

The Lions' Roar



The Monthly District 23B Governor's Update

February 2022



District Governor's Corner DG Ed Fenton

MLK BOOK DRIVE: Thank you to all the clubs that took part in our new district service project! If your club participated in the book drive, please email me (edehlions@aol.com) a picture if you have one of your book donation. We are posting them on our website and would like to include them in the March District Spirit.

MEMBERSHIP: The pandemic continues to affect what our members are able to do in the community. Some, due to health reasons, need to stay indoors and away from people as much as possible. If you have members who you have not seen in a while, please reach out and check on them. A phone call to someone who is stuck inside can make a big difference in their day.

Our membership numbers are holding steady at a +16 as of January 19th. Please remember the District NAMI incentive that was put in place last year. If your club participated, you have the opportunity to receive an additional \$250.00 after gaining two new members who stay in the club for over a year. Please reach out to GMT Chair Dave Boilard or IPDG Heidi Zacchera if you would like help planning a membership growth event.

Please consider all options before dropping a member. Would they like to become an at-large member until they can participate fully again? Are they moving to a new town in Connecticut and need to transfer to another club? If they are leaving the state, is there a club in their new home town they would like to transfer into? If someone wants to remain a Lion but needs to leave a specific club, let's find a way to help them do so!

2022 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE: Unfortunately, the Council of Governors has made the difficult decision to change the 2022 Mid-Winter Conference from an in-person format to a virtual format. While the hope is the current wave of Covid-19 infections will let up soon, the decision needed to be made now in order to create a meaningful virtual conference for all Lions.

The planned Melvin Jones Dinner will be held later in the year when it is safer to do so. More information will be sent out about the virtual conference as soon as it is available, but please plan to join us online at the end of February!

There continue to be plans for a statewide service project connected to Mid-Winter, more information to follow soon.

DISTRICT AWARDS BREAKFASTS: At this point we are hoping to hold the breakfasts as live events in early March. However, we do need to make an advance decision for planning purposes with our Lions and the breakfast

locations. The decision to hold the March events will be made by February 1st and you will be notified at that time. If the breakfasts need to be postponed, we will work to have an outdoor event in the spring.

SERVICE: District 23B Lions are doing a great job of service this year as evidenced by the numbers below! We have 81% of our clubs that have reported at least one activity in MyLion!

Total activities reported: 746

Volunteer hours: 19,656

Service projects reported: 309

People served: 73,068

Dollars raised: \$307,278

Dollars donated: \$160,150

I would like to encourage all clubs to report their service in addition to reporting 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.

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

DG Ed

District – Wide Training Opportunity

Change is often beneficial. But with change comes new ways of doing things. Three years ago, how often did you Buy On-Line, compared to what you are doing now. I am sure that many of you in 2018 were not even sure what the Zoom Program entailed. In 2021 I will bet most of you have used Zoom and are proficient in its use. This past year we have shown a strong increase in our membership throughout the District. Many of the new members that have joined us will be our Club and District leaders within a short time. In the past we would decide in May who our officers are going to be and we give them a quick training on how to be Treasurer, Secretary or President and I am sure most of the clubs tell their new officers and new members we have always done it this way. What worked in the past is not necessarily good for the future.

At the urging of some of the Zone Chairs and our District Governor I have been asked to put together a Training Program for Club Members and Officers, who are either in line to take on additional responsibilities or are interested in what opportunities exist at either the Club or District level.

All training will be done by accessing on line seminars, you can take these as your time permits.

Courses will be made available through 3 websites.

The District website: www.e-district.org/sites/23b

This site will contain Webinars & Resources with information pertaining to each Club Officer's position. There is also another section that outlines the responsibilities of the Standing committees in each club

Lions International Website: www.myapps.lionsclubs.org

To access the learning section of this site you need to set-up a MYLCI Username & password. Some of you may have this already. Once you are signed in go to the Learning section and click go. Then click on Content library and the courses listed below will be there.

This site presents not only detailed information on Club Officers positions but also offers insights on how to manage your Club and deal with various situations. There are 24 courses select the ones that you have interest in and you feel would be most beneficial

Listed below are suggested courses

Club President – Learning Path	Club Secretary Learning Path	Club Treasurer Learning Path
Club Officer Training	Club President Responsibilities	Club Secretary Responsibilities
Club Treasurer Responsibilities	Coaching	Decision Making
Delegation	Effective Listening	Effective teams
Goal Setting	Managing Change	Meeting Management
Mentoring	Succession Planning	Team Motivation
The Service Journey	Time Management	Promoting Innovation
Public Speaking	Roberts Rules of Order	Working Together

USA – Canada Forum Lions University: www.lionsuniversity.org

This website offers the most intensive training of all. After you access the site, you will need to set up a Username and Password. This site offers 3 levels of training

Bachelor's Degree Focusing on Club Leadership
Master's Degree Focusing on District Leadership
Doctorate Senior Level Leadership Training

If you decide to utilize this site. Please read through all the requirements to complete your certification. I also ask that you make myself and DG Ed aware if you decide to pursue the Degree Program.

If you have reached this point in reading this article, thank you for your interest. Our purpose is not to bury you with Training Materials but to give you an over view of what is available. Don't try to do everything that is listed, that is not the purpose. Decide what you are looking to do in your next step as a Lion. Whether it is exploring your options, moving into a Club Officers role, or moving forward to a Cabinet position.

This information will be emailed to each Lion in our District in January, we are asking that you take some time during January & February to explore and utilize the courses that are available. We hope to provide some recognition to those that participate at the Awards Breakfasts in March

I am asking that you email me with what seminars you plan to take and also let me know when they are completed. I plan to follow-up midway through. If you have any questions or problems accessing the programs or questions about the seminars, please contact me and I will walk you through it

I look forward to working with you on this. I am sure you will find this beneficial not only as a Lion but in your everyday life as well.

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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.

Bloomfield

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

Woodbury

The Woodbury Lions will be assisting with a Red Cross Blood Drive in February, but a date has not been set. The club will also be presenting their book donation to the Woodbury Public Library during the month.

Windsor Lions Club, Sweet Deal, Munson's Handcrafted Chocolates Online Candy Sale

Order online from February 15-March 23

Pick up at The Windsor Lions Spring Plant Sale, Windsor Town Green, April 14-April 15

Contact Lion Cindy, cldressage959@gmail.com with questions

MD23 2022 MidWinter Conference, February 25-27

Location: Online Event

Participate in our Hero's Weekend from home! There's a great lineup of informative seminars, and have some fun. Our keynote speaker this year is Past International President J. Frank Moore III. More details are coming.

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 includes kayak, paddle, and lake rack spot (for Marlborough residents). See any Lions member or email marlboroughctlions@gmail.com . Drawing Sunday 5/1, 12pm.

Contact: President Megan Lloyd for tickets 413-687-5537 or marlboroughctlions@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

Windsor Lions Club, American Red Cross Blood Drive, March 20, 9am-2pm

Location: LP Wilson Center, 599 Matianuck, Ave. Windsor, Ct.

Please register for a slot: www.redcrossblood.org

Contact: Chairperson; Lion Sharon Gauthier Cell, 860-798-1910

Windsor Locks Lions Club 5K&10K Bradley Road Race, March 26, 10am

Location: Windsor Locks High School, South Elm St., Windsor Locks

Come to the 26th running of the 5K & 10K Bradley Road Race. Run the 10K or run/walk the 5K on the USATF accredited course through the residential streets of Windsor Locks or enter the Virtual 5K/10K events and run anywhere of your choosing. This fundraising event is hosted by the Windsor Locks Lions Club to support local community activities, regional health related organizations and the Channel 3 Kids Camp. Each runner receives a tee shirt and downloadable photos. Results are available on-line and photo galleries can be posted.

Register on-line at <https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/WindsorLocks/BradleyRoadRace>

Contact: Dave Parry director@bradleyroadrace.org

Windsor Lions Club, Get to Know the Windsor Lions, April 2, 6-8:00pm

Location: Tobacco Museum, 135 Lang Road, Windsor Ct

A new member recruiting event with refreshments and fun.

Contact: President Jim Pfeifer, pfeifer.ct@gmail.com

Marlborough Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, April 3, 8am-11am

Location: East Glastonbury Fish & Game Club, Planeta Rd, Marlborough, CT 06447

Pick Up vs Eat In and ticket prices still TBD

Windsor Lions Club, Spring Plant Sale, April 14-15, 10a-4pm daily

Location: Windsor Town Green, 275 Broad Street, Windsor, Ct.

Munson's Candy order pick up daily during the plant sale

Contact: Cldressage959@gmail.com

Marlborough Lions Club, Spring Trail Cleanup, April 23, 9am

Cleaning up the trails behind Marlborough Elementary School

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.

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

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