

# The International Association of Lions Clubs

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DISTRICT 23C

CONNECTICUT, U.S.A.



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To District Governor Steve Novic:

Report: Camp Rising Sun 2013-2014

On Lions Day at the camp last year the committee met with directors of the camp and were told the American Cancer Society was talking about dropping their support of all camps. They were very concerned if that happened we would drop them also. Angelo said if that happened it would only stir us to redouble our efforts to support them.

It was revealed to us that when Angelo made Camp Rising Sun his project in 1987 they were floundering and when we went and fed them on the Saturday of camp week it was a god send because without us they didn't have enough money to feed the kids before sending them home. We were their largest donor in the early years and kept them afloat.

As it turned out the American Cancer Society did drop them and under Angelo's guidance we stepped up. In the fall we had our first Gala fundraiser. That along with the support of 45 of our 55 Lions clubs and 5 of our 14 Leos clubs and numerous personal donations we reached his goal of \$35,000.00. Sad to say, as Angelo would put it talking about the campers, "THAT DREADED DISEASE CANCER" finally took him and he didn't live to see that happen.

At camp this year on Lions day Wednesday August 21st they will be dedicating a granite bench placed on the island at camp jewel as a memorial for his untiring effort right up until his dying day...

Respectfully submitted:

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