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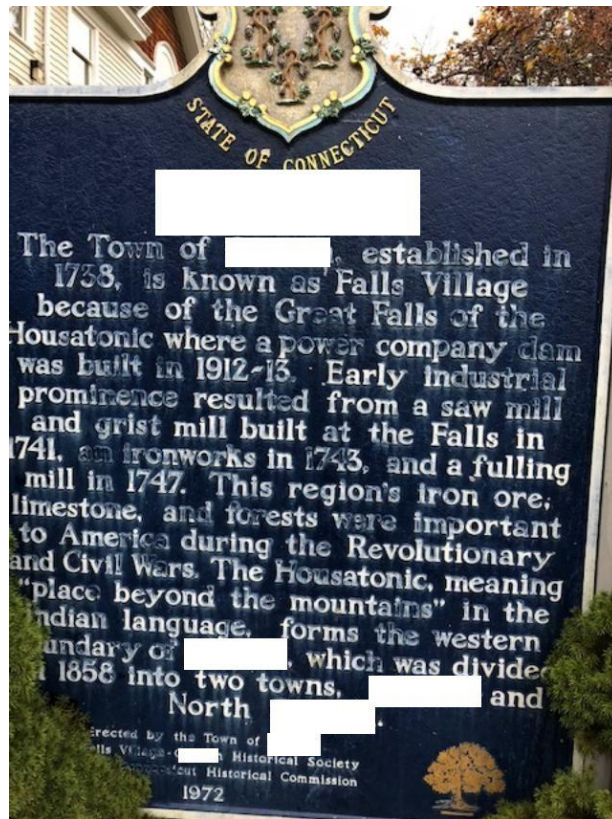
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## What Town Is This?



There were no correct guesses (actually, no guesses at all) for last month's challenge, which was the town of **BERLIN**. This month, we have another challenge, one that we hope will bring in a few responses.

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.

Send your entries to [District23BSpirit@gmail.com](mailto:District23BSpirit@gmail.com). The first correct response wins!

Our thanks go to PDG Dave Yadach for creating this game, which has been entertaining and educating us for nearly two years.

*The Spirit Team*

## DG Ed Fenton

Hello Lions! I hope everyone has/had a wonderful Thanksgiving! For me, Thanksgiving is all about enjoying time with your Family, eating too much Food, and watching Football all day!

**CLUB VISITS:** I've had the pleasure of meeting with thirty-four clubs so far in Hartford and Litchfield counties. It's been wonderful hearing about all the projects our Lions have completed, and have planned for the future.

In addition to official visits; I've seen turkey shoots, food/meal events, a cornhole tournament, blood drives, eaten too much fried dough, and been to many other activities. The Winsted Lions had their annual Halloween Party after missing last year and it was a fun night!

**SERVICE:** District 23B Lions continue to serve at a high level and are reporting more than ever. We have 53% of our clubs that have reported at least one activity in MyLion which surpasses the total number from last year. Hopefully we can get more clubs involved in reporting over the next few months.

Everyone is doing a fantastic job with service projects and fundraisers! Our clubs have emerged from the worst of the pandemic and re-engaged as community leaders. I expect that by the end of December we will have reported more service activities than all of last year. Many clubs have started doing eye screenings again which is one of our signature events.

Total activities reported: 531

Service projects reported: 203

Volunteer hours: 11,482

People served: 49,131

Dollars raised: \$227,747

Dollars donated: \$99,893



I would like to encourage all clubs to report their service in addition to fundraisers, donations, and meetings in MyLion. If you have any questions about activity reporting, please reach out to GST Chair Phyllis Perry, CS Pat Daigle, or Lion Lizette Pelletier. Any of them will be happy to guide you through the process.

**MEMBERSHIP:** At the time of this writing, overall membership in the district is up by 14 Lions! As you look for new members, please keep in mind the goal of diversity in our clubs and invite all members of your community to become Lions.

I'm sure when you speak with potential new members you tell them about all the wonderful things your club does. A great thing to include in your presentation to a potential member is to ask them what they are passionate about, what would they like to bring to the club. By being open minded and listening to prospective members right from the start it has the potential to bring different ideas to your club and energize your members.

Asking potential members about their thoughts and ideas shows them they will be included in the club immediately and will give them more incentive to join. People want to be part of a club where they are engaged and included.

**2022 MD23 MELVIN JONES DINNER:** Connecticut will be hosting a Melvin Jones Dinner on

Saturday night, February 26th, as part of the Mid-Winter Conference at the Southbury Wyndham! This will be a chance for your club to present Melvin Jones awards as part of a statewide celebration.

The highlight of this event is the awards will be presented by Past International President J. Frank Moore, III! It is not often Lions have the opportunity to meet a PIP so please consider presenting your awards at this time. Cost for the dinner is \$40.00 per person and a registration flyer will be available soon.

In order to coordinate the awards, we plan to send in all the applications at one time as a district. **For this event only**, the applications for any Melvin Jones award, as well as any donation being made to LCIF, should be sent to Lion Linda Russell who will be coordinating all of the awards for District 23B. Linda needs to have the paperwork and any checks by December 31st. Her mailing address is 76 Crestwood Trail, East Hartford, CT 06118.

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S BREAKFASTS:** At this time, we are planning to have in-person breakfasts again in March. Each club will have the opportunity to recognize one Outstanding Lion and present one Rose Amanda Freeman Selfless Service award. Details are being finalized and you can expect to receive more information in early January.

**MLK BOOK DRIVE:** I'm excited about all the positive feedback I've heard during my club visits about our book drive. I'd like to again encourage all clubs to participate and donate as many books as possible to your local libraries, school libraries, day care centers, and/or family shelters. The hope is to have these books in front of as many young children as possible.

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## DG Ed

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### HAND-IN-HAND-IN-SERVICE:

Please remember that your district leadership is here for only one reason-To support you as you support your communities. Please reach out if you would like extra help at any event. Out Kindness Matters Co-Chairs (PDG Marianne Bannan, Lion Susan Gabriele), Zone Chairs, Vice-District Governors, and all Cabinet Members are more than happy to help out with anything you need.

**PUBLICITY:** We would love to help advertise your events on the District website and the Facebook page. Please continue to send your club event flyers to IT Chair Linda Russell ([lindarus@hotmail.com](mailto:lindarus@hotmail.com)).

As we move into December I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season!

DG Ed

## Hartford Diversity Lions Club

The Hartford Diversity Lion Club participated with twelve other District 23B clubs in the past few months, making donations of glasses cases, first aid kits, clothing and personal care items, and winter items, and helping where needed. The clubs were Bristol, Canaan Northwest, East Hartford, East Windsor, Hartford Evening, Hartland, Harwinton, Marlborough, South Windsor, Torrington and Windsor. Thanks go out to those who assisted with us, including DG Ed Fenton, 2nd VDG Peter Nevers, PCC Ev Lyons, PDG Bobby Clark, and Lions John Mahoney, Josephine Franzo, Lesbia Gelbach, Susan Gabriele, Joanel Hutchinson, John Habif, Cindy Daniels, Jim Daniels, Deb Delucia, Al Stalb and Suzie Stalb.

We also held a pickup pasta brunch on October 24 as a fundraiser for the club.

## NAMI CHAMP

### North American Membership Incentive / GMA – Global Membership Approach

Goals: To rejuvenate the district with new clubs. To re-motivate existing members with fellowship and exciting service. To revitalize clubs with new members

Out of the 43 clubs who signed up for the Incentive Plan last year: 25 have attained at least two new members, 2 clubs brought in 1 and 14 clubs still need to attain their goal.

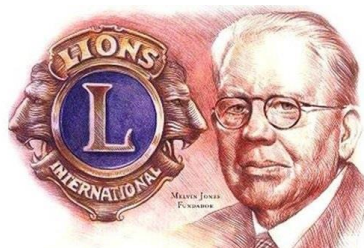
I am available to assist clubs to gain new members, and motivate your membership and leaders.

As I said earlier this year, I would LOVE for clubs to plan and advertise a service project and ask the community to help you with it.

I am willing to work alongside you to talk to the volunteers about Lions, and see if they have an interest in joining you. All you need is to get one new member and you'll see it can easily expand to more members.

New members breathe new life, energy, enthusiasm, ideas, and more into a club. Especially now with Covid, people are looking for something to do. Don't be afraid to ask those you come in contact with.

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## Waiver of Entrance Fees

Dear Club Leader,

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to impact the work of Lions and communities around the world, creating challenges for our clubs and the people we care for. Throughout this global crisis, Lions have continued to safely serve because the needs have been so great.

To help ensure that clubs are able to meet the growing needs in our communities, the International Board of Directors passed another resolution to make it easier to invite new members to serve with us.

Here is an overview of the new resolution approved by the Board of Directors:

Charter and entrance fees waiver – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from January 1 through June 30, 2022. Charter and entrance fees are also currently waived through December 31, 2021.

Please note that clubs should pay any outstanding balances right away to stay in good standing and avoid being placed on financial suspension on November 15.

We know that every member matters, to our clubs, to our communities and to the lives we touch as Lions. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity, and together, we will overcome this.

Thank you for sharing the joy of being a Lion, and for your outstanding service and commitment to our communities and the world.

Yours in Service,

Douglas X. Alexander  
International President



# District-wide Training Opportunity

*Jim Trompeter Global Leadership District 23B*

Change is often beneficial. But with change comes new ways of doing things. 3 years ago, how often did you buy online, compared to what you are doing now. I am sure that many of you in 2018 were not even sure what the Zoom Program entailed. In 2021 I will bet most of you have used Zoom and are proficient in its use. This past year we have shown a strong increase in our membership throughout the District. Many of the new members that have joined us will be our Club and District leaders within a short time. In the past we would decide in May who our officers are going to be and we give them a quick training on how to be Treasurer, Secretary or President and I am sure most of the clubs tell their new officers and new members we have always done it this way. What worked in the past is not necessarily good for the future.

At the urging of some of the Zone Chairs and our District Governor I have been asked to put together a Training Program for Club Members and Officers, who are either in line to take on additional responsibilities or are interested in what opportunities exist at either the Club or District level.

All training will be done by accessing on line seminars, you can take these as your time permits. Courses will be made available through 3 websites:

## The District website:

[www.e-district.org/sites/23b](http://www.e-district.org/sites/23b)

This site will contain Webinars & Resources with information pertaining to each Club Officer's position. There is also another section that outlines the responsibilities of the Standing committees in each club

## Lions International Website

[www.myapps.lionsclubs.org](http://www.myapps.lionsclubs.org)

To access the learning section of this site you need to set-up a MYLCI Username & password. Some of you may have this already. Once

you are signed in go to the Learning section and click go. Then click on Content library and the courses listed below will be there.

This site presents not only detailed information on Club Officers positions but also offers insights on how to manage your Club and deal with various situations. There are twenty-four courses: select the ones that you have interest in and you feel would be most beneficial

## Listed below are suggested courses:

Club President Learning Path  
Club Secretary Learning Path  
Club Treasurer Learning Path  
Club Officer Training  
Club President Responsibilities  
Club Secretary Responsibilities  
Club Treasurer Responsibilities  
Coaching  
Decision Making  
Delegation  
Effective Listening  
Effective Teams  
Goal Setting  
Managing Change  
Meeting Management  
Mentoring  
Succession Planning  
Team Motivation  
The Service Journey  
Time Management  
Promoting Innovation  
Public Speaking  
Roberts Rules of Order  
Working Together

## USA – Canada Forum Lions University

[www.lionsuniversity.org](http://www.lionsuniversity.org)

This website offers the most intensive training of all. After you access the site, you will need to set up a Username and Password. This site offers 3 levels of training:

**Bachelor's Degree: Focusing on Club Leadership**

**Master's Degree: Focusing on District Leadership**

**Doctorate: Senior Level Leadership Training**

If you decide to utilize this site.

Please read through all the requirements to complete your certification. I also ask that you make myself and DG Ed aware if you decide to pursue the Degree Program.

If you have reached this point in reading this article, thank you for your interest. Our purpose is not to bury you with Training Materials but to give you an overview of what is available. Don't try to do everything that is listed, that is not the purpose. Decide what you are looking to do in your next step as a Lion. Whether it is exploring your options, moving into a Club Officers role, or moving forward to a Cabinet position.

This information will be emailed to each Lion in our District in January, we are asking that you take some time during January & February to explore and utilize the courses that are available. We hope to provide some recognition to those that participate at the Awards Breakfasts in March.

I am asking that you email me with what seminars you plan to take, and also let me know when they are completed. I plan to follow-up midway through. If you have any questions or problems accessing the programs or questions about the seminars please contact me and I will walk you through it.

I look forward to working with you on this. I am sure you will find this beneficial not only as a Lion but in your everyday life as well.

Jim Trompeter  
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## LCIF AIDS DISTRICT 23B

"So, what has LCIF done for us?" is a common question whenever this county coordinator speaks before Litchfield Lions Club about our Lions Clubs International Foundation. Well, LCIF has helped us quite a lot.

During my tenure as district governor in LY 2019-2020, LCIF approved grants totaling nearly \$17,000. A COVID 19 Emergency Grant of \$10,000 was used to furnish protective personal equipment to twenty-seven community first responders (fire, ambulance, and police) as well as three area hospitals who were all desperate for the needed types of equipment to keep their staff and community members safe. 100 gallons of sanitizer, 7,500 masks, 18,000 pairs of gloves and Tyvek suits/hoods were distributed upon the requests of local club presidents.

The nearly \$7,000 received under an LCIF Community Impact Grant supported 25 local food pantries with supplies to aid in the fight against food insecurity during this crucial time when so many of our community members were furloughed or laid-off as COVID ravaged businesses of all types. It was estimated that over 500 individuals and families were served under this grant.

Doing KidSight screening? Did you know that LCIF matched funding by CLERF to the tune of \$100,000 to purchase the equipment we now use in MD23? No more waiting to schedule the use of our screening equipment as an impediment to our work in schools.

This year, DG Ed Fenton and the two county coordinators have over \$20,000 available in LCIF assistance thanks to the level of donations our district provided last Lions Year. We are working on determining where our greatest needs are at present. Next year's support will be determined by your generous giving this year.

In total, LCIF has provided over \$176,700 in direct aid to District 23B and provided over \$549,000 in assistance to MD23 of which we have benefitted since 1981. When a Lion asks if LCIF has ever helped the Connecticut Lions in our district, give a resounding "Yes!" and suggest that a contribution of any amount can help to keep that support coming when the need is great.

PCC Ev Lyons  
Litchfield LCIF Coordinator

*Below: East Hartford Lions President Roberta McIntire-Shapiro, Lion David Shapiro, and Lion Linda Russell, getting ready to serve Trick-or-Treaters at Rentschler Field on Halloween 2021.*



*Above: Just some of the many cans and recyclables collected by the East Hartford Lions Club as part of their fundraiser*



## East Hartford Lion Club

The East Hartford Lions Club has been keeping District Governor Ed Fenton's theme of "Hand in Hand in Service" in all that it has been doing this autumn. By the time you see this article in the District Spirit, the Club will have continued its work on recycling cans and bottles to help our environment, had another successful sponsoring and aiding in blood collection for the Red Cross, and had a successful Poinsettia Sale to help fund our many donations to help our community.

The East Hartford Lions also took part in a Trunk or Treat Event at Rentschler Field on Halloween where we distributed 600 bags of candy to some very happy children.

On December 18, 2021, we will again be sharing our gift of food baskets to residents of East Hartford who are in the depths of food insecurity. Prices on everything have gone up, and it looks like a basket of food that would have cost us \$50 last year, may cost as much as \$63 in 2021. So, our efforts to help some of East Hartford's needy will be appreciated more than ever. Because of COVID, as we did last year, we will be using the Moose Family Lodge in East Hartford as our distribution center. Many of the Lions in our club felt their true kinship with Lionism for the first time when they helped out with this project that has been taking place for 4 decades.

Although 2021 has been a challenge, the Lions of East Hartford have been there in service and look forward to a 2022 that will bring us new challenges and new ways that we can make a difference in our town.

We are also asking for your recyclable cans and bottles to support our fundraiser. Contact Lion Steve Crecco at [sacrecco@yahoo.com](mailto:sacrecco@yahoo.com) or 860- 404-5022 for more information.



## Kent Lions Club



Left: Connecticut Antique Machinery Association (CAMA) Fall Festival. Fundraiser. Kent Lions served up hamburgers, hotdogs, fries, and soda to festival attendees. It requires a lot of coordination, cooperation, and commitment each year from the Kent Lions. It is a lot of work and just as much fun! The club raised approximately \$6,500!

Right: Great Cycle Challenge - Three Kent Lions participated and many club members donated. Club President Darlene Brady rode. Lion Bonnie Jo Cheron (pictured) who is currently battling cancer and going through chemotherapy herself raised the most money in the state of CT! Lion George Bently rode 500 miles! All money raised is donated to finding a cure for childhood cancers.



Kent Lions have sold approximately 150 "Lions" brooms to raise money for charity. Lion Dan Gantt has lead this project.



Gilmore Girls Festival Fundraiser. Kent Lions helped serve food to those attending the festival at Club Getaway. Club Getaway donated \$4,000 to The Kent Lions Club for their help with the event! It was an extremely generous donation!



Kent Sidewalk Sale. Kent Lions set up a booth to promote the club and sell "Lions Brooms".!



Left: Five free outdoor concerts were held at the Kent Land Trust for the community throughout the summer. The Kent Lions volunteered to help park cars and direct traffic.

Right: The Kent Lions also hosted two Red Cross blood drives, one in August, and one in October, which each collected over 40 pints of blood.





## Lion Around Connecticut

With Lions Carol Kearns and Harry Schuh

On March 4, 2021 we celebrated our **8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of producing "Lion Around CT with Carol and Harry." We continue to air our weekly show during the pandemic and have just produced show #418.

Our show is aired on five cable access TV stations: Charter Communications (Newtown), Cablevision (Litchfield), Charter Communications (Willimantic), Nutmeg (Farmington) and Skye XIII (Waterbury). 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](http://www.YouTube.com/NutmegTelevision). You can also access our playlist directly at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVHmFM06IZKxGruhD6iUjIAT2J7Y-ItW4>.

We began the Lions 2021-2022 year by airing many of our favorite shows from the past 8 years including CRIS Radio's A Night to Remember, The MD23 State Convention 2021 Necrology Service and District Governor Elect Speeches, District 23B Project See Clearly, Lions Childhood Cancer Webinar, CRIS Radio's Dancin' in the Dark, Dr. Egils Bogdanovics' Diabetes Seminar, Torrington Valerie Manor's Fabulous 50's, and The Woodbury Lions Haunted Barn.

We were pleased to attend two new events during this new 2021-2022 Lions year. We began with the CT Lions 100 Year Celebration on August 28, 2021 at New Britain Bees Stadium. The weather was outstanding as we celebrated 100 years of Lions in CT which included a Parade of Clubs, a visit by special guest International Director John Youney and his wife Lion Karole from Maine, and recorded congratulations from International President Doug Alexander. We then celebrated Halloween with the Winsted Lions on October 29, 2021 at Crystal Peak in Winsted. It was a great night of fun, costumes, and dancing to the 3G band. Guests included DG Ed Fenton and Lion

## The Lions' Roar

The next two deadlines for The Lions' Roar are December 15, 2021 and January 15, 2022. Please send your event notices in a text format (we do not publish flyers) to [D23BLionsRoar@gmail.com](mailto: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 2022 issue, we want everything from December 25, 2021 through the end of February 2022).

Linda Russell, IPDG Heidi Zacchera, GMT Dave Boilard and Lion Sue, and Zone Chair Alan Hill.

413	CT Lions 100 Year Celebration Part 1
414	CT Lions 100 Year Celebration Part 2
415	CT Lions 100 Year Celebration Part 3
417	Winsted Lions Halloween Dance Part 1
418	Winsted Lions Halloween Dance Part 2

We look forward to videorecording new Lions events as the state continues to reopen.

Be safe!

Lion Carol Kearns and PDG Harry Schuh  
Lion Around CT with Carol and Harry – TV Co-Hosts  
November 15, 2021



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## The District 23B Spirit

Our next issue of the District 23B Spirit is March 1, 2022. The deadline for all ads and articles is February 15, 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).

Submit materials for publication to [District23BSpirit@gmail.com](mailto:District23BSpirit@gmail.com) only.



## Barkhamsted Lions Club

October marked the 55th Anniversary of the Barkhamsted Lions Club which was founded by the Winsted Lions Club on October 20, 1966. The club's planned environment service project scheduled to celebrate this special anniversary was rained out, but it has been rescheduled for Earth Day 2022.

Since its founding, Barkhamsted Lions Club has sponsored Hartland Lions Club, Northwestern CT Cyber Lions Club, and the Northwest CT Cyber Leos Club. The club has three branches: ECAD (Educated Canines Assisting with Disabilities), Barkhamsted Senior Center, and Riverton.

The club has been very busy working on one or more service projects every month which has resulted in new members. The club continues to meet both in-person and virtually to allow all members to safely attend.



*Left: District Governor Ed Fenton inducts Alexandra Harper as the 28th member of the ECAD Lions Club Branch. Lion Alexandra is a client of ECAD who moved to Winchester from Nantucket*

*Below: Devin Guerreri is inducted by ECAD Lions Club Branch President Carrie Picard.*



*Below, below right: Barkhamsted Lions Club used their District 23-B Membership Grant to sponsor an Open House at ECAD in Winchester CT. Yard signs were produced for the event and 3 new members were recruited. Over 200 folks attended the event and the event generated over \$3,500 for ECAD.*



*Above: Barkhamsted Lions Club and Northwestern CT Cyber Lions Club continue to partner with other local organizations to co-sponsor monthly Veteran Salutes to honor area veterans. At the October ceremony, veteran Ted Sweeney is honored by Riverton American Legion Post #159 Commander Tim Sweeney.*

*Right: Barkhamsted Lions Club again supported the Friends of Beardsley and Memorial Library book sale fundraiser in Barkhamsted. Members from both Barkhamsted Lions and Northwestern CT Cyber Lions and Leos helped on both days of the event which raised over \$5,000.*





## Harwinton Lions

Harwinton Lions hosted a drive-through breakfast on Nov. 14 to raise money for our scholarship fund. Each year we give two scholarships to Harwinton seniors at Lewis Mills High School. Thanks to all who supported this great cause. We hope to be back in person serving our full pancake breakfast event next year.



## Glastonbury Centennial Lions

The Glastonbury Centennial Lions Club, in conjunction with the River Bend Bookshop (2217 Main St Glastonbury) is holding a book drive to support CT PA 19-12 *An Act Concerning the Inclusion of African American and Latino Studies in the Public School Curriculum*.

All books will be donated to the Welles Turner Memorial Library. A list of suggested books is available at the store.

Books purchased at RIVER BEND can be left with the shop for pick-up by the Lions Club.

In addition, River Bend Bookshop will make a matching donation to the library.

Our club is also planning a drive thru Pasta Dinner in the Spring. More details coming soon.



## New Britain Lions Club 91,000 PAIRS

With the help of some friends, the New Britain Lions Club has completed the sorting and packing of all the used eyeglasses collected by the clubs throughout the District over the past two years. The pandemic prevented them from performing this task last year and so the effort was doubled this time.

It is estimated that a total of 91,000 pairs of useable eyeglasses were sorted and packed for shipment to the Lions Recycling Center in New Jersey. Our good friends at Siricusa Moving and Storage

provided storage, work space and materials and will ship the glasses free of charge to the recycle center. The Terryville Lions Club transported the collected glasses from the collection points to Siracusa's warehouse.

Congratulations to all the clubs that continue to participate in this effort each year and thanks to those clubs that make an effort to pre-sort what they collect and discard anything other than whole, sound eyeglasses before bringing them to the collection point.



*New Britain Lion Anita Skutnik, who serves as District 23B's Zone 7 Chair as well as club 1st Vice President, stands by the last of 15 pallets of eyeglasses gathered by 23B clubs. They represent two years worth of District collections since no sorting could take place in 2020. PCC Lion Alan Daninhirsch, who organizes the sorting each year, estimates that the club will have sorted and packed over 100,000 glasses over a three week period. A local New Britain moving company, Siracusa Moving & Storage, donates the space and also ships the sorted and repacked glasses to New Jersey for cleaning and sizing. They are then sent to those in need in Third World countries.*

## Governor's Breakfasts – Save The Dates

While it's still too early to have all the details, our annual Governor's Awards Breakfasts are scheduled to be in-person.

The event for Zones 1,2,3 and 4 will be held on March 6, and for Zones 5, 6 and 7 on March 13.

Recognition of each club's Outstanding Lion, Rose Amanda Freeman Selfless Service Award, and 100% Secretaries is planned.

More details will be published in upcoming Lions' Roars and will be emailed to club officers.

## Northwestern CT Cyber Lions

The Northwestern CT Cyber Lions Club has been working to sponsor a new Cyber Lions Club which is currently known as the U.S. Ambassadorial Cyber Lions Club Branch. The Branch currently has twenty members who live around the world and Dr. Ina von Ber from La Jolla, California, serves as Branch President.

On September 7th, the Branch sponsored their first major "service" project which was to host a webinar titled "Biden, Russia and China: All Bets are Off" featuring retired U.S. Ambassador to Russia Mike

McFaul, who is now a visiting scholar at Stanford University and a frequent commentator on cable television, and Ian Williams, President of the Foreign Press Association. The purpose of this cyber club and this first webinar is to spread world peace, promote service around the world, and help to educate all on the need for peace as promoted by the United Nations. The club branch is hoping to charter as a new club in the next few months and become the 54th Lions club in District 23-B.



*Above: Northwestern CT Cyber Lions Club partnered with the Royal Coachman Tavern to provide care packages for our troops stationed overseas. Last year, Lion Robert Roberts' unit stationed in the Middle East received a care package from the Tavern and this year his Lions Club is helping to support the project!*

## Woodbury Lions Club

We lost one night of our Haunted Hayride, which took place the last two weekends of October, due to rain, but had almost a record year in spite of that. We've already started planning for next year's Hayride.

On November 16, we held our annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the 1754 House in Woodbury. We collected several hundred pounds of non-perishable goods for the food bank in Woodbury, and presented a check for \$2000 to the Woodbury Community Services Council, which runs both the food bank and the energy assistance program in town.

Now, it's fun time! On Sunday, November 28, we decorate the bandstand on Woodbury's North Green. We have been doing this for many years, and it's the signal that the winter holidays are almost upon us.

We've already been staging supplies and drawing maps for our annual Luminaria Display along Main Street in Woodbury on Christmas Eve. Last year, we had to switch to New Year's Eve because of bad weather, so we're hoping for clear skies this year. This is a highly-anticipated event in the area, and we sell Luminaria kits in several local stores for those who would like to participate, but don't live along Main Street. The Woodbury Lions really light up the town!

## West Hartford Lumbini Lions Club

West Hartford Lumbini Lions Club welcomed District Governor Ed Fenton for his annual visit to their monthly meeting in October and saw three new members inducted. The club now has 40 members under the leadership of Club President Narendra Dev Pant. In addition, the Club recently turned two years old and both Zone Chair

Raj Shrestha and 1st Vice District Governor Dave Roberts were recognized by the club members for their two years of service as Guiding Lions. The club was sponsored by Hartford County Everest Centennial Lions Club and the two clubs still collaborate closely on service projects and fundraising.





## 23B Service Stuff

GST Chair Phyllis W. Perry

### District 23 B

Current LCI Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

#### Activity Level

[All](#)
[District Activities](#)
[Clubs](#)

**40,617**

People Served

**201**

Service Activities Completed

**4,730**

Volunteer Hours

**\$6,191**

Funds Donated(USD)

**\$6,141**

Funds Raised(USD)

### THANK YOU!

Thirty-eight Lion clubs and two Leo clubs in 23B have reported 2020/21 Service projects in MyLion so far for **this** Lions year. The numbers above captured on Nov 15 reflect your reporting efforts.

Here we are just over a quarter of the way through this Lions year with clubs doing many great projects. As Lions, we are all part of the Pride, so let's be proud of our accomplishments by telling our stories of success. It's time for the Lions to Roar. This can be done by sending a news article to your local newspaper and District Spirit newsletter. But, most importantly, make sure your Club's officers are doing the necessary reporting of service projects and membership to Lions Club International (LCI). All

filing of these reports can only be done online.

A Club can appoint a member as Club Service Chairperson or Club Administrator to help the Secretary and President make these reports. Not all elected Presidents and Secretaries are comfortable using a computer or may have internet access. If you are a club member who is comfortable using a computer, ask your President if you can help with making these reports. LCI uses this information when working with other Partners in Service to show Lions Clubs' tremendous hours of volunteering in all areas large and small.

As your District GST, I am proud to note that 72% of Lions clubs are reporting their service projects in MyLion. However, that leaves 28%

still needing to do so. DG Ed has a goal to reach 80% of clubs reporting service projects by year's end. Let's all work together to achieve this benchmark. I can offer training and assistance to your designated club officer(s), so please help us tell the **whole** volunteer story in our district.

### DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. Book Drive

Has your club committed to selecting and donation books to your local library between Nov. 15 and Jan 15? The African American and Latino American themed books can be viewed and downloaded from the district's website:

[www.lions23b.org](http://www.lions23b.org)

Participating in this district-wide book drive can count toward your club achieving the **Service Challenge** patch. See details on the website.

## Enfield Lions Club

*Right: The Enfield Lions shares a picture of the total food Collection from their recent food drive. We also collected \$30 in donations, which will also be given to the Food Shelf & Loaves and Fishes.. Many thanks to all who participated and donated.*



## Glastonbury Centennial Lions

Glastonbury Centennial Lions has partnered with the River Bend Bookshop at 2217 Main St in Glastonbury to promote the MLK Jr. book drive. The book shop will hold purchases and make a matching donation to the Welles Turner Library.

## Windsor Lions Club

The Windsor Lions Club will hold their 2nd Annual contactless drive-through "Breakfast Sandwich A-Go-Go" on Saturday, December 18 at the LP Wilson Community Center, 599 Matianuck Ave in Windsor from 8am to 11am.

For \$8 per person, you receive a cup of coffee, and a choice of one sandwich: egg and cheese, bacon, egg and cheese, or sausage, egg and cheese. Cash, checks or credit cards are accepted.

All proceeds are to benefit Project Santa, a Christmas program for low-income families in Windsor.

For more information, please contact Lion Cindy Daniels at [cldressage959@gmail.com](mailto:cldressage959@gmail.com) or call her at 860-836-0280.



## Blood Drive Update

*Julie Vecchitto, District Blood Drive Chair*

I heard from Philip Porter of the Berlin Lions right after the club completed a blood drive on August 28, the day Lions were celebrating 100 years in Connecticut. Phil, who is also Superintendent for Vendors, Concessions and Amusements at the Berlin Fair, wanted to provide a post-drive report on their efforts, and in the process, he amazed me with the sheer numbers of blood collected. With the Red Cross suffering from a severe blood shortage, the Berlin Lions saved a whole lot of lives with the results of this blood drive. Some impressive statistics and *great* ideas shared by Phil include:

- We had a total of 131 appointments scheduled with 35 first-time donors.
- Everyone left happily with a complimentary pass to the upcoming Berlin Fair as a thank you for being a life-saver.
- We had members stationed at the exit with a signup sheet for a Southington drive that was 56 days out so donors could sign up for their next donation on the spot.
- Our post-drive report from the Red Cross indicated that **we were able to collect 103 usable pints of blood** after everything was said and done.
- I will be following up with Danielle Huntington next week to start the ball rolling on our next drive.

The drive was held at Berlin High School, in honor of a [beautiful little girl named Daniela](#), who needs blood transfusions every three weeks. Phil suggested that if you give people a reason to give, they will step up. I saw that firsthand when, as a Red Cross donor ambassador, I worked at a drive in Burlington in honor of firefighter Colin McFadden, who collapsed at the New Hartford House fire this summer and died a few days later.

In addition to doing everything they

could to get donations and encourage donors to give again, Phil was selfless in his description of the Lions and their efforts to collect blood for Daniela. "I don't think of this as work or effort at all — simply a group of Lions doing what Lions do best...serving. I wish everyone else success with their drives as well, and wanted to share our story with hopes of motivating those that haven't planned one yet, and also to drive those currently planning one."

Please get in touch for more information about serving at a blood drive in your area. Service that saves lives is a very accurate description of what Phil and the Berlin Lions, as well as a growing number of Lions clubs across 23B, are doing, and continue to do. I'd be happy to speak with your club members at a meeting, in person or online, to share information about what's involved in a blood drive service project.





## LEOs are NOW!

*LEOs Chair Cindy Daniels*

The Leos from District 23B have had recruitment events, have installed new Leos and inducted officers. They have made plans, based on need, to serve our District. We also have Leos who are looking forward to becoming Leo/Lions to continue their service after age 18.

Please plan to join Leos from across MD 23 for the Leo portion of Mid-Winter Conference, being held on February 26th, at the Southbury Windham. Many of you have shared your desire to attend this event. Advisors and Leos have offered to help in any way to make this event successful. As soon as the registration form is given to me, I will get it out to Clubs. The Leo Pin Design Contest is underway with a submission date of December 3rd. Contest criteria was previously sent to all Leos, Leo Advisors and Liaisons.

The Swift Leo Club sent recent pictures of their service project for some Fall Fun goody bags. I was honored to do the installation and induction for these Leos.

Happy Holidays everyone and thank you for all you do.



*Above: Installation of Swift LEOs*



*Left: Swift LEOs make goody bags*

## Watertown Lions Club

Our biggest fundraiser will be held Thanksgiving weekend and the first weekend in December.

Trees, wreaths, cemetery boxes and ornaments are for sale from 10am to 4pm in the Adams parking lot on Main Street.

*Below left: A Leo and our youngest Lion helping to unload one of 325 trees.*

*Right: Our Leos helping during the sale.*



## Two Problems, One Solution?

We're all looking for service project that are beneficial and unique. One of the topics that has come up in several discussions is that of helping residents in retirement communities and nursing homes fight loneliness. Especially in a time of social distancing, isolation has taken a toll on people who normally aren't free to go out and socialize, either because of a lack of transportation, reliance upon support equipment, or having physical disabilities that makes mobility difficult or impossible.

At the same time, towns are having problems finding activities for students. Budget cuts have decimated many after-school and weekend programs, leaving kids to find other ways to entertain themselves, not always with good results.

If there was only some way that we could solve both problems.

Oh, wait!

Some towns have created programs that match students with elderly people in their towns. Activities vary, but include students reading to the elderly, putting on plays or musical shows, sharing stories, and even just frequent phone or video calls. One such program, Adopt-A-Grandparent, has seen great success in battling senior loneliness.

We, as Lions can create programs in our own town, if one doesn't already exist. It requires coordination with local schools for candidates as surrogate grandchildren, and a bit of work with senior centers or retirement homes to find the right matches.

This is a project with which can make a significant difference in the lives of our most vulnerable groups.

It's a thought.

## District Officers

**Ed Fenton**  
District Governor

**Dave Roberts**  
First Vice District  
Governor

**Peter Nevers**  
Second Vice District  
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Zone 6 Chair

**Anita Skutnik**  
Zone 7 Chair

## Zone 2

*Frank Longo, Chair*

Our first Zone 2 meeting took place on October 7 at the Black Rock Tavern in Thomaston. Five of the seven clubs in the zone were represented, with a total attendance of twenty people, including DG Ed, 1VDG Dave Roberts, 2VDG Peter Nevers, and GLT Jim Trompeter. As requested by GLT Jim, our seating game was "Match the Candy", seeing as we were so close to Halloween.

GLT Jim's participation was very important as, in keeping with my theme for this year, "Leadership", he announced a new District-wide training opportunity, utilizing materials found on our District, the LCI, and USA/Canada websites. Details can be found in his article on page 4. This was very well received by those in attendance, and all are anticipating its launch in January 2022.

From there, we tackled some sticky issues, such as succession planning and encouraging members to step up to advance their Lions experience and become club officers. This ended up being our dinner table discussion, with some very interesting insights being offered by clubs, whose experiences filling their officer slates varied from choosing between several candidates for each position, to just leaving the current officer ranks in place until someone drops out.

Speaking of officers, March is Nomination Month, and April is Election Month. We need to have our new officers for the 2022-2023 Lions year entered into LCI by May 1, so drag out your copies of the Constitution and By-Laws and review the procedures as soon as you can.

The next Zone 2 meeting will be on January 6, 2022. This will be another in-person dinner meeting, and details will be sent to Zone 2 clubs soon!



# The 2022 Mid-Winter Conference



**Keynote Speaker:  
J. Frank Moore III**

Elected in 2001 to serve as international president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 84th International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, Past President and keynote speaker J. Frank Moore III has a long history as a Lion leader. He is an educator by profession, and former superintendent of education for the Daleville City Schools in Daleville, Alabama.

Past President Moore and his wife, Rita, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters and a son—who also are Lions—and seven grandchildren.



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Key leadership positions in Lions International include:

- Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Association, 2017-2021
- Chairperson of the Centennial Action Committee that oversaw the four-year celebration of the association's first century of service
- Vice chairperson of Campaign SightFirst II—the most successful fundraising initiative in the history of the Lions Clubs International Foundation
- Currently serving as the vice chairperson of Campaign 100, the LCIF campaign to raise \$300 million to support our global causes

Past President Moore has received numerous awards in recognition of his service:

- Friends of Humanity Award presented by Lions Clubs International Foundation
- Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members
- He is also an LCIF Humanitarian Partner.

In addition to his Lions work, he is active in numerous professional and community organizations:

- a member of the Army Aviation Museum Foundation Board of Directors
- a certified lay speaker for the United Methodist Church and treasurer of his church.
- a former chief executive officer of the Association of the United States Army.