

The Lions' Roar



The Monthly District 23B Governor's Update

February 2023



District Governor's Corner DG Dave Roberts

Dear Cubs, Leos, Leo-Lions and Lions,

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that we are already over one-half through Lions Year 2022-2023. Our District membership continues to be positive from our 55 clubs currently serving those in need throughout our Lions District of Hartford and Litchfield Counties. Our goal is +35 new members for the year, so let's keep up the great work retaining our current members and inviting our relatives, friends, and neighbors to become Lions. If your club needs help recruiting or retaining Lions, please contact Global Membership Team Chair Alan Hill (alan.hill@exprealty.com)

and we will find an experienced local Lions leader to work with you and your club.

THIRD DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP (CABINET) MEETING: Thanks to all who attended our virtual Third District Membership Meeting on Monday, January 9th. We heard updates from many Cabinet members and Zone Chairs on what they accomplished during the first six months of this Lions Year, and what they hope to accomplish during the next six months. Please **mark your calendars** that our Fourth District-wide Membership (Cabinet) meeting will be on Monday, March 6, at 6:30 PM at Hillstown Grange Hall, 617 Hills Street, in East Hartford. Dinner will be provided. This meeting is open to all Lions, Leo-Lions, Leos and Cubs within our District.

NEW PHONE NUMBER FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Just a reminder that my new phone number is 860-469-5067. My old phone number still works, but after being back home here in Connecticut for almost six years, I figured it was time to get a Connecticut phone number.

CHARTERING CELEBRATION FOR HARTFORD PAK-K2 LIONS CLUB: On Sunday, January 8, many of us gather in Plainville to help charter our newest (55th) Lions Club, Hartford PAK-K2 Lions Club. 33 charter members were welcomed into Lions International and Connecticut Lions. 1st Vice District Governor Peter Nevers did an outstanding job serving as Master of Ceremonies. 2nd Vice District Governor Raj Shrestha and Immediate Past Club President Narendra Dev Pant were appointed as the new club's Guiding Lions. Past International Director Mark, along with Partner in Service Lion Lyn, Lyon were our special guests who officially presented the Lions International charter to our newest club. Haseeb Cheema is the charter President and gave a great acceptance speech. This new club is the direct result of the tireless work of Lion Narendra Dev Pant, with tremendous support from 2VDG Raj Shrestha. Many clubs presented gifts to our newest club. Our Multiple District Council presented the club with their American flag and Lions flag, the District presented them with their club banner, and the sponsoring club (West Hartford Lumbini Lions Club) presented them with their bell and gavel. Over sixty Lions, Leos, Cubs and guests attended the event. If you would like to present the club with a gift, please contact Charter President Haseeb Cheema at 6 Sandra Avenue, Terryville, CT, 06786; 1-860-483-1565; or haseebjc@hotmail.com.

CONNECTICUT UNITED HEARTS AND HANDS LIONS CLUB: The *Connecticut United Hearts and Hands Lions Club* held their second meeting recently and learned about service in Nepal from Charter President Amit Kapadia. This new specialty cyber Lions Club with members living in Connecticut, New York, Maryland and California, hopes to promote the sustainable development goals of the United Nations. One of their first service projects is going to be focused on supporting children “wastepickers” so that they can attend school. Watch for more details in upcoming issues on how your club might help these children break their cycle of poverty.

NEW MENTAL HEALTH LIONS CLUB BRANCH PAPERWORK SUBMITTED TO LCI: Last month, I shared how we were all horrified with the tragic, senseless killing on October 12th of Sergeant Alex Hamzy, Lieutenant Dustin DeMonte and wounding of Officer Alec Lurato who were ambushed while responding to a 911 call. At the suggestion of Global Membership Chair Alan Hill of Hartland Lions Club, I called a meeting of Lions from across our District and throughout the state to discuss how Lions might help. Bristol Lions Club President (PCC) Ev Lyons stated that his club had already donated \$1,000 to the fund set up in the Town of Bristol. Lions want to help and we believe that supporting mental health initiatives is the best approach for us.

I am pleased to update you on our next steps. Lion Kim Becker from Northwestern Connecticut Cyber Lions Club is going to serve as President of a newly established *Connecticut 988 Lions Club Branch* focused on promoting education and awareness on mental health needs in our communities. This initiative is based on www.ruralminds.org. For those that don't know, 988 is now the universal number to call 24/7 to be connected to a mental health professional. This new Lions Club Branch will also promote QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) training (similar to CPR training, but for mental health needs). Lion Kim has found lots of interest in this new initiative and we are pleased to announce that two Northwestern Regional #7 high school juniors are working with her on this initiative as part of their AP Capstone Project and a Northwestern Connecticut Community College pre-med student from New Hartford has also joined Lions to help on this effort. We now have six new Lions and two new Leos supporting this initiative and have submitted the paperwork to Lions International to create this newest Lions Club Branch sponsoring by Northwestern Connecticut Cyber Lions Club. If you or anyone you know would like to support this new initiative, please contact Lion Kim at either kl.becker@cox.net or 1-860-748-9388.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE: After a two-year hiatus, the MD23 Mid-Winter Conference will be held in-person at the Wyndham Southbury, **February 3-5, 2023**. Due to COVID, the last two Midwinter Conferences have been held virtually. We're pulling out all stops to make up for lost time. Hundreds of Connecticut Lions and Leos will gather for their 71st Annual Midwinter Conference beginning February 3rd for a fun-packed Friday night, and a weekend filled with inspiration, information, and celebration. The link for information and registration is: <https://sites.google.com/connecticutlions.org/mwc-conference/home>

Pajama Project – All three Connecticut Lions districts will be collecting pajamas for ages 0 – 18 at the Mid-Winter Conference, held at the Wyndham Southbury February 3 – 5, 2023. By supporting this PJ Drive, you will directly supply new pajamas to the children within Hartford and Litchfield counties who need them most so they can stay warm while sleeping. The PJs will be distributed to children through a children's hospital or a nonprofit community organization serving children and teens in need.

Another opportunity for Mid-Winter Conference is to support 2VDG Raj Shrestha and the return of the ever popular Second Vice District Governors' Gift Basket Raffle Fundraiser. VDG Raj would so appreciate it if you or your club could donate a gift basket for this joint fundraiser. I know that Barkhamsted, Connecticut United Hearts and Hands, Hartford County Everest Centennial, and Northwestern Connecticut Cyber Lions Clubs have already signed up to support this project. Click on the link to register your club: <https://forms.gle/LPjd9iGGLv3JHKWr9>

2023 LIONS DAY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS (NEW YORK): Don't miss your chance to participate in the 2023 Lions Day with the United Nations in New York City on **Friday, March 3**, with PID Mark and Lyn Lyon, District Governor Sue and PDG Ed Fisher, District Governor Melissa Smith, Connecticut United Hearts & Hands Lions Club Charter President Amit Kapadia and me as we explore the impact of Lions' and Leos' service on improving health, nutrition and wellness in communities around the world. Secure your spot today and join us for a celebration of

Lions service and partnership with the United Nations. Your LDUN registration includes: ticket to the LDUN program, printed souvenir program, Lions International pin, and portfolio, dynamic speakers and panel discussions, entertainment, participation in local service projects. You can register at: [Personal Information - Lions Day with the United Nations 2023 - New York \(cvent.com\)](https://www.cvent.com/event/Personal-Information-Lions-Day-with-the-United-Nations-2023-New-York)

ZONES 1 – 4 DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S ANNUAL AWARDS BREAKFAST: Lion Nancy Lyons, Chair for the DG Awards Breakfast for Zones 1-4, has announced that this year the Governor's Annual Award Breakfast will again be held at the Elks Club in Torrington on **Sunday, March 5**. The Elks is located at 70 Litchfield Street. The cost of the breakfast is \$20 per person. The doors will open at 7:30 am with coffee served at 8am. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 am. Registrations and payments must be made in advance. There will be no walk-ins allowed. Each club is also asked to bring a door prize for our raffle. The deadline for registration and payments is Wednesday, February 15th.

Chair Nancy is requesting that clubs again choose a member to honor as their Outstanding Lion and one as their "Rose Amanda Freeman Selfless Service Award" individual. Both awards allow us to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond in service to their club and community. Please respond to Lion Nancy with your selections for both awards. We will also recognize those special individuals who are 100% Secretaries as determined by the district. It has also been our tradition to collect used eyeglasses, sunglasses, and hearing aids when we meet in person. We will collect these, so bring them to the breakfast.

For more information, please contact Lion Nancy Lyons, Breakfast Chair for Zones 1-4, at 535 Hill Road, Harwinton, CT, 06791, or nschnyer0035@charter.net.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at either GranbyDavidRoberts@gmail.com or 860-469-5067 if you need me personally. My calendar is crazy, but I am always glad to make time for each club and member in our District. Together we can do so much more! So, let us "Seize the Day"! DG Dave

Dave Roberts

District Governor (2022-2023)

Lions, Leo-Lions, Leos & Cubs of
Hartford & Litchfield Counties (District 23-B)
P.O. Box 155, Riverton, CT 06065
GranbyDavidRoberts@gmail.com; 860-469-5067

Deadline for Marketing Award Extended to February 15

Don't miss your chance to take home the grand prize! Check out the award details to see if your club's marketing campaign qualifies and submit your application for the Lions International Marketing Award by February 15, 2023. Information can be found on the LCI website, https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_kmFbGTOWXJ24UYHa.jpg.pdf?v=1

"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

MD23 MidWinter Conference, February 3-5

Location: Wyndham, Southbury 1284 Strongtown Rd, Southbury, CT 06488

Cost: \$15 conference registration, meals and lodging extra

The annual in-person meeting of all Lions in the state of Connecticut is back again after an absence of two years. Join us for three days of learning and fun, starting with the Friday Night Fun and Games Gala, 15 seminars on Saturday morning, the keynote speaker, International Director James "Jay" Moughom, at the Saturday Luncheon, and honoring our standout Lions at the Awards Dinner on Saturday night. Our theme this year is "Meet Me in Boston", which is where we will be holding the international conference this year.

We are still in need of a few gift baskets to be raffled off during the event for the benefit of the 2nd VDGs. And, our service project is the Pajama Collection to benefit many

More information and registration is found at www.CTLions.org

Harwinton and Winsted Lions Clubs, Mardi Gras Dance, February 17, 2023, 6:30pm

Location: Torrington Elks Lodge, 70 Litchfield St. (Rte. 202), Torrington, CT

Cost: \$30.00 per person payable at the door

Come celebrate Mardi Gras with the Harwinton and Winsted Lions Clubs!

Well-known local band River City Slim and The Zydeco Hogs will provide great music. Dancing is strongly encouraged. The doors open at 6:30 PM. The band will begin playing at 7:30 PM. Light refreshments will be served. A cash bar will also be available. The event is open to the public. Tickets will be available online and at the door. Click <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/harwinton-lions-club-winsted-lions-club-mardi-gras-party-fundraiser-tickets-484068310347> to purchase your tickets online. Bring your fellow Lions, family, and friends to what promises to be a great celebration of Mardi Gras! Proceeds will benefit the Harwinton and Winsted Lions charities.

Contact: PDG Harry Schuh hschuh@charter.net

Manchester Lions Club, Lions Multi-District Dinner Meeting, February 21, 2023, 5:30pm

Location: The American Legion Hall, 20 American Legion Dr. Manchester, CT

Cost: \$30.00 per person payable at the door

We are extending an invitation to your entire Lions Membership and guests to our fourth Lions Club Multi-District 23-B & 23-C Buffet Dinner Meeting. As in past years please bring canned food items that will be donated to the local MACC Food Pantry. The band will be Night Out, and there will be a 50/50 raffle, door prizes and guest speakers. Club Presidents will be allowed to make brief announcements for upcoming club events.

Contact: Ed Gorman, 860-212-2891 egorman315@aol.com or Dave DuBaldo, 860-250-1500 david@dubaldo.com

Plainville Lions Club, Blood Drive, February 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

Lions Day at the UN, March 3

Location: United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY

The 45th annual Lions Day at the UN.

Information can be found at:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/lions-advocacy/lions-day-united-nations/new-york>

District Governor's Breakfast, Zones 1-4, March 5, 7:30am

Location: Torrington Elks Club, 70 Litchfield Street Torrington

Cost: \$20/per person

Registration and payment must be made in advance! NO WALK-INS ALLOWED!

This is also when we honor our members of your clubs with Lion of the Year and the Rose Amanda Freeman Selfless Service Awards. Send your picks with your registration to

Lion Nancy Lyons, Breakfast Chair for Zones 1-4

535 Hill Road

Harwinton, CT 06791

Checks should be made out to **Lions District 23B**

This is also when you drop off all those eyeglasses and hearing aids you've been collecting all year! Please bring them with you.

Contact: nschnyer0035@charter.net

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

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>

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

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

Marlborough Lions Club, 39th Annual "Race 'Round the Lake 5K", May 2, 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

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

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.

The Harwinton & Winsted Lions Clubs Present

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MUSIC STARTS AT 7:30 PM

TICKETS \$30
<http://alturl.com/3viav>

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS STARTS AT 7:30

Event Location:
Torrington Elks Lodge
70 Litchfield St. (Rte. 202)
Torrington CT
For more info contact Harry Schuh
at hschuh@charter.net




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



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We encourage all Lions Clubs to participate in the pajama
drive. Your support will supply new pajamas to children who
need them the most so they can stay warm this winter. Districts
will be recognized for their contributions. Pajamas should be
new and age appropriate up to 18 years of age.



For more information contact your District GST Coordinator

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2023 CT LIONS
Midwinter Conference

February 3-5 2023

International Guests
International Director
James "Jay" Coleman Moughon, III
& his wife Nancy



Where
Wyndham, Southbury
1284 Strongtown Rd
Southbury, Ct



Theme & Activities
Theme: Meet Me in Boston
Music, Games, Seminars,
Saturday Awards Dinner & More



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