

The Monthly District 23B Governor's Update

November 2021



District Governor's Corner DG Ed Fenton

SERVICE: I continue to be amazed at how well our clubs are doing! To paraphrase ZC Alan Hill, "District 23B clubs have adapted well to this new normal and are thriving!" You are all doing a fantastic job with service projects and fundraisers!

Total activities reported: 354 Volunteer hours: 7,044

Service projects reported: 146 People served: 32,277

Dollars raised: \$91,527 Dollars donated: \$65,887

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

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION: Overall membership in the district is up by ten Lions, as many clubs have been hosting creative membership growth activities! We will be hosting a new member orientation on Friday November 5th at Camp Happy Hill in Unionville. This will be a great opportunity for new Lions, as well as longer-serving Lions, to learn more about the overall scope of what Lions do. I'd like to encourage all sponsors to attend with the new members they have brought into your clubs. The event will begin with pizza at 6:00pm.

Please RSVP with your name and club by November 3rd to Alan Daninhirsch: levenn@snet.net

2022 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE: The theme for the 2022 Mid-Winter Conference is Heroes' Weekend. Our guest speaker will be Past International President J. Frank Moore, III! It will be a great weekend of catching up with Lion friends from around the state, interesting seminars, and having fun! Please put February 25th through the 27th on your calendar and plan to join us at the Wyndham Hotel in Southbury!

2022 MD23 MELVIN JONES DINNER: Connecticut will be hosting a Melvin Jones Dinner on Saturday night, February 26th, as part of the Mid-Winter Conference at the Southbury Wyndham! This will be a chance for your club to present Melvin Jones awards as part of a statewide celebration.

The highlight of this event is the awards will be presented by Past International President J. Frank Moore, III! It is not often Lions have the opportunity to meet a Past International President so please consider presenting your awards at this time. Cost for the dinner is \$40.00 per person and a registration flyer will be available soon.

In order to coordinate the awards, we plan to send in all the applications at one time as a district. **For this event only**, the applications for any Melvin Jones award, as well as any donation being made to LCIF, should be sent to Lion Linda Russell who will be coordinating all of the awards for District 23B. Linda needs to have the paperwork and any checks by December 24th. Her mailing address is 76 Crestwood Trail, East Hartford, CT 06118. There is a Melvin Jones application attached to this newsletter specific for this event.

GREAT CYCLE CHALLENGE: The District 23-B "CT Lions Roar" team raised a total of \$26,741.97 for childhood cancer research! Thank you to the nineteen volunteers that made this happen and to everyone who donated to this cause. A special thanks to Lions Maredith Spector and Akella Sarma for their organizing and cheerleading throughout the month of September.

PEACE POSTER: A final reminder that the deadline to submit an entry from your club is November 8th. Please reach out to Peace Poster Chair Kathy Doody with any questions about how to turn in your entry for the contest: kdoodymom@hotmail.com

LCIF SEMINAR: MD23 is sponsoring an LCIF seminar about Campaign 100 on November 13th. The presenter is Kristi Garcia, LCIF Regional Development Specialist from LCI. The seminar is from 8:00am until 11:00am at the Sheraton Hartford South in Rocky Hill. The cost is only \$10.00 per person. A registration flyer is attached to this newsletter.

PUBLICITY: Please continue to send your club event flyers to IT Chair Linda Russell (<u>lindarus@hotmail.com</u>) and she will be happy to add them to the district website calendar. Also send your event information to District Spirit/Lions Roar Editor Frank Longo. He will see that your events are listed in our monthly publications. The Spirit comes out next in December (<u>district23bspirit@gmail.com</u>) and the next issue of the Roar is January (<u>d23blionsroar@gmail.com</u>). Submittals are due by the 15th of the preceding month.

DG Ed

LCIF—YOUR FOUNDATION NEEDS YOU!!

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) needs your donation now as the demand for financial support continues upward. Just listening to the national news should give most of us pause as we hear of continued fires in California, the ongoing need in Haiti and the harbinger of increasing severe weather as the hurricane season and winter approaches.

LIONS ARE THERE! We are on the ground throughout the world attempting to provide humanitarian aid to those who desperately need our help. Just two years ago, during the pandemic, Connecticut Lions received over \$45,000 from LCIF to sustain area food banks and provide protective equipment to our first responders. Waiting to start KIDSSIGHT in your school district again? Your equipment was purchased under a matching \$100,000 grant from LCIF. Not only is our foundation providing needed assistance around the world, but LCIF is helping our Connecticut Lions as well.

Won't you help support YOUR foundation? How can you continue LCIF's mission?

- 1. Consider making a personal donation to LCIF. Any amount will help.
- 2. Encourage your club to include a club donation to LCIF as part of your charities budget. If you already do so, how about increasing that donation just a bit?
- 3. Consider enhancing your legacy by including LCIF as a beneficiary in your will. Not many of us think of this type of support, but the means to do is available via LCIF.

Please remember that every dollar you contribute goes out to those in need. So, let's take the lead in 23B in expanding the work of OUR foundation!

From the Editors:

Here's a reminder to update your club rosters on MyLCI! We have well over 1700 members in the district, yet only 1411 members receive our mailings—the rest either have no email address or an incorrect email on their LCI record. We also understand that there are members who have yet to step into our new connected world, or wish not to share their email with LCI (yes, there are a lot of emails sent by International). However, we feel it's important to keep our membership updated with our own events. For those members not willing to share their email with LCI, we would suggest sharing your internal email list with the editors at the *Roar/Spirit* only for the purpose of all our members receiving our updates. This is usually no more than two emails a month, which contains information directly relevant to them. We will not share this information with any other entity. Please help us make sure that every Lion in District 23B receives our communications. Contact us at D23BLionsRoar@gmail.com if you'd like to share your contact information with us, preferrable in a .XLS, .XLSX, or .CSV Excel format.

General Notice

Need Help Hosting a Dinner Event? During this time of the pandemic has been a challenge trying to keep everyone safe. Well, the Barkhamsted Senior Center Lions Club Branch has found a way to help others, keep everyone safe, and raise funds for their branch. The Club Branch is offering to host an event at their ADA compliant facility at 109 West River Road in Barkhamsted to any interested Lions Club or other group. The facility is easily accessible off Routes 44 and 8. The Club Branch provides a dinner served by Lions for all attendees (up to 50 individuals are allowed currently per Town regulations) at the per person cost of \$17. You can work with the Club Branch to help create your own menu for your event, but most meals consist of an appetizer, main course, dessert and non-alcoholic drinks. This is an all-inclusive cost and there is no rental fee for the facility as long as the event is less than 4 hours in duration. For more information or to check if a date is available, please contact Club President Dave Roberts at dave@daveroberts.org or 858-775-9241.

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. sacreeco@yahoo.com or contact Lion Steve Crecco at 860- 404-5022 for more information.

Woodbury Lions Club 30th Haunted Hayride, October 29,30, 6:30pm-9pm

Location: Mitchell School, 14 School Street, Woodbury

Our celebration of all things spooky! Jump on a real hay wagon and enjoy the ride around the scarier parts of town, with a stop at the infamous Haunted Barn. Ticket sales start at 6:30 each night, with the first wagon leaving at 7pm. Refreshments will be for sale at the school. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$7 for children under 10. Tickets can be purchased online at http://woodburylionsclub.ticketspice.com

Canton Lions Club Octoberfest, October 29, Noon-1:30pm

Location: Canton Senior Center and Avon Senior Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Canton Lein us in calchesting the Fall Season with feeting feed, great music, and good friends

Join us in celebrating the Fall Season with festive food, great music, and good friends at this free event! Music provided by Frank Billowitz of the Austrian Boys. German menu provided by the Canton Lions Club. We ask that you please remain socially distant and wear a face mask. Please RSVP by October 25. You can also sign up at the Canton Senior Center Office

Contact: Canton Senior Center 860-693-5811, or Avon Senior Center 860-675-4355

Winsted Lions Club Halloween Dance, October 29, 6:30pm-11pm

Location: Crystal Peak, 164 Torrington Road, Winsted

Join us for a night full of fun! 3-G live band, Hors d'oeuvres, a table full of Homemade Desserts, Cash Bar 6:30-11:00, Raffles and Costume Contest (Costumes are encouraged, but not required to join in the Halloween Festivities.)

Contact: Joe Zibell, Joezib@att.net or 860-921-6644, or Gina Sartirana, Gsartirana@yahoo.com or 860-307-6617

Barkhamsted Lions Club Environmental Cleanup, October 30, 9am

Location: Barkhamsted Town Hall

Trash bags and plastic gloves will be provided and community service letters will be available for students. Lions, Leos, their families and the public is invited to participate. This event is part of the Barkhamsted Lions Club's 55th anniversary celebration.

Contact: Club President Dave Roberts at dave@daveroberts.org or 858-775-9241.

Marlborough Lions 4th Annual Marlborough Masquerade 5K, October 31, 10:30am

Location: Blish Park, 32 Park Rd, Marlborough

4th Annual Marlborough Masquerade 5K-the same great race you know and love, but with costumes! Registration \$25, Family \$50, www.plattsys.com

Marlborough Lions Generator Raffle, October 31, 2pm

8000w Generac Generator valued at \$1100-push button electric start (includes charger) and a hardwire install valued up to \$1000. Tickets are \$20 each and can be obtained by emailing marlboroughctlions@gmail.com or calling President Megan Lloyd 413-687-5537. Tickets will be sold up until drawing, winner need not be present to win

District New Member Orientation, November 5, 6pm

Location: Camp Happy Hill, Rte 167, Unionville

All new Lions, their sponsors and others are invited to attend. Pizza will be served. Please register by November 3 with your name(s) and club to leyenn@snet.net

Avon Lions Club Harvest Breakfast, November 7, 8am-11am

Location: Governor's Horseguard, 280 Arch Road Avon

Cost: \$10

Grab-and-go breakfast—Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, muffin

LCIF Campaign 100 Training, November 13, 8am

Location: Sheraton Hartford South, Rocky Hill

Cost: \$10

See registration form at end of Roar

Harwinton Lions Club To-Go Breakfast, November 14, 9am-Noon

Please share the following square site with friends and family to purchase a to-go breakfast for \$6.00 each: https://lions-club-of-harwinton.square.site Pick up will be at the Harwinton Consolidated School Main Entrance on Sunday, November 14th, from 9:00 am - noon. This year we are providing a drive-thru treat, including baked goods and gift card coupon for coffee from Dunkin' in the Harwinton Plaza for \$6.00 each, along with a program book.

Plainville Lions Club Red Cross Blood Drive, November 19, 9am-2pm

Location: The Parish Hall at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 19 South Canal Street, Plainville.

To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit the Red Cross online at

www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: PlainvilleCT

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

East Hartford Lions Club Blood Drive, November 20, 8am-1pm

Location: East Hartford YMCA, 770 Main St East Hartford

 $To \ make \ an \ appointment, \ call \ 1-800-733-2767 \ or \ visit \ \underline{www.RedCrossBlood.org} \ Donors \ of \ all \ blood \ types \ needed!$

Co-sponsored by YMCA and American Red Cross

Windsor Lions Club Membership Event, November 23, 6pm-8pm

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

Fun activities to introduce potential members to Lions, Lionism and our service in the community are being

planned!

Marlborough Lions December-Pallet Christmas Tree Fundraiser

Details to follow

Marlborough Lions Club Blood Drive, December 2, 1pm-6pm (tentative)

Location: Marlborough Senior Center

Windsor Lions Club Holiday Party, December 3

Location: La Notte Waterside Grill at 1936 Blue Hills Avenue Extension, Windsor

Windsor Lions and their significant others will celebrate the holidays with a party. Carols will be led by Lion Kevin, who has sung at Fenway Park and many other famous venues! Fun, delicious food and a gift exchange are

planned.

Windsor Lions Club "Breakfast Sandwich a Go-Go", December 18, 8am-11am

Location: LP Wilson Center, 599 Matianuck Ave. Windsor

Windsor Lion Elves at this fundraiser, in compliance with all CDC and State of Ct Guidelines, including the wearing of gloves, masks, or a face shield and working with a Ct. Certified Food Handler, will serve hot, freshly made breakfast sandwiches and coffee. All proceeds from this Drive Thru, No Contact fundraiser will go to Windsor's "Project Santa."

MD23 2022 MidWinter Conference, February 25-27

Location: Wyndham Hotel, Southbury, CT

Attend our Hero's Weekend with a great lineup of informative seminars, catch up with your Lions friends from around the state, and have some fun. Our keynote speaker this year is Past International President J. Frank Moore III. More details are coming.

MD23 Melvin Jones Dinner, February 26

Location: Wyndham Hotel, Southbury, CT

Cost: \$40

Clubs are able to name one Melvin Jones Fellowship recipient for each \$1000 donation to LCIF. Use the included form (later in the Roar) for your Melvin Jones Fellowship recipients and send to Lion Linda Russell (for this event, only), along with any other donations to LCIF. Awards will be presented by PIP J. Frank Moore III. More information to come.

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.

Continue scrolling to view important registration information beginning on the next page





MD23 WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP PRESENTS: THE EMPOWERING WOMEN SERIES - TOPIC #1: COVID FATIGUE, THE NEED FOR ESSENTIAL CARE



WE INVITE YOU

04 NOVEMBER 2021 7:00 PM

ZOOM LINK WILL BE SENT ONCE YOU REGISTER AT:

The COVID pandemic has created an unprecedented crisis that is negatively affecting care providers in significant and ongoing ways. This has created a 'chronic crisis' phenomenon that has included isolation and disconnection from others while contributing to feelings of deep exhaustion, anxiety, frustration, grief and loss. In this session, participants explore a new perspective on 'self-care' that includes holistic practices designed to increase energy and support mental, emotional and physical well-being.

Speaker: Alicia Davis, PCC, is a Professional Certified Coach and partner in the coaching firm Transformative Leadership Strategies.



Click **HERE** to register

WELCOME



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NEW LIONS

AND OTHERS

ALL NEW LIONS, THEIR SPONSORS AND OTHERS
ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND
A NEW LION ORIENTATION TO BE HELD
FRIDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 5TH 6:00 PM AT
CAMP HAPPY HILL ON ROUTE 167 UNIONVILLE
PIZZA WILL BE SERVED

LEARN ABOUT LIONISM
YOUR DISTRICT
YOUR STATE
THE WORLD

RSVP by November 3rd with your name and club name: levenn@snet.net



Saturday, November 13th 8:00 registration 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Seminar Sheraton Hartford South Hotel, Rocky Hill

23B REGISTRATION

Includes a full breakfast

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The Melvin Jones Fellowship Program



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:

- 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





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



Individual Completing this Form Name Date				
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Donor's Member ID# (if applicable) Donor's Club # District Club ID or District/Multiple District ID				
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Member ID# (if applicable)Address City State/Province Country Postal Code Club of Recipient	4. Shipping Information Ship to Member ID # (if applicable): 4508192 Name: Lion Linda Russell Address: 76 Crestwood Trail City: East Hartford State/Province: CT			
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	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			
City State/Province Country Postal Code This Application is for the MD23 MJF Dinner on February 26th.	Lions Clubs International Foundation Department 4547 Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA Tel: 630-203-3836 ◆ Web site: www.lcif.org/donate			

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