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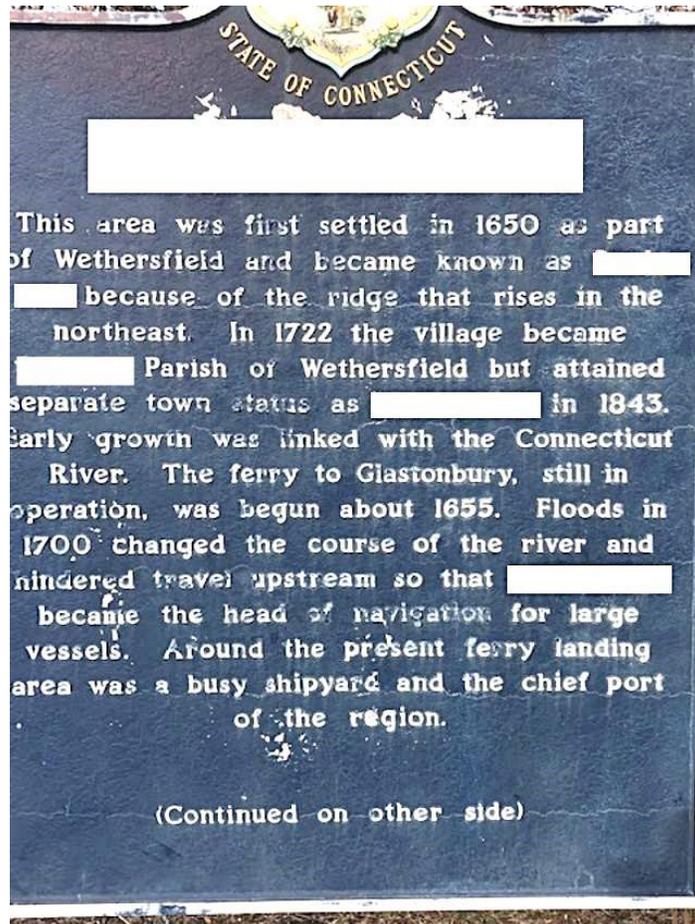
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What Town Is This?



A new year, a new contest!

Thanks to PDG Dave Yadich for 'lending' us his game from the past MidWinter Conference for the benefit of the entire district.

The rules are easy: Each issue of the Spirit will have a "town sign"—these are usually well-hidden in plain sight someplace in each town. Obviously identifying information has been whited-out, and the goal is to guess to which town this sign belongs. This should be an easy one; the rest may not be—we'll use signs from any town in District 23B, whether they have a club or not (since there may be Lions who live there). If you're from that town, you're ineligible to win (and PDG Dave is not allowed to play at all!)

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

The Spirit Team

DG Heidi Zacchera

Hello District 23B!

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

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

Check the LCI site to see what others around the country are doing. Have your club brainstorm service project ideas that can be done while staying safe.

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

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

Now is also the time to focus on bringing in new members, and to get them involved in service projects. Publicize a Zoom meeting for



community people learn about Lions. Tell your town social service director the Lions are willing to assist people who need help.

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

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

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

DG Heidi



23B PDG Association

The 23B PDG Association will host an informational meeting (via Zoom) for any Lion interested in furthering their development into Lions Leadership positions. Please join us on Sunday evening, September 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89705856244> to get all the answers to your questions.

PCC Lion Kathy Randall is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: PDG Association Information Night
Time: Sep 13, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time

Meeting ID: 897 0585 6244
Or call in at 929-205-6099

Bring Your Own Beverage!

Berlin Lions Club

In response to the burden placed on 1st responders due to COVID-19, the Berlin Lions Club has established the "1st Responders Appreciation" program. Each Wednesday, for the duration of the program, Berlin Lions will pay for coffee or drinks for any Berlin 1st responder, plus all Berlin veterans.

Additionally, several 1st responder organizations have been identified, and will be the beneficiary of a Friday lunch provided by the Lions. Organizations include EMTs, ambulance personnel, local hospital ICU & ER departments and the Berlin Police. All lunches are prepared by local restaurants, with the intent of assisting the local economy.

Terryville Blood Drive

On Thursday, August 27, 2020, from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm, the Terryville Lions are sponsoring a blood drive at the hall at The Lyceum, 181 Main Street Terryville CT, 06786.

For an appointment, please visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) Please use Sponsor Code = **TerryvilleCT**

VDG Ed Fenton

To all the Lions of District 23-B, thank you for allowing me to serve as your 1st Vice District Governor this year! I look forward to my club visits, whether face-to-face or virtually over the computer, and learning about the fantastic service Lions do throughout our District.

I hope that everyone is staying healthy and safe during these trying times. Considering the challenges of serving during the pandemic, it's wonderful to see so many clubs getting creative with how they conduct service. There have been multiple clubs in our District that have conducted "drive-thru" food drives to support their communities.

Thousands of pounds of food have been collected and donated throughout our towns. The 3rd and 4th grade students of the Roaring Brook School Student Council raised and donated \$900 to the Avon Lions Club to support Gifts of Love in Farmington Valley. Gifts of Love will use those funds to purchase food to donate to families in need. The students wanted to make a donation that would be meaningful to families in their community.

I've been fortunate to assist a couple of clubs with their food drives and it was interesting to see how each went through the process. If your club would like to consider a food drive, which is relatively easy to conduct, please reach out to me and I will be happy to put you in contact with one of those clubs for ideas.

We are very excited to be pursuing two new clubs in the District this year. We're looking at The Town of Newington for a standard community club, and Litchfield County is being pursued as a location for a veterans'-based Lions club. The goal of the Litchfield County club will be to provide various services to veterans in that area. If you know anyone who lives in Newington, or veterans in Litchfield County, please email me their names and contact information

and one of our recruiting team members will be happy to contact them to discuss becoming a Lion.

For any Lion thinking about becoming a Cabinet Member in the future, or maybe even running for District Governor down the road, it's never too early to start your training! Even if you do not plan to be involved with District service, there are many training opportunities available. Please check out the Lions Learning Center at the MyLCI/MyLion website and the Lions University Program at the USA/Canada Forum website. And if you want to become more involved at the District level, or join a MD-23 committee, please let me know.

If you have an upcoming service project or fundraiser, please let me know if you would like some help. You can contact me at edeHLions@aol.com, and my other contact information is on the District website. I look forward to continuing to work with all the Lions in District 23-B!

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Though we were all disappointed that we could not meet in person in Louisville this year, we wanted to make sure that you were aware that we will be hosting the USA/Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience September 25-27, 2020.

We will have three online sessions featuring our International Officers, professional speakers, and Lion speakers. You can join in for any or all of the three daily sessions by registering today! We look forward to joining with all of you online this year for an amazing Virtual Experience "Racing into the Future with Kindness and Diversity"

Register here:
<https://members.lionsforum.org/event-3925061>

Burlington Lions Club

Burlington Lions Club recently established the "Help Your Neighbor Fund", to offer on going assistance to local families and individuals who are experiencing financial difficulties as a result of the COVID pandemic. Early in pandemic the Club formed a committee, co-chaired by members Robert Dunn and Kelly Fecteau, to formulate details and sent a letter to all town residents and businesses asking for donations as well as making everyone aware of the availability of the program. The generous financial support from the Burlington Lions and community members has resulted in 35 disbursements to individuals and families thus far. The Town Social Services department has also been very helpful in identifying those in need. We believe that we have fulfilled "Where there is a need there is a Lion" in our community.

New Hartford Lions Club

The New Hartford Lions Club is sorry to announce that due to the COVID-19 pandemic our September 26th 2020 Flea Market has been cancelled. It is a difficult decision, but the safety of all participants - vendors, volunteers, and attendees - is very important to us. We will return on June 5 2021 and September 25, 2021. Thank you for your continued support! Please stay safe.

2020 Stand Down

The 2020 Veteran's Stand Down has been cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please support our Veterans in other ways during the year, and I hope to see you at this event next year!

Lion Jim Boulais
23B Veterans Chair

Membership

GMT Dave Roberts, 2nd VDG

Our District ended Lions Year 2019-2020 with positive membership growth with 1,739 Lions in Hartford and Litchfield Counties!

Lions Year 2020-2021 provides us with new opportunities to expand our membership even more. As you may have heard, Lions Clubs International instituted the North America Membership Initiative (NAMI) and DG Heidi opted into this initiative early. Four teams were built and plans were laid to begin implementing on the July 1st start of the new Lions Year.

1VDG Ed Fenton and Zone Chair Raj Shrestha are leading efforts to investigate ideas to start new clubs within our District. They are already working on one new club! If you have any ideas for new clubs, please reach out to either 1VDG Ed at edehlions@aol.com or Zone Chair Raj at rajshrestha2003@yahoo.com.

Remember, there are no fees to charter a new club between now and December 31, 2020. So let's add one or two new clubs to our existing Pride of 53 clubs in District 23-B.

I am leading the effort to recruiting new members for our existing Lions Clubs. One of the initiatives that DG Heidi Zacchera has instituted is to provide a resource (called a "buddy") to clubs with less than 20 members. I plan to personally visit all seventeen clubs with less than twenty members over the next 90 days and bring the DG-designated buddy with me to experience a club meeting and then to help support the club this Lions Year to recruit new members. I am pleased to report that one club (Hartland) already has more than twenty members! To support your membership recruitment efforts, we may meet with your local First Selectman/Mayor or our town/city officials. We may suggest meeting with your local Chamber of Commerce. A buddy could help you plan and carry out a membership

recruitment event. All buddies have been notified by DG Heidi and we hope to help our clubs add more Lions to lighten your club's service load throughout the District. And remember, there is no entrance fee if a new Lion joins before December 31, 2020. So let's all keep our eyes out for quality recruits just waiting to be asked to join Lions.

To round out our District's NAMI Team, PCC Kathy Randall is promoting leadership opportunities with GLT Jim Trompeter and PDG Dave Yadach is promoting inspiring service opportunities. Other resources available are Lion Akella Sharma, who is chairing our New Voices Initiative, and Immediate Past GMT Frank Longo, who is supporting club retention efforts. The District has many resources for our fifty-three clubs to be successful. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of these resources to grow your club's membership.

LEOs Volunteer Service Opportunities Day

District Leo Chair Cindy Daniels helped coordinate an event at Educated Canines Assisting with Disabilities (ECAD) at their Winchester campus to provide LEOs with an overview of this non-profit which trains service dogs for clients with physical or mental challenges.

LEOs were then able to sign up (along with their parents) for a host of different volunteer opportunities.

Twenty-nine LEOs, Leo Advisors, parents and grandparents participated in the event, along with Zone Chairs Alan Hill and Raj Shrestha, and Barkhamsted Lions Club Liaison Jackie Martin. For more information on ECAD, visit www.ecad1.org.

Simsbury Lions Club

The Simsbury Lions will be holding their annual MUM SALE in September.

To place an order please contact Harolyn@att.net, or by phone 860-965-0301.

There will be a MUM PICKUP on September 12th and 13th from 10 am until 2 pm behind the band shell at Simsbury Meadows. Please order and pre pay BEFORE pick-up. Individual Lions will be accepting orders and payment. More details and contacts will be available next month.

Mums are \$7 EACH, 3 for \$18. There will be discounts for quantity purchases, and deliveries of larger orders can be arranged. Plants are locally grown, fully budded and come in all the usual fall mum colors. Buy early for best selection of colors!

Windsor Lions Club

On Saturday August 1st, the Windsor Lions Club held a "Drive thru No Contact Food Drive" to benefit the Windsor Food and Fuel Bank.

This service project was modeled after the successful Food Drive held by the Windsor Locks Lions Club. Our "Drive thru No Contact Food Drive" was co-chaired by newly inducted Windsor Lions Deb DeLucia and Sharon Gauthier. Cars drove up outside the LP Wilson Center where the food bank is located. Windsor Lions, Leos and District Leaders unloaded food items which were placed inside a holding room near the food bank. This service project resulted in the Windsor Lions \$2100.00 donation to WFFB and a storage area overflowing with needed food items. (Pictures on page 10)

Leadership

GLT Jim Trompetor

Welcome to the Lions Year 2020-2021.

We started with a Virus Pandemic then slid right into a Hurricane. I am sure that here will be other challenges that lie ahead. The key for our Lions Clubs to be successful in these unusual times, is to build a strong team with a focus on what needs to be accomplished in our communities and beyond. We have provided On Line courses for our Club Leaders, they are currently on the **District Web-Site**. E-district.org/sites/23b/, Click on Webinars on the left side. The tools are there for you to provide direction to your club. There is also a wealth of information on our International website that provides information as to what being a Lion is all about but also there are activities listed, for fund raisers as well as ideas that can be utilized to help your community. (myapps.lionsclubs.org) **Click on the learning section and follow the prompts**

We started the year with an increase in Membership from the previous year. We have a strong program in place (North American Membership Initiative) which will give us the capability to strengthen our membership. We also need to educate our membership about what Lions Clubs are all about, and what are goals are and these can vary by club. To retain and expand our membership we must educate them.

So how do we do that?

- 1) At the Club level your members need to get new members involved and educate them on the big picture
- 2) You must make your new members aware of our District Web Site and the International Website, ask them to look up a topic twice a month, and within three months you will be

impressed with what you see.

- 3) Invite guests to your meeting and ask them to give a short (10 min) + questions presentation as to what their function is in the District and the role it plays
- 4) Lastly make your meetings and projects fun. With everything that is going on we need to laugh and enjoy each other's company.

These are just a few ideas, I am sure there are plenty more. Starting in September I will be sending to each club a viral education piece that they can cover at their meetings or their members can view on line. Keep your eyes open for it.

I am here for advice, assistance or research to find you training materials.

Stay Safe and Healthy

East Hartford Lions Club

Had it not been for the Covid-19 Pandemic, the East Hartford Lions Club would have had its annual Installation Banquet on June 15. Although that event has had to be postponed, the Pandemic has not stopped the Lions from contributing to the East Hartford community in 2020. This year we are especially proud of the support that we have given to those in town who are food insecure. The East Hartford Lions Club donated \$500 to the East Hartford Interfaith Ministries and their Friendship Center Soup Kitchen, and in turn, Lions Clubs International gave us a matching amount for the East Hartford Lions Club to purchase, and then donate, ten \$50 Stop and Shop Gift Cards to EHIM for the Soup Kitchen.

This year, as in other years, the

East Hartford Lions Club supported our youth by giving two scholarships to East Hartford students in the class of 2020. The Raymond E Donovan Scholarship was awarded to Angelina DeDominicis and the Bernard Kehoe Scholarship was awarded to Shannell Awuah, both graduating from East Hartford High School. Each of these young women has given much to their community and were chosen for their strong academics and community commitment.

The East Hartford Lions Club is very proud that this year our own Past President Ed Fenton will become the 1st Vice-District Governor for Lions District 23B on the road to being District Governor for 2021-2022. District 23B includes all the Lions Clubs in Hartford and Litchfield counties. He will be following in the footsteps of East Hartford Lions PDG George Precourt 1982-1983 and PCC Kathy Randall 2016-2017. And we would add that PDG George Precourt celebrates a milestone in July when he will have been a Lion for 50 years!

The 2020-2021 incoming officers for the East Hartford Lions Club are: Immediate Past President Steve Crecco, President Roberta McIntire-Shapiro, Secretary Steve Crecco, Treasurer Dennis Sweeney, 1st Vice-President John Reilly, 2nd Vice-President Jill Gauthier, One Year Director Ann Sweeney, Two Year Directors Bob Howes and Rosamond "Roz" White and Membership Chair Tracey D'Addario.



Windsor Locks Lions Club

The Windsor Locks Lions held their second "Drive Thru Food Drive" on August 15th. Residents were asked to bring non-perishable food items to the Town Hall parking lot, where Locks Lions were present to unload donations from their vehicles. Other Lion members and Leos then sorted, and date checked the donations before helping to stock the shelves at the Community

Pantry. The Drive ran from 9 am until noon and was advertised via Facebook, newspaper articles, and postings on the Lions and Town Signs.

It was estimated that over \$3,000 in food items were donated during the drive. In addition, residents donated over \$1,300 in cash, checks, and gift certificates. The monetary

donations will be used by the Pantry to replenish needed food items as they become depleted. The Community Pantry serves between 90 and 100 families on a weekly basis.

Planning is now underway for the Club's Thanksgiving Food Drive that is scheduled for November 21st.



***A Sorting We Will Go:** Windsor Locks Lions, Leos, and guests sort donated non-perishable food items at their August 15th Drive-Thru Food Drive."*

Lion Dave Roberts Receives International Appointment

Based upon the recommendation of Lions Clubs International Past President Al Brandel, who serves as the Lions representative to the United Nations and the Economic and Social Council, 2nd Vice District Governor Dave Roberts was appointed as the 2020-2021 Lions Representative to the Council of Organization by Dr. Jung-yul Choi, Lions Clubs International President.

Dr. Choi said in Roberts' appointment letter "I wish you much success in your work ahead that not only strengthens our relationship with the United Nations and related agencies but improves visibility and enhances our service impact and focus around the globe."

For the past two years, Roberts has served as our District 23-B Lions

Day with the United Nations committee chair, and outside of Lions serves as the volunteer Membership committee chair for the United Nations Association of the United States of America (Connecticut Chapter)



District 23B VDG Dave Roberts with International President Dr. Jung-yul Choi

Member Retention

One of the keys to member retention is to manage the expectations of the members. The best way is to provide a thorough orientation to prospective new members, explaining the aims and culture of the club. Often, in orientations, we concentrate on the history of Lionism and the club, instead of how we operate and how we interact. We need to explain how we conduct meetings, how we organize our service events, and how much we expect our members to participate.

Of course, our history is important, too. PCC Alan Daninhirsch has a pre-recorded presentation that all Lions are encouraged to watch:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/6087126576806628360>



Lion Around Connecticut

With Lions Carol Kearns and Harry Schu

We are well into our 7th year of producing “Lion Around CT with Carol and Harry” and have continued airing our weekly show during the pandemic. Our show is aired on four cable access TV stations: Charter Communications (Newtown), Cablevision (Litchfield), Charter Communications (Willimantic), and Nutmeg (Farmington). We are also airing on YouTube! To watch “Lion Around CT with Carol and Harry” online, you can subscribe to Nutmeg TV on YouTube at

www.YouTube.com/Television. You can also access our playlist directly at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVHmFM061ZKxGruhD6iUjIAT2J7Y-ltW4>.

Listed below are our last 12 shows. We begin with Part 9 of our MD23 Mid-Winter Conference held at the Wyndham Hotel in Southbury on the weekend of February 21st. Our special guests were 2nd International Vice-President Brian Sheehan and his wife, Lion Lori. We aired PCC Alan Daninhirsch’s District 23B April 13th Orientation Webinar on our show to give non-Lions as well as Lions the opportunity to hear and see what our great association does. After the passing of Past International President Wayne Madden, we honored his memory by airing the video we recorded on October 25, 2014 of special guest PIP Wayne at the New England Lions Council Necrology service in Mystic, CT. On March 13th, we celebrated the chartering of our newest Multiple District club, the Cromwell Lions Club, at Baci’s Restaurant in Cromwell. We wish them well in future service to their community. Shows 365 – 370 feature District 23B Governor Ev Lyons’ Awards Breakfasts. The Zones 1 – 4 Breakfast was held at Chatterley’s Banquet Facility in Torrington. The Zones 5 – 7 Breakfast was held at Maneeley’s in South Windsor. Congratulations to our Outstanding Lions of the Year and to our 100% Secretaries!

Below are the titles for our latest shows 359 – 370:

The Lions’ Roar

The next two deadlines for The Lions’ Roar are September 10, 2020 and October 10, 2020. 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 December issue, we want everything from November 15 through the end of September 2021).

359	MD23 Mid-Winter Conference Part 9
360	District 23B Orientation Webinar presented by PCC Alan Daninhirsch
361	PIP Wayne Madden at NELC Necrology 10-25-14
362	Cromwell Lions Charter Night Part 1
363	Cromwell Lions Charter Night Part 2
364	Cromwell Lions Charter Night Part 3
365	District 23B Governor Ev Lyons’ Zones 1 - 4 Awards Breakfast Part 1
366	District 23B Governor Ev Lyons’ Zones 1 – 4 Awards Breakfast Part 2
367	District 23B Governor Ev Lyons’ Zones 1 – 4 Awards Breakfast Part 3
368	District 23B Governor Ev Lyons’ Zones 1 – 4 & Zones 5 – 7 Awards Breakfasts
369	District 23B Governor Ev Lyons’ Zones 5 – 7 Awards Breakfast Part 2
370	District 23B Governor Ev Lyons’ Zones 5 – 7 Awards Breakfast Part 3

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

Be safe!



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The District 23B Spirit

Our next issue of the District 23B Spirit is December 1, 2020. The deadline for all ads and articles is November 10, 2020.

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

Any submitted pictures should be in .JPG or .GIF format, and should be clear (blurry pictures do not reproduce well). We need pictures of collection boxes! PLEASE!

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

Harwinton Lions Club

Pierogies and the Food Pantry

With the Taste of Harwinton Food Truck Festival cancelled in May, the Harwinton Lions needed to find creative ways to raise funds for all the community causes we support. Lion Donna Perrault had an idea: since our club is locally known for the delicious pierogies we serve at the Harwinton Fair, why not sell Holy Pierogies, so folks could make their own fair food? And why not ask customers to bring food donations for the Harwinton Food Pantry when they picked up their potato dumplings on July 18 and 19?

So, Roland Perreault set up a website where customers could buy Holy Pierogies—which are made by a local Connecticut company—online. We promoted the sale through social media, and Harwinton Lions members directly sold the frozen pierogies to friends and family. Some generous members donated extra packages for same-day sales. A great Lions

crew came together in the Harwinton Post Office parking lot on pick-up weekend, a tent shading us in the mid-summer heat, and a generator powering a freezer that kept the packages frozen. We sold out of all 252 packages of pierogies midway through our second day of distribution. But sales were not our

only mission: sharing food with people who need help was an important part of our effort. And the response for Food Pantry donations was enormous: Robin Reid and her husband, Jay, packed up two pickup truckloads of food over the weekend.



the first batch of food pantry donations with Jay Reid, Donna Perreault, Food Pantry Manager Robin Reid, Roland Perreault, and Jon Stolicny

Terryville Lions Club

Recognizing many families in our community not able to work due to the Covid 19 virus, Terryville Lions decided to host a couple of different food giveaways. The events were held in July and August. The July event was a “Farmers to Families” produce distribution to local families in need. Our club was able to distribute 1400 boxes of produce. The August food drive was done in conjunction with the Plymouth food pantry. Donations were solicited from local businesses and we were able to help 200 local families in need.





Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

CLUB TO DO'S:

**PLAN & ADVERTISE A VIRTUAL
'WATCH' PARTY
'CHILDHOOD CANCER 101'
(MD23 LION & RESEARCHERS-
RECORDED WEBINAR)**

[Watch Here!](#)

**ADVERTISE & SPONSOR
TEAM/RIDERS IN GREAT CYCLE
CHALLENGE 'CT LIONS ROAR'
(RAISING MONEY FOR
CHILDRENS' CANCER RESEARCH
FUND)**

[Donate Here!](#)



Barkhamsted Lions Club



Above: Barkhamsted Lions, along with Northwestern Connecticut Cyber Lions and Leos, joined together recently to support both the Harwinton Lions Club and the Windsor Lions Club food drives. As one of LCI's five global causes, members from these three clubs try to support as many District 23-B initiatives as they possibly can.



(left) Under the leadership of Lion Al Griswold, the Barkhamsted Lions Club chose to again sponsor the 2019-2020 Barkhamsted T-ball team even though the season was cancelled due to the pandemic. Shirts were printed up and presented to all members of the team during a Sunday morning distribution event at the Riverton Baseball Fields by Barkhamsted Lions.



(above) Unfortunately, the town of Barkhamsted and the Barkhamsted Lions Club were forced to cancel our annual Fourth of July parade due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Town of Barkhamsted approved a caravan instead. The caravan had over 25 municipal vehicles and an assortment of other decorated vehicles. Citizens lined many neighborhoods to greet the caravan. The Lions led the parade through town with Past Club President Francis Lattizori and Lion Debbie Roberts and a festive time was had by all.

Windsor Lions Club (Picture Edition)



District 23B Governor Heidi Zacchera helping out at the Windsor Lions food drive



Windsor Lions Members of the Windsor Food and Fuel Bank.



Here's Bailey with a friend with one of the Windsor Lions' "Be Kind" signs

Event Schedule for Lions Virtual Forum

(All times are in EDT)

Friday, September 25

8:00-9:10 pm GENERAL SESSION

- Welcome/Intros General Chair Harvey Whitley
- Tribute to VO Haynes Townsend
- Katherine Greenland: KEYNOTE

9:00-9:15 pm Break

9:15-10:00 pm PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

- NAMI-What's All the Buzz about Kindness and Diversity?
- LCI Digital Programs
- Diverse Projects and Activities to Engage Women and Families
- How to Successfully Sponsor Clubs on Campus

Saturday, September 26

11:00-Noon General Session

- International President Dr. Chung-Yul Choi
- International Director Justin Faber
- LCIF Chairperson Gudrum Yngvadotter and KaSondra Byrd

Noon-12:15 pm Break

12:15-1:00 pm PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

- Childhood Cancer Symposium
- NAMI—Individual District Enhancement Plans
- Dealing Kindly with Contentious Members
- Campaign 100
- How to Start a LEO Club Where Diversity and Kindness Matters

1:00-1:00 pm Break

District Officers

Heidi Zacchera
District Governor

Ed Fenton
First Vice District Governor

Dave Roberts
Second Vice District Governor

Pat Daigle
Secretary

Steven Daigle
Treasurer

Alan Hill
Zone 1 Chair

Joe Mylie
Zone 2 Chair

Harolyn Erickson
Zone 3 Chair

Jamie LaForge
Zone 4 Chair

Lilly Ruiz
Zone 5 Chair

Susan Gabriele
Zone 6 Chair

Raj Shretha
Zone 7 Chair

1:15-2:00 pm PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

- NAMI—Building Success through Kindness
- Reflections from Our Founding Fathers
- Zone Meetings: Secrets of Success
- How Do We Approach the Younger Generation

Sunday, September 27

2:30-3:00 pm GENERAL SESSION

- Sponsors and Recognition of NAMI Pilot Districts

3:00-3:45 pm PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

- Faces of Diabetes Innovation: Racing Towards a Cure
- Young Lions Leadership Skills Contribute to a Successful Future
- Attracting and Retaining Great Lions through Diversity
- Debunking the Membership Myth
- Legal Issues

3:45-4:00pm Break

4:00-5:30pm CLOSING SESSION

- Striker Corbin: KEYNOTE
- Thank you: General Chairperson Harvey Whitley
- Racing Ahead to Des Moines: PDG Wendy Cain, PCC Jerry Inman, and the "Catch Des Moines" Team

Avon Lions Club



Roaring Brook School (RBS) student council advisors are seen presenting a \$900.00 check to Avon Lions President Mark Zacchio and District Governor Heidi Zacchera. These funds were raised by the 3rd & 4th grade students at RBS.

A New Adventure in Learning Join Us!



You can experience the Forum this year in a new way! Join us for the USA/Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience. Although we aren't able to facilitate the 80 wonderful seminars that were planned for Louisville, the Forum Planning Committee is excited to present 19 sessions you can attend virtually. It's easy and affordable.

If you have never attended a USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, our Virtual Leadership Experience will give an opportunity to understand what we do for your leadership growth in a scaled down version. Our mission is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International. We have created a virtual experience filled with seminars that enhance your leadership skills and knowledge. **The Virtual Leadership Experience is for every Lion.**

Choose from 19 sessions that will educate you on programs and services like a Childhood Cancer Symposium, Faces of Diabetes Innovation, how to approach the younger generation about Lions, projects for women and families, learning more with NAMI and so much more.

General Sessions Keynotes



Katherine Greenland
Katherine is a cultural innovator and inclusion strategist with over 20 years of experience as a public speaker, team builder and advisor.



Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, President LCI
Dr. Choi will speak on the services and programs of LCI and give us insight on being United with Kindness and Diversity.



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