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What Town Is This?



No one guessed the town in the last Spirit—Rocky Hill! We thought this would be an easy win for someone, but it turned out that we were wrong.

This issue's sign should be easier. The first Lion to send us their correct guess to District23BSpirit@gmail.com wins the prize, which is the admiration of the rest of the district.

Remember, all signs can be found in District 23B (Hartford and Litchfield Counties) whether they have a club or not. If you're from that town, you're ineligible to win.

We apologize for the quality of the image. This is not one of PDG David Yadich's pictures, but one we found in a library because he didn't have it.

Send your entries to District23BSpirit@gmail.com . First correct response wins!

The Spirit Team

DG Heidi Zacchera

Hello District 23B!

First of all ... THANK YOU for everything YOU do! Keep striving to help your club keep pushing forward during the pandemic, while being safe. YAY District 23 B!!

All the zones have met, and now Ed and I are back to visiting clubs, and various club activities! Prior to this point, it has been so awesome to see most clubs meeting in person, and some doing a hybrid of meeting in person and zoom for those who don't feel comfortable meeting in person.

The most important thing is to keep your members engaged. Keep in contact with all club members.

Membership: One of my major jobs as District Governor is to build the membership in the District, so while the initial fee is waived, take advantage of it! Have informational Zoom meetings about what your club and what Lions do, and invite the community. If you strike up a conversation out in public about Lions, find out where the person lives and tell them there is a club there. We want people to be able to share their efforts with their community.

Before Dec 31, and June 30, clubs should check in with all of their members, members who they haven't seen. Give them a call to see that they are okay, and let them know that they are missed. Make sure the members plan on paying their dues and staying on as members. The club does not want to be left paying dues for people who no longer can be Lions. Obviously it would be nice of the club to offer them other options to stay on as part of the club, such as member at large, rather than totally losing the member. (I don't want the loss of a member to happen at the expense of the clubs).

Speaking of members, if you are a person who is bringing a few members in to your club, think about "spreading the wealth" and letting



someone else be the sponsor. That gives them more ownership into the club! I have done this in my own club, as I feel it is another way to show the "WE" in what we are doing, and it gets others more involved.

Reminder ... DO NOT have your clubs sing at your meetings during Covid. It is one of the worst things that you can do.

Produce Drive: Thank you to GST Dave Yadach for organizing the clubs and being at the drive to make it run smoothly. Thank you to 1st VDG Ed for helping all day. Thank you to Terryville for the use of your facilities and all the club members who volunteered! Thank you to all the clubs for helping your community food banks, and low-income housing, by arranging a produce pick up!

Should we have other District-wide Produce Drives? I'd like to remind all the clubs that if you have just received Produce from your area through the state, that you not "double dip" and take from the district, as there were some clubs who were unable to get any produce as our limit was hit. We want to always keep the whole district in mind while helping your club at the same time. WE are in this together! As a district we also want the food to be targeted for Food pantries and the like, versus setting up a drive through.

If there is a next time, I think we'll let the clubs who haven't had a chance

to jump in to have the opportunity to help their community.

Club ideas:

Scrip: Scrip is a "no brainer" fundraiser within your club that can be used to bolster your administrative account! "Scripzone", (and there are other Scrip companies), offer gift cards for different retailers, grocery stores, and the like to non-profits, and they in turn give you a percentage off the top! So for instance, if you eat at Bertucci's, you ask the club for two \$25 gift cards. Let's say Bertucci's percentage is that your club gets \$.50 for every \$25 gift card. You receive your two \$25 gift cards and your club has just gained \$10, just like that! We even have some of our "mom and pop" places that give us a percentage off gift certificates! If everyone in your club would participate, think of the extra money you could bring in to the club, especially now. We all are still eating, we still have essentials we need to purchase.

Clubs: (Some activities clubs have done) Zone chairs will be publishing club events in this issue, to give you ideas of what your club can do during the pandemic.

Avon: Recreation/River/Pond area clean up

Barkhamsted: Bingo

Berlin: Produce Drive

Bloomfield: Tag Sale

Bethlehem: Trunk or Treat and Movie Night

Bristol: Hunger activity

Burlington: Barn Painting

Greater Htfd. WI: Produce

Canaan NW: Produce to food pantry

Hartland: Blood Drive

Htfd. Multi-National: Bags for homeless

Harwinton: Pierogies Sale

HCEC: Congratulations to HCEC for their Sagarmatha OMEGA club. We are hoping that they will quickly slide into a Club Branch within their

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club and become full-fledged Lions!

Litchfield: Car Parade

Manchester: Shred it Day

Marlborough: Breakfast and 5k run

New Britain: Mum Sale

New Milford: Trunk or Treat

Plainville: Farmers to Families

Simsbury: Mum Sale

South Windsor: Fundraiser –
Operation Lions Trusting Lions

Terryville: Be Kind Signs &
Produce!

West Hartford Lumbini: Meditation

Windsor: Blind Americans Equality
Day

Windsor Locks: Built ramps

Winsted: Ronald McDonald House

Woodbury: Haunted Walk

It has been great to see clubs forging ahead with fundraisers and service projects. Many clubs have been thinking outside the box by having a drive through breakfast. I also commend the clubs that are over-achieving. They are determined to do a fundraiser and a service project every month! Way to go! You do have to keep working on fundraising so you don't deplete your accounts. If some people do not feel comfortable with an event they don't have to take part. But don't give up on that idea because of a few. There are always members who will step up to do anything at any time. Along those lines, if someone has an idea they believe will bring in some money for the club, let them run with it, especially if there is nothing to lose. My motto is "some money is better than no money." To shoot down an idea, shoots down that member, who knows in their heart that they can make it work. As I have been saying, take a step back, and think outside the box! A project might not "look" the same during the pandemic, but it can still be successful. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Be a club that says, "let's try it!" We can do this!

Every club can nominate two people to receive the "Freeman Selfless Service" Award!

Event Reminder: If you have an

event to publicize: Do it through social media platforms, the District website, District ROAR, District Spirit. The cabinet secretary is too busy to send out your publicity... thank you!

Since we can't get together for the holidays, why don't we get together virtually! Zoom Holiday Happy Hour Sunday December 6 at 4:00!

DG Heidi Zacchera is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: District 23B Holiday Happy Hour

Time: Dec 6, 2020 04:00 PM
Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89529055777>

Meeting ID: 895 2905 5777

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Meeting ID: 895 2905 5777

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89529055777>

We are starting the year as we ended last year ... with the pandemic. We can't just stop and wait for the pandemic to be over; we need to figure out ways to keep everyone engaged in the club so they will feel useful.

Drive-Thru food drives are one of the easiest service projects a club can do, and it makes a big, positive impact! Ask for community volunteers to help you with your project, then tell them about Lionism. Put a little thank you flyer in the cars of the people who have donated. Get your club name and the Lions name out there!

Check the LCI site to see what others around the country are doing.

Have your club brainstorm service project ideas that can be done while staying safe.

Someone had asked if the district was going to have protocols for how to meet as clubs. My answer is, do what best suits your club while following the recommendations from the medical experts and the State. When I held the first cabinet meeting, it was outside, I had hand sanitizer and had everyone's temperature taken so to help to put people at ease, we were wearing masks, and socially distanced. Recently I had my club at my house. Again, it was outside, I had tables spread all around my back yard, had hand sanitizer, and allowed the individuals to decide where they wanted to sit, and how THEY would feel the most comfortable.

Not everyone is going to feel comfortable meeting outside or inside. Maybe make it possible for those members to join the meeting via Zoom, that way they will stay connected.

Now is also the time to focus on bringing in new members, and to get them involved in service projects. Publicize a Zoom meeting for community people learn about Lions. Tell your town social service director the Lions are willing to assist people who need help.

We are moving forward with our visit schedule as we first planned. The VDG's or myself will visit your club whether in person or virtually. (We will only take ten minutes of your time, and then we like to see your club in action). We can also induct new members as well.

Let's keep District 23B moving ahead as much as we can during these trying times.

Let me know if you need any assistance or have any questions.

DG Heidi

Veteran's Stand Down – 2020

Jim Boulais, District 23B Veterans Chair

The 2020 Veteran's Stand Down was affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic, but did take place in four different locations in the state. District 23B was responsible for the event at the Rocky Hill Veterans home on Friday, Sept 25, 2020. We were unable to do eye and hearing screenings because of the pandemic restrictions, but gave out personal items to the Veterans that attended. Overall, approximately 180 Veterans were served.

I would like to thank the ten Lion volunteers that worked during the day (in two shifts)

- Susan Gabrielle – South Windsor
- Bill Forthofer – Glastonbury
- Cathy & Jim Boulais, Peter Nevers – East Windsor
- Cindy & Jim Daniels, Sharon Gauthier – Windsor
- Danielle Lutz – New Britain
- Danielle Shapiro – East Hartford

I would also like to thank the clubs (and some individuals) that donated items that were given out:

- New Britain (including a donation from Imperial Trophy) – over 270 items
- East Hartford – personal care items
- Glastonbury – Covid-19 kits
- Enfield - \$400 worth of personal care items which they purchased
- Windsor Locks - \$100 cash (items bought with the donation)
- East Windsor - \$173 cash (Items bought with the donation)
- Windsor – 101 clothing items and 170 personal care items
- Susan Gabrielle (South Windsor) – Handmade scarves
- Christy Shaher (South Windsor) – Handmade face masks

The personal care items included

over 25 different things including socks, winter hats, winter gloves, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, deodorant, underwear, shampoo, soap, lip balm and many other miscellaneous items. These were spread out over three tables from which the Veterans could take from.

Again, thank you to all these volunteers that helped on their own time as well as the clubs that provided donated items. This event was organized on short notice as originally it was not going to be held, and I am very proud of how our district responded.

The event symbolizes our motto of "We Serve" and we helped Veterans that served for us. Again, GREAT JOB Lions!

Manchester Lions Club

The Manchester Lions will be holding an online gourmet popcorn fundraiser from November 30th to December 13th.

Please check it out on our Facebook page: Manchester CT Lions Club or our website: Manchesterlionsclub.org closer to the event.

These will make great holiday gifts for family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors. Let someone know you are thinking about them this holiday season!

All proceeds from this event will go back to the Manchester CT community.



GLT Report

How many of you who are reading this article have visited or District 23B website?

www.e-district.org/sites23b, will take you there, or you can google CT Lions District 23B. It's easy to do.

In addition to providing information about what is happening in the District there is a section that contains Webinars for all the officer positions in your club. If you have an Officer who is unsure of what they are doing, or if there is member who would like to step-up to an officer position these webinars are a wealth of information in not only making your job easier but also educating you about the different officer positions. Each of the webinars is about an hour and you also can forward to the section that you are looking for particular information.

If you are a Club Officer or District Officer looking for more advanced training, I can email you a copy of the Guiding Lion Training program. This program is very beneficial in providing guidance on how to deal with a variety of situations

You all have your Homework Assignment: Review the district website for training webinars, pick one or more out to review. You have until the next District Spirit to complete your assignment.

The next District spirit we will take the big step in viewing webinars on the Lions Club International Website.

Happy Holidays & Stay Safe
Lion Jim Trompeter



Marlborough Lions

On Saturday 10/18, Marlborough Lions held our Annual Pancake Breakfast, albeit several months delayed and with a twist of takeout only at the East Glastonbury Fish and Game Club. Customers were steady with hours adjusted to reflect the fact that people were not needing time to dine in, but feasting on chocolate chip, blueberry, and plain pancakes, as well as ham and sausages. This event was the first since the pandemic hit and people were in general supportive of our efforts.

The following weekend on Sunday 10/25, our 3rd Annual Marlborough Masquerade 5K had a fantastic turnout with eighty-one pre-registered runners and seventy-four actual runners. Runners were encouraged to dress in costumes

with the winners receiving Amazon gift cards for Funniest-Devised Eggs, Scariest-Michael Myers (who carried a pumpkin the entire way), Overall-Road Runner, and Best Group to Harry Potter family receiving a gift card to the Marlborough Tavern.

Top Male and Top Female racers were confirmed at that time, and received massage gift certificates. Due to CT state guidelines, there was no formal award ceremony, and results were posted online within a few days. Runners and spectators were respectful of social distancing, wearing masks when not running, and we had an overall successful event.

Saturday 11/7, Marlborough Lions partnered with Orphan Grain Train

to collect durable medical equipment, including blood pressure cuffs, stethoscopes, a lift chair, hospital bed, and multiple commodes, walkers and wheelchairs for dispersal both locally as well as nationally and internationally. Items are fixed up as needed, and if unusable (rust or damaged beyond repair) they are recycled. We plan on having future drives in conjunction with them.

Future engagements include a hygiene drive for our Food Bank on Saturday 12/5 at Town Hall from 10a-12p, a pending Superbowl Roses sale, and hopefully a spring Pancake Breakfast and Race Round the Lake 5K (barring any pandemic interference).



Environmental Projects

Lion Krishna Kandel

Lions Dist. 23B/MD 23 Environment Chair

I hope you are all doing well during this difficult time. Lions are always ahead of others in service and we have proved that during Covid-19 Pandemic across the globe.

I am Lion Krishna Kandel, Lions District 23B and MD 23B Environment Chair. I am writing this email to share with you as to what we environment projects we could safely do in each of our towns following CDC and state guidelines.

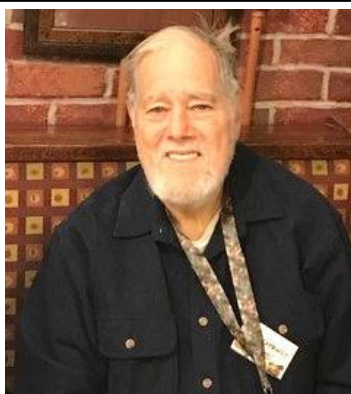
I have attached attached a "One Hundred Service Ideas" flier I copied from LCI website.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/v2/resource/download/102881106%20>

While the CoronaVirus is surging in our state please see the flier and projects (under Environment

heading) that your club could do safely, e.g. on the Environment heading, #24, #27, #28, #32, #34. It's just my thoughts. You may have your own environment related projects that suits your club. I would be pleased to hear from you when you do any environment related project and would be happy to be with you and your club in service.

Thank you all.



A Lion Has Passed

We lost one of our longest serving members on October.25, Lion John Lombardi. Lion John had been an active member of the Windsor Lions Club for 43 years. He was always at his best when Windsor Lions did events on the Town Green. Lion John began the extremely successful Lions Spring Plant Sale, and donated the commercial popcorn machine that the Windsor community was always happy to see during concerts on the Green. Lion John served as club President in 1987. He was the king of one liners, and had a roar much worse than his bite. He will be sadly missed by family, friends, the entire Windsor community and fellow Lions. It will not be possible to replace Lion John in our club but we may be able to follow in his footsteps through service to our community. Let us all have that as our goal.

Windsor Lions President Jim Pfeifer

(left: Lion John Lombardi)

Zone 2 Report

Jim Trompeter, Zone 2 Chair

The clubs in Zone 2 are working through the COVID Pandemic. The clubs in this particular Zone have somewhat of advantage since they are located in less densely populated areas than the Hartford County Clubs. Meetings have been a mixture of both Virtual and In-Person. Recent new guidelines may affect some change. All of the clubs have remained active in some manner. All have done some form of service within their community and others have done fundraisers in a creative fashion.

Bethlehem has been active with the Community Services Group in their community. They also participated in a Trunk or Treat at the Fairgrounds, and a Drive In Movie. **Litchfield** held a Car Parade Car Show with over one-hundred cars participating. This was a great event that was supported and much appreciated by the town. The Club

ran a Super Raffle in September, selling out the 1000 ticket allotment (\$20.00) / ticket in less than a month. Thirty prizes were raffled over thirty days, ranging in value from 250.00 to 500.00. This was a huge success for the club. Contact John Bongiorno to learn more.

New Milford has been active in assisting community services and providing assistance to Senior citizens in the town. The club has helped distribute food in the town through the Food Distribution conducted by the Terryville club.

Kent is coordinating a Food Drive on November 14. They participated in the Halloween drive through. The club has been involved in the Food Distribution program organized by Terryville and have been supportive of the town's Food Bank.

Watertown : Had a great golf tournament this fall, has been supportive of community services in town, working on kicking off Kids

Sight first after the first of the year.

Washington: Had a successful Lobster Sale, and is working on kicking off Kid's Sight First.

Woodbury: The club has been active in helping out at the Food Bank, and has been a participant in the Food distribution program hosted by Terryville. The Woodbury Club hosted its first ever Golf Tournament, which was a great success, held a fun filled Haunted Walk on Halloween, and are making preparations for the Christmas Eve Luminaires.

As you can see, the clubs in Zone 2 have been active in raising some funds and helping their communities. A big thank you to Terryville from the Clubs in Zone 2 for Organizing and Hosting the Food Distribution program.

A Happy and Healthy Holidays to All, and Stay Safe!



Lion Around Connecticut

With Lions Carol Kearns and Harry Schuh

We are well into our 7th year of producing "Lion Around CT with Carol and Harry" and have continued airing our weekly show during the pandemic.

Our show is aired on four cable access TV stations: Charter Communications (Newtown), Cablevision (Litchfield), Charter Communications (Willimantic), and Nutmeg (Farmington). We are also airing on YouTube. To watch "Lion Around CT with Carol and Harry" online, you can subscribe to Nutmeg TV on YouTube at www.YouTube.com/NutmegTelevision on. You can also access our playlist directly at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVHmFM06IZKxGruhD6iUjIAT2J7Y-ltW4>.

Listed below are our last eleven shows. Show 371 was the conclusion of the District Governor Awards Breakfast for Zones 5 – 7, which was held at Maneeley's Banquet Facility in South Windsor. On July 17, 2020, the Terryville Lions sponsored an extremely successful food produce giveaway at their fairgrounds. It was so popular that it took us more than a half-hour just to enter the fairgrounds for this event! Our next four shows featured the District 23B 2nd VDG 2020-2021 Candidate Forum, which provided our three candidates the opportunity to present themselves to all our district members. We were honored to have LCI 1st International Vice-President Douglas X. Alexander as our guest at Dunkin' Donuts Park in Hartford for an informative LCIF seminar. Presenters were PDG Keith Lemire, PCC Hilary Kumnick, PDG David Yadach, and ID Mark Lyon. Finally, we showed Part 1 of the Childhood Cancer Webinar hosted by Lion Meredith Spector and featuring her son Dr. Logan G. Spector, Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota and Dr. Nina Kadan-Lottick, MD, MSPH from the Yale School of Medicine.

Below are the titles for our latest shows 371 - 381:

The Lions' Roar

The next two deadlines for The Lions' Roar are December 10, 2020 and January 10, 2021. Please send your event notices in a text format (we do not publish flyers) to D23BLionsRoar@gmail.com.

You should submit all events your club has planned through at least the end of that issue's month (for the January issue, we want everything from December 15, 2020 through the end of March 2021).

371	District 23B Governor Ev Lyons Zones 5 – 7 Awards Breakfast Part 4
372	Terryville Lions Food Produce Giveaway
373	District 23B 2nd VDG 2020 – 2021 Candidate Forum Part 1
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376	District 23B 2nd VDG 2020 – 2021 Candidate Forum Part 4
377	LCIF Seminar Dunkin' Donuts Park Part 1
378	LCIF Seminar Dunkin' Donuts Park Part 2
379	LCIF Seminar Dunkin' Donuts Park Part 3
380	LCIF Seminar Dunkin' Donuts Park Part 4
381	MD23 Lions Childhood Cancer Webinar Part 1

We look forward to videorecording Lions events onsite once again after the state has reopened. Please continue to enjoy our new weekly shows.

Be safe!

Lion Carol Kearns and PDG Harry Schuh



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The District 23B Spirit

Our next issue of the District 23B Spirit is March 1, 2021. The deadline for all ads and articles is February 10, 2021.

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). We need pictures of collection boxes! PLEASE!

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

Hartland Lions Club

2020 continues to be a difficult year which has only heightened the need for Lions to step forward. Changing events to keep up with the CDC and state guidelines and regulations have been interesting to say the least.

The Hartland Election Day Bake Sales has become an expected event for the community so we were not going to let this little virus stop us. Fortunately, the weather, despite a little surprise snow, cooperated on Election Day so the sale could be moved outdoors and was again a success thanks to all who baked their specialty cakes, pies, breads, cookies and other treats. Thanks to all bakers and purchasers. Also thank you for the opportunity for the, though brief, chance to ask How Are You

Coping? Are there any needs you have?

A tradition of serving senior, not only throughout the year, but particularly at our much anticipated free SENIOR DINNER, at first seemed impossible. Not only the good food, but most of all the fellowship would be missed without be able to gather safely. We maybe could not provide the same fellowship time but we certainly could provide the GOOD FOOD. Pot Roast and all of the fixings and sides via grab and go or delivery to 53 grateful neighbors and friends who were thrilled to be remembered. It also gave us another opportunity to ask How Are You Coping! Are there any needs you have? These events gave us a little time to

get a peek as to how our seniors were coping with COVID. Were they practicing safety, were there any needs we could assist with?

As the holiday season approaches remember your loved ones, neighbors, and those in need. Enjoy each moment whether it be via zoom, facetime, Facebook, or the old-fashioned phone call. Try to include those who are alone. Above all be thankful, be safe and to BE KIND!

So, in closing, HAPPY HOLIDAYS from our little club on the hill where bears devour pumpkins and birds chase squirrels from feeders.

Stay Safe
Be Kind
Be thankful

New Britain Lions

Here is how New Britain Lions Club have been staying busy serving community and current fundraisers happening now.

October - Organizer Lion Stephanie Frank starts planning, shopping and execution of Annual Warm the Children event. She has been instrumental in the process. Donations welcome.

Lions partner with HRA New Britain to help distribute food boxes on multiple days directly to community.

November - Organizer Lion Nick Augustino helps club kick off Annual Poinsettia Sale. Orders being accepted now.



(right) A couple of pictures that show how the New Britain Lions are serving in their community

LIONS CLUB OF NEW BRITAIN NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT ANNUAL POINSETTIA SALE				
Choose from below:		Colors Available:		
SMALL - 6 inch Pot (3 Plants)	\$11.00	RED or WHITE		
MEDIUM - 7 inch Pot (3 Plants)	\$22.00	RED or WHITE		
LARGE - 8 inch Pot (3 Plants)	\$33.00	RED or WHITE		
Name _____	ORDER FORM			
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Phone Number _____				
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<small> All orders, with payment, must be in by: Thursday, December 3, 2020. Make Checks Payable to: LIONS CLUB OF NEW BRITAIN. Cash orders and checks to: Lion Club Headquarters, P.O. Box 3553, New Britain, CT 06053. Call or phone 860-251-1480. Ask for: Nick. </small>				
<small> Orders of 10 or more plants in each category must be delivered (800-251-1480). If requesting delivery, please deliver to: _____ The delivery date will be Thursday, December 3, 2020. </small>				
<small> Delivery is \$2.00 per plant or plant set. Delivery is \$10.00 after 5:00 PM on all the Eastern Shore. Call: Dwight Street, New Britain 06053. Telephone: 860-251-1480. </small>				
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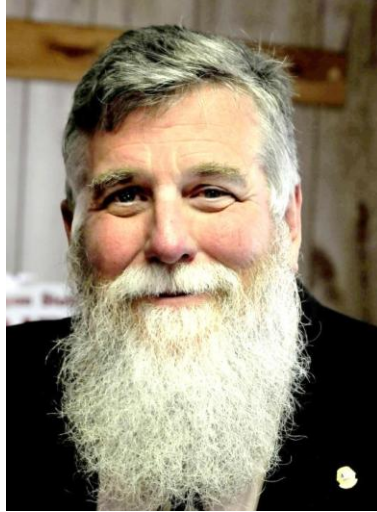
PDG John Youney

Endorsed Candidate for International Director

[Editor's note: SD41 PDG John Youney is the endorsed candidate for International Director, to be voted on at the 2021 International Convention in Montreal, Canada. This article is edited from his October and November campaign updates]

Just a short note from the new campaign site - my house since most of my campaigning is digital nowadays. Never ever thought that I would be learning to become a Zoom-er! But it is the way we are all connecting nowadays. Some states are opening up activities. For example, MD 23 CT is having a weekend LCIF fundraising dinner event Friday night followed by seminars on Saturday at Dunkin Stadium in Hartford, but even that is limited to a total of 100 people each day. They do have a great presenter - First IVP Doug Alexander on his first event outside of his home state of New York since C-19 began locking us down. Holding the event outside works in CT just as it did for Lion Bunny, DG/PGD, and all of us in Maine's SD 41 at the first Cabinet meeting a couple of weeks ago. And speaking of that meeting - was not that great? Thank you to the Manchester Lions for pulling off a great, and outdoor, venue and a delicious breakfast. And a special thank you to all of you Lions who remained masked except when eating. The best fun for me was that I had the pleasure of recognizing, and in some cases awarding, 26 new Melvin Jones Fellows and Progressive MJFs. Their dedication to your Foundation is what allows LCIF to continue to serve here and worldwide during this pandemic. It was so rewarding to be able to recognize this giving so publicly.

Since mid-March, Karol and I, like most of you, have been hunkered down. We all thought sure that this too will have passed by now. As the autumn has seen either a second surge or just more of the first surge, we find that this will continue to some indefinite point when a



vaccine is in place. So the campaign continues in "virtual", just as many of you are doing.

The response has been tremendous from all over Maine and New England - Thank you all for your support.

On October 24, the New England Lions Council that was to have been in southern Maine was held entirely by Zoom since the Maine governor (the political one!) said Rhode Islanders still could not come to Maine without a two-week quarantine here in Maine, and had only allowed Massachusetts residents entry a few days earlier. The officers and directors pivoted early and set up a great session for the day. The highlight was LCI 2VP Lion Brian Sheehan appearing by Zoom. His message reminded us that all Lions do worldwide starts right here in our home clubs. And, while we all dread "membership" he did give us the news that NAMI is the model of the future as while CA I and II are the current focus, CA IV Europe as well as Japan and Australia are in the same trajectory as North America. Our work here will be replicated throughout the world.

The joy of participating in these districts', and the others I have been attending, inner operations is amazing. Last year, the campaign committee with Karol and I were

able to participate in the big district events of mid-winters and conventions. We met local Lions and the international guests both. It was great fun. But this involvement is just as important and rewarding to me!

My home District, SD41, is scheduled for an in-person cabinet meeting this Sunday, November 15. We shall see! Even last year, 41 had gone "virtual" with both Zoom and Iphone apps just due to the long distances between that bridge in Kittery and the potato fields of Aroostook County. That is in place, and we may have more there than in-person. And given the sudden ramp-up of positivity, and our state governor's strict controls, I would not be surprised to see our fifty-person reduced limit halved again, or even less by then. Again, the current reality of Lionism.

And on that note: Lions are in the people business, whether we are at the front door of our clubhouses, or on the street doing service. But, what of the Lions looking at our backdoor? Many of us are past 60! Some of my club's members are in their 80s and still active. But, during this pandemic, they do not feel safe working a project. Or, attending a meeting. And, some do not have Zoom capacity, or so they think. Talk to them! There a project tasks that they can do from home, with only pen/paper and a phone. And, your more tech-savvy members can show them how to participate virtually, even only by phone audio! Let's keep those Lions feeling needed, wanted and valuable. Keep that back door closed!

Remember - Montreal 2021!
Register now! Please!



**Lions Clubs
International**

New Voices

Dr. Akella Sarma, District New Voices Chair

What is New Voices program:

Gudrun Yngvadottir, International president in 2018-2019 launched the program to celebrate women's contributions and promote gender parity within the lions club international.

In 2019 Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, international president expanded the program to include young adults and other underrepresented population to increase the diversity within the lions clubs.

The Objective: To create a forum for the underrepresented to share their stories, ideas, and innovations, so all the lions can benefit.

New Voices Nominees: Every year the District Governors recognize diverse group of lions for their contribution in the areas of Service, Membership, Leadership and Membership.

This year's Nominees are:

Service—Lion Christine Kurtz: As a member of the Glastonbury Centennial Lions club, service is her passion. She said "when I became an empty nester and wanted to dedicate my free time to an organization that focuses on service The Lions fit the bill".

She is an enthusiastic and dedicated service organizer at her club.

Membership—Lion Raj Shrestha:

A member of the Hartford County Everest Centennial Lions Club. He excels in all areas of lionism but passionate about membership drive. He is a leader in District 23B. Last year he helped start two lions clubs and a Leo's club.

Leadership—Lion Tracy Dubois

She is a Terryville Lions club member. She attended a Lions Club meeting with her fiancé. She was impressed with the work lions do, and joined the club that her great uncle was a member of. Tracy became a single mom at the age

of 18, and was struggling to care for herself and a child with a low paying job. She was dependent on her parents. With the generosity of a stranger, she obtained a degree. She is independent now.

With the pedigree of lionism and personal experiences, she is a natural leader.

Marketing—Lion Allan Hill

A member of Hartland lions club for the past 9 years. After his wife's surgery and prolonged recovery, family was facing large Hospital bill. He received assistance from the Hartland lions club. He was impressed with the generosity of lions and the service they provide for the community. He decided to become a lion. He held several leadership positions and currently is a zone chair. He is recognized for his Marketing skills.

Congratulations to this year's nominees. They will be happy to mentor others. Please invite them to you club and zone meetings to hear their stories and share their expertise.

Please visit [wesreve.org/ New Voices/](http://wesreve.org/NewVoices/)

(right) 1st VDG Ed Fenton receiving his Knight of the Blind award from SG Heidi Zacchera



(above) East Hartford Lion Danielle Shapiro receives a District Appreciation pin from DG Heidi Zacchera

East Hartford Lions Club

The East Hartford Lions Club recently held their first in person, socially distanced meeting, since the start of the Pandemic. Three individuals received recognition for their service to Lions and the East Hartford Community.

Lion Danielle Shapiro was presented a District Appreciation Pin by Heidi Zacchera, the District Governor of District 23B. Lion Ed Fenton, a Past President of the East Hartford Lions, and the current 1st Vice-District Governor of District 23B, was presented the Knight of the Blind Award by DG Zacchera. And Lion Gary Vrooman, recently retired from his optometry office on Burnside Avenue, and an East Hartford Lion for almost 45 years, was presented with the George Precourt Lifetime Achievement Award by Lion President Roberta McIntire-Shapiro, as PDG Lion George Precourt, the Lion for whom the award was named, looked on.

Photos by Lion Linda Russel



(below) Lion Gary Vrooman (left) receives the George Precourt Lifetime Achievement Award with club president Roberta McIntire-Shapiro and PDG George Precourt



Windsor Lions Club

Three years ago, the Windsor Lions working with CRIS Radio, made the history of agriculture in the State of Connecticut come alive for blind, low-vision and print disabled visitors through QR codes. Using a smart phone, the information at each station in the museum is read to visitors through recordings done by Windsor Lions Club members and CRIS Radio.

Throughout this entire project, Andrea Guidice and her guide dog have given suggestions to make this ongoing project even more successful. This year, in honor of "Blind Americans Equality Day," taking into account information from Guidice, permanent additions to the museum allow visitors to experience information through touch and smell. Guidice, always emphasizes, "We all need to utilize our strengths to the fullest." Also, tactile tobacco leaves have been painted on the museum floor to remind all visitors of proper social distancing. Another addition to the Tobacco Museum project is the construction of two ADA accessible ramps that Windsor Lion 1st VP Jim Daniels, constructed. These ramps have been installed at the museum with the help of Club President Jim Pfeifer. Museum Curator, Jill Fahey, Guidice were consulted on this project.

Plans are already in place for additional projects that the Windsor Lions can do to make the Tobacco Museum more accessible. The Windsor Lions are dedicated to providing equality and a fair, safe learning environment for all museum visitors. The Tobacco Museum, located in Northwest Park on 145 Lang Rd. Windsor, is open to visitors on Thursday, 12:00-4:00, Friday and Saturday 10:00-4:00.



Warm the Children

The New Britain Lion Club, in conjunction with the New Britain Herald, is meeting the challenge of children-in-need without warm winter clothing with their "Warm the Children" drive.

The Herald has been promoting the effort. Asking their readers to donate money or time to the effort, noting that all the money received will go to the purchase of clothing, with the administrative costs being absorbed by the Herald.

The Warm the Children Committee will identify the children in the community who are in need of winter apparel, and provides the names and contact information to the local coordinators. These coordinators make arrangements with local stores and social services agencies and assign volunteers to take families shopping for their winter clothing.

The Warm the Children fund started in 2003, and in its 17th year, has already furnished over 10,000 children with warm winter clothing. This year, they have already raised over \$22,000, including a \$10,000 federal grant. The goal this year is to raise enough to clothe 850 children

For those wishing to make a cash donation to the Warm The Children campaign, you can make your checks out to "Warm the Children Fund of New Britain" and send them to The Lions Club, Warm The Children Fund, P.O. Box 1933, New Britain CT 06050. You can also donate by credit card by calling (860) 966-2031, Monday through Friday between 9am and 4pm.

You can also volunteer by calling (860)-255-4601 and leaving a message. A coordinator will contact you. Volunteer positions include being a shopper with families.



Windsor Lions Breakfast A-GoGo

When restrictions on inside gatherings and dining prevent the Windsor Lions from holding their pancake breakfasts, they turned it around into their first contactless "Breakfast Sandwich A-GoGo".

On December 5, from 8 to 11am, at the LP Wilson Senior Center, 599 Matianuck Avenue in Windsor, the Lions will be selling breakfast sandwiches—egg and cheese, bacon, egg and cheese, and sausage, egg and cheese—in a contactless drive-through.

For \$8, you receive your choice of sandwich and a cup of coffee, with all proceeds going to the club's Project Santa effort.

For more information, contact Lion Cindy Daniels, 860-836-0280 or cldressage@gmail.com.

Woodbury Lions Club

With the pandemic scrapping all three of our regular fundraisers, we looked at different ways to fill our foundation accounts. Our first new event was a golf tournament, held at the Highfield Club in Middlebury. Originally planned for October 13, stormy weather forced us to use our rain date, October 20. Thanks to the players and sponsors who helped to make this event a success, and we're considering doing it again last year.

To replace our Haunted Hayride, we held a Haunted River Walk at Hollow Park in Woodbury. Again, weather worked against us, causing us to cancel the October 30 walk, but the October 31 event was sold out.

Next up is the annual Luminaria Display on Christmas Eve, with over 8000 glowing bags placed a socially distanced 6-feet apart along Main Street in Woodbury.

Barkhamsted Lions Club



ECAD Lions Club Branch members along with Zone Chair Alan Hill, Barkhamsted Club Liaison Jackie Martin and Terryville Lions Club Advisor Sue Boilard have helped host three "Home for the Weekend" 2-day sessions to train certified home handlers who bring service dogs to their homes for the weekend to give them experience living in different homes.



Barkhamsted Lions Club was designated as the Town of Barkhamsted's USDA Farmers to Families food box distribution coordinator and the club has held six separate distribution events with members of the ECAD Lions Club Branch, Barkhamsted Senior Center Lions Club Branch, Northwestern Connecticut Cyber Lions Club and Winsted Lions Club supporting all six events.



ECAD Lions Club Branch members participated in their second Educated Canines Assisting with Disabilities (ECAD) donor envelope stuffing service project on November 4th.



Barkhamsted Lions and Northwestern CT Cyber Lions partnered with the Barkhamsted Senior Center and the Riverton Vol. Fire Department to host a Halloween Drive-Thru for the community where residents drove through the parking lot to get bags of candy, cans of soda and received prizes for best costumes. A fun time was had by all!

Windsor Locks Lions Club

The Windsor Locks Lions Club and their Ambulance Corps participated in a "Halloween Drive Thru Trunk or Treat" event that was sponsored by the town's Youth Services Bureau.

Along with other town organizations such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Little League, Dollars for Scholars, and Woman's Club, the event took place at the High School parking lot on October 28 to serve as a replacement for door to door trick or treating.

Only one gloved and masked individual from each organization was allowed to distribute the treats that were prepacked in sealable

sandwich bags.

Club President Cindy Cooper passed out over 250 treat packets to the costumed kids, which included three mini candy bars and a flyer identifying the Club as the source, and a note to parents/guardians asking if they would be interested in learning more about the Lions organization.

(right) Trunk or Treat – Windsor Locks President, Lion Cindy Cooper, is all set to hand out treat packets to over 250 Trick or Treaters.



LEOs Are NOW

*By Lion Cindy Daniels
District Lions Chair*

Recently, during a webinar I watched featuring Leo Advisory Board members, International Vice President Douglas Alexander spoke to the Leos, most of whom he knew quite well from Leo clubs near his home club, Brooklyn Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club. VP Alexander used the phrase, "Leos Are Now." as he referred to the Leos. Each month a short article will demonstrate why, we in District 23B totally agree with VP Alexander's statement.

This month, two Leos attended the Cabinet meeting at the Terryville Fairgrounds. With the full support of DG Heidi, responding to feedback from Mid-Winter Conference, 2020, Leos indicated that they wanted a shared understanding of Leo and Lions' service. Leo Elle Birkenruth, President of the Avon Leo Club, spoke to us about her love of service and the opportunity she took to run a Leo Virtual Classroom this summer. Her audience for this virtual presentation was international, and Leo Elle got very positive feedback on her discussion of what service meant to her and her Leo Club. Leo Maddox Rach, Co-President of the Northwestern Connecticut Cyber Leos, spoke about her participation in the Great Cycle Challenge. Leo Maddox was the only Leo in Connecticut to participate in this fundraiser for pediatric cancer, and rode 100 miles, raising over \$600.00 in memory of a childhood friend who died of cancer at age 9.

District 23B highlights the Terryville Leos who, continuing to meet using Google Classroom, have looked at loneliness as one of the great problems facing folks during the pandemic. Terryville Leos have written and received "Pen Pal" notes from nearby nursing homes, created door tags to tell folks they are missed, and are doing a project named "Walk with a Soldier." Leos are provided with names of servicemen and women who have

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graduated from Terryville High School. They create care packages with special items and send these to active duty service personnel on a regular basis.

We have wonderful, creative, service orientated Leos, Leo Advisors and Liaisons here in District 23B. I will continue to highlight them throughout the year. Let me know what your Leos are doing. We need to know our Leos and they need to know us. "Leos Are Now."



Winsted Lions Club

The club donated money to the recreation department for their sponsored trunk or treat

We are providing full Thanksgiving dinner for family of 7 - from Salvation Army

If the Salvation Army is able to do bell ringing/red kettle collecting, we will volunteer our time

We are also planning a Christmas house decorating contest for Winsted residents- more information to follow

When Batcheller School reconvenes, we will see about doing the eye screens

And we will be doing eye screening for our Cub Scout troop 1027 in the near future