

GLEANER LIFE

57th

BIENNIAL CONVENTION

OCTOBER 23-25
SCHAUMBURG, IL
2015

**Renaissance Schaumburg
Convention Center Hotel**
Schaumburg, Illinois



**JOIN US
IN SCHAUMBURG!**



As a fraternal benefit society, Gleaner Life Insurance Society is owned and governed by its members. Having a representative form of government allows our arborers the opportunity to elect delegates to Gleaner's biennial conventions. Delegates convene every other year to elect board members and Supreme Arbor officers, approve changes to Gleaner's Constitution and discuss the overall state of the Society. This form of government ensures that leadership places a high priority on the best interests of every member.

Modern amenities meet a timeless Gleaner tradition

Discover modern sophistication and expressive design at the **Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel in Schaumburg, Illinois**. Minutes from world-class shopping and upscale dining, this distinctive hotel greets guests with contemporary rooms and suites, oversized bathrooms and state-of-the-art media connectivity:

- Modern accommodations pair stylish design with sophisticated guest room comfort.
- Lodging features a 32-inch flat-panel HDTV with picture-in-picture and data connectivity.
- Oversized baths include a 13-inch flat-screen TV integrated in a mist-free mirror.
- Lodging includes both wired and wireless high-speed Internet access.
- Refrigerator and safe included in every room.

How can I attend?

All members of the Society are encouraged and are eligible to attend. If you are active with your local arbor, you may be able to participate and attend as a voting delegate. Each arbor elects members to serve as arbor delegates. The delegates are the democracy of our Society, voting on various matters and amendments that are proposed by the Law Committee. Arborers will also elect first-time attendees to attend Gleaner's 57th Biennial Convention. Though first-time attendees do not have voting rights, they do have the opportunity to experience and participate in all activities throughout the weekend. If you are not active in an arbor, you can still attend at your own expense. All Gleaner members and their families are eligible for a discounted Convention Package price (see Page 4).

At the time of registration, guests will have the option to travel on a motor coach to Gleaner's 57th Biennial Convention. Look for more information when you register online.

Convention Package

The 57th Biennial Convention Package includes Friday and Saturday lodging; five meals (Friday dinner at Medieval Times; Saturday breakfast, lunch and banquet; Sunday breakfast); Saturday activity options; entertainment and prize drawings.

Friday Highlights Oct. 23, 2015

President's Welcome

Be sure to stop by the welcome area hosted by President and CEO Kevin Marti and his wife, Korinne. The Welcome Reception will be located in the Schaumburg Ballroom. Members will receive a welcome gift and have the opportunity to visit with the Martis. Refreshments will be served.

Charity Treasure Totes and Silent Auction

Gleaner arborers will adopt one of seven Schaumburg area charities: Little City, Village of Schaumburg Senior Program and Teen Center, The Buddy Foundation; Twp. of Schaumburg Food Pantry; WINGS Program, Inc.; and the Willow Creek Military Care Center. Arbor members will collect items for the Charity Treasure Totes from the charity's wish list. The items donated will be presented to the charities at Sunday morning's Afterglow program.

All guests are encouraged to bring items for the Silent Auction benefitting Willow Creek Care Center that assists over 5,000 people per week. Individuals who donate an item that earns \$25 or more will be eligible for a special prize drawing of a two night return stay at the Renaissance Schaumburg. Members do not have to attend convention to donate to these great causes.

Afternoon Activities

On Friday afternoon, in addition to the President's Welcome and Silent Auction, convention guests can walk through the elegant hotel and experience its modern beauty. Special events throughout the afternoon include round table discussions with board candidates, educational sessions on Gleaner's *Mission for LIFE*®, a hands-on service project and the opportunity to greet Gleaner's mascot, Benny the Benevolent Lion! Early arrivals will want to check out all the amenities the hotel and the Schaumburg area have to offer.

Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament

Return to an age of bravery and honor, and witness epic battles of steel and steed at Medieval Times! From ringside seats, discover a feast of the eyes and appetite, with action, fun and excitement. As you thrill to a rousing live jousting tournament and marvel at awe-inspiring horsemanship and falconry, you will be served a four-course meal fit for royalty. Guests will dine inside the stone walls of an 11th-century-style castle as knights clash in an epic battle. The sumptuous feast includes oven-roasted chicken, garlic bread, spareribs and herb-roasted potatoes — but leave your knife and fork at home for this hands-on meal! All Gleaner delegates and guests are invited to attend Medieval Times on Friday evening. A discounted price for the event will be available for those not attending the convention.

Saturday Highlights Oct. 24, 2015

Business Meeting

Saturday's events begin with a patriotic color guard presentation and Memorial Service during Gleaner's morning Business Meeting. At our Memorial Service, we will take time to pay respect to arbor members who have passed since our last convention. The meeting provides the opportunity for Gleaner's officers and Board of Directors to present current financial and fraternal information. In addition, reports from the Law, Nominating, Credential and Good of the Order committees will be presented, and arbor delegates will vote on changes to Gleaner's Constitution and elect Board of Director members and Supreme Arbor officers. During the meeting, arbors will be recognized and presented with *Samaritan Awards* for their 2014-15 volunteer accomplishments in the past year.

Kids' Club

Saturday morning includes entertainment for children ages 5 and up from 8:15 a.m. to noon:

- **FireZone:** An imaginative look into the world of firefighting and fire safety.
- **Knights in Training:** A primer on chivalry and bravery presented by the knights of Medieval Times.
- **Pastry Chef:** Kids make their own cupcakes and Halloween-themed Rice Krispies treats.
- **Storm the Castle:** Return to Medieval Times for an interactive scavenger hunt challenge.
- **Woodfield Mall and IKEA:** Shopping at one of Chicago's premier malls and the iconic furniture company. Your choice!
- **Lynfred Winery:** A tour and tasting at a local winery.

Saturday evening will include a pizza party for ages 5 and older starting at 6 p.m., with additional entertainment to follow:

- **Bubble Wonders (ages 5+):** Kids will watch spellbound as bubbleologist Geoff Atkins creates bubbles inside bubbles, bubble caterpillars, dancing bubbles and more!
- **LEGOLAND® (ages 5+):** LEGO experts visit convention for more LEGO fun!
- **Pinstripes (ages 11+):** Teens will travel by motor coach to this unique bowling and bocce ball venue for an evening of fun and food.
- **Topgolf:** Players hit micro-chipped golf balls at targets in an outfield. Each shot is scored for distance and accuracy.
- **LEGOLAND® Discovery Center:** See the wonders constructed by LEGO's Master Model Builders.
- **Card games and college football** on the big screen at the hotel.

President's Reception and Evening Banquet

Please join us at the President's Reception in the Schaumburg Foyer, followed by the banquet in the ballroom. The banquet will include the Grand March, which showcases Gleaner's Board Members, Supreme Arbor Officers and special guests. Highlights will also include presentations to the recipients of the Fraternalist of the Year and Outstanding Fraternal Agent awards.

Afternoon Activities

The Schaumburg area offers a wide range of world-class shopping and entertainment for convention attendees. Space is limited, so be prepared to select your top two entertainment choices at registration. Transportation will be provided.



Dueling Pianos

Michael and Amy are award-winning dueling-piano entertainers, singers and instrumentalists. With backgrounds that include professional musical theater, film, television and concerts, they bring an original, entertaining, fun and lively offering to events. They have creatively transformed the popular dueling-pianos concept, first popularized in piano bars nationally, by capturing its best elements and then mixing in their own premium blend of family-friendly outrageous comedy and hilarious audience interaction. Their musical diversity, heartfelt charisma and comedic exuberance, shared only as a husband and wife can, bring an eclectic and electric energy to the stage distinctly their own.

Sunday Highlights Oct. 25, 2015

Afterglow Program

Wrapping up Gleaner's 57th Biennial Convention, guests will enjoy breakfast before heading to our Afterglow Program. Gleaner will present the Charity Treasure Totes to Schaumburg organizations in addition to the Silent Auction proceeds. Silent Auction prizewinners will have the opportunity to collect their purchases and Gleaner door prizes will be awarded — you must be present to win!

Our members are the Society's greatest asset, representing Gleaner in their communities. We hope you will join us for a weekend of wonderful memories you will treasure for years to come!

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Traveling to or live in the Chicago area? Join the fun at Medieval Times and LEGOLAND!

For the first time, Gleaner is offering an "a la carte" option for members and their guests. If you are not attending convention, you can still join us for any of the following:

- **Discounted stay at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel: \$119 per night, plus taxes (depending on availability).**
- **Friday evening dinner at Medieval Times: \$39.41 for adults; \$35.25 for kids.**
- **Tour of LEGOLAND® Discovery Center: \$12 for adults; \$10 for kids ages 3-12; free for kids under age 3 on your lap.**
- **Topgolf: \$45 (includes two hours of continuous play, All-American Eagle Buffet and bottomless sodas and iced tea).**

Registration for these "a la carte" options opens Sept. 1 and closes Sept. 21. To learn how you can join us, contact the Fraternal Department at fraternal@gleanerlife.org.

Registration Information

All registrations must be made online at www.gleanerlife.org/convention. Up to four adult guests can stay in one room. Registration begins June 15, 2015, and ends Sept. 8, 2015.

Guests of registering convention attendees: Guests who are sharing a room with a delegate or first-time attendee can attend the convention for the special discounted Convention Package price of \$165 per person. The discounted Convention Package includes all items listed on Page 2.

Everyone's invited to attend!

All members and their guests are encouraged to attend and experience a Gleaner convention firsthand! The price for guests attending at their own expense is:

- \$495 for single adult occupancy
- \$660 for double adult occupancy
- \$825 for triple adult occupancy
- \$990 for quad adult occupancy

Children ages 0-4 years attend at no charge, ages 5-12 receive a special rate of \$70 per child and the rate for ages 13-16 is \$140.

Cancellation policy: Full payment is required at the time of online registration. Reservations canceled on or before Sept. 21, 2015, will receive a full refund. Cancellations received after that date are subject to penalty.

Extend your stay: The Renaissance Schaumburg is offering a special rate of \$119 per room for single/double occupancy (plus state and local sales taxes), depending on availability. The discounted rate is available for three (3) days before convention and three (3) days after convention at the guest's expense. Guests are individually responsible to make reservations to extend their stay and should follow online registration prompts.

For any questions, please contact the Fraternal Department at fraternal@gleanerlife.org or by calling 800.992.1894. They will be happy to assist you.