

The Monthly District 23B Governor's Update

October 2022



District Governor's Corner DG Dave Roberts

Dear Leos, Leo-Lions and Lions,

Almost one quarter of this Lions Years has passed by so quickly, yet so much has been happening despite the continuance of the pandemic. Every day, I see clubs, branches, committees, and individuals performing service and raising funds for others. As our International President Brian Sheehan says: "Together we can, together we will!"

One of my honors as your District Governor is to represent our District at funerals and memorial services for deceased Lions. Since the beginning of this Lions Year on July 1st, our District has lost eleven Lions (over 200 years combined of Lions Clubs International membership). I want to dedicate this issue of our District's newsletter in memory of Past Council Chair Alan Daninhirsch of New Britain Lions Club. PCC Alan was a GIANT of a Lion and will be sorely missed. We offer our deepest condolences to his family, his club, and to PCC Kathy Randall. We all will carry on PCC Alan's memory and legacy in our service and dedication that we provide to those most in need. RIP PCC Alan.

We recently received the extremely exciting news that our very own Past International Director Mark S. Lyon received the recommendation of our Association's Executive Officers and the unanimous endorsement of the 2022-2023 International Board of Directors as a candidate for the high office of International Third Vice President of Lions International for the 2023 International Convention in Boston. This exciting news puts our District and State into the international spotlight and we all have much to do to help PID Mark and Lion Lyn reach this lofty position. One key need is for as many District 23-B Leos, Leo-Lions and Lions to attend the 105th International Convention in Boston in July 2023. We need everyone there showing our support for Connecticut's candidate and volunteering for the campaign in Boston. For questions on the campaign or interest in volunteering, please contact PDG Keith Lemire at LyonprideofCT@gmail.com. I am so pleased that PCC Kathy Randall and PDG David Yadach are serving on the campaign committee. In addition, PDG Heidi Zacchera, PDG Ed Fenton, Lion

Linda Russell and I are serving on the campaign in various roles. There is much to do and we would love to have you join this effort!

Another key way that we, as Connecticut Lions, can support the campaign currently is for you and your club to contribute to the campaign from either your personal funds or your club's administrative fund. I am talking about the opportunity we have to elect another Connecticut Lion to serve our International Association and I am challenging all 54 clubs (or at least one member of all 54 clubs) to contribute and show Mark and Lyn our support. Funds of any amount can be sent to Lyon Pride of CT, P.O. Box 660, Brookfield, CT 06804. At our First District Cabinet Meeting, District 23-B strongly endorsed PID Mark and I hope we can continue to show our support by donating something now to help fund this campaign.

Speaking of District Cabinet meetings . . .

ANNOUNCEMENT!

2nd District Cabinet and Membership Meeting – OPEN TO ALL!
FREE Dinner sponsored by Barkhamsted and NW CT Cyber Lions Clubs
MONDAY, October 3, 2022
Dinner/Social: 6:00 – 6:30 PM
Meeting: 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Lions Club Camp Happy Hill

87 West Avon Road, Unionville, CT 06085

Please RSVP to Cabinet Secretary Sue Boilard at dsboilard@gmail.com no later than Friday, September 30. This event is open to all Lions, Leo-Lions, Leos, and guests and is free of charge. However, you must RSVP by deadline!

September was the month that many Lions and Leos rode our bicycles for the Great Cycle Challenge USA to raise much need funds for the Children's Cancer Research Fund and to "kick cancer's butt". We all rode in honor of Lion Bonnie Jo Cheron of Kent Lions Club who, even in her passing, continues to inspire us with her memory and legacy. Thanks for all who supported this global cause to fight kid's cancer!

I am enjoying visiting the clubs this year and sharing this opportunity with 1st VDG Peter Nevers and 2nd VDG Raj Shrestha. To date (despite COVID), I have visited club meetings or club activities for Barkhamsted, Bethlehem, Colebrook, Granby, Hartland, NW CT Cyber, Terryville, Torrington, Watertown, Woodbury, and Torrington. During my visits, I am learning about how the District can support your club and sharing updates with your members on District activities. I have also inducted eight new Lions during these various visits. Prior to a scheduled club visit during the upcoming month, either Cabinet Secretary Sue Boilard or I are contacting the club President to confirm my visit and to see if the club has any special needs from the District. Other District leaders are joining me for some club visits. I encourage all Lions to visit other

clubs to learn what they are doing to serve in their communities. We are keeping my visits casual (unless requested otherwise), so clubs don't feel they are being invaded by the "blue coats".

So, as the Fall season begins, we continue to volunteer daily throughout the District to retain our current members, attract new members, encourage young people to join as Leos and Leo-Lions, perform impactful service, raise scarce resources for needed projects, and I hope have fun doing all this activity. The District is here to serve you and make your service workload lighter. Together we can! Lion Dave

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Lions Clubs International Peace Essay Contest

Lions Clubs International, is sponsoring a Peace Essay Contest. The contest is open to visually impaired youth between the ages of eleven and thirteen. One grand prize winner will receive \$5,000 US dollars. The theme of the contest this year is "Lead with Compassion." Essays must be no longer than 500 words, submitted in English, typewritten in black ink, and double spaced. An official entry form must accompany each submission. A local school student, youth group, or any individual of qualifying age may apply. Only one essay per student, group, or individual is allowed.

The local Lions Club where the entrant resides will sponsor each entry and entry forms are available through participating Lions Clubs. Complete information is available on the Lions International Website at lionsclubs.org. Deadline for submission to each local club is October 25, 2022.

Lion Leaders, please encourage your Lions Club to consider sponsoring this Opportunity for Youth. If you should have any questions, please reach out to Committee Chair, Lion Melita Harris. melita harris@yahoo.com

Together in Lionism and Leoism
Lion Melita Harris, melita_harris@yahoo.com
District 23B Opportunities for Youth Chair

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.

District Calendar

Windsor Lions Club, Community Tag Sale, September 25, 8am-3pm

Location: Windsor Town Green **Fee:** \$25 per 10' x 12' site

What you sell is your money to keep! What you don't sell you take home! Nothing can be left on the Green! Please reserve your spot by making a payment before 9/18/21 by either:

- 1. Online payment at www.checkout.square.site/buy/5R3XGHBINVGI7KD7VWXMA2XY
- 2. Check payable to The Lions Club Charitable Foundation, Windsor, Ct.
- 3. Cash (all checks and cash can be dropped off at The Bean 226 Broad St. Windsor)

Then, forward your email to <u>tjeffery64@yahoo.com</u>. You will be emailed your site # the week of 9/18/21. All proceeds from site sales go to Camp Rising Sun

Marlborough Lions Club, Medical Device Drive, Month of October

Details to follow

Bloomfield Lions Club, Tag Sale and Auto Show, October 1, 8:30am-2:30pm

Location: Sav-More Plaza, 1051 Blue Hills Ave, Bloomfield CT

Cost: Vendor Space \$20 (10'x10', bring own table and chairs), Car show \$10/car, Spectators FREE admission and

parking

Rain Date: October 8

YOUR OPTIONS:
Sell your treasures
Shop for treasures
Show your vehicle
Support the Lions' fundraising efforts
DO ALL FOUR...

Contact: www.bloomfieldlionsct.org or 860-882-3679

Marlborough Lions Club, Vision Screening, October 4-5, 8:30am-3pm

Location: Marlborough Elementary School

Zone 2 Meeting, October 6, 7pm Location: Memorial Hall, Bethlehem CT

Windsor Lions Club, Fall Arts and Crafts Fair, October 8, 10am-4pm

Location: Windsor Town Green

Contact: Debbie Loomer dcginger3@yahoo.com

Winsted Lions Club, 7th Annual Halloween Party, October 14, 6:30pm-11pm

Location: Crystal Peak, Torrington Road, Winsted CT 06098

Tickets: \$30/per person

Costumes are encouraged for this event. The cost for tickets is 30\$ in advance by contacting as well as at the door. Admission includes hot hors d'oeuvres, coffee, and desserts. There is a cash bar and multiple raffles with various prizes donated from local businesses. In addition, there is a 50/50 raffle, and a costume contest with multiple categories with prizes for each. There will be live music from the 3G Band.

Contact: Joe Zibell at 860-921-6644, or on our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/WinstedCTLions23B

Plainville Lions Club, Annual Pancake Breakfast, October 16, 8am-Noon

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

Tickets: \$8pp; kids 6 and under eat free

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

Windsor Lions Club, Blind Americans Equality Day, October 16, 1:30pm-4pm

Location: The Tobacco Museum, Northwest Park, 135 Lang Rd, Windsor, Ct.

There will be a reception at the Tobacco Museum at Northwest Park on Sunday, October 16th., from 1:30-4:00, to focus attention on the innovative work done by The Windsor Lions and CRIS Radio, to use QR codes to bring history alive for blind, low vision and print disabled individuals. Blind and low vision individuals will be given tours of the museum, enjoy a brief reception and refreshments.

We will celebrate accomplishments made to create equality. This event will follow rules of social distancing and the wearing of face masks as required at the time of the event.

Contact: Lion Jim Daniels jamesadanielscpa@gmail.com

Woodbury Lions Club, Annual Haunted Hayride, October 21,22,28,29, 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

Woodbury Lions Club, Children's Hayride, October 22, 1pm-3pm

Location: Mitchell School, 14 School Street, Woodbury

Tickets: Adults \$4, Children under 10 \$3

A tamer version of our Haunted Hayride for younger children, with a stop at our pumpkin patch. 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

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

Marlborough Lions Club, Blood Drive, December 1

Location: Marlborough Senior Center

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: August 15 for the September District Spirit—submit to District23BSpirit@gmail.com. September15 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.



100% of the proceeds go back to the community in the form of college scholarships, service projects, and donations to these and many more local and national nonprofits:











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FRIDAY OCTOBER 14TH, 2022
AT CRYSTAL PEAK
164 TORRINGTON ROAD, WINSTED CT

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM
HORS D'OEUVRES HAND PASSED 7:00 PM-8:30 PM
BAND 7:30PM -11:00 PM

MUSIC BY THE 3G BAND
FEATURING COSTUME CONTESTS
(WITH PRIZES)
RAFFLES FOR AWESOME PRIZES DONATED BY
LOCAL BUSINESSES

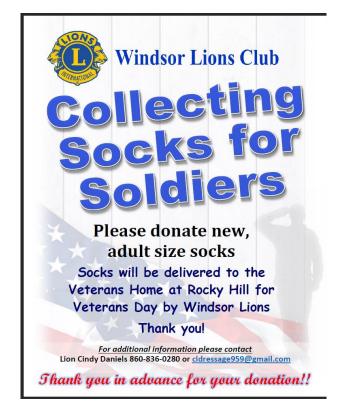
TICKETS \$30

AVAILABLE ONLINE

AT:

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/WINSTEDCTLIONS23B

CALL LION JOE 860-921-6644











Join us as we celebrate "Blind Americans Equality Day."

Hosted by the Windsor Lions Club, Sage Park and NCCL Leo
Clubs, and the Tobacco Museum

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