

The Lions' Roar



The Monthly District 23B Governor's Update

January 2022



District Governor's Corner DG Ed Fenton

Hello Lions! I hope everyone is doing well as we approach the start of 2022!

Unfortunately, we are still dealing with the fallout of COVID-19 as we close in on two years of the pandemic. The Omicron variant is definitely spreading at a much faster rate. I am encouraging all clubs to consider having a zoom option for your meetings for members who are unable to attend. It's important we

continue to be flexible to our members' needs in dealing with this disease.

Also, I would like to request that all clubs eliminate the singing of a song at the start of meetings. Singing is an activity that leads to easier spreading of the virus. Hopefully we will soon get to a point when we don't need to be as concerned, but we don't seem to be there yet.

SERVICE: District 23B Lions are doing a great job of service this year as evidenced by the numbers below! We have 74% of our clubs that have reported at least one activity in MyLion!

Total activities reported: 663

Volunteer hours: 15,314

Service projects reported: 268

People served: 67,690

Dollars raised: \$297,553

Dollars donated: \$150,165

I would like to encourage all clubs to report their service in addition to fundraisers, donations, and meetings in MyLion. If you have any questions about activity reporting, please reach out to GST Chair Phyllis Perry, CS Pat Daigle, or Lion Lizette Pelletier. Any of them will be happy to guide you through the process.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S BREAKFASTS: At this time, we are planning to have in-person breakfasts again in March. Each club will have the opportunity to recognize one Outstanding Lion and present one Rose Amanda Freeman Selfless Service award.

The breakfasts will be at two new locations this year. The event for Zones 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be held on Sunday March 6th at the Torrington Elks Club. The event for Zones 5, 6, and 7 will be held on Sunday March 13th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Glastonbury. Details for the breakfasts will be distributed during the month of January.

MLK BOOK DRIVE: We are nearing the homestretch of the Martin Luther King Jr. book drive and I encourage any club not yet participating to consider purchasing books for your local library. Please send a final count of your

book donations to GST Chair Phyllis Perry (phyllisdueseason@gmail.com). I would like to be able to put out a press release near the end of January about what our Lions accomplished throughout the district.

LEOs: The LEOs and their advisors are in process of planning their Mid-Winter event in February. PDG Diana Grise and District 23B LEOs Chair Cindy Daniels are hoping your club will consider a small donation to help with the LEOs expenses. Please see the letter attached to this newsletter.

LIONS LOW VISION NEEDS VOLUNTEERS: The Low Vision Centers need some “tech-savvy” people who are capable of making computers work for the visually impaired.

There are three parts to this project. The first is helping Carolyn Brown, our low vision therapist, learn how to access and handle the many low vision programs and downloads currently available on the web. The second may be to publish an on-line tutorial that will help visually impaired people set up their own computers to access these programs. The third may involve an occasional visit to a visually impaired person's home to help him or her establish access to one or more of these programs.

If you have the technical capability to handle any of these requirements, we are very much in need of your help. If you have the knowledge and are willing to give a bit of your time, please contact PCC Alan Daninhirsch at Leyenn@snet.net or 860-584-2354.

CT LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION: Following is a summary of current programs funded through Connecticut Lions donations to CLERF. Thank you for your on-going support!

Yale - \$133,280: The project is “Investigating Early Detection of Uveal Melanoma.” This most common eye cancer is currently treated with radiation causing blindness or eye removal. This project is working to develop a liquid biopsy to address the cancer. They have had early success in removing cancer and restoring 20/20 eyesight to patients. CLERF funds will work to expand this beyond the experimental stage.

Eversight - \$50,000: The funds would be used to strengthen their eye bank. They provide eye tissue for corneal transplants as well as for research in preventing blindness. They support eye research projects and exchange of information between surgeons and researchers. During 2021 in Connecticut, Eversight has supplied tissue for 137 transplants, 120 to research projects, and 31 for surgeon training.

UConn - \$150,000: It is titled “Post-Exome Sequencing of Inherited Forms of Glaucoma.” The project studies DNA to identify Glaucoma causing genes. The long-term goal is to develop an identification of these genes to ultimately be used for interventional treatment and/or cure for Glaucoma. They have begun to identify these Glaucoma causing genes.

Support of KidSight Program: CLERF has on-going support of the KidSight school eye screening program. This includes supplies and on-going maintenance of the spot cameras and printers.

2022 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE: Registration information for the 2022 Mid-Winter Conference will be available in early January. Our guest speaker will be Past International President J. Frank Moore, III. It will be a great weekend of catching up with Lion friends from around the state, seminars, and having fun! Please put February 25th through the 27th on your calendar and plan to join us at the Wyndham Hotel in Southbury!

The Conference Program Book goes a long way to support the weekend. The program book has always had the support of Clubs, members, and some businesses. Our hope is to expand beyond our traditional advertisers with more ads from commercial businesses looking to promote their products and services while supporting our Lions' conference.

If there are companies you or your Club deal with, please approach them regarding advertising. Attached to this

newsletter is the Mid-winter program ad application which can be completed online and emailed to PDG Bill Manthey. The pdf ad copy may be emailed with the application or submitted when the check is mailed.

HAND-IN-HAND-IN-SERVICE: Please remember that your district leadership is here for only one reason-To support you as you support your communities. Please reach out if you would like extra help at any event. Out Kindness Matters Co-Chairs (PDG Marianne Bannan, Lion Susan Gabriele), Zone Chairs, Vice-District Governors, and all Cabinet Members are more than happy to help out with anything you need.

PUBLICITY: We would love to help advertise your events on the District website and the Facebook page. Please continue to send your club event flyers to IT Chair Linda Russell (lindarus@hotmail.com).

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Years!

DG Ed

From the Editors:

Here's a reminder to update your club rosters on MyLCI! We have well over 1700 members in the district, yet only 1411 members receive our mailings—the rest either have no email address or an incorrect email on their LCI record. We also understand that there are members who have yet to step into our new connected world, or wish not to share their email with LCI (yes, there are a lot of emails sent by International). However, we feel it's important to keep our membership updated with our own events. For those members not willing to share their email with LCI, we would suggest sharing your internal email list with the editors at the *Roar/Spirit* only for the purpose of all our members receiving our updates. This is usually no more than two emails a month, which contains information directly relevant to them. We will not share this information with any other entity. Please help us make sure that every Lion in District 23B receives our communications. Contact us at D23BLionsRoar@gmail.com if you'd like to share your contact information with us, preferable in a .XLS, .XLSX, or .CSV Excel format.

District Calendar

East Hartford Lions Club Recyclable Bottles and Cans Fund Raiser, Ongoing

The East Hartford Lions Club, now in its seventy-first year serving the community, is asking Lions of District 23B if they would donate their plastic bottles and aluminum cans to our club. Monies raised from the redemption of these recyclables will go to support our many stakeholders in town. Lions of East Hartford offer scholarships to East Hartford high school seniors, eye screenings for pre- school children, holiday food baskets to families in need, support for a drug prevention course at the East Hartford Middle School and many other services. As you might expect, the club was unable to hold many of its traditional fund raisers last year due to the pandemic. This new fund raiser is the club's attempt to recoup lost revenue which can be used for the betterment of East Hartford. Anyone who wishes to help us may do so by emailing the club at [www. sacrecco@yahoo.com](mailto:www.sacrecco@yahoo.com) or contact Lion Steve Crecco at 860- 404-5022 for more information.

East Hartford Lion Club

At the time of this Lions Roar Deadline, the East Hartford Lions were preparing for their annual holiday distribution of food baskets to the food insecure in East Hartford. This special project is four-decades old, and the club will have assisted over forty families by making their holidays a bit cheerier on December 18. The club is also thrilled with the response it has had to its collecting of children's books by the club's members for the Martin Luther King, Jr Book Drive, which will culminate on King's birthday, January 15. This is also special to the club as it is very strongly supported by DG Ed Fenton. Other projects for the winter and early spring will be discussed at the club's January 3, 2022 meeting.

Bloomfield

Bloomfield will cosponsor a Blood Drive in February but we do not have a definite date.

East Windsor Lions, Blood Drive, December 27, 1pm-6pm

Location: East Windsor Town Hall Annex, Old Gymnasium, 25 School Street, East Windsor

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-773-2767 or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter EW to schedule an appointment.

MD23 2022 MidWinter Conference, February 25-27

Location: Wyndham Hotel, Southbury, CT

Attend our Hero's Weekend with a great lineup of informative seminars, catch up with your Lions friends from around the state, and have some fun. Our keynote speaker this year is Past International President J. Frank Moore III. More details are coming.

MD23 Melvin Jones Dinner, February 26

Location: Wyndham Hotel, Southbury, CT

Cost: \$40

Clubs are able to name one Melvin Jones Fellowship recipient for each \$1000 donation to LCIF. Use the included form (later in the Roar) for your Melvin Jones Fellowship recipients and send to Lion Linda Russell (for this event, only), along with any other donations to LCIF. Awards will be presented by PIP J. Frank Moore III. More information to come.

Marlborough Lion Club, Blood Drive, March

Location: Marlborough Senior Center

March date TBD, more details to follow

Marlborough Lion Club, Kayak Raffle, March 1

Start of ticket sales for Kayak Raffle, \$20 each

Contact: President Megan Lloyd for tickets 413-687-5537 or marlboroughclions@gmail.com

Governor's Breakfast, Zones 1-4, March 6

Location: Torrington Elk's Club

More details to follow

Governor's Breakfast, Zones 5-7, March 13

Location: Hilton Gardens Inn, Glastonbury

More details to follow. This is a tentative date and location, and may change

We have our own email address now: D23BLionsRoar@gmail.com. Please use this email address. The deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month prior to the issue date: November 15 for the December District Spirit—submit to District23BSpirit@gmail.com. December 15 for the January 2021 Lions' Roar to D23BLionsRoar@gmail.com. Notices should be short and include all relevant information. We do not print flyers 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.

Important MidWinter Information Continues on Next Page

SAVE THE DATE!

Heroes' Weekend

The 2022 Connecticut
Mid-Winter Conference

February 25-27 at the
Wyndham Hotel in
Southbury

It's time to celebrate!

There are great plans in the
works for *Heroes' Weekend*.

Get ready to:

- Attend a great lineup of informative seminars
- Hear from an inspirational keynote speaker, Past International President J. Frank Moore III
- Catch up with Lion friends from across our state
- And have some fun!



Connecticut Lions 2022 Mid-Winter Conference MD-23

The Connecticut Lions are soliciting ads for our 2022 Lions Mid-Winter Conference Program Book.

The Program Book will be distributed to all attendees at Mid-Winter in late February. While not a charitable contribution, an advertisement placed in this book is an opportunity to reach Lions throughout Connecticut whether you are promoting your services and products or recognizing a Lion individual or organization.

Please join us in print as we celebrate all things CT Lions

The deadline for Ad Book submissions is February 1, 2022. All electronic ad copy should be submitted in PDF format. If PDF is unavailable contact Bill Manthey before emailing (203) 723-4821. The editor has the right to adjust font size/style as necessary to fit the layout.

Businesses - promote your products and service!

Lions- promote upcoming events! Support current & future Lion leaders!

Please complete this *Order Form* and return it with your check and ad copy to:

Lion Bill Manthey
124 Munson Road, Beacon Falls, CT 06403

Please email your ad copy to: LionBillManthey@gmail.com

Please make checks payable to: "Multiple District 23 - CT Lions"

Please check ad size desired. The ad book is 8.5" by 5.5" & Cover Ads are "First come, first serve"

	<u>Commercial Businesses</u>	<u>Lions Clubs or Not-for-Profits</u>
Full Page Ad	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
Half (1/2) Page Ad	<input type="checkbox"/> \$120	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
Quarter Page Ad	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30
Inside Front Cover in color	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400	
Inside Back Cover in color	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400	
Outside Back Cover in color	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500	

Contact name: _____

Organization Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

You can email this application to let us know of your selection before mailing your check and ad copy.



December 14, 2021

Dear Fellow Lions:

We are in the process of planning the Leo program at the Lions Mid-Winter Conference to be held on February 26, 2022. We are reaching out to Lions Clubs that sponsor a Leo club or that work with Leo Clubs to request a small donation to help cover the expenses of the Leo program. We have had up to 270 Leos and Advisors attend from all over Connecticut. The day is filled with seminars and activities and provides a venue for the Leos to meet other Leos and learn more about what Lions do.

Therefore, we are asking if your Lions Club could make a donation (\$50+) by January 15, 2022 so we are able to continue to provide a program that will empower Leo leaders. Leos will benefit by gaining skills they can use in the future and leave with new ideas to bring back to their clubs. Please make checks payable to **"2022 MD23 Mid-Winter Conference"** and mail to Lion Diana Grisé, 2 Autumn Ridge Drive, Windham, CT 06280.

The Lions' future is with the Leos and we want to be able to give them a fun learning experience they will not forget.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely yours in Lionism and Leoism,
PDG Diana Grise, Chairperson MD23 Leo Mid-Winter Conference 2022

The Melvin Jones Fellowship Program



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

The Melvin Jones Fellowship Program is a prestigious way to show commitment to the humanitarian work of LCIF and further support the Foundation.

The MJF Program was established in 1973 in honor of Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International. The MJF is a recognition of unrestricted donations of US\$1,000 to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

New MJFs receive a pin, commemorative plaque and a letter from the LCIF Chairperson. If the donor so chooses, he/she may use their donations credit to recognize another individual with an MJF.



The Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship Program

For those who are already an MJF, the Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) provides an opportunity to advance in the Fellowship program. For each subsequent donation of US\$1,000 beyond the initial MJF donation, donors receive a new level of recognition, signified by a unique PMJF pin in accordance with their level of giving. The PMJF program has 100 levels, representing gifts between US\$2,000 – US\$100,000. Like MJFs, donors can honor another individual with PMJF donations.

Contributing to LCIF through the MJF Program

Individual Contributions

Individuals can make MJF contributions for themselves or to recognize another individual.

Club Contributions

Clubs can donate to the MJF program and name an individual as an MJF. MJF applications using collective donations from multiple donors must be accompanied by written consent from all donors to use their donations for MJF recognition for the individual specified on the application.

Steps for Applying for an MJF:

- 1) Complete the MJF Application on the reverse side or download from the LCIF Web site at www.lcif.org.
- 2) Fill out the application thoroughly
- 3) Submit payment

Did you know...

- Districts, clubs and individuals can donate to LCIF through the Melvin Jones Fellowship Program, but only an individual can receive the recognition.
- Melvin Jones Fellowships can be named in honor or in memory of an individual.
- Only unrestricted donations are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowships unless otherwise approved by the LCIF Executive Committee.
- Melvin Jones Fellowships do not need to be paid in full at one time; minimum installments to LCIF of US\$100 can be paid over a five-year period to total US\$1,000, at which time the MJF Application is completed.



Melvin Jones Fellowship Application



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Individual Completing this Form

Name _____ Date _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

1. Donor of Contribution (check one)

☐ Member ☐ Non-Member ☐ Club

☐ District/Multiple District ☐ Company/Foundation

Donor Name _____

Donor's Member ID# (if applicable) _____

Donor's Club # _____ District _____

Club ID or District/Multiple District ID _____

2. Recipient of Recognition

☐ Same as donor ☐ Member ☐ Non-Member

Type of recognition requested (please check one)

☐ To Be Named Later ☐ MJF ☐ PMJF

☐ Memorial Plaque (in memory of the deceased)

Recipient Name _____

Member ID# (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Country _____ Postal Code _____

Club of Recipient _____

Club # _____ District _____

For Memorial Include the name and address of the individual to whom the plaque is to be presented. (Required for preparing recognition letter.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Country _____ Postal Code _____

This Application is for the MD23
MJF Dinner on February 26th.

3. Contribution Details

Amount of Contribution _____

(Please check all that apply) ☐ Full Payment ☐ Installment

☐ Final Installment ☐ Use previously donated funds

Gift Type

☐ **U.S.-Dollar Check Enclosed** (payable to LCIF, drawn on US bank)

☐ **Credit Card** ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

Name as it appears on credit card _____

Signature _____

☐ **Wire/Bank Transfer** (Please attach bank transfer receipt)

☐ **Local LCI Deposit** (Please attach bank deposit ticket)

☐ **Cash**

The Foundation has begun using a lock box service to receive and process all donations. Check and credit card donations should be mailed to the below address, not LCIF headquarters. Mail donations along with this form to the lockbox address below.

4. Shipping Information

Ship to Member ID # (if applicable): 4508192

Name: Lion Linda Russell

Address: 76 Crestwood Trail

City: East Hartford State/Province: CT

Country: USA Postal Code: 06118

E-mail: lindarus@hotmail.com Phone: 860-645-0894

Recognition is sent once donation and application are received and processed at headquarters. Please allow a minimum of 30 days for delivery.

Special Instructions/Notes

Lions Clubs International Foundation

Department 4547

Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547

USA

Tel: 630-203-3836 • Web site: www.lcif.org/donate

E-mail: donations@lionsclubs.org • Fax: 630-571-5735

Get Out Your Dancing Shoes!

You won't want to miss

NIGHT *SHIFT*



Friday night at Mid-Winter Conference

Words from a fan: "I LOVE every song you played tonight!"

Heroes Weekend
February 25-27, 2022
Wyndham Hotel, Southbury

