

The Lions' Roar



The Monthly District 23B Governor's Update

April 2020

District Governor's Corner
DG Ev Lyons

ARE WE ONLY CONSIDERING HALF OF OUR POTENTIAL MEMBERS?

Membership Chair, GMT Frank Longo, presented me with some interesting data at the end of January as we took a mid-year look at the district. As LCI has sponsored the New Voices Initiative for the past two years and part of that initiative involved bringing greater numbers of female members into our clubs, I was curious as to where District 23B stood at that time. **Our percentage of females among our total district membership was 33.2%** One could argue that our number was not a bad percentage for an organization that started out as an all-male group, but then another could argue that we have had over 30 years to recognize that 50% of the population is female.

Frank further surprised me when he produced a club-by-club analysis of the gender make-up of each club's membership. The landscape ranged from a significant percentage of female Lions in some clubs to none in others (Frank's chart can be found below this article.). This disparity begs the question, "Are we leaving potential members by the wayside at a time when our aging Lions population needs to regenerate our club membership?" I think most of us as Lions have welcomed and recognized the possibilities of including female members within our clubs, but we all could do more. Your Cabinet this year is 40% female leaders and the percentage is growing under each governor. Our club leadership for 2019-2020 is 30% female presidents.

We have come far since Lions first admitted females members in the late 1980's, but let's not forget that 50% of our potential members and future leaders are women anxious to help their communities and promote the Lions brand of service. Let's seek them out and welcome them into our Lions families. ROAR LIONS!

Ev Lyons

Percentage of Female Lions By Club in D23B

Club	Female	Male	Grand Total	%Female
Avon	13	15	28	46.43%
Barkhamsted	6	22	28	21.43%
Berlin	21	100	121	17.36%
Bethlehem	2	25	27	7.41%
Bloomfield	17	13	30	56.67%
Bristol	11	19	30	36.67%
Burlington	6	25	31	19.35%
Canaan Northwest	10	6	16	62.50%
Canton	3	16	19	15.79%
Colebrook	6	15	21	28.57%
East Granby	3	7	10	30.00%

East Hartford	21	31	52	40.38%
East Windsor	10	10	20	50.00%
Enfield	6	10	16	37.50%
Glastonbury Centennial	7	11	18	38.89%
Granby	1	30	31	3.23%
Greater Hartford Host	7	27	34	20.59%
Greater Hartford West Indian	16	13	29	55.17%
Hartford County Everest Centennial	6	28	34	17.65%
Hartford Diversity	7	5	12	58.33%
Hartford Evening	14	12	26	53.85%
Hartford Multi-National	24	5	29	82.76%
Hartford Saint Lucian	13	9	22	59.09%
Hartland	9	11	20	45.00%
Harwinton	9	30	39	23.08%
Kent	10	40	50	20.00%
Litchfield	23	41	64	35.94%
Manchester	8	15	23	34.78%
Marlborough	1	21	22	4.55%
New Britain	23	30	53	43.40%
New Hartford	15	12	27	55.56%
New Milford	20	30	50	40.00%
Norfolk	11	6	17	64.71%
Northwestern Connecticut Cyber	9	11	20	45.00%
Plainville	3	14	17	17.65%
Rocky Hill	6	7	13	46.15%
Rocky Hill Veteran	1	6	7	14.29%
Simsbury	16	11	27	59.26%
South Windsor	19	26	45	42.22%
Southington	4	19	23	17.39%
Suffield	3	6	9	33.33%
Terryville	35	59	94	37.23%
Thomaston	16	11	27	59.26%
Torrington	17	19	36	47.22%
Unionville	2	15	17	11.76%
Washington	5	34	39	12.82%
Watertown	10	39	49	20.41%
West Hartford Lumbini	3	25	28	10.71%
Wethersfield	0	7	7	0.00%
Windsor	2	27	29	6.90%
Windsor Locks	50	67	117	42.74%
Winsted	10	5	15	66.67%
Woodbury	3	56	59	5.26%
Grand Total	573	1152	1725	33.22%

More from Governor Ev:

AN OFFER YOU CAN'T REFUSE!

No, this is not a Lions remake of “The Godfather”! From March 15 to May 30, any Lion who sponsors a new member (or members!) will receive the District Governor’s pin in recognition of your pride in being a Lion. Many Lions have commented that they would like to have the DG pin, so now is your chance to earn your very own to wear with pride. Remember, this offer is not available in stores nor on TV, so convince a community member to join your local club, and sport a “Power of the Pride” pin! For those Lions sponsoring five or more members, do I have a treat for you! ROAR LIONS!! DG Ev

District 23B to Hold Candidates' Forum

All Lions in 23B are invited to attend the Candidates' Forum scheduled for 10:00-Noon on April 18, 2020 at the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford. The Forum will be an opportunity to hear from each of the three candidates about their qualifications and goals for the district as they seek the 2nd Vice-District Governor position. The successful candidate will be making a five-year commitment to lead not only our district, but the Council as well, which oversees the three districts. Delegate information will be coming in April to all club presidents, but if you are interested in the future of Lions in Connecticut, you are urged to mark your calendars and attend this important informational event. The event will NOT be in the main building but to the rear of the campus and signage will lead the way.

From DGE Heidi:

If you have interest in Communications/Marketing, Photography, Homeless, Vision Education, or Reading Programs, contact me, hzacchera@aol.com

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

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

Location: YMCA at 259 Prospect St. East Hartford

Winsted Lions Club Comedy Fundraiser with Cub Pack 1027, March 28, 6pm

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

Cost: \$35

Buffet dinner and comedy show with Dan Callahan, & Moody McCarthy. Doors open at 6, dinner at 7, show at 8
Raffles available

Contact: Lion Thomas Donofri, thomas.winstedclions@gmail.com

Lions Day at the Sound Tigers, March 29, 2pm

Location: Webster Bank Arena, 600 Main Street, Bridgeport CT

Cost: \$20 (discounted ticket – see link below)

Join fellow lions for a fellowship day at the Sound Tigers! Plus, a portion of each ticket purchased through this link will be donated back to LCIF & local lions clubs! This day is also Pucks & Paws, and you can bring your dog to the game! See flyer below.

Purchase tickets: <https://fevo.me/ctlions> (be sure to list what Lions Club you belong to when you sign up)

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.newhartfordctlions.org> and info@newhartfordctlions.org

Marlborough Lions Club, 29th Annual Pancake Breakfast, March 29, 7.45am-11.45am

Location: East Glastonbury Fish & Game Club, 2 Planeta Rd, Marlborough

Cost: \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$5 kids

All you can eat pancakes, sausages, ham, fruit, coffee/tea/hot cocoa

CRIS Radio, Dining and Dancing in the Dark, April 4, 5:30pm-10:30pm

Location: Bond Ball Room, 338 Asylum Street, Hartford

Contact: www.crisradio.org

Glastonbury Centennial Lions, Pasta Dinner, April 4, 5pm-8pm

Location: First Church of Christ, 2183 Main St. Glastonbury

Cost: \$10 Adults, \$7 Kids (under 12 years free), Veterans & First Responder Eat Free!

Pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, drinks

Contact: Lion Dr. Akella Sarma akella9@gmail.com

Manchester Lions Club Doubles Bowling Tournament, April 4, 12Noon-7:30pm

Location: Spare Time Lanes 350 Talcottville Road, Vernon CT

Cost: \$25 per person, includes 3 scratch games, free pizza and soda, door prizes. 50/50 raffle, table raffle, colored headpin awards and more. All net proceeds go to FIDELCO Guide Dog Foundation

Contact: <http://manchesterlionsclub.org/bowling>

Winsted Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, April 5, 8am-Noon

Location: Pearson School Cafeteria, Wetmore Avenue, Winsted

Cost: \$7 adults, \$3 children

The annual French toast breakfast that also includes: sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, milk, coffee, orange juice, and various baked goods. 50/50 raffle available.

Contact: Lion Thomas Donofri, thomas.winstedctlions@gmail.com

Bristol Lions Club Annual Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, April 5, 7:30am-Noon

Location: Bristol Elks Lodge, 126 South Street, Bristol

Cost: \$8 adults, \$6 Seniors & children 3-12

Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, muffins

Contact: Lion Thomas Donofri, thomas.winstedctlions@gmail.com

Avon Lions Club Charities Pasta Dinner, April 17, 5pm-7:30pm

Location: 1st Company Horse Guard, 280 Arch Road, Avon

Cost: Adults, \$10, children 5-12, \$5

D23B Candidate Forum, April 18, 10am-Noon

Location: American School for the Deaf, 139 N Main St, West Hartford, CT, Rockwell Visual Communications Center
Listen to the three candidates for D23B 2nd VP prior to voting at the State Convention May 2. This is an important event, as the person elected will become the Multiple District Chair in the 2024-2025 Lions year

Connecticut Lions Day at the State Capitol, April 21

Location: The State Capitol Building, Hartford, CT

Parking Information: There is free limited handicapped and regular parking in the Legislative Office Building parking structure. Others suggestions are taking public transit buses into the State Capitol, or parking away from the Capitol and taking Uber or Lyft.

Contact: Lion Dave Roberts at dave@daveroberts.org

Bloomfield Lions Club Spring Service Spectacular, April 24, 6-9pm

Location: Alvin & Beatrice Center, 330 Park Avenue, Bloomfield

Cost: \$30 per person

This event celebrates our community partners and supporters

Berlin Lions Junior VIP Fishing Tournament, April 26, 8:30am

Location: Sage Park Pond, 1591 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin

The Junior event is open to all visually impaired children 3 to 18 years of age. Every child that registers for the event will receive a participatory trophy. If registration is received before April 10th, our junior VIP's also receive a tournament shirt. Donations to continue this event can be sent to Berlin Lions Charities/CT VIP FISHING, 222 Toll Gate Road, Berlin CT 06037-2280

Contact: Lion Charlie Satkowski, satkowski@sbcglobal.net (860) 828-1427

Greater Hartford Host Lions Pancake Breakfast, April 26, 8am-noon

Location: American School for the Deaf, 139 N Main St, West Hartford, CT

Cost: \$8.00/adult, \$5.00/child (under 12)

All you can eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, hash browns, fruit cup, coffee, tea and juice. There will also be live jazz performed by Lion Anthony Cornicello, a raffle and an appearance by our mascot, Paws.

LAST DAY TO ENTER NEW CLUB OFFICERS INTO MyLCI, April 30

Fidelco Gude Dog Foundation: Life of a Guide Dog, April 30, 7pm

Location: Hartland School Auditorium

Presented by the Hartland Lions Club

MD23 State Convention, May 2

Location: Naugatuck Community College, 750 Chase Pkwy, Waterbury, CT

Cost: \$30 Registration including boxed lunch \$18, voting only, \$5 late fee after April 20

Registration form: <http://e-district.org/userfiles/34/file/2020%20state%20convention%20form.pdf>

Contact: lionjanetbrunwin@gmail.com

Bloomfield Lions Club Mother's Day Plant Sale, May 2, 9am-4pm

Location: Bloomfield Town Hall parking lot

Marlborough Lions Club, 2nd Annual Assistive Device Drive, May 2

Collecting comodes, walkers, crutches, canes, scooters, wheelchairs, beds (with prior knowledge), etc. in partnership with Orphan Grain Train

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

Bloomfield Lions Club Tag Sale, May 16

Location: Wintonbury Historical Society

Berlin Lions Senior VIP Fishing Tournament, May 18, 6:30am

Locations: Black Hawk Fishing Charter, 11 East Main Street (GPS Address), Niantic, CT

Sunbeam Fleet 15 First Street, Waterford, CT

The Senior tournament, open to those visually impaired or blind age 18 years and older, is a full day of fishing aboard the Black Hawk Fishing Charter or the Sunbeam Fleet out of Niantic, CT.

Competition is fierce! In addition to competing for trophies, three top anglers (if they haven't attended in the past 2 years) are eligible to represent Connecticut at the 2020 New England and National VIP Fishing Tournaments held October 18-22, 2020 on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. The North Carolina Lions VIP Fishing Tournament is the largest service project of its kind in the world. Donations to continue this event can be sent to Berlin Lions

Charities/CT VIP FISHING, 222 Toll Gate Road, Berlin CT 06037-2280

Contact: Lion Charlie Satkowski, satkowski@sbcglobal.net (860) 828-1427

Marlborough Lions Club, 36th Annual Race Round the Lake 5K, May 24, 10:30am

Location: Blish Memorial Park

Cost: \$20.00 Pre-Registration, \$25.00 Race Day until 10 AM, \$50 max per family

This scenic course around beautiful Lake Terramuggus includes a few steady upgrades, long stretches of level terrain and a challenging finish. First 100 registered runners will receive a free race T-Shirt. Race is now certified:

CT USATF Certification CT 18052JHP

Contact: JeanPaul Bolduc (860) 798-2054, jpabolduc@icloud.com or Tom Reiser (860) 295-8374

tgreiser@comcast.net

Torrington Lions Club 2020 Car Show, May 29, 5-9pm

Location: Main Street, Torrington

Cost: \$10

Muscle cars, vintage cars, imports, food, music, 50/50 raffle. No cutoff date. Rain date June 5.

Harwinton Lions Club Taste of Harwinton, May 30-31, 10am-5pm

Location: Harwinton Fairgrounds, 150 Locust Rd, Harwinton

Contact: [facebook.com/Taste of Harwinton](https://www.facebook.com/TasteofHarwinton)

Harwinton Lions Club Cars for Sight, May 31, 10am-5pm

Location: Harwinton Fairgrounds, 150 Locust Rd, Harwinton

Contact: [facebook.com/Taste of Harwinton](https://www.facebook.com/TasteofHarwinton)

D23B Lions Learning Day, 8am-Noon, June 8, 8am-noon

Location: Connecticut Association of Schools, 10 Reality Drive, Cheshire

Important training session for all club officers, new and old

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

Bloomfield Lions Club Member's Tag Sale, June 13

Location: Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield

Woodbury Lions Club 42nd Annual Car Show and Food Festival, June 14, 9am-5pm

Location: Hollow Park, Woodbury CT

Admission: \$15 for show cars, \$7 general admission, \$3 children under 10

Food trucks, craft beer, live bands, games and raffles, and lots of cars.

Contact: woodburyclions@gmail.com

Bristol Lions Club "Smoke n' Beer Shootout", June 25, 2:30pm

Location: Pequabuck Gold Course, 36 School Street, Pequabuck

Cost: \$85/player

Registration includes 9 holes of golf with cart, free range balls, beer tasting, cigars

Dinner/raffle/prizes

Contact: wwaseleski@centuryspringmfg.com

D23B District-wide Kickoff Cookout, July 18, 11am-2pm

Location: Terryville Fairgrounds, Town Hill Rd, Terryville, CT

An opportunity for all Lions in D23B to socialize and meet district officers and cabinet chairs

Contact: D23B VGE Heidi Zacchara, hzacchera@aol.com

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 April 10 for the May Lions' Roar to D23BLionsRoar@gmail.com May 10 for the June District Spirit – submit to District23BSpirit@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.



LIONS DAY AT THE BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS FOR THE BENEFIT OF LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF)

WHEN: Sunday, March 29th – 3:00pm (Doors open 2:00pm)

WHAT: Bridgeport Sound Tigers vs. Rochester Americans

WHERE: Webster Bank Arena | 600 Main Street | Bridgeport CT 06604

TICKETS: \$20 Discounted Ticket (Box Office Price- \$33)

COME OUT AND JOIN FELLOW LIONS FOR A FELLOWSHIP DAY AT THE SOUND TIGERS! PLUS, A PORTION OF EACH TICKET PURCHASED THROUGH THIS LINK WILL BE DONATED BACK TO LCIF & LOCAL LIONS CLUBS!

TO PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE VISIT:

<https://fevo.me/ctlions>

Make sure to list what Lions Club you are from when signing up!

This day is also Pucks & Paws, and you can bring your dog to the game!

Any Questions? Contact Dan Tamburro at the Sound Tigers:
203-345-4822 | Dan.Tamburro@harboryardse.com

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