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## Where Is This Box?



Here's a challenge, even for those in the club that owns this box!

This beautiful eyeglass collection box is hidden in plain sight someplace in the club's town. Know where it is? Send in your guess to [District23BSpirit@gmail.com](mailto:District23BSpirit@gmail.com). Club members are ineligible to win.

Last issue's box belongs to the Avon Lions. You can find it at the Stop&Shop in Simsbury now that it's completed its makeover before winter sets in. No one had the correct answer, so the prize rolls over to this contest.

We still need more pictures of collection boxes for future issues. Does your club have an eyeglass collection box? Do you want to have it featured in an upcoming contest? Send a picture of it to [District23BSpirit@gmail.com](mailto:District23BSpirit@gmail.com) and see if it appears in a future issue.

## DG Harry Schuh

My Fellow Lions:

I am honored to serve as your District Governor this year and look forward to the rest of my Lions year! My Vice District Governors (1st VDG Ev Lyons and 2nd VDG Heidi Zacchera) and I are busy with Cabinet meetings, Zone meetings, and official club visits. During these meetings I highlight the Global Action Team and how its three components—Leadership, Membership, and Service function as a continuum and further the Lions mission to be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

I am pleased that our Zone Chairs are emphasizing Service and are asking Club Presidents to share their Service Projects during their Zone meetings this year. It is gratifying for me to hear at zone meetings and during club visits how our clubs' many exciting Service Projects are having such a positive impact on our communities. Thank you all for your SERVICE!!

Our Global Leadership Team has been very active. On September 8<sup>th</sup> all Zone Chairs were trained. And on October 6th we conducted Guiding Lions Training. Thanks to GLT Peter Nevers for organizing and to 1st VDG Ev Lyons for facilitating the training.

The Global Membership Team led by GMT Jim Trompeter continues to encourage clubs to use the MD23 Membership Plan to increase membership. Two of our clubs recently held a joint membership night resulting in the addition of three new members. Another club is planning an open house/membership evening later in the year. Thanks also to Orientation Chair PCC Alan Daninhirsch for conducting a New Member Orientation seminar with new members from 9 different clubs attending. Another New Member Orientation seminar is planned for March 21, 2019.

Let's extend our congratulations to the newest club in our district – the Glastonbury Centennial Lions Club! Many of you were present on October 27th to hear congratulatory remarks from our Area GMT PCC Mahesh Chitnis from New Jersey.

We have now established individual Service Accounts at the district level. LCI initiatives include Diabetes, Vision, Childhood Cancer, Environment, and Hunger. We also added VIP Fishing and Hearing Preservation. This allows clubs to contribute funds to district-wide projects.

We are moving forward with our MD 23 Diabetes project led by PCC Alan Daninhirsch to establish a one-week day camp for children with Type 1 diabetes in the summer of 2019. District Diabetes Chair Wendella Battey is also planning a pilot program in the Hartford school system to test for diabetes.

I believe that partnering is a key element to the success of our Lions clubs in the coming years. In the area of Environment, we met with the Litchfield Hills Audubon Society (of which Lion Carol and I are members) and the Sharon CT Audubon Center. Both organizations are interested in expanding environmental awareness and interest to our schools. I plan to involve our Leo clubs as one part of this effort.

Let's all support Lions Day with the United Nations (LDUN) this year on March 9, 2019! Our Cabinet members and PDGs have been very generous in sponsoring seats for Leos on our planned Lions/Leos bus trip. See the ad by LDUN Chair PDG Dave Roberts in this issue of the District Spirit for more information.

PCC Dan DiVirgilio is serving as District LCIF Coordinator this year. LCIF Campaign 100 is the most ambitious fundraising effort in LCIF's history. We rely on and appreciate the generous donations

of our clubs in support of LCIF. This year, I am asking each Lion to consider making an individual donation to LCIF as well. Just access the newly redesigned website [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org). Also consider reaching out to businesses in your community and asking them to support LCIF with their contributions. Remember that our foundation is consistently rated as one of the best in the world.

In regard to partnerships, we are currently meeting with Rotary Clubs, Elks Lodges, and the McCall Foundation to address the Opioid crisis. This is perhaps the single most pressing issue affecting our society today. Its impact is felt in all our communities and touches many of the initiatives in our district: Youth, Veterans, the Homeless and Hungry, etc. Our efforts will focus on awareness and education. Lion Bob Bessel and 2nd VDG Heidi Zacchera are spearheading District 23B representation on the Opioid Task Force.

One of my goals this year is to strengthen communication between our district and our individual Lions club members. We are developing strategies to make sure there is effective 2-way communication. On a personal note, Lion Carol and I continue to produce our cable access TV show "Lion Around CT with Carol and Harry." Our half-hour weekly show has been airing for 5 years and is seen on 6 cable access TV stations as well as on our Charter home studio website. LCI and International President Gudrun have set ambitious goals for us this year, especially in the area of Service. My theme for this year is LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

**LIGHTS**—Shine a light on Lions!

**CAMERA**—Focus on service!

**ACTION**—Dream it and do it!

Harry Schuh  
District Governor, Lion District 23B

## Simsbury Lions Club

The Simsbury Lions Club is off to a busy start of our 2018-19 year with a very successful September Mum Sale led by Lions Harolyn Erickson and Jackie Martin.

Regular year around volunteering started at the Senior center Wednesday lunches and other special Senior Center events as well as at the Library where we took part in the Health Fair, the Repair Fair, and the monthly Friday night Cafe.

October brought out 3/4 of our club members to take part in Vision Screening in all five Simsbury public elementary schools as well as three private schools. We screened 1486 children in K, 1st, and 3rd thru 5th grades, and made 74 referrals.

This busy month continued with Pecan Sales with Lion Paddy Carpen, and the ambitious car

parking project for Flamig Farm Haunted Hayrides. Several Lions also served as helpers at the Gifts of Love event at the Community Farm.

November will find our club happily providing many volunteer hours on November 14th, helping Lion Marianne Bannan with the Jack Bannan Turkey Trot started by her father years ago.(photo 5) Later this month Simsbury Lions will sponsor the Trolley during the big town wide Simsbury Celebrates event on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. And of course we are reaching out to the Simsbury Community in hope of welcoming more new members.

The Simsbury Lions are BUSY. Please check us out on our web page and follow us on Facebook.



*The Simsbury Lions Club  
September Mums Sale with  
Harolyn Erickson and Jackie  
Martin*

*Lion Sandy Kremer, harpist Mona  
Martinik, and Lion Steve Shapiro at the  
Simsbury Library's Friday Night Cafe*



*Lions Elaine Giannini, PDG Dan  
Utti, District 23b Vision Screening  
Chair, and Fran Gauthier  
performing screenings at the  
Simsbury Library Health Fair*



## GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP

*GMTL Jim Trompeter*

Greetings, Happy Holidays, and a Healthy New Year.

I had the opportunity to attend four Zone meetings this past month. The quality of the discussions and the questions asked were probably the best that I have heard. All the meeting discussed Service Projects and how we could better serve our local communities.

Not only are Service Projects great for our communities, they are also a great vehicle for sourcing new members particularly the smaller clubs. Service project bring a focus different than a fund raiser. People coming to an Eye Screening, Clothing Drive and Highway Cleanup are going to be different than those coming to Fundraisers such as Dances, Breakfasts, or Car Shows.

Don't get me wrong we definitely need the Fund Raisers but the opportunity to get new members through service projects is equally as good if not better than a Fund Raiser. I feel that this is especially beneficial for the smaller clubs.

As of October 31st we had 1,871 members' vs 1,826 last year at the same time. We have dropped 21 more members than what we have taken in so far this year.

Feel free to contact me ([m20t50@aol.com](mailto:m20t50@aol.com)) if I can be of assistance.





## CT Veterans Stand Down 2018

*By Lion Jim Boulais,  
Veterans Programs/  
Stand Down Chair*

The 2018 Veteran's Stand Down took place on Friday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 2018 in Rocky Hill. Over 20 Lions helped do eye and hearing screenings. We also had help from student nurses from CCSU. Also, MANY pairs of reading glasses were distributed. This year the event happened to coincide with the USA/Canada forum, so it was great to get all the volunteers we did this year. This results from this year's event (as provided by Lion Dan Uitti)

- Screened: 104 (over 125 registrations were filled out)
- Referred: 20
- Suspects:
  - Glaucoma: 22
  - Macular Degeneration: 1
  - Retina Evaluation: 1
  - Need annual eye exams: 71

Overall, 1001 Veterans were provided access to over 100 service providers from Federal, State, Local, Veterans and Social Services organizations.

I would like to thank all Lions that volunteered their time and energy in assisting during the event. As usual, it was "organized chaos" at times, but everything worked out well.

I do have a special shout-out for Lion Stephen Polezonis. As the lone eye-doctor helping out, he had the only station without any "backup" and did a wonderful job finalizing the results and talking with each of the vets about their results. The event symbolizes our motto of "We Serve". Again, GREAT JOB Lions!

# WE SERVE

## Empowering Service, a World in Need

*By PCC Dan DiVirgilio,  
District 23B LCIF Coordinator*

Most of us are familiar with our Lions Club International Foundation's Campaign 100. Here are a couple of highlights of our accomplishments and what we are about to accomplish with our global capital fundraiser. This is all about **Empowering Service, a World in Need**.

- **Vision-** Did you know that 253 million people are blind or visually impaired? Lions will lead the global charge to eradicate infectious blindness.
- **Diabetes-** Did you know that by 2040 nearly 650 million people are expected to be living with diabetes? LCIF will reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those diagnosed.
- **Childhood Cancer-** Did you know that every 2 minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer? We'll strengthen medical and social services, increasing life expectancy of children living with cancer and enhancing quality of life for them and their families.
- **Hunger-** Did you know each night more than 800 million people go to bed hungry? We'll work toward a world in which no one goes hungry.

How can we do all that? Simply put, as the greatest Association on the planet we will accomplish it all with **TEAMWORK**. We change people's lives for the better each and every day all across the globe. With your financial commitment to

**Empowering Service** and your communities we can do this and more.

Did you know that \$100 can pay for two cataract surgeries? Did you know that \$100 for Youth will fund Lions Quest curriculum to an entire classroom for one year? Did you know that \$100 can provide for Diabetes Screenings for 18 at risk people?

**LCIF** is asking for the following to be a model club. \$250 per member per year for three years total \$750. The best part it doesn't have to be all out of your pocket. You can get a business, friend, family member, co-worker to share the investment in our association. Please do not be afraid to ask others. They want to contribute we just need to give them a solid good reason and I have just given you **7 most worthwhile causes**. I will work with your clubs to visit the community, speak to business leaders and your club membership about the importance of supporting OUR Lions Clubs International Association and its Foundation.

Let's review some math numbers. If each club donates \$1000, that equals \$54,000. If each member of our District donates \$100 that equals \$180,000, If each club finds 5 donors that will donate \$100 that equals \$27,000 the total will be \$261,000. When you break them down like this and we all do small amounts the numbers become awesome. Remember too, that we can receive a grant up to 15% back to our District depending on the numbers we contribute.

As PDG and PCC and having the opportunity in meeting with so many of you I know in our hearts that having the opportunity to change people's lives for the better is what we are all in this International Association. So on behalf of our great LCIF, and as our District LCIF Coordinator I am asking each and everyone one of us to stand up and show the world that we are **In Service Globally**.

**LIONS CLUBS  
INTERNATIONAL**



# Catch the Bus to .....

## Lions Day at the United Nations

**Saturday, March 9, 2019**



**Only \$20 for FIRST 25 PAID RIDERS**

Make checks payable to "District 23-B" and mail to PDG Dave Roberts,  
P.O. Box 155, Riverton, CT 06065; 858-775-9241

**Bus seat scholarships available for 31 Leos THANKS to:**

DG Harry Schuh & Lion Carol Kearns (5), DG Allen O'Farrell,  
VDG Ev Lyons, VDG Diana Grise' (2), Zone Chair Ed Fenton,  
Zone Chair Jamie Laforge (2), PCC Sia Dowlatsahi (10),  
PCC Kathy Randall, PCC Alan Daninhirsch,  
PCC Syd Schulman, Cabinet Treasurer (PDG) Steven Daigle (2),  
PDG Dave Roberts (2), and PDG Mike Wilcox (2)

\*NOTE: LCI Event Registration is NOT INCLUDED with this bus transportation

## Harwinton Lions Club

### Harwinton Lions Club Funds Glucose Monitors at Diabetes Center

A \$1,000 donation from the Harwinton Lions Club will help fund programs at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital's Diabetes Center in Torrington, including the newest continuous glucose monitoring technology for its patients. This is the 15th consecutive year that the Lions have donated to help diabetes patients at the Center.

"Once again we are so thankful to the Harwinton Lions Club for their generosity and support in assisting us to offer the latest technology and education to our patients," said Lois Pelletier, Program Coordinator at CHH Diabetes and Endocrinology. The donation will be used to fund new glucose monitors, which are given to patients to wear for a week. The devices take a reading of blood sugar levels every five minutes. After seven days the monitors are returned to the Diabetes Center, where physicians analyze the data. The information collected allows caregivers to study patterns and identify unrecognized periods of low blood sugar, and is used by Diabetes Center staff to adjust insulin levels and offer lifestyle and medication modifications.

"My husband and daughter are both Type 2 diabetics," says Harwinton Lions Diabetes Chair Regina Neri. "I know personally the struggles that they both have gone through trying to keep their diabetes under control. The help they have received from the CHH Diabetes Center has helped them immensely."

Lions Club International (LCI) established a Diabetes Awareness Program to assist local Lions Clubs in conducting and supporting local and large-scale efforts leading to the control and treatment of diabetes and its complications through education, prevention, and research. Lions have worked with

community healthcare organizations to provide diabetes screenings, educational programs and funding, camps, and other assistance to people with diabetes.



*In what has become an annual tradition for the Harwinton Lions, District 23B Governor Harry Schuh, Harwinton Lions Diabetes Chair Regina Neri, and Lions Past President David Neri presented the check to Dr. Egils Bogdanovics and Lois Pelletier, RN, CDE, at the CHH Diabetes Center in Torrington.*

## MyLion

Looking for a new way to connect with other Lions or to promote your club activities? Have you tried the MyLion app for smartphones?

This free program will become an important tool as this will be the way to report your club's service hours. It also allows you to add your club information, your personal information, share pictures and events with other Lions, and chat with other Lions from around the world.

You can download the MyLion app from Apple's App Store for iPhones, or from the Google Store for Android devices.

## East Windsor Lions Club

The East Windsor Lions Club held its 47th Annual Turkey Shoot each Sunday from October 14th thru November 18th at the Lions Club's shooting grounds at 37 North Road (CT 140) in East Windsor.

During the "shoot," shooters use shotguns from a distance of 25-yards to shoot at targets with turkeys emblazoned on them. There are twenty shooters in each round, and the shooter whose shot that is closest to the bulls-eye wins the round.

Shooters can win prizes ranging from frozen turkeys, hams, and beef roasts, to gift cards and cash. Tickets for each round of shooting cost from \$2.25 to \$3.50, depending on the prize being awarded for that round. There are also "special" shooting rounds, where shooters can win larger prizes.

Shotgun ammo is provided, and there are shotguns available to use for persons without shotguns who are interested in shooting. There was also a special for Kids 12 & under—they got 1 free ticket to shoot (in a "small bird" round).

The East Windsor Lions Club Turkey Shoot has provided SAFE fun for the entire family for the past 46 years of this event, which supports the sight-saving and other charitable activities of the club and is its largest fundraising event each year.



*The East Windsor Lions Club 47th Turkey Shoot brought out quite a number of "hunters".*



## *Mark your Calendar!*

### Governor's Awards Breakfast for Zones 1-4



Sunday - March 3, 2019

8 am to 11 am

Chatterley's Banquet Facility ( formerly Cornucopia)

371 Pinewoods Road

Torrington, Ct.

\$21 per person

Select your "Outstanding Lion of the Year"

100% Secretaries Awards

Bring your glasses and hearing aids

*Invite family and friends - all are welcome*

Please donate a door prize or raffle prize

For reservations or questions, email

Lion Blanche Sewell [blanchs@zoho.com](mailto:blanchs@zoho.com) 860-489-8656

or Lion Lori Lukos Samolis [Istomcat@optonline.net](mailto:Istomcat@optonline.net) 203-206-4044



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



### District Governor's Award Breakfast

Zones 5, 6 & 7

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Maneeley's, 65 Rye Street, South Windsor, CT

Coffee at 8:00 A.M. Buffet Breakfast at 8:30 A.M.

Cost: \$21.00 per person

It's time for each club to honor its **Outstanding Lion!**

See you there!

**Checks Payable to District 23B Governor's Breakfast**

Mail to:

Lion Eileen Driscoll

672 Forest Street

East Hartford, CT 06118

860-568-7305

[epda23@aol.com](mailto:epda23@aol.com)

## Suggested Childhood Cancer (ACTION!) Projects

*By Meredith Spector, Childhood Cancer Project Co-chair*

Imagine for a moment that you are the parents of Justin, who at age 13 had spent two years with osteosarcoma, going back and forth to the hospital, appointments and missing school friends. You are a mixed bag of hopefulness and awakening reality. Here are Lion/Leo service suggestions in honor of Justin and his mom, Ronee, who mentioned unmet needs during Justin's journey.

1. Wear a GOLD ribbon on Feb. 15th, International Childhood Cancer Day (order for everyone at your club or workplace from American Cancer Society, the Ribbon Factory, or Oriental Trading)

**Why:** Raise awareness that although cancer in children is only 1% of all cancers in the world, one child may mean the world to you.

2. Stuff/donate Care Bags for a Teen: things like a quick acting thermometer, really good heating pad for chemo ravaged muscles, more mature coloring books/colored pencils, soothing lotions and baby wipes that don't sting sensitive skin, and comfortable head scarves.

**Why:** younger children may get more toys, attention, and cuteness perks than teens.

3. Sponsor/hold a meeting/partner an event at a local art gallery, photography studio, or salon with Flashes of Hope ([flashesofhope.org/chapters/Hartford](http://flashesofhope.org/chapters/Hartford)) and share your proceeds.

**Why:** professional stylists and photographers capture young cancer patients/family with free photos that, for some, are enduring memories.

4. Offer your club's services or funds for projects like Art from the Heart (volunteers redecorate a child's room for homecoming), via the Wilton, CT based organization:

Circle of Care, a member organization of [ctcanceralliance.org](http://ctcanceralliance.org) that cares for families and children with cancer.

**Why:** patients love to look forward to something.

5. Sponsor a Family Fun Day at a local athletic club, dance studio, playground, or other recreational venue for families and other caregivers.



### Zone 4

*ZC Maureen Lafland*

The Burlington and Harwinton Lions recently completed KidSight screening at Region 10 schools and daycare centers. We screened a total of 1111 children from pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6, which resulted in 57 Referrals. This is the 6th year of involvement in the program and is a good example of clubs working together to perform community service.

The Terryville Lions Club had their annual Safe Halloween Party, the Lions and the Terryville Leos hosted the party for the community, a haunted house, magician, games, food, prizes,.. This was a great event for the community.



## Expert Resources for Your Lions Club

Lion Bob Bessel

If your club wants to do something—start a new project, increase membership, reach a new audience, keep members engaged - there's no better resource than the District Cabinet.

Many clubs overlook the expertise available at the district level. All are former club presidents with years of experience and training to help clubs, and district chairs can help your club do almost anything. And you can't beat the price—free!

Here's a quick list of chairs who can help your club:

Membership - Jim Trompeter  
Service – PCC Stephen Polezonis  
Publicity - Bob Bessel & Frank Longo  
Teen Outreach (Quest) - Nancy Schnyer  
Resolving Disputes – DG Harry Schuh  
Veterans – Jim Boulais  
Vision Screenings – PDG Dan Uitti  
Anything else - contact your Zone Chair

The district cabinet is here to serve your club. Put us to work for you!

## The Spirit, It Is A Changin

Rumor has it that the District 23B Spirit may be making some changes in the future. We want to hear what you think would make our newsletter more valuable to your clubs and your members.

We will continue to publish your club news and events. We will also try to create a "master calendar" of MD, District and club happenings.

No matter what happens, The Spirit relies upon submissions from our district clubs. Send us your information, and "All the news that fits, we'll print."





## Lion Around Connecticut

With Lions Carol Kearns and Harry Schuh

Lion Around CT with Carol and Harry is now well into its 5th Year of producing a weekly half-hour show celebrating Lions events and activities throughout our district. Our show is aired in 58 communities on 6 cable access TV stations: Charter Communications (Winsted), Cablevision (Litchfield), Charter Communications (Newtown), Charter Communications (Willimantic), Nutmeg (Farmington), and Skye XIII (Waterbury).

Listed below are our last eleven shows. As you can see we feature a wide variety of Lions Clubs and Lions-sponsored events. These include Harwinton's successful 2nd Annual Food Truck Festival and 14th Annual Concert for Sight. We also included International President Gudrun Yngvadottir's LCI video in show 274.

This was also Fair Season. The Terryville Fair featured the Skillet Toss and a very exciting Demolition Derby. We always enjoy the Berlin Lions Fair which also features PDG Mary Krogh and her Petting Zoo. We had a great time at a very successful Colebrook Fair for the Colebrook Lions. PCC Dan DiVirgilio sponsored a \$1,000,000 hole-in-one prize at the Meriden Lions Golf Tournament at Tunxis Country Club. We went indoors at the Chowder Pot Restaurant in Hartford for the Hartford Multinational Lions Club Halloween Bash – great costumes and great fun!

Below are the titles for our latest shows 274 - 283:

274	Harwinton Lions 2nd Annual Food Truck Festival and IP Gudrun Yngvadottir's LCI Video
275	Harwinton Lions 14th Annual Concert for Sight Part 1
276	Harwinton Lions 14th Annual Concert for Sight Part 2
277	Harwinton Lions 14th Annual Concert for Sight Part 3
278	Terryville Lions Country Fair Part 1 with Skillet Toss

## Lions Day with the United Nations Webinar

On Thursday, December 6, at 7:00 pm, retired United Nations executive Dr. Sergei Kambalov will present a FREE webinar titled "United Nations: Past, Present & Future" as a prelude to our District's bus trip next March to Lions Day at the United Nations.

Here's your chance to hear directly from an expert about what's really happening at the United Nations from the comfort of your own home and hear updates on Lions Day at the United Nations. Invite Leos and prospective members to join the webinar. What a great recruitment tool!

The webinar is FREE, but you must e-mail PDG Dave Roberts at [dave@daveroberts.org](mailto:dave@daveroberts.org) to receive the WebEx invitation. To listen to this special webinar, you can just call 1-510-338-9438 at the start time.

Questions, call PDG Dave at 858-775-9241.

279	Terryville Lions Country Fair Part 2 with Demolition Derby and Washington Lions Car-B-Que
280	Berlin Lions Fair
281	PCC Dan - Meriden Lions Golf Tournament and Winsted Lion Joe Zibell PSA
282	Colebrook Fair 2018 and Burlington Lions Turkey Shoot 2018
283	Hartford Multinational Lions Halloween Bash Part 1
284	Hartford Multinational Lions Halloween Bash Part 2

To view our last 10 shows on the Internet:

- Go to [www.ctv191.com](http://www.ctv191.com)
- Mouse over "What's On"
- Click on "Watch Programs"
- Type the word Lion in the Search box and Click on Search



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## The District 23B Spirit

Our next issue of the District 23B Spirit is March 1, 2018. The deadline for all ads and articles is February 10, 2018.

Ad prices are \$30/quarter page (3.5" wide, 5" long), \$50 for a half-page (7" wide, 5" long), and \$100 for a full-page (7" wide, 10" long). Please provide ads in .BMP, .JPG or .GIF formats only—no .PDF or .PUB files, please. If you don't know how to create an ad, send us your information and we'll create one for you.

Any submitted pictures should be in .JPG or .GIF format, and should be clear (blurry pictures do not reproduce well). We need pictures of collection boxes! PLEASE!

Submit materials for publication to [District23BSpirit@gmail.com](mailto:District23BSpirit@gmail.com) only.

## Hartland Lions Club

### For the Birds

Yes winter is coming and time to think of about those wintering over feathered friends you enjoy outside your kitchen window. So if you have not ordered bird seed from a Lion of other Service Organization—get a move on and stock up. We have up here in bird and bear country. Just take yours in each night until that good freeze and our furry neighbors take their long winters nap leaving the easy feeding to our feathered friends.

### Senior Pot Roast Luncheon

Served at HIGH NOON—SHARP. Tables were filled with eager Senior at HIGH NOON SHARP. No one wanted to miss this meal. With succulent Beef Pot Roast by renowned Chef Alan Hill, with sides and dessert individually served by a Lion beats any fine restaurant. And time to just sit back, relax and rekindle long friendships and start new ones. Reminiscing over those who have passed since last year reminds us that we are all connected. From the youngest to the oldest we can bring a smile to those in need by just being there, listening and caring. After all, no one is ever beyond needing friends.

### Eye Screenings

Once again, Eye screening to all in the school. Any club who has not gotten into this simple but highly effective program is missing a wonderful opportunity not only to serve our FUTURE LIONS but to see smiles and giggles.

### Election Day - DID YOU VOTE?

If not, shame on you. One of the nice aspects of living in a small town is Voting. Voting and getting your flu shot. Voting and buying, through donation, home baked goods baked by Lions, even guys, supporting the LIONS. Voting and knowing you have done your patriotic duty no matter the outcome is what we must do So no matter where you live if you voted Thank You, if not, stop complaining.

### Holiday Contemplations

With the Holidays approaching our attention is directed to the needs of others. We often give extra to food banks and other charities at this time of year but one of the best gifts can be of yourself. Most of us will celebrate these special days with families and friends. Some however will not be as fortunate or are going through hard times. As LIONS we need to reach out, help others celebrate, overcome loneliness. Invite someone who is alone, going through hard times, or someone who just needs a friend, to join you and your family for one your many holiday events. You will be Blessed.

Serve with a smile  
but aside differences  
Serve with compassion  
we could easily be in a  
poor man's shoes  
Serve with humanity  
anyone of us can be  
misjudged.  
Serve with agape love

All of us, from our little club, from a little town, wish all our brother and sister Lions and their families a Blessed and Happy Holiday Season. God Bless, Be Safe and keep SERVING!

## Zone 2

ZC Frank Longo

My first zone meeting of the year took place on October 11 at the Curtis House Inn in Woodbury. I had five of my seven clubs represented, and nine of our District Leaders took the time to attend, including DG Harry Schuh, 1st VDG Ev Lyons, GMT Jim Trompeter, GST Steven Polezonis, and fellow zone chair (and 2nd VDG candidate) Ed Fenton.

Once attendees scrambled around to find their seats (you needed to be there to understand this), we got right to business on this year's topic, SERVICE!

We discussed how service differs from fund raising, and how both are equally important in helping our communities. We explored strategies to create new service avenues, including partnering with other groups in town.

Attendees were given the assignment to find ways to add to their service, and we'll be discussing these projects at our next meeting on January 9 with Zone 1.

*Below: Members of the Hartland Lions Club serving their guests at their Senior Pot Roast Luncheon*





## Spotlight on PDG Keith Wuerthner

*By Lion Doug Bray*

Earlier this year, Lion Keith Wuerthner received a citation from Lions International President Naresh Aggarwal for his more than fifty years of membership and service in Lionism.

A proud son of Big Sky Country (Montana), Keith grew up in Great Falls where his father was mayor, ran Herbert Hoover's presidential campaign in 1928, was a Charter Member of the local Lions Club and eventually, became an International Director. After graduating from Montana State University with a degree in journalism, plus two years in the Army, Keith began, with his beloved wife of 57 years Betty at his side, a journey across America (Albuquerque, Virginia, Indiana, and Upstate New York).

He used his skills and training as either a newspaperman or corporate communications specialist. Eventually Tom Shearer of New Britain's Fafnir Bearing selected him to be their Communications Director. After 12-and-a-half years, Keith literally turned the lights off at that great American manufacturing corporation.

Always proud of being a Lion, Keith is never without a Lions pin, or many Lions pins, on his lapel. He is a Past Club President, Past District Governor, USA/Canada Forum Presenter and is a recipient of Lionism's highest awards: Melvin Jones, Ambassador of Sight, and Knight of the Blind.

As District Governor, he sat with Charlie Kaman (Founder and

Chairman of the Kaman Corporation) and George Salt, CEO at the time, and asked, "What can we do as Lions to help your beloved Fidelco Guide Dog Program?"

"We need better transportation," was the response.

During Keith's reign, the money was raised from Connecticut's three districts for a new van.

Keith says, "I have been very happy as a Lion all these years. They have been like a family. I have been proud to serve." And Lionism has been proud to have you.

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PDG Keith Wuerthner accepting an International President's citation from IPCC Kathy Randall commemorating his fifty years in Lionism



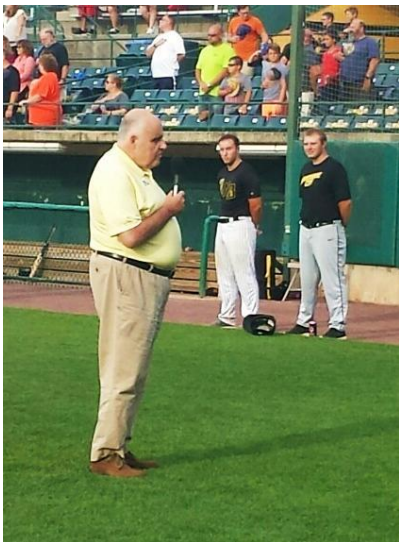


## Plainville Lions Club

Our Club hosted a very successful Fund Raiser for Low Vision on July 21st. Every year, our Associate Member, Lion Craig Banks, works diligently for months to organize this fund raiser at the New Britain Baseball Field (currently New Britain Bees). This year 82 tickets were sold; part of the proceeds are earmarked for the Low Vision Center. It was great to see Lions and their friends and families from all over the area come to attend.

The most memorable event of the evening was provided by our member, Lion Bill Gaughan. Lion Craig informed the Bees that Lion Bill has had several years of experience performing with the Plainville Choral Society. The Bees then awarded Lion Bill with the honor of opening the game by singing the National Anthem. Although he was not provided an opportunity to rehearse, his rendition was flawless. When Lion Tad Graham-Handley was asked for his opinion, he replied "Billie crushed it!" We all agreed with his summation.

Sadly, the Road Warriors shut out the Bees that evening. We promise that we will make every effort to host a winning game next year, and in the meantime we will savor the memories of our success on July 21, 2018!



## Glastonbury Centennial Lions Club

The club was chartered on 27th of October, 2018 at The Gallery Restaurant. PID Scott Storms performed the official induction of the club members and installation of officers. It was a nice evening with dinner, raffles and presentations. Guest Speaker GAT CC Mahesh Chitnis was in attendance as well as DG Harry Schuh, IPDG Bobby Clark, and several other honored guests and dignitaries. Special thanks to our Guiding Lion Sia Dowlatshahi from the South Windsor Lions Club and Lion Nora DeLeon-Clark of the Hartford Evening Club. We thank all those who helped make the evening memorable and enjoyable. Photographer Lion Frank Rowe of the Ledyard Lions Club did a great job of capturing pictures of the event.

The Glastonbury Centennial Lions

Club was excited to hold its first community outreach event at the Glastonbury Apple Harvest Festival on Oct 13th & 14th. We had several Fidelco Guide Dogs on display and we collected donations for their foundation. It also was a good time to promote our new club to the community.

Our club has donated several books to the Welles Turner Memorial Library and some of our members volunteered at the Veterans Stand down in Rocky Hill in September. In addition we have secured a new venue for our club meetings at the Glastonbury Riverfront Community Center where we meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. We are now eager to start planning for upcoming events in our the community and full fill the motto of the Lions "We Serve"

*President Akella Sarma accepts the Charter for Glastonbury Centennial Lions Club from IPDG Bobby Clark and DG Harry Schuh*



# Windsor Locks Lions Receive Anthem Foundation Grant

*By Lion George Cooper, PDG*

In July of this year, Windsor Locks Lions Club President, Lion Kathy Doody approached her Board and Directors requesting permission to apply for a grant sponsored by the Anthem Foundation. The basis of the grant was to pair Lions Club members with volunteer employees from Anthem Insurance Company in local community projects.

An application was filed and in mid-September, the Club was notified that they had been selected to receive a grant in the amount of \$1,500 to paint and make repairs to the Little League facilities at the town's Pesci Park. The Little League facility has a history of its own, as it was the home field for the 1965 Little League World Series Champions.

After a bit of negotiations, the grant request was increased to \$1,850, to cover additional expenses. The Club's selection was one of three requests granted statewide by the Anthem Foundation.

Preliminary work to repair siding to the Announcer's Booth, Snack Bar, and the Covered Bleachers was completed on September 27th. In addition to the wood replacement and trim work, primer coats were applied to the new wood.

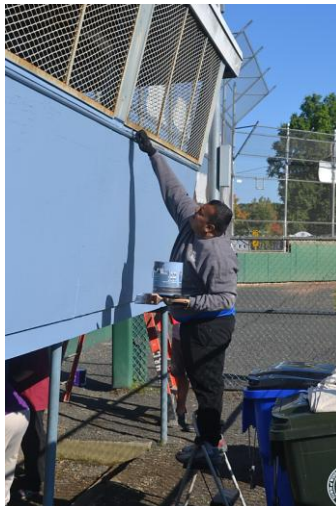
On Saturday, September 29th, some sixty Lions, Leos, and Little League parents responded to the "Call to Serve." In addition to the volunteers, two of the members of the 1995 World Champions made appearances to reminisce about playing ball on the historic site. Work began at 9:00 a.m., and by 1:00 p.m., new coats of paint had been made to the Announcer's Booth, Snack Bar, and the outside and inside walls of the covered bleacher sections. Final work, the painting of the bleachers was accomplished by Adam Chirico, as part of his Eagle Scout project.

The painting and repair work to the facilities received coverage from a reporter from the Hartford Courant.



*Left: Windsor Locks Lions prepare to replace wood trim at the town's Pesci Park Little League facility.*

*As a result of a grant received from LCIF/Anthem Foundation, the Windsor Locks Lions Club was able to make repairs and paint the Little League facilities at the town's Pesci Park. At right: Lion Andy Hussain applies a coat of paint to the Announcers Booth on September 29th.*



## What Is CLERF?

*CLERF Chair  
Wayne Frombach*

CLERF, the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation was created in 1956. Prior to the early 1950s, assistance (either medical or financial) provided to Connecticut residents was available to those already blind.

Recognizing the dearth of financial assistance available for research into the causes of blindness and available treatments, the Multiple District 23 Council of Governors created CLERF. Most clubs have responded generously to the continuing need for financial support, allowing the foundation to provide grants totaling more than \$7 million over the years.

Major support has gone to Yale University for establishment of a Macular Degeneration Research Center and to UCONN for establishment of a Vascular Eye Center. In addition to the above, CLERF, through the Connecticut Lions Eye Health Program, supports adult Glaucoma and Diabetic eye disease screenings, the Eye Donor Program, Sight Saver Day, and the KidSight USA pediatric eye screening program.

Several years ago, a CLERF grant of \$100,000 that was matched by LCIF, allowed the purchase of 23 new screening cameras that are currently being used in the KidSight USA program.

CLERF's Knight of the Blind Award was created to promote Connecticut's foundation and at the same time, recognize people who have given unselfishly of their time and efforts to promote its goals. Individuals, clubs and others may nominate someone for this award by submitting an application and contributing a total of \$1,000 in full or over 5 years.

Additional details are available on the CLERF website. Thank you for your continued support!



## Project Planning: A Primer

What elements make for a successful project? As we start planning new service projects, we want to make sure that we're covering all the bases.

At the very least, your project plan should include the following:

- Project Scope (What you're doing)
- Project Deliverables (end result)
- Project Timeline (Start to Finish)
- Budget
- Human Resources (Do you have the right seats filled on the bus?)
- Communications (between team members)
- Promotional Needs

If you're missing any of these items on your project plan, you'll find yourself scrambling around at the last minute to cover areas you didn't anticipate.

Remember: Proper Planning Prevents Poor Projects!

## Barkhamsted Lions Club



Left: Club members celebrate Lion Francis Lattizori's 85th birthday and thank him for a lifetime spent in service to others.

Right: Club President Rejean Labrie models one of the parade uniforms brought back from the 101st Lions Clubs International Convention in Las Vegas that was a gift presented to PDG Dave Roberts by the Japanese delegation.



## Windsor Lions Club



Lion Suzie, Lion Al and Lion Jim (pictured), along with Lion Gary Cook and President Todd, supported the Rocky Hill Veterans Lions Club with their recent spaghetti dinner. This was their first ever fundraiser. This team representing our club also did eye screenings to help the Rocky Hill Veterans Club.

## Winsted Lions Club



The Winsted Lions Club honored Past President Blanche Sewell on October 24 with a Life Membership in recognition of her 20-plus years as an outstanding Lion. She has also been honored with a Knight of the Blind and Melvin Jones award. District Governor Harry Schuh presented her award at a recent meeting of the Club.

Above: DG Harry Schuh with Life Membership recipient Lion Blanche Sewell and pst club president Pam Wright

Right: DG Harry presenting Lion Blanche with her life membership certificate.





## Woodbury Lions Club

The Woodbury Lions Club is still recovering from our 28th Annual Haunted Hayride. After many weeks of preparation, we managed to get Mother Nature to cooperate three of our four nights, losing the last night to rain. We still managed to scare the daylighters out of over 2000 attendees, and had a blast doing it. Thanks go out to all the volunteers who helped us stage this event. We've already started the planning for next year's event, which we hope will be the biggest and best one yet.

One of our most anticipated meetings during the year is the annual Thanksgiving Dinner, where we present our donation to the Woodbury Community Services Council, and hold a club food drive for the local food bank. Last year, the club gathered 600 pounds of non-perishable food, household supplies, and toiletries to help stock the shelves. This is also the meeting where our Giving Tree is brought out. The tiny fake fir is decorated with slips of paper indicating a store and an amount where a gift card is to be purchased. The cards are collected before Christmas and given to the Community Services Council. Last year, \$1200 in cards were donated, all purchased by club members.

Not wanting to rest on our laurels, our Service Director, Lion Skip Jaret has us busy with two new service activities. Under his guidance, we've partnered with three churches in town to put on the Annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner. The event, in its 21st year, provides a community gathering for those in need, those in need of companionship on the holiday, and those who want to spend the day helping others. Lions will be helping to prepare and serve food, delivering dinners to shut-ins, and providing transportation for those who cannot drive. We are pleased to be a part of this community event.

## District Officers

**Harry Schuh**  
District Governor

**V. Everett Lyons**  
First Vice District  
Governor

**Heidi Zacchera**  
Second Vice District  
Governor

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Secretary

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**Jamie LaForge**  
Zone 7 Chair

The second event is a clothing drive for the benefit of Waterbury Youth Services, in conjunction with the Red Barn, the outreach program of the First Congregational Church of Woodbury. Gently used and new winter clothing, including coats, hats, and gloves, will be accepted by the Red Barn from November 10 through December 22, and the Woodbury Lions will have a collection box available from November 24 through December 8 next to our eyeglass collection box at the local grocery store. Donations will be turned over to Waterbury Youth Services for distribution to children and youth in need of winter clothing.

This is all just the warm-up to our traditional holiday projects. The Sunday after Thanksgiving means the Woodbury Lions decorate the Leroy Anderson Bandstand on the town's North Green. We built the bandstand in 1986 as a legacy project, and we've been covering it in lights for Christmas every year since, a silent nod to Anderson's famous holiday song, "Sleigh Ride", which was written here in town. It's a couple of hours of camaraderie, music, and coffee and doughnuts that we look forward to every year.

After that, we gear up for the annual Christmas Eve Luminaria Display along Main Street in Woodbury. This is a massive project, requiring the coordination of over one hundred volunteers placing sand in paper bags, laying a candle on top, spacing them along the side of the road, and going back just before dark to light the candles. Luminaria kits will be also be available for sale at several locations around town for homes and businesses who would like to share the light, but aren't along Main Street.

The Woodbury Lions Club would like to thank the Town of Woodbury and its residents for the loyal support for us in the past year, and we're anticipating a busy 2019.

A Happy Holidays to all of District 23B from the Woodbury Lions Club.



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## Lions Day at the United Nations

### March 9, 2019

