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Miracles Through Service

February 11



My fellow lions I can't believe we are more than half way through this Lions year. Time is going fast and they say time flies when you are having fun. I have been having a ball. I have so enjoyed doing the club visits, giving out well deserved awards and inducting new members. We as an

organization have accomplished so much thanks to all your hard work. We are meeting the needs of our communities. Those of you that I have already visited know that I am really pushing you all to keep the lions that we have as well as bring in new members. One of my goals this year was to keep the losses of lions under 100. Well we are already at 114 for the year. Please before you drop a lion find out why they aren't participating or paying their dues. Find a way to get them to recommit to lionism. I ask everyone of you to recommit to lionism. We have so much more work to do this year and the load will be lightened with more of us to do it. About half the club visits are done. By the time this is published Mid-Winter will have occurred. Coming up we have the New England Lions Council Melvin Jones Weekend, Governor's Awards Night, the State and International Conventions. Connecticut will be presenting a candidate for International Director in Seattle. Let's all try and support this effort. Congratulations to the Mansfield Lions Club for sponsoring our newest club the UConn Campus Club. Welcome to all our new members from that club and all the others. Congratulations to 1st VDG candidate Jan Miller and 2nd VDG candidate Steve Novic on their nominations at Mid-Winter. We are also looking forward to our nomination of Ken Tucker as DG at the State Convention.

We have just concluded our second annual Humanitarian of

the Year Banquet. We were honored to host our Past International President Jimmy Ross and his wife Lion Velda. He was an incredible speaker that inspired us and reminded us to keep the fun in Lionism. We were able to present all 4 of our semi-finalists with Melvin Jones Fellowships this year thanks to the generosity of the Hebron Lions Club. The semi-finalists were Bruce John nominated by the Mansfield Club, Don Lucas nominated by the Old Saybrook Club, Alexis Ann nominated by the Groton club and Jean DeSmet nominated by the Willimantic Club. Our Humanitarian of the Year was Bruce John who uses his gift of music to help others. He received a very nice gift compliments of the Haddam Lions Club. LCIF District Coordinator Mary Krogh out did herself with the event and we collected over \$25,000 for LCIF. GREAT JOB Mary!

We also had a fabulous Global Membership Team rally put on by GMT leader PDG Julie Shilosky. If you were one of the lucky ones to attend we were reinducted in Lions by Helen Keller in sign language with her interpreter and teacher Annie Sullivan. Helen was played by a young girl named Jenna Lee who is a student at the American School for the Deaf and has recently portrayed Helen Keller at the Ivoryton Playhouse. There wasn't a dry eye in the house when she got done including me. We were also educated on the Quality Club Initiative led by members of our MD MERL Team Kathy Randall, Tim Hilliker and Steve Daigle and our Membership by Extension program led by our Extension Chair Steve Eaton. PDG Julie also read us an insightful letter from a new lion.

I would lastly like to put in a plug for our Lions Low Vision Center. This center belongs to you, the Lions of District 23C. Because of the good work that we have been doing so successfully for our clients in our communities we could use a bit more financial help. I would encourage as many lions as possible to continue to support this great organization.

It is an honor serving as your District Governor this year. Please remember to serve with Love, Loyalty and Friendship and don't forget to have fun.

Yours in Lionism, District Governor Denise

What's Happening in

Zone 1, Chair Larry Updike

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

The **North Stonington Lions** volunteered their time packing Thanksgiving boxes for the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center and joined with other civic groups in delivering those boxes to the less fortunate in our area. They also collected money and purchased pies to be placed in the boxes. For Christmas, they collected money and gift cards to help make 2 local families' Christmas more enjoyable and delivered Christmas Dinners for the PNC. They plan on having a wine tasting on February 19th.

The **Niantic Lions** in October served food at Heritage Weekend and did a planting at the Pavilion at Town Hall. In November they held a diabetes screening and decorated the gazebo and Christmas tree at the town green and in December they took photos of senior citizens and filled, packed, and delivered food baskets with Care and Share.

The **Pawcatuck Lions** hosted a chicken BBQ, pasta dinner and a play at the Granite Theater as fundraisers along with their end-of-year community service activities.

In addition to their busy community service schedule, the **Old Saybrook Lions** hosted the 23C cabinet in January.

All the clubs in the zone are preparing for a very busy spring serving their local communities.

Zone 2, Chair Linda Bradshaw

Snow is flying and many Snow Birds have flown South for the winter, we miss them but wish them well. Braver New England Lions, continue to serve our communities and plan for future events. Service projects are the focus of our International Presidents and this zone has heard his call and has certainly increased their community service and their profile within that community.

Cromwell Lions Club continue to work through issues on the status of their club; we would hate to lose any dedicated Lions from our Pride. Change is not easy, but sometimes it is the answer and who is to say it will not be the start of something great. We all wish them well.

Deep River / Chester Lions Club. Many Individuals and Town projects have benefited from the clubs fundraising efforts, including the local Fire Department and Food Pantry. They successfully sold all of their Christmas Trees this year, adopted a family for Christmas and Roasted Turkeys for their Annual Senior Dinner on January 15th.

They installed another new member and welcomed back some members who they had not seen in a while. They are working on starting up a Leo program and planning their Annual Luau on Saturday, April 16th.... Not to be missed.


East Haddam Community Lions Club installed eight new members in October and have retained all existing membership for over four years ... something to really be proud of.

They held another successful Fashion Show and Military Whist, had a good response to their annual Eye Research

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 President

the Clubs of the District

Solicitation letter and “Lit-up” the Holidays with their Decorated Holiday Items sold by Silent Auction to aid the East Haddam Food and Fuel banks and YFS. Lots of fun was had whilst giving service.

They are now planning their 12th annual April Fools Road Race on Saturday April 2nd. The 2nd annual “Ladies Night Out” is planned for Wednesday April 13th at The East Haddam Historical Society... not to be missed ladies, and save the date for the 6th annual English Tea Party on Saturday May 7th.

Essex Lions Club, home club of our District Governor, Lion Denise, continue to support their community participating in the Scarecrow Festival and the Ivoryton Pumpkin Festival. They repaired the wheelchair ramp at the Town Gazebo and strung lights and provided food in the “Christmas in Ivoryton” event that was held for the first time this year. They already have bigger and better plans for next year’s event.

They are also considering working with Deep River/Chester in starting a LEOS program.

Lyme/Old Lyme Lions Club served food at the Fall Fair in Town and participated in the Peace Poster Competition

Their Annual Sight Solicitation Letter brought good support from their Community, grossing over \$5,000.

They provided Holiday Gift Baskets for Social Services again this year and are planning their annual Super bowl Pancake Breakfast that is on Sunday February 6th 8-11 am. At Lyme/Old Lyme High School Cafeteria.

Norwich Lions Club
Huge Community Tag Sale
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Zone 3, Chair Tom O’Brian

The clubs of Region 2, Zone 3 closed out 2010 busy and plan to carry it into 2011.

East Hampton Village Lions sponsored the 2nd annual “Belltown Wonderland” silent auction. The proceeds of which went to help the East Hampton Food Bank.

They also served Thanksgiving and Christmas lunch for the Senior Citizens of East Hampton.

On March 5th, the club will be holding it’s “Taste of Italy” at the St. Patrick’s Hall on West Main St. in East Hampton.

They will also be holding a Goods and Services auction in conjunction with the East Hampton Rotary Club. The date and location to be determined.

On March 19th, the **Vernon Lions** will be having their annual auction at the Ellington Country Club.

Clinton participated in the “Christmas in Clinton” holiday event selling hot dogs and warm refreshments.

On Jan. 30th, they will have a pancake breakfast to help the “Families helping Families” organization in Clinton.

East Hampton. On Nov. 6th, the club served hot dogs at the East Hampton “Ghost Run” Proceeds went to help a local Boy Scout.

Zone 4, Chair Hilary Matthew Kumnick

Durham Lions had a successful *Durham Fair* and then followed it up a few days later by inducting two new members on October 12th. Meetings at the Time Out Tavern are fun! The Lions are a sponsor of the “*One Book, One Community*” initiative. It is meant to strengthen community ties, break down barriers and foster intergenerational conversations about values. The Durham Lions are looking forward to visiting with DG Denise Dudek on the 8th of February.

Haddam Lions handed out 30 plentiful baskets of *Christmas Dinner Supplies* to needy Haddam and Higganum families. *Christmas Tree Sales* netted over \$1,000.00 for the club this year which will benefit the community. The next planned

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town-wide event is a *Skating Party* at Haddam Meadows State Park. Club President Paul Schukoske "hopes the weather doesn't throw a monkey wrench into our plans!". Club is tentatively planning the skating event for February. Haddam Lions are working with the Killingworth Lions to organize a joint club *Dinner Meeting* at the Gelston House this winter.



Killingworth Lions hosted forty-five people at October *New Member Pig Roast*. Club enjoyed a visit from RC Steve Novic, saying: "*Pig Roast* is a great idea and a fun event". The annual *Food Drives* on four Saturdays before Thanksgiving and Christmas yielded dozens of supermarket gift cards, tons of groceries and almost \$1,000.00 in cash and checks for *Helping Hands*, benefiting area families. Charter President John Kempter is chair and has participated since the beginning, almost 40-years! *Christmas Tree Sales* at the traffic circle raised \$1,400.00. Lions sponsored/hosted a new *Haddam-Killingworth Leo Club* at a memorable blindfold/candle Induction/Installation ceremony. Club is now plan-

ning their 40th Anniversary celebration.

Middlefield Lions had a good Durham Fair and have been extremely busy this fall and winter with their *1st Annual Light Up Middlefield Event* which included distributing 130- pumpkins! President Bob Veeley thanked the club for "an excellent job" and added there were "many happy townspeople". On November 14th, Lions hosted a *Veterans' Day Breakfast* at the Middlefield Firehouse. Middlefield Lions are considering a *Skate with Your Mate* event at the Lucy Strickland Memorial (Skating) Pond they built many years ago; just recently restored as part of an *Eagle Scout Project*. The club is looking forward to inducting new members in February.

Middletown Lions sponsored opening day of *Holiday on Main Street* and served fresh popcorn and pretzels to happy families and neighbors. The Middlesex Chamber offers the annual three-day festival to kick-off the holidays. Lions collaborated with the Middletown Health Department to co-sponsor a terrific *Flu Shot Clinic/Vision Screening* on December 21st. President Marty Knight and Treasurer Joe Milardo hosted. Middletown Lions again donated cans of beans to the *Amazing Grace Food Pantry*. Members attended the *23C Rally* at Woodrow Wilson MS, and *Humanitarian Dinner*, sponsoring Robert E. Whitney for the *Humanitarian Award*. Middletown Lions also donated to *Warm the Children*.

Zone 4 News: The Zone 4 clubs are all quite active and most are strong. Each club has been busy! We are currently discussing a 2nd *Zone Advisory Meeting*, at either the Cypress Restaurant in Middletown or the Time Out Tavern

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in Middlefield, sometime in April. Our first *Zone Meeting* was definitely memorable for visitors; as it was held at a rod & gun club in one of the most remote outposts in southern Connecticut!

The Zone appreciates the efforts of 23C Membership/Extension Chair Steve Eaton with his energetic work recruiting new members for Middlefield at their "Shred It!" event. We also deeply appreciate the following Lions for joining the Middletown Lions at their *Flu Shot Clinic/Vision & Diabetes Screening*: 2nd VDG Jan Miller, RC Steve Novic, Diabetes CC Deb Updyke, Low Vision CC George Finlayson and the members of the Middlefield and Haddam clubs that stopped in to help for an hour or two. Keep up the good work Zone 4 clubs!

Zone 5, Chair Diana Grisé

The clubs in this zone have been actively participating in community service projects and club fundraisers over the holidays, highlighted below.

The **Canterbury Lions Club** is working on resurfacing a running track in town. Five (5) new members were inducted at their meeting on December 1st! On February 11th they held a joint dinner with the VFW and St. Augustine Church with the proceeds going to the disabled veterans home in Jewett City.

The **Columbia Lions Club** held their annual Scholarship Raffle and raised over \$2,100 to support the three \$600.00 scholarships that they offer to any graduating senior from Columbia that will be attending college in the fall. They

mailed their annual appeal letter to support their Eye Research Campaign where 100% is donated to CLERF or other eye related Lions' projects. The gazebo lighting and carol singing with Santa in attendance held Sunday, December 5th was attended by over 200 children and adults. Their annual pancake breakfast and silent auction will be held Saturday, March 19th. The Columbia Leo Club has been formed with the great efforts of these Lions.

Members of the **Franklin Lions Club** had fun participating in "Trunk or Treat" with the fire department and PTO on Halloween. They hosted a holiday dinner with entertainment at the Senior Center on December 11th for approximately 50 seniors and donated Christmas gifts for three children in Town. A spring tag sale is being planned.

The **Griswold Lions Club** had a "Halloween" pancake breakfast on October 31st where children enjoyed arts and crafts, games and costume judging. They met their goal to give out coats and hats to all the children that were in need from the school system in December. They have planned their annual Comedy Show for April 2nd and a pancake breakfast with the Easter Bunny for April 10th.

The **Montville Lions Club** had a successful yard sale and donated food baskets to needy families through Social Services and TVCCA for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Their annual Christmas Tree Sale started late due to delivery problems, but was still a success. Not only did they help the Town of Montville organize, man and judge the Montville Christmas Parade on December 5th, but members also decorated a great



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float that was in the parade. Gifts were purchased to be given to area children through Social Services for Christmas. Annual upcoming events are: Valentine's Day Dance on Feb. 12th at the Montville Polish Club, Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner at the VFW on March 13th, a Comedy Night at the Polish Club on April 2nd and a road race on June 5th.

The new **UCONN Campus Lions Club** has already had meetings and participated in community service activities. They are planning their charter night and future events.

I'd like to thank all these Lions for their hard work and dedication in 2010 and wish them all the best in their 2011 endeavors!

Zone 6, Chair Lori Dickinson

I am amazed at the energy and enthusiasm coming from the Lions in Zone 6! Seeing all they have accomplished in 2010, I cannot wait to see what they have planned for 2011!

Getting to know these Lions through fundraisers and visits is making my job as Zone Chair so much fun!

When you hear about the **Hebron Lions Club**, you need to think more than the Hebron Fair. This year, they are even more committed to Lionism. They have donated 4 Melvin

Jones Awards to our LCIF Humanitarian Dinner. They had a spaghetti dinner fundraiser in January for a members son and are planning two more benefit dinners, one in February for the Cub Scouts and also one in March. Inducting two new members in January, they are growing. Some of their Lions are once again raising thousands of dollars and going to a third world country to help with lighting. They continue to plan for the 2011 Hebron Fair as this is a huge endeavor.

The **Eastern CT Asian and American Club** has been busy with a breakfast with Santa in December. Starting the new year with new projects, they are involved in Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), a program working with the IRS. This helps families with less than \$50K income get their taxes done free of charge. At the same time, they are helping families to change their incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent light bulbs, saving the families money while going green. They are also looking into partnering up with other clubs to get these projects done.

The **Salem Lions** have been delivering firewood free to seniors in Salem all winter and selling bundles of firewood at a local store. They are selling their famous Superbowl Roses again this year and are very busy planning for upcoming events like their terrific Salem Road Race that they are now sponsoring. It will take place on April 9th.

They are also planning their annual Easter Egg Hunt. They have 5 prospective members!

Colchester Lions are going non-stop giving out over 160 holiday baskets, scarves, hats, mittens and blankets for the needy. They had their 9th annual holiday caroling along with their Leos. They are gearing up for their pancake breakfast on February 27th. They continue to grow as they inducted one new member in December and have 4 prospective members! Planning is being done for a vision screening and a health air as well as planning their Bunny Blast and a comedy night in April.

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Zone 7, Chair Eileen Akers

Norwich club sponsored Dr. Lowney for the Humanitarian Award and presented him with a check for \$500 for the Haitian Health Foundation. The last check for \$1,500 will be presented to the Otis Library, Norwich's public library. April 3 is the date for the pancake breakfast at the Rose City Senior Center, Mahan Drive in Norwich, from 8-11 a.m. There will be a tag sale on May 7 at the Howard T. Brown Park on Chelsea Harbor Drive in Norwich in conjunction with the Norwich Arts Council.

The **Montville Mohegan-Pequot club** will be holding its annual brunch on March 6, from 8 a.m. until noon at the Mohegan Firehouse on Route 32. Among the variety of food choices, children may enjoy the animal pancakes, and look for special treats including the president's seafood newburg and homemade desserts. The club is looking forward to expanding its membership significantly. Social Services was presented with a check at Thanksgiving and plans are being made to give more help throughout the year.

Taftville. Activities have included a pre-holiday craft fair with proceeds benefiting LCIF and the donation of assorted food items to the local food pantry. Very popular pasta suppers are held on the first Thursday of the month from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Taftville. Proceeds from the third annual Valentine's Day dance on February 12 at the Knights of Columbus Hall benefit Camp Rising Sun.

Lebanon. Club members have been very busy working with their Leos whose service projects have resulted in a \$1300 check for Neighbors Helping Neighbors, \$400 to two churches, a drive for mittens and hats and a \$100 gift card for gas for a family who lost their home in a fire; there will also be a donation jar at a skating event. Other social activities are being planned.

Ledyard. The annual Thanksgiving dinner was held for the Center of the Blind. Each Lion or guest brought two items for the Social Services food locker. Members came with an unwrapped toy for Social Services to the club's

Christmas party. Fourteen food baskets were delivered for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. For Christmas shopping, the club helped 39 families--95 children with \$100 per child. Breakfast (and pictures) with Santa was also successful. Bingo, the club's primary fund-raiser, is held every Wednesday evening at the Gales Ferry firehouse.

Zone 8, Chair Susan Jensen

The Lions in Zone 8 have been very busy these past months. We had an excellent turnout for the special election for International Director as well as for the Humanitarian Dinner. Members from various clubs also supported our Leos at their spaghetti dinner in Ledyard.

Groton Lions gave their club exposure to the town by selling fried dough at the Groton Fall Festival in Poquonock Plains Park. The Groton Lions held their meeting in November at the Italian-American Club and hosted several New London Lions. From the end of November thru mid



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December they sold Fraser fir Christmas trees, wreaths, and cemetery baskets.

Mystic Lions held a very enjoyable Christmas Party at the Old Mystic Inn where they enjoyed a very delicious dinner cooked by a few of the club members. Governor Denise installed a new member at her visit and there is another new member who will be installed when she returns from Florida. The Mystic Club is hosting a Joint Social Meeting in January and have members attending from eight other clubs. During March they will be selling tickets for the Cornerstone Playhouse where a performance of «Moonlight in Mystic» will be performed. The club will also be selling hot dogs at the Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

New London Lions held a Christmas Party for the sight impaired. The club will collaborate with the Chamber of Commerce to honor a member of the military as Service Person of the Month. The lions will hold a membership night in February at the Bangkok City Thai Restaurant to promote membership. Please feel free to join them at the Home Show at Connecticut College March 18 - 20 where they will be selling food and offering free eye screenings.

Waterford Lions held a festive Christmas Party at Philomenas with a lively Yankee swap after dinner. At the end of March they will be selling hot dogs, soda, chips, coffee, and donuts for four days at the Defenders Warehouse marine/boating sale in Waterford.

Waterford Regional Lions held a very nice Craft Show in the fall where they sold homemade foods. They also sponsored a spaghetti dinner and had raffle items to raise funds. A few members worked at the Waterford Food Pantry in Oswegatchie. The club had a Christmas Party at the home of their President, Judy Dousis, and enjoyed a gift exchange. They are looking forward to serving the Cabinet dinner in April.

Many thanks to the clubs in Zone 8 for your service and aid to your local communities.

Zone 9 Chair Paul Beausoleil

Region 4 added the new **Plainfield TC** club to 23C in October and they hit the ground running holding fundraisers and pancake breakfast. They are a nice addition To the District.

Plainfield Lions have been busy with fund raisers and delivering Holiday Baskets for the needy in the local community. They are preparing for their annual Comedy Night and looking for to reopening their food booth for the new racing seasons at the CCC race tract.

The **Killingly Quite Corner** has been busy working on a handmade quilt which is Ruffled off at the Mid Winter Conference.

Mansfield Lions had their Fall Festival in late September and a very successful lottery in November. Monies raised will go a long way to help those in need.

The club held a Christmas Party in December with entertainment provided by Dudley Hamlin and the Long River Band. More fundraisers are in the planning.

Somers Lions with the help of new lion Greg Alteri put on a very successful evening of wine tasting. With the help of local restaurants donating food and participation from local package stores the event was a success raising funds for local charities.

They are presently preparing for a Polynesian Luau event to be held March 5th.

Stafford Lions were busy over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays donating baskets and gifts to 20 needy families in the local communities. They are presently preparing for their Father Daughter Dance scheduled for February 11th at the Stafford middle school.

Zone 10, Chair Nanette E. Burdick

Busy, busy, busy, says it all for Region 4 - Zone 10 Lions Clubs who have been hard at work helping in their communities, holding fundraising activities and involved in service projects. Many, if not all of the clubs participated in Thanksgiving and Yuletide events. Additionally, many of

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the clubs have been visited by District Governor Denise Dudek. Presently, I am filling in as an interim Zone Chair for Lion Bob Baron. If you haven't already heard, former ZC Bob had to resign his position due to health issues. I would like to wish him well, as I am sure that all of you would like to as well. If you would like to send him a note of encouragement, his address is: **Lion Bob Baron, 68 Manners Avenue, Willimantic, CT 06226.**

Bolton Lions, the Bolton Regional Lions and the Tolland Lions have been busy with various fundraising and service projects.

The **Coventry Lions** have been busy with fundraising and community events where they had participated in such events as the Christmas in the Village. *Upcoming events include:* a Doll Show to be held on May 7th.

The **Willimantic Lions** have been a busy bunch. In December, as part of their service projects, they were bell ringers for the *Salvation Army*, volunteered driving, collected eyeglasses and continued to donate time to CRIS Radio as they do on a monthly basis. They made donations to the *Windham Railroad Museum*, *Adopt A Family Program*--with Christmas gifts to a family of five, and a *donation was made to CLERF*. An *eye screening event* was held in conjunction with a *pancake breakfast*, and a *Pampered Chef fundraiser* was held. Members and their families enjoyed a Christmas party that was held at the Willimantic Elks. *Upcoming events include:* A Night of Giving is planned for January 18th.

Zone 11, Chair Maggie Grenier

I am a new Zone Chair and I would like to say that it is a pleasure meeting and serving all the Lions in my zone. *They have been a busy bunch with many community and fundraising activities.* Many, if not all of the clubs participated in Thanksgiving and Christmastime events. Also, many of the clubs have been visited by District Governor Denise Dudek.

Danielson Lions have been busy with various fundraising and service projects.

Pomfret Lions had a chili booth at the *Woodstock Fair* and cooked for the *Positively Pomfret Day* and the *Hunter Pace*.

Their *Annual Cow Chip Raffle* was another huge success with many in attendance! There was a Citizen of the Year recognition and members enjoyed the annual Christmas Party.

The **Putnam Lions** have been quite busy as well. They have participated in the *Woodstock Fair*, which also included the *Onion Ring Booth*, the *Riverfire*, the *Pink House Craft Show* and the *French Canadian Day* with their concession trailer. Additionally they participated in the *NEADS Dog Walk* and the *Dazzle Light Parade* with their food trailer. During their "Annual Night of Giving" the club donated to 35 organizations. Also, they held their *Annual Mailer* fundraiser and provided donations such as food and monetary gifts to victims of a recent fire; they saw to it that PDG Fran Gregoire had his home equipped with handicap rails; and many toys were donated to the Family Resource Center. *Upcoming events include:* a Volleyball Challenge at the Pomfret School Field House on February 5th and 6th.

Thompson Lions have been busy with their fundraising projects and community events. They held their annual *Thompson Lions Golf Tournament* and participated in the *Putnam Main Street Car Cruise*. They operated a concession trailer at the *2010 Woodstock Fair*, the *2010 Brooklyn Fair*, the *Thompson Community Day* and a car show. In addition, donations were made to *Thompson Together* and *Christmas for Foster Children Program*. Also, the club held a roast beef supper in November at the K of C Hall in North Grosvenordale.

Woodstock Lions have also been busy with various fundraising and service projects.

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THE EVOLUTION OF PIN TRADING IN CONNECTICUT

BY CLUB PRESIDENT PHIL DZURNAK

I will try to give an accurate account of the evolution of pin trading in Connecticut, as I know it. The first pin in 1959 was made of leather and was held in place by a safety pin.



I have no idea of the cost to produce it. At recent pin swap auctions complete bidding placed the cost slightly over \$100.00. Older pins from '59 thru the mid '70s ranged in value depending upon their availability. I have no idea who designed pins during early pin trading in Connecticut. However, I have been told that during the '70s, PDG George Lomintzer had the privilege of designing them. PDG Curt Fitch took over the designing during the '80s thru 2005 when a committee was formed within the Pin-Trading Club of Connecticut. PDG Curt also designed the first three pins for the Pin-Trading club.

The Pin-Trading Club of Connecticut evolved after PDG Curt Fitch conferred with several Connecticut Lions and he felt there was sufficient interest in starting a club in Connecticut. The club was founded in 2001 during the state convention with the approval of the state council. The first official meeting was held at the state convention in May 2002. PDG Curt became the first club president and is currently the Immediate Past President. The mission of the Pin-Trading club is to promote the trading of Lions club pins with other Lions throughout the world.

During the past several years club members and its committee have been very involved in the state pin designs. Among the club's goals is the need to design a pin based on the theme of the forthcoming Lions club international convention. This year's theme involves Seattle where the convention is being held. The club also designs and trades its own pins. The club has produced eight separate pins representing the themes of Lions international pin trading. These pins are separate from the design of the state pins. The club subsequently sells both created club pins and state pins to all who desire them. There are currently 115 members and membership is open to all Lions throughout the world. Members are from various states in the USA as well as England and Canada. We are always looking for new members and invite all Lions everywhere to join our club. You can become a member by contacting any member who you might know. You can also contact a Current or Past District Governor. Finally you can contact Immediate Past President Curt Fitch at 860-354-8615, e-mail pdggcf@aol.com or Current President Phil Dzurnak at 860-482-5305, e-mail pedzzz@snet.net.

Why not join and enjoy the fun, excitement, creation of pins and camaraderie involved in pin trading. Its wonderful and you get to meet and make friends for life with other Lions all over the world and Connecticut.

Any Lion having information involved in the evolution of pin trading during the years 1959 thru 1980, please contact me at the above phone number or my e-mail address. It would be greatly appreciated and we could get a complete history of the pin trading evolution in Connecticut.

Thank you and I hope you enjoyed this article.



CURRENT PINS STATE PINS



1990



1994



2011



2011-P



1999

1999-P



2007

2007-P



2008

2008-P



2009

2009-P



2010
2,000

2010-P
500

CLUB PINS





THE PHANTOM

Lions are special people and I've found another in my travels. His name is Rocco Cancellaro with the Willimantic lions for 35 years. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1931 and then moved to Willimantic at age 5. A lover of sports from an early age, Rocco played baseball and football at Windham High School and then onto golf in college. Now, however, that he's not playing anymore Rocco is content to watch all his favored sports from his comfy lazy boy chair.

Rocco is a Yankees fan and his wife Jackie is a Red Sox fan which I'm sure make good conversations. College was interrupted by service in the navy. Upon his return he finished his education and taught in Canterbury for four years and then teaching science in Willimantic for the remainder of his 35 year career, retiring in 1992. Rocco and Jackie were married in 1958, had 3 children and 6 grandchildren. Ever the science teacher, Rocco would take his children on science trips in the woods behind his house. They checked out the swamp, looked under rocks for wiggly things, up in the trees for nests and investigated the vegetation, being always mindful of poison ivy. Later his grandchildren all had the opportunity for the same field trips.



As time went on Rocco wanted to do more and to help others so in 1976 he was installed into the Willimantic Lions Club, sponsored by Lion president Frederick Banning his life-long friend that he meet in kindergarten. They both taught in the Willimantic school system.

In lions Rocco served as lion tamer, tail twister, treasurer, secretary and also advisor to the Leo youth exchange. He was honored with a Melvin Jones fellowship in 1997 and was lion of the year in 2009. He is also involved with the Special Olympic Swim Meet, his club's many fundraisers including, of course, the popular pancake breakfasts.

I'm proud to tell you of Rocco Cancellaro; a lion out there helping and living our motto "we serve"

Oops!! Almost forgot our fun facts - In 1951 ' Mr. Potato Head ' became the first toy to be advertised on television.

Another fact is people have been celebrating New Year's Eve in Times Square since 1904, but the first ball didn't drop until 1907.

Until next time, have a great 2011 year.

The Phantom

COLCHESTER LIONS CLUB
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LIONS EYE HEALTH PROGRAM (LEHP)

CC JOEL ZUCKERBRAUN

The Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP) promotes healthy vision and raises awareness of the causes of preventable vision loss.

Its mission is to empower communities to save sight through the early detection and timely treatment of, in particular, diabetic eye disease, glaucoma, macula degeneration, and cataracts.

Lions clubs may participate in this effort in a number of ways. Certainly, holding vision screenings in the community is perhaps the most recognizable tool that we have at our disposal. It is something that requires relatively little manpower, essentially no cost, but can have a significant impact on the lives of the people we serve.

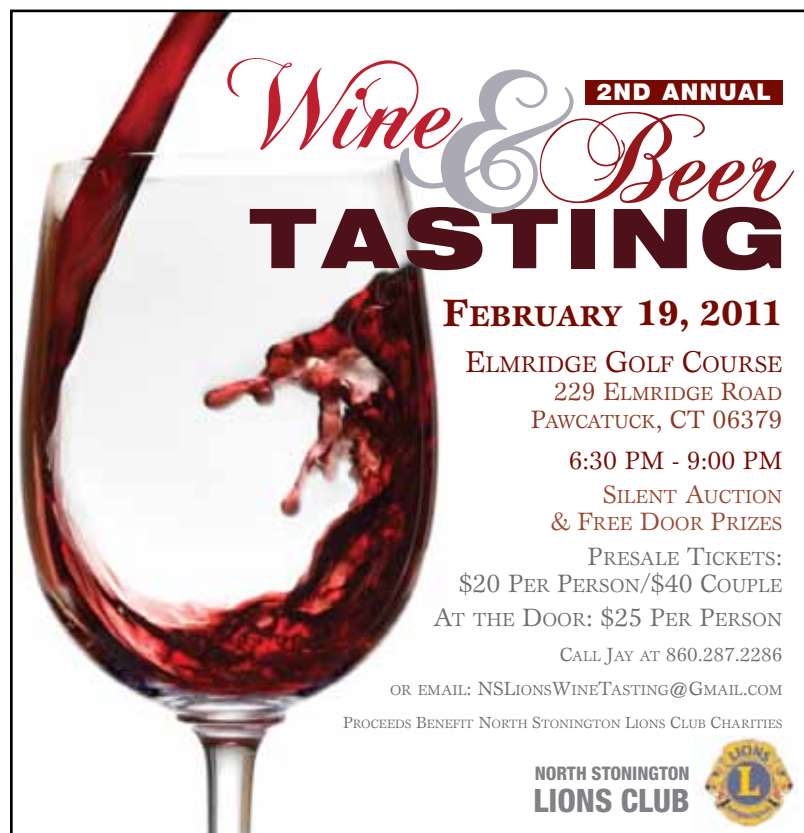
So far this year, we have held three vision screenings. The clubs sponsoring the screenings have been Norwich, Wilimantic and Middletown. We have screened a total of 118 people, with 34 of them being recommended for further evaluation. Of those, 16 were suspicious of having glaucoma, 12 for having cataracts, 4 for macula degeneration,

and 2 for other retinal conditions. Currently we have two other screenings scheduled, those being sponsored by the Hebron Lions Club in March and a pediatric screening in Colchester in April.


Over the years, screeners have detected undiagnosed diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, a large number of glaucoma suspects, and in one notable instance, a case of what eventually was diagnosed as a brain tumor. Every person who goes through the screening will receive a recommendation of some sort from the eye doctor who is volunteering that day, even if it is simply to have an annual eye examination.

We are very excited about a new pediatric screening program that we are putting into place currently. This program will allow screeners to hopefully detect a number of visual conditions in children at an early stage. These would include refractive error (ie nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism), as well as problems associated with eye muscle weakness. This is a pilot program initiated by the Thompson Lions Club, and we hope to introduce it throughout the district over a period of time.

If any club wishes to schedule a regular vision screening, I would ask them to contact me at least a few weeks ahead of the date. We can then discuss what is asked of the club in preparation for the screening. If a club is interested in possibly participating in the pediatric program, I would ask them to contact me as well. I offer my services to come to any club to discuss the LEHP program, including a training session on how to carry out a screening if desired. Vision screenings are easy. They are cheap. We're not asking anyone for money. But if we can save the sight of just one person, what price can you put on that?



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LEO ACTIVITIES IN 23C

BY LEO LIAISON DIANA GRISÉ

Our newest Leo Club, the **Columbia Leo Club**, has been meeting. They have decorated t-shirts and are working on their "Charter Night" scheduled for March 7, 2011.

Since their Charter Night on October 15, 2010, the **Belltown Leo Club** in East Hampton has organized two activities. They painted about thirty (30) small chairs in the children's library in town and then made several Christmas wreaths for the Village Lions' Christmas Show and Sale at the Library with the profits going to the local food/fuel bank.

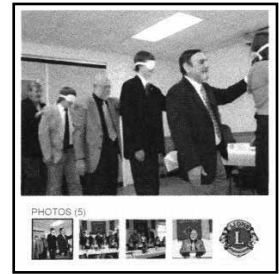
The **Colchester Leo Club** served a soup dinner to the residents at Dublin Village and did their annual Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for Dublin and Ponemah Village residents. They had a cookie jar fundraiser where they put together cookie mixes in canning jars and sold them. Money was collected for the Colchester Food Bank by these Leos through December and January by putting about thirty (30) penny jars out in the community. They are looking forward to the Colchester Lions' pancake breakfast where they will hold their annual bake sale.

The **E.O. Smith Leo Club** helped at the Lions' Fall Festival at Holiday Hill. Children had fun on the moon bounce and enjoyed the cotton candy and popcorn while the adults attended the car show and auction. Next the Leo Club helped set up and serve at a memorial luncheon for Jane White (one of E.O. Smith's librarians) where \$875 was raised for Relay for Life. For the last few years this Leo Club has conducted a drive for clothing, food and eyeglasses. This year the Leo Club received numerous items for the soup kitchen in Willimantic and WAIM. More than twenty (20) new members were inducted on November 16th. In the month of December, many Leo Club members volunteered at the Mansfield Senior Center Bazaar. The next day was the second ice skating party that the Leo Club hosted and it was a big success (profit of \$190). The last activity accomplished for the year of 2010 was Adopt-A-Family. With the profit from the ice skating party, these Leos bought gift



cards from various stores to give to the family along with items donated by the UCONN Co-op.

Since being formed in September, the **Haddam-Killingworth Leo Club** has assisted senior citizens in Haddam by raking leaves at a home, assisted senior citizens in Killingworth by winterizing windows at homes in Jensen's community, helped the Killingworth Lions clean up their booth after the Durham Fair, started a Facebook page to show their accomplishments, assisted the Killingworth Lions at the Judy Collins concert fundraiser, and assisted at the Lions' Christmas party. They have had two successful fundraisers and several recruiting events. A "Charter Night" was held on Sunday, January 19th where the teenagers donned white blindfolds and walked hand-on-shoulder with members of the Killingworth Lions Club during the induction ceremony. They are presently raising funds to purchase and install a flagpole on the grounds of the high school.



The **Lebanon Leo Club** raised funds with a breakfast and helped the community with a variety of chores from packing books at the Library to making donations to the Neighbors Helping Neighbors for the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. The year ended on a high note with a mitten, boot and scarf collection that yielded over 16 pairs of boots, 95 pairs of mittens and numerous hats. Some of the mittens were knitted by family members and came from as far away as Canada! They invited the Hebron Leos to an ice skating

party in February to raise money for a local family who lost their house in a fire on Christmas Day where they sold hot chocolate and donuts.

The **Montville Leo Club** had a children's Halloween party on October 22nd, a yard sale on November 27th and a very successful dance at the middle school on December 3rd. They participated in the Montville Christmas Parade on December 5th by entering



their own decorated float. They enjoyed making cards on December 13th and delivering them on December 16th to people in a convalescent home while entertaining them by singing Christmas carols. On December 15th they shopped for gifts to be donated to children for Christmas through Social Services. These Leos wrapped books at Border's for donations on December 16th and December 19th. They also helped the Montville Lions sell Christmas trees. A Valentine's Dance was held on February 11th.

Putnam Leo Club members have participated in a Lions' dog walk fundraiser for "NEADS" in support of working dogs for combat veterans, helped to wrap donated eyeglasses, volunteered with preparation of Thanksgiving baskets at a local food bank, and participated in the Lions' Club float during their local "Razzle Dazzle Parade". Part of the money they have raised will be going toward creating activity bags for kids for the ER waiting rooms at their local hospital and part toward adopting a family in need through their local Family Resource Center.

The **RHAM Leo Club** (Hebron) conducted a membership drive during the months of September and October. Their current membership is at 70 and is growing. In November in conjunction with the Hebron Recreation Department and the Hebron Lions, the RHAM Leos assisted with the Halloween Howl conducted on the Hebron Lions' Fairgrounds. The members participated in the skits, hayrides and food booth in addition to selling spooky items for a fundraiser. In December the club conducted a food drive and contributed funds for a food gift cards program, making these contributions to the Hebron Interfaith Human

Services organization. The club developed a Helping Hands service project with the local Senior Center in Hebron and Andover to assist the centers with preparations for the holidays and to run a holiday bingo party for the Andover group. They conducted a holiday book drive at RHAM High/Middle Schools for the Connecticut Children's Hospital in Hartford, donating 1,400 books. These Leos have been collecting, processing and sorting used eyeglasses collected in Hebron and at the Connecticut Rivers Council, BSA Jamboree conducted on the Hebron Lions' Fairgrounds. They recently shipped 1,200 eyeglasses to the Virginia Lions recycling center and are working on the next shipment of around 1,000 glasses.

Shoreline Leo Club President Shyam Desai reports that Fall 2010 was a busy time for the Leos. Leo community service events included: Niantic Lions food service at Heritage Weekend, face-painting at the Waterford Regional Lions Craft Show, helping to decorate the Niantic Town Green, and delivering some Lions' Holiday food baskets to the elderly. Leos also helped with the Salem Fall Library Book Sale, Heart Walk, Juvenile Diabetes Walk, and Niantic's Half-Marathon at Rocky Neck Park. Fall fundraisers, such as the Middle School Social were very successful. The annual Fall Club service project for Care and Share collecting Holiday Toys and Gifts helped many needy kids again this year. At their December evening meeting Past District Governor Art Davies attended and inducted five (5) new Leo members. Also, the club was honored with a visit by the Superintendent of East Lyme Schools, Dr. Lombardo, who commended the club for their community service to the school and local community.

A very successful spaghetti supper was held by the **South Eastern Connecticut Leo Club** on November 17th. They held a "pizza party meeting" in January to plan their upcoming events.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank these amazing Leos for all of their efforts in the last few months. Their energy and enthusiasm are contagious and they are definitely making a difference in their communities. Leos exemplify the Lions' motto "We Serve".

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Many of these vehicles were provided by Lions and help Fidelco spread the word about the Lions support of Fidelco to Lions Clubs inside and outside of Connecticut. The demand for Fidelco guide dogs continues to grow, as does their commitment to helping blinded veterans who were disabled in Iraq and Afghanistan and by disease.

On April 16, 2011 Fidelco will host their Open House with special hours and activities for Lions and their guests between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Look for additional details coming soon. The 30th Annual Fidelco Walk will be held on May 21st in Manchester, with a satellite Walk scheduled on May 14th in Boston.

Please contact me at 860-460-0462 or by email at tadams1@comcast.net to arrange for a visit with your club. Donations may be made directly to Fidelco. Please make the check payable to Fidelco Guide

Dog Foundation and send it to Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, Inc., 103 Old Iron Ore Road, Bloomfield, CT 06002 care of Kris Fletcher the Fidelco Lions Liaison.

THE DISTRICT MERL TEAM

1ST VDG KEN TUCKER

It is important to the lions clubs in our district that a resource team be established to meet certain needs that our clubs face in today's challenging times.

The success of our clubs and our district over the long term depends of a broad view of how our district and clubs operate. This article will briefly discuss one such team that focuses on membership, extension, retention, and leadership development. This resource team is called the MERL Team. There are currently 55 lions clubs (1915 members) in our district. This article is intended to inform the lions club member what the MERL Team is doing in District 23C.

Membership: The role of the membership committee is two-fold. PDG Fran Gregoire keeps track of the membership reports that the club secretaries file with Lions Clubs International. By keeping track of the reports, PDG Fran can inform the district governor and the MERL team the status of membership club by club. This enables the leaders of our district to observe trends and identify clubs that may need assistance in ways to increase membership. CC George Finlayson also serves on this committee. George can assist clubs in meeting with membership chairpersons and the board of directors in specific ways to increase membership, for example assisting the club in a membership recruitment night, etc.

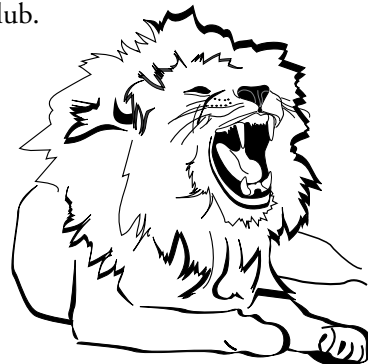
Extension: CC Steve Eaton is in charge of district extension efforts. The purpose of the extension chairperson is to work toward creating new lions clubs. This year, extension has taken two roads. In the traditional extension method, a newly formed University of Connecticut Campus Lions Club is being chartered. Many lions have been involved in the formation of this new club. Watch for more details to follow. Steve has developed a new, innovative method this year that seems to have great promise. It is called "Membership by Extension". Using the membership by extension method, Steve has been asked to attend a club service project with the goal of talking to non-lions in the community to ascertain interest in Lionism. The individual names that express interest in hearing more about Lions are provided to the club president for follow-up. The Middlefield Lions asked Steve to attend a town-wide shredding event and 18

non-lions wanted to hear more about what the Middlefield Lions were doing in their community.

Retention: Our district loses approximately 200 lions every year. Some unfortunately pass away, some move out of the community or out of state, and many are dropped due to non-payment of dues or resign in good standing. The goal of the Retention committee, chaired by 2nd Vice District Governor Jan Miller, is to help clubs retain as many of these members as is possible. Jan can help the clubs determine why members are being dropped from the membership rolls and establish strategies that clubs can use to keep these members. District Governor Denise has challenged all club presidents and members to contact those members that have not attended a meeting or club function in the last two months and see why. Maybe they are waiting for a phone call from YOU!!

Leadership: The leadership team, led by CC Priscilla Lewis, is responsible for training cabinet chairpersons, region and zone chairpersons, and most importantly new club officers in the spring/early summer. The Leadership Committee also assists the district governor in planning the district rally that was held in October, and meets with the multiple district leadership committee in selecting seminars for the mid-winter and state conventions. **SAVE THE DATE:** Our district leadership training (formerly PSTM) for our incoming club officers will be on Saturday, June 11, 2011 from 8 AM – 12 Noon at the Ledyard Middle School. Additional details will be provided as the date becomes closer.

In closing, the district MERL Team is here to **SERVE** the clubs in our district. Utilize their talents and rely on their experience to make your Lions Club a stronger and healthier club.



JOURNEY FOR SIGHT

To District 23C

The Journey for Sight Committee would like to invite you to the 2011 Journey for Sight Walk. As you know, this is an annual event held in the early Spring. This year's walk is scheduled for April 30, 2011. The site will be the Pomfret Recreation Park located in Pomfret CT. The walk will begin and end in the park, with three miles of the walk on the Connecticut Airline Trail.

What better way, after a long winter, to get together for a walk with friends. This walk is an easy fundraiser for your clubs. Fifty percent of pledges collected will go to your club for its own use. The other 50% will be designated by your club toward one of the following District projects: Camp Rising Sun, Conn. Lions Eye Research Foundation (CLERF), Diabetes, Hearing & Speech, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions Low Vision Center, Youth Exchange, Conn. Radio Information System (CRIS) or Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation.

The pledge sheet packets will be available at the Mid-Winter Conference. Be sure to stop by the Journey for Sight display table to get your pledge sheets. If you cannot pick them up there, we will distribute them at the Governor's Awards Banquet. If you need more brochures, please contact us.

We look forward to seeing you on April 30, 2011 for the Journey for Sight Walk.

Any questions, please contact us at:
Bill 860-334-6096 or Carol 860-537-0801.

You may also contact us by email:
carolmarchigiano@comcast.net.

Yours in Lionism,
Bill Grabek & Carol Marchigiano
Co-Chairs for the
Journey for Sight Committee

LOW VISION CENTER

Fellow Lions,

I write this letter as a Lion in service to the people of District 23C.

THE LOW VISION CENTER IS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE AND WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Last year, as governor, PDG Keith Lemire told us that we had become the victim of our own success. In fact what we have done is to create the **PERFECT STORM**. We now have a list of clients waiting for service that is 8 weeks out. Word of our work has spread so fast that we can't keep up with the need. The problem quite simply is money. We don't have any, but we continue to stretch each dollar to its breaking point.

Last year, less than half of the clubs in the district contributed to the center. The cost of our overhead and supplies has escalated and there doesn't seem to be a light at the end of this tunnel. To her credit our technician has offered to work foregoing an increase in salary. This gesture came without solicitation but has been accepted with gratitude. Records indicate also that she works for more hours than she is paid.

If you believe as I do, that what we are doing is necessary and, consistent with the mission of Lionism, I ask each of you to consider a **MONTHLY** contribution of \$5.00 or \$10.00. However, any contribution would be greatly appreciated. I know that what I ask seems redundant, given the work that all of you already do, but without your help the center could quite possibly cease to exist.

In addition, if your club has held a fundraiser for the center or has budgeted an annual contribution but is waiting for a night of giving, please make your donations now. If you wait we may not be here to receive them.

I know that this letter sounds alarmist, but I assure you that the need is real and immediate. If you need more information please contact any of your center's board members. Thank you for taking the time to read this message and giving it your consideration. Please make checks payable to LLV and mail to : c/o Steve Eaton, 83 Providence Street, Taftville, Ct. 06380. The funds are being mailed to me for tracking the progress of this letter only and will be turned over to the LLV Treasurer immediately for deposit. Please note in the memo how many Lions the contribution represents.

Yours in Lionism,
Steve Eaton

RETENTION

2ND VDG JAN MILLER

As 2nd VDG, I have been asked by DG Denise to keep a watchful eye on the clubs within our District, and to offer help in any way possible to avoid losing our current members. I have asked all of the RC's & ZC's in MD 23C to identify any potential problems that are noticed, so that they may be reviewed and hopefully rectified to avoid the loss of a member.

It is common knowledge that each year we gain approximately 200 new members into our District, however during this same time period, we lose about the same number for a variety of reasons. DG Denise would like to lower this loss, by asking each Lion to look around the room at your next meeting -- See who is absent -- If you are that person's Sponsor, please give them a call and see if there is a reason they didn't attend the meeting, or why they haven't attended the last few meetings. If there are members that have missed several meetings, I'm asking the Club Secretary or Membership Chair to please contact these Lions and ask if there is some specific reason they have not been active. As our DG said at the last Cabinet Meeting, the reason might be something as simple as not having a ride.

If I can be of any help with "Retention" in your club, please contact me -- I will be visiting as many clubs as possible for the remainder of this Lions Year, and will have helpful brochures with me to distribute such as "Developing and Retaining Members", Volunteer's Viewpoint", "Improving your Club's Operation", "Why Lions Quit" and an LCI "Evaluation and Assessment Form" that could be very helpful with the general operation of your club.

Yours in Lionism -- 2nd VDG Jan Miller



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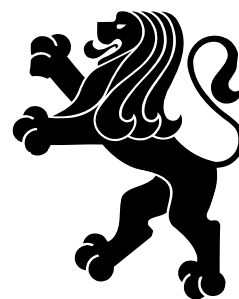
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1/2 Page AD	\$100.00	\$120.00
Full Page AD	\$175.00	\$210.00
	Non-Lion	Non-Lion Back Page
Business Card	\$40.00	\$48.00
1/4 Page AD	\$70.00	\$84.00
1/2 Page AD	\$120.00	\$144.00
Full Page AD	\$200.00	\$240.00
Patron	\$5.00 per issue	\$15.00 per year

