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Miracles Through Service

October 10



Hello Fellow Lions of District 23C,

It is hard to believe that our lions year is a quarter of the way through already. We have had cabinet members training, our first two cabinet meetings by the time this is published, zone meetings are being planned and club visitations have started. I am very much enjoying getting out to the clubs and meeting all of you great lions. It is a great honor to be serving as your District Governor this year.

As you all know from my previous newsletters I am pushing retention this year. We have always been great about getting new members but there can never be enough. We need to value and keep the lions we have. Please get any idle lions involved again. We are fortunate to have the group of leaders we do in our cabinet. The MERL team is under the leadership

of our very dedicated 1st Vice District Governor Ken Tucker. I am confident that his skills will help us to continue to build our membership.

We also have a great new program called "Membership by Extension." We are using some of the techniques that we learned in our extension workshop to go in and help clubs canvas for new members. Our first try at it was very successful. The Middlefield Lions sponsored a community shredding day. Extension Chair Steve Eaton went armed with brochures and information about Lions. With the help of the Middlefield Lions we got a list of 18 potential new members with one already signed up. What a terrific way to build our great organization. Any clubs interested please contact Chairperson Steve Eaton.

We are lucky to have the best region and zone chairs to help our clubs accomplish their goals for this year and provide what ever support is needed. I would also like to thank IPDG Keith Lemire for his dedicated service this past year and for his continued service this year as co-chair of Low Vision. I hope I can fill his shoes and continue the succession plan we started several years ago.

Please plan on attending our District Rally on October 23rd at the Farmer's Club in Colchester from 9-12. We

have a great group of speakers planned to energize the lions of our district. Last year the Lions of our district raised over \$280,000, volunteered over 17,000 hours and helped approximately 111,000 people. Let's see if we can make an even greater difference this year.

I have set very high goals for myself and the district this year. I am looking to all of you to help me accomplish those goals. Please continue to support all of our lions charities: Low Vision, CLERF, Camp Rising Sun, Diabetes, CRIS Radio, Hearing and Speech and Fidelco. Please invite the Chairpersons to your clubs to speak. I know the zone chairs have scheduled several of them for the zone meetings. Please attend so you can make an appointment to have them speak at your functions.

Many of the fundraisers and service projects are underway. Please continue to be a "Beacon of Hope" for those in need as our International President Sid Scruggs says. Please remember that "Lions serve with Love, Loyalty and Friendship" and have fun in every endeavor you undertake this year.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Denise Dudek
District Governor 23C

What's Happening in

Zone 1, Chair Larry Updyke

The Lions of Zone 1 have had a very busy summer with fundraisers and community service events.

The Westbrook Lions held yet another successful Potato Festival in August with participation and support from a number of other Lions.

The North Stonington Lions continued their sponsorship of the Memorial Day parade, parked cars at the North Stonington Fair as a service project and sold hamburgers at the Ledyard Fair. While the Niantic Lions, with the support of the Shoreline Leos, served dinner to Twin Havens seniors and landscaped their clubhouse and had another excellent year for their July 4th Arts and Crafts show/ Lobsterfest/ Chicken BBQ and raised funds serving food/Kettle Corn at Celebrate East Lyme and at the Westbrook Lions Potato Festival. In addition the club donated to the Town of East Lyme to support Music at the Pavilion and continued "Driving Miss Daisy" taking seniors to their appointments.

The Old Saybrook Lions handed out sunglasses at the Memorial Day parade; did a Dog Walk in June for Fidelco; served dinner at the Antique Boat Show held at the Connecticut River Museum in Essex in July; presented 3 Old Saybrook Eagle Scouts with the LCI/ Scouting patch at their Eagle Scout ceremony; and set up a food court for the "Broadway in the Park" concert and raised \$1200.00 for the Shoreline Soup Kitchen.

The Pawcatuck Lions once again sponsored a successful 5K charity road race and were one of the sponsors for the Pawcatuck River duck race. All the clubs in the

zone are gearing up for a very busy fall serving their local communities.

Zone 2, Chair Linda Bradshaw

As I begin my second year as zone chair, I am getting to know new clubs and new Lions, enjoying the experience of visiting and seeing first hand, the diversity, that cub's in our district bring to the table... we certainly have something for everyone. I am heartened by their warm welcomes and proud of their service A busy Summer of Service.

Cromwell Lions Club. They continue to work through issues on the status of their club, we wish them well.

Deep River / Chester Lions Club. They have supported and assisted (and continue to do so) PDG Art Davies during his run for International Director.

They started off this new Lions year with a Club Picnic, installing new officers and two new members.

At Chester Fair in August, they had great success with their Trailer selling Pulled Pork rolls ...and very tasty they were too. They ran their Annual Golf Tournament in September.

Plans will be underway for their annual Christmas Tree Sale ... not Christmas already, I'm still wearing shorts!


East Haddam Community Lions Club. At the installation of officers this year the club honored Lion Marcy Masci with an Ambassador of Sight Award, Lion John Bradshaw with a Knight of the Blind Award and Lion Sherry Langan with a Melvin Jones Fellowship: for

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SHIRLEY ANNUNZIATA
 President

the Clubs of the District

their outstanding contribution to the club.

The Annual Membership BBQ in July, a social event that highlights the FUN in fundraising and service, they have received membership applications from seven individuals, who will be installed in October....”well done” Membership committee. The club hosted their 3rd Ice Cream Social at the Sportsman’s Club ...a great service project for families in town.

Seventeen members stuffed, sealed, and counted 4,850 letters in 2 ½ hours for the annual solicitation mailing... there was much laughter and tall stories told as usual.

Once again this year they ran a Betting Hole at East Haddam Lions Golf Tournament on Sept.17.

The plans are finalized for the 7th annual Fashion Show, held on Sunday, October 10th. at Fox Hopyard. Members are also organizing the annual Military Whist on Friday, October 22nd at the East Haddam Elementary School and plans are being made for the upcoming “Light-up the Holidays”, in Nov/Dec... busy, busy!

Essex Lions Club. Home club of our District Governor Denise, has fully supported her whilst continuing to complete their full fundraising and service calendar. They held their Annual Lobster Bake in August, the good weather was welcoming along with the good company making for a fun event.

They are looking forward to installing several new members, a few more hands serve this community

They will be participating in the Essex Board of Trade Scarecrow Festival on Oct. 9 and the Ivoryton Pumpkin Festival on Oct. 30.

Lyme/Old Lyme Lions Club. They held their Memorial Day Antique Car Show, in conjunction with their town’s annual Parade and this year netted close to \$10K.

They sold food at a fundraiser on June 26th for a terminally sick child in town and donated over \$2,000 to “Caroline’s Miracle Foundation”, unfortunately the little girl has since passed away.

They picked up garbage, that is a twice-annual undertaking, Adopt-a-Highway theirs being RT 156 in Old Lyme. The kids in their Leos club create, print and delivered coloring books to the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center in Hartford. They do this each year as part of a community service project with the high school

In the fall they are planning to serve food at the Fall Fair, Center School, Old Lyme.

Zone 4, Chair Hilary Matthew Kumnick

Durham Lions are gearing up for the *Durham Fair!* They serve burgers, hot dogs, Lenny & Joe’s clam chowder, pulled pork and “our great breakfast sandwiches” according to President Richard Pasieka. Richard added “that’s our entire club’s focus right now”. The fair will extend to four days for the first time. Durham will be inducting two new members on October 12th!

Haddam Lions sponsored their annual “*Rollin on the River*” antique car show at Haddam Meadows in July. The event had hundreds of participants and the weather was great! The Haddam Lions again supplied the food concession for the *Haddam-Killingworth Relay for Life* this summer. Haddam has been doing this for four straight years. The club is issuing their second *Haddam-Killingworth Telephone Directory* this fall. If that’s not enough, they will be holding their *Harvest Hoe-Down* at Haddam Elementary School in Higganum on October 15th (24th is rain date). Eve nt includes food, rides and activities for kids of all ages.

OLD SAYBROOK LIONS CLUB
60TH ANNIVERSARY
SAVE THE DATE
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 OR KATE DELANEY 860 388-6454

What's Happening in the Clubs of the District (cont.)

Killingworth Lions are painting and preparing their new, permanent building for its second season on the Durham Fair Grounds. Killingworth serves traditional fair fare such as fried dough pizzas, corn dogs and chili dogs. Killingworth is excited about sponsoring a new LEOS Club for all high-schoolers living in Haddam and Killingworth. Members are looking forward to a *Corinthian Excursion* (boats and picnic at a beach) on the Connecticut River this fall. Tent erections are booming for the club's two event tents. Kid's Night Out (KNO); a monthly dance for all Haddam-Killingworth 7th and 8th graders continues with Lions providing chaperones, a DJ, soda, pizza and security.

Middlefield Lions will have sponsored their community-wide *Document Shredding Event* on September 18th. What a unique idea! They will be recruiting new members with the help of 23C Extension personnel at this event. Middlefield will be serving the "World's best sausage & pepper grinder" according to President Bob Veeley. They also offer mini-donuts and kielbasa. On October 30th Lions will host their 1st annual *Light Up Middlefield, Jack-O-Lantern Festival* 2-7 PM at the Middlefield Community Center. On November 14th Lions will host their 2nd *Remembering Veterans Pancake Breakfast* at the Middlefield Volunteer Fire Department.

Middletown Lions are looking forward to the *Head of the Connecticut River Regatta*. Lions sponsor this terrific event working with the City of Middletown on October 10th. The Middletown Lions will again have their *White Cane Day* on October 15th. Middletown

President Marty Knight points out "President Lyndon B. Johnson initiated this Day in 1964 and the Middletown Club have promoted this every year".

Zone 4 News: The first *Zone Meeting* is on October 7th at the Madison Rod & Gun Club in Killingworth at 7:00 PM. 23C Cabinet Chairs will be making brief presentations. The Killingworth Lions are hosting this dinner-meeting of clubs' presidents, secretaries and other interested Zone 4 club members.

Zone 5, Chair Diana Grisé

Our hardworking clubs have started out the new year with many events and activities, some outlined below. A lot of picnics were attended by Lions this summer which proved to be great social times.

The **Canterbury Lions Club** held their first golf tournament on September 10th which was very successful. On Saturday, September 18th they participated in Old Home Day where they had a booth with popcorn and candy apples during the day and then held a chicken barbecue late afternoon at the Town Hall.

A great time was had by all at the 4th of July parade sponsored by the **Columbia Lions Club**. They had a very successful chicken barbecue in August where they served over 676 meals! Their annual fall raffle is underway with the drawing on Sunday, November 7th. This raffle funds their scholarships which will be three \$600 scholarships to any graduating Columbia student this year. In late October they will be doing their town wide mailing to benefit CLERF and since the Club absorbs all the costs of mailing, every dollar raised goes to CLERF.

The annual horse show of the **Franklin Lions Club** was enjoyed by those who participated and attended on August 15th (a beautiful Sunday). They participated in the Fall Event at Blue Slope Country Museum by selling apple pie, cider and popcorn on October 2nd and 3rd.

A pancake breakfast will be held on Halloween by the



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Lori Dickinson

What's Happening in the Clubs of the District (cont.)

Griswold Lions Club with costume judging, games and cookie decorating. Look for their upcoming "Lotto" in November and "Jail your Boss" in December along with a breakfast with Santa.

The **Montville Lions Club** sponsored a road race in June for the benefit of a young man who was injured in an accident and presented him with a check for \$3,000. They sponsored a golf tournament on July 26th which was great success. They cleaned their "adopted" road on September 11th, had their annual bus trip to the Stormville, NY Flea Market on October 9th and a dinner for the Southeastern Connecticut Community Center of the Blind.

Two families of **Montville Leos** hosted Youth Exchange students from Germany for five weeks this summer and really enjoyed the experience – so much so that one of the families is considering visiting their student and her family in Germany! Their "adopted" road was cleaned on September 19th. The annual Halloween party is being planned as well as their dance for November.

I am looking forward to a busy year with these very active clubs.

Zone 6, Chair Lori Dickinson

Where did the summer go? Fall is in the air and the Lions in my zone are already busy with fundraisers and events for the coming year.

The **AAA Lions Club** had a very successful Montville Motorcycle Run at the beginning of June. They are now in the planning process of a bus trip to NYC and a walking tour and lunch in Chinatown. Sounds like a great time and a great trip. If you are interested please contact them. They are planning a yard sale at the Norwich Auto Show at Dodd Stadium. Planning is also ongoing for a pancake breakfast in December.

The **Colchester Lions Club** was busy at the Hebron Fair where they served food from their food trailer. After that will be the 57 Fest serving fried dough in September and they will have their annual horse show in Hebron that month. Their Autumn Pumpkins

and Pooches Fair on Oct. 3 is always a great time for the whole family. Plenty to do! They are handing out candy and explaining who the Lions are on the town green on Oct 29 for Colchester's Trunk or Treat .This is a new service project for them. Comedy Night will be coming soon, Nov. 6 at St. Joseph's Polish Club.

The **Hebron Lions Club** members have been tremendously busy planning for their annual Hebron Harvest Fair September 9-12. It is a huge event ..Fun for all.. Rides, animals, contests, great food, you can find it all at the Hebron Fair. It is the 40th anniversary this year and it is held at the Hebron Lions Fairgrounds. They have a Renaissance Faire in September and October at their fairgrounds and are planning for a haunted hayride in October as well.

The **Salem Lions Club** started their summer with their huge tag sale which was very successful. They had their Lions picnic in August at one of their member's places, The Salem Herb Farm. They just finished their 28th annual Community Calendar for over 1650 residents which includes all town meetings and events. They will be inducting a new member at their upcoming September meeting! They are also hard at work with their firewood sales. Which they sell at a local store and give free to seniors.

Zone 7, Chair Eileen Akers

A number of club successes also benefited their communities. These included the Ledyard and Lebanon fairs where the **Montville Mohegan-Pequot Lions**

The Pomfret Lions Welcome You to the 5th annual Sharing Celebration

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What's Happening in the Clubs of the District (cont.)

had their baked potato booth. This club also worked at the Hebron fair.

Lebanon Lions hold six blood drives a year. Proceeds from their October Fest on October 29 at the Fire Safety Complex will fund eyeglasses for people in Lebanon.

Ledyard will have Christmas shopping for clothing for children of needy families.

Recurring programs include weekly bingo in **Ledyard** and pasta suppers on the first Thursday of the month in **Taftville**.

Other upcoming activities include the **Ledyard Lions** 50th anniversary celebration on October 23, craft fairs conducted by the **Montville Mohegan-Pequot** and **Taftville** Lions, eye screening at the Mohegan Sun on Oct. 24 by the **Norwich Lions**, and **Taftville's** Cruise for Diabetes at the end of October.

Activities specifically benefiting people with reduced vision include **Ledyard's** Thanksgiving dinner for the Center of the Blind and **Taftville's** dance on October 2 for the Lions Low Vision Center.

For the holidays, **Lebanon** will serve Christmas breakfast on December 5 and there will be breakfast with Santa in **Ledyard**. **Taftville** will have wreaths and memorial boxes for sale.

Taftville may be contacted for ongoing sales of Rada cuttlery and gifts, and the sale of sailor bracelets in Norwich helps a young man with Leber's eye disease.

Zone 8, Chair Susan Jensen

The Lions in Zone 8 have been very busy with service projects and fundraisers this summer and all Clubs have more activities for the fall. I am looking forward to working with them all and meeting some new Lions.

Groton Lions sold fried dough at the Groton/New London Sail Fest Fireworks and also at the Balfour Beatty Block Party. Sausage and Peppers, hamburgers, and drinks were prepared for the Mystic Art Festival. The Groton Lions held their annual Golf Tournament

at Shennecossett Golf Course and cleaned up Drozdyk Drive in September. In October they plan to sell sausage and peppers again at the Balfour Beatty Auto & Boat Show and fried dough at the Groton Fall Festival in Poquonnock Plains Park.

Mystic Lions held their 24th annual Golf Tournament at Stonington Country Club in June. They sold hot dogs, soda, chips, and water at the Mystic Antique Boat Parade in the Mystic River Park this summer. They are busy planning their annual Wine, Beer, and Scotch Tasting Party on Oct 23. A live and silent auction will be held at that event.

New London Lions held a summer picnic to benefit the Center of the Blind at Harkness State Park in August. Every third Friday of the month the Lions serve and clean up dishes for the New London Community Meal Center. They also helped serve food at Family Fun Day at the Waterford Country School. The fourth Tuesday of every month they will be trying an evening meeting to see if they can attract some new members.

Waterford Lions held a hot dog, soda, chips, coffee and doughnut sale late last spring at the warehouse of Defender Industries. They held a Craft Show and Flea Market during Waterford Week. In October they will be holding an Induction of new members.

Waterford Regional Lions held a yard sale at the home of a member in September. They will be holding a Tastefully Simple Products and a Lia Sophia Jewelry Party for fundraisers this fall. On November 13 the Lions will host a Craft Show at the Waterford Community Center and a Pasta Dinner on October 16.

Zone 9, Chair Paul Beausoleil

Well, another Lions year is in motion an Region 4 - Zone 9 is in high gear.

Mansfield Lions Club have been busy over the summer with Mansfield annual Town Fair and Festival on the Green. They are currently preparing for the Fall Festival scheduled for September 26, 2010.

Somers Lions Club had their Golf Tournament over

Clubs of the District (cont.)

the summer and are presently working on Wine and Beer Tasting to be held November 13th at the K of C hall in Somers.

Stafford Lions launched their first ever "Moonlight Paddle". The stage was set for interested kayakers and canoeist to gather at Staffordville Lake to launch their boats and enjoy the lake and friendships of fellow participants.

Raffle tickets were sold for a yellow kayak waiting for a new home. A barbeque was provided by the Stafford Lions.

Over 100 kayaks and canoes set off in the moonlight to enjoy the end of summer event in Stafford. "Good job Stafford Lions".

Killingly Quit Corner had several yard sales over the summer to raised funds. They also had another good year selling strawberry shortcake at the Woodstock Fair. The club is presently looking into raising funds at the Risom Flea Market.

The Plainfield Lions Club had a busy summer working their food booth at the Central Cycle Club.

The club presently is quite busy getting thing ready for the new Plainfield TC Lions Club. Charter night is scheduled for October 17th, 1:00pm at the Plainfield VFW Club.

Waterford Regional Lions Club

Holiday Craft Show

Saturday, November 13 *(Corrected)*

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION

Free Door Prize Drawing

Waterford Community Center, Waterford, Connecticut
Lion Sandi 860-443-4402

THE PHANTOM



HI EVERYBODY, I'm hearing a lot of excitement from clubs about projects planned for the coming year. Wishing everyone much success. Now let's start the year off with a fun fact. Take your hats off and take a bow Connecticut people as we're moving on up. Last year we were in eleventh place but this year we slid into the 9th place as Ct. is

the 9th healthiest state in the U.S.A.. Our neighbors in Massachusetts ranked #2, New Hampshire #5, Vermont #6, Maine #8 and Rhode Island came in at #11. Minnesota took the gold as the #1 healthiest state. Moving on, let's talk dogs with the Putnam Lions. A DOG WALK TO SUPPORT COMBAT VETERANS . NEADS [National Education for Assistance Dog Services] provides service dogs for disabled veterans at no cost. The dogs are trained to serve the needs of veterans ranging from wheelchair and prosthetic aid to hearing and balance conditions caused by roadside bombs and concussive [TBI] injuries. Having one of these canine companions instills a sense of independence and confidence in our wounded veterans. Service dogs also are a cost effective alternative to physical and psychological therapy. We have missed this year's dog walk in support of NEADS that the Putnam Lions put on but not to early to tell you of the 2011 walk. All dogs big, short, tall or small are all welcome. There is no cost to participate. However donations are welcome. This was a big project and it proved to be a SUPER success. The Lions raised over \$4,200 for NEADS last year. We as Lions know what service dogs can do to change a person's life. If you would like to donate, pledge or would like more information for the 2011 walk you can call FRAN GREGOIRE at 860-928-4152 or any Putnam lion. A big THANK YOU to all our veterans for their service. So, bring your pup, do the walk, have fun and help a veteran. Until the next issue, may we continue to serve to make our world a better place.

The Phantom

LEHP

CABINET CHAIR DR. JOEL ZUCKERBRAUN

Have you heard the exciting news about the Pre-school eye screening program your Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation has begun? This screening is able to detect several different abnormalities of the eyes in children ages 2-5; some of which may be completely corrected if discovered at this early age.

This program was initiated by interest generated by the Thompson Lions to assist a Head Start program with eye screening capabilities and the enthusiasm of PCC Alan Daninhirsch who had attended a seminar at the 2009 International Convention; the confluence of ideas came about when each brought their ideas to the President of CLERF a year ago. An ad hoc committee was formed, comprised of PCC Alan Daninhirsch, PDG Dr. Keith Lemire, PCC Dr. Steve Polezonis, PCC Armand LeFleur, and PCC Diane Bielski, President of the CT Lions Eye Research Foundation, to research the possibility of starting such a program here. Dr. Daniel Salchow of the Pediatric Eye Center at Yale was most enthusiastic and lent his expertise to the committee and was of great assistance in evaluating the devices which were to be purchased for the screening program.

The Thompson Lions in District 23C were selected to conduct the initial CLERF pilot program this past spring and they did a fantastic job! They had about a dozen of their Lion members involved in the training, sending 3-4 members out as a team to do the actual screenings at the five sites within their community. The program was very well received by the pre-school facilities and the parents. Three youngsters were referred for further evaluation and treatment by eye care professionals.

This Pre-school eye screening pilot program sponsored by your Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation will be expanding this fall and interested clubs should plan on sending representatives to a meeting in November to find out more about this exciting new service program. The expansion of the pilot program will be limited to probably 2-3 clubs per district initially, and will then expand to additional clubs as soon as equipment and training will allow. The selection of the next clubs to be entered in the pilot program will be made

after the November meeting.

At the November meeting, interested clubs should be prepared to submit the following information for review:

Determine how many of their Lion members are available Monday-Friday during the day and would volunteer to do the screenings, are computer literate, and willing to submit to a background check (must be a team of three, preferably with some back up personnel available)

Ascertain how many preschool facilities, day care centers, and nursery schools in their community would be interested in having this screening done in their facilities and the number of children, ages 2-5 involved (without making a commitment at this time).

Be willing to do the administrative work involved (letters of intent with the facilities, parental consent forms, scheduling ,etc. approximately 30 days prior to screenings

This program, while it will be directed by the LEHP chairs within each district and under the auspices of CLERF, will be the sole responsibility of the club sponsoring the screening(s). We will provide instruction, training, forms, the letters to parents, schools, etc. but the actual work within the community will be done by your Lions Club.

Any questions should be directed to the LEHP Chair in your district. Contact names and numbers are as follows:

District A: Lion Joyce Wruck, 203 608-8300
or lionjoyce@comcast.net

District B: PDG Dan Uitti, 860 274-9065
or dan@uitti.net

District C: Lion Dr. Joel Zuckerbraun, 860 443-9644
or JZ1029@aol.com

IT'S TIME TO NOMINATE YOUR CLUB'S HUMANITARIAN !

PDG MARY KROGH

It's hard to believe that it's time for our clubs to choose their club's *non-Lion humanitarian* to be entered into our district's second annual contest. Last year's event was one of the highlights of our year and our Lions have requested that we do it again. The contest will be run very similar to last year's. The nominees will be divided into our four counties and club level Lions will be voting on another county's nominees just like last year. The four semi finalists again will be sent out of state for judging for our district's humanitarian of the year. Prizes for all nominees will be awarded along with the certificates which most of our nominees were so proud to receive last year. Special gifts will be given to our four semi finalists and the district humanitarian will once again be awarded a Melvin Jones Fellow. (What a great way to honor one of your community members and what a great way to promote Lionism!) Most of our guests walked away feeling good about Lionism and some of our clubs received new members from our night. This year's event will probably be more memorable than last year!

Dates to remember:

November 20th deadline for your club's nomination to be submitted.

January 8th Humanitarian dinner at Groton Motor Inn \$36. /person

Guidelines

- Your nominee cannot be a Lion or have been a Lion within the past 5-year
- Your club's write up is limited to one page.
- Your nominee and at least one member of your club must be in attendance
- Your nominee must either work or live in your club's town.
- Your nominee is limited to one individual.

By the time this is published your club should have received a letter from me with more information and a date & time of a meeting. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 860-267-9166.

Montville Lions Club
Annual Christmas Tree Sale
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PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Plainfield TC Lions Club
Saturday--October 30, 2010
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



Plainfield Lions Club
Sunday--December 5, 2010
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Plainfield Senior Center
482 Norwich Rd (Rt 12) -- Plainfield

CROMWELL RIVERPORT FESTIVAL

On a lovely, breezy summer day, DG Denise was able to speak, at length, with Dan Malloy and John Larson during their mid-morning visit to 23C's, Cromwell Riverport Festival information booth on Saturday, August 28th. Later in the day DG Denise, and, 23C Cabinet Members Steve Eaton, George Finlayson, Steve Novic and Hilary Kumnick had nice conversations with US Senate candidate Linda McMahon, Cromwell 1st Selectman John Flanders, Attorney General candidate George Jepson, and too many other officials to list. All of whom, to their credit, were very well informed of the volunteer efforts and service of Lions; wishing us all to "keep up the good work" and commenting "Lions are making a difference".

The booth had a steady flow of interested citizens and visitors from other organizations from the Cromwell, Portland, Middletown and Rocky Hill areas. Many inquired about the Low Vision Center materials on display, youth programs, hearing & speech and all the other things Lions do. 23C Lions made arrangements to collect accumulated eyeglasses from various locations in Cromwell. There were a few invites to present our Lions' initiatives at local organizations and 16 "prospects" expressed at least some interest in becoming Lions in 23C!



Cromwell's State Senator Paul Doyle, Stamford Mayor Dan Malloy, DG Denise Dudek, State Representative Denise Merrill and US Congressman John Larson "popped-in" to the 23C Informational Booth at the Cromwell Riverport Festival on Saturday, August 28 and hung around to chat for a while!



Breakfast with Santa Hosted by
Ledyard Lions

Saturday, December 11th

Snow Date is Sunday, December 12th

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
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LVC LIAISON KEITH LEMIRE, IPDG

The Low Vision Center of Eastern Connecticut directly serves those who are visually impaired in our communities. Last year, the Low Vision Center provided over \$20,000 worth of low vision devices to over 600 clients in nearly every town of District 23C. Every Lion should be proud of the great service which is provided by our low vision technician, Carol Dykas. Carol brings her caring expertise into the homes of people who have lost their ability to see. Carol helps them to learn how to live without sight, she helps to restore their independence. With Carol's service, the Lions of District 23C are giving sight to the blind and hope to the hopeless.

The Board of Directors of the Low Vision Center is challenged every year to raise funds to cover the operating expenses of the center. Every year, more clients are referred to the center. Funds are raised from client donations, grants, fundraisers, and mostly from contributions from our Lions Clubs. Last year, our clubs contributed over \$40,000 to the center. This year the demand is even higher and we must continue to support the Low Vision Center.

I am challenging all the Lions of our district to support the Low Vision Center this year. Whether it be with personal donations, club donations, or even zone or region fundraisers, we must all support this great service. I, along with my co-chairman Lion George Finlayson, are available to speak to your clubs about the low vision center. Feel free to call me at 860-448-0201 or email me at lionkeith23c@yahoo.com. Lion George Finlayson can be reached at 860-536-8061. To refer a client to the center, call 1-866-255-8655.

Helen Keller challenged the Lions to be Knights of the Blind. She challenged Lions to eradicate preventable blindness. We are making strides in that challenge; however, there are many who have already lost their sight and still need the hand of a helping Lion, a Lion by their side. A Lion to guide them through the darkness back into the light. Will you carry that torch? Support the Low Vision Center of Eastern Connecticut and make the torch brighter now and for the future.

CAMP RISING SUN

CC ANGELO S. MICELI, PCC

As you start off your Lions year, you face an exciting and challenging time. Exciting to present to the club your ideas for new



projects; challenging to get them to implement those ideas. For us serving on this committee, we also face challenges, ours is to maintain the support of the Camp Rising Sun program. Camp Rising Sun is our own District's program that provides one week camperships for kids with cancer. Even with an all volunteer staff the cost per camper is \$1,200.00.

This year will be the 24th year that the Lions of District 23C have been a major supporter of this program. I, as chairman, have set a goal to have every Lions and Leos Club participate in this drive and be able to present a check to the camp in your name, the Lions of District 23C, for \$35,000.00.

I know that this is the time that budgets are being set. When you are doing so, please remember to put in a line item for Camp Rising Sun. Keep in mind that you will be helping to give a child a chance to spend a week at camp with their peers doing all those things we did as youngsters. Yes, they have cancer, some on Chemo, some in remission, some not, but all will forget that for a week because of you.

If you want to learn more about the camp or have us speak to your club, please call me at 860-599-4741 or email me at amiceli959@aol.com.

The children and the staff have asked us to convey their heartfelt thank you for your support. This last year we were able to help provide camperships to 110 children with \$25,173.20 donated by the Lions of 23C. This year with your help we can hit our \$35,000.00 goal and give even more kids with cancer a chance to be regular kids for a week.

CLERF

CC JOHN BRADSHAW

Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation “Vision for the Future”

For the second year as the CT Lions Eye Research Foundation (CLERF) Chairperson, the focus of my activities will be to ask you as Lions, (and CLERF members), to support the foundation in its **One Million Dollar Fund Raising Project for the Yale Eye Center, “Vision for the Future”**. Yale will be able to continue to develop Three Centers of Excellence in research and clinical work in the areas of Glaucoma, Macular Degeneration, and Pediatric Eye Diseases. Great strides continue to be made in the Glaucoma and Macular Centers of Excellence, as they further their research into the causes and treatment of these diseases. We now have the very exciting third component . . . **the Pediatric Eye Center**; it is already diagnosing and treating children with all forms of eye disease, but we hope our “Vision for the Future” will help them with the much needed research into the causes, prevention and treatment for childhood eye problems, that in later life can become so problematic and debilitating. The earlier the problems are diagnosed and treated (ideally before the child reaches the age of 7), the greater the probability of the child attaining normal vision. We have pledged to raise one million dollars, the seed money to make this **the Premier Center of Excellence** for the research and treatment of **all** eye diseases.

We have a 50 year relationship with Yale, they were the first grant recipient from CLERF, a \$19,000 grant to **start up the Yale Eye Research Program**; with our continued support through research grants and seed money, it has grown from a 100 square foot laboratory staffed by one researcher, to the State of the Art, center of excellence it has become today, boasting 16,000 square feet of laboratory space, 10,000 square feet patient facility, and a reputation that attracts the best Doctors and Researchers from around the world. We were there at their beginning, let us stay the distance; Lions have never shied away from a challenge, we rise up and make the difference. The difference here is improved facilities, staff and equipment and targeted research programs so that the children of tomorrow will not have to leave the State to get the best; together we will achieve it. Yale’s success is ours.

The gift of sight is truly a miracle and one we sometimes don’t appreciate until we are faced with losing it. **The CT Lions Eye Research Foundation** should make us very proud to be Lions. . . . it epitomizes the very essence of what we stand for. This is the one State- wide project which brings us all together as CT Lions. While great strides have been made, we still have much to accomplish to reach the final goal. We have received pledges for \$564,000.00, so still have a ways to go to reach our target.

Now is the time to ramp up our efforts and rally together to bring this project to fulfillment. Our \$1,000,000.00 goal will be reached through a combination of fund raising efforts, including club pledges, individual \$1,000 pledges for the Wall of 300 at Yale, and other fundraising activities and hopefully a grant from LCIF.

There are three levels of giving by a club, all payable over a five year period and based upon the number of members in the club. Special banner patches designating level of participation will be awarded to all participating clubs.

Platinum Level (\$300.00 per member or more, i.e. \$60.00/per member/per yr.)

Gold Level (\$200.00 per member or more, i.e. \$40.00/per member/per yr.)

Silver Level (\$100.00 per member or more, i.e..\$20.00/per member/per yr.)

Clubs may designate Knight of the Blind recipients based upon donations to the project. Award levels are: Knight \$1,000.00, Ruby Knight \$2,500.00, Emerald Knight \$5,000.00, Sapphire Knight \$7,500.00 and Diamond Knight \$10,000.00. However, recipients **MUST** be named on or before June 30, 2013.

The Individual pledges will be recognized on the Friends of Yale Wall of 300 plaque at Yale.

As individuals, Lions should consider being one of the **“Wall of 300”** at Yale. For a \$1,000 donation, payable over 5 years, (that’s only two Dunkin Donuts coffees

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a week) you, or a named loved one, can be recognized on the Friends of Yale Wall of 300 Plaque that will be displayed at Yale Eye Center, (to date, we have 44 donors Statewide, only 9 from District C).

The club pledges have started to come in, and we certainly expect that others will follow. If your club has not yet pledged, please encourage them to do so, or ask me to schedule a brief presentation to answer your queries.

Contact me, CLERF Chair 23C Lion John Bradshaw (bradshaw751@sbc-global.net, or Tel:860 873 8933) and I will be happy to visit your club to give a more detailed view of the excellent work that we have facilitated through our relationship with both Yale and UCONN health centers.

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MYSTIC LIONS CLUB 6th Annual

Wine, Beer & Scotch Tasting

Saturday
October 23, 2010

Mystic Arts Center 6:30pm - 9:30pm
Silent & Live Auction - Hearty Hors D'oeuvres

Tickets: \$30, 2 for \$50
Proceeds Benefit Lions Club Charities

Ticket and Event Info:
John Read (860) 536-0310 ~ or ~ Joe Gush (860) 213-0476



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DIABETES UPDATE

CC DEB UPDYKE

This lions' year is off and running!! As diabetes chair for my second year in a row, I'd like to give you a diabetes update. I will be giving a short presentation on October, 7th at the zone 1 meeting in Old Saybrook. I want to remind all the clubs that I am available to do diabetes presentations, screenings, etc. for your clubs and zones. Just give me heads up as to when you would like me to do so.

Also, with regard to our district. We will continue to support sending kids with diabetes to Joslin/Clara Barton camps in Massachusetts and local diabetes clinic requests. In addition, we are also extending our support to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation(JDRF) as well as the American Diabetes Association(ADA) within our state. These two groups are very much involved in helping those with type 1 and type 2 diabetes live long and healthy lives. The focus of JDRF is raising funds for research and

education. The ADA has a focus of living well with diabetes and providing resources for those with diabetes and their families. Remember, diabetes is the leading cause of adult blindness in the United States. That's why we need to be involved.

I have also been involved with the diabetes chairs from districts 23A and 23B. We've agreed that diabetes support needs to come from all three districts. We are in the beginning stages of forming informational sessions that will provide a chance for lions to come and hear what's new in diabetes research. These programs when up and running will be available for all lions to attend. Hopefully we can hold them quarterly at a place in the center of the state. With diabetes being diagnosed at an epidemic rate, we need to cross boundaries and come together with the hope of doing our small part in slowing this terrible disease.

Carolyn A. Messier, 23B Candidate for International Director



To the Lions of Connecticut.....

On Saturday, November 13th, the Lions of Multiple District 23 will hold a special convention to endorse a Connecticut candidate for the office of International Director for the 2011/13 term. 22,000 Lions from all over New England will be anticipating the outcome of that election.

I am asking for your endorsement on that day because I believe Lionism is a global effort. The person we endorse on November 13th must have the experience and background to represent the 22,000 New England Lions for two years in a position of global responsibility and local understanding.

I have worked at all levels of our Association for over 20 years and have been directly involved with the visually impaired for 16 years. I have attended all the Lions Leadership Schools available and have taught seminars at District, Multiple District and New England Council schools and have been a committee member, moderator and presenter at four USA/Canada forums.

The relationships and friendships developed at these assignments are the basis of the global understanding and experience I bring to this candidacy. During these past twenty years I have also been keenly aware of the needs of our Connecticut Lions and have always been there to help and assist when needed. As a team, Past District Governor Norm and I are ready, to not just lead Lions, but to step in to educate Lions at their conventions and wherever our assignments from the International Board may take us.

As we approach November 13th, I have two requests for the Lions of Connecticut: First, choose your club delegates and alternates wisely and make sure each and every one of them attends the Special Convention and casts a ballot; and second, be certain that each of them clearly understands the worldwide influence of our Lions Association and the importance of this vote. If we all honor these two requests, the right candidate will receive your endorsement.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carolyn A. Messier
Past Council Chairperson

BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SERVICES FOR THE BLIND (BESB)

CC EILEEN AKERS

October 22 will be a day of celebration when the 27th annual awards program of the Board of Education and Services for the Blind and the Agency Consumer Advisory Committee will take place. Lions have helped to make this day possible!

Young people who are blind and visually impaired will be honored for outstanding achievements in academics, athletics, the arts and community service. One person being honored was nominated by a Lion from our district! Another student comes from our district in Vernon!

Adults who are blind will be recognized for outstanding achievements. Tribute will also be paid to employers who have provided job opportunities to persons who are blind. The ceremony will also include inspiring remarks by a veteran who was blinded while serving in Iraq.

Another highlight of the event will be the commemoration of White Cane Safety Day. In North America, the introduction of the white cane has been attributed to Lions Clubs International. In 1930, a Lions Club member watched as a blind man attempted to cross a busy street using a black cane--obviously barely visible to motorists. In 1931, Lions Clubs International began a national program promoting the use of the white cane for persons who are blind. Both the form and the uses of the white cane were further modified when blind veterans from World War II returned home. In the first national White Cane Proclamation, President Johnson commended blind people for the growing spirit of independence and increased determination to be self-reliant. This awards event honors the many achievements of blind and visually impaired Americans and recognize the significance of the white cane and the dog guide in advancing independence. Special congratulations to the awards recipients and to Lions serving as knights of the blind.

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Thank You for Your Support!

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TO ALL LIONS OF DISTRICT 23C:

**A call to action to support the most qualified
candidate for International Director with your
vote on Saturday, November 13, 2010.**



LION ART DAVIES - 30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT

Club President 1981-1983
District Candy Day (Sight Saver Day) Chairman 1983-1984
District 23C CLERF Chairman 1984-1985
Zone Chairman 1985-1989
Deputy District Governor 1989-1990
Region Chairman 1990-1991
District Governor 1991-1992
MD 23 Council Secretary/Treasurer 3 years
LEHP "First" Statewide Chairman 5 years
Lions Low Vision Center of Eastern CT
Member of Founding Committee and Board of Directors
International Convention Chairman
USA/Canada Forum Chairman

Connecticut Lions Research Foundation (CLERF)
President 2 years, Vice President 4 years
Current Member BOD and CLERF Finance Committee
Led major fundraising campaign for CT Lions Vascular Health Center
in Farmington CT
Presenter at District, Multiple District, and New England Governor's School
Recipient of: LCI President's Medal, Melvin Jones Fellow, Diamond Knight
of the Blind, 100% Governor's Medal, Six LCI Club Extension Awards,
LCI Sight Chair Medal, Rebuilding Lions Medal, Six LCI Certificates of
Appreciation, Two District Governor's Medals, Three 100% Club
President Awards
30 Years Perfect Attendance

MAKE YOUR DISTRICT PROUD BY SUPPORTING YOUR CANDIDATE FROM DISTRICT 23C