

The Lions' Roar



The Monthly District 23B Governor's Update

November 2022



District Governor's Corner DG Dave Roberts

Dear Leos, Leo-Lions and Lions,

Since the start of this Lions Year on July 1st, we have lost three Lions leaders. First, we lost PDG Len Johnson (2008-2009) of Terryville Lions Club, then PCC Alan Daninhirsch (2001-2002) of New Britain Lions Club, and then PDG Cliff Randall (1980-1981) of Windsor Locks Lions Clubs. We mourn the loss of all Lions, but the loss of these three leaders has saddened us deeply and hopefully made us want to recommit to serving others in order to carry on the legacy of these Lions leaders.

As we welcome in the Fall season, I see some awesome service occurring throughout our District at car shows, country fairs, and other community events. I am so pleased to see Leos and Lions working side-by-side with our clubs recording their service to document the impact we make in the lives of those in need. Let me share just some of this great service . . .

VETERANS STAND DOWN: Veterans Stand Down took place at various locations throughout the State of Connecticut this year, instead of at just one site. Under the leadership of District 23-B Stand Down Chair John Habif of South Windsor Lions Club, District 23-B Clubs served at the State Veteran's Home in Rocky Hill. This event took place between 8 am and 2 pm. We are pleased to report that 443 veterans registered and were served at Rocky Hill during Veterans Stand Down. This service was up from 347 veterans served last year, or a 28% increase in veterans served. At other locations, Bridgeport served 209 veterans, Bristol served 110 veterans, Danbury served eighty-five veterans, and Norwich served 179 veterans. The total for all five sites was 1,026 veterans served. While we did not count all who came to the District 23-B tables, we feel confident that we served at least 150 veterans. This year, we were happy to be able to reintroduce vision screening with the leadership of PDG Dan Uitti, and oversight by optometrist, Lion Dr. Jerry Hardison. Many Lions volunteers assisted on vision screening, which was provided until Noon, due to Dr. Hardison's schedule. Rocky Hill was the only site this year for vision screening where Twenty-eight veterans were screened. Follow-up was needed for twelve veterans; two suspected with glaucoma, eight who did poorly with the glaucoma test, one suspected to have cataracts, and one for possible diabetes. For Veterans Stand Down, Lions from seventeen clubs participated through volunteering and/or providing donations. This participation is up from thirteen clubs last year, or a 31% increase in club participation. Overall, there were twenty-two Lions volunteers from among the seventeen clubs who worked at the event, either providing donations to veterans or assisting with vision screening. We were very happy to see that three Lions volunteered this year from Rocky Hill Veterans Club. Last year, we had fifteen Lions volunteers from thirteen clubs, or a 47% increase in Lions volunteers this year. Clubs contributed well over 1,000 items with an estimated value of \$4,000. 100% of items brought to Veterans Stand Down were utilized by veterans attending, with most items gone before Noon. Thanks to Chair John Habif and all the Lions and Lions Clubs who again made this event such a success! Even the pandemic could not stop us this year!

GREAT CYCLE CHALLENGE USA: This year, almost a dozen Lions rode their bikes as part of the Connecticut Roars teams to raise over \$25,000 for children's cancer research. This year, our two teams rode in memory of our dear friend, Lion Bonnie Jo Cheron of Kent Lions Club. This activity seems to be a very popular way for Lions to raise funds for children's cancer research and to have fun. Even after my bicycle accident two years ago, I finally got back on my bike this year and rode over 50 miles and personally raised over \$700.

HEARING PRESERVATION: Under the leadership of Dr. Akella Sarma and Pat Daigle, our District continues to look for ways to provide hearing assistance to those most in need. Cabinet Treasurer Jim Daniels and I have been working with Starkey to set up a District account for procuring devices. Our District co-chairs are also looking to establish a seamless process for clubs to follow when a member of the community asks for assistance.

SERVICE: Lion Phyllis Perry from Bloomfield Lions Club is again serving as the District's Global Services Team Chair for 2022-2023. Clubs across the District undertake service projects almost every day. One highlight for me was when Barkhamsted, East Windsor, Enfield, Glastonbury Centennial, and Granby Lions Clubs members came together at the last minute to cookout over 1,000 hot dogs for the JDRL One Walk for diabetes awareness and research at Six Flags New England. JDRL was so impressed with our service that they have invited us to volunteer at their October 29th diabetes awareness walk at Dunkin Donuts Park. Lions and Leos joined together for a project where we collected socks at our 2nd District Cabinet/Membership meeting as part of the Socks for Soldiers initiative promoted by GLT Cindy Daniels.

TRAINING: Global Leadership Team Chair Cindy Daniels from Windsor Lions Club continues to promote training opportunities. Zone Chair training continues for all seven of our Zone Chairs. 2VDG Raj Shrestha just returned from Los Angeles where he attended ALLI training. And a Faculty Development Institute is being offered in Massachusetts in conjunction with New England Lions Council and we are pleased that IPDG Ed Fenton will be attending. Finally, all certified Guiding Lions are being asked to either undertake or renew their certification on-line. Recently, 2VDG Raj Shrestha and I were presented with our certificates by GLT Cindy for recertifying as Guiding Lions.

SECOND DISTRICT CABINET/MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Our second 2022-2023 District 23-B Cabinet Meeting was held at Camp Happy Hill in Unionville with another capacity audience of over 60 Leos and Lions in attendance. All refreshments were donated for this meeting by Barkhamsted and Northwestern CT Cyber Lions Clubs. Our goal this year is to keep meeting costs down in order for Lions to donate to LCIF and other worthy initiatives. At our second Cabinet Meeting, we honored twelve of our living Past District Governors (PDG Kurt Fitch, 1988-1989; PDG Dan Uitti, 1990-1991; PCC Syd Schulman, 1998-1999; PCC Dr. Stephen Polezoni, 2007-2008; PCC Sia Dowlatshahi, 2010-2011; PDG Mike Wilcox, 2014-2015; PDG Steven Daigle, 2015-2016; PCC Kathy Randall, 2016-2017; PDG Harry Schuh, 2018-2019; PCC Ev Lyons, 2019-2020; PDG Heidi Zacchera, 2020-2021; and IPDG Ed Fenton, 2021-2022). Each PDG was presented with a signed/framed Certificate of Appreciation and presented with the International President's pin. In addition, our new Leo representative to the Cabinet, Leo Sophia Marangoudakis, was introduced. We highlighted three of our New Voices (Leo Mihika Joshi for Service; Zone Chair Tanya Dorman for Leadership; and Lion Judy Doyle for Marketing). Our Cabinet also unanimously approved donating \$2,000 per year for the next three Lions Years to the campaign of PID Mark S. Lion for 3rd International Vice President! In addition, District leaders are working on a number of projects to support this campaign.

Unfortunately, COVID raised its ugly head following this Cabinet and Zone 1 meetings and at least six Lions and two spouses have received a positive COVID test. I encourage all Leos, Leo-Lions and Lions to wear masks, properly distance, get tested if you have any COVID symptoms, and use our virtual meeting capability where feasible. So, mark your calendars now and let all your members know that our Third District 23-B Cabinet/Membership meeting will be held on Monday, January 9th at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

OUT AND ABOUT: I try to attend as many events as I can and encourage other Lions, Leos and Leo-Lions to experience new opportunities. I attended memorial services for PDG Len Johnson and PCC Alan Daninhirsch. PDG George and Lion Cindy Cooper attended a memorial service for PDG Cliff Randall in Maine. I volunteered six times

with Connecticut Lions at Dunkin Donuts stadium during Yard Goats home games since my last column. I have attended events for CT ECAD Lions Club Branch, Barkhamsted Lions, Granby Lions, Torrington Lions, Greater Hartford West Indian Lions, Lyon Pride, MD-23 Mid-Winter Conference Planning, Watertown (twice), Woodbury (twice), and Bethlehem, New London Lions 100th Anniversary, New Britain Lions 100th Anniversary, Hartland Lions, CLERF, multiple Zone meetings and the CRIS Radio Annual Meeting. In addition, I participated in GAT meetings with PCC Hilary Kumnick to hear and learn about developments in other districts throughout New England. And after recovery from COVID 2.0, I was able to attend my sixth USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Calgary. These Forums are so inspirational for me and I always learn something new to bring back to Connecticut. I am already looking forward to our 2023 Forum in Reno, Nevada.

LOOKING FORWARD TO BOSTON: The 2023 Lions Clubs International Convention will be held from July 7-11, 2023, in Boston. At this event our own leader, PID Mark S. Lyon, will officially be celebrated as 3rd International Vice President and you will definitely want to be there!)

PDG Heidi Zacchera, who is serving as our 2023 International Convention Chairperson, asks that you complete steps 1 & 2 below ASAP so that you are registered and have a hotel to stay in.

Step 1: For Convention registration and more information, go to: <https://lclcon.lionsclubs.org>
Registration: \$175. Plus, other activities you'd like to add.

Step 2: To make hotel reservations:
Contact: <https://www.mcisemi.com/lci2023>
Phone: 866-258-0198
Fax: 972-349-7715
Email: lci@mcievents.com

TWO CONNECTICUT DELEGATION HOTELS

1. Hampton Inn and Homewood Suites by Hilton Boston Seaport (3 blocks from the convention center) is located at 670 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02210 (this is where the MD-23 hospitality suite will be).
Phone: 857-356-3033
Fax: 857-356-3044
\$279 per night.
2. Boston Park Plaza (1.6 miles from the convention center) is located at 50 Park Plaza, Arlington Street, Boston, MA 02116.
Phone: 617-426-2000
\$288 per night.

Sample CONVENTION Schedule:

July 7 Thursday: Registration
July 8 Friday: Registration, Exhibit hall open
July 9 Saturday: 9:00 am, Parade; 6:00 pm, International Show
July 10 Sunday: 9:30 am, Opening Plenary; Voting; MJF Luncheon; Seminars
July 11 Monday: 9:30 am, Plenary; Voting; Seminars; 8:00 pm, Banquet
July 12 Tuesday: 9:30 am, Final Plenary; Flag Ceremony; Installation of all District Governors (including our very own Peter Nevers) and International Officers (including 3rd International VP Mark S. Lyon); 7:00 pm, International Officers Meet and Greet where you will receive IP Dr. Patti Hills' pin

AND NOW FOR OUR BIG NEWS (DRUMROLL PLEASE) . . .

NEW LIONS' SPECIALTY CLUB LAUNCHING: While retaining and inspiring our current members is a key role as your District Governor, I am so pleased to report that we held our organizational meeting recently to launch a 55th Lions Club in District 23-B to be called the Hartford PAK-K2 Lions Club. The credit for this new club goes to West Hartford Lumbini Lions Club Immediate Past President Narendra Dev Pant; with strong support from Lions Club Specialist/2VDG Raj Shrestha. This club currently has 23 Charter members and has been tentatively approved by Lions Clubs International. For those that don't know, PAK is the abbreviation for Pakistan (like USA is for the United States of America), and K2 is the second tallest mountain in the world and is found in Pakistan. What a cool name for our newest Lions Club here in Connecticut! Watch for updates on this new club and their charter event.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at either dave@daveroberts.org or 858-775-9241 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. So, let us "Seize the Day"!

Together We Can, Lion Dave

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District Governor (2022-2023)
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Special Feature for December District Spirit

A reminder that with the recent passing of both PCC Alan Daninhirsch and PDG Len Johnson, we are looking for pictures and stories about how these two Lions affected you on your journey through Lionism. We are planning on publishing a retrospective on them in the December 2022 District Spirit, and ask your help in providing material. We ask that any submissions for this be sent to district23bspirit@gmail.com by November 1, 2022.

New (and not so New) Lions Member Orientation

On Sunday, November 13, Past Council Chair Ev Lyons will offer a District Orientation at 7:00 PM on Zoom for all Lions (new and not so new), to learn about Lionism, our District, and to ask any questions you might have about your Lions experience so far. Please join us for this one-hour activity from the comfort of your home. Here is the **Zoom information:**

Topic: Lions District 23-B New Member Orientation

Time: November 13, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88984609881?pwd=SIBWTUZDZUc3eTNBSml2dXVPd0phdz09>

District Calendar

Marlborough Lions Club, Events to be Announced

Medical Device Drive TBD

Generator Raffle TBD (will likely pull winner by 12/1)

Woodbury Lions Club, Annual Haunted Hayride, October 28,29, 6:30pm-9pm

Location: Mitchell School, 14 School Street, Woodbury

Tickets: Adults \$15, Children under 10 \$7

Our celebration of all things spooky! Jump on a real hay wagon and enjoy the ride around the scarier parts of town, with a stop at the infamous Haunted Barn. Ticket sales start at 6:30 each night, with the first wagon leaving at 7pm. Refreshments will be for sale at the school. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$7 for children under 10. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://woodburylionsclub.ticketspice.com/haunted-hayride-2022>

Marlborough Lions Club, Masquerade 5K, October 30, 2022 10:30AM

Location: Blish Park, Marlborough Ct

Entry Fee: \$30pp, \$60 family

Free tee shirts to the first 100 registered runners before October 15th

Contact: www.marlboroughlionsclubfall5k.itsyourrace.com

Watertown Lions Club, First Game Dinner, November 4, 6pm-10pm

Location: Grand Oak Villa, 530 Sylvan Lake Road, Oakville, CT.

Tickets: \$65 per person. A table of 10 will be \$600

The menu includes: Traditional Antipasto at Guest Tables, Hunters Chili/Grilled Duck Sausage with roasted Eggplant & Apricot Lentil Stew, Rigatoni with Pheasant & Pancetta Bolognese Sauce, Venison Meatloaf with French Beans, Herb Roasted Cornish Game Hens Braised Wild Boar & Cuban Ella Peppers with Chili Oil Potatoes Mixed Green Salad, Coffee & Cake Station, Soda & Water, Keg Beer & House Carafe Wine Included
Raffles for Glock 43 Pistol, Mossberg 20 gauge combo shot gun with Scope, Some Fishing apparel and Equipment, plus other things

Contact: President Dan Uitti PDG, dan@uitti.net 860-274-9065, Lion Joe McGrail, jjmcgrail53@hotmail.com 860-274-5905, Lion Steve Bormolini, lionswb@aol.com 203-592-0760, or Lion Jim Kosloski, koslo@optonline.net 860-945-6944

Avon Lions Club, Harvest Breakfast, November 6, 8am-10:30am

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

Tickets: Adults \$10, Children 5-12 \$5, Free for children 4 and under

Enjoy juices, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, home fries, muffins and beverages

Bring your eyeglasses and hearing aids for recycling

Proceeds to go to local charities

District Officer Training, November 12, 8:45am-12:15pm

Location: The LP Wilson Community Center, 599 Matianuck Ave., Windsor, Ct.

This session is intended for all past, present or incoming District Leaders, Incoming, past and present Club Officers, Club Chairpersons, all Lions interested in learning about leadership, service and membership, Lions new to your Club. The agenda for each session is forthcoming.

Torrington Lions Club, Holiday Craft and Gift Fair, November. 12, 10am-3pm

Location: Torrington Armory, 153 South Main St, Torrington

Funds used to benefit Torrington community. Many vendors displaying various products which can be used for Christmas gifts or whatever you want. Raffle items will also be available as well as hot dogs, chips and some drinks.

Contact: Lion Margaret (Kiki) for more information, 860-489-8971 kiki73055@hotmail.com

New Member Orientation, November 13, 7pm-8pm

Location: Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88984609881?pwd=SIBWTUZDZUc3eTNBSml2dXVPd0phdz09>

Open to all Lions, new and not-so-new

New Britain Lions Club, A Fun Night of Trivia, November 29, 7pm

Location: Trinity-on-Main 69 Main Street, New Britain

Admission: \$10 includes desserts and coffee or tea, cash bar

Marlborough Lions Club, Blood Drive, December 1

Location: Marlborough Senior Center

More details to follow

Enfield Lions Club, Pancake Breakfast, December 3, 8am-11:30am

Location: Enfield Senior Center next to Enfield Public Safety Complex

Greater Hartford Host Lions Club, 100th Anniversary Celebration, December 6, 6pm

Location: Rockledge Grille, 289 S Main St, West Hartford, CT 06107

Tickets: \$60/pp

In celebration of our 100th Anniversary we are planning a dinner on Tuesday, December 6, 2022. There will be a cocktail hour (cash bar), followed by dinner and dessert.

Contact: Matthew Woods Weber, 914-886-2325

Kent Lions Club, Blood Drive, December 19, 10am-2pm

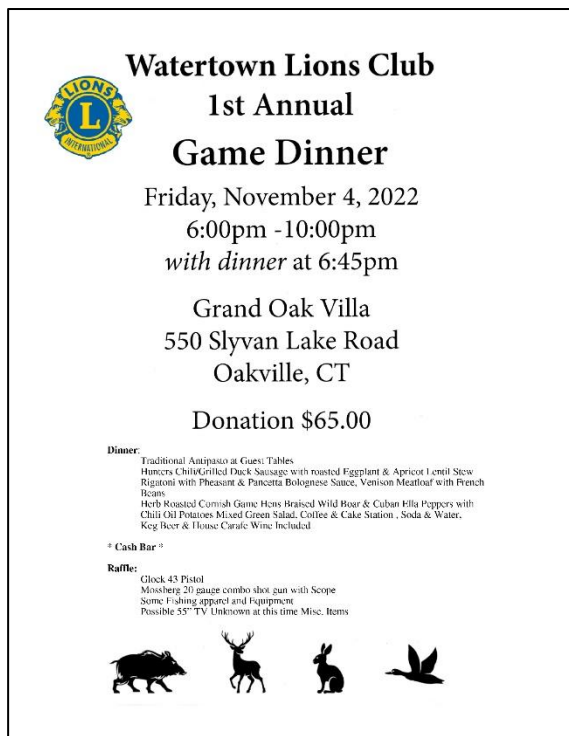
Location: Kent Community House, 93 N Main St., Kent, CT q

The event will be hosted by our club or appointments please visit wredcrossblood.org

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: August 15 for the September District Spirit—submit to District23BSpirit@gmail.com. September 15 for the October 2021 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 poster features a yellow background with brown and green leaf and berry patterns. At the top left is the Lions International logo. Below it, the text reads: "HELP YOUR AVON LIONS SUPPORT IMPORTANT CHARITIES & OUTREACH". The main title "Harvest Breakfast" is in a large, brown, cursive font. Below the title is a photograph of a breakfast meal including pancakes, eggs, sausage, and fruit. Underneath the photo, it says: "Proceeds will go to local charities. \$10 - adults, \$5 - kids 5-12, FREE - kids 4 and under". The date and time are listed as "NOVEMBER 6TH • SUNDAY • 8 AM - 10:30 AM". The location is "AVON SENIOR CENTER, 635 WEST AVON RD, AVON CT". At the bottom, it lists the menu: "Enjoy a delicious breakfast: Juices, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Home Fries, Muffins, & Beverages" and a note: "Bring your used eyeglasses and hearing aids for recycling by the Lions".



The poster has a white background with a black border. At the top left is the Lions International logo. The title "Watertown Lions Club 1st Annual Game Dinner" is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the title, the date and time are listed: "Friday, November 4, 2022, 6:00pm - 10:00pm with dinner at 6:45pm". The location is "Grand Oak Villa, 550 Sylvan Lake Road, Oakville, CT". The donation amount is "Donation \$65.00". Below this, there are sections for "Dinner:" and "Raffle:". The dinner menu includes: "Traditional Antipasto at Guest Tables, Hamers Chili-Grilled Duck Sausage with roasted Figsplant & Apricot Lentil Stew, Rigatoni with Pheasant & Panacea Bolognese Sauce, Venison Meatloaf with French Beans, Herb Roasted Cornish Game Hens Braised Wild Boar & Cuban Fila Peppers with Chili Oil Potatoes Mixed Green Salad, Coffee & Cake Station, Soda & Water, Keg Beer & House Carafe Wine Included". The raffle items are: "Glock 43 Pistol, Mossberg 20 gauge combo shot gun with Scope, Some Fishing apparel and Equipment, Possible 55" TV. Unknown at this time. Misc. Items". At the bottom, there are four black silhouettes of animals: a boar, a deer, a rabbit, and a bird.

The New Britain Lions Club Presents
A FUN NIGHT OF TRIVIA



TRIVIA NIGHT IN NEW BRITAIN
7:00 PM NOVEMBER 29TH
TRINITY-ON-MAIN
HISTORIC SITE
69 MAIN STREET
NEW BRITAIN

Put together your own table and compete for Lions' prizes in a professionally run night of Trivial Pursuit(Jeopardy). \$10 /person includes desserts, coffee or tea with a cash bar. Held in the historically significant former downtown Trinity Methodist Church. Reply to:

MGBERN715SBCGLOBAL.NET

**WOODBURY LIONS CLUB
HAUNTED HAYRIDE**

OCTOBER 21, 22, 28, 29 2022



ADULTS \$15
CHILDREN UNDER 10, \$7
LEAVES FROM MITCHELL SCHOOL
FIRST TRIP AT 7PM
TICKET SALES START AT 6:30

CHILDREN'S HAYRIDE OCTOBER 22, 1 PM
(RAIN DATE: OCTOBER 29)
\$4 ADULTS, \$3 CHILDREN
ALL CHILDREN RECEIVE A FREE PUMPKIN

BUY TICKETS ONLINE



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