

# DISTRICT



CHANGING PEOPLES LIVES

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*September 2018*

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## Where Is This Box?



Because we're running out of submitted collection box pictures, we're going to have to up the challenge a bit. This box had been in use for quite a while, but it's now refurbished, and back in service. You're seeing it in the workshop instead of in the wild. Still, eagle-eyed Lions should know where this box is located (we had to cover the club's name— which is a hint). **District23BSpirit@gmail.com** is where you should send your guesses, and remember if it's your club's box, you're ineligible to win.

Last issue's box was Harwinton, and no one guessed the right answer.

We still need more pictures of collection boxes for future issues. We have yet to see any boxes from Zones 5, 6 or 7— there must be some out there! Thanks to those clubs who have already submitted pictures, but we still need more!

## DG Harry Schuh

My Fellow Lions:

I was very proud to be installed as District Governor by Lions Clubs International President Gudrun Yngvadottir at the 101st Annual Lions Clubs International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Lions motto continues to be We Serve. In keeping with Gudrun's nautical theme, she is challenging us to go Beyond the Horizon to "discover more service projects and greater service outcomes."

We held our District 23B Officer Leadership training on June 2nd. The MyLion app was discussed with Secretaries during the training. We are planning to hold follow-up sessions and to provide ongoing communication this year. This will assist us in rolling out the MyLion application to all Lions in the district. We are always looking to develop new leaders in our districts. I am pleased that four of my seven Zone Chairs are new to the position this year. Zone Chair training is scheduled for September 8th. We have also scheduled Guiding Lion training for October 6th. We need to build up our bench strength as the certifications for many of our Guiding Lions have lapsed. Please contact GLT Coordinator Peter Nevers if you are interested in either of these leadership development opportunities.

Congratulations to Immediate Past District Governor Bobby Clark and Past Council Chair Sia Dowlatshahi for establishing a new Lions Club in Glastonbury. Lion Carol and I attended the club organizational meeting on August 1st. The club currently has 35 members and is planning to hold their Charter Night on Saturday, October 13th. A key to driving membership growth this year will be through action and service. This is consistent with International President Gudrun's message Beyond the Horizon and with my theme: Lights! Camera! Action!

We will continue to explore service

projects this year in each of the five areas of the LCI Service Framework: Diabetes, Environment, Vision, Childhood Cancer, and Hunger. District 23B has been very active in the Multiple District Diabetes Camp project. The goal of this project is to establish a one-week day camp in CT for children with Type-1 diabetes. The target date is summer, 2019. The committee has visited five potential campsites, and also met with Lynn Butler and her staff at the Barton Center in MA, who will assist us in establishing our camp in CT.

Lion Carol and I are active members of the Litchfield Hills Audubon Society (LHAS). She and I plan the annual banquet, and Lion Carol serves on the LHAS Board of Directors. David Yarnold, President and CEO of the National Audubon Society, was our keynote speaker at this year's annual banquet in June. I approached him and Leslie Kane, Executive Director of the Bent of the River Sanctuary, about Lions partnering with Audubon on an Environment project. Both were very receptive. Lion Carol and I are attending the CT Audubon Chapters Meeting on September 9th to continue this discussion. Our Lions KidSight USA Pediatric Eye Screening program continues to expand into more schools and daycare centers in our district. Our Childhood Cancer and Hunger Cabinet Chairs are exploring projects and activities in these areas of the Service Framework. I would like to thank the Cabinet Chairs in each of these five LCI Service Framework areas for serving during this upcoming year.

Lion Carol and I attended the 2nd Annual USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum in Tarrytown, NY on Thursday, August 2nd. We participated in the Leo Advisor Roundtable Discussion. It was great to hear the many ideas and perspectives from Leo advisors from different states. It was also wonderful to see CT so well represented at the Forum.



I look forward to working with you and appreciate your support in this coming Lions year. As President Gudrun said to us in Las Vegas, this is the first full year of our next Century of Service. LCIF is rolling out "Campaign 100," which sets very ambitious goals for our District. We need to work together to continue raising the awareness of our great association and the humanitarian service we provide locally, regionally, and internationally – in other words Lights! Camera! Action!

Yours in Lionism,  
DG Harry Schuh



*The District Governors for MD 23 for the 2018-19 Lions Fiscal Year.*

*(L to R) DG Harry Schuh, 23B, DG Laura Rowe, 23C, SG Alan O'Farrell, 23A*

*Good luck to them in the coming year!*

## Hartland Lions Club

Back in May, around Mother's Day, we were praising the fact that Spring, after a slow and iffy start, had finally arrived up here in the high country. Summer, on the other hand, has really made itself known - heat, humidity, unsettled weather. Looks like another record breaker. We can argue about the cause but we are definitely in a long term warming trend. So hope you are all finding ways to stay cool and safe in the crazy weather. If you have a great place to stay cool, let us know. We'll come help you enjoy it.

Mothers need to be celebrated. Oh, why do we only do it once a year? Hartland's annual Mother's Day Breakfast was another gourmet success thanks to our chefs, and all the families that brought MOM: very new MOMS, slightly more seasoned MOMS, and some very experienced MOMS. All had a filling and fun time.

Projects do slow down for the Hartland Club during the summer months except for manning the Fried Dough Booth for the Fireman's

Carnival. And with that always comes the prayer "Good Weather Please". Once again it was a mixed bag—when it was nice it was nice but when it was wet it was WET; a very hot kettle of cooking grease and rain do not mix. But all ended well, and town folk and members had a good time. Thank You, All!

Now it is time to think about Fall. Trees turning radiant reds and golds, apples, fresh cider (can anyone still find unpasteurized, real cider?), pumpkins, squash, hay rides, scary Halloween, splitting and stacking firewood. **Clean the chimney first!** And, back to a full Lions program year.

For Hartland, it's Peace Poster, Election Day Bake Sale, Eye Screening, Diabetes Screening and concentrating on gaining new members. We hope each club is excited about their upcoming events of fun and service to the community.

So remember

"We are Lions - we serve unselfishly and with a big SMILE!"



*Moms enjoying their day at the Hartland Lions Club Mother's Day breakfast.*

*The Hartland Lions chefs and crew taking a break from their Mother's Day duties.*



## GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP

*GMTL Jim Trompeter*

Last year at this time we talked about bobbing in the waves and doing the same thing over and over again. In 2017 – 2018 we took some new initiatives in membership. We did some things differently. Some clubs utilized the Multiple District recruiting program and achieved some levels of success. Others took a critical look at their club and realized they needed to look at how they operated in a different light.

Meeting Times, Type of Projects, Community Needs and Involvement, Listening to the Desires and Needs of their membership particularly New Members.

Lions Clubs throughout the world are changing. New Initiatives at both the Local, State and International are taking place. Juvenile Diabetes and Childhood Cancer are new programs you will be hearing about shortly. We have created new positions in our clubs to focus on local needs and where a Lions Club can have an impact. Many exciting programs are being introduced, these are programs that will have interest to new members and broaden our ability to attract new members.

**We are moving forward in the District, Membership was + 17 for the year**

**We have a new club based out of Glastonbury**

**22 clubs out of 54 increased their membership.**

**Now is the time to recruit New Members**

I, along with your Zone Chairman and other members of the Cabinet, are here to support you. **JUST ASK!**

I look forward to working with you and seeing at the up and coming Zone Meetings.



## CT Veterans Stand Down 2018

September 21, 2018 – Rocky Hill Vets Campus

By Lion Jim Boulais, Veterans Programs/Stand Down Chair

The 2018 Veterans Stand Down will take place on September 21st at the Veterans Campus at 287 West Street in Rocky Hill. Lions conduct eye screening as well as hearing testing during this event each year.

This year, we need your help more than ever! Many CT Lions that usually volunteer will be attending the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, which is taking place at the same time in Columbus, OH.

Stand Downs (nationally) are typically one- to three-day events, providing supplies and services to homeless Veterans, such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings and VA Social Security benefits counseling. Veterans can also receive referrals to other assistance such as health care, housing solutions, employment, substance use treatment and mental health counseling. They are collaborative events, coordinated between local VA Medical Centers, other government agencies and community-based homeless service providers.

Last year, more than 100 agencies and organizations participated in Stand Down with close to 230 volunteers spread throughout the campus to assist over 1,000 veterans attending the day-long event. Stand Down is the DVA's signature event providing veterans with medical screenings, eye and hearing exams, and many other support services such as housing, employment, education and legal assistance; all at no cost. Also, the CT DOT provides free bus transportation at designated areas for veterans that need rides.

These 2 links provide more information:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DVA/Pages/Veterans-Stand-Down>

<https://youtu.be/1psPwEM9aeA> - A YouTube video explaining the event

The event starts at 8:00 am and goes until 2:00 pm. Volunteers also get a free hot lunch! Just a warning, there are long traffic lines getting into the campus near the event start time, so if you want to arrive by 8:00 am – leave early.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact me at [boulaisj@cox.net](mailto:boulaisj@cox.net).

I hope to see you there!

## Burlington Lions Club

The Burlington and Harwinton Lions clubs are preparing to offer pediatric vision screening under the KidSight Program to Region 10 schools, libraries and daycare centers during the 3rd and 4th weeks of October. Screening began five years ago with the system's kindergarten classes and we have expanded to include pre-K through Grade 6. Region 10 administration and school staff, as well as staff from the libraries and day care centers, have provided much cooperation and support to our efforts. They are grateful for the invaluable service we offer.

In 2017 volunteers screened over 900 students. Of that number, forty-six were referrals. A referral indicates the student has not met the screening criteria and recommends that the student get a professional eye examination.

If even only one child's vision abnormality is detected early enough to save his or her vision, then our efforts are worth it.



## Lions' Quest

Lions Quest Chair

Lion Nancy Schnyer

Social and Emotional Learning for the 21st Century

What is Lions' Quest? Lions' Quest is a comprehensive, social and emotional learning (SEL) youth development program that promotes character education, bullying and dropout prevention, drug awareness, and service learning. It also promotes a safe and participatory learning environment that allows students in Pre-k – 12<sup>th</sup> grade to develop 21<sup>st</sup> century life skills. Lions' Quest is designed to create a positive and safe school climate for students and teachers, and to unite the home, school and community. This program has been implemented in more than 100 countries and has impacted 16 million students worldwide.

As your District 23B Quest chairperson, my goal is to build awareness of Lions' Quest both at the local club level and for the corresponding school systems. I first became aware of the Quest program as a Torrington High teacher in the 1980's and 90's. Then the program was offered as a class, through the Guidance department, for those students wanting additional life- based skills. Since that time the curriculum has been updated and improved to meet the current challenges facing today's youth.

Now, with grant funds through the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) and, perhaps, financial help from our local Lions' Clubs, funding is available for educator training and materials to implement the new Quest curriculum, Pre-k-12 in our schools.

Should you need further information about Lions' Quest or a club or a school system presentation, feel free to contact me at [nschnyer0035@charter.net](mailto:nschnyer0035@charter.net).

# WINSTED LIONS CLUB

## ANNUAL

# HALLOWEEN DANCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018

7PM – 11PM

CHATTERLY'S BANQUET FACILITY  
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PRIZES AWARDED  
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COFFEE, DESSERTS  
CASH BAR



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\$25.00 PER PERSON

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JOE – (860) 921-6644  
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# Harwinton Lions Club

## Summer Weather in Our Favor

The Harwinton Lions were busy this summer with three big events, beginning with the **Harwinton Lions 2nd Annual Food Truck Festival** held on **Sunday, June 3rd** at the Harwinton Town Hall/Recreation Area. School buses delivered a steady stream of attendees, anxious to taste the wares of 26 food trucks, throughout the day. Billed as a family-friendly event, the festival featured bounce houses, magic and comedy by Pete and Chris Amusements, an acoustic musical performance by singer-songwriter Adelaide Punkin Datzuk, face painting, balloon animal creations, WZBG 97.3 FM's tailgate toss game, and a Harwinton Recreation Zumba demonstration led by Robyn Centrella. Food truck offerings ranged from New England apple fritters to barbecue by Low and Slow to Reubens and Cubans, cannolis, pierogies, Middle Eastern and Caribbean fare, ices, grilled cheese, cupcakes, beer brats, flatbreads, and more. Twenty-two table vendors brought another dimension to the festival, offering soaps, candles, relishes, jams, clothing, books, and other products. A host of Lions, led by event coordinator Amber Scouler, contributed to the success of the event, which was measured in the smiling, painted faces of children (and their parents) who had a wonderful time on a blue-sky day in Harwinton.

In spite of a forecast that threatened rain, The **15th Annual Concert for Sight** serenaded a crowd of more than 1,500 spectators on a cloudy, but dry late-July evening. Months of planning and hard work by a large contingent of Lions volunteers, led by coordinator Bob Wesneski and augmented by professional sound and lighting crews, made the magical transformation of the Harwinton Fairgrounds to a hillside amphitheater that inspired both attendees and performers. As Connecticut's own The Tradesmen

played rock, blues, and oldies selections, followed by headliner Tom Sadge's tribute to Neil Diamond, the audience enjoyed the music, singing along with Sadge and his band on "Sweet Caroline." Spectators dined on picnics they had brought, or sampled food truck fare and ice cream. The first couple to appear at the gate arrived early, saying, "We're so excited to be here. We come every year!" As the satisfied crowd departed at the concert's end, the Lions crew worked quickly to strike the tents and sound stage before the deluge hit.

The following weekend, the **5th Annual Cars for Sight** featured nearly 200 cars of all years and makes, lined up in the parking spaces along the Harwinton Sports Complex and at Town Hall. Coordinators Bruce Richard and Dennis Baerny presented the first 150 cars to enter with dash plaques. Owners showed off their engines, running boards and interiors to appreciative crowds, who walked up and down, mingling with the auto aficionados presenting their restoration skills. One attendee summed up her experience: "Really nice car show today in Harwinton! Good turnout of cool cars! Perfect day for it!" Judges used their evaluation sheets to pick from Classics, Antique, Trucks, Muscle, Street Rods, and Modified. Trophies were awarded to the Top 25 cars. Proceeds from the event went to the Harwinton Lions Scholarship and Sight Funds.

## Serving Up Pancakes and Pierogies for a Cause

Two events this fall will feature food in Lions Club of Harwinton's efforts to support the local community. From Friday evening, October 5 through Sunday, October 7, Lions will sell kielbasa and pierogies, made by Holy Pierogies of Wolcott, CT, at the 162nd Annual Harwinton Fair on Locust Road. With dozens sold last year, Fair Food Coordinator Dennis Baerny agreed to repeat the successful fundraiser in 2018. Fair hours are 4-9 p.m. on Friday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. on Saturday, and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday.

On Sunday, November 4, Lions will be busy making and serving pancakes, eggs, bacon, and sausage at the 45<sup>th</sup> annual Scholarship Pancake Breakfast. The Harwinton Boy Scouts will join Lions Club members, setting and cleaning up tables at the popular event, which will be held at the Harwinton Consolidated School from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast Coordinator Mike Criss confirms that advance tickets for the breakfast will be available at Harwinton's Thomaston Savings Bank, Town Hall, and from Lions Club members.

The Harwinton Lions are hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on September 1 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in Harwinton Town Hall, one of three blood drives the club sponsors each year. Members volunteer to greet blood donors as well as bake and make tasty sandwiches. Advance registration is highly encouraged. To donate, please visit this link: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give/drive/driveSearchList.jsp?zipSponsor=LIONSCT>



Top: the large crowd attending the Harwinton Lions Club Concert for Sight

Bottom: smiling faces at the Harwinton Lions' 2nd Annual Food Truck Festival





## Torrington Lions Club



*Top Right: Norm Nejaime receives his Knight of the Blind award from Phil Dzurnak. The Knight of the Blind award is the highest award the State of Connecticut Lions can award to a member.*

*Above: sponsor Phil Dzurnak, new member Kim Brown, new member Donna Groccia-Lubik, and sponsor President Donna Robideau.*

*Right: Norm Nejaime, Mayor Elinor Carbone, John Gelormino received certificates of Special Recognition from the City in honor of their 50 years of service in Lionism.*



*Congratulations to the Pin Trader's Club of Connecticut for receiving this award at the International Convention from the Lions International Pin Trader's Club for submitting a pin created by the PTCCT. It is the 3rd award the club has won. Lion and past PCTCT president Phil Dzurnak accepted the award.*



### Burlington Lions Club **TURKEY SHOOT**

October 28  
November 4, 11, 18

Noon to 3:00 p.m.



Burlington Recreation Center  
Foote Road (off Covey Road)  
Burlington

Food Will Be Available

# CHILDHOOD CANCER: PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR LIONS or LEOS

Cabinet Chair Meredith Spector

LCI has begun to look at the new focus for Childhood Cancer, but for now it is on the back burner until Diabetes attains some standing in international efforts. So, 23B can become trailblazers and fill in A few of the LCI 'coming soon' blanks.

## **Lights: your club can shed some light and learn about the topic**

- Become familiar with childhood cancer via the World Health Organization (WHO): Questions and Answers about Childhood Cancers.
- Read and/or donate books about the topic to schools or libraries:

How to Help Someone With Cancer by Shannon Benish, available on Amazon (Many very practical and easy ideas offered)

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green, available on Amazon  
This is also a movie, and the book is suggested for teens/adults

Watch "Meet Zach Sobiech, My Last Days" 22min:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9NjKgV65fpo>

## **Camera: discover local people, organizations, and efforts who need help**

- Contact your local department of public health, childhood cancer registry, and other relevant organizations to learn about the needs of local children with cancer and their families.

<https://statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov/>

<https://authoring.ct.gov//DPH/Tumor-Registry/Data--Statistics>

- Identify organizations, including Lions and Leos Clubs in your district/multiple district, which are already mobilized, and assess where there are gaps in the services provided. This article suggests one way to help:

<http://www.courant.com/business/hc-news-pediatric-cancer-grants-20170802-story.html#>

- Look/listen in social media and newspapers for articles on local people

## **Action: Have your club plan to do something this year— suggestions:**

September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, February 15<sup>th</sup> is International Childhood Cancer day: Blog, write an article, reveal your local statistics around this topic.

Help caregivers/parents with chores or transportation or childcare

Consider participating in an established 501-(c)3 fundraiser like Alex's Lemonade Stand, or holding a bike-a-thon....

Consider creating a video with content help from District Topic Expert: Lion Meredith Spector, 203-297-4490, [innspect2@gmail.com](mailto:innspect2@gmail.com)



# Glastonbury Centennial Lions Club

Glastonbury Centennial Lions club started on 26 June, 2018 through the vision of Bobby and Nora Clark.

We are thirty-six strong, and all are enthusiastic to make a difference in the Glastonbury area. We are blessed to have several veterans who know the meaning of service and giving. We are being guided by Lion Sia Dowlatsahi.

We had our first meeting on the First of August. We were honored to have Lions Bobby and Nora Clark, our guiding lion Sia Dolatsahi, and our District Governor Harry Schuh and Lion Carol Kearns attend the meeting. Our future meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of every month except July and August, at 500 Winding Brook Dr., Glastonbury, Ct. We are planning our Charter night to be held on October 27th, 2018.

We have met several leaders from District 23B. They were all supportive and enthusiastic about our new club. We are looking forward to meeting more lions from the district and beyond. We need all your help and support in serving the community of Greater Glastonbury.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

*Glastonbury Centennial Lions  
Announce Charter Night*

The newest club in District 23B, the Glastonbury Centennial Lions Club, has announced the date of their charter night.

Mark Saturday, October 27, 2018, on your calendars for this important event. Details are still being worked out.



**Lions Clubs International**





## Lion Around Connecticut

With Lions Carol Kearns and Harry Schuh

As you recall, Lion Around CT with Carol and Harry celebrated its 5th Year Anniversary on March 4, 2018. Our show is aired in 58 communities on 6 cable access TV stations: Charter Communications (Winsted), Cablevision (Litchfield), Charter Communications (Newtown), Charter Communications (Willimantic), Nutmeg (Farmington), and Skye XIII (Waterbury).

Listed below are our last 11 shows. As you can see we feature a wide variety of Lions Clubs and Lions-sponsored events. These include CRIS Radio's Dining and Dancing in the Dark fundraiser, 3 parts of the MD23 Centennial Celebration of the Century featuring PID Alan Lundgren, a fundraiser for a Burlington Lion who was severely injured in a landscaping accident, 2 parts of Opening Eyes Special Olympics at SCSU, 2 parts of the Terryville Lions Country Fair, Wallingford Lions President Debbie Purchia and her Motorcycle Moose Riders fundraiser, a Horse Training Demonstration by Harwinton Lion Eric Van Leer, and the Berlin Lions Fair featuring PDG Mary Krogh and her Petting Zoo.

Below are the titles for our latest shows 263 - 273:

263	CRIS Radio Dining and Dancing in the Dark Part 3
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266	MD23 Celebration of the Century Part 3
267	Burlington Lions Tommy Martin Fundraiser
268	Opening Eyes Special Olympics SCSU Part 1
269	Opening Eyes Special Olympics SCSU Part 2
270	Terryville Lions Country Fair Part 1
271	Terryville Lions Country Fair Part 2
272	Moose Riders & Harwinton Lion Eric Van Leer Horse Training
273	Berlin Lions Fair

To view our last 10 shows on the Internet:

Go to [www.ctv191.com](http://www.ctv191.com)

## Lions Day with the United Nations

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, March 9, 2019**

Join **Lions and Leos** from across the nation as we gather for **one unforgettable day** at the United Nations (UN) Headquarters in **New York City** to experience international leaders discussing global cooperation and solutions to problems such as diabetes awareness.

Did you know that Lions have enjoyed a long-standing relationship with the UN as a consultative Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) starting in 1945 when Lions leaders were asked to help develop the NGO charter for the UN?

Registration opens in January 2019. For questions or further information, please contact PDG Dave Roberts at [dave@daveroberts.org](mailto:dave@daveroberts.org).

## Watertown Lions Club

The Watertown Lions Club has announced three upcoming events:

September 15 - Fall Festival at the Veteran's Memorial Park on Nova Scotia Hill Rd in Watertown, fund raising for local donations

September 30 - Car Cruz at The Watertown High School, French St, Watertown/old car show, call for registration John Zoldy, 860-417-3774

October 13 - Cow Chip Raffle, Veteran's Memorial Park, Nova Scotia Hill Rd, Watertown— to raise funds for Watertown Fire

Mouse over "What's On"  
Click on "Watch Programs"  
Type the word Lion in the Search box and Click on Search

We invite you to appear as studio guests on our show, or invite us to document and publicize your Lions events on-site!



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## The District 23B Spirit

Our next issue of the District 23B Spirit is December 1, 2018. The deadline for all ads and articles is November 10, 2018.

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](mailto:District23BSpirit@gmail.com) only.

# Bristol Lions Help Create a Miracle on the Beach

By Lori Odell & Anthony Schilling

As a nurse, the last thing I expected was to adopt a severely handicapped patient as an infant. Today, my husband and I are the proud parents of AJ, an active teenager with hopes and dreams very much like his classmates.

We try to make AJ's life as "normal" as possible. He plays baseball with "The Miracle League." He also enjoys riding his bike. But most of all, AJ loves the water.

Bringing a young man to the beach who cannot move and who suffers from epilepsy, complete blindness, cerebral palsy, low hearing and non-verbal responses is a nearly impossible undertaking. A special beach chair has made the beach accessible to AJ, thanks to the Bristol Lions.

At their 17th Annual Golf Tournament, the Bristol Lions Club dedicated \$1500 from the tournament proceeds toward the purchase of a special beach chair for AJ. It has made all the difference this very hot summer. The entire family now enjoys beach outings together. Best of all, the same chair can be used to transport AJ in the snow!

We can't thank the Bristol Lions enough for their generous support. Without a doubt, Bristol Lions Serve!



*Lion Diane Latvis tries out the beach chair for AJ made possible by a donation from the Bristol Lions*

*Below left: AJ enjoying the beach in his new chair.*

*Below: Out in the water, AJ receives assistance navigating from Lori Odell and her husband, Anthony. .*



*Below: AJ enjoying the surf with his family.*





# LIONS OF DISTRICT 23B



**LIGHTS!**

**CAMERA!**

**ACTION!**

**DG HARRY & LION CAROL**



New England Lions Council  
Serving the needs of the Districts of New England

**Fall Conference**  
**with Necrology / Memorial Service**  
**October 19, 20 and 21st, 2018**

**MEALS RESERVATION INFO:** Deadline is October 13, 2018

October 19, 2018: Meals on everyone's own choice.

7:00 p.m. – "Paint and Sip" Program - \$35 (minimum 10 / maximum \$35)

October 20, 2018: Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$22 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunch** \_\_\_\_\_ @ **\$25** = \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$37 = \_\_\_\_\_

(MUST CHOOSE: Meal Selection: Grilled Bistro Steak \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Marsala \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Option \_\_\_\_\_)

October 21, 2018: Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Dietary needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EVENT REGISTRATION INFO:** \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Includes 2018 – 2019 NELC Membership  
\$0 \_\_\_\_\_ check here 2018 – 2019 Membership already paid

**Grand Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ District Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info: Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: C S/T PDG Bill Donnellan, 11 Addington Circle  
Weymouth MA 02189

Or phone: 617-840-5974 or email: wmpd8@aol.com



## New England Lions Council Fall Conference Weekend

The New England Lions Council's Fall Training Conference will be held from October 19 through the 21 at the Mt Snow Grand Summit Resort in West Dover, New Hampshire.

The Weekend starts on Friday evening with a Welcoming Reception, followed by a "Sip and Paint" program and an Ice Cream Social.

Saturday offers three 45-minutes sessions, with a total of twelve training seminars. Scheduled at this time include the following: Global Leadership Training by PDG Mahesh Chitnis, Global Membership Training by PDG TJ Armand, and Global Service Training by PDG Ken Chew. Other topics to be covered include Tail Twisting 101, Disaster Preparedness, Club Extension, Creating New Projects, Guiding Lions, Fun into Fundraising, Conflict Resolution, Constitution and By-Laws, and Traditions and Protocols for New Millennials.

Saturday events also call for the annual Lions Necrology Service, and a dinner diabetes presentation by Jeff Kolok of Vermont.

The Weekend will conclude on Sunday with a special session on the new My-Lions App and the Council Business Meeting.

Room rates for the resort are \$105.00 for a Hotel room and \$99.00 for a Studio Room. Both are subject to a 10% tax and an 8% resort fee. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-245-7669 (Reference – New England Lions) by September 19th.

Questions regarding the Conference can be directed to Lion George Cooper at [liongeorgecooper@aol.com](mailto:liongeorgecooper@aol.com).

## New Milford Lions Club

More than 90 seniors and 20 youth and Lion volunteers contribute to the fun of the annual Lions Senior Picnic event in Harrybrooke Park Ohmen Pavilion in New Milford. In fact, attendees start arriving an hour earlier than start and pitch in to help us with table and grill set-up. We have music, friendly conversation, Bingo with lots of prizes, and a salad 'most liked' contest between IPP Lion Jim Bannan's potato salad and Lion Paul Hembrook's macaroni salad! Pickles, burgers, dogs and cake round out the menu. This year it was scheduled for August 24th. (attached picture from 2017 with no senior's names available) (grillers: L-R: Lion Paul Hembrook, Lion Steve Gallant, IPP Lion Jim Bannan, Lion Charlie Chapin)

New Milford Lions provide volunteers for the Kidsight station at the Bridgewater Fair on Saturday and Sunday between 10am and 4pm. This year it was the weekend of Aug. 17-19. We have such a desirable location in a corner of the air-conditioned Art Show Building and remind our volunteers that they can attend the rest of the fair either before or after their stint in the quiet corner. Besides, it's fun handing out those Kidsight stickers, too!

Our club participates with other community organizations to produce a unique spooky/horrific vignette which combines with other groups to scare the p\_\_\_\_ts off the trail walkers along a portion of the Still River after dusk. Oh, the howling it elicits! Lions (and Leos) plan, dress-up in costume, and provide the live acts on four weekend nights. This year it will be October 12-13, 19-20. Last year was just gruesome, but financially a great fundraiser for the club. Visit this year, if you dare!

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New Milford Lions have reconstructed the two sets of wooden bleachers at Volunteer Field to benefit the comfort and

enthusiasm for youth sport fans in the community. This project was undertaken to celebrate the legacy of 100 years of service that Lions Clubs International have provided. New Milford Lions have been in existence since 1929.

Our Lions Club International Centennial Legacy Project required disassembly, replacement carpentry, layers of painting, and reassembly of two sets of bleachers for Volunteer Field, a playing field managed by New Milford Youth Baseball and Soft Ball.

We appreciate Rings End Lumber for donating supplies and have placed a plaque on each set of bleachers to commemorate New Milford Lions Club and to thank Rings End Lumber. In addition, we appreciate the more than 40 combined volunteer hours of our several active Lions!



Top two: Lions and guests enjoy the club's annual Senior Picnic

Bottom: New Milford Lions with their Centennial Project— reconstructed bleachers

## New Britain Lions Club

Our New Britain Lions Club recently (June, 2018) donated a Centennial Lions Bench in New Britain's famous Walnut Hill Park. The mayor and other officials attended for the ribbon cutting. The bench adjoins a newly constructed playground and provides parents with a comfortable and attractive place to watch their little ones. A commemorative plaque will be added at a later date.



*Members of the New Britain Lions Club trying out their Centennial Bench in Walnut Hill Park.*

## Windsor Locks Lions Club

For the last several decades, members of the Windsor Locks Lions Club Ramp Committee have assisted local residents by designing and constructing handicap ramps at their homes. The installation allows residents easier access to their homes and in some cases allows them to remain at home rather than having to move to a convalescent home.

Once a request is received, a member of the committee will visit the home and design a plan that will meet zoning code requirements. Installation of the ramps normally

takes one of two days of work by a crew of six to eight Lions.

The ramps are inspected regularly to see if any repairs are necessary and when the ramps are no longer needed are removed by committee members.

The Club does not charge for the ramps; however, many residents have made donations to the Club's Charities account. Donations received are used to either purchase building supplies for future projects or are used for the Club's other charitable activities.



*Members of Windsor Locks Lions line the rail of a recent ramp project. Left to right are Lions Dave Parry, Mike, Wrabel, Kathy Doody, Mark Doody, John Montemerlo, Alan Stegman, and Frank Julian.*

## Windsor Lions Club

Our first **Yoga Fundraiser** was a huge success, drawing 34 yogis from Windsor and surrounding towns. All who participated gave rave reviews and a desire for follow up events. Most folks left renewed, others who did not participate, left as grumpy and stiff as when they walked in. Many thanks to Get Baked, Jen Daniels for donating her time and fees, and to Linda Alexander who donated monies from her June yoga classes to our club.

On June 30th, the club held their Installation Dinner at the Windsor Art Center. Thanks were given to outgoing president Jim Daniels for his card work this past year, and welcomed Todd Groenstein as this years' president.



*Above left: Participants at the Windsor Lions' first Yoga Fundraiser. Namaste.*



*Above right: Incoming Windsor Lions president Todd Groenstein with outgoing club president Jim Daniels.*



## Guiding Lion Certification

Attention all past club presidents!

District 23B is holding a Guiding Lions Certification course on October 6 at the Connecticut Association of Schools in Meriden.

Guiding Lions are assigned by the District Governor to guide new clubs and to assist established clubs who are trying to rebuild. The techniques covered in the session will allow a Guiding Lion to enable a new club to be successful in its first two years of operation, orient and train club officers and members, motivate and support club growth and development, and locate resources available to assist the club

To qualify as a Guiding Lion, you must be a past club president, and successfully complete the certification course. Certification is valid for three years, and you must recertify at the end of that period to remain a Guiding Lion.

Guiding Lion assignments last two years, and quarterly reports to the District Governor and LCI headquarters need to be filed.

If you are a club past president who is looking to pass on your knowledge and experience to new and rebuilding clubs, please contact GLT Peter Nevers at [grampy2010@hotmail.com](mailto:grampy2010@hotmail.com) to reserve a spot at this session.

## Zone 2 Report

*Zone Chair Frank Longo*

The first Zone Two meeting is planned for October 4, at the Curtis House Inn, in Woodbury. All Lions are invited to attend. Details will be emailed to club leaders soon. Keep in mind I like to shake things up a bit, so be prepared for another round of "Where am I sitting tonight?" This year's topic is "SERVICE"—so come prepared to talk about how your club plans to increase their reach this year.

## District Officers

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Zone 7 Chair

## Woodbury Lions Club

Awards were finally handed out on May 22. Lion Rowland Travis received Fidelco's Loyal Shepherd Fellow Award, Lions Joe Mylie and Jeff Basset received LLVC Ambassador of Sight awards, and Lions Joe Mylie and George Assenza received CLERF Knights of the Blind awards. The club's Lion of the Year was Lion Doug Oueletter, and Past Presidents Peter Perkinson and Frank Longo were the club's 23rd and 24th recipients of Melvin Jones Fellowships. Congratulations to all of our club's award recipients. Thank you for all that you do.

Our 40th Annual Car Show took place on June 9 at Hollow Park in Woodbury. About 300 cars turned up with over 1000 spectators. It was the perfect day, and everyone had a great time.

At our August 7 meeting, we awarded checks to this year's crop of scholarship awardees. A total of \$20,000 was presented to eleven graduating seniors.

Coming up in September is our annual Duck Race, where twelve prizes of cash and gift certificates totaling \$3900 will be awarded to the winning duck owners. All the prizes are donated, which makes this a very cost-effective way to add to our sight and hearing fund.

The Annual Haunted Hayride is coming up October 19, 20, 26, and 27. The 45-minute ride through fields and cemeteries includes a stop at our 3-D Haunted Barn, which many consider to be the scariest part of the event. The rides start and end at Mitchell School with ticket sales starting at 6:30 each evening, weather permitting.

The last fall event, and the harbinger of the holiday season, is the decoration of the bandstand at the North Green in Woodbury the first Sunday after Thanksgiving. This is part of our annual gift to the town for their continued support.

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