

The Lions' Roar



The Monthly District 23B Governor's Update

April 2023



District Governor's Corner DG Dave Roberts

Hello Leos, Leo-Lions and Lions of Connecticut!

As District Governor for District 23B, membership is always at the top of my mind. Recently, Lions International informed me that I was one of the top recruiters of new members in Constitutional Areas 1 and 2. GAT Chair Jerome Thompson asked me to share my views on recruitment and retention for an upcoming video they are making to showcase IP Brian Sheehan's theme of "out of the box" thinking. PID Jerome asked me to showcase the many success stories that Lions International is hearing from our District.

So let me share a few of our membership highlights. Overall, we have positive membership growth with +27 members this Lions Year. One of my personal joys is inducting new members into Lions for them to begin their own Lions journey of service, fun, and fellowship. So, if you have new members you would like me to induct, just call and arrange it with me.

After Lions International allowed us to relaunch our 54th Lions Club late last year; recently LCI approved the preferred new name for this club which is now to be known as the *Connecticut United Hearts and Hands Cyber Lions Club*. This new cyber club was the direct result of *Lions Day with the United Nations 2021* and this specialty club focuses on United Nations' sustainable development goals. Club President Amit Kapadia journeyed with me to *Lions Day with the United Nations 2023* which will be held at the United Nations on March 2 and 3. Speaking of LDUN, while there, we learned of the tremendous interest in our newest Lions Club Branch; the *Connecticut 988 Lions Club Branch*, sponsored by the Northwestern Connecticut Cyber Lions Club. This branch is focused on mental health awareness and education; thus the "988" in the club's name. 988 is the newly established three-digit call number to immediately access mental health services. Lion Kim Becker is chairing this initiative which grew out of the horrific police ambush in Bristol last year. While at LDUN, we learned that LCI is considering adding "mental health wellness" as our sixth global cause, possibly in 2024, and we know that our Branch will be part of this new outreach initiative.

So, positive membership growth, relaunched 54th Lions Club, our new Club Branch focused on mental health, and my final membership update in the works is launching at least one new Lions Club here in this District this Lions Year. On Friday, March 10th, we hosted an Informational Meeting for the proposed Riverton Lions Club, a new specialty club focused on preserving the historical character of the village of Riverton and working closely on events with the Riverton Merchants Association. This initiative is being sponsored by Barkhamsted Lions Club with the support of Judy Doyle, Sue Boilard and Dave Boilard. IF this club launches, it would be the 56th club in our District! In addition, we hosted a virtual informational meeting on March 9 on a possible Hartford Somali-American Lions Club. So, thanks to outstanding support from the Cabinet, and especially GMT Alan Hill, we continue our strong focus on membership recruitment and retention.

With strong Cabinet support, we appear to be on track to meet all our LCI established goals. Service is the hallmark of Lionism, and service is being reported every day; and thanks to GST Phyllis Perry, we had an extremely successful children's pajama drive at Mid-Winter Conference. I am also proud of Lion Judy Doyle and the leadership she is demonstrating leading our state-wide Marketing and Communications Committee and the MD-23 Marketing Grant which she helped steer for our State to promote Lionism in communities throughout Connecticut. I couldn't provide a District Status Report to you without commenting on the very successful Mid-Winter Conference we held last month in Southbury. The training was outstanding (thank you PCC Kathy Randall and your team), the hospitality was exceptional (thank you 2nd VDG Raj Shrestha), and the opportunity to have fellowship with fellow Lions and Leos were impactful. Our very own Leo Sophia Marangoudakis was named MD-23 Leo of the Year, our District 23-B Peace Poster Contest Winner sponsored by Windsor Locks Lions Club was honored as the MD-23 Winner, and we nominated Lion Pete Cianciolo of Enfield Lions as our next candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor. Thank you to all the Lions and Leos who volunteered to make this conference so successful. And to cap the weekend off, Lion Judy Doyle was honored with an International President's Certificate of Appreciation; Zone Chair John Spatcher was honored with the International President's Leadership Medal for his work; and 2nd Vice District Governor Raj Shrestha was honored with the International President's Medal. Congratulations all! Before I conclude my column, I want to ask you to keep Zone Chair Frank Longo, PDG Steve Daigle, and Lion Jackie Martin in your thoughts during their recoveries from health challenges. We need each and every Lion and we want all our Lions to be health and active again.

So, to conclude, I want to emphasize that Lions is not about any one person. As IP Brian Sheehan says: Together We Can; Together We Will! We all joined Lions to work with like-minded individuals because we know that by working together, we can accomplish so much more than we can by working alone. So, there are FOUR more months left in this Lions Year before we transition to 1st Vice District Governor Peter Nevers. Let us all "Seize the day"! On behalf of my family and me, we would like to say thank you to all our 1,800+ Lions and Leo-Lions, and 200+ Leos, in our District who are working for a better tomorrow for our communities, state, nation and world.

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"Leadership Beyond Your Club"

This is a workshop sponsored by the 23B Past District Governors' Association and will be held on April 15, 2022 from 9 am to Noon. Designed to inform Lions of the many leadership opportunities at the Cabinet level, the workshop will be hosted by several recent district governors who have worked with a variety of Cabinet leaders. Thinking of assuming a leadership position beyond your club? Come on down and hear what opportunities are available to you as a member of the 23B Cabinet! Mark your calendars for this date and look for additional information in the months ahead. ROAR LIONS!!

District Calendar

Marlborough Lions Club, Annual Pancake Breakfast, March 26, 7:45am-11:45am

Location: East Glastonbury Fish and Game Club, Planeta Road, Marlborough

Cost: \$10/adults, \$9/seniors, \$7 Kids

Tickets available at the door or see any Marlborough Lions member

Marlborough Lions Club, Kayak Raffle Ticket Sales Start, March 26

Tickets: \$20 each,

Ticket drawing on Sunday 5/28 at the culmination of the Road Race, approximately 11.30am, and the winner need not be present to win

Plainville Lions Club, Annual Pancake Breakfast, April Date to be Announced, 8am-Noon

Location: Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center, 19 South Canal Street, Plainville

Cost: Tickets: \$8pp; Seniors and kids 7-12 - \$5; kids 6 and under eat free

Contact: <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/plainvillect>

South Windsor Lions Club, Pancake Breakfast, April 2, 8:30am-Noon

Location: South Windsor Fire Department, 1175 Ellington Road

Pancakes, sausage, and eggs

Tickets: Adults \$10, children 10 and under FREE!

Windsor Lions Club, Easter Plant Sale, April 6-April 8, 10am-5pm

Location: Windsor Town Green

This is also where you can pick up your Munson Candy order. Credit, debit cards accepted, as well as cash and checks for all purchases.

Contact: windsorct.lions@gmail.com

Plainville Lions Club, Blood Drive, April 21

Location: Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center, 19 South Canal Street, Plainville

We need volunteers!

Contact: Lion Craig Banks at 860-644-8472 or craig.r.banks@my.ccsu.edu

Avon Lions Club, Environmental Cleanup, April 22

Location: Various areas around Avon

Contact: PDG Heidi Zaccchera 860-558-3773

Greater Hartford Host Lions Club, Annual Pancake Festival, April 22nd, 2023, 8am – Noon.

Location: Farmington Avenue Baptist Church (155 Mountain Rd., West Hartford)

Cost: \$10/adults, \$6/children under 12

Join us for a bountiful buffet breakfast featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, hash browns, fruit, coffee, tea, & juice – all you can eat! There will also be live music and a raffle. Proceeds will benefit Greater Hartford Host Lions Charities and the Lowenberg Scholarship fund. We are also seeking advertisers for the program book that will be distributed at the event. To purchase advance tickets or an ad, please contact greaterhartfordhostlions@gmail.com or call Lion Matt Woods Weber at (914) 886-2325. Tickets are also available at the door.

Melvin Jones Breakfast, April 23,

Location: Il Monticello Banquet Hall in Meriden

Our guest speaker and awards presenter will be IPIP Douglas X. Alexander, assisted by PIP and endorsed candidate for 3rd International Vice President Mark Lyon. Awards must be requested by January 31 to make sure they arrive in time for the event, and all LCIF donations with MJF applications for this event should be sent to Lion Linda Russell who is coordinating the awards for District 23B. Her address is: 76 Crestwood Trail, East Hartford, CT 06118.

You can also scan and email applications to lindarus@hotmail.com

Registration forms will be available after the MidWinter conference

Contact: IPDG Ed Fenton, edehlions@aol.com

Harwinton Lions Club, Scholarship "Virtual" Breakfast, April 29, 2023 (Deadline)

Location: Online (if you purchase a breakfast gift card, it will be mailed to you after April 29th)

Cost: \$10 for a gift card to either Dunkin or Countryside Restaurant (in Harwinton)

You can access our Square site at <https://lions-club-of-harwinton.square.site/> to make a purchase of a \$10 gift card to either Dunkin (could be used all over) or Countryside Restaurant in Harwinton, or you can make a donation to our scholarship fund instead at the same page. If you want to make a donation to either our scholarship fund or to the Harwinton Food Pantry, you'll need to do so as a separate transaction from your gift card purchase.

Lastly, if you would like to learn more about our two breakfast sponsors or how you could become a sponsor (business card sized ad), click here <https://sites.google.com/view/harwintonlionsscholarship/home>

Contact: Lion Roland Perreault rperreault1960@gmail.com

Marlborough Lions Club, Family Resource Fair, April 29

Location: Marlborough Elementary School Cafeteria

The Marlborough Lions will be performing vision screenings

Harwinton Lions Club, Blood drive, May 5

Location: Harwinton Town Hall, 100 Bentley Dr, Harwinton

More details to follow

Avon Lions Club, Annual Pasta Dinner, May 5, 5pm-7:30pm

Location: Avon Senior Center, 635 West Avon Road, Avon

Tickets: \$12 Adults, \$6 12 and under

Serving pasta, meatballs, salad, rolls and dessert. Proceeds to benefit local charities.

Buy tickets in advance at Venmo@Avon-ct-lions, or cash or credit at the door

Contact: Avon.CT.Lions@gmail.com

Windsor Lions Club, Spring Arts and Crafts Fair, May 13, 10am-4pm

Location: Windsor Town Green

Contact: Windsorct.lions@gmail.com

Simsbury Lions Club, Pancake Breakfast, May 13, 8am-11am

Location: St. Mary's Parish Center, 946 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury

We're joining with the Simsbury Knights of Columbus for the 31st year for our combined Pancake Breakfast to benefit scholarships. Buy a placemat ad: 1" X 2" \$25.00, 2" X 2" \$50.00, 2" X 4" \$100.00, Top or Bottom of Mat \$125.00

Tickets: Adults-\$10, Children under 12-\$5, Family of 4-\$25

Contact: Elaine Giannini (ageal@earthlink.net) 860 658 6752 or Sandy Kremer (tprkremer@gmail.com) 860 966 7946.

Marlborough Lions Club, 39th Annual "Race 'Round the Lake 5K", May 28, 10:30am

Location: Blish Park, Marlborough

Cost: \$30/pp or \$60/Family

Register at www.itsyourrace.com or in person at the park the day of the event

Plainville Lions Club, Blood Drive, June 23

Location: Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center, 19 South Canal Street, Plainville

We need volunteers!

Contact: Lion Craig Banks at 860-644-8472 or craig.r.banks@my.ccsu.edu

Harwinton Lions Club, Car Show, July 23

Location: Harwinton Town Hall Complex

More details to follow

Bus Trip to Lions International Parade, July 8

See flyer below for all the information!

Plainville Lions Club, New Britain Bees Fundraising Event, July 15

Location: New Britain Stadium (i.e. Willow Brook Park, adjacent to Beehive Field)

Cost: \$12 per person, of which \$6 will go to the Lions Low Vision Center.

Please send in you orders and checks by July 1st to the Plainville Lions Club, P.O. Box 92, Plainville

Contact: Lion Craig Banks at 860-644-8472 or craig.r.banks@my.ccsu.edu

Harwinton Lions Club, Horse Show, September 9

Location: Harwinton Fairgrounds

More information to follow

Harwinton Lions Club, Pierogies Booth at the Harwinton Fair, September 30-October 2

Location: Harwinton Fairgrounds

More details to follow

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: February 15 for the March District Spirit—submit to District23BSpirit@gmail.com, March 15 for the April Lions' Roar to D23BLionsRoar@gmail.com. Notices should be short and include all relevant information. 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.

Marlborough Lions Club

39th Annual Race 'Round the Lake 5K

Sunday May 2, 2023 10.30am
Blish Park, Marlborough

Registration available at itsyourrace.com or day of race in person
\$30pp, \$60 per family



Annual Pancake Breakfast

Sunday March 26, 2023
7.45am-11.45am

East Glastonbury Fish & Game
Club

Planeta Rd., Marlborough

Tickets \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$7 kids
Available at the door or see any Lions member



COME TO BOSTON FOR THE LIONS INTERNATIONAL PARADE JULY 8, 2023



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HARTFORD

NORWICH

DANBURY

COST \$45 WITH A \$20 DEPOSIT

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE. DANBURY COST

IS \$50 WITH \$20 DEPOSIT

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LEAVE BOSTON
5:00 PM

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48th Annual Windsor Lions Club



Spring

Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday May 13th, 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

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Marlborough Lions Kayak Raffle Spring 2023



- ❖ Enter for your chance to win the Grand Prize
 - an Ascend D10 Sit-in kayak AND a kayak rack spot at the lake
 - ❖ Runner-up will win a rental voucher at Black Hall Outfitters in Westbrook for kayak rental
 - ❖ Tickets are \$20 each, beginning March 26th through May 28th
 - available at Marino Realty or Sanctuary Hair Salon in Marlborough center
 - contact President Megan Lloyd via Facebook, call #413-687-5537, or email at marlboroughlions@gmail.com
 - ❖ Drawing will be held Sunday May 28th at the culmination of the road race, approx 11.30am at Blish Park, winner need not be present to win.
 - ❖ Raffle is open to Marlborough residents only this year
- Thank you to Black Hall Outfitters for their donation of the rental passes.



Marlborough Lions Club

Pancake Breakfast

Date: Sunday March 26th

Time: 7.45a-11.45a

East Glastonbury Fish & Game Club
2 Planeta Rd
Marlborough, CT 06447

Annual Pancake Breakfast benefiting local area charities. Breakfast includes sausage, ham, fruit, coffee, tea, & hot chocolate

Tickets available

Adults \$10

Seniors \$9

Kids \$7



See any Lion for tickets, or call Megan Lloyd 413-687-5537, or JeanPaul Bolduc 860-798-2054

ANNUAL PASTA DINNER



Avon Senior Center - 635 W Avon Rd.

Friday, May 5th
5:00PM - 7:30PM

TICKETS

\$12- Adults \$6- 12 & Under

Contact Avon.ct.lions@gmail.com for ticket information or Venmo @Avon-ct-lions or pay cash or credit at the door. RAFFLE PRIZES

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Proceeds to benefit Local Charities

Marlborough Lions Club 'Round the Lake 5K'

38th
Annual
Runners
Event



Memorial
Day
Weekend
2023

Accept the challenge ... join the fun!

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Race Start: 10:30am

Blish Memorial Park - Marlborough, CT

8 race categories for both male & female runners, medals for top finishers

CT USATF Certification CT 18052JHP

Sign up online at [Itsyourrace.com](https://itsyourrace.com), \$30 per person, \$60 max per family