

District 23B - Connecticut

Lions Roar!

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District Governor's Corner

By District Governor Raj Shrestha

Dear Lions and Leos of Lions District 23B, Connecticut,

We are already halfway through the 2024-2025 Lions year, and in just a month, we'll begin the second half. Time truly flies! Please take a moment to read through the article, as it contains important news and announcements.

I am delighted to share the wonderful news that many impactful service activities have been launched by our clubs across District 23B and making a meaningful difference in our communities. Our new club leaders have demonstrated incredible dedication and energy, upholding the legacy of service, leadership, and membership growth that defines us as Lions.

Several clubs have proudly welcomed new members, bringing fresh enthusiasm to our efforts to serve alongside our leaders. As we look ahead, let's continue building on this momentum by focusing on recruiting even more members. Expanding our membership will empower us to reach unserved and underserved communities, amplifying the impact of our mission.

In the first half of the Lions year, we have made tremendous efforts to strengthen our clubs and our District. However, there is room for improvement, particularly in Club Service Reporting, which currently stands at only 40%. Let's encourage more clubs to report on their service activities and highlight the incredible work they are accomplishing.

Our clubs have added 83 new members, but with 59 members dropped, the net growth is 24—down slightly from 27 in the first quarter. While this reflects positive progress toward our District goals, we need to put in a little more effort to achieve them fully. Great progress so far—let’s keep the momentum going!

By the end of November, the first round of Zone meetings was successfully concluded. The Zone Chairs appreciated hearing from all clubs and are now planning their next steps to assist clubs in need.

You may have already heard from your Zone Chairs and Past District Governors about our District’s exciting new initiative—**Students’ Voices Public Speaking Contest**. We plan to make this an annual tradition. I encourage all clubs to prepare for the contest and ensure their winners advance to the Zone-level competition. For more information, please contact your Zone Chair or the Contest Chair, Lion Prem Shrestha, at: premkrishtashrestha@hotmail.com

Upcoming Events in December and Early 2025

- **3rd District Cabinet Meeting:** on Monday, January 6 on Zoom. All club officers and members are encouraged to attend. Zoom link will be sent soon.
- **Zone Meetings:** Zone 1 (Monday, January 14), Zone 2 (Thursday, January 2), Zone 3 (Wednesday, January 15), Zone 4 (Thursday, January 9), Zone 5 (Wednesday, January 22), Zone 6 (Thursday, January 16) and Zone 7 (Thursday, January 23)
- **Multiple District 23 Midwinter Conference (MWC):** February 7-9, 2025, Wyndham Southbury. Join fellow Lions from across Connecticut for seminars, fellowship and networking. Registration links will be shared soon.
- **Nepal Goodwill Delegation Trip:** Celebrate the fourth anniversary of our Sister-District Relationship with Lions Districts 325K and 325L of Nepal. The trip will be from February 12 to 26, 2025. Join us for this exciting two-week journey. If you are interested in joining the trip, please email IPCC Dave Roberts at granbydavidroberts@gmail.com by December 20, 2024.

As winter begins, I encourage everyone to keep volunteering, recruiting, engaging new members, raising funds for service projects, and—most importantly—enjoying the process. Please remain cautious of winter weather conditions and remember that the District is always here to support your service initiatives.

Thank you for your dedication and service!

Together, we will "Make our Mark!"

Lion Raj Shrestha

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District 23B Lions Store!

By LCIF District Coordinators - PCC Ev Lyons & PCC Kathy Randall

DISTRICT 23B LIONS CAN NOW PURCHASE LIONS APPAREL IN SUPPORT OF LCIF

An online store now offers district 23B Lions the opportunity to purchase shirts, vests, sweatshirts and jackets with the Lions logo embossed on the apparel. Your name and club name can also be added for a minimal charge. The best part is that 20% of your purchase payment will be donated to LCIF in your name for Melvin Jones credit. By taking advantage of this opportunity, you not only will have trendy Lions attire, but also will be helping those in need throughout the Lions world.

REMEMBER IT IS ONLY 21 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS. FINISH YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING EARLY!!

Here is the link to access our online catalogue.

https://signsandshirts.com/lions_club_23B

Be the first in your club to model our great assortment of Lions clothing.

Better yet, does your club have its own shirt or jacket?? Why not take advantage of our fantastic prices!!

Upcoming Events in District 23B

Berlin Lions Christmas Tree Walk

Entry Form

Only 50 Trees will be sold. The deadline is November 15th. Trees will measure 6'-8' in height.



Participant Information

Contact Name: _____

Business/Group Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Phone: _____

Email: _____

Participant Charity: _____

Event Location Dates and Times

Place - Berlin Lions Fairgrounds

Tree Decoration Times:

Saturday, 11/30 from 12:00PM - 4:00PM

Sunday, 12/1 from 12:00PM - 4:00PM

Monday, 12/2 from 12:00PM - 4:00PM

Tree Display Open to the public:

Friday Saturday

12/6 12/7

12/13 12/14

Display times for all dates will be from 5:00PM-8:00PM



Experience the Magic of Christmas as the Berlin Lions and the Berlin Community transform the Fairgrounds into a Winter Wonderland. Stroll the walkways of the Fairgrounds, brilliantly lit by the many Christmas Trees and Christmas decorations.



Guidelines for Decorating your Tree



1. Price per Tree is \$150.00. The Lions will stake and display your tree, provide signage, listing the participant and Charity as well as electricity.
2. Edible items are prohibited, no candy, popcorn, etc.
3. Please secure all decorations and lights to your tree using pipe cleaners, small zip ties or other string/ties/wire.
4. No offensive or inappropriate décor. We reserve the right to remove offensive displays.
5. Ornaments must be waterproof, shatterproof, no paper or GLASS.
6. No Tree Skirts or other items for the bottom of the tree.
7. LED Outdoor lights only, we reserve the right to remove any lights that are not LED.
8. You need to provide an outdoor rated extension cord. Lengths will vary but plan on at least 25' in length. In addition, please provide an outdoor extension cord safety cover.

Decoration/Tree Removal

The Fairgrounds will be open from 8:00AM Monday 12/16 till 4:00PM for ALL Tree removal, if you wish to remove only your decorations please let the Lions know and they will dispose of your tree.

Please remember the tree is yours and you are free to remove it and display it at your business or home, or donate your tree.

Payment Method

Please make Checks Payable to
Berlin Lions Charities
PO Box 7284
Kensington, CT 06037

2nd Annual Berlin Lions Christmas Tree Walk!

We invite all businesses, churches, schools, service organizations and individuals to sponsor a Tree. Your support will benefit other charities and local service organizations. Guest Santa helpers will judge the trees based on Christmas "WOW" factor (40%), Creativity (30%), and Lighting (30%). Three prizes will be awarded in the form of donations to the winners' Charity of choice. However, if you are a charity, you cannot designate yourself.



- To keep everyone in the Christmas spirit, The Lions will provide complimentary snacks and hot beverages along with music.
- Santa and Mrs. Claus are sure to make an appearance for photos.
- Local Charities will be at the gates accepting voluntary donations as you enter the Christmas Tree walk.
- Please check our website berlinlions.org and Facebook page for event schedules including Santa's visit, music performers and the daily charity (i.e. Food Bank, Salvation Army and more).

Only 50 Trees will be sold on a first-come basis, so don't wait! Order your tree now!

Glastonbury Centennial Lions - Holiday Amaryllis Bulb Sale – Available until 12/15/2024

Please click [HERE](#) to be taken to the sale website.



For more information contact Christine Kurtz: militrymom@hotmail.com

Enfield Lions Pancake Breakfast – December 7, 2024

The Enfield Lions will host their annual breakfast from 8:00am until 11:30am at the Enfield Senior Center located at 299 Elm Street in Enfield.

Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee, and tea. Cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors, and \$5.00 for children 12 and under.

Red Cross Blood Drive – December 16, 2024

The Kent Lions Club is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Community House located at 93 North Main Street in Kent, CT from 11:00am until 4:00pm.

Appointments can be made at www.RedCrossBlood.org

East Granby Lions Corned Beef Dinner – March 8, 2025

The Corned Beef Dinner will take place at the East Granby Community/Senior Center located at 7 Memorial Drive in East Granby. Time of the event is 4:30pm to 7:00pm.

Cost is \$18.00 for Adults; \$10.00 ages 5 to 16; free for children under 5-years-old.

For more information contact Leona Bevins: lbevins@granbyambulance.org

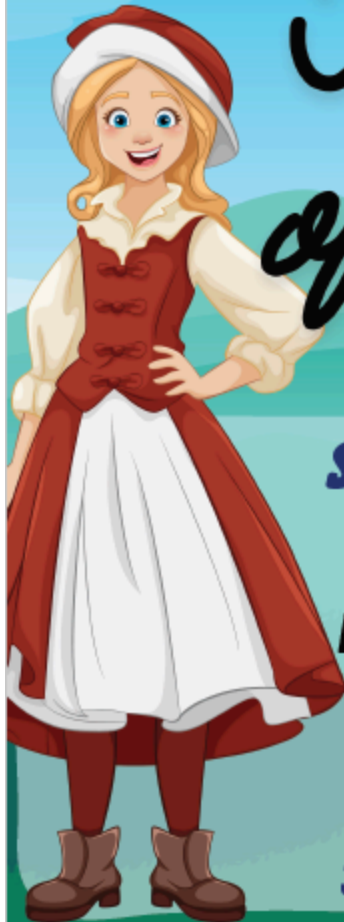
Glastonbury Lions Murder Mystery Dinner – March 8, 2025



GLASTONBURY CENTENNIAL LIONS CLUB PRESENTS

The Sound of Murder

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER



**SATURDAY, MARCH 22
6:00PM**

**MANCHESTER COUNTRY CLUB
305 S. MAIN ST MANCHESTER**

TICKETS: \$100

**INCLUDES: INTERACTIVE SHOW,
3-COURSE MEAL, SILENT AUCTION**

Reserve your seats before 3/12/25 by purchasing tickets from any Glastonbury Lion or by using this QR code. Call 860.430.1852 for more information



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Publicize Your Club Events!

The next issue of the Lions Roar will be published on January 1st. If you have an event you would like to announce, please click [HERE](#) for the submittal page. Deadline to submit information for the next issue is December 27th.