

The Lions' Roar



The Monthly District 23B Governor's Update

March 2021



District Governor's Corner **DG Heidi Zacchera**

District 23 B clubs are doing a fantastic job this year keeping their members engaged, and holding fundraisers and service projects! If you want other ideas of other activities you can do, check out the Lions Roar and the LCI website. Thank you, Clubs, and club presidents!

Please remember to report your service activity hours on MyLion.

Blood Drives are very easy to do during Covid! You can assist the Red Cross with a minimum of three people! We are even finding that two people can handle it, as long as they want to stay on their toes!

Clubs near Bloomfield have been asked to assist with a new vaccination location. The clinics run from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Volunteers help with questionnaires, registration and line assistance, paperwork assistance "runners".

Today we were on a call with the DPH, who is going to give us inroads to get involved in the vaccine effort.

A reminder: When you have an event you want the district to be aware of, send this information to the Lions Roar. All the club events will be found there. (Cabinet Secretary Pat will not publicize as she has other duties to accomplish).

So far, we have served 51,339 people, having 326 activities, 8,343 volunteer hours. Donated \$64,772, and raised \$85,668. (Not including clubs that didn't report)

Many clubs are holding their membership consistent, if not bringing in new members. District membership is at 1729 a minus 10 from last year, which is the lowest it has been. There is still time to bring in new members! Remember there is no entrance fee. Invite people of your community to help you with projects and help other organizations with their initiatives. We can still perform membership inductions virtually, which is the same process without the candles. I feel we need to induct the members in a timely fashion so that they feel a part of the club. AND the sooner you get them involved with something, the sooner they feel the ownership.

We've almost visited all the clubs! YAY!

Midwinter conference happened Feb 26-28, virtually! Many great class choices and International Director Patti Hill gave a very inspiring speech that is a must see. Awards were given.

New Voices Nominees:

Service - Christine Kurtz – Glastonbury Centennial

Leadership – Tracy Laforge – Terryville
Membership – Raj Shrestha – Htfd. County Everest Centennial
Marketing – Alan Hill – Hartland

These spokespeople for their areas, presented at the midwinter conference.

All the Leo clubs in the three districts had a very successful workshop in February. They had about 100 attendees. Thank you to all of those who made it happen!

Get your Nominations process going so that your slate of officers can be accepted and then put in to MyLCI. This will make the District Directory process easier and more efficient.

District Awards

Sunday June 27th

Terryville Fairgrounds

1:00-3:00

More information to follow

Your club can apply for the Centennial Service Challenge, or the Club Excellence Award found on the LCI site. As long as you meet the criteria, you will receive the recognition.

Cabinet Treasurer Steve Daigle has sent out a notice for the opportunity to order Lions jackets. Anytime we can show our "brand" within the community, the better. Wearing club shirts with the Lion logo and your name tag at club events is a win-win.

LCIF Chairs Bobby Clark and Mike Wilcox have reminded clubs to make a donation to our Lions Foundation so that WE can keep helping those who need our help. LCIF is our awesome foundation.

A few more things:

As we are getting closer to the end of this Lions' year, 1VDG Ed Fenton is in the planning process for the next cabinet. He is looking for new Lions who are interested in learning more and volunteering at the District and State level. Please reach out to him at edehions@aol.com if you would like to get involved beyond your club.

During the past year of Covid-19 one of the more difficult things has been for Lions to stay in contact on a social level. I'd like to encourage clubs to add some FUN to your meetings! One club recently ended their meeting with a game of Jeopardy and really enjoyed it! There are many online games available, a couple of the popular ones are kahoot.com and jeopardylabs.com.

And keeping with the social theme, the Connecticut MD23 Lions are going to start a monthly virtual happy hour. This will be an opportunity for you to talk and have some fun with Lions throughout the state! The first happy hour will be on Friday April 2nd, more information to follow soon.

April 2 Happy Hour through Zoom session

April 10 Lions Day at the UN will be virtual

May 1 Virtual State Convention

June 25-29 Virtual Lions International Convention - \$50. Right now!

Stay Healthy.....Stay Safe!

Endorsed Candidate for International Director, PDG John Youney

Have you received your vaccine yet, or as it is being called around the world, CovVax? Karol and I received Round 1 of the Moderna on Saturday, March 6. Round 2 is set for April 3, and we pray that Maine does not have one of its famous Spring snowstorms that day! We all hope that the vaccines can let us return to Lions somewhat the way we used to be.

In the meantime, the campaign continues to be conducted from home! What a month Karol and I have had of Zooming, the new buzz-word in Lions and in our lives. Mid-winter conferences with MD 33 K, greater Boston and suburbs, MD 33 A, mid-Massachusetts, and MD 23, Connecticut, which featured LCI 3VP Lion Dr. Patti Hill. And then there were council, cabinet, and advisory committee meetings in SD 41, Maine, with DG Bunny Parks, MD 33 Y, western Massachusetts, with DG Jack Walsh, MD 44 New Hampshire, with CC Steve Middlemiss, MD 44 N, New Hampshire, with DG Alan Ricard, and finally in one night MD 33Y, southeastern and the Cape Massachusetts with DG Sandy Fife, and MD 23 B northern and western Connecticut, with DG Heidi Zacchera. All of your leaders ran tight meetings interlaced with lightness and clear friendships.

In all these meetings, I get more amazed by your service in this era. Most clubs holding meetings are meeting virtually, albeit with fewer meetings each month. Yet planning gets done as you are continuing **To Serve** your communities safely! From mega projects that make Lion Magazine and local television such as Agawam building 231 student desks (four from one sheet of plywood plus 2x4s) given away to families with virtual students to sock/underwear drives in NH for at-risk and homeless youth you **Serve**. And let us not forget over 69,000 eyeglasses recycled so far this year in MD33 S being shipped internationally, a world **Service** project.

It is in these meetings with you that you help me to know what I can do as an International Director to make sure that LCI has the tools that you need **TO SERVE** your communities. But I do ask for your vote at the LCI Convention! And this year everyone can attend LCIcon 2021 as there is no travel expense, no hotel expense and no impediment to your attendance. Just register at LCI's website, Lionsclubs.org before 3.31.2021, and the cost is only \$50. I ask that every club in New England have their delegate registered so I can have your votes.

So, Karol and I will see you again on the trail at some point—virtually if not in person. But optimism is raging rampant in me, I know we will be able to socialize in person with each other once again. I miss that social contact. But it is off to VT this weekend!

Lion John W. Youney, PDG
Endorsed Candidate for ID

PS: Go to the campaign website to stay caught up! It is up and running at www.lionjohnyouney.org Also there is FB "Youney For International Director"

Childhood Cancer

NEW-EASY NO CONTACT DONATIONS OF 'WISH LIST' TOYS AND COMFORT TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS

1. Connecticut Children's Medical Center/hematology-oncology
online 'Wish List' link: [CCMC childhood cancer Wish List](#)
Email acknowledgement will be received.

2. Yale New Haven Children's Hospital
online 'Wish List' link: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/885241/>
Special requests for therapeutics and comfort items.

- * To receive donor acknowledgement, use club name as 'donor'.
- * Questions? Contact Lion Meredith Spector (innspect2@gmail.com)

Club Notices:

From the editors: Because social distancing rules are still in effect, please check that events have not been cancelled or relocated due to restrictions.

East Hartford

The East Hartford Lions had a very successful virtual auction fundraiser from February 15 through March 1 which benefited the Lions Quest Program at East Hartford Middle School. On Saturday, March 6, winners came to the parking lot at East Hartford Town Hall to pick up their items. The East Hartford Lions raised over \$2000 and wish to thank all those who participated in the fundraiser by donating items, bidding on items, or making outright donations.

Harwinton

Harwinton Lions will be holding another Holy Pierogies sale and food collection for the Harwinton Food Pantry, taking orders on Square Site beginning April 5, with pick-ups scheduled for May 1 at the Harwinton Post Office parking lot. Other local vendors will also be participating with us again. To order, please visit <https://lions-club-of-harwinton.square.site/>.

Manchester

SHRED EVENT!!!! Saturday May 1, 2021 at Saint Bridget Church (80 Main Street, Manchester CT) lower parking lot from 9am – Noon. Please limit 2 boxes per car. Recommended donation \$10 minimum. Manchester Lions Club reserves the right to refuse excessive containers.

Marlborough

Two events coming up:

Enter for your chance to win an Old Town Vapor 10 kayak AND a kayak rack spot at the lake. Tickets are \$20 each, beginning March 1st through May 1st, available at Marino Realty in Marlborough center or contact President Megan Lloyd, phone: 413-687-5537, or email at marlboroughclions@gmail.com

Drawing will be held Saturday May 1st at noon at Blish Park, winner need not be present to win.

While all individuals are eligible for the kayak, only Marlborough CT residents are eligible for the lake spot. If a non-resident wins the kayak, a separate drawing will be done of Marlborough residents for the spot only.

Thank you to Black Hall Outfitters in Old Saybrook for providing the kayak.

The 36th annual 'Round the Lake 5K takes place Sunday May 30 at Blish Memorial Park in Marlborough starting at 10am. There are eight race categories for both male and female runners, with medals for top finishers.

The entry fee is \$20 by May 14th, \$25 thereafter with a \$50 max/family. Stop by Liberty Bank for registration forms or sign up online at www.plattsys.com. CT USATF Certification CT 18052JHP

New Milford

New Milford Lion Leprechauns prepared and sprightly delivered (March 14th) approximately 175 boxed corned beef-cabbage dinners worth a pot-o'-gold to New Milford and Sherman Senior Centers, and Glen Ayre and Butter Brook housing complexes for distribution to members and residents.

Windsor

The Windsor Lions Easter Plant Sale will be held on the Windsor Town Green, 275 Broad Street, Windsor from March 31-April 3 2021, from 10 AM to 5 PM. All COVID-19 restrictions will apply, including facemasks, social distancing, and hand sanitizing stations. Credit and debit cards along with check and cash will be accepted.

Munson's Candy Orders will be available for pickup at this event.

Windsor Locks

The Windsor Locks Lions Club will hold their 27th Annual President's Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 15th at the Oak Ridge Golf Course in Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. The tourney is a four-person, 18 Hole Scramble. With a cost of \$115 per person. The entry fee includes green fees, prizes, lunch, and dinner. Registration is at 11:15 am, with a 12:30 pm "Shotgun" start. For additional information contact Lion John Boscarino at 860-216-8737

Winsted

On March 28, the Winsted Lions will hold their Palm Sunday Breakfast (To Go) from 8am to 10:30am at Crystal Peak, 164 Torrington Road in Winsted. The breakfast includes: Pancakes, sausage links, cheese frittata, blueberry muffin and orange juice, all for \$8 per meal. Purchase tickets in advance by calling 860-307-4617—cash, checks, Venmo, PayPal, credit and debit cards are accepted. Drive-up orders are accepted on a first come/first serve basis. Please stay in your car and your order will be brought to you. There is also a raffle available for \$5 per ticket. Prizes are dinner at Crystal Peak and a \$250 gift card for Mario's.

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. 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.