

# The Lions' Roar



## The Monthly District 23B Governor's Update

January 2024

### District Governor's Corner DG Peter Nevers



New member Lisa Lombardo was Inducted by District Governor Peter Nevers. Enfield President Bill Vayda is shown behind DG Peter. (Photo by 2nd VDG Peter Cianciolo)

Thursday January 18.

To make sure we're always there and ready to meet the growing needs in our communities, we are on a mission to grow. MISSION 1.5 is our drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide by July 1, 2027. And to reach this goal, it's going to take all of us — every Lion in every club — working together.



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### District Calendar

For the Roar and District Sprint, use the email address: [dan@uitti.net](mailto:dan@uitti.net). The deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month prior to the issue date: For Example: **December 1** for the **Winter District Spirit** - submit to [dan@uitti.net](mailto:dan@uitti.net), **November 15** for the **November Lions' Roar** to [dan@uitti.net](mailto:dan@uitti.net).

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.

All dates that are provided for publication will appear at the Calendar page of the District 23B website at <https://e-district.org/sites/23b/calendar.php>

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#### South Windsor Lions Club - Pancake Breakfast

March 24, 2024, 8:30 am to 12 noon

South Windsor Volunteer Fire Department  
1175 Ellington Road

South Windsor, CT 06074

Free Children's Vision Screenings is available  
(without appointment).

### Highlights in this Issue

- 2nd VDGs attend ALLI in Vancouver
- South Windsor Lions Pancake Breakfast
- DG Peter Nevers inducts new member in Enfield
- 8 new Leos were inducted into the East Windsor High School Leo Club and officers were installed.
- Granby Lions collect over 1,000 toys
- Torrington Lions Club presented five awards
- Manchester Lions Club announce Bowling Tournament
- Mid Winter Conference - Lions, Leos, Service Project.
- Watertown Lions Club Golf Tournament

## ALLI in Vancouver, Canada

The Second Vice District Governor received the opportunity to attend the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) in Vancouver, Canada.

Here, 2nd VDG Peter Cianciolo (District 23-B) is shown receiving his Certificate.



Here, 2nd VDG Mark Beninson (District 23-A) is shown receiving his Certificate.



On January 4th, 8 new Leos were inducted into the East Windsor High School Leo Club and its new officers were installed.



DG Lion Peter Nevers presided over the event which took place at the high school cafeteria. In addition to the Lions and Leos, the school Principal and the District Superintendent were in attendance together with the parents of the Leos. It was very meaningful to have the parent(s) of the Leos place the pin on their child. It was a difficult half a year for the Club as the Leo advisor was out on maternity leave from the beginning of October until the day before the ceremony. Unexpected complications kept her home longer than anticipated but she kept in touch with the members of the Leo Club by emails. The Club was able to make the necklaces for the Special Needs Children's Christmas party. Also, 3 Leos helped the Lions with their turkey shoot fundraiser. The Leos fulfilled their Leadership Opportunity Service motto.

## Granby Lions collect over 1,000 toys for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center

During the holiday season, The Granby Lions and Granby Memorial High School Leo Club, joined by the American Legion Shannon-Shattuck Post 182 and employees of Amazon distribution warehouses in Connecticut collected over 1,000 toys for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center! The toys will be distributed throughout the year by child life specialists at the hospital. What started three years ago as a replacement for a Yankee swap at the Club's annual Holiday meeting has blossomed into extraordinary activity and event. To celebrate the season and success of the toy drive, the Lions and American legion met jointly and enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner at the American Legion Hall in Granby, home cooked by Lion President Tony Capelli, family and other Granby Lions. The evening and dinner were shared with over 75 Lions, veterans, spouses, and Amazon employees!



The Torrington Lions Club presented five awards to a some of our members on January 4, 2024, shown from left to right.

Bobbi Jo Klug (Ambassador of Sight award),  
Pres. Mike Yuchunas (Progressive Melvin Jones award)  
John Liuiza (Melvin Jones award),  
Doreen Whitney (Melvin Jones award) and  
Margaret (Kiki) Tucker (Ambassador of Sight award).



**Manchester CT Lions Club Presents:  
Fenix Memorial Bowling Tournament for  
Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation**

Join the Manchester CT Lions Club for a fun day of bowling at the Fenix Memorial Bowling Tournament! This exciting event benefits the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation on Saturday, **April 6, 2024**, at Spare Time at 350 Talcottville Rd., Vernon, CT, from 12:00 PM to 3:30 PM.

**Event Highlights:**

**Date:** Sat. April, 6, 2024

**Time:** 12:00 PM - 3:30 PM

**Location:** Spare Time Vernon, CT

**Entry Fee:** \$30/person

**Your Experience Includes:**

3 games of bowling

Pizza and shoe rental

Door prize entry

Raffles, a 50/50 cash raffle, and a silent auction

Bowlers of all skill levels can join the fun and make a difference. Your participation supports the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation's mission to assist visually impaired individuals.

**Sign Up Now:**

Visit the **Manchester Lions Club Bowling Event** to register.

For more details, visit our website or contact the event organizer. Let's strike it big for a great cause!

**Manchester CT Lions Club**

**[www.manchesterlionsclub.org](http://www.manchesterlionsclub.org)**

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**26TH ANNUAL LIONS CLUB  
FENIX MEMORIAL BOWLING  
TOURNAMENT & FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY 4/6/24**



**12:00 - 3:30 PM**

@SPARE TIME VERNON



**350 TALCOTTVILLE ROAD, VERNON, CT**

**Bowl for a good cause!**

**REGISTER NOW AT:**

**[www.manchesterlionsclub.org/bowling](http://www.manchesterlionsclub.org/bowling)**

**\$30/per person includes:**

3 games of bowling

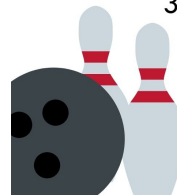
pizza & soda,

door prizes!

Silent

Auction

& Raffles!



**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/26th-annual-lions-club-fenix-memorial-bowling-tournament-registration-792550819837>**

**2024 Sponsor/Player  
Application  
Registration Deadline:  
May 7, 2024**

**Tuesday  
May 14, 2023**

**The Watertown Lions Club  
19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
GOLF TOURNAMENT**



**We Serve**

**Diamond Sponsor \$1,600**

4 golfers, 2 tee signs,  
Custom golf balls and towels

**Platinum Sponsor \$1,200**

4 golfers, 2 tee sign

**Gold Sponsor \$600**

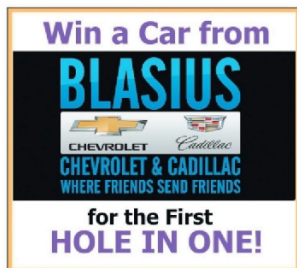
2 golfers, 3 tee signs

**Silver Sponsor \$200**

2 tee signs

**Bronze Sponsor \$100**

1 tee sign



**Schedule of Events**  
9:30 am - Facility opens  
10:00 am - Registration  
11:00 am - Lunch  
12:00 pm - Golf (Shotgun Start) Scramble Format.  
4:30 pm - Cash Bar  
5:00 pm - Dinner,  
5:30 pm - Prizes Awarded / Raffle Prizes

**Sponsor:** Type [ ]D [ ]P [ ]G [ ]S [ ]B

**Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2024 Sponsor/Player  
Application**

**Crestbrook Park  
Golf Course**

834 Northfield Rd. Watertown  
(860) 945-5249

**\$150.00**

Entry fee per Person includes  
Greens Fees, Cart, Lunch, Beer,  
Refreshments on the course,  
and Dinner.

*Prizes will be awarded for:*

- Card Game on Par 3's
- Team Low Gross:  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Team Low Score:  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Closest to the pin  
on all Par 3's
- Longest Drive:  
Men and Women
- Closest to the Line

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Players**

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Enclosed is our/my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please make checks payable to:



**Watertown Lions Club  
P.O. Box 281  
Watertown, CT 06795**

**Register online: [watertownctlions.square.site](http://watertownctlions.square.site)**

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Multi-District 23  
A, B, C



# Midwinter Service Project

## GIVE A GIFT CARD TODAY



**We are asking Clubs to please contribute small denomination Gift Cards, to Walmart, Grocery Stores, CVS, and more to help the homeless, and those with food insecurities. Cards will be collected at the GST Service table at Midwinter.**

**For more information contact your District GST**

**A: Marianne Russo Arrigone @ [mariannerusso721@gmail.com](mailto:mariannerusso721@gmail.com)**

**B: Judy Doyle @ [msjudysemporium@yahoo.com](mailto:msjudysemporium@yahoo.com)**

**C: Allen Guiot @ [allenguiot@gmail.com](mailto:allenguiot@gmail.com)**



MD23 CONNECTICUT LIONS  
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE  
**FRIDAY NIGHT**  
7:00 thru 10:00 p.m.  
**GAMES, DJ & CLUB SKITS**

**REGISTER NOW**



**ENJOY THE FUN TOGETHER!**

<https://sites.google.com/connecticutlions.org/mwc-conference/home?authuser=0>




**2024 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**FEBRUARY 2-4, 2024**







**SCAN HERE**

<https://sites.google.com/connecticutlions.org/mwc-conference/home?authuser=0>

**SOUTHURY WYNDHAM**  
**1284 STRONGTOWN RD., SOUTHURY**







TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM:  
[Connecticut Lions Multiple District 23](https://sites.google.com/connecticutlions.org/mwc-conference/home?authuser=0)  
Midwinter Conference  
OR CALL 203-663-8179

### Lions and Leo Midwinter Program

#### Friday Evening Fun Night

4:00pm-8:00pm Registration table open  
7:00pm-10:00pm DG Peter Nevers welcomes Lions, Leos, and guests  
Corn Hole/Games/D.J. Music requests  
Hospitality Suite

#### Saturday Morning

7:30-8:30am Breakfast on your own  
7:30-11:00am Registration Table open  
8:00-3:00pm Leo Conference  
8:00-4:00pm Lion Conference  
11:00am DG Teri Schlosser introduces  
Keynote Speaker William DeMaio in Great Hill  
12:00 Noon DG Teri Schlosser welcomes Lions & Leo to Luncheon in Ballroom  
Leo of the Year  
Peace Poster  
Leo Highlights  
Parade of Checks  
Raffle Announcements

2:00-4:00pm Registration open  
2:00-03:00pm 3rd International Vice President Mark and Lion Lyn Lyon Town Hall in Great Hill  
3:00-4:00pm Pin Traders Woodruff B  
District recognitions and New Voices  
Wrap up and Announcements for Service Project  
Flag rehearsal  
4:10pm Free time Hospitality Open  
4:00-5:30pm Photo session with 3rd International Vice President Mark and Lion Lyn Lyon  
5:30-6:00pm Cocktail hour  
6:00-7:00pm Banquet Hosted by DG Rick Zappone,  
7:00-10:00pm Flag ceremony

Post Banquet Hospitality open

#### Sunday Morning

8:00am-10:00am Breakfast and Q&A with 3<sup>rd</sup> International Vice President Mark and Lion Lyn Lyon

<p align="center"><b>Engaging Community Health Fairs</b></p> <p>This presentation will provide you with the tools to run a successful Health Fair in your community showcasing LCI causes to your community. These presenters are the top in this field: <i>Lions Shaun McColgan &amp; Lisa Cerbone-Montalto</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>8-8:45am Great Hill</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Audubon Society</b></p> <p>Come hear how we can partner with the Connecticut Audubon Society to increase our service to the environment and feather friends.</p>	<p align="center"><b>8-8:45am Woodruff A</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Stop the Presses</b></p> <p>This seminar will discuss a variety of ways to get the word out about your club and your events. Presented by the <i>2<sup>ND</sup> VDG Team: Lions Mark Beninson, Peter Cianciolo and James Tripp</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>8-8:45am Woodruff B</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>LCIF</b></p> <p>This seminar will be led by MD 23 LCIF leaders who will discuss a variety of topics including recent grants, Legacy Program and Presidential pin program. Presenter: <i>PDG Ed Fenton</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>9-9:45am Great Hill</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Stop the Bleed</b></p> <p>We all know that Lions are everywhere and following our moto: "We Serve". Did you know that you can also help save a life using a few techniques taught by <i>EMT Lions Maria &amp; Lance Gladue</i>.</p>	<p align="center"><b>9-9:45am Woodruff A</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Recruiting New Members</b></p> <p>This seminar will go over all the techniques to recruiting and holding membership nights while incorporating Mission 1.5. Presented by <i>the 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Team: Lions Sue Hurlburt, Raj Shrestha, and Eileen Akers</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>9-9:45am Woodruff B</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Lead through Service</b></p> <p>Join the GST and learn ways to get members involved including how to effectively report service on LCI. <i>Special Guest Speaker: Peter Keast</i> who will share his experience and insight. Excellent opportunity to learn from experts in the field with like-minded individuals who are passionate about making a difference in their community</p>	<p align="center"><b>10-10:45am Great Hill</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Fidelco</b></p> <p>Come hear from <i>Lion Liaison Mark McGrath</i> about Fidelco and the impact that Connecticut Lions make with this organization.</p>	<p align="center"><b>10-10:45am Woodruff A</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Healthy Heart</b></p> <p>February is Heart Health Month. Our Special Guest Steve Walling head of Hoffman Heart &amp; Vascular Institute at St. Francis hospital will dive into symptom, showing ultrasounds and the importance to act quickly. <i>Presenter: Lion Sue Boilard</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>10-10:45am Woodruff B</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>A Positive Approach to Blindness</b></p> <p>You will not want to miss hearing from our <i>Keynote Speaker Bill DeMaio</i> who is the Supt. of Newington Parks &amp; Rec and President of the ADA Coalition of CT. His story will make you laugh &amp; cry and walk out with a newfound feeling of being a Lion.</p>	<p align="center"><b>11-11:45am Ballroom</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Lunch Break</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>12:00-2PM</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Town Hall</b></p> <p>Special presentation by <i>3<sup>rd</sup> International Mark &amp; Lyn Lyon</i>. Come hear about this journey, where they have been and where they are going. There will also be time for Q&amp;A.</p>	<p align="center"><b>2-3pm Great Hill</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Fun Meetings</b></p> <p>Are you looking to increase your club's meeting attendance? Look no further – Come hear from a panel of Lions. This seminar is led by <i>PDG Heidi Zacchera</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>3-4PM Great Hill</b></p>