala. He is vice president of Age-Care India, a charitable society for the care and welfare of elderly people. He has been trustee and patron to many other projects.

Dr. Naresh has received 23 International President's Medals and the Ambassador of Goodwill Award.

He is a major lead gift donor and humanitarian partner of Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Dr. Naresh and his wife, Navita, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons, one daughter and seven grandchildren. Dr. Naresh also shares a birthday with the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones.



Friday Luncheon Speaker

Salvatore L. Stella, Jr., Ph.D.



Salvatore L. Stella, Jr., Ph.D. an assistant professor at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center and Penn State College of Medicine, will be the featured speaker for the Friday Luncheon at the 2018 Multiple District 14 Convention at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center in State College.

Dr. Stella has been a member of the College's Neural and Behavioral Sciences Department faculty since January 2015. Prior to joining the Penn State staff, Dr. Stella served five years as Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Division of Cell Biology and Biophysics, School of Biological Sciences, at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC). He also served as an Assistant and Postgraduate Researcher in the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

Dr. Stella was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy, Pharmacology degree by the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) in 2000 after receiving a Bachelor of Science, Biology/Biological Sciences degree from San Diego State University in 1992.



Saturday breakfast spotlights Quilts of Valor

Make plans now to attend the Saturday morning breakfast at the 2018 MD-14 State Convention honoring the state's Lioness of the Year award winners and featuring a presentation by the Quilts of Valor organization.

The Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 with a dream. Literally.

Founder Catherine Roberts' son Nat was deployed in Iraq. "The dream was as vivid as real life. I saw a young man sitting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. The permeating feeling was one of utter despair. I could see his war demons clustered around, dragging him down into an emotional gutter. Then, as if viewing a movie, I saw him in the next scene wrapped in a quilt. His whole demeanor changed from one of despair to one of hope and wellbeing. The quilt had made this dramatic change. The message of my dream was: Quilts = Healing."

The model appeared simple: have a volunteer team who would donate their time and materials to make a quilt. One person would piece the top and the other would quilt it, a special quilt. A Quilt of Valor.

From the beginning, Catherine Roberts had definite ideas about standards of excellence for Quilts of Valor. "I knew a Quilt of Valor had to be a quality-made quilt, not a 'charity quilt.' A Quilt of Valor had to be quilted, not tied, which meant hand or machine quilting. Quilts of Valor would be 'awarded,' not just passed out. A Quilt of Valor would say unequivocally, 'Thank you for your service, sacrifice, and valor' in serving our nation in combat."

Motivational speaker

Penn State University women's volleyball coach Russ Rose

The leader of arguably the nation's most elite women's volleyball program, Russ Rose will share some of his keys to success in motivating and guiding young adults with the Lions of Pennsylvania as a featured speaker at one of the sessions of the 95th annual Multiple District 14 state convention May 16-20, 2017 in State College.

Now in his fourth decade as Penn State University's women's volleyball head coach, Rose has led the Nittany Lions to a record-setting seven NCCA national titles and 16 Big Ten Conference championships.

Few have come close to matching Rose's impressive win total, as he's collected victories at a staggering pace. The first NCAA Division I head coach to reach the 1,200-win mark and the nation's all-time leader



in career victories. Rose began the 2017 season with a very impressive 1,202-195 win-loss record (.860 winning percentage) in 38 seasons as Penn State's head coach. Rose-coached Nittany Lions squads have never recorded less than 22 wins in a season.

Under Rose's guidance, Penn State won an unprecedented four consecutive national championships from 2007-10. The Nittany Lions added national titles in 2013 and 2014 to put the finishing touches on a string of six championships won in the span of eight seasons. From 2007-2010, Rose guided the Nittany Lions on their unprecedented and historic run of 109 victories, which included back-to-back 38-0 seasons in 2008 and 2009.

Rose led Penn State to its first national championship in 1999.

Rose's program is one of only two women's volleyball schools to compete in all 35 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball National Championship events. He has tutored multiple Olympians, four AVCA National Players of the Year, 89 All-Americans, 13 Big Ten conference Players of the Year and at least one AVCA All-American in 36 of his first 37 seasons as head coach. His student-athletes excel in the classroom as well, with an outstanding 174 Academic All-Big Ten selections and 17 Academic All-Americans, including four student-athletes who received the prestigious Academic All-America of the Year award.

While he prefers not to focus on personal accolades, Rose's list of accomplishments continues to grow as each year passes. Rose has been named five times as the American Volleyball Coaches Association's National Coach of the Year and earned four Big Ten Coach of the Year awards, while also earning a spot in the AVCA Hall of Fame in 2007.

Those who know Rose, know about the tremendous impact he has made in the volleyball community, not only in Pennsylvania, but across the country. Throughout his career, Rose has been called on to share his expertise with coaches and players who represent the United States in International competition. He's also an active clinician, traveling around both the United States and other parts of the world to share his vast knowledge of the game.

A 1975 graduate of the George Williams College, Rose was a member of the school's 1974 NAIA national championship team and captain of the 1975 squad. Upon graduation, he remained at George Williams as a part-time coach, helping the women's team to a pair of state titles and a sixth-place finish at the national level. In 1978, he earned his master's degree from the University of Nebraska, while also serving as a defensive coach for the women's team. While writing his thesis on volleyball statistics, he led the second team to a two-year varsity mark of 52-5.

A 2013 Penn State Honorary Alumni honoree, Rose married Lori Barberich, a former three-time All-American at Penn State in 1986. The two are the parents of four sons, Jonathan, Michael, Christopher and Nicholas.

Motivational speaker

Penn State University Blue Band director Gregory Drane



Gregory Drane, a native of Miami, Florida, earned bachelor's degrees in music education and music performance (saxophone) from Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Florida. Holding a master's degree in music education from Penn State, he has completed his coursework toward a Ph.D. in Music Education (ABD), also at Penn State.



Drane directs the Penn State Marching Blue Band and oversees the Athletic Bands program, a total of 450+ members, including the Fall Athletic Band (volleyball band), basketball pep bands, and the hockey pep band. He is active as an arranger and marching band drill designer. In addition to his duties with the Athletic Bands program, he assists with conducting the four concert bands and serves as an instructor for music courses in the School of Music. He has served as a collegiate director for 13 years.

Drane is an active researcher with interests in African American contributions to American music education, leadership in the music classroom, and historical music ensembles. He is near completion of his dissertation focused on the Navy B-1 Band, the first all Black band in the modern Navy which served during World War II.