

The Lions' Roar



The Monthly District 23B Governor's Update

February 2020

District Governor's Corner DG Ev Lyons

"BE LOUD...BE PROUD"

It is hard for me to believe that I am in the final half of my term as your district governor. I was told that the year would go by in a flash, but the speed this time has flown is truly amazing. My theme this year continues to be the nurturing of Lions pride since I believe that we have much about which we can be proud. Attending the New England Lions Council, our district stood out among the New England districts. Here is why...

First New England Cyber LEO Club: We have chartered the first cyber LEO Club, which meets and conducts business via the Internet, in New England. I was privileged to be "in" one of their cyber meetings and can tell you that these young people conducted that meeting just as if they were meeting in the same room! The club is growing as we have many communities without the population or resources to charter a LEO club on site. Lion Cindy Daniels, Windsor Lions, and PDG Dave Roberts, Barkhamsted Lion, serve as the club advisors.

Northwest Cyber Lions Club: We are in the process of chartering a cyber adult club, which reaches not only Lions here in Connecticut, but Lions with Connecticut roots across the country. This will extend the opportunities of Lionism to those who might otherwise not take the opportunity and it helps to keep other new members connected to their former homes in Connecticut. This will become critically important as more Lions retire and move to warmer climates or homes closer to their adult children. Common service projects are conducted wherever the Lion resides, and merged with the efforts of the other club members across the country. PDG Dave Roberts serves as the club's Guiding Lion.

Specialty Club Chartered: With the emphasis on specialty clubs within LCI, I was pleased to report that we had chartered the West Hartford Lumbini Lions Club composed of 26 Nepalese Lions. Guiding Lions Raj Shrestha, Hartford County Everest Centennial Lions Club, and PDG Dave Roberts serve as the Guiding Lions to this newest of clubs. Lion Raj is working on a second specialty club, which we hope will appear this spring.

Service Project Survey: The club reports so far are amazing as to the range and number of club service projects undertaken in our district. Zone chairs are reaching out to the last group of club leaders to ensure that every club is represented. Presidents, be sure to connect with your zone chair if you have not done so already! Other New England governors were very interested in this work and would like to duplicate our initiative in 23B.

Lions Day at the State Capitol-April 21: Remember the 60's and our sit-ins? Well, this is slightly different, but the state capitol building will be flooded with Connecticut Lions on April 21 from 10-2 pm. We will part of a first-ever opportunity to showcase the work of Lions across our state. Zone chairs will be reaching out to clubs to give us promotional materials about the service projects you perform in your communities. In addition, 19 table displays will cover the range of Lionism based on our LCI goals and multiple district activities. More details will come soon!!

So, **"Be Proud and Be Loud"** as a 23B Lion! Above all else...**ROAR LIONS!**

Important Information About the MD23 Mid-Winter Conference

The latest information we received is that, due to the closing of the Red Lion Hotel in Cromwell, the Mid-Winter Conference has been relocated to the Wyndham Hotel in Southbury, CT (right off exit 16 of I-84). An official announcement has yet to be made (so, watch your emails). We also learned that there will be a table set on Saturday, Feb 22, for donations for Women's Shelters in CT. Attendees are requested to bring items from the following list:

Soap and deodorant
Toothbrushes and toothpaste
Wash cloths and towels
Hygiene products
Shaving cream and razors
New socks
New undergarments
Gently used winter coats, scarves, hats, and gloves
Instant hand warmers
Gift Cards
Diapers
Toilet paper and wipes
Laundry detergent
Twin sheets
Comforters and pillows
Kitchen items: pots, pans, paper towels, dishes, utensils, etc.

Thank you in advance!

Club Notices:

Simsbury Lions Club, Chocolate Easter Bunny Sale, Ongoing

Milk, dark or white - \$5 each

Contact: PDG Marianne Bannan (860)668-5352) or email PDGMBANNAN@GMAIL.COM to order

Glastonbury Centennial Lions Club, Fidelco Fundraiser, Ongoing

For a \$10 donation, you will receive an Asian Food Discount Card good for 10% discount on participating Asian restaurants throughout CT. The card is good for 6 months. Cards may be obtained at participating restaurants.

Contact: www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/glastonbury_centennial

Manchester Lions Club Multi-Club Dinner, January 21

Location: Manchester Country Club, 305 South Main Street, Manchester

Social hour at 5:30 with dinner at 6:30. Cost \$28 – Reservations required

Contact: Ed Gorman 860-212-2891 or Wayne Johnson 860-874-7820

Marlborough Lions Club "Super Bowl Roses", February 1

Cost: \$20/dozen, with pickup on 2/1 at Marlborough Elementary school cafeteria between 9a-12p

Contact: Megan Lloyd - meadams9182@hotmail.com – to order before 2/1

The District 23B Spirit, Deadline, February 10

Please send all ads, articles and pictures to District23BSpirit@gmail.com for inclusion in the March issue

East Hartford Lions Club, "An Evening at Gino's - formerly Procaccini's", February 15, 4-9pm

Location: 50 Main St, East Hartford

15% of your food bill paid between 4-9pm will be donated to help support Camp Rising Sun in Colebrook

MD23 MidWinter Conference, February 21-23

Location: Wyndham Hotel, 1284 Strongtown Rd, Southbury, CT

Cost: \$20 Conference registration (rooms, meals extra)

Contact: PCC Hilary Kumnick - hkumnic@aol.com

Kent Lions Club "Hockey Night in Hartford", February 21

UConn Huskies vs Boston University Terriers

Bus leaves Kent around 4pm, returning around 11pm

Cost of tickets and transportation: \$56.50pp

Contact Lion President Marty Lindenmayer - mjlkent@gmail.com

Kent Lions Club, Lake Waramaug Polar Bear Run, February 23rd

7.6 scenic miles around Lake Waramaug, supports Guiding Eyes for the Blind

Information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/36th-annual-lake-waramaug-polar-bear-run-tickets-82548230981>

Zone 1-4 Governor's Breakfast, March 1, 8am

Location: Chatterley's Banquet Facility, 371 Pinewoods Road, Torrington

Tickets: \$21 per person

Lions of the Year recognition, 100% Secretary Awards

Bring your collected eyeglasses and hearing aids, and please donate a door or raffle prize

Contact: Nancy Lyons – nschnyer0035@charter.net or Carol Kearns – carolkearns@charter.net

Lions Day at the UN, March 7

Location: UN Headquarters, NYC, NY

Cost: Bus Tickets - \$25 per person

Open to all Lions, LEOs, LEO Advisors and guests

Contact: Lion Dave Roberts at dave@daveroberts.org to reserve a bus seat, and for more information

Zone 5-7 Governor's Breakfast, March 8, 8am

Location: Maneeley's, 65 Rye Street, South Windsor, CT

Cost: \$21 per person

Outstanding Lion recognition

Contact: Eileen Driscoll – epda23@aol.com

East Hartford Lions Club, Spaghetti Supper, March 14, 5-9pm

Location: Moose Lodge, 404 Prospect St. East Hartford

Cost: \$8/adults, \$5 children (All you can eat!)

East Hartford Lions Club, Blood Drive, March 20, 11am-4pm

Location: YMCA at 259 Prospect St. East Hartford

New Hartford Lions Club “An Evening of Rock and Roll”, March 29, 4-8pm

Location: Parrot Delaney Tavern, 37 Greenwoods Rd. New Hartford, CT

Cost: Tickets, \$20 (benefits the Children's Medical Center Foundation, Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders)

Music will be provided by Tim McDonald and the Ghost Tones, starting at 5pm

Food available for purchase from the Parrot Delaney Tavern

Tickets available through Club members, at the door, <http://www.newhartfordclions.org> and info@newhartfordclions.org

Connecticut Lions Day at the State Capitol, April 21

Location: The State Capitol Building, Hartford, CT

Contact: Lion Dave Roberts at dave@daveroberts.org

Plainville Lions Club, Pancake Breakfast, May 3

Location: OLM Parish Center, 19 South Canal Street, Plainville, CT

Cost: \$8 per person (all you can eat), kids 6 and under eat free!

There will be activities for children

Simsbury Lions Club/Knights of Columbus, 31st Combined Pancake Breakfast, May 3, 8-11am

Location: St Mary's Parish Center, 946 Hopmeadow St., Simsbury

Contact: To order ads for place mats or tickets for breakfast, please contact

Sandy Kremer, 860-966-7946, tprkremer@gmail.com, or Elaine Giannini, 386-566-1003, ageal@earthlink.net

Opening Eyes Vision Program at the Special Olympics Summer Games, June 12-14

Location: Fairfield University and Fairfield Warde High School, Fairfield, CT

Contact: Brian Lavigne - brian.lavigne@snet.net

We have our own email address now: D23BLionsRoar@gmail.com. Please use this email address. The deadline for submissions is the 10th of the month prior to the issue date (February 10 for the March District Spirit – submit to District23BSpirit@gmail.com, March 10 for the April Lions' Roar to D23BLionsRoar@gmail.com).

Notices should be short and include all relevant information (see below for examples). We do not print flyers, club statuses or cabinet reports. The Lions' Roar is intended to keep our district informed of upcoming events. Anything that doesn't fit our format will either be condensed for The Roar, or held for the next District 23B Spirit.