

The Lions' Roar



The Monthly District 23B Governor's Update

May 2021



District Governor's Corner DG Heidi Zacchera

District Awards Day Sunday June 27 1-3:00 Terryville Fairgrounds - all zones

We will be outside in the pavilion wearing masks.

Drop your glasses off in the designated spot before 1:00.

Presidents: Inform your awardees to attend the event. Presidents will only have one minute for an Outstanding Lion speech, and one minute for Rose Amanda Freeman awards. (Practice and time yourself. We have many awards to be given, so we need to do this in a timely fashion).

We will start with Zone 1 and progress from there.

**I would also like the cabinet to attend in support of the awardees, and also to meet briefly as soon as this event is finished.

The year is coming to a close soon. Remember, International wants to have different officers in place for next year. This year's president should have been grooming their successor this year.

The clubs have done a great job keeping their members engaged with service and fundraising. During the joint zone meetings, you are going to be discussing ideas you have to start off strong next year. For instance, what plans can you develop to help you next year? We probably will be still dealing with Covid early next year, but hopefully as the year continues that will change.

There is still time to bring in new members without an entrance fee so you'll get your club ready to go!

DISTRICT RECOGNIZED FOR 2019-2020 ACHIEVEMENTS BY LCI

IPDG Ev Lyons was notified by Lions Clubs International that District 23B has been recognized for outstanding achievement and positive membership growth during the 2019-2020 Lion Year. Districts which end their year with either a new chartered club or positive membership are eligible for recognition. The West Hartford Lumbini Lions and the Northwestern Connecticut Cyber Lions were both chartered during the last Lions Year, and the district ended the year in June with positive membership growth. Part of the recognition protocol allows the past district governor to recognize five district cabinet members who made significant contributions to the district's success. IPDG Ev recognized the following Lions with a District Excellence medal:

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (Leos): Lion Cindy Daniels (Windsor Lions)

Lion Cindy became the district Leo coordinator at mid-year and immediately established communications with district Leo clubs. She was instrumental in recognizing Leos and bringing our youth to the forefront of the Lions experience. She played a major role in developing the first cyber Leo Club in New England and continues to be involved today. Despite her late entry into the Cabinet, she became involved with the planning and implementation of the Leo program at the 2020 Mid-Winter Conference.

COMMUNICATIONS: Lion Frank Longo (Woodbury Lions)

Early in the Lion Year, Lion Frank was asked to develop a new monthly district communication publication, *The Lions' Roar*, to supplement the quarterly *District Spirit*. Lion Frank not only developed and published *The Lions Roar*, but worked to establish an electronic delivery system which brought both publications directly to the individual Lion. Lion Frank continues in this role today.

LCIF DONATION SUPPORT: PDG Bobby Clark (Hartford Evening Lions)

Through the efforts of Hartford County LCIF Coordinator Bobby Clark, the level of donated support for our foundation increased significantly last year. Our district was recognized for the number of LCIF Model Clubs, and we attained a 100% district club support designation, in large part, as a result of his efforts.

MEMBERSHIP: Lion Raj Shrestha (Hartford County Everest Centennial Lions)

Heeding International President Choi's call for greater diversity in Lions, Lion Raj took the position of Specialty Club Coordinator for 23B. Through his efforts, the Greater Hartford Lumbini Lions Club was chartered as the second Nepalese club in District 23B, and he served as one of the two Guiding Lions. Lion Raj worked tirelessly to increase membership of Nepalese Lions in both this new club and his own club.

MEMBERSHIP: 2VDG Dave Roberts (Barkhamsted Lions)

2VDG Dave undertook the growth of membership as an informal goal while on last year's Cabinet. Under his guidance the Northwestern Connecticut Cyber Lions Club was chartered, and he also served as a Guiding Lion for the West Hartford Lumbini Lions. He also organized a branch club, the ECAD Lions Club Branch, and worked with Lion Cindy Daniels on the formation of the district's cyber Leo Club.

Congratulations to each of our five Lion District Excellence Award recipients! ROAR LION!!

Childhood Cancer

On October 14, 2021, Candlewood Valley Healthcare will hold their Annual Breast Cancer "Tent Event Fundraiser". The event takes place at 30 Park Lane East in New Milford, and you can contact mmarici@candlewoodvalley.com, or call 860-355-0971, ext 11 for more information.

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.

Avon Lions

The Avon Lions Club is having a Drive-through Pasta Dinner at the Governor's First Company Horse Guards, Arch Rd, right off of RT 167. Friday April 23rd 5-7:30, price is \$10.

Barkhamsted Lions

BINGO with a Kick Fundraiser at the Pleasant Valley Drive-In (Barkhamsted) Please join us on Tuesday, May 18, for Bingo with a Kick FUNdraiser at the Pleasant Valley Drive-In Theatre in Barkhamsted. Gates open at 5:00 PM in order for you to purchase food at the concession stand and safely browse our great raffle gifts valued at over \$750 (including a Pleasant Valley Drive-In Theatre Gift Basket). The first Bingo game starts at 6:00 PM and there will be

a total of six games. For each game, the winner receives either a \$100 gift card or a famous maker purse. The prize not chosen is then won by a KICK ticket holder. The event should be over by 7:30 PM so you can get home with your kids. Speaking of kids, this is a family-friendly event and pets are welcome as long as they are on a leash. This is the Barkhamsted Lions Club's big fundraiser to replenish our charity account to support all those great Lions initiatives. Make sure you reserve your tickets ahead of time as spaces are limited at the Drive-In. If you cannot attend and want to support this event, purchase just KICK tickets and we will let you know if you win. SO, are you ready for some live BINGO outdoors at the historic drive-in?

Hartland Lions

April Events

Poetry - For all rhymers or non-rhymers in K thru 12. Scholarship fundraiser. Tee Shirt Sales

May Events

Town Road Clean Up - small town but lots of trash. May thru September.

May 1 - Plant/Flag Sale/Wade Cole Memorial Fund - Spring beautification and patriotism

Be Kind signs/Flag Sale - Healing and patriotism

Summer Peace Posters

May 15 - Table at First Church Tag Sale - Tee Shirts, BE KIND, Flags

July Events

July 28-31 Return of Firemen's Carnival and Fried Dough Booth. Nothing could be finer than Fried Dough, sauce, powdered cinnamon sugar

Marlborough Lions

May 1-Kayak Raffle at 12p, for \$20 win a chance at an Old Town Vapor 10 kayak (and a kayak rack spot at the lake if you live in Marlborough) valued at \$650. For tickets, please contact president Megan Lloyd #413-687-5537

May 30th-36th Annual Race Round the Lake 5K. Only 200 runners allowed, no day-of registration, \$20 registration through 5/14 to guarantee a tshirt, \$25 thereafter, \$50 max family. Register at www.plattsys.com

New Milford Lions

Thank you, Lions for the amazing St. Patrick's Corned Beef dinner program for local seniors—and for including Sherman Senior Center and Candlewood Valley Health & Rehabilitation. In addition, thank you for fixing my friend's tire. You guys (and gals) are truly the best!

Simsbury

The Simsbury Lions Club and A Promise to Jordan are teaming up for "Ks To Kick Addiction and Blindness" on Saturday June 12. The event will be held from 9 - 11 at The Simsbury Performing Arts Center and will consist of a 5K and 10 K fun run, and walk, and 15K bike ride along the rails-to-trails path in Simsbury.

Please go to Facebook, Ks to Kick Addiction and Blindness, or Simsbury Ct Lions Club to learn the many ways one may support this event from the sponsorship level, vendor space, signage, taking part as a club team, family or individual, and more. Hope to see you there!

Windsor

After not being able to hold our traditional Easter Plant Sale on the Town Green last year, this year, the Windsor Lions were back on the Green. We were socially distanced, and all wearing masks. The Windsor Lions realized the most successful Easter Plant sale ever! This year we added the Munson's Candy Fundraiser with items ordered online and picked up on the Green during the Plant Sale. The Windsor Lions thanks Lions from Barkhamsted, East Hartford, Simsbury, Suffield, and Windsor Locks who came to the event and supported our efforts with candy and plant purchases.

The **43rd Annual Windsor Lions Spring Arts and Crafts Festival**, featuring non-commercial crafts, will be held on the beautiful Windsor Town Green, 275 Broad Street, on May 8th, the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend, from

9am-4pm. Many varied crafts will be featured. This year, our Craft Fair will operate in compliance with all state mandated COVID regulations, including mask wearing, hand sanitizing stations, and social distancing. Join us for this great event in lovely downtown Windsor.

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 4-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

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: May 10 for the June District Spirit—submit to District23BSpirit@gmail.com. June 10 for the July 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.