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## Spirit

December 2022

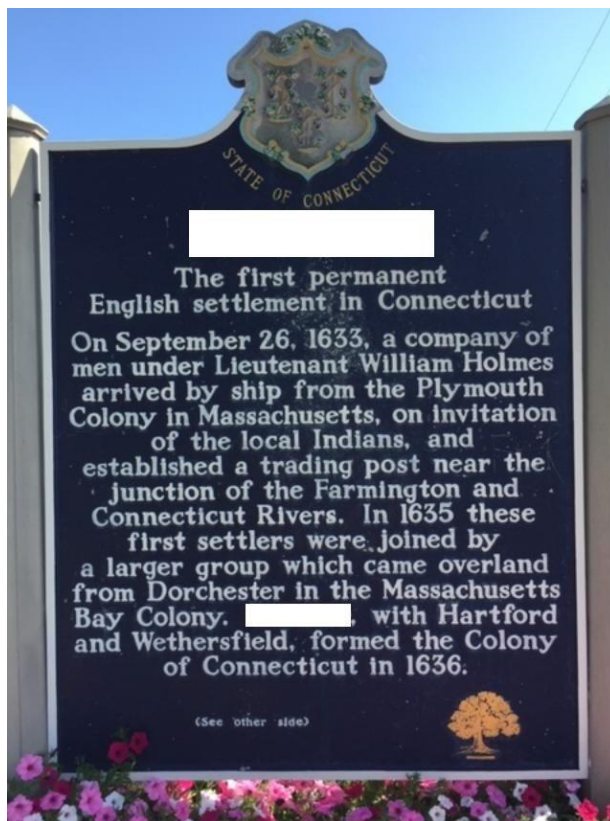
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## What Town Is This?



Last issue's sign must have been too easy—three guesses, all correct! The first to respond was Lion Ken Kollmeyer, from the New Britain club, followed soon after by PCC Steve Polezonis, and Lion Jay Martin from the Granby Lions. If you haven't figured it out, it was **Farmington**.

So, here's this month's sign. 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 is now in its third year of entertaining and educating us.

*The Spirit Team*

## DG Dave Roberts

Dear Leos, Leo-Lions and Lions,

The holiday season is fast approaching and so much has been happening throughout our Lions District of Hartford and Litchfield Counties. But Lions Clubs International would not be able to exist without all our wonderful members and I wanted to let you know that my Cabinet's and my top priority has been (and will be) to retain our current members and invite qualified new folks to become Lions. I am pleased to report that our District's membership has soared past 1,800 Lions and currently we have 1,817 (+27 new members) Lions! Our goal is +35 new members for the year, so let's keep up the great work inviting our relatives, friends, and neighbors to become Lions.

Unfortunately, we have had a number of Lions pass away since July 1st. Since our last newsletter, we have lost a fourth Past District Governor this year. PDG Milan "Mike" Knight of the Winsted Lions Club passed away at age 95 on October 16th. PDG Mike was a 62-year member of Lions Clubs International. He was a former Winsted Lions Club President, Honorary Life Member of Winsted Lions Club, organizer of my home Barkhamsted Lions Club, and served as the 1972-1973 District 23B Governor. He was also my sixth-grade teacher at Barkhamsted Elementary School and had a tremendous influence on my upbringing. It was so nice that Lions from throughout Connecticut attended his Celebration of Life on Sunday, November 6th in Torrington. Our condolences go out to his partner Sylvia, children, family and friends. RIP PDG Mike!

### NEW E-MAIL FOR DISTRICT

**GOVERNOR:** Recently, my e-mail experience with Google was less than optimal and my address had to be terminated. My new address is GranbyDavidRoberts@gmail.com and I hope all of you will update



your email address books with this new information. So far, the new email address has been working fine.

### CABINET/PDG HOLIDAY PARTY:

I am looking forward to hosting a Holiday Brunch (with support from Barkhamsted, Colebrook, Hartland, and Cyber Lions) for our District Cabinet and Past District Governors on Saturday, December 3rd, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon at the Barkhamsted Senior Center, 109 West River Road, Barkhamsted. If you have not RSVPed for the brunch, please contact Cabinet Secretary Sue Boilard at dsboilard@gmail.com as attendance is limited to the first 60 Lions who RSVP.

### 55th LIONS CLUB JOINS

**DISTRICT 23B:** We were pleased to receive confirmation from Lions Clubs International last month, that our 55th Lions Club, the Hartford PAK-K2 Lions Club, was chartered. A Charter event is currently being planned by Guiding Lions Narendra Dev Pant and 2VDG Raj Shrestha. The credit for this new club goes to West Hartford Lumbini Lions Club Immediate Past President Narendra Dev Pant; with strong support from Lions Club Specialist/2VDG Raj Shrestha. This club currently has 27 Charter members. Watch for updates on this new club and their charter event. Here are the key officers for Hartford PAK-K2 Lions Club:

**Club President:** Haseeb Cheema, haseebjc@hotmail.com, 1-860-483-1565

**Club First Vice President:** Faisal Cheema, faisalcheema@hotmail.com, 1-203-982-1177

**Club Second Vice President:** Hafeez Mirza, hafeez1261@hotmail.com, 1-860-250-2252

**Club Secretary:** Mohsan Ali, mohsinali53@gmail.com, 1-860-914-7865

**Club Treasurer:** Sadia Cheema, sadiacheema85@gmail.com, 1-860-839-6526

Please join me in welcoming this newest Lions Club to District 23B!

### AMERICAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF LIONS APPRECIATION

**DINNER:** On Monday, December 5, at 6:00 PM, the American School for the Deaf (ASD) will host their complimentary dinner to thank Lions and Leos of District 23-B for all they have done to support ASD. Greater Hartford Host Lions Club member Maria Cornicello is the chair for this District-wide event. All Lions and Leos are invited to attend and enjoy the dinner and learn more about our Lions collaboration with ASD. There will also be an opportunity to present a check from you or your club to ASD. To attend, please RSVP to Liz DeRosa at either 1-860-570-2212 or elizabeth.derosa@asd-1817.org.

Prior to the start of this dinner, all clubs should bring their winning Peace Posters to this event for judging and provide it to Narendra Dev Pant. One Peace Poster will be selected after all attendees have voted and this winning District 23-B Peace Poster will be judged on December 11th for the winning MD-23 Peace Poster which will then go to LCI for judging. If you have any questions, our Peace Poster Chair is West Hartford Lumbini Lions Club

## DG Dave

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IPP Narendra Dev Pant who can be reached at either 1-860-221-9897 or ndpant2029@gmail.com.

### SUPPORT FOR BRISTOL

**COMMUNITY:** We were all horrified with the tragic, senseless killing on October 12th of Sergeant Alex Hamzy, Lieutenant Dustin DeMonte and wounding of Officer Alec Lurato who were ambushed while responding to a 911 call. Saturday will mark one month since the tragedy in Bristol that took the lives of two police officers and the mayor is asking residents to illuminate the city in blue lights on Nov. 12. Hamzy and DeMonte died from the injuries they sustained in the ambush and Lurato was injured when he was shot in the leg. At the suggestion of Global Membership Chair Alan Hill of Hartland Lions Club, I called a meeting of Lions from across our District and throughout the state to discuss how Lions might help. Bristol Lions Club President (PCC) Ev Lyons stated that his club had already donated \$1,000 to the fund set up in the Town of Bristol. Lions want to help and we believe that supporting mental health initiatives is the best approach for us. We will keep you posted on next steps and how you might help.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at either GranbyDavidRoberts@gmail.com or 858-775-9241 if you need me personally. My calendar is crazy, but I am always glad to make time for each club and member in our District. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and holiday season. Together we can do so much more! So, let us "Seize the Day"!

DG Dave



## Winsted Lions Food and Blood Drive

On December 1, the Winsted Lions, with Crystal Peak, will co-host a Kickoff to the Holiday Season event at Crystal Peak, 164 Torrington Road, in Winsted CT, from 10am to 4 pm.

In the Holiday spirit, they will be collecting toys for children of families in need to help brighten their day. All toys collected that day will be added to the Winsted Police Toy Drive that takes place on December 3rd at CVS in Winsted.

The Red Cross will also be on-site for a very important Blood Drive. Supplies are low and they need our help. Please contact the Red Cross to set up your appointment, <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=CrystalPeak> or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (733-2767).

They will also be collecting canned and non-perishable goods for the Salvation Army in Winsted; their shelves are low so let's fill them up!

Please come and support all or any of the collections going on that day. You really can make a difference in Someone's Life!!!

## Plainville Lions

The Plainville Lions will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on December 16th. The time is 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall at Our Lady of Mercy Church 19 South Canal Street, Plainville. Remember 1 donation can save up to 3 lives!

To schedule an appointment, Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit the Red Cross online at [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) Enter sponsor code: PlainvilleCT

Any questions for the Plainville Lions contact [craig.r.banks@my.ccsu.edu](mailto:craig.r.banks@my.ccsu.edu)

## Lion Around Connecticut Radio

*Lion Peter Cianciolo*

### Don't Miss Out!

Please don't miss an opportunity to get your club out in-front of your community! Join us on Lion Around CT Live on 89.9 and 105.1 FM, WAPJ Torrington, Monday nights at 9pm. Lion Peter Cianciolo is the host, and is pleased to introduce Lion Sonny Olomi as Co-Host.

When your club has an event, service project, or fund raiser, why would you not want to get that info out to your area or surrounding areas? You can call in to the studio so don't have to travel late at night. Since 2011, Lion around CT has educated its listening audience about Lions: who we are what we are doing.

The studio call-in number listed in the DG's directory, (860) 913-9144, is actually my cell phone, which you should use to call me in advance to ask to get on the air. The number to call in during the show is (860) 489-9033.

So please text or call me to schedule time to market your club and tell your story!

## Marketing Corner

Your "sweet spot" to start your promotion is two to three weeks before the event. Any sooner, and people will forget about it; any later, and people already have plans.

This means you have to have your materials ready to go by that date.

Keep in mind the submission deadlines for your newspapers to get your releases to them so they're printed at the beginning of your campaign. It does no good if they're printed too late for people to attend.

## Windsor Lions Club Sponsors an International Peace Essay Entry

### *Lead With Compassion*

*Compassionate leaders need to be people that care about more than themselves but people that would care for anyone from the people around them to the poor and even homeless. So, we know that a leader is someone who leads or commands a group, organization, or country but a compassionate leader is someone who is a leader and can care and feel sympathy for everyone.*

These words are an excerpt from an essay written by 12-year-old David Perez.

David's essay, sponsored by the Windsor Lions Club, and entered in the Lions Club International Peace Essay Contest, will represent District 23B, Hartford and Litchfield County, on the way to judging at the Lions Multiple District Level, representing the entire state of Connecticut.

The International Peace Essay Contest was created to give an opportunity for visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace. The International Essay Contest is a staple of **Lions Clubs** around the world. Lions work with local schools and area families to identify young people, 11, 12, or 13 as of November 15, who are interested in participating, and who could benefit from this program.

The theme of this year's essay is Lead with Compassion. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

The Windsor Lions Club sponsors many youth opportunities as well as the Windsor Leo Club at Sage Park.



*District 23B International Peace Essay winner David Perez from Windsor*

## Manchester Lions Multi-Club Dinner Meeting

On February 21, 2023, the Manchester Lions will host a multi-club dinner meeting at the American Legion Hall in Manchester.

The event starts with a social hour with a cash bar at 5:30, followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30.

All clubs will have an opportunity to share their announcements and upcoming club activities. Plus, there will be raffles and a special guest speaker. The club promises it to be an entertaining night out.

The Manchester Lions also ask that you bring a canned or non-perishable food item to help the MACC food pantry.

Tickets are \$30 at the door, and you need to reserve your spot with Lion Ed Gorman, 860-212-2891 by January 16.

## LEOs are NOW

*Cindy Daniels, LEO Chair*

The Leos from District 23B continue to serve. They are planning service projects that reflect the needs of their communities. At our recent Cabinet Meeting, Granby Memorial School Leo President Kylie Coxon, her Leo Advisor and Leo Liaison Granby Lion's Club President John Spatcher attended. President Kylie spoke about service projects that her Leo Club enjoyed doing and are planning.

Also, Leo President Mihika Joshi from the NCCLC was in attendance as the New Voices candidate in Service. President Mihika, accompanied by her mother, spoke about her service journey, the impact completing service has had on her and her Leo membership. President Mihika can be contacted by reaching out to me at [cldressage959@gmail.com](mailto:cldressage959@gmail.com) and may be available to speak to Lions or Leos across our District.

DG Dave Roberts has appointed Leo Sophia Marangoudakis as the Leo Representative to Cabinet. In this position, Leo Sophia will reach out to Leo Clubs with opportunities to visit and speak to Cabinet members, to network and to plan activities with one another. Any Leo is invited to cabinet. Please reach out to Leo Sophia at [209smara@gmail.com](mailto:209smara@gmail.com) with any questions about this opportunity.

Our next Cabinet meeting will be held via zoom on Monday, January 2nd.



**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**

## Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk

Thanks to all the eleven District 23-B Lions and one Leo who awoke early this morning and came to Dunkin Donuts Park to volunteer at the JDRF One Walk event!

We received a nice “shout out” from JDRL CT/Western MA CEO Jon Muskrat from the field. I hope to meet with Jon in the near future to discuss how we can increase collaboration between JDRL and Lions. And thank you to Avon Lions member for your smiling faces and again raising funds and participating in this walk.

As one of our five global initiatives, diabetes awareness is so critical to our mission. Again, thank you all and enjoy some of the photos from the event! Seize the day,



## Eyeglass Collections Received

2nd VDG Raj Shrestha

The Hartford County Everest Centennial Lions Club and the West Hartford Lumbini Lions Club have been busy collecting used eyeglasses!

On October 29, the presidents of both clubs presented me with the fruits of their labor, more than 500 pairs of glasses from the two clubs.



## Litchfield Lions Club

Litchfield Lions had a successful year. During winter months, 58/63 active members began yearly planning. In February, we cooked for the Community Center's Fire and Ice Festival and donated money to the Possum Queen Foundation, Lions District 23B, Litchfield Area Business Association, Joe Bunnell Memorial Golf Tournament, and Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity, and earmarked money for the Fire Departments and Ambulance Crews with Bantam's Fire Department this year's recipient. On February 9th, Sue Smith received the District Governor's Selfless Service award and Ray Schmid was named Outstanding Lion.

Our Board of Directors was formed in March when the slate of officers was accepted, and committees were assigned. We also established a local Lions Website and donated money to Litchfield High School's Senior Class.

The following awards were announced and/or presented by District Governor Ed Fenton at our March 23rd meeting: Longevity of Service (in years) - 45 Guy Baldwin and Al Harnicar; 35 - Fred Bunnell; 30 - Mort Spencer; 15 - Lori Shuhi. Also, Jon Torrant received the District Governor's Pin.

April was a planning month. In addition, we donated to Lions Clubs International Foundation.

May became our busiest successful month. Beside donating to Litchfield Ambulance, Litchfield Lions and Rotary co-sponsored our annual golf tournament and Lions held a car show. On May 24th, we awarded 8 scholarships to students from Litchfield and Wamogo High Schools and initiated two new members. In addition, Gary Zeller was recognized as Lion of the Year and Cindi Zeller as Silent Lion of the Year.

Members cooked during Litchfield Hills Road Race Weekend in June

and donated leftover food and a portion of Lions International Collected Food to our Food Pantry. We also donated to Susan B. Anthony and voted to sponsor two Social Services Veterans Events – Military Appreciation Luncheon and Veterans Breakfast.

August through October, members sold tickets to our super raffle which

is held every day during November.

Fall activities included cooking at White Memorial's annual Family Day in September; our annual Fall Festival - Corn Hole Tournament and Car Show, and pediatric vision screening in October; and our November raffle. In December, we celebrated at a holiday party.



Above: President John Bongiorno awards Gary Zeller Lion of the Year as Secretary Lori Shuhi looks on

Right: Lion Gary Zeller with winners of Car Show



Above: Litchfield Lions Car Show 10/22/2022



Left: Lion Sue Smith with winners of Corn Hole Tournament

## Our District Publications

There seems to be some confusion about our two monthly district publications, and what goes into each. So, let's take a little time to reintroduce them to you.

The District Spirit has a long history, being the primary means for clubs to announce their accomplishments and upcoming events. It has undergone many changes since it was created, with the latest being an entirely digital format.

The Spirit is published four times a year: September, December, March and June. It has ranged from eight to forty pages over the years, with about sixteen pages being the average. When the Spirit was printed, we had to have multiples of four pages, which required the editors to come up with filler materials if we were short of submissions to fill all the pages. Now, with the digital format, we can print any number of pages without worrying about this restriction. We still need to create filler on occasion, but it's not as frequent. This is also where we print cabinet reports and, of course, updates from our District Governor.

We take three types of submissions for the spirit: Articles, images, and ads. Articles are a narrative of what your club has done, or about an upcoming club event. These are the bulk of what you'll find in the Spirit. We will accept your submissions in a Word format, as a text document, or embedded in your submission email. Due to limitations in our layout program, we can't use submissions in other formats, such as .PDF or .PUB. Images should be in .JPG or .PNG formats with a minimum size of 3" x 4". Ads used to be a more important part of the Spirit when we had a cost of \$1500 per issue to print and distribute. However, we will still run display ads for your events. Information about ads is in the right-most column.

The Lions' Roar is a newer

## The Lions' Roar

The next two deadlines for The Lions' Roar are December 15, 2022 and January 15, 2023. Please send your event notices in a text format 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, 2022 through the end of January 2023).

publication, which is a continuously updated calendar of club events. What we want is a brief description of the event, including your club, the dates and times, the name of the event, the location, the price of admission (if any), contact information, and a brief description of the event. These can be sent as text in your submission email, or as a word or other text file as an attachment. We also started printing your event flyers, which should be in a .JPG or .PNG format, and we'll also extract the information in it to create an entry on the calendar (this information should also be sent to our District IT Chair for inclusion on the website calendar).

Here's where we have seen problems: There are two separate email addresses for these publications: [District23BSpirit@gmail.com](mailto:District23BSpirit@gmail.com) for the Spirit, and [D23BLionsRoar@gmail.com](mailto:D23BLionsRoar@gmail.com) for the Roar. Please send to the right email since we don't always check both emails for new messages, and we've lost submissions when they've been sent to the wrong place.

Did you know if you use the subjects "Roar Submission" or "Spirit Submission", you'll get a verification email back saying it's been received? This will save you time sending a second email asking if your submission as been received.

We hope this helps!



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## The District 23B Spirit

Our next issue of the District 23B Spirit is March 1, 2023. The deadline for all ads and articles is February 15, 2022.

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.

# Windsor Lions Celebrate Blind Americans Equality Day

On Friday, October 15th, Blind American Equality Day, formerly called White Cane Day, was celebrated. This holiday pays tribute to our fellow Americans who are blind, visually impaired or print disabled for their many contributions to the strength and vitality of our nation. As Lions and Leos, one of our global causes is vision.

This year our celebration lasted for several days, informing the public of Lions service to those individuals with low vision, the services provided by Fidelco, and developing awareness of the Lions Low Vision Center. In collaboration with the Windsor Library, special bookmarks listing books highlighting successes of low-vision individuals were prepared and distributed to the many people stopping by the Lions tent centrally located at the Bean, 226 Broad Street. Fidelco puppies visited us and the public had an opportunity to watch the "red vest" test for puppies in training to serve the blind.

The celebration culminated with a gathering at the Tobacco Museum, 145 Lang Rd., Windsor. Where, four years ago on October 14th, The Windsor Lions Club and CRIS Radio, planned and executed innovative QR codes to enable the rich history of the Connecticut River Valley, to come alive for blind, low vision and print disabled individuals. This project, launched by the Windsor Lions, became a model for other Lions Clubs and museums across the state.



Above: Windsor Lion Andrea at the club's BAED event at the Tobacco Museum



Right: Windsor Lion Dede with at the club's BAED event with a FIDELCO puppy

## More Windsor Lions



Left: During the town of Windsor's last weekly summer music on the green, the Windsor Lions Club sold popcorn (as we did nearly every week this summer!) and the Windsor Lions Club Foundation had the opportunity to present a check for \$800 for the organization Voices Against Lyme Disease.

Right: Windsor Lions Foundation proudly gave a \$1500 check to CRIS Radio in August 2022.

Pictured L to R:  
Diane Weaver Dune, Director CRIS Radio;  
Windsor Lion Club Members: Cindy Daniels; Jim Daniels

Pictured L to R:  
Windsor Lions IPP Jim Pfeifer; Windsor Lion Paul Lavoie; Windsor Lion Secretary Eric Laakso; Windsor Lion President Cindy Daniels; Windsor Lion Treasurer Jim Daniels; Bonnie Waterhouse the Executive Director, Voice Against Lyme Disease; Windsor Lion Chelsea Gavitt



Left: Ocean State Job Lot in Windsor is a Community Partner and presented the club with a \$100 donation. The donation will fund additional items beyond what was purchased that day that include clothing, self-care items, sugar-free snacks provided by Windsor Lions Club and Ocean State Job Lot for the Veteran's Stand Down Day (September 23, 2022) at the Rocky Hill Veteran's Home.

L to R: Windsor Lion President Cindy Daniels, Windsor Ocean State Job Lot Manager, and Windsor Lion Suzanne Jacques



## Marlborough Lions Club

On October 30, the 5th Annual Marlborough Masquerade 5K set off on the typical course around the lake with 53 runners. This year's first place male and female runners were Brian Terwilliger of Moodus and Lindsay Rayman of Marlborough. Brian completed the course in 20 minutes and 43 seconds while Lindsay crossed the finish line with a time of 26 minutes and 36 seconds. We awarded medals for 1st place male and female runners, as well for costumes of Best Group, overall, scariest, and funniest.

Marlborough Lions acquired 180 brand new children's sized blue-light blocking glasses from a community donation. As our local elementary school did not have a current need, we were able to pass them to the CREC school district for use. (Pictured is Marlborough Lion VP/Low Vision Center VP Kevin McNally and East Hartford Lion/Low

Vision Secretary Kathy Randall, who is also our liaison for CREC schools).

Marlborough Lions Secretary Ken Hjulstrom created 5 new glasses drop boxes for the community as a donation. It started with a request from a town resident who works at Travellers and her Lion contact was no longer local needed to get glasses collected to a Lion. The resident then reached out to let us know that their cardboard collection box was no longer useable and was hoping to secure another one for the office. Lion Ken stepped in and created these beautiful collection boxes to match one that we already had in the local bank (donated previously by a former Lion years ago).

On October 4th, Lions Tom Reiser, JeanPaul Bolduc, and John Glynn conducted an eye screening for 325 of the Marlborough Elementary

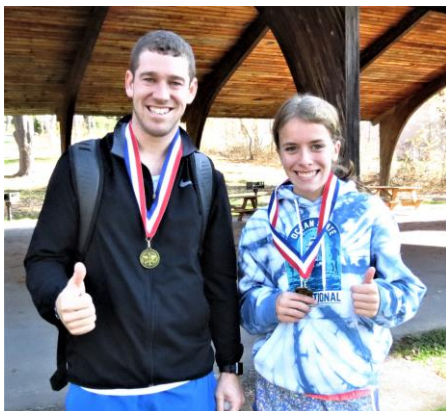
School students in grades PreK through 5th grade, using two cameras they were able to effectively screen for multiple eye diseases in quick succession. The following day, Lions Tom Reiser, Megan Lloyd, JeanPaul Bolduc, and Rob Gnocchi screened an additional 16 preschool students at the adjoining preschool within Marlborough Elementary School.

Upcoming events include: Annual raffle for an 8000w Generac Generator, including a hardwire install valued at \$1000 (donated by a local electrician). Tickets available now for \$20 each by contacting Lions President Megan Lloyd #413-687-5537 or emailing [marlboroughclions@gmail.com](mailto:marlboroughclions@gmail.com). Raffle drawing on Sat 12/17 12pm at Blish Park, winner need not be present to win.  
-Blood Drive Thursday 12/1 1p-6p at Marlborough Senior Center.



*Left: Lion Ken Hjulstrom-left, and Lion Rich Shonk with one of the new eyeglasses collection boxes*

*Right: Marlborough Lions perform vision screening*



*Left: Winners of the Masquerade 5k, Brian Terwilliger and Lindsay Rayman*

*Right: Marlborough Lion VP/Low Vision Center VP Kevin McNally and East Hartford Lion/Low Vision Secretary Kathy Randall*



## South Windsor Lions Club

In October and November, the South Windsor Lions were busy providing vision screening services in South Windsor.

On October 25, 26, and 27, we screened 432 children in the CREC elementary school, with ten members providing 75 hours of service. There was a high number of referrals—96, or 22%. Also, this year was the first time South Windsor Lions have been able to serve children from South Windsor School System. To get underway, we provided vision screening to all Kindergarten children in the system.

Screening was provided at a different school on November 1, 2, 3, and 4. 326 children were screened with 46 referrals, a 14% rate. Ten members provided 40 hours of service. Later in the month, we will be going back to schools to do makeup for children who were absent. The nursing staff was grateful for our help, since the use of an eye chart as the traditional method is quite challenging to do with 4- and 5-year-olds.

We believe that in the near future, South Windsor Schools will eventually want us to screen all students in their system. Our club is grateful for being able to use equipment provided by East Windsor and Windsor Locks clubs.



## Woodbury Lions Club

Our Annual Haunted Hayride set new records this year, helped by having the weather cooperate all four nights of the event. We had nearly 3000 visitors climb onto our wagons for a ride through the spookier sections of town. All the net proceeds from this event go to our Scholarship fund.

At our annual "Thanksgiving Feast" held on November 15 at the 1754 House in Woodbury, the Woodbury Lions collected non-perishable food items for donation to the Woodbury Food Bank, and presented a check to Bob Taylor, president of the Woodbury Community Services Council for \$3000 to be used to help both the food and fuel banks.

Coming up is the annual Bandstand Decoration on November 27, in conjunction with the Winter Lights of Woodbury group, and, of course, the annual Luminaria Display on Christmas Eve, where we light up almost two miles of Main Street.



Bob Taylor (L), president of the Woodbury Community Services Council, receives a \$3000 donation from the Woodbury Lions Club. Lions Chet Gage and Dr. Gary Greenstein made the presentation, while club president Doug Ouelette looks on.

## Greater Hartford Host Lions Club

In celebration of our 100th Anniversary, the Greater Hartford Host Lions Club is planning a celebratory dinner on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at the Rockledge Grille, 289 S Main St, West Hartford, CT.

There will be a cocktail hour (cash bar), followed by dinner and dessert. Tickets are \$60 per person.

RSVP by November 28th to [greaterhartfordhostlions@gmail.com](mailto:greaterhartfordhostlions@gmail.com) or Andrew Stern, 860-519-1850





Hello Lions:

MD23 Winter Conference is right around the corner: February 3-5, 2023 in Southbury CT and I have been named as the Ad Book Chairperson. It's a huge undertaking to put together and raise the funds we need to offset the budget – that is why I need all of your help. A committee has been formed and it consist of the following people: ZC Sue Vigorito, DG Melissa Smith, DG Dave Roberts, Lion Judy Doyle, PDG Bill Manthey, Lion Darla Pigeon, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Teri Schlosser and Lion Mary Pont. If you are interested in assisting with this committee please reach out to us ASAP 😊

This is a great opportunity for Clubs to promote an upcoming event, to support and/or congratulate an upcoming leader and even to thank the conference committee. Everyone who attend the conference receives a book – so you have a captive audience to talk about your upcoming events (300+ participants).

We are reaching out to our Connecticut Lions to help and to get your ads in soon. The program has always had the support of Clubs, members, and some businesses. This year, we wish to expand beyond our traditional advertisers with more ads from commercial businesses looking to promote their products and services while supporting our Lions conference. If there are companies, you, or your Club deal with please approach them regarding advertising.

Attached is the Mid-winter program ad application which can be completed and emailed. If you need help in creating an ad Lion Judy Doyle has offered to assist clubs. All ads and checks need to be submitted no later than January 15, 2023 to Michele Wyatt and checks need to be made payable to MD23. Feel free to contact anyone on the committee for additional information.

We are looking forward to a fantastic conference – looking forward to seeing many of my Lion friends and making some new ones.

Thank you for your help.

IPDG Lion Michele Wyatt

**Connecticut Lions 2023**  
**Mid-Winter Conference**  
**MD-23**

The Connecticut Lions are soliciting ads for our 2023 Lions Mid-Winter Conference Program Book.

The Program Book will be distributed to all attendees at Mid-Winter in February 3-5, 2023. While not a charitable contribution, an advertisement placed in this book is an opportunity to reach Lions throughout Connecticut whether you are promoting your services and products or recognizing a Lion individual or organization.

*Please join us in print as we celebrate all things CT Lions*

**The deadline for Ad Book submissions is January 15, 2023.** All electronic ad copy should be submitted in PDF format. Only the cover pages will be in color – all other pages will be printed in black & white. Contact Michele Wyatt before emailing (860) 237-2744. The editor has the right to adjust font size/style as necessary to fit the layout.

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## 2023 MD 23 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE



### *International Guests*

International Director  
James "Jay" Coleman Moughon, III  
& his wife Nancy



### *This Years Theme*

Meet me in Boston!



### *Where*

Wynhdam, Southbury  
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## **MD 23 MidWinter Conference**

After a long two-year hiatus, the MD23 Midwinter Conference will be held in-person at the Wyndham Southbury, February 3-5, 2023.

Due to COVID, the last two Midwinter Conferences have been held virtually. We're pulling out all stops to make up for lost time. Hundreds of Connecticut Lions and Leos will gather for their 71st Annual Midwinter Conference beginning February 3rd for a fun-packed Friday night, and a weekend filled with inspiration, information, and celebration. They are really looking forward to seeing Lions and friends from all over Connecticut away for a weekend of fun and networking.

We'll join our Vice District Governors on their journey to District Governor. There will be gifts, along with raffle prizes galore. Also, this is our opportunity to support our very own Past International Director Mark & Lion Lyn Lyons on their journey to Third Vice President of Lions Clubs International. This is a once in a lifetime experience for many of us. Our Council of Governors and Committees are working hard to put together an entertaining Friday Night which hopes to have something for everyone; as well as a Saturday Morning loaded with opportunities to learn about many facets of Lionism, share ideas and possibly gain new skills. At the Luncheon we will hear from our guest, International Director Jay Moughon along with honoring our Leo of the Year and our Peace Poster winners. Later we'll hear all about our Vice District Governors candidates. The evening will bring our Banquet to see those Lions who have earned recognition for their outstanding service to both their community and fellow Lions. This, of course, is preceded by our

## **District Officers**

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**Peter Nevers**  
First Vice District  
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Second Vice District  
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Zone 4 Chair

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Zone 5 Chair

**Akella Sarma**  
Zone 6 Chair

**Madhav Atreya**  
Zone 7 Chair

Cocktail Party and opportunity to get your picture with our guests, ID Jay and Nancy Moughon.

After the banquet, our Second Vice District Governors will announce the many winners of the myriad raffle baskets as we retire to the "Hospitality Suite."

Sunday will give us an opportunity to have question and answer session with our guests, ID Jay and Nancy.

"Connecticut Lions are excited to welcome, ID Jay Moughon and his wife, Nancy. This is an exceptional opportunity for Connecticut Lions, and we are grateful to them for spending their valuable time and sharing their insights." said Multiple District 23 Council Chairperson Lori Ann Beninson on behalf of the Council of Governors, "We look forward to sharing all the many accomplishments of our Connecticut Lions with him."

Rooms are available for booking by selecting the dates of your stay through the Link: [BOOK HERE](#) or by calling 203-653-8179.

The Conference registration process is being finalized and should be published shortly.

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## **Zone 2**

*Frank Longo, Chair*

Thinking ahead to the next Zone 2 meeting, I'm finding that restaurant prices are well outside the range we set last year. Between that, and the Old Farmer's Almanac predicting some nasty weather, our January 5 meeting will be held via Zoom.

We'll discuss how our clubs implemented the engagement ideas we developed during our last meeting, and see if there are any others we can come up with.

After that, our third zone meeting is combined with Zone 1, and we'll get a chance to see how other clubs have fared during the year.