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CHANGING PEOPLES LIVES

Spirit

September 2017

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Where Is This Box?



Last issue, we received no correct guesses as to the location of the mystery eyeglass collection box – New Milford, by the way. So, the jackpot rolls over to this issue's contest.

This is a real tough one. We're back to repurposed mail boxes, and it is in District 23B (until this picture came in, we had nothing to show, and considered running a box from District 23A. We may still do that sometime).

Send your guesses to District23BSpirit@gmail.com and, remember, if it's your club's box, you're ineligible to win.

We're still looking for more pictures of collection boxes for future issues. We received a couple already, but we can always use more. We'd like a library of every box in the District, so help us achieve our goal. Send those pictures in today!

Greetings from Hartford

District Governor, Robert "Bobby" Clark

With pleasure and great delight I have begun this Lions year 2017-2018 as your District 23-B Governor. I take this challenge seriously and will carry it out with all my heart.

This year began with a celebration in Chicago of 100 years of Lions Service. It was an amazing event with over 34,000 Lions in attendance. The entertainment was outstanding: the Beach Boys, Charlie Daniels, Chicago, and Patti Labelle all helped us celebrate Lions' Centennial Anniversary. As I was being installed as District Governor, I remembered being inducted as a Lion in the Hartford Evening Lions Club. I remember the issues then and now – membership and retention; they will always be important items on our agenda.

Too often, we hear that younger people do not want to get involved in Lions; that they are self-absorbed or too busy with work and families. Yet research tells us that younger people do want to get involved – but on their own terms. They are less interested in meetings and formal structures. They want to serve and to know that their service is valued, relevant and making a difference. This year, let's resolve to reach out to young people, encourage them to include their families in service projects and, most of all, to meet them on their terms. This is how we will grow our clubs this year.

We also have to retain our members. The number one issue cited by members is long, boring meetings. We can fix this by planning ahead, starting with a well-prepared agenda. Interesting and productive meetings are critical to the health and success of our clubs. The number two issue is cliques and club politics – these alienate new members and prevent them from feeling included. We have to reach out and take action in order to retain our newest members. I have asked our Zone Chairs to reach out to each club that has 20 or fewer



members and to work with these clubs to increase membership.

Lions International has added two new areas of community service – diabetes and pediatric cancer. I have experienced both of these illnesses first hand. Like most of the 30 million Americans suffering from diabetes, I never thought this disease would enter my life. It has changed everything for me, and this disease is growing at an alarming rate, especially among our youth. I have also encountered pediatric cancer far too often in my work as a licensed funeral director. We have to reach out and comfort families stricken by this terrible disease. I will also ask every Lions Club in our district to work with your local VFW and American Legion Post. Our veterans need our help, and a partnership is the best way to reach those who have given so much to our great country.

I know we do a lot and that I am asking you to do even more.

Remember, our motto "We Serve" which has carried Lions forward since 1917. May it will continue to direct our efforts for the next 100 years, remembering where there's a need, there's a Lion.

Thank you for your work and continued support this year.

With all my heart,
Robert "Bobby" Clark

Rocky Hill Lions Club

The Rocky Hill Lions have been busy.

In June, the club presented a \$500 scholarship to a High School Senior and a \$100 Gene Rohr Community Service award to a High School Junior.

In July, we held our summer picnic at the home of Lions Phil and Mimi Theroux.

On August 31, September 1, and September 2, we will be holding our annual carnival at Elm Ridge Park. Contact Lion Jackie Fischer for further information (860) 257-0063 or fischerjackie@sbcglobal.net. All proceeds benefit all our charity causes.

In September the club will welcome Lion John Sinico, a transfer from Southwick MA club, who served as Zone Chair and Selectmen of Southwick.

October 14 the club will partner with Park and Recreation selling tickets for their carnival.

WE SERVE

Rocky Hill Veterans Lions Club

On September 22, 2017, Rocky Hill Veterans Campus will sponsor a Stand Down at 287 West Street, Rocky Hill from 8:00am-3:00pm.

Offered services for the Veterans include attorneys, health checkups, foot care providers, and some organizations supplying clothing and food. Lions will be performing doing eye screening in the auditorium.

Contact Lion Jackie Fischer,
(860) 257-0063 or e-mail
fischerjackie@sbcglobal.net.

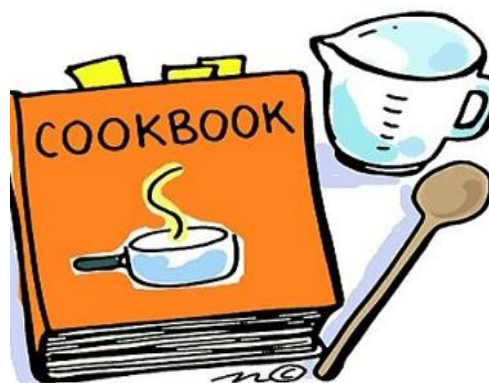
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Bloomfield Lions Club

75th Anniversary Celebration and Honoree Banquet

Saturday, October 7, 2017

St. Thomas Seminary and Conference Center, 467 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield

Dinner, Wine & Dancing

DJ Music by London Entertainment

RECEPTION @ 6:30 P.M. ♦♦ DINNER @ 7:00 P.M.

To reserve your seat, call Louisa @ 860 242-8197

or email LCummings27@yahoo.com

RSVP by September 18th

Payments prior to September 18th -- \$65.00 per person

or \$650.00 per table with a ½ page ad or a

complimentary ticket

Please make checks payable to:



BLOOMFIELD LIONS CLUB

P.O. Box 111

Bloomfield, CT 06002

Opening Eyes

By Lion Jim Boulais

The Special Olympics/Opening Eyes event took place on Saturday June 10th and Sunday June 11th at Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven.

Here are some "statistics" for the weekend:

- 300 screenings done (includes athletes and unified partners). Of these, 280 completed all 9 screening stations.
- 174 eye glasses were given out
- 117 sun glasses were given out
- 45 sports goggles with RX were given out
- 3 plano protective goggles were given out

This includes the following volunteers:

- 18 Optometrists
- 18 Optometry students
- 13 Opticians
- 58 Lions/Leos
- 45 Other

It was great to see all the volunteers helping out and to see all the smiles from the athletes as they went from station to station!

I will again be the chair for this great event for this Lions year. The event dates have not yet been finalized for next year. So, look for me to be asking for volunteers again as we get closer to the event.

Doctors Sue and Chris were delighted with the help on Friday and Sunday with setting up and closing.

Lion PDG Joan Bennett indicated that a discussion was started as to how we could screen more of the athletes, since 2400 athletes were there that weekend. Stay tuned for further information about that.
Jim Boulais

Opening Eyes chair – 2017/2018

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP

*By Jim Trompeter, District
Membership Coordinator*

When you are at the beach, have you ever tried to run into the surf as a wave is breaking? You get knocked down. It does not matter how big you are, the wet unstable sand, the pulling back of the previous wave, and the force of the breaking wave no matter how strong or determined you are will knock you down. Now take a moment and relax, let yourself go underneath the wave as it breaks, keep going under and up until you are past the breaking point where your feet barely touch the ocean floor and you simply bob up and down with the flow. This is life, we can stupidly do the same thing over and over to the point of giving up and just watching the waves, or we can get beyond the break and float up and down with the flow.

Last year we took some different approaches towards membership and instead of beating our head against the waves we went with the flow as to what is happening around us and in the last 2 months, May and June we made some definite progress in bringing in new members. This year we want to continue looking at what is happening around us and not keep fighting the waves.

We want to build on what we did last year and continue to increase membership in our clubs.

I will be sending information to the clubs with new ideas and techniques and I hope to connect with you during the first round of Zone meetings, to discuss putting these ideas into action as well as learning what works for you.

If we stay away from the old ways and learn to move as one with the flow as to what is happening around us, our lives will be easier and we can achieve our goals.

The above story came from John Horn (Aspire to Succeed)

Hartland Lions Club

**HEY GET YOUR FRIED DOUGH
HERE—FRESH FRIED DOUGH—
BEST IN THE FAIR.**

As he has done for 30 years, Rob Davis entices folks to this ever popular fair staple with this booming call.

For the past 30 or so years, the Lions Club has supported the East Hartland Volunteer Firemen in their annual carnival by running the busy Fried Dough Booth. No one knows how many of these deep fried, greasy, buttered, tomato sauce, cheese, cinnamon sugar, topped, artery clogging, delicacies we have served—but it in the tens of thousands.

What would a carnival be without them?

While our support of the firemen is important to them, this activity is also supportive and important to the club. Members who may not be able to help much during the year turn out for four days to set up the booth, get that oil up to 400 plus degrees, stretch the dough, fry and top the hot saucer shaped bread and of course talk, catch up on each other's doings, share stories and comparisons of past carnivals, the rainouts, thunderstorms, high winds, the parades and the fireworks displays.

It cannot be beat.

Of course what is summer without baseball and ice cream? A new activity this year was Ice Cream Sundays during Little League games. Easy to do, if you keep it simple: limit the selections and keep the cans of whipped cream out of the hands of the kids. More than that, it is fun for all.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer - keep SERVING.





The Lions Club of Plainville

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 5, 2017

8am to Noon

Come in and get warm at
Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall
19 South Canal St.
Plainville, CT.

Just \$6 per person, all you can eat.
Kids under 6 eat free.

Door prizes, raffle prizes, and activities for the little ones.

Buy tickets from any Plainville
Lion, or get 'em at the door.
Be there!



The Lions Club of
South Windsor, Inc.

Spaghetti Dinner

Includes:

Salad, Spaghetti, Meatballs, Rolls, Dessert

Saturday, November 11, 2017

4 – 7 PM

South Windsor Fire Department

1175 Ellington Road

South Windsor, Ct.

Adults - \$10; Children under 10 yrs. - \$5

Veterans and Active Military

eat for free



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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15

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Plainville Lions Club

On June 21st the Plainville Lions Club ended their fiscal year in a spectacular way. It had been brought to our attention that Andrew B., an eleven year old resident of Plainville, was losing his sight. He was in need of special eyeglasses costing \$10,000. Membership approved a generous donation to this worthy cause. Following our business meeting, a few members presented Andrew's mom with a check in the amount of \$1,100. Since this was the amount required to obtain their goal, it brought tears to the eyes of Andrew's mom and profuse thanks from Andrew's entire family. Needless to say, it was a very proud moment for our Chapter.

Our Club would also like to announce that we will be hosting an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 5th 8:00-12:00 at OLM Annex, 19 South Canal Street, Plainville. Tickets are \$6, children 6 and under free. Our menu includes strawberry-topped pancakes, sausage and cinnamon-raisin French Toast. Entertainment is provided for children.

Windsor Locks Lions Club 75th Anniversary Dinner Dance

Nearly 100 Lions and guests attended a gala Dinner/Dance on June 10th that began the celebration of the Windsor Locks Lions Club's 75th Anniversary.

The Special Guest for the evening was Past International President, Lion J. Frank Moore, who spoke briefly about the club's significant contributions to both the International Association, as well as their community of Windsor Locks.

Also on hand were Past International Directors, Bill Miller of Pennsylvania, Lion Ed Lecius and Lion Ed Farrington of New Hampshire, Windsor Locks own Past International Directors, Lions Scott Storms and Carolyn Messier, as well as District Governor, Lion Kathy Randall and District 23C District Governor, Lion George Salpietro.

The Club received proclamations from the State Legislature, presented by State Representative, Lion Scott Storms, and from the Town of Windsor Locks, presented by First Selectman, Chris Kervick. Mr. Kervick went on to name the



The Letterwomen - Windsor Locks Lions Gail Stegman and Pat King were presented with International President Letters of Appreciation on June 10th. Looking on are Past International President, Lion J. Frank Moore, and Past International Directors, Lions Scott Storms and Carolyn Messier.

month of June as Windsor Locks Lions Month.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of International Letters of Appreciation to Lions Pat King and Gail Stegman.

Woodbury Lions Club

The Woodbury Lions started the new year with their Annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic on July 18. Held at Hollow Park in Woodbury, nearly 100 Lions and volunteers gathered to chat and eat barbecue.

On August 1, at the Curtis House Inn in Woodbury, the Lions presented checks to this year's crop of scholarship winners. In front of family, the graduating students were honored for their academic success and community service. We wish them all the best in their collegiate careers.

Coming up next for the Woodbury Lions is the annual Tri-town Picnic,

on August 24, when we join with Lions from the Bethlehem and Watertown clubs for an evening of food and comradery.

After that, the Woodbury Lions hold their Duck Race Raffle on September 9 at Three Rivers Park in Woodbury. This event funds all the sight and hearing efforts the clubs make during the year.

And, the Club's annual Haunted Hayride takes place October 20, 21, 27 and 28 starting from Mitchell School in Woodbury, with the Children's Hayride on October 21. Details will soon be posted at www.woodburyclions.org.



This year's scholarship committee chair, William Barthelmess, with the seven scholarship recipients. A total of \$20,000 was awarded.

Torrington Lions Club

The Torrington Lions Club has been busy over the past few months. New members, a club picnic, and the presentation of scholarships were just part of their activities.

Fortunately, they took lots of pictures, and since one picture is worth a thousand words, here is a book's worth of their recent activities.

They also spent time planning a day of fun and activity for the whole family at their 6th Annual Holiday Craft and Gift Fair. It will be held on November 4th at the Torrington Armory, South Main St., Torrington, between 10am and 2 pm.

The event will feature approximately 65 Vendors, a Kids Activities Table, a Craft and Gift Raffle and food will be available. There's free Parking and free Admission. This is an indoor event (rain or shine).

For more information, visit the event website at <http://tlcfair.com>, call Lion Kiki Tucker @ 860-489-8971, or e-mail her @kiki73055@hotmail.com.



Lion Elaine Dzurnak (stand-in sponsor), new member Michael Rodgerson and Lion Phil Dzurnak (the inductor and sponsor) doing the induction August 3.

Alexis Kerr being presented her check at the club's annual scholarship meeting from Treasurer Doreen Whitney while Thomas Heuschkel looks on.



Torrington Lions enjoying the annual club picnic July 29



Connecticut Pin Traders Association:
Past Pin Trader International Director presents the William A. Smith Fellows award to Lions Roger and Sally VanDyke. This is a prestigious award that is granted similar to the Melvin Jones, Knights of the Blind, and other Lion awards. You need to contribute \$1000.00 to the International Pin Traders Scholarship program to become a William A. Smith Fellow. There are currently close to 100 members.



Harwinton Lion Club: *Harwinton Lion Carol Kearns and New Milford Lion Dottie Wilcox marched in the LCI Centennial Parade in Chicago.*



1st Vice District Governor Harry Schuh at the International Officers Reception in Chicago with 1st International Vice President Gudrun Yngvadottir and her husband Past International Director Dr. Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson.

Melvin Jones Fellowship Application



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Individual Completing this Form

Name _____ Date _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

1. Area of Giving

Please check one

☐ Area of Greatest Need ☐ Measles

☐ Disaster ☐ Sight ☐ Youth

(Each choice above is eligible for MJF credit)

☐ Other _____

(May not be eligible for MJF credit)

MJF Credits to be used from previous donation:

*Please Note – This section should only be used if sufficient funds have already been deposited with Lions Clubs International Foundation

Use Credits From: _____

ID#: _____

2. Contribution Details

Donor Name (individual, club, company, foundation)

Donor ID _____

Donor Club _____

Donor District _____

Amount of Contribution _____

☐ Full Payment ☐ Installment ☐ Final Installment

Donors making personal donations towards MJF also receive credit as a Contributing Member! The Contributing Membership program is an annual program that recognizes three levels of support: US\$20 (Bronze), US\$50 (Silver) and US\$100 or above (Gold).

☐ **Yes! In addition to receiving MJF credit, I would like to receive a Contributing Membership Pin for my donation.**

Gift Type

Make donations via the web at www.lcif.org

☐ **US\$ Check Enclosed** (payable to LCIF; drawn on US bank)

☐ **Wire/Bank Transfer** (Please attach bank transfer receipt)

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☐ **Cash** (Mail donations along with the Donor Contribution Form to address provided)

The Foundation uses a lock box service to receive and process all donations.

3. Recipient of Recognition (Individual person)

Type of recognition requested (please check one)

☐ MJF ☐ PMJF ☐ To Be Named Later

☐ Memorial Plaque in memory of deceased

Recipient Name (Exactly as it is to be engraved on plaque)

Recipient ID# (if applicable) _____

Recipient Name _____

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City _____ State/Province _____

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Club of Recipient

Club # _____ District _____

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Country _____ Postal Code _____

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Recognition is sent once donation and application are received and processed at headquarters. Please allow a minimum of 15 days in the U.S. and 30 days elsewhere for shipping.

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HARWINTON LIONS CONGRATULATE LION HARRY SCHUH



**1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR
2017 - 2018**

International Director Candidate Forum

September 9

MD23 Council Chair Kathy Randall

Two Candidates, One Forum

I am pleased to invite all CT Lions to our International Director Candidate's Forum. As you know, Connecticut Lions have an opportunity to endorse 1 candidate from Connecticut for the office of International Director. Our candidates are PCC Sia Dowlatshahi and PCC Mark Lyon. Connecticut has not had an International Director since PIS Carolyn Messier was elected in 2011 to serve a 2-year term.

The Forum will be Saturday, September 9, starting at 9:30am (doors will open at 9:00am) and we will be through by 11:00am. The location is the Middletown Senior Center, 61 Durant Terrace, Middletown, CT. This is the Lions opportunity to meet the candidates and ask or have your questions asked of them. Delegates will be well served to hear first-hand responses to questions from the candidates.

Candidates will give an introduction of no more than 5 minutes. We will have some prepared questions they will both respond to. If Lions have a particular question, you can send them to me at kathy.randall@yahoo.com by September 1, 2017. Your questions can be presented by the moderator or you can ask from the floor. If I receive duplicate questions, I will consolidate them into 1 question and the moderator will present. As time permits, questions will be allowed from the floor.

No questions will be allowed that would require candidates to disclose personal or business information, specifically prohibited by their businesses.

Rallies or demonstrations will not be permitted.

Sergeants at Arms will escort out of

the hall any Lion exhibiting disrespectful or rude behavior. We expect Lions to follow proper Lions decorum.

September 9 is not an opportunity to vote. The Special Convention for delegates to cast their votes will be Saturday, November 4, 2017. Then, each candidate will be nominated and seconded. No questions will be addressed to the Candidates.

Delegates will cast written ballots for one candidate.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to seeing you on September 9.

Council Chair Kathy Randall

Hartford County Everest Centennial Lions Club

Aim High and You'll Get There!

Last November, the Hartford County Everest Centennial Lions Club opened its charter celebration at Haveli India Restaurant in Middletown, CT. The club has been a whirlwind of activity ever since. Member training, a Kidsight pediatric eye screening, trips to the 2017 Mid-Winter Conference and to Chicago for Lions' Centennial Celebration and a photo with outgoing International President Bob Corlew cap an extraordinary year for the youngest club in District 23B.

Charter president, Raj Shrestha, recruited 36 charter members for the club. All are Nepalese immigrants living in towns throughout Connecticut. The club's goal is to serve the public while helping the Nepalese community mainstream into American social life.

Raj is no stranger to American-style

service organizations. While living in Nepal, he joined the Jaycees and later the Rotary where he served as club president. He relocated to America in 2007. In 2015, he received a call from Lions International Director Sanjay Khetan who asked him to form a Lions Club in Connecticut. Raj agreed.

"There is a growing need for Nepali clubs in the United States," said Raj. "The Lions focus on service is exactly what our community needs. One year terms for all club officers allows the members to serve in every position in the club. This structure helps educate our team and makes us stronger. The Lions toast says it all: 'Not above you, not beneath you, but with you'."

The club recently announced initiatives in diabetes awareness, an international food festival and adopting a community in Nepal. Raj explained that the needs are great in his home country: water, sanitation, computers and libraries to name a few. The fledgling plan is to partner with a Lions Club in Nepal to get the ball rolling. If no club exists, the Hartford County club will sponsor one!

The first 'Help Nepal Project' committee meeting came together on August 8 and more information will be coming as the project gets under way.

In the meanwhile, let's give a hearty Connecticut Lions welcome to the Hartford County Everest Centennial Lions Club. We are glad to serve with you!



Charter President, Raj Shrestha, takes a selfie with outgoing International LCI President, Bob Corlew, at the Lions Centennial Convention in Chicago.

Build Your Skills!

REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

October 20-22, Bloomfield, CT

One of the great benefits of Lions is professional development. The seminars and courses we give in marketing, public speaking, conflict resolution, etc. are all resume builders. They're also a big help to your club and to Lions Clubs International.

This year, the Multiple District 23 Global Leadership Team is offering a three day Regional Lions Leadership Institute at the Saint Joseph Seminary in Bloomfield, October 20-22. The cost is just \$100 per person for room and board for all three days. It's an outstanding opportunity.

The institute will offer classes and one-on-one instruction on Change Management, Team Building, Communication, Conducting Effective Meetings and Mentoring. There are also Lions specific classes in Lions History, Lions Foundation and Ensuring Club Success. I'm sure you can see the value.

Each of the three Connecticut districts (A, B and C) have 13 seats at this institute – a total of 40 students. Attendees should be “up and comers” – people who have the ambition and skills to take on more of a leadership role in their clubs and our Association. Candidates must be Lions in good standing who have successfully served on a club committee *and who have not yet attained the level of club President*. Newly chartered club Presidents are also eligible to participate in this institute.

If you are interested, please speak to your club President and complete the application located on the District website. If you are on the fence, think of this: every Lion leaves the institute full of knowledge, confidence, and energy to take their club to an even higher level.

The Details:

The Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) is scheduled for the Archdiocesan Center at Saint Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT, October 20-22. Registration opens at 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 20. Training begins immediately after dinner and continues through the day on Saturday, October 21 and on Sunday, October 22 until approximately 1:00 p.m. The institute concludes with a luncheon and presentation of certificates of completion. All participants can expect to be on their way home no later than 2:00 p.m. on October 22.

Candidates must be willing to commit to all days of the RLLI. The maximum number of participants in the RLLI is 40. Each of the three Lions Districts (A, B and C) will be allotted approximately the same number of spots. Preference will be given to as many clubs as possible to send an individual candidate to the RLLI before consideration is given to having more than one participant per club.

The cost per participant will be \$100, which includes overnight accommodations (single, dormitory-style rooms) for two nights, as well as all meals and training materials. The Global Leadership Team recommends that the sponsoring club consider paying all or a portion of the cost, as an investment in the future of your club.

The RLLI will have an experienced faculty of Lions from within MD23. All training materials have been developed by Lions Clubs International. The materials have proven time after time to be exceptionally well-written for our emerging Lions leaders. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your District GLT Coordinator – Peter Nevers at 860-604-8538 or at grampy2010@hotmail.com.



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The District 23B Spirit

Our next issue of the District 23B Spirit is December 1. The deadline for all ads and articles is November 10, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Ad prices are \$30/quarter page (3.5" wide, 5" long), \$50 for a half-page (7" wide, 5" long), and \$100 for a full-page (7" wide, 10" long). Please provide ads in .BMP, .JPG or .GIF formats only—no .PDF or .PUB files, please. If you don't know how to create an ad, send us your information and we'll create one for you.

Any submitted pictures should be in .JPG or .GIF format, and should be clear (blurry pictures do not reproduce well).

Submit materials for publication to District23BSpirit@gmail.com only.

Lion Around Connecticut Radio

Lion Peter Cianciolo

As we begin the new Lions year and start another century of Lions impact on our world.

In our district, Lion Around Ct has afforded all Lions to put themselves in front of their community over the airwaves of WAPJ 89.9 and 105.1 FM on Mondays at 9pm until 9:30pm.

The station is in Torrington, and goes out to surrounding areas: Winsted, Litchfield, Morris, New Hartford, Barkhamstead, Thomaston, Harwinton, Burlington, Bristol Terryville, Plymouth, Woodbury, and some sections of Waterbury.

This has been a great source of information to the listeners as they get to learn what the Lions are about, and what we can do for them. It's not only a good way to advertise your club event, it is a good way to introduce people to Lions.

Since the start, PDG Steve Polezonis and his trio has provided the listeners some entertainment when I play his CD's. All Lions who have music are encouraged to get it to me so I can give you air time! Last week I was playing some car music so people would get in mood for Harwinton Lions Car Show. The screen went down just as I was reading the announcement, and I didn't give out the time and exact location. As soon as the song started, I received a call from a listener asking for the specific info so he could attend.

People are listening to the show! All clubs should take advantage of this way to get our message out.

Lions were able to provide WAPJ with a live interview on Lion Around Ct with J Geils a few years ago when he came to Terryville Fair. The week he passed away, John Basso, host of From Vinyl to Cassette, the show before Lion Around Ct, had me come in and

play my interview, along with a tribute to J Geils playing some of his songs. WAPJ was one of the only radio stations in Ct to have an interview with J Geils during his whole career!

So if you have a hard time with traveling a long distance to Torrington keep I mind I live in Springfield Mass, and drive in an hour and 10 minutes just to do the show around my work schedule, so no excuses please! Just be my guest!

My email is pjec16@yahoo.com, and my cell is 860-913-9144. Let's make this the best year ever for our show!!!



Host of Lion Around Connecticut Radio Peter Cianciolo sitting at the control board at WAPJ in Torrington

Windsor Locks Lions Club

The Windsor Locks Lions club has been busy planning two events for September.

The first occurs Friday, September 8 at the Skyline Restaurant, 106 Ella Grasso Turnpike. This is the club's Comedy night, a fun-filled evening of ADULT humor, provided by three different comics. Tickets for the show are \$20 each.

The venue opens at 5:30, with dinner from the restaurant's menu available until 6:30. The show starts at 8:00. Lion Kitty Montemerlo is the contact for more information and tickets. She can be reached at 860-627-5514.

The second event is the 2nd Annual Color Run at Veteran's Memorial Park on Southwest Avenue, Saturday, September 30.

Runners start off at 9am, and follow a marked course through the park. At various stations, the participants are bombarded with powdered paint at various stations.

Check-in for the event begins at 7:30am the day of the race, with runners starting off at 9am.

Early registration is \$25, with late and on-site registration being \$35. Additional information and registration forms are available from the club, and will be sent out with the club Secretary's "Weekly Activity Update".



Meet the District 23B Officers for the 2017-2018 Lions Year

From left to right, District Treasurer IPDG Steven Daigle, District Governor Robert Clark, 1st Vice District Governor Harry Schuh, 2nd Vice District Governor V. Everett Lyons, and District Secretary Pat Daigle.

Let's welcome our new officers, and show them our support in the coming year.

What's Your Number?

By Robert Bessel

How often does the world's greatest service organization stumble? Every day, because the public can't contact our Lions clubs.

Most clubs change their phone number every year as club presidents come and go. If so, it's a fair guess that your club gets few if any phone calls. Most likely, your town leaders talk about lions as a mystery organization – one that appears, does something good, then vanishes into the woodwork.

It's hard to join a club you can't find. To donate to a club that has no address. To sell advance tickets to events if there's no box office.

If we're looking to serve more people and grow our membership,

this has got to change. Here's how:

Get a Free Phone Number

Step One: Open a Gmail account for your club on Google. Emails sent to this address can be relayed to key members of your club: the president, secretary, etc. Those members can change every year, but the club address remains the same.

Step Two: With your Gmail account, you can establish a free phone number for your club. It's like a voice mail system: callers receive an outgoing message ("Thank you for calling the Lions Club. Please leave a message."). When callers leave a voice message, you can



relay the message to key members of your club. Go to Google Voice (<https://www.google.com/voice>) and follow instructions.

Step Three: Include your club email and phone number on every ad, brochure, poster and banner your club produces.

You're on your way to more members and community support!

Terryville Lions Club

After the club's annual Terryville Lions Country Fair the weekend of August 23-25, the club sets their sights on their next event, the 9th Annual Terryville Lions Club Country Campout.

Slated for Columbus Day Weekend, October 6-9, the event offers four days of family camping on their 50-acre hilltop field. Entertainment and activities for all ages are planned. Amenities, such as hot water showers, a large public restroom, and electric and water hookups (available first come, first serve) are provided.

Registration is \$90 for the weekend, with optional meal reservations available for Saturday and Sunday night at \$10 per adult, \$6 per child. Proceeds from this event support a number of Lions charities.

Contact the Terryville Lions Club at (860) 582-0709 for more information.



Bad men need nothing more to compass their ends, than that good men should look on and do nothing.

- John Stuart Mill



CENTENNIAL UPDATE

by Carol Kearns and Harry Schuh,
Centennial Coordinators

Our CT Lions had a fantastic time at the International Convention in Chicago! Thanks to MD23 Centennial Coordinator Denise Dudek and PDG Keith Lemire for arranging for the Theatiki Fife and Drum Corps to march with us in the parade.

Reminder: The Centennial Celebration runs through **June, 2018** and offers all Lions opportunities to celebrate and serve. Encourage clubs to complete a Legacy Project.

Save the date! There will be a **Centennial Gala** on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

Centennial pins are still available. Contact MD23 Centennial Coordinator Denise Dudek (ddudek@snet.net) if you are interested in purchasing pins (\$5.00 each).

The next MD23 Centennial Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 14th at East Side Restaurant in New Britain.

As of August 9, 2017, Lions have served 166,330,619 people - Congratulations!

"WHERE THERE'S A NEED,
THERE'S A LION"

Zone 4

Zone Chair Carol Hoebel

As Zone 4 Chairperson for the upcoming year, I am looking forward to visiting the all the clubs my zone in the very near future.



Lion Around Connecticut

With Lions Carol Kearns and Harry Schuh

Our show is aired in 58 communities on 6 cable access TV stations: Charter Communications (Winsted), Cablevision (Litchfield), Charter Communications (Newtown), Charter Communications (Willimantic), Nutmeg (Farmington), and Skye XIII (Waterbury).

We've been all over the state in the last few months. In **District 23A**, we videorecorded Special Olympics Opening Eyes at Southern CT State University.

In our own **District 23B**, we celebrated the dedication of the CLERF Waiting Room at the UConn Medical Center; the Harwinton Lions held their first Family Food Truck Festival; outstanding Lions of the Year and 100% Secretaries from Zones 5 – 7 were congratulated at Maneeley's in South Windsor; we videorecorded DG Kathy Randall's Testimonial; and, we videorecorded the Windsor Locks Lions 75th anniversary celebration featuring Past International President Frank Moore.

In **District 23C**, we videorecorded the East Hampton Lions Club Center School Bell Auction.

Below are the titles for our latest shows 198 - 223:

- 198 Read Aloud Day at Harwinton Consolidated School
- 199 3rd Annual KidsPlay Family Fun Fair Lions KidSight Part 1
- 200 3rd Annual KidsPlay Family Fun Fair Lions KidSight Part 2
- 201 Humanitarian Awards Dinner District 23C Part 1
- 202 Humanitarian Awards Dinner District 23C Part 2
- 203 Humanitarian Awards Dinner District 23C Part 3
- 204 Lions MD23 Mid-Winter Conference Part 1
- 205 Lions MD23 Mid-Winter Conference Part 2
- 206 Lions MD23 Mid-Winter Conference Part 3
- 207 Lions MD23 Mid-Winter Conference Part 4
- 208 Lions MD23 Mid-Winter Conference Part 5
- 209 DG Awards Breakfast Zones 1-4 Part 1

DG Awards Breakfast Zones 1-4 Part 2

DG Awards Breakfast Zones 1-4 Part 3

DG Awards Breakfast Zones 1-4 Part 4

Southington Lions 75th Anniversary Celebration

CLERF Waiting Room Dedication at UConn Medical Center

Opening Eyes - Special Olympics at SCSU Part 1

Opening Eyes - Special Olympics at SCSU Part 2

Harwinton Lions Family Food Truck Festival

DG Breakfast Zones 5 - 7 Maneeley's Part 1

DG Breakfast Zones 5 - 7 Maneeley's Part 2

East Hampton Lions Club Center School Bell Auction

DG Kathy Randall Testimonial at the Gallery Restaurant, Glastonbury

Windsor Locks Lions 75th Anniversary with PIP Frank Moore Part 1

Windsor Locks Lions 75th Anniversary with PIP Frank Moore Part 2

To view our last 10 shows on the Internet:

- Go to www.ctv191.com
- Mouse over "What's On"
- Click on "Watch Programs"
- Type the word Lion in the Search box and Click on Search

We invite you to appear as studio guests on our show, or invite us to document and publicize your Lions events on-site!

Zone 2

Zone Chair Frank Longo

The first zone meeting of the 2017-2018 year will be October 5 at the Curtis House Inn in Woodbury. This year's theme will be 'Training' and how we prepare our members to lead our clubs in the future. Come prepared to discuss how your club grooms the next generation of Lions.

Of course, I'll be making club visits again this year. I'll contact club presidents to arrange the dates.

LCIF

For one hundred years, LCI has aided millions of people throughout the world. As LCI enters its next century of service and LCIF prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2018, we challenge ourselves to dream bigger than ever before. We seek to triple our humanitarian impact by serving 200 million people annually. As in all of our large-scale global efforts, such as SightFirst, our foundation will be there to ensure the support of these service initiatives.

To meet the growing challenges facing our world, we have created a service model for the 21st century with five service platforms: diabetes, environment, hunger relief, pediatric cancer, and vision. These are large and ambitious areas for service, but we have the history and track record of success to help guide us.

As a first step, we are conducting a feasibility study to determine the level of interest and passion for each of the service areas, as well as to determine our capacity to raise US\$300 million or more through a global campaign for these initiatives. In addition to the anticipated support of our Lions, we will also be seeking support and partnerships with non-Lion individuals, corporations, foundations, and governments.

Chancellor Bob Corlew
Chairman, Lions Clubs International Foundation

**District 23B 2017/2018 Goal
\$38,000**

It has been my privilege to serve as the District 23B LCIF coordinator since PDG Steve Daigle appointed me in 2015, and with your help we



District Officers

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V. Everet Lyons
Second Vice District Governor

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Frank Longo
Zone 2 Chair

Heidi Zacchera
Zone 3 Chair

Carol Hoebel
Zone 4 Chair

George Cooper
Zone 5 Chair

Edward Fenton
Zone 6 Chair

Anthony Gesnaldo
Zone 7 Chair

have had many great accomplishments. I am now asking that all MD 23B Lions support the 21st century service model by donating \$25.00 to LCIF this year. \$25.00 equates to \$.07 per day. \$.07 per day can go a long way in researching a cure for diabetes the leading cause of blindness in adults and the pediatric cancer which robs our youth of life each day, while continuing to support vision, hunger relief and environment service initiatives. Can we count on you? I know the answer is yes.

Thank you in advance

Martin (Marty) Sandshaw
District 23B LCIF Coordinator



Thomaston Lions Club

Thomaston Lions are in vacation mode and are taking July and August off for meetings.

A few Lions have been selling snacks at the Concerts on the Green, but the weather has not been very cooperative.

We wish Karen Cozza-Turner a great year as our incoming President.

The 100th Anniversary Cookbook is finally here! Call Carol at 860-283-5577 for your copy. These will make great gifts for the upcoming Holidays!

Lions International USA/Canada Leadership Forum

Portland, Oregon, USA
September 21 – September 23

