

Lions Roar!

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District Governor's Corner

By District Governor Raj Shrestha

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

Seven months have passed in this Lions year, and now is the time to focus on strengthening both membership and leadership within our clubs while continuing the outstanding service you provide to your communities.

While serving the community, it's easy to overlook the importance of recruiting new members—but sustaining and growing our clubs is essential for the future. I know each club is making great efforts to bring in new members, and I encourage you to keep that momentum going. Strong membership ensures that we can continue making a meaningful impact for years to come.

In a couple of months, each club will be electing new officers for the next Lions year. I hope you are preparing for this and ensuring that the new officers' names are entered into the Lions Portal so that our district has complete and accurate information for the next District Directory.

There are several Multiple District and District events coming up in February, March, and April. Please mark your calendars and save the dates for the following:

1. MD-23 Midwinter Conference – February 7–9 at Wyndham Southbury, 1284 Strongtown Rd, Southbury, CT 06488. Register here: [MD-23 Midwinter Conference Registration](#)
2. District Governor's Award Breakfast – Sunday, March 2, for Zones 5, 6, and 7.
3. District Cabinet Meeting – Date and time: 6:30 PM at Riverton Grange Hall, 17 Riverton Road, Riverton, CT.

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4. District Governor's Award Breakfast – Sunday, March 9, for Zones 1–4.
 5. Melvin Jones Brunch – Sunday, April 6th, at the Baltic Restaurant in Berlin.

Make sure to register and attend these important events. Your participation helps strengthen our district and clubs!

Thank you for your dedication and service!

Yours in service and friendship,

Lion Raj Shrestha

District Governor (2024-2025)



2025 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

February 7-9, 2025

Wyndham Southbury

1284 Strongtown Rd, Southbury, CT 06488

- Friday Night: Kick off the weekend by networking and having fun at our Fun Friday Night event. 2nd International VP Mark Lyon will provide the music!
- Saturday: A day dedicated to learning, serving, and recharging your batteries, with opportunities to connect with fellow Lions and Leos.
- Special Guests: We are honored to welcome Past International Director Justin K. Faber, 2nd International Vice President Mark, and Lion Lyn Lyon, who will join us all three days.

SEE YOU THERE!





By Conference Chair IPCC Dave Roberts

DEADLINES:

- To register for meals: Monday February 3rd
- For the Conference itself: Saturday February 8th

We are excited for the 2025 Mid-Winter Conference in Southbury, Connecticut, which will take place from February 7th to 9th at the Wyndham Southbury Hotel!

Our dedicated planning committee has crafted an outstanding agenda that promises an unforgettable experience for all attendees!

Here's what you can look forward to:

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Over the weekend, Leos and Lions will have plenty of opportunities to learn and serve together.

Don't miss out on this incredible event!

Please register early by clicking [THIS LINK](#) to secure your spot and prepare for some "Fun in the Sun" as we prepare for the next International Convention in Orlando, Florida, this coming July.

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.

START THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT WITH A DONATION TO LCIF AND LOOKING GOOD IN YOUR LIONS "DUDS"!!

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!!

Melvin Jones Brunch

The annual Melvin Jones Brunch is upcoming on Sunday April 6th. Please request your MJF and PMJF recognitions now by contacting your LCIF District Coordinator, either PCC Ev Lyons (lyonsev50@gmail.com) or PCC Kathy Randall (kathy.randall@yahoo.com).

Registration forms for the brunch itself will be available after the Midwinter Conference.

You Are Cordially Invited to Melvin Jones
Brunch
MD 23 B



**Everyone
Loves a
Pat on the
Back**

**SAVE THE
DATE APRIL
6th
\$35 pp**

**Why not Honor
one of your own with
a Melvin Jones Fellow?**



**Show your appreciation to that
special member who does so
much for your club. Order that special recognition by
contacting PCC Ev Lyons lyonsev50@gmail.com
PCC Kathy Randall kathy.randall@yahoo.com**

**Baltic Restaurant
237 New Britain Rd., Berlin, CT
10:30 a.m. registration, 11:00 a.m. Brunch**

Upcoming Events in District 23B

Bristol Lions Valentine's Candy Sale - DEADLINE to order is February 3rd

Click [HERE](#) to be taken to the Bristol Lions sale website.

Pick-up will be February 9th at the Bristol Public Library on High Street
in Bristol from 2:15 to 4:00 pm.



Family Handcrafted Since 1964

Valentine's Day 2025

All assortments are in
a box like the one
shown here



Gourmet Truffle Assortment

Raspberry, Hazelnut,
Irish Cream & Latte
16 Piece- \$35.00



We Serve



Classic Assortment

Assorted, All Milk, or All Dark Chocolate
16 Piece- \$19.00
25 Piece- \$30.00



Sugar Free Assortment

Assorted Milk and Dark
16 Piece- \$20.00
25 Piece- \$32.00



Sea Salt Caramel Assortment

Assorted Milk and Dark
16 Piece- \$19.00

Place your
order at

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/bristolclionsclubs-shop>

Berlin Lions Red Cross Blood Drive – February 8, 2025

The Berlin Lions and Berlin Upbeat will host a blood drive at Berlin High School from 9:00am until 2:00pm. The school is located at 139 Patterson Way in Berlin. This blood drive is held in honor of former Berlin High School student and football player, Nick Zuk.

Donate Blood in Memory of **Nick Zuk**



Nick was the starting right tackle of the 2014 Berlin Redcoats team that went to the State Finals. Nick was diagnosed with Leukemia two days prior to that game. He missed the entire 2015 season during his fight and was cleared to get back to school fulltime and resume working out with the team when he received the news that he had beat cancer. Nick worked extremely hard to gain his strength back and was preparing to get back out on the field for his Senior season. In early June 2016, Nick went for his monthly check-up and was informed that the Leukemia had returned. Nick unfortunately lost his battle on June 25, 2016. Besides being an extraordinary football player, Nick was a wonderful son, brother, friend, and teammate. He is missed daily by the entire Berlin Football Community.

BLOOD DRIVE **Berlin High School**

*Located in the Gymnasium
139 Patterson Way, Berlin CT*

*Sponsored by the Berlin Lions Club
& Berlin Upbeat*

Saturday, February 8th
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

To schedule an appointment:
1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or visit us online at www.redcrossblood.org
Enter sponsor code: **BerlinCT**

*All donors will receive a \$15 Amazon e-Gift
Card via email. Please be sure you have a valid
email address on file with us.*



American Red Cross

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Suffield Lions - Springfield Thunderbirds Hockey Game – February 22, 2025

Please click [HERE](#) to purchase hockey tickets and support the Suffield Lions Club!



JOIN US

And Help Support The Suffield Lions Club Annual Fundraiser At The TBirds! A Portion Of Each Ticket Sold Will Go Back To The Club.



Discounted Tickets at \$25 and Order Before 2/14 To Secure Your Spot!



Sat Feb 22nd @ 7:05pm



WILKES-BARRE / SCRANTON PENGUINS



JAMES LAWLESS

Account Executive

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@thunderbirdsonline

GROUP AFFILIATE

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Avon Lions Bingo – February 28, 2025

The Avon Lions are hosting a fun night of BINGO! with light snacks and water. The event starts at 6:30pm at the Avon Senior Center located at 635 West Avon Road in Avon.

Cost is \$25.00 for cards.

For more information contact PDG Heidi Zacchera: hzacchera@aol.com

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 \$20.00 for Adults; \$12.00 ages 5 to 16; free for children under 5-years-old.

Tickets purchased prior to March 7th will each receive a \$2.00 discount.

Contact Lion Dave (860-324-8356) or Lion Jim (860-463-9146) for tickets.

Glastonbury Lions Murder Mystery Dinner – March 22, 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



SHOW! FOOD! PRIZES! FUN!

Southington Lions “Everything Goes” Charity Auction – March 22, 2025

The Southington Lions are hosting their 32nd Annual “Everything Goes” Charity Auction at the Calendar House located at 388 Pleasant Street in Southington.

Entrance fee is \$10.00 per person. Preview begins at 6:15pm. Instant Auction is at 6:45pm. Live Auction begins at 7:15pm.

Various items including home goods, entertainment packages, restaurant packages, car accessories, sporting events, music shows, golf outings, electronic goods, gift baskets, area attractions, personal gifts, and theater tickets will be available.

For more information contact Lion Karen Barna: karen.barna@yahoo.com

Plainville Lions Spring Pancake Breakfast – March 30, 2025

The Plainville Lions are hosting a pancake breakfast from 8:00am until noon at the OLM Parish Center located at 19 South Canal Street in Plainville.

Delicious Pancakes, French Toast, Real Maple Syrup, Basket Raffle and Door Prizes!

Tickets are \$8.00 per person, children 5 and under are free.

For more information contact Lion Brian Lavigne: brian.lavigne@snet.net

Greater Hartford West Indian Lions “Brunch n Fun” – April 6, 2025

The GHWI Lions are hosting a Caribbean-American Brunch with entertainment, kids’ fashion show and vendors!

The event will be held from 12:00pm until 3:00pm at the West Indian Social Club located at 3340 Main Street in Hartford. Cost is \$45.00 per person.

For more information contact Lion Nadine Linton (860-794-6356) or by email: lintonnadine@yahoo.com

Manchester Lions 27th Annual Fenix Memorial Bowling Tournament – April 6, 2025

The Manchester Lions Club is proud to present the 27th Annual Fenix Bowling Tournament at Spare Time Lanes in Vernon on Sunday, April 6th, 2025, from 1:00 to 4:30 pm.

The \$30.00 per bowler registration fee includes three bowling games, shoe rental, entry for a door prize, pizza, and a soft drink. In addition, there will be a 50/50 raffle, with half of the money going to the winner and half to the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation. There will also be silent auctions and raffle prizes, with all tickets costing only \$2.00 each.

You can register now online at Zeffy by clicking [HERE](#). This has been a sellout event in the past!

For more information visit the [Manchester Lions Club](#) website.

All proceeds and donations from the tournament will go to the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation. This nonprofit organization provides guide dogs to the visually impaired at no cost. The cost to raise and train one guide dog is estimated to be over \$65,000.

For more information contact Lion Marisa Hicking: marisa.hicking@gmail.com

Lions members sell \$2.00 raffle tickets for fabulous prizes!



There will be a 50/50 cash raffle with half to the winner and half to Fidelco!

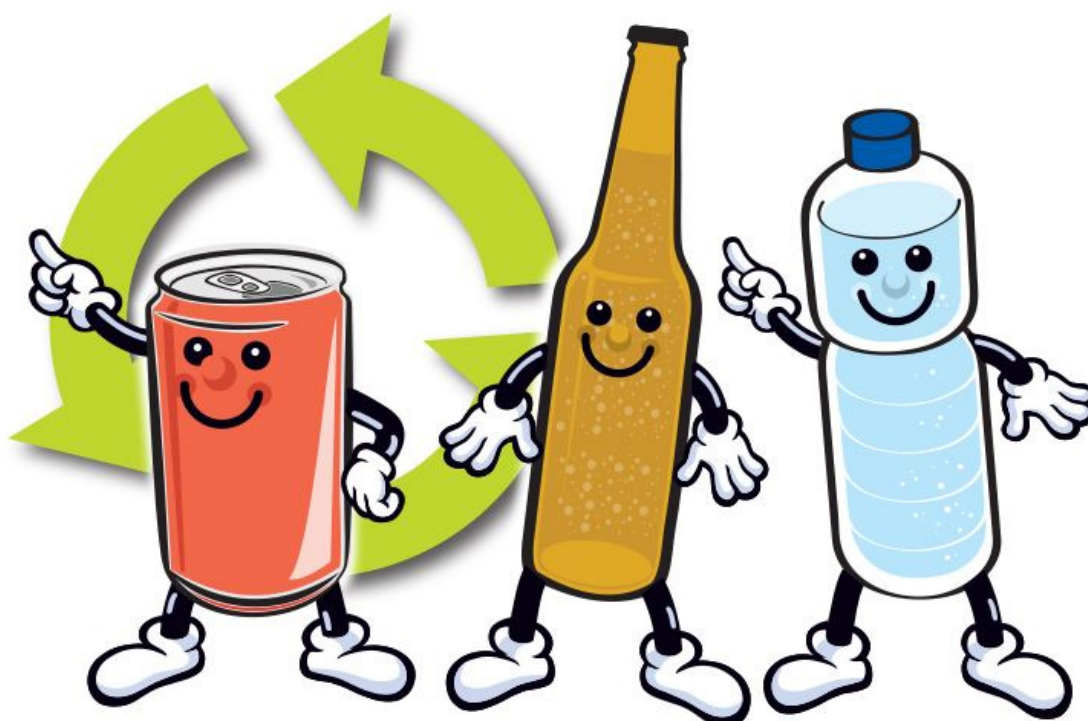


East Hartford Lions Semi-Annual Bottles and Cans Redemption – April 26, 2025

The East Hartford Lions will collect redeemable bottles and cans from 9:00am until 1:00pm at D'Addario's Auto Service located at 117 Burnside Avenue in East Hartford.

Proceeds will go to support the club's many projects.

For more information please contact Lion Steve Crecco: sacrecco@yahoo.com



East Granby Lions Flea Market – May 3, 2025

The East Granby Lions will be hosting a Flea Market from 8:00am until 2:00pm at East Granby Farms located at 79 North Main Street in East Granby.

Cost is \$15.00 for a table before April 24th. After April 24th the cost will be \$20.00 per table.

The Flea Market is a great and fun way to get rid of old stuff laying around!

For more information please contact Lion Dave at (860) 324-8356

Special Olympics Opening Eyes - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! – June 7 & 8, 2025

The MD23 Opening Eyes program is a fantastic service project that allows all of Connecticut's Special Olympic athletes the opportunity for many different types of eye and vision screenings.

Volunteers are needed for tasks including registration, guiding participants, and manning test stations both days. Help also needed for setup on June 6th and clearing the room on June 8th.

The event is held at Southern Connecticut State University from 8:00am until 4:00pm both days. If you can volunteer some time, or for more information, please contact Lion Brian Lavigne: brian.lavigne@snet.net

East Granby Lions Duck Race - September 7, 2025

The East Granby Lions will be hosting a Duck Race and Family Event from 11:00am until 2:00pm at Granbrook Park located at 133R Hartford Avenue (Route 189) in East Granby.

It's a great family event! Face painters, food, and the money raised goes back to the community!

Duck Race tickets are \$5.00 each.

For more information please contact Lion Dave at (860) 324-8356

Publicize Your Club Events!

The next issue of the Lions Roar will be published on March 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 February 25th.