

The Lions' Roar



The Monthly District 23B Governor's Update

October 2020



District Governor's Corner

DG Heidi Zacchera

We hope everyone is staying healthy and safe!

All of our groups, CLERF, Low Vision, Council, Cabinet, etc are still functioning full steam ahead. The next cabinet meeting has been moved from Monday Oct. 5 to Sunday Oct 4 at Terryville Fairgrounds from 3-5:00

We are glad to see that clubs are being creative on organizing their regular meetings. A theory is to meet outside as long as you can, then hopefully we'll have a green light to meet inside.

Great job pulling in new members during Covid! Get your new members inducted shortly after they join, even if it's virtually. They should be inducted promptly to complete their part as members.

Congratulations to the clubs who are being innovative during this pandemic to still serve your communities. Hats off to you all. Keep the new ideas coming, as we don't know how much longer we will have to "operate" in this vain.

Meredith Spector, our Childhood Cancer Chair did a great job organizing a Lions Great Cycle Challenge Team to benefit Childhood Cancer! You still have the rest of the month to donate! Thank you to Meredith and the District team for their involvement!

Cindy Daniels and her Leo's are moving along. 1st VDG Ed Fenton and myself totally enjoyed a Zoom meeting listening to a very enthusiastic Leo Advisor talk about what his kids are doing. TOTALLY inspirational!

1st VDG Ed Fenton and Specialty Club Chair Raj Shrestha have been diving into their work forming two new clubs! Cabinet Secretary Pat Daigle, PDG George Cooper, PDG Harry Schuh, Jim Daniels, Dave Boilard and Jim Boulais are helping out with this process.

Dave Roberts has stepped down as GMT.

BIG shout out to the Unionville Club for donating \$50,000 to an elementary school in Farmington so that a playground could be built. The ribbon cutting was Sept. 9, and I had the honor of witnessing this great event. It just shows that a club does not have to be big to accomplish big things!

Keep working to "Make your Mark"...keep your passion, enthusiasm, and motivation to make an impact on your community and beyond.

DG Heidi

***** IMPORTANT DISTRICT EVENT CHANGE *****

2020 Veteran's Stand Down

There has been a change in the status of the Veteran's Stand Down. I originally reported in the District Spirit that it had been cancelled, but I have recently found out that it will still be held, but in a different format. There will be no eye or hearing screenings done by Lions, and the event will be held in multiple locations in Connecticut. District 23B is responsible for handling the event at the Rocky Hill Veteran's Home.

The event will be held on Friday, September 25, from 8am to 2pm. They are requesting that we provide "personal need" items for the veterans.

Here are some ideas for items needed for Stand Down—we are looking for things to be packaged together so we can hand them out so there is less interaction, and folks are not handling them.

Winter items: Hats, gloves, coats—a couple of groups are already working on these—hoodies
Socks, underwear, T-shirts
Personal hygiene kits (both male and female)
COVID-19 hygiene kits and PPE (hand sanitizer, cloth facemasks)

If your club would be able to donate any item for the event, please contact Lion Jim Boulais at boulaisj@cox.net or 860-289-7116. I will coordinate getting the items so that they can be handed out the day of the event.

I am also looking for volunteers for the day. This can be done in shifts for the day of the Stand Down – five Lions per shift. Lions will volunteer in two shifts: 8am-11:30am and 11:30am to 2pm. I think the actual number needed will depend on how many items need to be distributed. Any volunteer should wear a Lions shirt (with logo) and/or a vest. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me as well.

Let us support our veterans during this pandemic as they need our help more than ever. I thank you in advance.

Lion Jim Boulais
Veteran's Chair, 23B

Blind Americans Equality Day, October 15

"Blind Americans Equality Day", is celebrated on October 15, and pays tribute to our fellow Americans who are blind or visually impaired, for their many contributions to the strength and vitality of our Nation. As Lions and Leos, I would like to invite you to write something about how someone who is blind or visually impaired has affected or influenced your life. To keep this focus, I am requesting that the name of the individual not be included. I will take your submissions and create a booklet for distribution to share with your clubs before October 15th .

Please send your written submissions by October 1st to Lion Anne Fortunato, momforch@yahoo.com

District 23B Lions and Leos: let's think of other creative ways to celebrate and shed light on the accomplishments of the blind or visually impaired. Please take advantage of this opportunity to write an essay, to send to Lion Anne, and do other creative things that your clubs come up with.

Thank you.
Lion Cindy Daniels, Windsor Lions Club

District 23B-Childhood Cancer

1. Promote support and donations to Camp Rising Sun (croger@snet.net) anytime throughout the year
2. Promote support and donations to CT LIONS ROAR team or riders during Great Cycle Challenge through end of September

<https://greatcyclechallenge.com/Teams/CT LIONSROAR>

3. View Childhood Cancer 101 webinar-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SMujMQZa5w&feature=youtu.be>

CT LIONS ROAR TEAM for the Great Cycle Challenge – Now through Sept. 30th

This event raises money for the Childrens Cancer Research Fund

Accepting team or individual rider donations: <https://greatcyclechallenge.com/Teams/CTLIONSROAR>

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.

Harwinton

Faced with another closure from COVID-19—this time, the Harwinton Fair— the Harwinton Lions will again sell Holy Pierogis in their frozen form, a repeat of the club's popular sale in July. But, for this sale, the Lions will also offer additional products made and sold by three veteran-owned Harwinton companies: A Healing Trail, Willy Pete's Chocolates, and Ridge Runner Soaps. The club will also collect food donations for the Harwinton Food Pantry, hoping to equal or even exceed the two truckloads of food that donors generously contributed in July.

All products will be available for pre-order between September 8 and 17 through the Harwinton Lions square site, <https://lions-club-of-harwinton.square.site/>

Orders can be picked up on Saturday, October 3 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Harwinton Post Office parking lot. When picking up orders, please bring a food donation for the Harwinton Food Pantry.

Kent

Kent Lions and Kent Land Trust are step up to volunteer at weekly drive-up concerts, providing outdoor live music. The concert series is being held on Sundays, at the KLT field on Rt. 7.

This is a true example of local organizations coming together to provide a safe, enjoyable activity for the community.

Marlborough Lions

Sun 10/18-Rescheduled Pancake Breakfast-East Glastonbury Fish & Game Club 8-11am-take out only but feel free to bring a chair/blanket and sit around the pond. Requesting presale of tickets \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$5 kids

Sun 10/25-Annual Marlborough Masquerade 5K-Live! Rolling starts, social distancing will be applicable. No day-of registration (per state guidelines). Pre-reg online at www.plattsys.com by Sat 10/11 for \$20 and guarantee of shirt. \$25 thereafter through 10/24 9pm, costumes encouraged, prizes for best group, best overall, scariest, funniest. Medals for top male/female. There will be no awards ceremony-results will be posted online at www.plattsys.com

Medical Device Drive-coming soon, TBD

New Milford Lions Club

The club is arranging for (the pandemic delayed) delivery of 100 toys or gift card Prize Closet donations collected during last spring for the Oncology Clinic at CT Children's Medical Center

Terryville Lions Club

The Terryville Lions Club will be going forward with our annual "Country Campout". The event will be held with Covid guidelines in place, i.e. masks and social distancing. We are offering a campsite with hookups. No dinners or canteen services will be available. The event will be held Columbus Day Weekend 10/9 thru 10/12/20 at the Terryville Fairgrounds. To register go to our website <https://www.terryvillelions.org/campout>. We're looking forward to seeing you in October.

Windsor Lions

Windsor Lions Online Holiday Wreath Fundraiser: Order directly from Evergreen Industries in Minnesota, a trusted source of a great variety of quality evergreen products. Order from www.evergreenindustries.com/friends-and-family/ and enter the code WINDSR

All prices include direct shipping within the continental United States during the first week of December. All purchases are unconditionally guaranteed in writing.

Please contact Evergreen at 1-800-284-3048, with any questions.

Windsor Locks

The Windsor Locks Lions are seeing red and also blue, green, and yellow. As a result of COVID-19, the Club had to cancel their annual Color Run, where participants run around a designated course and are periodically doused with cups of non-toxic powdered paint. With the cancellation, the Club was left with 125 pounds of paint. Solution, Color Run: The Home Edition. The leftovers were packed into fifty kits that included 2.5 pounds of paint, ten paper cups, and two pairs of rubber gloves and were sold for \$10.00. The Kits sold out in three days and the income allowed the Club to recover the cost of purchase price for the paint.

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Woodbury Lions Club Golf Tournament – October 13, 10:30am - ??

(Rain date, October 20)

Location: Highfield Club, 256 White Deer Rocks Road, Middlebury, CT

Entry fee: \$150 per person, includes green fees, cart, lunch, beer, refreshments on the course and appetizers after the course. Free raffle tickets included, mulligans \$5 extra! Prizes for best ball gross and net, closest to the pin, and closest to the line.

Contact: Lion Ryan Maccione, 203-802-8388 or Ryan@americanpetcontainment.com

Woodbury Lions Club Haunted Walk – October 30, 31, 6pm-10pm

Location: Hollow Park, Woodbury, CT

Admission: \$15 adults, \$10 children under 12

In lieu of the usual Haunted Hayride, the Woodbury Lions Club will present a Haunted Walk at Hollow Park. Details are still being worked out, so check woodburyctlions.org for details about October 1.

Contact: WoodburyCTLions@gmail.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 July 10 for the August 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.