

The Lions' Roar



The Monthly District 23B Governor's Update

October 2019

District Governor's Corner DG Ev Lyons

Well, September has finally arrived after a warm New England summer and most of our clubs are now in full swing for the coming Lions Year. As you prepare your budgets, please consider setting aside donations to two worthy activities. The first is our **multiple district diabetes camp** which successfully piloted a camping experience for 29 children this past summer. It went so well that we are assured of another experience for perhaps even more children next summer. To make this happen, we are again asking clubs for a minimum donation of \$50 to cover the costs of our 23B campers. The second is **Camp Rising Sun** which has been located in our district (Colebrook) for years, but to which 23B has given little financial support in the past. Last year, we raised nearly \$2,000 and we are asking that clubs budget a minimum donation of \$50 to support these campers who are experiencing childhood cancer. I had the privilege of visiting the camp during their Lions Open House, and the activities and kids were simply amazing. **Donations for each should be directed to our Cabinet Treasurer, PDG Steve Daigle, who has accounts established on the district level to accept club donations.** Sending your donations to PDG Steve will help our district activity coordinators to monitor our success.

Speaking of success, did you know that our Lions of 23B have already donated over \$9,000 toward our LCIF goal of \$22,000, and we have yet to get really started? **ROAR LIONS!!** Our Lions foundation is one of the few foundations in which 100% of all donated funds go back to assist those in need and to fund worthy Lions projects. In Connecticut, our multiple district received a matching \$100,000 LCIF grant which enabled us to purchase additional equipment for our KIDSIGHT screenings, resulting in an increased number of children screened. LCIF Chairs PCC Dan Divirgilio (Litchfield County) and PDG Bobby Clark (Hartford County) would be happy to talk with your club about the benefits of supporting LCIF.

Our emphasis, again, will be on promoting and expanding our service as Lions. Your zone chairs have been charged with compiling a listing of all anticipated service projects within their zone by club, so please be thinking of new areas to explore in providing service and be ready to let your zone chair know of your service planning. Thanks for all you do as Lions. We are ordinary people who manage to accomplish extraordinary things. Above all, show your Lions pride in all you do and don't forget to **ROAR. LIONS!**

From the Editors:

Welcome to The Lions' Roar! This is a new communications tool to keep you informed of important news and upcoming events, which will be published in the months where we don't produce a District 23B Spirit. We hope this will eliminate many of the emails you receive from the district. As mentioned in The Spirit, our eventual goal is to "skip the middleman" and send this directly to all Lions in the district. We don't have enough member emails to make this effort worthwhile, so we're asking you, as club presidents and secretaries, to forward The Lions' Roar to your members when you receive it. We're also asking you to make the effort to update the LCI roster for your club with all your member emails (since this is from where we plan on building our distribution list). If you would prefer, you can send us your club's email list instead of updating MyLCI (some members do not want their emails there).

We won't share or sell that list (honest!)

If you want a club event listed, please, at least for now, continue to send your notices to District Secretary Pat Daigle, padaigle@yahoo.com. After the next issue, we should have a separate email ready specifically for submissions to The Lions' Roar. You should send us your submissions by the 10th of the prior month (October 10 for the November newsletter, for example).

Notices should be short and include all relevant information. While we've received some flyers for this issue, we'll only be printing events in text (please see the entries below). Our intent is to make The Lions' Roar as brief as possible.

Club Notices:

Hartland Lions Square Dance & Silent Auction, Sept 28th, 7:30 p.m.

West Hartland Library, 61 Center Street (Rt. 20) West Hartland, CT
Tickets \$20 BYOB, All you can eat!! Snacks, pulled pork sandwiches, desserts!!
Proceeds to benefit Scholarships and local charities
Contact Diana Evans h-860-653-4395 c-860-653-6753

Harwinton Lions at the Harwinton Fair, October 4-6

Harwinton Fairgrounds Locust Road, Harwinton CT
Fair times and admission: Friday 4- 9 p.m., \$6; Saturday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., \$8; Sunday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$8
The club's booth is a pierogi sale with (or without) all the "fixins" -- onions, sauerkraut & sour cream

Fundraiser for 2nd VDG Ed Fenton, October 13, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Revolutions, 60 Bidwell Road, South Windsor, CT
\$20, cash or check made to East Hartford Lions Club
Food, raffles, games, and a cash bar
PCC Kathy Randall, kathy.randall@yahoo.com, by Sunday, October 6, 2019

Woodbury Lions Club 29th Annual Haunted Hayride, October 18,19,25,26, 7:00 p.m.

Mitchell School, 14 School Street, Woodbury, CT
Adults \$12, children \$6
Ticket sales start at 6:30
www.WoodburyCTLions.org

Marlborough Lions 2nd Annual Marlborough Masquerade 5K, October 27, 10:30 a.m.

Blish Memorial Park, 32 Park Rd, Marlborough, CT, \$20 pre-register, \$25 day of, \$50 for families
It's the same great race as our Spring 5K, but with costumes!
Online registration at www.plattsys.com
We're seeking sponsors at the \$250, \$500, and \$1000 levels – contact the club at marlboroughctlions@gmail.com

Multiple District 23B Membership Chairperson Skill-Building Session, November 2, 8 a.m.

Location: to be determined, \$5 per attendee
Open to all club membership chairpeople, their membership teams, and any Lion interested in increasing the membership of their clubs

Harwinton Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, November 3, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Harwinton Consolidated School on Rt. 118

East Hartford Lions Club Craft Show, November 10, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Club, 200 Clement Road, East Hartford

Holiday shopping, raffles, food truck, bake sale

Free parking and free admission

ASD Lions Club Dinner, November 19, 6:00 p.m.

American School for the Deaf, 139 North Main Street. West Hartford, CT

RSVP no later than Monday, November 11, 2019 to Liz DeRosa 860.570.2212 or elizabeth.derosa@asd-1817.org