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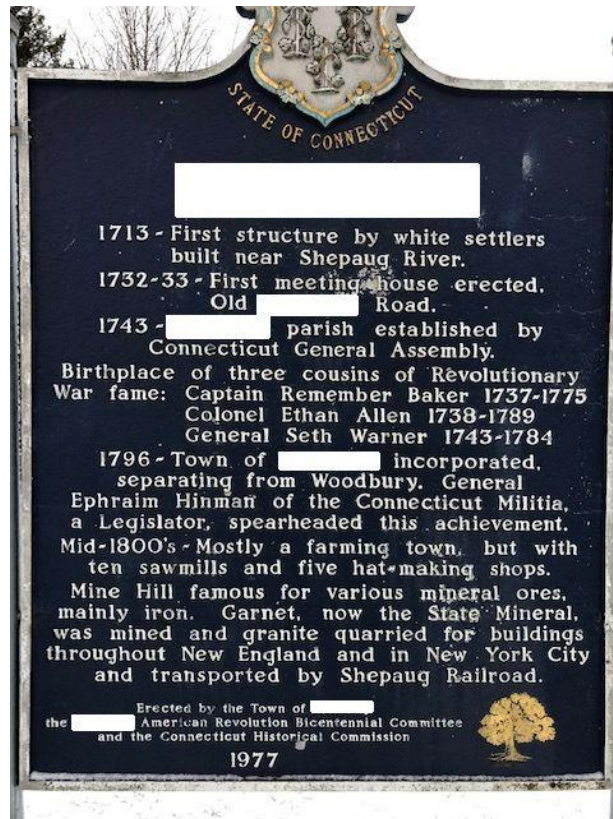
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What Town Is This?



Two correct guesses this time: PCC Stephen Polezonis was the first and wins the prize. Lion Brian Lavigne submitted his soon after PCC Steve's, so while he was right, he doesn't get to keep his crown from the March issue. The town was **Canton**.

GST Lion Phyllis Perry also submitted a guess, albeit, an incorrect one that had me running to a map—Weatogue (pronounced "Way-to-go"), a village which is part of Simsbury. You learn something new every day.

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 . 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!

We have five weeks left to this Lions' year...

Which Lion are you???

Glass 1/2 empty Lion: Five weeks is not enough time for anything...

Glass 1/2 full Lion: We can do anything in five weeks!!!

BE THE SECOND LION! We have a lot of time remaining for more service, more helping the community, and adding more Lions to the pride!!

MEMBERSHIP: Reminder that the \$35.00 initiation fee is waived through the end of June. NOW is the time to add members to your club and save that fee! We are currently at +20 members as a District. If every club could add one member by the end of the year think of where we would be!

STATE CONVENTION: A very successful State Convention was held on Saturday May 14th at the CT National Guard's Camp Nett in Niantic.

Congratulations to PID Mark Lyon who was officially endorsed by the delegates to become a candidate for 3rd International Vice-President! PID Mark will not be on the ballot at the Montreal convention in June 2022. The endorsement is good for three years and was designed to put him in the best position to be on the ballot in Boston 2023, Australia 2024, or Mexico 2025.

Congratulations to the incoming District 23B leadership team: DGE Dave Roberts, 1VDGE Peter Nevers, and 2VDGE Raj Shrestha.

SERVICE: District 23B Lions continue to serve at a fantastic level! You have done a great job at improving our reporting statistics. We have 85% of our clubs that have reported at least one service project



in MyLion and 87% of our clubs have reported some type of Lions' activity!!

Total activities reported: 1242

Service projects reported: 482

Volunteer hours: 27,861

People served: 101,199

Dollars raised: \$380,140

Dollars donated: \$244,341

LEADERSHIP: Our District Club Officer Training this year will provide insights and discussions for incoming Club Presidents, Treasurers, Secretaries, Membership Chairs, Service Chairs, and Club Administrators plus any other interested club members that would like to attend!

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The training session will be held from 8:30am until noon on Saturday June 11th at the L. P. Wilson Community Center in Windsor. Please reserve your spot by June 6th by emailing GLT Chair Jim

Trompeter (m20t50@aol.com).

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SERVICE CHALLENGE:

Congratulations to the eleven clubs that have already qualified for the Connecticut District Governors' Kindness Award! Berlin, Bloomfield, Bristol, East Hartford, Glastonbury Centennial, Harwinton, New Britain, Northwestern CT Cyber, Terryville, Windsor, and Woodbury have all submitted their information to qualify for this special service patch for the club banner.

Please remember that the application for the DG Service Challenge patch is due to GST Chair Phyllis Perry (phyllisdueseason@gmail.com) by the end of May. The flyer and report form can be found near the bottom of the front page of the District website: www.lions23b.org.

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

With five weeks remaining let's all finish this year on a high note! Do another service project! Have one more fundraiser!! Add one more Lion so next year you can do even more service!!!

Thank you for all that you do!

DG Ed



Avon Lions Club

Since January 1, 2022, the Avon Lion Club has had an active 2022:

Lending Locker—We maintain an inventory of durable medical equipment for free loans to community residents in need. During the past four months we have assisted fifty people in need.

Meals on Wheels—We deliver meals to home-bound Avon residents every Friday and during this period we have delivered 130 meals

Blood Collections—We provide administrative assistance to the Red Cross at their monthly collections and have processed 113 donors, whose blood donations provide needed assistance to over 300 blood recipients

Kentucky Disaster Relief—In February PDG Zacchera, and representatives from the other districts, delivered two truckloads of supplies to people in need in Kentucky

Covid 19 Test Kits—In January, 9 members assisted in the delivery of over 400 at-home test kits

Bike Avon—Members assisted in the Spring clean-up of the multi-use trails and surrounding areas and the collection of used bikes to be refurbished and donated

Vision Screenings—Eleven members, plus four non-members conducted vision screenings of over 1600 students in the Avon elementary, nurseries, and day-care facilities over a two-week period.

New Members—since July 2020 we have inducted twenty new members bringing our current membership to forty



Berlin Lions Club

Berlin library adds 110 books for elementary school students with African-American or Latino themes after Berlin Lions Club donation

African-American and Latino children in town now have access to literature featuring—and written by—people that look like them.

A recent donation by the Berlin Lions Club means that their peers will also have an opportunity to broaden their literary and cultural horizons.

Lions' President Dan Daigle and Boys & Girls Committee Chairman Paul Cavalieri visited the Berlin-Peck Library this April to see what their club's generous donation made possible.

"What we did is direct an appropriate amount of funds for the library to buy 110 books primarily for elementary school students, which have African-American or Latino themes and were written by African-American or Latino authors," Daigle said.

"I'm a past educator so this is near and dear to my heart," Cavalieri added.

The Berlin Lions were among many clubs to participate in the Connecticut Lions District 23-B Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Book Drive. The goal was to promote inclusion and diversity by adding to local libraries' book collections. Members raised money to make the donation. Berlin-Peck Memorial Library Director Kimberly McNally and Children and Teen Services Director Jennifer Needham were thrilled to welcome a brand-new collection to the shelves at the main library as well as two satellite libraries in East Berlin and Worthington Ridge.

"This is wonderful," Needham said. "Totally unexpected."

Lions' members provided the library an age-appropriate list of titles,

some of which they had already and some of which they purchased with the donation.

"I appreciated the diverse variety of voices and books we had not yet added to our collection," McNally said.

"This helps us tremendously," Needham pointed out. "Our community is really going to enjoy these."

Staff put Berlin Lions Club nameplates inside the front cover of each book so readers will know where they came from.

"I like to say that books are mirrors and windows," Needham said. "Children need to see themselves in books and they also provide windows to the world and other cultures."

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Torrington Lions



The Torrington Lions performed vision screenings at the Torrington Kindergarten Kick Off Event which was held for pre-school children in March.

Front row (From left): AnnaMae Marola and Phil Dzurak

Back row (From left): Wayne Frombach, Mike Yuchunas and Denise Nowak



Marlborough Lions Club

On Sunday April 3rd, we had our annual Pancake Breakfast, with good attendance, and over forty sponsors. With a net profit of over \$1300, we are donating \$600 to the Roy B. Pettingill Ambulance Assoc. in honor of past member Glen Warstock. We also held our 2nd sponsored blood drive on Tuesday 4/19 at the Marlborough Senior Center. While there were some hiccups regarding the Red Cross's staffing and ability to accommodate the forty scheduled donors, we still had twenty-nine donors able to donor blood.

This past Saturday 4/23 several members (and Sue Gabriele) cleaned up several trails behind the Marlborough Elementary school, using machetes, clippers, and leaf blowers to tidy up both paved and unpaved trails.

Last night 4/26, District Governor Ed Fenton came to our meeting and was able to induct three of our latest members (Polly Carilli from last year, Jack Groat and Caitlin Powers-Groat who were our newest members, successfully recruited from our Fall membership drive.

We held our 2nd annual Kayak Raffle for an Old Town Heron 9XT kayak, paddle, and rack spot at the lake (eligible for Marlborough residents only). We ended up with a winner for each, as the kayak winner was from Coventry.

Sunday 5/29 10.30am is our annual Race Round the Lake 5K starting at Blish Park. Additional information regarding registration can be found on our Facebook page @Marlborough Lions-CT.



Right: Marlborough Lions posing in the kitchen before their annual Pancake Breakfast.



Above: DG Ed posing with newly inducted members of the Marlborough Lions. From left: Jack Groat, Caitlin Powers-Groat, Polly Carilli, President Megan Lloyd, DG Ed Fenton)

Below: Marlborough Lions pulling the lucky winners for their Kayak Raffle.



Barkhamsted Lions Club

Fifty-two volunteers from numerous community groups convened in Pleasant Valley on Earth Day Saturday to participate in the decades old annual Community Cleanup. Organized by the Barkhamsted Lions Club, this event has been occurring for over four decades. The event was postponed last year due to the pandemic and moved to Earth Day weekend 2022 this year to celebrate the Barkhamsted Lions Club's 55th Anniversary.

One of many new enhancements this year was to partner with the larger Farmington River Coordinating Committee/Farmington River Anglers Association Cleanup event with this event focused just on roadways along the Farmington River. Another new enhancement was for Lions Jerri Morgan and Judy Doyle to collect all the filled bags of trash along the roadsides with their pickup trucks, instead of having them carried back to the event starting point. Over twenty-five 33-gallon bags, weighing over 500 pounds, were filled with discarded litter and properly disposed of in the local landfill.

Barkhamsted Lions President Dave Roberts said that "the turnout this year was absolutely amazing; the largest in the history of this event. Can you imagine that we removed over 500 pounds of litter from our scenic community?"

We were thrilled to have volunteers from four Lions Clubs (Barkhamsted, East Hartford, Northwestern CT Cyber, and Windsor), one Leo Club (Northwest CT Cyber), Northwestern Regional #7 High School Students, Barkhamsted Conservation Commission, Granby Conservation Commission, Riverton Grange #169, Barkhamsted Senior Center, Winsted Youth Service Bureau and interested citizens."

Participants enjoyed refreshments

before the event and a meal after the event sponsored by the Barkhamsted Lions Club. Attendees also included State Representative Mark W. Anderson, Lions District 23-B Governor Ed Fenton, District Leos Chair Cindy Daniels and Lions District Environmental Chair Danielle Shapiro.

Protecting and preserving our fragile environment is one of five global causes sponsored by Lions Clubs International and participants

enjoyed being outside, meeting other interested members of the community, and helping make the Farmington River corridor in Barkhamsted sparkle on this beautiful Earth Day weekend.

For more information on Barkhamsted Lions Club, please contact President Dave Roberts at dave@daveroberts.org or 858-775-9241.



Left: The Barkhamsted Lions, with a lot of help, cleaning up along the Farmington River. Over 500 pound of trash was collected.

Below: Some of the many participants in the Barkhamsted Lions Farmington River cleanup.



Windsor Lions Club

Eighty percent of all visual impairment can be prevented or cured. The first step to prevention is awareness. The second is early detection through vision screening. Around the world, Lions partner with medical professionals and community leaders to provide vision screenings to identify those at risk for vision loss. The venue for Lions' vision screenings varies from schools, to workplaces, to community health fairs, and the screening methods depend upon the age group. But the results are always the same. Early identification leads to timely referral, professional treatment, and improved or restored sight.

On May 24th, from 9:45-3:00, The Windsor Lions, serving in collaboration with the Windsor Senior Center and Windsor Commission on Aging, will conduct a free Senior Vision Screening for those Windsor residents aged 55 and older. Advance sign up is required for this vision screening. A trained optometrist will be present during this screening and will consult with regard to screening results. This screening is FREE to those age 55 and over.

To secure an appointment, please contact the Windsor Senior Center at 860-285-1992.

On Saturday, August 13, the Windsor Lions will hold a Drive-Through Food Drive at the LP Wilson Community Center, from 9am to 1pm to help support families in the community facing food insecurity.

Fill a bag with non-perishable, non-expired food items (no glass, please), drive to the center, and the Lions will unload your donation.

Cash and check donations are also welcome. Make checks out to The Lions Club Charitable Foundation, Windsor, CT, and put WFF Food Drive in the memo field.

Thanks for your donations!

Burlington Lions Club



Above: Wayne Frombach (Club Secretary, bright sweatshirt) and Club President Don Brunelle are pictured with BVFD Fire Chief Mike Boucher and Jordan Perzan(Lieutenant EMS) during the formal presentation of \$1,950.00 to purchase a new AED for the EMS first responders.

Terryville Lions Club



Lions Jennifer Deforest (left) and Lion Pat Borda (right) at a food collection to benefit the Plymouth food pantry. They were also giving away signs to local residents to help celebrate Terryville's day of kindness celebrated on April 14th.



Lion Around Connecticut

With Lions Carol Kearns and Harry Schuh

March 4, 2022 represents our **9th** year of producing "Lion Around CT with Carol and Harry." We continue to air our weekly show during the pandemic and have just produced show #423.

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 for free to Nutmeg TV on YouTube at www.YouTube.com/NutmegTelevision. You can also access our playlist directly at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVHmFM06IZKxGruhD6iUjIAT2J7Y-ltW4>.

Because the MD23 Lions Mid-Winter Conference was a virtual event this year, we were not able to record live. Therefore, we rebroadcast some of our episodes from the 2020 Mid-Winter Conference held February 21 – 22, 2020 at the Wyndham Hotel in Southbury, CT. Our special guests were 1st International Vice-President Brian Sheehan and his wife Lion Lori Sheehan. On Sunday, March 13, 2022 we attended the 11th Annual Distinguished Humanitarians Banquet hosted by Lions District 23C. This event was held at Saint Clements Castle in Portland, CT. Awardees were nominated by community Lions Clubs and were recognized for their humanitarian contributions to the community. Here are the titles for our newest shows:

424	MD23 Lions Mid-Winter Conference February 21 – 22, 2020 Part 1
425	MD23 Lions Mid-Winter Conference February 21 – 22, 2020 Part 2
426	Lions District 23C Humanitarians March 13, 2022 Part 1

The Lions' Roar

The next two deadlines for The Lions' Roar are June 15, 2022 and July 15, 2022. 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 July 2022 issue, we want everything from June 25, 2021 through the end of August 2022).

427	Lions District 23C Humanitarians Banquet March 13, 2022 Part 2
428	Lions District 23C Humanitarians Banquet March 13, 2022 Part 3
429	Lions District 23C Humanitarians Banquet March 13, 2022 Part 4

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

Manchester Lions Club

The Manchester Lions Club will hold their 13th Annual Rubber Duck Race, June 11th 2pm at Charter Oak Park in Manchester

There are up to \$1,000.00 in cash prizes. Tickets are \$5 for each Rubber Duck entry, and you can buy your tickets at Total Vision Eyecare and Highland Park Market in Manchester any time before the race.

Bring the kids for Family Fun, and the popular Kona Shaved Ice Truck will be there too!



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The District 23B Spirit

Our next issue of the District 23B Spirit is September 1, 2022. The deadline for all ads and articles is August 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 only.



**DISTRICT 23 B CLUB OFFICER TRAINING
JUNE 11, 2022
LP WILSON COMMUNITY CENTER
599 MATIANUCK ROAD WINDSOR CT
8:30 AM – 12 NOON**

Our District Club Officer Training this year will provide Insights & Discussions for incoming Presidents, Treasurers, Secretaries, Membership & Service Chairs & Club Administrator plus **ANY INTERESTED CLUB MEMEBERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.**

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Agenda

8:30 am – 9:00 am	Coffee & Pastry
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Welcome DG Ed Fenton
9:30 am – 11:15 am	Presentations and Open Discussion
11:30 am – 12 noon	Closing Comments DG Elect Dave Roberts

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY JUNE 6th 2022 BY EMAIL

TO: Jim Trompeter Email: m20t50@aol.com

Please use the above email for any questions as well.

Directions:

(From the south): 91 North to Exit 35B, Route 218. Left on 218 for 4/10 of a mile. Turn right on Matianuck Rd. **# 599 Community Center is 3/10 of a mile on your left.**

(From the North): 91 South to Exit 35. Right on 218 for 4/10 of a mile. Right on Matianuck Rd.

Park in the Front Lot come in the Main Entrance Double Doors

Woodbury Lions

The beginning of spring marks the final scramble for the Woodbury Lions as we prepare for two of our major fundraisers.

May 28th is the inaugural Maifest being held at Quassy Amusement Park in Middlebury. Our version of this traditional springtime version of Oktoberfest is a beer tasting, held in two sessions, featuring more than ten local craft breweries, offering samples of their brews. There will be a German band, raffles, and a free tasting glass.

A week after that, is our 43rd annual Car Show and Summerfest at Hollow Park in Woodbury. We've gone all out to create a day-long family event, adding bands, food trucks and other amusements. While we still expect over 300 show cars, the bands, all headliners, will be performing all day, and it's worth attending just for them.

More information on both these events can be found on our website, www.woodburyclions.org

Our last meeting is our annual Awards Banquet. We have many Lions who go above and beyond all year, and this is our time to recognize them. The highlight of the meeting is the presentation of the Melvin Jones Fellowship award.

And, we don't let summer slip past without two of our fellowship events, the annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic, where the many members of our community who assist in putting on our events are recognized, and the traditional TriTown Picnic, where we combine with the Lions from Bethlehem and Watertown for an evening of fellowship.

And, we look forward to our first meeting in the new Lions year, in August, when we recognize our scholarship recipients.

And, after that, our Annual Duck Race in September, that raises funds for our sight and hearing projects.

District Officers

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Zone 2

Frank Longo, Chair

The combined Zone 1 and 2 meeting on April 4 at the Barkhamsted Senior Center was a remarkable success! With 100% attendance from Zone 2 clubs, and about the same from Zone 1, we packed the Senior Center with Lions eager to learn what's going on in the district.

After a chicken and biscuit dinner prepared by the Senior Center's branch club, we listened to a couple of speakers arranged by Zone 1 Chair Alan Hill. We were also treated to brief updates from our GLT Jim Trompeter, GST Phyllis Perry, and DG Ed Fenton.

I particularly enjoyed this meeting since ZC Alan did most of the work, and I pretty much sat back and enjoyed the program, along with the rest of the Lions in attendance.

As our Lion year comes to a close, I want to thank all the Lions in Zone 2 who participated in zone meetings and district events, in spite of the challenges presented by the ongoing pandemic. We live the motto "We Serve".

As of right now, it looks like I will be continuing my assignment as Zone 2 chairperson for the 2022-2023 Lions year. As I have done in the past, I chose a theme for the coming year to explore with clubs, each bringing their own experiences, and learning from the experiences of other clubs. What I chose for next year is "Engagement". In its simplest form, it's how we bring value to our members and our communities through interaction.

Again, thanks to all the clubs, the members of the district cabinet, and DG Ed and DGE Dave Roberts, who have supported me through the past year. I am looking forward to another year of service to the Zone, and I am always available to answer questions or help out at an event.



46th USA/ Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Where: Calgary, Alberta, Canada
When: September 15-17, 2022



Register: lionsforum.org

Early Registration Ends: May 31, 2022

Early Registration: \$285.00

The Forum's mission is "To develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International (LCI)."



Join us on our adventure as we
"Stampede to Lead!"

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