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What Town Is This?



Lion Susan Ray from the Simsbury Lions Club set a new record for correctly identifying the mystery town—fifteen minutes from when the last District 23B Spirit was published. On top of that, we had seven other Lions who were able to recognize that the sign belonged to **Glastonbury**.

That must have been too easy, so let's make this month's contest a little more difficult. The first Lion to send us their correct guess to District23BSpirit@gmail.com wins the prize, which is the admiration of the rest of the district. Remember, all signs can be found in District 23B (Hartford and Litchfield Counties) whether they have a club or not. If you're from that town, you're ineligible to win.

Send your entries to District23BSpirit@gmail.com . The first correct response wins!

Again, thanks to PDG Dave Yadach for creating this game.

The Spirit Team

DG Heidi Zacchera

From DG Heidi:

District 23 B NAMI / Membership Incentive for 2021

(This was sent to your presidents, so see them if you have an idea!)

Before this year ends, we want to offer your club a great opportunity! We are going to offer a NAMI / Membership Incentive to all clubs. You just have to fill out the application with your plan to increase membership. Upon receiving your plan, you will receive \$250. to use for your plan. IF your plan is successful and you bring in 2 new members, you will notify us and will then receive an additional \$250. If they remain as members for a year and a day.

Applications will be accepted **immediately** and as late as **June 30**.

Just sit down and write your idea down to take part of this great opportunity. The quicker you are able to get 2 members, you will then receive the balance.

How GREAT is this? Please share with your clubs so that someone can make this happen for your club! You could hold a "mixer" like Marlborough and Windsor did. You can advertise on a community board which Terryville found to be very effective. You can advertise to have community members helping you with a project like Avon did and brought in many members.

You will find when you bring in a member, it can "mushroom out", where they bring in their friends.

The time to bring in new members for this incentive **will close** as of **December 31, 2021**

If you have any questions contact DG Heidi!

Thank you all for keeping yourselves engaged in Lionism this year! It has been a tough year, but so many of you have forged ahead



and thought of ways to stay involved! Good for you!

I think we will end the year strongly which you should be commended for!

Come up with a plan for next year now, so that you can start off strong next year.

Due to missing time together, some clubs are thinking of meeting this summer so that they can meet outside where it is safer for groups to meet. You need to decide how you will handle members who have no intention of getting vaccinated. What will you do to keep everyone as safe as possible? All of our members need to feel comfortable with meeting, and our job as leaders is to provide the safest environment we can. Members need to voice their opinions to the club leaders so that they will attempt to meet your needs.

As of right now: the CDC is saying: "Outdoor activities are still safest", "Stick with singing in the shower", "avoid large in-person gatherings, even if you're vaccinated", "if you aren't sure that all guests have had shots, you should wear a mask", "maintain physical distance and eat your barbecue outside", "even fully vaccinated people avoid medium and large crowds", "good ventilation, plenty of space between coworkers; it should also have made arrangements to have high-touch surfaces cleaned frequently".

Upcoming events:

June 12 District Celebration 11-2:00 Cugino's Restaurant Framington Ave Framington \$30.
May 26 Deadline
(contact DG Heidi)

June 27 District Awards Day – Terryville Fairgrounds 1-3:00 the collection of eyeglasses will occur here prior to the 1:00 start time.

Memorial Bench in Memory of Lion Blanche Sewell

A ceremony to dedicate a memorial bench in the name of Lion Blanche Sewell will take place on Tuesday, June 22 at 11am at the Winsted Senior Center, 80 Holabird Avenue in Winsted, according to the Winsted Lions Club secretary Lion Thomas Donofri.

"Blanche was beloved by many Lions around our state (and probably beyond). Her true commitment to live our motto, 'we serve!' was absolutely inspiring. I would appreciate it if this information would be forwarded to ANYONE interested! It is my hope we can have as many Lions as possible to join us for this event," he said.

Lion Blanche passed away on May 4, 2019, surrounded by family, after a long illness.

Lion Blanche, a past president of the Winsted Lions, and a past Zone Chair, was best known to many as the organizer of the Governor's Breakfasts for Zones 1-4, but she was much more than that, she was influential in establishing the LEOs program in District 23B and beyond.



GLT Report

Jim Trompeter, GLT

Wow, what a year, something none of us ever imagined! We made it through it and the light is visible at the end of the tunnel. I would like to think that many of our Clubs will emerge stronger than when COVID started. Those who need help we are here to support you.

This past month we recertified 6 Guiding Lions giving us a total of 14. We have room for more if you are interested contact DG Elect Ed Fenton. You will find it a very rewarding experience.

We will be starting Officer Training the first week in June. We will be utilizing On Line Training, the same as last year. On June 27th, prior to the District Awards Presentation, we will conduct an In Person Training as a follow-up to the On- Line Program. More information on this will be coming in Early June.

Though most of our contacts have been virtual this year, I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with many of you and learn about the new ways clubs have adapted and provide guidance to those who have needed it. Looking forward to the upcoming Lions Year.

Marlborough Lions

Marlborough Lions Race Round the Lake 5K is planned for Sunday 5/30 10am. The same great race you know and love, but with social distancing and hand sanitizer!

We held a Kayak Raffle for our lake with a rack spot. The raffle netting approx \$1K with little to no contact giving us a great income with little effort. Ticket exchange was handled largely via Facebook for times and mailbox drop offs.

We hope to continue to increase membership soon.

Zone 2 Report

Jim Trompeter, Zone 2 Chair

I want to congratulate the Leadership in each Club in Zone 2. During the past 18 months you kept your clubs together in unique ways while serving your communities at the same time. Some of the clubs were able to hold unique fundraisers that were not only successful but also a lot of fun.

Within the next few months our clubs will be emerging into a new norm. The clubs I have spoken to are ready to go and are open to making whatever adjustments necessary to be successful. Everyone is anxious to get their members reinvolved and open the doors to new members. With the exception of one club in the Zone the other 6 have held their membership numbers. We are all looking forward to the New Norm

Club Activities:

Watertown Lions: Participated in Sight Saver Day & Provided Easter Food Baskets in conjunction with Community Services

New Milford: Conducted their annual Family & Furry Friends Food Drive

Litchfield: Car Show Parade May 9th

Upcoming Golf Tournament Co-Sponsored with the Rotary

Woodbury: Provided twice a month food delivery to Community Services through Farmer's to Families Food Program. Hoping to have annual Car show June 6th, if the state allows higher attendance

Bethlehem: Conducted a successful Paper Shredding Fund Raising Event on April 17th. They are also gearing up their food truck for upcoming Summer & Fall Events.

Washington: If all holds together hoping to do their Annual Memorial Day Weekend Lobster Sale

Kent: Provided support to the community through the Winter & Spring, gearing for Summer & Fall events as things open up.

103rd Lions Clubs International Convention

The 103rd Lions Clubs International Convention will be our first-ever virtual convention. It will be held from Friday, June 25—Tuesday, June 29, 2021. This new, exciting convention format will give every Lion around the world the opportunity to connect with each other and partake in the excitement that is LCIcon. You'll be able to experience all your favorite aspects of the convention including:

Enjoying music and live entertainment acts featuring top performers from all over the world. Taking part in expert-led seminars that will allow you to learn and grow your skills.

Being inspired by our lauded keynote speaker Malala Yousafzai, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate and activist for female education.

Touring our virtual exhibit hall and chatting with specialists about ways to enhance your service, learning opportunities available and more. Celebrating Campaign 100, the impact of our foundation and the donors who make it possible in a unique way.

You'll have the opportunity to partake in our virtual parade of nations and virtual flag ceremony! Delegates registered for LCIcon, whose clubs are in good standing, will be able to cast their votes virtually for the first time ever. For more information on the convention and how to register, access LCIcon at <https://lcon.lionsclubs.org>.



Childhood Cancer – The Great Cycle Challenge

Last year a team made up of almost twenty Lions Club members and one Leo from District 23B participated in the Great Cycle Challenge. We raised over \$23,000 dollars in donations to fund research to fight kid's cancer. The CTLIONSROAR team is forming again for this year, and we want to make this a Signature Childhood Cancer event for 23B. All skill levels and non-Lions from anywhere are welcome to join the team.

If you are not ready to ride your bike in September, team members would certainly appreciate your support. Register first as an individual and then join the team.

Here's the link:

<https://greatcyclechallenge.com/>



Left: Windsor Lions President Jim Pfeiffer with Bailey the Dog participating in the 2020 Great Cycle Challenge

South Windsor Lions

South Windsor Lions have assisted at two blood drives at Evergreen Walk, so far, checking donors in, directing them, and maintaining the snack table supplies and cleaning.



Above: South Windsor Lions ready to check in donors at one of the blood drives at Evergreen Walk

MD 23 Publicity Challenge

The MD23 publicity campaign is in full swing! Our promotional sign is up on eight CT Transit buses throughout the State, on billboards, and being shared on social media. The buses will run with our sign for the next four weeks. Seven of the buses have our sign on the back, one bus has the sign on the side.

The three DGEs are challenging Lions to find the signs! Please take a photo of the Lions sign on a bus or billboard and share it on your

Facebook page, your club page, your district page, and share it to the "Connecticut Lions" Facebook page.

Whoever shares the most photos of the Lions buses and billboards to the Connecticut Lions page will win a set of incoming DGE pins and banners from all three Districts!

Happy hunting and let's all promote Lionism!



Be Kind

Want to Have Fun?

Want to Help your Community?

Join a Lions Club!

LionsofCT@gmail.com

Respite during a Crisis: Lions Help the Harwinton Library Meet a Need

Last December, when the COVID-19 pandemic was surging throughout the country for a second time, the Lions Club of Harwinton heard from club president Eric Van Leer about a plan to support the Harwinton Library's purchase of outdoor furniture. The Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation (TSBF) had awarded the club a grant, and club members agreed that this project was a great way to use the funds.

"Adding outdoor seating to the Library has been on our wish list for some time," says Library Director Alice Freiler. "Several years ago we had a family that would visit during the summer and spend the whole day at the library. They would bring lunch with them and at lunchtime would go outside and eat picnic-style on our lawn. We thought that was a lovely idea and wished that we had a convenient picnic table to offer them. We observed people sitting on the lone bench on our front porch or even in their cars to use the Library's free WiFi without having to stay inside on a beautiful day, and we thought how nice it would be to provide them with some comfortable Adirondack chairs. And then, of course, COVID hit and we were not allowed to have the public in the building at all. What had been a 'wouldn't it be nice?' wish became an imperative."

When the library began discussing the purchase of outdoor furniture with Lion President Van Leer, they didn't know when their building would be able to open its doors again. "Creating an outdoor area for our Library gave us a way to 'reopen' even if we couldn't reopen, and let us 'expand' our Library without changing a brick!" says Freiler.

The Lions Club of Harwinton has enjoyed a long relationship with the Library, from holding monthly meetings in the Library's meeting room and KidSight eye screening to

children participating in story hour programs, to annual donations for specific projects. But just as other nonprofits and businesses have watched funds dwindle during the COVID crisis, the Harwinton Lions also lost important revenue generators for the club's charitable work; the annual Food Truck Festival, Pancake Breakfast, and pierogies booth at the Harwinton Fair were all cancelled. So having the flexibility to use the Thomaston Savings Bank grant to help the Library was a blessing.

Library Director Freiler is grateful for the support, which allows the Library to provide services not included in their budget. "Our Harwinton Lions are wonderful and have been steadfast

supporters of the Library," she says. "They are a little bit like having a genie in a lamp: every year they ask 'What do you need?' and they make our wishes come true. The Lions have helped us to pay for programs, furniture, children's toys, Large Print books and so many other things over the years. To be quite honest, when we first began discussing a Lions gift to the Library this year, outdoor furniture was not our first priority. But priorities changed quickly in response to the pandemic; this was the right project at the right time. I can't wait to look out on a sunny day to see this furniture being used by patrons reading, working, visiting, and just enjoying our beautiful municipal complex."



Above: Some of the Harwinton Library's new outdoor furniture with (L to R) Cheryl Lindstrom, Community Outreach Officer at Thomaston Savings Bank; Eric Van Leer, Harwinton Lions President; and Alice Freiler, Director of the Harwinton Library

East Hartford Lions

The East Hartford Lions Club is very proud of what has been accomplished by our club this Lions year. We have to start with the election of our own Ed Fenton as the District Governor of 23B for 2021-2022. His theme of "Hand in Hand in Service" will be an inspiration for all of District 23B during his year of leadership. Maybe Ed's theme was inspired by our club participating in three Blood Drives in partnership with the Red Cross and the East Hartford YMCA, and soon, with the Moose Club. We have also been collecting, hand in hand with our community, bottles to recycle, to make our environment more pristine and make some money for our important charities as well. We have sold Poinsettias in December and beautiful hanging plants this May, and we had a virtual auction that netted over \$2000 for charity, including our sponsorship of the Quest program at the East Hartford Middle School. And in April we spent a beautiful spring morning helping to clean and prepare one of our town's wonderful parks for the upcoming year, as hand in hand with the Town of East Hartford, we saw a need and knew we Lions could help. And in June, we will lend a hand to the community by sponsoring a shredding event. As much as this year was a challenge, we Lions of East Hartford, and the community which we serve, are better because we were there, with hands available to serve.



"LEOs are Now"

Lion Cindy Daniels

As we approach the end of the Leoistic Year, District 23B has much to be proud of as we celebrate the following Leos. The Granby Leos have worked with their advisor, Deb Jacques, to cook meals every Wednesday to be part of the 500 meals served to town residents in need. As part of the Environmental Global cause, these Leos have fundraised and found a source to match the money they will put into Environmental endeavors. The Canton Leos, with Advisor Gabrielle

Atchkinson are sewing puppy face masks as a fundraiser for Fidelco. We have LEOs painting and creating pallet flags, tying ribbons on the mailboxes of veterans returning home and creating Birthday Bags for those getting weekend wheels food packs. We have wonderful, creative, service orientated LEOs, LEO Advisors and Liaisons here in District 23B. We also have LEOs who have aged out of the ALPHA Leo Program, who are coming to

serve with their former clubs when they are back home. We will be looking at The LEO Lion Program as a way to keep our Leos active. Our LEOs have gained amazing Leadership skills and have begun a life of service. Let's keep them involved. It is my honor to serve with our LEOs, Advisors and Liaisons of District 23B. We need to know our Leos and they need to know us. "LEOs Are NOW."



Lion Around Connecticut

With Lions Carol Kearns and Harry Schuh

On March 4, 2021 we celebrated our **8th Anniversary** of producing "Lion Around CT with Carol and Harry." We continue to air our weekly show during the pandemic and have just produced show #400.

Our show is aired on 4 cable access TV stations: Charter Communications (Newtown), Cablevision (Litchfield), Charter Communications (Willimantic), and Nutmeg (Farmington). We are also airing on YouTube. To watch "Lion Around CT with Carol and Harry" online, you can subscribe to Nutmeg TV on YouTube at www.YouTube.com/NutmegTelevision. You can also access our playlist directly at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVHmFM06IZKxGruhD6iUjIAT2J7Y-ltW4>.

Listed below are our last 9 shows. We began with the Fidelco Ride for Independence which first aired in July 2016. This event featured a motorcycle ride beginning at Gengras Motorcycles in East Hartford and ending at the Fidelco Bloomfield campus. This was followed by musical entertainment, raffles, food, and a State Police dog demonstration. In March of this year, PCC Alan Daninhirsch invited us to join him at the UConn Health Center for an interview with Dr. Mansoor Sarfarazi. CLERF has been supporting his research on glaucoma for many years. He gave us an informative update on the status of his research. We then continued with our Fidelco theme by airing the reception for Lions at the new Fidelco facility in Wilton, CT held in August 2016. Finally, we are airing some of the shows from CRIS Radio's fundraiser held for many years at the Bond Ballroom. These shows feature local celebrities paired with professional dance partners in an enjoyable evening to raise money in support of CRIS Radio's mission and programs.

Below are the titles for our latest shows 392 - 400:

The Lions' Roar

The next two deadlines for The Lions' Roar are June 10, 2021 and July 10, 2021. Please send your event notices in a text format (we do not publish flyers) to D23BLionsRoar@gmail.com.

You should submit all events your club has planned through at least the end of that issue's month (for the July issue, we want everything from July 15, 2021 through the end of September 2021).

392	Fidelco Ride for Independence July 2016 Part 1
393	Fidelco Ride for Independence July 2016 Part 2
394	PCC Alan Daninhirsch and UConn Dr. Mansoor Sarfarazi Interview March 2021
395	Lions Reception at Fidelco Wilton August 2016 Part 1
396	Lions Reception at Fidelco Wilton August 2016 Part 2
397	CRIS Radio Dancin' in the Dark April 2015 Part 1
398	CRIS Radio Dancin' in the Dark April 2015 Part 2
399	CRIS Radio Dancin' in the Dark April 2015 Part 3
400	CRIS Radio A Night to Remember April 2014 Part 1

We look forward to videorecording Lions events onsite once again when the state has been safely reopened.

Please continue to enjoy our shows during this pandemic.

Be safe!

Lion Carol Kearns and PDG Harry Schuh



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The District 23B Spirit

Our next issue of the District 23B Spirit is September 1, 2021. The deadline for all ads and articles is August 10, 2021.

Ad prices are \$30/quarter page (3.5" wide, 5" long), \$50 for a half-page (7" wide, 5" long), and \$100 for a full-page (7" wide, 10" long). Please provide ads in .BMP, .JPG or .GIF formats only—no .PDF or .PUB files, please. If you don't know how to create an ad, send us your information and we'll create one for you.

Any submitted pictures should be in .JPG or .GIF format, and should be clear (blurry pictures do not reproduce well). We need pictures of collection boxes! PLEASE!

Submit materials for publication to District23BSpirit@gmail.com only.

New Britain Lions Club

A Successful New Britain Lions Meeting

It must be a positive sign of spring, or that “the times are a’ changing”, or whatever positive thing you’d like to think of that more than 20 Lions gathered safely today in the Y’s giant Parker Hall. We enjoyed a delicious corned beef and cabbage luncheon and heard long time New Britain politico and Alderman Danny Salerno educate us on the complexities of running a small city of 70,000+ people. He actually made the intricacies of municipal budgeting, road repair and parks management fascinating and understandable. Thank you, Alderman Salerno!

successfully tested using the traditional methods available to schools. Thanks to you guys we are able to identify issues and address them so we can help our students in any way we can to be successful.

*Many thanks
Stay healthy
See you next year
Rachel Giammattei RN*

*Right: New Britain Alderman
Danny Salerno at a New Britain
Lions club meeting*



Also, at the meeting, two of our Lions were honored by Lions District 23B for their outstanding service this past year. Lion Stephanie Frank was recognized as the New Britain LION OF THE YEAR for successfully managing our complex and demanding Warm the Children Program. And President Danielle Lutz was recognized with the District’s new ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARD for her energetic and creative leadership during this crazy pandemic year. Congratulations and thanks to both Stephanie and Danielle. Lions Gerry Amodio, Frank Marrocco and Maria Bernacki were honored for reading our excellent e-mails. Lion Alan reported that we will begin our children’s eye screenings this coming Thursday at New Britain’s Sultara Academy.

Lion Alan also shared this quick note from Rachel Giammattei, RN, who is his contact for screenings:

Hi Alan,

I just wanted to thank you and your team members again for volunteering your time to come to Solterra Academy to test our students. It is such meaningful work you do. Especially with our population here, as you know, some of our students would not be able to be



*Left: Lions Stephanie Frank and
club president Danielle Lutz
receiving recognition for their
exemplary service to their club*

*Right: New Britain Lions performed
vision screenings at the Sultara
Academy*

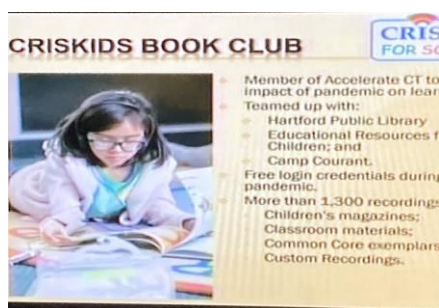


Windsor Lions Club

The 45th Annual Windsor Lions Spring Arts and Crafts festival, featuring non-commercial crafts created by 75 crafters, held on the beautiful Windsor Town Green, was an amazing success. The rain held off and there was a steady flow of people shopping through the day. This year, our Craft Fair operated in compliance with all state mandated COVID regulations, including mask wearing, hand sanitizing stations, and social distancing. The Windsor Leos, Northwestern Connecticut Cyber Leos, and the Robotics Teams from Windsor High School served at this event with Lions and Chairperson, Lion Debbie Loomer. The Windsor Lions look forward to our Fall Arts and Craft Fair on October 9th.

During this Lions year, in attempt to keep our community informed, VP Lion Jim Daniels has brought informational speakers to our club. These speakers have covered topics that range from Diabetes Awareness, COVID and the impact on our community, what WinTv provides and services provided by CRIS Radio. These programs, from 20-30 minutes, are taped, edited as needed and then made available on WinTv programming. The Windsor Lions deeply appreciate the work done by Executive Director Jenny Hawran, and the staff of WinTv.

At an April Windsor Lions Club meeting, Diane Weaver Dunne, CRIS Radio Executive Director, shared the statewide family of services offered to low vision and print disabled individuals. Dunne took the opportunity to thank the Lions, who have supported CRIS for 40 years and have contributed more than \$32,000 in 2020. Dunne also spoke of the new program, CRISKIDS Book Club which has been developed to mitigate the impact of the pandemic on learning.



A few screen captures of some of the other service CRIS radio hosts, and recognition of the Lions contributions to their mission

Woodbury Lions Club

It has been a challenging year, to say the least, but the Woodbury Lions Club has survived, if not thrived.

We've held meetings, performed service, and managed to attract some new members. Now, that the state has begun to 'open up', we're looking forward to seeing some of our members who've been absent, and resuming our regular yearly program of service and fundraising.

First out of the box is the 42nd Car Show and Summerfest, which is planned for June 6 at Hollow Park in Woodbury. We've added several food trucks instead of running our own food booth, and instead of a DJ all day, we now will have live bands playing. Something else this year is slot car racing,

We've already started to think about our fall fundraiser in October, the Haunted Hayride. We anticipate a full return to our original format, complete with the haunted barn and vignettes in the fields.

Congratulations to all the other Lions clubs who adjusted to all the restrictions and are now beginning to resume operations as normal.

We serve!

Do You Have An "Elevator Speech"?

An elevator speech is a short, persuasive speech to introduce yourself, a product, or a company. They're usually no longer than thirty seconds (about the length of time to go one floor in an elevator, hence, the name), and needs to spark interest in what you're pitching.

As Lions, we're all recruiters. An elevator speech is a good way to introduce Lions Clubs to a prospect. The right speech will convince someone to want to learn more.

It's not hard to write an elevator

speech:

*Grab their attention
Spark curiosity
Summarize what you do
Be ready for questions
Have a business card ready*

The best speeches are short on details, but have enough 'meat' to convey the idea. They also have short, easily understood sentences. And, practice makes perfect.

Do you have your recruitment elevator speech ready??

Simsbury Lions Club

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!

The Simsbury Lions Savers Drive was a big success this year, when the maximum number of vehicles stuffed to the brim with usable clothing, bedding and small household items was delivered to Savers in Rocky Hill. After two years of collecting, Lions President, Sylvia Jennings, still has enough bags of clothes in her garage to start all over again!

The Simsbury Lions invites you to check out their Facebook page for more news and photos of our activities! Facebook: Simsbury CT Lions Club.

Save the Date!

Saturday, August 28 • 4-6:30 p.m.

Connecticut Lions



Celebrating a Century of Service
with a picnic at the ballpark

- A parade of every Connecticut club: bring your banners and get ready to show your Lions pride!
- Recognition for clubs older than 95 years
- Lions raffle
- Multiple District Lions organizations from all over our state
- Videos on the Jumbotron
- Hot dogs, burgers, soft drinks and sides: \$10



New Britain Bees Stadium
230 John Karbonik Way, New Britain

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Hartland Lions Club

Yes, we are all anxious to get back to "normal", however we still need to be diligent and exercise caution. With that in mind the club donated funds for PPE equipment to the Little League as they swung the bats for the beginning of this season. Batter Up and play safe.

Last year the Club and the Town unexpectedly lost one of its' most dedicated and admired citizens, Wade Cole, Club member, town employee and longtime First Selectman. Wade's heart and efforts were centered around stock car racing and is love of the town. He was involved in many town projects, both with the Club, Town official and as a dedicated citizen. Unfortunately, with his passing, he did not see them all come to fruition. One long time effort was the development of the former Camp Alice Merritt into a Town recreation center. Many aspects of that program have been completed and are in use. Clean up of the camp pond for swimming, renovation of the Nellie B. West Hall in to a town gathering space and improvements to access and walking trails on the site. Wade's current project, at the site, was to renovate the former infirmary into a dedicated, accessible, Food Pantry. Memorial funds have been raised by several groups in town toward this effort. The Lions joined this effort with a Plant/Flag Sale at the opening of the Little League season.

This remembrance of Wade's life and dedication to the Town as well as a celebration of Spring with it's hoped for "return to normal" was a big success. We thank all those who bought and donated to this part of our remembering Wade.

Spring brings new life, new hopes and the joys of outdoor fun so go and enjoy but - BE SAFE.

