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It Is In Our History



Photo by Dennis Hubbs

Parts of the article in the original story appeared in the New York Times, October 16, 1988, it reminds of some of our history.

The Lions of District 23-B had initiated the Lions Gallery of the Senses in the Wadsworth Athenaeum in Hartford. Art is a matter for more than just the eyes. There are titles and texts in Braille as well as print, and artworks to touch and to listen to as well as to see.

One of the guides to this multi-sense world is Rosalie Gay, who is blind. "I've been a champion of detection by using my fingers," she said, tapping a surface to indicate it was wood, rubbing a fabric between her fingers and discovering by its swishing sound that it was taffeta. "If we'd only open our eyes and look a little more, if we'd only open our ears and listen as well as hear, and if we'd use our minds, we'd be more capable."

The current tactile exhibition is "Once More With Feeling: Art Quilts, Collages and Wall Quilts to View and Touch," designed by Lloyd Burlingame, a sight-impaired artist. Getting the Whole Picture.

The Lions Gallery of the Senses was founded in 1972 to fulfill an idea of the Lady's Visiting Committee of the Connecticut Institute for the Blind and is supported by the Lions Clubs of Hartford and Litchfield Counties. The gallery sponsors changing tactile exhibits intended to be accessible to all, but especially those who are blind or visually impaired. Early on, the museum realized that all people could appreciate using other senses for esthetic discovery.

See <https://www.nytimes.com/1988/10/16/nyregion/art-meant-to-touch-and-be-touched.html>

Membership 2023

Peter Nevers, District Governor

Why do we do what we do as Lions?
What are we here for? What is our purpose?

If you had more Lions, wouldn't you be able to do more projects that will benefit your community?

How many times do you work hard for your club and feel like there is not enough help to get the job done? New Members will help to continue your hard work.

Are you frustrated at trying to grow your club, because you have put yourself in a box and are having trouble getting out? Rather than dismissing new ideas, saying "it's been tried" or "it doesn't work", the idea is completely "out of your comfort zone", or you are just burning out, and losing some of your passion for service.

When someone sees you are passionate and enthusiastic about being a Lion, they want what you have and want to be a part of it.

When a new member joins, first impressions count!

Make them feel welcome, not like nobody is interested in who they are, and why they want to be a part of your club. You may find that they joined because of your passion. NO CLIQUES. Embrace the new ideas and find a way to support the new members. Make them feel welcome.

This does not mean you need to use everybody right away, but begin to prepare them for future roles in your club. So let new members in - build your club - continue your service with passion - and leave your stamp on your community, long after you are gone. Let a new member chair a new committee - what a novel idea! The more members you have the more your club can serve!

Beeper Ball Event**Visually Impaired**

Southern CT State University
October 22, 2023

Team from Long Island and
Rhode Island - **come and see.**

Mission 1.5

Raj Shrestha, 1st VDG

News:

Lions Sister-District Relationship:
Our District 23B has a "Lions Sister District Relationship" with two Districts (325K and 325L) of Nepal. Under this relationship we have supported to install an Emergency Ward/Room in 325L and supported scholarship for two middle school students in 325K.

District Governor Peter Nevers is excited about continuing this relationship and see how all three Districts could benefit from this relationship.

1st VDG Raj Shrestha is coordinating the relationship between these three Districts. They have quarterly meeting and discuss about their projects and programs in their respective Districts.

Last year, IPDG Dave Roberts and 1st VDG Raj Shrestha contribute \$500.00 and \$251.00 respectively to Nepal Fund. If any Lion wants to support for scholarships and for more emergency ward/room in public schools in Nepal, you could send a check to Cabinet Treasurer Jim Daniels with a note at the bottom of the check: for Nepal Fund.

1st VDG Raj Shrestha's Club Visits**Report:**

As a 1st VDG in the 1st quarter of this Lions Year, I have visited five Lions Clubs as of September 15.

Bristol Lions and Harwinton Lions Club:

These two clubs had a joint picnic on August 20. The Bristol Lions Club inducted a new member. There was a good participation of both Lions Club's members. The clubs are doing exemplary community service and planning to do more in the coming days.

CT Hearts and Hands Lions Cyber Club:

This club is doing phenomenal community service in Nepal. The club is helping waste picker kids for their education and other livelihood support.

Barkhamsted Lions Club:

As always, this club is doing phenomenal service activities. The club is organizing a Classic Auto &

Ales Car Show on Saturday,
October 21 at 17 River Rd,
Riverton that starts at 10:00AM.

Southington Lions Club:

This club has been doing a phenomenal community service. The club has been donating thousands of dollars every year to more than a dozen local non-profit organizations and planning to continue this great contribution.

All clubs are doing amazing service to their communities. All 5 clubs were in planning stage and have discussed excellent plan for this Lions Year that's going to impact our communities in the path to "Changing their Lives" positively. International President Patty Hill's "Mission 1.5 Million" for membership growth was discussed and clubs have considered cultivating a "Recruitment Culture" in the club.

Clubs are doing an impressive job.

Membership

Peter Cianciolo, 2nd VDG

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An Introduction to Your Lions Foundation PCC Ev Lyons

We are pleased to inform you that we have many contacts in District 23B if you have questions about our Lions Clubs International Foundation, or LCIF. We are fortunate to have 3 District Coordinators and the Multiple District Coordinator is also from 23B – PDG Ed Fenton.

The District Coordinators are PCC Ev Lyons, covering Zones 1 and 2, with a couple from 3 & 4; PDG Steve Daigle and PCC Kathy Randall, sharing coverage of most of Zones 5-7, and some from 3 & 4. We will be connecting with the Club LCIF Coordinators soon and are planning a training for Saturday morning, September 23rd. Location and times to be determined. Please reach out if you have immediate questions. If your club has NOT designated an LCIF Coordinator, LCI assumes the Immediate Past President takes that role. Please identify a Lion that can be passionate about supporting our Foundation.

Our best contact is via email:

PCC Ev - lyonsev50@gmail.com
PDG Steve - stven.daigle@snet.net
PCC Kathy - kathy.randall@yahoo.com

Giving Back Starts With Giving
Make your contribution to the world by donating to our global foundation. With 100% of all donations benefiting grants and programs, your gift will change lives across the globe.

LCIF offers many ways to give – Donate online, make a pledge or simply mail a check with a donation form. The easiest is to go to www.lionsclubs.org and click on the big yellow “Donate” button, right at the top of the page.

The Mission of Lions Clubs is “To empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.” You can designate your gift for the General Disaster Fund, or for the Empowering Service Fund, including the LCIF causes: Sight, Youth, Disaster Relief, Humanitarian Support, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer, Hunger and the Environment. 100% of your donation goes back to a community in the form of aid or grants, just like your club raising funds goes back to the community. LCIF has no administrative costs. Your donation can go towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship for a member of your club, your community, or for yourself. And, your donation is tax deductible.

Lions Low Vision Center

Kevin McNally, LLVC President

Hello, fellow Lions!

First of all, congratulations to Peter Nevers on succeeding to the position of District Governor! Not only is Peter a fantastic person, leader, and Lion, but he is also a strong advocate (and past president) of the Lions Low Vision Centers, which leads me to my second topic.

My name is Kevin McNally. I was recently elected President of the Lions Low Vision Centers of District 23B. Being legally blind myself due to a degenerative retina disease, I have a passion for the work that the low vision centers do.

The centers, serving Hartford and Litchfield counties, provide rehabilitation services to individuals with low vision. “Low vision” is a degree of vision loss that can no longer be corrected by eyeglasses, contacts, medicine, or surgery. Clients seen at a low vision center must be under the care of an eye care professional and must have been seen by them within the last three months.

There are four Lions Low Vision Centers to choose from; these centers are in partnership with an established health care facility. The centers are staffed with Occupational Therapists (OT), who are specifically trained in helping patients with low vision. Each initial visit begins with an evaluation of the patient’s condition.

The OT will determine different devices that will assist the patient with dealing with the amount of eyesight that remains. All devices that are given out during a visit are 100% free and provided by the generous donations of the Lions Clubs of District 23B.

There are only four steps to getting help.

Visit your eye care professional. Complete the referral form (available for printing from our website) and fax that form to the center that is closest to your home.

Call the center (866-319-9733) and make an appointment with the OT, who does low vision evaluations. Go to the scheduled appointment.

That’s it!

In 1925, Helen Keller challenged the members of the Lions Club International to become “Knights of the Blind” in this crusade against darkness... Let no little deaf-blind child go untaught; let no blind man or woman go unaided.” The Lions clubs in district 23B are meeting that challenge in many ways, including the operation of the low vision centers. Thank you for your continued generous donations, which allow the centers to remain open and serve those with low vision in your town.

Jersey Mike’s helped New Britain Lions 43rd Annual Howard Wry Memorial Golf Tournament by donating 100 \$10 gift certificates to our golfers and volunteers.

The event was a success with nearly 80 golfers and \$12,000+(net) raised. Below is New Britain Lion Doug Bray with Jersey’s Mike’s media person, Darlene Calsale.





August 5, 2023 at the Fred D Wish Elementary School in Hartford where the Greater Hartford West Indian Lions presented the school with 69 sets of uniforms and 150 pairs of socks. We have been making this presentation for the past 15 years.



ALL ways able.

2023 Annual Lions Club Dinner

Monday, November 13, 2023
6:00 P.M.

American School for the Deaf
Gallaudet-Clerc Education Center Café
139 North Main Street
West Hartford, CT

We are excited to welcome you back to our campus for a special evening honoring the Lions of District 23B for your continued support of our students and programs!

**Please RSVP by Friday,
November 3, 2023**

Liz DeRosa at 860.570.2212 or
elizabeth.derosa@asd-1817.org

Parking is available in the visitor parking lot directly in front of the main building, as well as in parking lots surrounding the building. Please enter through the main entrance. The Lions International Peace Poster entries will be there from District 23b for judging,

Directions to ASD

From the North or East:

Travel to the intersection of Interstates 91 and 84 in Hartford, proceed west on I-84 to Exit 41, South Main St., West Hartford. Turn right at the end of the ramp and go 2.6 miles on Main St., which becomes North Main St. after West Hartford Center. The American School for the Deaf is a large brick building set back from the

road, on the left.

From the West:

Take I-84 to Exit 41, South Main St., West Hartford. Turn left at the end of the ramp and go 2.6 miles on Main St., which becomes North Main St. after West Hartford Center. The American School for the Deaf is a large brick building set back from the road, on the left.

From the Northwest:

On Route 44, turn right on North Main St. at Bishops Corner, after the long hill from Avon. The school is on your right in about 1.4 miles.

From the South:

Travel to intersection of Interstate 91 and Route 9, proceed north on Rt. 9 to I-84 and head east to Exit 41 (second exit). Turn left at the end of the ramp and go 2.6 miles on Main St., which becomes North Main St. after West Hartford Center. The American School for the Deaf is a large brick building set back from the road, on the left.

JOIN OUR IN IT 4 LIFE TEAM
10.14.2023 | BUSHNELL PARK | HARTFORD, CT
RUNNERS
WALKERS
IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL OPTIONS
VOLUNTEER (CALL 860.804.6041)

TO JOIN OUR TEAM

SUPPORT OUR MISSION TO PREVENT SUICIDE, PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH, AND CREATE A MESSAGE OF HOPE.

SILVER TIER OFFICIAL CHARITY
OF THE EVERSOURCE HARTFORD MARATHON AND HALF MARATHON

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Supporting Mental Health Wellness for Youth

Connecticut Lions are partnering with the Jordan Porco Foundation (JPF) of Wethersfield to support youth mental health awareness. JPF is an Official Silver Charity of the Eversource Hartford Marathon and as such, is required to recruit volunteers or race participants for its IN IT 4 LIFE Team. The date of the Eversource Hartford Marathon is Saturday, October 14. If you don't want to run on their team, there are two volunteer opportunities for Lions:

Course Monitors – 7:00 AM – 11:15 AM. Duties include encouraging the runners and help keep them moving along on the right course.

Baggage Claim at The Bushnell – 8:45 AM - 2:00 PM. Duties include storing runners' belongings and retrieve when they complete the race.

Volunteer Perks include:

Race Day volunteers will receive an event vest

All volunteers will be fed a meal during/after their shift

Earn \$\$ towards future HMF races or merchandise

If you are interested in volunteering for either of these opportunities to support youth mental health awareness, please REPLY to Council Chair Dave Roberts at either Granbydavidroberts@gmail.com or 860-469-5067. Please share this volunteer opportunity widely as we continue to partner with others to serve all Connecticut!

Yours in service, CC Dave Roberts

GIVE A LIONS SHARE OF LIFE.
Join the pride. Give blood.

Plainville Lions Club Red Cross Blood Drive

The Plainville Lions will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday November 18th. The time is from 10:00 to 2:30 pm in the Parish Hall at Our Lady of Mercy Church 19 South Canal Street, Plainville. Remember 1 donation can save up to 3 lives!

All donors receive an exclusive pair of Elf & Red Cross socks!

Join us to celebrate the 20th

Anniversary of the film Elf and make giving blood a holiday tradition!

To schedule an appointment, Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit the Red Cross online at www.RedCrossBlood.org. Enter sponsor code: PlainvilleCT

Any questions for the Plainville Lions contact craig.r.banks@my.ccsu.edu

Calendar - October 2023

Send your Calendar dates to PDG Dan Utti, District Spirit/ROAR Editor at dan@utti.net

Hartland Lions Club 1960-70s Dance

October 14, 2023

PIZZA -from 6pm - 7-10 pm LIVE MUSIC

Tickets \$20.00 - or more information call Diana Evans 860-653-6753

West Hartland (CT) Library,
61 Center St. (Rt. 20)

Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 6pm - PIZZA - 7-10 pm LIVE MUSIC - by

Dually Noted. West Hartland (CT) Library, 61 Center St. (Rt. 20)

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New Milford Lions Club Haunted Trail

October 16, 2023

Harrybrooke Park

Woodbury Lions Club 4th Annual, Golf Tournament October 16, 2023

2023, Highfield Club, 256 White Deer Rocks Rd, Middlebury, CT \$150 per person, WoodburyCTLions.org Email: ryan@ventworx.com - Call: 203-802-8388

Barkhamsted Lions Club Autos & Ales

October 21, 2023 - 11:00 am
The Ballards, 17 Riverton Rd,
Riverton CT

Come see old cars, electric cars, motorcycles, and more as you enjoy a cold brew. This event is in conjunction with The American Legion, The Riverton Lions, & The Riverton Grange. Don't miss this fun event.

Barkhamsted Lions Club Movie Night

October 28, 2023 - 5:30 PM

\$5.00 Single Family \$10 Large Family
Barkhamsted Senior Center
Kids get your costumes on and come down to watch the "Goonies". Join us Saturday Oct 28, 2023 from 5:30 -8:30 pm. Hamburger and Hot Dogs will be available for sale as well as delicious popcorn & candy. Don't be late!

Winsted Lions Club Halloween Dance October 20, 2023

Halloween Dance \$30 Winsted Lions Club - at Crystal Peak, 164 Torrington Road, Winsted, CT. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Hors D'oeuvres Hand Passed 7:00-8:30PM - Band 7:30-8:30 PM - Music by the fabulous FOUR PEACE BAND, Featuring Costume Contest (with Prizes) - Silent Auction & Raffles for Awesome Prizes Donated by Local Businesses. Tickets \$30 - available at

www.facebook.com/winstedlions23b or call Lion Joe 860-921-6644 or JoeZib@att.net Costumes Encouraged - Prizes - Silent Auction - Raffles - Hors D'oeuvres - Desserts - Cash Bar

Washington Lions Club Trivia Night

November 04, 2023 7:00pm
\$75.00 per Table of 6
Bryant Memorial Town Hall

Terryville - Town-wide Trunk or Treat

Terryville Lions Club
and other organizations
Saturday, October 21, 2023
Haunted House, Magician, Snacks
5:30pm - 8:30pm
Terryville Fairgrounds

Watertown Lions Club 2nd Annual Game Dinner November 03, 2023 6pm - 10pm

Grand Oak Villa
Dinner at 6:30pm, Raffles available.
Buy online at
Watertownlions.square.site

Norfolk Lions Club Family and Friends Lasagna Dinner October 21, 2023 - 5:00 - 7:30 PM Botelle Cafeteria

\$8.00 - adults
\$5.00 Children under 10
Come and enjoy an evening of hearty food, fun and friendship together,
\$8.00 - adults - \$5.00 Children under 10 years of age - Take out is available.
860-866-7923 for information and tickets.



Windsor Lions Club

Collecting Socks for Soldiers

Please donate new, adult size socks

Socks will be delivered to the Veterans Home at Rocky Hill for Veterans Day by Windsor Lions

Thank you!

For additional information please contact
Lion Cindy Daniels 860-836-0280 or cidressage950@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for your donation!!



Here's What the Windsor Lions Are Up To!

We held our 4th very successful "Drive Thru No Contact Food Drive." The Windsor School System partnered with us and collected food items during their Summer Enrichment Program! Together we were able to make a more positive impact to alleviate food insecurity in our Community. In between taking food items as cars pulled up, Lions packed and sorted items and wrote "thank you" notes that we will bring to the **Veterans Stand Down on Sept. 22nd.**

Windsor Lions are selling popcorn and soft drinks on the Windsor Town Green each Thursday during the Summer Concert Series.

We will be holding our 3rd Community Tag Sale on the Windsor Town Green, on September, 23 from 8-2:00pm. All proceeds will be donated to Camp Rising Sun.

Our 49th Fall Arts and Craft Fair will be held on the Windsor Town Green on October 7th from 10:00-4:00pm.

During Club meetings during September and October the Windsor Lions will be collecting "Socks for Soldiers." We will donate socks to Veterans during Socktober.

The Windsor Lions will celebrate Blind American Equality Day during the week of October 8th-October 15th. We will promote awareness of what low vision individuals can do at our public library, at the Tobacco Museum and at Club meetings.



49th Annual Windsor Lions Club Fall Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday October 7th, 2023
10am till 4pm - Rain or Shine

All Proceeds go to serve our community
Email: Windsorct.lions@gmail.com for more information

Located on the Windsor Town Green
275 Broad Street
Windsor, CT 06095

For more information about the Windsor Lions Club, please visit us on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/WindsorLions/WindsorConnecticut>