

The Lions' Roar



The Monthly District 23B Governor's Update

July 2022



District Governor's Corner DG Ed Fenton

WOW!!!

"WOW" is my first reaction when I look at what our District B clubs have accomplished this year! We made it through the worst of Covid-19 and came out stronger than ever! As of June 19th, you have reported the following in MyLion:

Total activities reported: 1,432

Volunteer hours: 31,436

Service projects reported: 562

People served: 121,698

Dollars raised: \$417,794

Dollars donated: \$293,377

The reported numbers above are outstanding! We currently have 91% of our clubs that have used MyLion for reporting and 89% have reported service projects. I'm hopeful we can get the last few clubs on board before this year ends on June 30th.

2021-2022 DISTRICT RECOGNITIONS: PDG Harry Schuh was a recipient of the Lions Presidential Medal which is the 2nd highest award a Lion can receive! PDG Harry has served the District well in multiple roles. He continues to be an important part of our District leadership team every year.

GST Chair Phyllis Perry received the Lions Leadership Medal which is the 3rd highest recognition for a Lion! Phyllis did a fantastic job this year leading our Book Drive project, teaching clubs about service reporting, and overall support for all our service initiatives.

Zone Chair Anita Skutnik, along with Cabinet Chairs Akella Sarma and Susan Gabriele, all received International President's Certificates of Appreciation! They were recognized for the high level of dedication and service they provided the Lions of 23B!

Our New Voices honorees this year included IPDG Heidi Zacchera, Lion Megan Lloyd, Lion Julie Vecchitto, and Lion Cindy Daniels! They all did a great job giving presentations on their areas of expertise at the Mid-Winter Conference.

2021-2022 DISTRICT ACTIVITIES: Our first District activity this year was the Martin Luther King Jr. Book Drive. A total of thirty-five clubs participated in the event and we donated over 650 books to our local libraries! This project will have a positive effect on our communities for many years into the future.

Thirty-five clubs also participated in the Kentucky Tornado relief effort. In less than three weeks we fully packed a 26-foot truck of needed supplies to send to Kentucky! These supplies were delivered to Lions in Western Kentucky who were able to give them out directly to people in need. Recently we sent the Kentucky Lions the \$2,500.00 that was collected from various clubs and individual Lions. They will be using these funds to buy more necessary items. The relief effort will take many years and our Lions have had a huge impact on improving the lives of the people impacted by the tornados.

The first LCIF grant we received was a \$10,000.00 District Community Impact Grant (DCG). The money from the DCG was used to purchase non-perishable food items to distribute throughout the District. The goal behind this grant request was to assist with food insecurity at a time when it is not thought of as much. Food donations seem to be higher around holidays and winter.

I would like to thank the twenty-nine clubs that participated! Food was picked-up at the Terryville Fairgrounds on June 5th and distributed all throughout the District. There was also an East of the River homeless shelter that benefitted from a District donation. Thank you to Heidi Zacchera, Greg Klimek, and Dave Boilard who helped with the sorting and loading of the food.

Our second LCIF grant was a combination of a \$10K DCG and a \$10K Childhood Cancer Grant. The funds from these two grants should be received any day and will be used to purchase eight gaming stations for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. These gaming stations are made with industrial grade materials and are built to last for many years. This donation will impact the lives of an untold number of children for many years in the future! Thank you to Akella Sarma for all the work he did to make this project happen!

Blood drives have continued to grow as a service project in District 23B. This year twenty-one clubs sponsored a total of fifty-seven blood drives! Hopefully more clubs will take this on as a project next year. Blood drives are very easy to conduct and there is always a need for them.

2021-2022 DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SERVICE CHALLENGE: Congratulations to the twenty-two clubs that completed the Service Challenge and qualified for the Connecticut District Governors' Kindness Award!

Barkhamsted, Berlin, Bloomfield, Bristol, Canaan Northwest, East Hartford, East Windsor, Glastonbury Centennial, Granby, Greater Hartford West Indian, Harwinton, Kent, New Britain, New Hartford, Northwestern CT Cyber, Plainville, South Windsor, Terryville, Watertown, Windsor, Windsor Locks, and Woodbury have all submitted their information to qualify for this special service patch for the club banner.

MEMBERSHIP: As of June 19th, we are +34 in membership! Thirty-six of our fifty-four clubs are even or positive in number of Lions. Of the clubs that lost members, most were only one or two people. This gain in membership was without any completely new clubs so that is a testament to the efforts of the Lions in all clubs!

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION: 100% of District 23B clubs made donations this year to LCIF or had individual Lions make a donation! The total dollar amount as of June 19th is \$38,347.00, this represents an increase of nearly 45% over last year by clubs and individual Lions!

HAND-IN-HAND-IN-SERVICE: Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District Governor this year! I have enjoyed the past year and appreciate the hospitality I was shown by all Clubs and Lions. My term may end on June 30th, but I will continue to be available to support you in any way I can.

As we go forward into the next Lions year, I encourage everyone to work together to better our communities!

Thank you for all that you do!

DG Ed

District Calendar

Windsor Lions Club, Monarch Project, July 9-July 22

Location: Windsor Town Green

The Windsor Lions Club, in collaboration with First Town Down Town, will participate in the Monarch Project. This project promotes the importance of the monarch butterfly to our environment and educates our community. The Windsor Lions, along with other civic groups and private individuals, have formed a committee to create and upscale planter from recycled materials. These planters will be featured throughout the town of Windsor from July 9-July 22. Placement of the planters will kick off the Monarch Festival on the Windsor Town Green. Planters will be auctioned off, and all proceeds will go to support, maintain, and develop our Monarch Gardens along the Windsor Riverwalk.

Plainville Lions Club, New Britain Bees, July 23, 6:35pm

Tickets: \$10 (\$5 per ticket benefitting the Lions Low Vision Centers)

Tickets must be reserved by July 8. Mail number of tickets and check to Plainville Lions Club, PO Box 92, Plainville, CT 06062

Contact: craig.r.banks@my.ccsu.edu

Harwinton Lions Club, "Cars for Sight", July 24 10am-2pm

Location: Harwinton Town Hall and Sports Complex, 80 Bentley Drive, off Rt. 118 in Harwinton, CT

The event will include music and food, and will feature show cars, muscle cars and trucks. Trophies will be awarded to the Top 10 of the show, and one trophy to the best in the show. All Domestic and European vehicles welcome; no cut-off year. Gates Open at 8:45 for Show Entries; \$10.00 Entry fee for all car and truck entries; no charge to spectators, but donations are encouraged.

Contact: Lion Bruce Richard, bruce456@sbcglobal.net

Windsor Lions Club, "Symbol of Home" Bulb Fundraiser, August 12-September 12

The Windsor Lions Club is sponsoring a "No Contact" Spring Bulb Fundraiser. Working with, "Bulbs for Change", from Middlebury Vermont, the Lions offer Spring bulbs of the highest quality, that can be ordered online. These bulbs and plants come from all over the world, are 100% guaranteed, and will be delivered directly to your home in perfect time for planting.

Contact: Lion Cindy Daniels, cldressage959@gmail.com

Winsted Lions Club, Home Run Derby Fundraiser, August 13 (Rain date, August 14), 9am-2pm

Location: Walker Field, Winsted

Registration: \$5 for ages 7-12, \$7 for ages 13-17, \$10 for ages 18+

Registration must be mailed with payment to Winsted Lions, PO Box 241, Winsted, CT 06098 by August 8.

Registration fees are non-refundable. Participants under 18 require signature from parent or guardian.

BYOB! (Bring Your Own Bat—bats must have age-appropriate league-approved label. No pine tar on wooden bats)

Sign-in begins at 9am

Windsor Lions Club, Drive-through Food Drive, August 15, 9am-1-pm

Location: LP Wilson Community Center, 599 Matianuck Avenue, Windsor

In an effort to support families in our community facing food insecurity, we are asking for your help. Fill a bag with non-perishable and non-expired food items (no glass items, please). Drive them to the LP Wilson Community Center, stay in your car, and we'll unload them for you, contact free. Drive-through cash, check and credit card donations also accepted. Make checks payable to "The Lions Club Charitable Foundation, Windsor, CT" and add "Food Drive" to the memo.

Contact: Call 203-710-7997 with any questions

Torrington Lions Club, Goshen Fair, September 3-5

Location: Goshen Fairgrounds, Goshen, CT

Stop in at our booth for a rib-eye steak sandwich or an ear of corn.

Windsor Lions Club, Blood Drive, September 18, 10am-2pm

Location: LP Wilson Community Center, 599 Matianuck Avenue, Windsor

Please register for a slot at www.redcrossblood.org

Contact: Lion Sharon Gauthier Cell: 860-798-1910

New Hartford Lions Club, Giant Flea Market, September 24, 2022, 8am-3pm

Location: Brodie Park, 580 West Hill Rd., New Hartford

Admission: \$3.00 adult admission, \$10.00 early buying (6:30-8:00)

Antiques, Arts, Crafts, Tag Sale Items, Food, Free Parking, Small Horse Rides, Vendor spaces available.

Rain or Shine. No pets allowed. Net proceeds will benefit various charities

Contact: Call 860-489-9188 or info@newhartfordclions.org

or <http://www.newhartfordclions.org> or <http://www.newhartfordclions.org>

Windsor Lions Club, Community Tag Sale, September 25, 8am-3pm

Location: Windsor Town Green

Fee: \$25 per 10' x 12' site

What you sell is your money to keep! What you don't sell you take home! Nothing can be left on the Green!

Please reserve your spot by making a payment before 9/18/21 by either:

1. Online payment at www.checkout.square.site/buy/5R3XGHBINVGI7KD7VWXMA2XY
2. Check payable to The Lions Club Charitable Foundation, Windsor, Ct.
3. Cash (all checks and cash can be dropped off at The Bean 226 Broad St. Windsor)

Then, forward your email to tjeffery64@yahoo.com. You will be emailed your site # the week of 9/18/21.

All proceeds from site sales go to Camp Rising Sun

Torrington Lions Club, Holiday Craft and Gift Fair, November. 12, 10am-3pm

Location: Torrington Armory, 153 South Main St, Torrington

Contact: Lion Margaret (Kiki) for more information, 860-489-8971

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: August 15 for the September District Spirit—submit to District23BSpirit@gmail.com. July 15 for the August 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.