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Miracles Through Service

May 11



My fellow lions. I can't believe this year is almost over. Every time I turn around another month has gone by. It has been a challenging year because of the weather and as a result I still have some club visits to do. Originally I would have completed these in the beginning of April. I'm glad we did so many in the beginning of the year or we would have had a tough time fitting them all in. I want to let you all know how proud I am to have been your District Governor this past year. It has warmed my heart to see how dedicated all of you are and how much you give back to your communities. I am humbled when I think about it. 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. As most of you know if I have visited your club my biggest goal on the membership front has been retention. While we did not meet my goal of keeping our loss at 100 we have had a significant improvement over the last several years. On average we have lost 200 lions a year and as of the end of this past month we are at 130. Please continue to seek out the lions you haven't seen and remind them of their commitment to Lions. It is important to continue to foster the relationship with all of our lions. Please before you drop a lion find out why they aren't participating or paying their dues. We have so much more work to do this

year and the load will be lightened with more of us to do it. By the time this is published we will be having our state convention. I am hoping for a great turnout to support our future leaders, incoming District Governor Ken Tucker, 1st VDG Jan Miller and 2nd VDG Steve Novic. Our District is in very good hands the next several years. Thank you to VDG Ken and his committee for the great job they did on the Governor's Awards Night. What a great turnout we had. Thank you for all your support. 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. Their Charter celebration was held on Sunday April 17th. They are off to a great start. Welcome to all our new members from that club. Thanks you to our multiple district leadership coordinator Kathy Randall and her group of instructors for a great leadership institute. We have heard nothing but praise from all who attended.

In this issue please find a letter from Lions Low Vision Center Eileen Akers regarding the LLV. It is important for all of us to understand what is going on with the center.

I would like to let all of you know that PDG Keith Lemire has accepted a position as our Multiple District Global Membership Coordinator and I have accepted the position of Multiple District Global Leadership Coordinator. It will be an honor and pleasure to continue to serve alongside all of you. 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 Updyke

The Lions of Zone 1 have had good spring and are preparing for the very busy summer months with fundraisers and community service events. The **North Stonington Lions** had a successful fundraiser with their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual wine tasting in February. They will sponsor the North Stonington Memorial Day parade. Come join them for their annual Farm Tour the first Saturday in June and they will finish out their Lion's year by parking cars for the North Stonington Fair. The **Niantic Lions** continue Driving Miss Daisy where they give rides to the elderly that need to get to appointments, and in March they honored the Service Person of the Month and their club Peace Poster contest winners. They are looking forward to participating in Sight Saver Day, Journey For Sight and preparing a dinner for Twin Havens residents. Please join them at their Wine Tasting on May 26<sup>th</sup> and of course their Arts and Crafts Show and Lobsterfest/Chicken BBQ July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. In March and April the **Pawcatuck Lions** held food drives for the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center Pantry. In April, they hosted a pasta dinner and a breakfast at the Lions Hall, supported the Pawcatuck Duck Race and held a joint meeting with the Westerly Lions. On May 4<sup>th</sup> they will host another pasta supper and will hold a dinner for Veterans on May 31<sup>st</sup>. June 4<sup>th</sup> is there Road Race at 10 AM at Donohue Park and July 29<sup>th</sup> is their golf tournament at Pequot Golf Course. The **Old Saybrook Lions** held an Easter Egg hunt on April 16<sup>th</sup>, a Pet Fair on May 1<sup>st</sup>, and will be cleaning up a cemetery for We Serve day on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Their phone book sales fund raiser is going well again this year. All the clubs in the zone are winding up their Lion's year with continued strong service to their

local communities.


## Zone 2, Chair Linda Bradshaw

I am so pleased to see green instead of white (grey) and smell the fresh cut grass, it renews our spirit and has all my clubs buzzing with activity. Service and Activity is what keeps us Lions "Proud"... I thank my zone for their welcome friendship and service.

**Deep River/Chester Lions Club:** Many Individuals, Town and Lions projects have benefited from the clubs fundraising efforts, the Annual Luau held on April 16<sup>th</sup>. again well supported as always and just so much FUN... seeing PDG Art in a grass skirt? ... enough said. They are having a joint dinner meeting with EHC Lions on May 27<sup>th</sup>... don't you just love it when our clubs get together? They will be selling Mother's Day flower's on May 7/8. Participating at the "Thomas the Tank Engine" event in Essex, May 14/15 and 21/22 and the Annual Tractor Pull at Whelan Engineering on May 29<sup>th</sup> Keep ROARING!


**East Haddam Community Lions Club:** Busy, busy, busy... It is a good job that they have increasing membership, (2 more inductees in April), as this club is not standing still. Lion Alice Sabo was honored with a Melvin Jones Fellowship presented by IPIP Eberhard Wiefs in March for her committed and tireless work in this community. They successfully ran their 12<sup>th</sup> "Annual 5K and 10.5 mile Road race" and their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Ladies Night Out" in April, both events gathering great support locally. They were out on Earth Day clearing the streets and public areas in Town, shaking cans for Sight Saver day and "walking the walk" in

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 President

# the Clubs of the District

the "Journey for Sight" walkathon. This year they are sponsoring the Easter Food Baskets given out by the EH Food bank to over 70 needy families. They are running several "Pedia vision Screenings" in the Nursery schools in Town at the end of April. Their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual English Tea Party on May 7<sup>th</sup> I'm sure will be a big success again this year and they are having their **first** "9 Hole Golf Tournament" at Blackledge Golf Club, Marlborough on Sunday May15, to support CLERF.... hoping for your support. So much to do, and so little time...and it's only May!

**Essex Lions Club:** Home club of our District Governor, Lion Denise, have installed two new members. They continue to support their community participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade where they received some great publicity. They are once again hosting their Annual Night of Giving at the Ivoryton Theatre offering a great platform to their Lion and community giving recipients to share their stories and thank the Lions club membership. Preparations are underway for their participation in the "Thomas the Tank Engine" events at Essex the weekends of May 14/15 and 21/22 ... brings out the kid in all of us. They are also in preparation for their Big Lobster Festival on August 6 ... it takes a lot of prepping to get perfection... but it's worth it. They are also planning DG Denise's Testimonial Dinner on Saturday June 18 at the Westbrook Elk's Club ... save the date

**Lyme/Old Lyme Lions Club:** They held their annual Super Bowl Pancake Breakfast in February and CC Deb Updyke did Diabetes Screening ... I hope before the breakfast! They continue doing Spring Clean-up with their participation

in the Towns "Adopt a Highway" campaign. Preparations are underway for their annual Memorial Day Antique Auto Show at Lyme Art Academy, Old Lyme. If you want to kick some tires or share a holiday picnic this is for you. They continue to serve and support their community and our Lions Charities.

### Zone 3, Chair Tom OBrien

**The East Hampton Village Lions** are keeping busy this spring with two events. They recently had a successful "Cruise Night" to help promote their upcoming "Cruise for a Cause" New England/Canada cruise in the fall. They are also busy getting ready for their Goods and Services auction which will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's Hall on Rt. 66 in East Hampton.

**The Vernon Lions** just wrapped up their successful auction and are now getting ready for their duck race.

**East Haddam** is also gearing up for their July auction.

**The Clinton and East Hampton** clubs have also been busy getting ready for some spring and summer community events.

### Zone 4, Chair Hilary Matthew Kumnick

**The Haddam Lions** have been meeting regularly at the Gelston House. Haddam and Killingworth Lions Clubs held a joint meeting; hosted by Haddam. In return, Haddam Lions joined the Killingworth Lions at the local Game Club Hall for DG Denise's *Visitation* and amazingly nothing was reported missing... by either club! Haddam provides

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 Add .50 to each ticket price at BBQ  
 For tickets, contact Paul Horvath at 860-228-0650  
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 Independence Day Parade Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> 10 AM  
 Parade starts at H. W. Porter School

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

food for the *Annual Relay for Life* to be held at HKHS in the Higganum section of Haddam on May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

**The Killingworth Lions** hosted the *Annual Easter Egg Hunt* at Killingworth Elementary School. The "Big Bunny" showed up atop a KVFD fire truck and everyone left happy. Lions and the Killingworth Women's Organization are now planning their *Wine Tasting* which annually benefits the Killingworth Library. The monthly *Kid's Night Out* (KNO) continues to be a hit with middle schoolers. Crowds are averaging about 200 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders from Haddam & Killingworth. The club has adopted the refurbishment of a 140 x 44 pole barn at the municipally-owned *Parmelee Farm* for the benefit of the town's outdoor activities. Next event will be the *Birdhouse Sale* at the Town Center on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Killingworth is hosting a celebration for our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Saint Lawrence Church Hall.

**The Middlefield Lions Club** has been extremely active as well. Lions sponsored the *Annual Easter Egg Hunt* at Peckham Park for local grade schoolers. A *Park Clean-Up*, organized by Dave Wallach, was held prior to the *Egg Hunt* and President Bob Veeley declared: "It was especially great to see new members Jean Gay, Chris Hurlbert, Peter Liljedahl and Scott Casciano do outstanding work... You can't believe how happy everybody feels to see new members pitching in". Club is organizing a *Tag Sale* in order to attempt to pay off their *Sight First II* obligation on May 14<sup>th</sup>. On June 9<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup> Middlefield has its *Old Home Days*. Middlefield Lions are a major sponsor, kicking off Friday night with a pulled-pork dinner and live entertainment.

**The Middletown Lions** will be having another *Clean-Up*

for *Lions Landing* at Harbor Park and also help to clean-up Sumner Brook as well. They are planning to have a *Vision Screening* on June 11<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Middletown Health Department's *Annual Kids Health & Safety Day* on Main Street. Middletown Lions will also have booths at the *Middletown Cruise Night* on June 15<sup>th</sup> and a booth for Middletown's *Motorcycle Mania* event. Lions are busy working and planning for the *Head of the Connecticut River Regatta* on October 16<sup>th</sup>. President Marty Knight says: "We had a successful year!"

**The Durham Lions Club** continues to have fun meetings at the Time-Out Tavern & Restaurant. Durham inducted two members this year. They are already thinking ahead for their big push in the fall which funds many of their charitable works; the massive *Durham Fair*. The Lions will again offer their *Annual Scholarship Award* to a deserving student from the area.

**Zone 4 Summary:** It has been a joy visiting the meetings and events of the Zone #4 clubs this Lion Year. Especially gratifying was the opportunity to induct new members into three of the clubs. It is a pleasure for me to declare that all five clubs are on solid ground and in high spirits! I wish to thank Presidents Rich, Bob, Tim, Paul and Marty and all of our Zone #4 Lions for feeding me; especially endearing is how I was welcomed into your clubs as if I was always a member. Thank you all!

### Zone 5, Chair Diana Grisé

The Lions and Leos of Zone 5 have been very busy in the first few months of 2011 with lots of fundraisers and com-

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

munity service projects as highlighted below.

On April 17<sup>th</sup> the **Canterbury Lions** participated in the "Earth Day" town wide road cleanup. They are planning their Golf Tournament for July 29<sup>th</sup> at the Foster Country Club and their delicious Chicken Barbecue at the Canterbury Town Hall for September 17<sup>th</sup>.

This year the **Columbia Lions** were finally successful in getting entries for the Peace Poster Contest after many attempts in prior years. The posters were displayed at the Beckish Senior Center in January and in the Saxon B. Little Library in February. Over three hundred people enjoyed the "gourmet" pancakes made by these Lions at their annual pancake breakfast held on March 19<sup>th</sup> along with their silent auction. They are planning the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and encourage all Lions Clubs to march or enter a float.



Since their Charter Night on March 7<sup>th</sup>, the **Columbia Leo Club** is off and running. They helped the Columbia Lions at the pancake breakfast on March 19<sup>th</sup> and volunteered their time at the "Friends Make a Difference Talent Show" at Windham High School on March 25<sup>th</sup>. They are looking

forward to participating in clean-up day at the Channel 3 Country Camp on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Currently, the Leos are busy planning a float to enter in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and their first fundraiser, a summer carnival.

The **Franklin Lions Club** is planning a carnival with the Town.

The **Griswold Lions Club** held their annual Comedy Show on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and a pancake breakfast with the Easter Bunny on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

The **Montville Lions Club** held their annual Valentine's Day Dance on February 12<sup>th</sup>, did puzzles for pledges to benefit ASCONN (Autism) on March 5<sup>th</sup>, sponsored the Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner to benefit the Southeast Connecticut Community Center of the Blind on March 13<sup>th</sup>, and put on a Comedy Night on April 2<sup>nd</sup> – all of which were successful. They have a "Spring Fling" coming up on May 14<sup>th</sup>, a road race on June 5<sup>th</sup> and a Golf Tournament planned for July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Richmond Country Club in Rhode Island.

The **Montville Leo Club** also participated in the "Puzzlethon" for ASCONN at Fair Oaks School on March 5<sup>th</sup>, had a yard sale on March 26<sup>th</sup>, held a high school dance on April 1<sup>st</sup> and helped the Montville Parks & Recreation Dept. with an Easter Egg Celebration on April 16<sup>th</sup> with some of the **Colchester Leo Club** members helping by face painting. PDG Eric Jacobson inducted nine new members at their meeting on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

The District welcomed our newest club, the **University of Connecticut Campus Lions Club**, with thirty-three members being inducted at their Charter event held on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. These Lions did "Valentines for Veterans" and delivered them to the Rocky Hill facility. They have already held an eyeglass collection and a bake sale with the proceeds going to Japan. They are also looking forward to working with the Mansfield Lions Club, their sponsoring club, on future projects. It is very exciting to see the energy and enthusiasm these young adults are bringing to our organization.



**HADDAM LIONS CAR SHOW**  
 Haddam Meadows State Park  
 Concert Sat July 9 6-9PM  
 Car Show Sun July 10 9-3PM  
 Lions Food Truck

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

**Zone 6, Chair Lori Dickinson**

Now that spring is here, the Lions in Zone 6 are non-stop! Great service projects and fundraisers keep popping up!

Busy all winter with wood cutting and sales, The **Salem Lions** just had their big Salem Road Race on Saturday, April 9th. What a great event! Over 250 runners in all! All hands on deck for this project. They also had their annual Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 16th.

**Colchester Lions** just had another comedy night. They had their annual Bunny Blast; inflatables and pictures with the bunny, crafts and a vision screening April 17th. They are busy planning their fishing derby for children in their community to be held in May and starting to plan their annual carnival.

**Hebron Lions Club** has been busy with their three fundraising dinners one in January, one in February and one in March. All to benefit people in their community. They are

heavily into planning the Hebron Harvest Fair and are preparing for their night of Giving and their fireworks in July.

**AAA Lions Club** is busy planning their motorcycle run in June, and will be cooking the food for Journey for Sight Walkaton in April. They may still be a new club, but they are definitely an active one!

**Zone 7, Chair Eileen Akers**

Clubs will continue to be busy even during the summer! Following are some special activities.

**Taftville:** Pasta Suppers will continue to be served on the first Thursday of every month from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, South 2nd Avenue, Taftville.

**Ledyard:** The club will be sponsoring the Ledyard Memorial Day parade again this year including a float decorated by club members. The club is also sponsoring

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

the Army Band Concert on June 20th at the Ledyard Fairgrounds. Plans are to tie in this event with the town's anniversary. Bingo, the club's major fundraiser, continues throughout the summer on Wednesday evenings.

**Lebanon:** On July 23, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Leos are putting on a blueberry festival at the Lebanon fairgrounds. For more information, contact Deborah Saucier [debsaucier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:debsaucier@sbcglobal.net). The Lebanon Fair will be held August 12-14. The demolition derby and monster trucks are among many crowd pleasers.

**Montville Mohegan-Pequot:** Look for the huge and delicious baked potatoes at both the Lebanon and Hebron Fairs.

**Norwich:** Proceeds from the sale of bracelets are used to sponsor a blind young man to go to Florida for evaluations and treatments of his eye condition. For more information, contact Dr. Denise Williams [sneed.williams.d@yahoo.com](mailto:sneed.williams.d@yahoo.com).

**Zone 8, Chair Susan Jensen**

The Lions in Zone 8 have been very busy this year with fund raisers and service projects including Journey For Sight. All club are now planning their Installation Ceremonies and a couple of clubs plan to induct new members before June.

**Groton Lions** cleaned up Drozdyk Drive near the Groton Shopping Plaza in April. They held a Mother's Day Flower Sale in May and sold bunches and vases of roses, annuals, perennials, and hanging baskets. Their Golf Committee is meeting and planning a September Golf Tournament. The group is also arranging a Wine Tasting/Silent Auction for the Fall. Plans for pancakes in the park are being completed.

**Mystic Lions** sold hot dogs, soda, water, hot chocolate, and coffee at the Irish Day Parade in March. Other members of the club marched in the parade with some of the Leos from the South Eastern Connecticut Club. In April they joined the Mystic YMCA by participating in their Healthy Kids Day with screenings for eyes and ears. A social Joint Steak Night is being hosted by the club on May 18th at Lady of

Lourdes Church in Gales Ferry. There may be members from nine different clubs in attendance and they will be entertained with a performance of a skit which was done at Winter Conference by 2nd Vice District Gov. Jan and his cast. On June 13 the 25th Annual Golf Tournament will be held at Stonington Country Club. On Saturday Oct 22 the Mystic Lions will hold a Wine Tasting and Auction at the Mystic Art Center.

**New London Lions** ran a concession booth selling hot dogs, drinks and various other food items at the Home Show in the Connecticut College Arena for a weekend in March. They continue to work at the New London Meal Center serving food to the less fortunate.

**Waterford Lions** sold over 2000 hot dogs at the Defenders Warehouse marine/boating sale in Waterford as well as soda, chips, coffee, and donuts. They also plan to participate in Waterford Day with a fund raiser. These Lions volunteered at the Crystal Mall in the Hospice Tree of Life Booth.



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**Waterford Regional Lions** are planning two different bus trips. They will be traveling to the Bronx Zoo in New York this spring and to Boston in the fall. Please give Judy a call (860-443-2705) if you are interested in a ticket. Club members will be participating in a walk a thon and fundraising by playing Bingo at Foxwoods. The Waterford Regional Lions are hosting the last Cabinet Meeting of the year by cooking their famous Pot Luck Dinner.

It is with much sadness that I have to report the passing of two Lions from my zone. Memorial Services were held for both and fond memories of the two will be remembered. Many thanks to the clubs in Zone 8 for working so hard in their communities to make them a better place to live.

### Zone 9, Chair Paul Beausoleil

Well, Spring is finally here and the clubs in zone 9 are busy with their yard sales and flea markets.

In addition **Somers, Stafford** and the **Mansfield Lions**

**clubs** are busy preparing for their Spring, Summer and Fall Festivals.

The **Plainfield club** is already operating their food booth at the local motorcycle race tract and the **Plainfield TC club** is at work with fundraisers and pancake breakfast.

**Killingly Quiet Corner** is working on collecting items for their upcoming yard sale season, they are also looking for a storage trailer and chest freezer for their upcoming activities at the Woodstock Fairgrounds.

Clubs have been very active up to this point and it looks like it will be a very prosperous spring and summer for the Lions clubs of the Northeast corner.

My special thanks to all clubs for a very good year of service. All lions in 23C do what Lions do, WE SERVE.

On a special note: The Killingly Quit Conner would like to thank all those Lions who participated in their Quilt

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

Raffle for the benefit of our own Low Vision Center. This year's winner was PDG Julie Shiloski.

### Zone 10, Acting ZC & RC Nanette E. Burdick

*Zone 10 Lions Clubs continue to live up to our motto – WE SERVE! They have been hard at work helping in their communities by holding fundraising activities and are involved in various service projects. Slates of Officers have been decided on for next year with many upcoming “Nights of Giving” planned for the near future as well.*

In January, many of our Zone 10 Lions attended the **Second Annual Humanitarian of the Year Awards Dinner**. Most, if not all clubs submitted the name of an outstanding individual from their communities that deserved to be recognized for their various contributions. It was an unforgettable evening to say the least seeing many deserving folks receive recognition and awards. In addition, most recently, many Lions in our zone attended the District Governor's Awards Dinner on March 26<sup>th</sup> seeing their fellow Lions honored for their dedication and service to their clubs and their communities. All continue to play a supportive role in their neighborhoods, their towns and their villages. All but two clubs in our zone have been visited by District Governor Denise Dudek, where she had the privilege of inducting many new members as well. Also, we would like to continue to wish former Zone Chair Lion Bob Baron the best on his road to a healthy recovery. Again, if you would like to drop him an encouraging line or two, his address is as follows: **Lion Bob Baron, 68 Manners Avenue, Willimantic, CT 06226.**

The **Bolton Lions** held an *All You Can Eat Pasta Dinner* on April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Bolton Center School. Dinner included their famous homemade sauce and they even served a *meat free* sauce for those who were observing the Lenten season. What a nice way to welcome and serve their community! Congratulations to **Lion Robert Lessard**, service award recipient for 2011 at the District Governor's Awards Dinner on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Lion Robert enjoys working behind the scenes and has been there to help the club in all of its activities. As treasurer, he analyzes all our financial situa-

tions, organizes the golf tournament, does a lot of computer work for the bass tournament and does the inventory for the pasta dinners. He is a very valuable member of this club, and all are indebted to him for all that he does year after year and best of all he does it with a smile!

The **Bolton Regional Lions** also honored one of their own at the District Governor's Awards Dinner. Congratulations to **Lion Janet Minicucci** who was originally a member of the *Bolton Lioness Club* and then became a *Charter Member of the Bolton Regional Lions Club*. Lion Janet has been an active member all these years and is a lifetime member as well. She has held various positions, also serving as president and a member of the Board of Directors. She participates in most fundraising efforts.

The **Coventry Lions** are planning a Doll Show to be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> and a Pancake Breakfast on May 30<sup>th</sup>. They also honored one of their own at the District Governor's Awards Dinner. Congratulations to **Lion Richard Giggey**, Lion Dick has been president five times and has volunteered for innumerable projects. He has been the prime mover and coordinator of the Christmas season bell ringing for many years, which has resulted in a substantial amount of money given to the Town of Coventry's Human Services.

The **Willimantic Lions** continue to volunteer their services with needed driving in the community, collecting eyeglasses and donating their time to CRIS Radio on a monthly basis. The 2011 Willimantic Lions Special Olympics Swim Meet was held on March 12<sup>th</sup> and the Annual Coin Show, was held at Kramer School on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to **Lion Cindy Tillinghast** on being honored at the District Governor's Awards Dinner. Lion Cindy has served in many capacities for her club – including committee chairman, several terms on the Board of Directors and club Treasurer.

### Zone 11, Chair Maggie Grenier

*Region 4 - Zone 11 Lions Clubs – All of our clubs continue their hard work and dedication to their communities. They have been busy with many community projects and fundraising activities. Many, if not all of the clubs have been visited by District Governor Denise Dudek. Slates of Officers have been*

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

*decided on for next year with many upcoming "Nights of Giving" planned for the near future as well.*

In January, many of our Zone 11 Lions attended the **Second Annual Humanitarian of the Year Awards Dinner**. Most, if not all clubs submitted the name of an outstanding individual from their communities that deserved to be recognized for their various contributions. It was an unforgettable evening to say the least seeing many deserving folks receive recognition and awards. In addition, most recently, many Lions in our zone attended the District Governor's Awards Dinner on March 26<sup>th</sup> seeing their fellow Lions honored for their dedication and service to their clubs and their communities. All continue to play a supportive role in their neighborhoods, their towns and their villages. All clubs in our zone have been visited by District Governor Denise Dudek, where she had the privilege of inducting many new members as well.

**Danielson Lions** have been busy with various fundraising and service projects. They honored one of their at the District Governor's Awards Dinner on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Lion Tom Weaver. Lion Tom is the busiest Lion in the club. He is the club's secretary as well as the District 23-C Cabinet Treasurer. He easily puts in 80 hours of work per week and still finds time to give to the community. Lion Tom gives tirelessly at our breakfasts, suppers, raffles, and goes to all of our fundraisers and finds time to organize raffles and events for the club.

The **Pomfret Lions** continue to serve their community with service projects and fundraising activities.

The **Putnam Lions** also honored one of their own at the recent District Governor's Awards Dinner. Congratulations to **Lion Barbara Chubbuck**. Lion Barbara has been a member of the Putnam Lions Club since 2005. She is the Immediate Past President and is currently an advisor in the Putnam Leo Club. Since Barbara started with the club, she has brought in over a dozen new members to the club. She is an active member of our community and club and is always seen spreading the word about the great works of the Putnam Lions Club. Barbara has a great personality that people are drawn to along with her infectious laugh. She

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brings much joy and happiness to the club.

The **Thompson Lions** have been busy with their fundraising projects and community events. They held their Annual Sweetheart of the Year night on February 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Valley Springs Sportsman's Club in Thompson. Additionally, on April 2<sup>nd</sup> they held a chicken barbecue at the Knights of Columbus Hall in North Grosvenordale where they served family style. It was a great meal and a great deal! A Pancake Breakfast is slated for Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at the American Legion Hall in Grosvenordale.

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



*Lions Day at the UN  
PCC Carolyn Messier with Willimantic Lions  
Charlie Wynn and David Oyanadel*



*PCC Frank P. Mauro receiving award from IPIP Eberhard J. Wirfs*



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# THE PHANTOM

This is one year I welcome the birds singing and waking me up at 4 in the morning as I think they're celebrating spring and summer arriving. Y i p p e e !

A big thanks to the Mansfield lions for sponsoring our newest Lions Club in the district. Welcome to the U-Conn Campus Club. Best wishes and good luck with your projects.

As this is the Phantom's last article for this year, under the leadership of District Governor Denise Dudek, I'd like to say she has done a great job along with her Cabinet. Thanks to all of you for your efforts and time put into helping your communities.

I have received several names of lions to honor in my articles. Can't tell you their names as it's a surprise to them but will try to get them into print soon.



land. His dealerships support several organizations. Bob has also served in the community as a director of the Lawrence Memorial hospital, member of the Chamber of Commerce, member of Stonington Board of Finance and several others committees. I've been happy to tell you of this very active Lion and I wish him many more years of service with Lions.

Now the fun facts: When Helen Keller was an adult she adopted a Boston Terrier pup and named it Phiz. Art Fleming was the original host of Jeopardy & the movie Ben Hur won the most Oscars with 11.

Spring is here at long last, so happy planting!

*The Phantom*



Now for the lion of the month. So many lions in our District have given half of their lives to lions. Robert H. Valenti, a native of Wallingford, CT, is one of these wonderful people. Bob joined Lions 43 years ago. A Charter Member of Yalesville Lions Club, Wallingford, CT. He then transferred to the Mystic Club in Mystic

in 1976. He's been active in his club, holding President's office, Treasurer, Director and Zone Chairperson. His club has honored Bob with a Melvin Jones, Knight of the Blind and he has received the International President Certificate of Appreciation. Bob's wonderful wife June is also a Lion. They have been married 23 years. Their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren fill their lives. Bob just loves chasing those little white balls around. Golf is his hobby and he loves it. He has participated in many charity golf tournaments. Bob is still working in the automobile business. He's been involved in the business for over 60 years. He owns dealerships in Mystic and Westerly, Rhode Is-

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# **District Leadership Institute Seminars:**

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***Putting the Fun Back in Club Meetings***

## **REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

2ND VDG JAN MILLER

DG Denise recently asked seven Lion members from MD 23C to join with fourteen other members from MD23 A & B and R.I. District 42 to attend the Regional Lions Leadership Institute in East Hartford held from April 8th - 10th, 2011.

The Institute was coordinated by MD Leadership Development Committee Chair Kathy Randall, and was jointly taught by PCC Carolyn Messier, PCC Alan Daninhirsch, CC Mark Lyon and our own PDG Eric Jacobson.

The curriculum of this program included courses and session objectives in Lions Fundamentals, LCIF, Working in Teams, Diversity, Goal Setting, Public Speaking, Presentation Skills, Member Motivation, Effective Meetings, Communication, Mentoring and Membership Programs.

The training was very thorough, and included several group and individual role playing skits. This was the initial Regional Leadership Institute program held within our Multiple District, with others to follow.

An overall consensus of those in attendance, concluded that this was the most informative and helpful training that any of us had ever been subjected to before.

I would like to thank DG Denise from all the attending members of MD 23C, for allowing us to be part of this great learning experience. Also, I would recommend that anyone that is fortunate enough to be asked to attend this program in the future, do so -- You will never regret the camaraderie and knowledge you will gain for your future leadership endeavors.



*The picture from left to right (front row): ZC Lori Dickinson, ZC Diana Grise, CC Linda Lucas and Club Pres Ken Chen (back row): ZC Hilary Kumnick, PDG Eric Jacobson, 2nd VDG Jan Miller and ZC Larry Updyke.*

## LIONS LOW VISION CENTER OF EASTERN CT

LION EILEEN AKERS, PRESIDENT

Mark Twain once wrote, "Reports of my death are greatly exaggerated."

Despite some rumors to the contrary, the vital signs of our District's Lions Low Vision Center are excellent!

First and foremost it is important to remember that our Low Vision Center is a 501 C3 Non-Profit Organization. All donations are Tax Deductable.

The person having the unique expertise for working with the people we serve is Carol Dykas. She is a State of Connecticut Licensed Optician and is also Nationally Certified. She has been an adjunct lecturer at Middlesex Community College in the Opticianry Program, for nearly 15 years. She has authored several continuing education articles and study materials for Opticians. She provides the people we help in our communities experiencing vision loss with guidance in the selection and use of the most appropriate Low Vision Aids. Beyond this, what she brings with her knowledge and compassion is hope and regained independence. This type of individualized caring is the most costly part of our Low Vision Service. Because clients have not been declared "legally blind" there is nowhere else for these people suffering from vision loss to seek help.

A key word here is adjustment. Just as the people we serve have to adjust to vision loss, that same word is being applied to our Low Vision Center. That means making modifications to the way the Center operates. We have a responsibility to the Lions of this District to be good managers of your donations, including reaching out for additional funding. We are working to achieve a balanced budget and are well on our way to doing that. This is also a necessary step to apply for and receive significant grants. These grant applications become even more viable when it can be shown that those benefiting from the grant, clients, are contributing to the cost of the services they receive. Our clients are now being asked to donate the average device cost, \$50. If a financial hardship can be demonstrated the devices are donated to the client. We are implementing cost-cutting measures wherever possible. Carol Dykas is now recommending devices, particularly magnifiers, that are less expensive but equally effective. When possible, she is also seeing more clients at Senior Centers throughout the District.

Please visit our new website at [www.lionslowvisionctr.org](http://www.lionslowvisionctr.org). It is in the process of being built. There you will find lots of useful information, including the application for an Ambassador of Sight Award. A number of these have already been

received. The deadline to apply for this Lions Year is May 1. Also please check the list of previous Ambassador of Sight recipients and let me know if there's anyone whose name was inadvertently left off the list. Other suggestions about this website are always welcomed.

Please plan to send a delegate to our annual dinner meeting on June 3 at the Hebron Fairgrounds. This is your opportunity and responsibility to participate in the Center's continuing success, including electing new members to the Lions Low Vision Board of Directors. Be on the lookout for the letter with more information. It is very important to have participation from every Lions Club in the District.

The Lions of District 23C are the heart of our Low Vision Center. According to our Low Vision Treasurer, incoming 2nd Vice District Governor Steve Novic, Lions have donated over \$225,000 since 2005. Other District leaders continue to assist our Lions Low Vision Center and its Board of Directors in numerous ways. Despite her incredibly busy year as District Governor, Lion Denise has begun laying the groundwork for a Low Vision fundraiser for the next Lions year. 1st Vice District Governor Lion Ken and 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Jan have regularly attended and participated in meetings of the Low Vision Board of Directors. With the initiative of IPDG Lion Keith, a Finance Subcommittee was formed, including three Past District Governors.

Change is never easy and adjustments will be ongoing. This is an important time for our Low Vision Center. With your continuing dedication, hard work and support, as Lions of District 23C, we look forward to serving an ever-increasing number of people experiencing vision loss as this country's largest work force retires and our population ages.



## CHARTER EVENT

Under a large white tent at the Nathan Hale Inn in Storrs on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, young adults became members of the UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT CAMPUS LIONS CLUB, the newest club of our District. This is the second campus club formed in our State; the first one was formed at Trinity College.

Lion George Salpietro was the Master of Ceremonies and Past International Director, Scott Storms, inducted the members and installed the officers. District Governor Denise Dudek presented the Club Charter. Past District Governors, cabinet members, Lions and guests were in attendance.

The thirty-three charter members are: Rinsha Ballani, Sam Calogero, Varun Chandramouli, Kousanee Chheda, Sam Cummins, Rahul Darwar, Shreena Desai, Katherine Dwyer, Elizabeth Fesenmeyer, Meghan Gagnon, Chelsie Giegerich, Sri Gulukota, Syeda Haider, Jessica Henry, Sankeerth Jinna, Daniella Lomo, Andrea Mandragouras, Donald McMenemy, Amit Mehta, Serena Mistry, Mia Mote, Bhoomi Patel, Vinay Purohit, Himali Rana, Sagar Rana, Shravan Rao, Dipanjan Saha, Mamta Samtani, Ginal Shah, Shashank Vodapally, Nidhi Vora, Aashay Vyas, and Crystal Xue.



*UConn Campus Club President Kousanee Chheda*

The officers are: President, Kousanee Chheda; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Shreena Desai; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Daniella Lomo; Treasurer, Ginal Shah; Secretary, Nia Mote; Lion Tamer, Aashay Vyas; Tail Twister, Shravan Rao; and Historian,

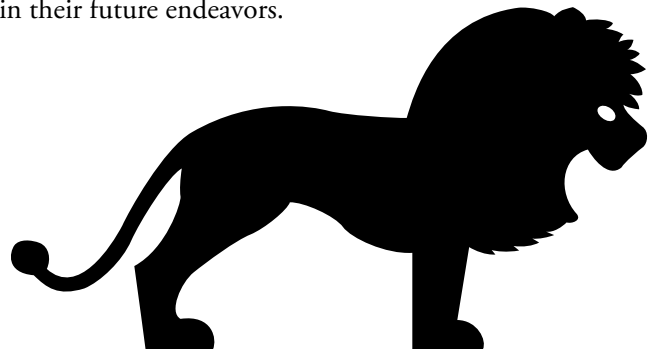
Crystal Xue. The Club was started by Kousanee Chheda, who also started the E. O. Smith Leo Club with her sister, Sumaali. Both the E. O. Smith Leo Club and the UCONN Campus Lions Club were sponsored by the Mansfield Lions Club. Mansfield Lions Club President, Dudley Hamlin, presented the UCONN Lions President with a gavel and bell. Council Chair, Mark Lyon, presented the Club with the International Flag from Multiple District 23 and District Governor Denise Dudek presented the Club with their club banner from District C. Other gifts and donations were also presented.



*UConn Campus Club Charter Event*

Extension pins for helping to form the club were given to Lion Steve Eaton and Lion Diana Gris  by District Governor Denise. Lion Diana and Lion Nanette Burdick will be Guiding Lions for this new club.

These new Lions have already been involved in three activities (more particularly described in the article for Zone 5). They look forward to serving their community and partnering with other clubs at UCONN and with the Mansfield Lions Club on upcoming projects. We are proud to welcome these men and women into Lions and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.



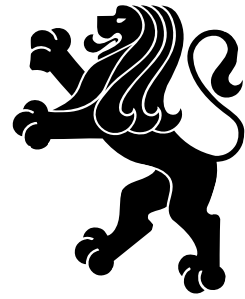
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