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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Governor's Message

Greetings fellow Lions...

Although a tad late, I wish you all a peaceful New Year!

It has been a very busy two months with club visits, 35 to date, which are such a joy and of course trying to assist with whatever one can do in Newtown. The Newtown Lions led by President Ray Keegan, have been extraordinary in what they have accomplished in their efforts to help the families and responders impacted on December 14th. And kudos also to PDG Rose Marie Spatafore for her immediate help on the first day. Also, Lion Shaukat Khan of the Bethany club led a group of fellow counselors to help in Newtown. The more I learn about our district and the Lions within, the more I know what a wonderful organization we belong to.

One more time please: we are at the deadline for submitting names of Lions who want to participate in the Emerging Lions Institute in April. If two newer Lions from each Zone attended, our clubs and district would benefit tremendously. To date, we have two Lions who are interested. We have room for another 18!! I know it's a long weekend, but the information/material is so interesting and certainly broadens one's horizons in Lionism.

To those of you who are attending the Mid Winter conference, have a great time and I hope to see you there.

I continue to wish your clubs every success, and again THANK YOU for being LIONS!

Until next time...

In a World of Service!

DG Linda



This year's international convention is being held in Hamburg, Germany. Each year, more than 20,000 Lions from across the globe gather to celebrate. The convention offers an ideal setting to reunite acquaintances and make new friends. Learn about other clubs and district projects. And make personal connections with international leaders and representatives from headquarters. The deadline for advanced registration for the convention is May 1, 2013. You may download a registration form at this link:

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/convention/files/reg_form.pdf

Watch the Latest Edition of Lions Quarterly Video Magazine

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/lions-news-network/lq.php>

In this edition, Lions respond to help residents on the east coast recover from devastating Super Storm Sandy, the White House recognizes Lions as Champions of Change, and Lions from Hawaii protect their landscapes and citizens. Also, a preview of Hamburg, the convention mentioned above. You can also discover how Lions and LCIF are impacting sight in Madagascar.

Peace Poster Contest Winner and Kits

The winner of this year's peace poster contest from our District was submitted by the Cheshire Club. Congratulations! The poster will be on display at our Mid-Winter Conference this coming weekend.

The theme of the 2013-2014 Peace Poster Contest is "Our World, Our Future". Kits went on sale January 15, 2013. You may order your kits here:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/pr785.pdf>

Congratulations to the newly formed Waterbury Leos chartered just this week on January 30th!!

Club Events

Cheshire Lions Club 14th Annual Wine (and Beer) Tasting 6pm – 8pm on February 8th.

http://district23a.org/Events2013/130208Cheshire_wine_beer_flyer.pdf

Bridgeport Host Lions Club Hosting a Valentines Dance on February 9th at the Oronoque Country Club in Stratford

http://district23a.org/Events2013/130209Valentines_Day_Dinner_Dance_Lions%20COR.pdf

Oxford Lions Club Hosting a Valentines Day Dane on February 9th at the Crowne Plaza in Southbury

http://district23a.org/Events2013/130209OXFORD_LIONS_ValentinesDinnerDance.pdf

Milford Lions Club Presents a "Taste of Italy Night" from 6pm – 8:30pm on February 23rd at Saint Mary's School Hall in Milford

<http://www.lions23a.org/Events2011/month.htm>

** If you have a club event you would like in our newsletter, please contact Cabinet Secretary Lisa Phillips lionlisap@yahoo.com*

Welcome New Lions

Lion David DeGrasse to the Branford Lions Club

Lion Bradley Olt to the Branford Lions Club

Lion William Brett to the Newtown Lions Club

Lion James Guattery to the Newtown Lions Club

Lion Richard Sturdevant to the Newtown Lions Club

Lion Paul Sciarra to the Guilford Lions Club

Lion Lennart Carlson to the Madison Lions Club

Lion Carl Montagano to the Prospect Lions Club

Lions Mary Stocking to the Prospect Lions Club

Happy Anniversary

New Haven Lions Club:	91 years	(February 9, 1922)
Darien Lions Club:	64 years	(February 17, 1949)
Madison Lions Club:	57 years	(February 22, 1956)
Georgetown Lions Club:	63 years	(February 24, 1950)
Middlebury Lions Club:	61 years	(February 27, 1952)
Beacon Falls Lions Club:	60 years	(February 27, 1953)
Bridgeport Host Lions Club:	92 years	(February 28, 1921)

Upcoming Dates to Remember

District Governor Visitations:

- 2/13/13 Oxford club rescheduled from 8/22/12
- 2/14/13 Greenwich, special
- 2/20/13 Fairfield rescheduled from 1/16/13
- 2/26/13 Hamden rescheduled from 1/22/13
- 2/27/13 Stamford

District 23A Events:

- Zone 5 Meeting: February 4

Multiple District 23 Events:

- Mid-Winter Conference: February 1-3
- CLERF Meeting: February 18

Lions Clubs International Events:

- Lions Day at the UN: February 1

Please visit our district website at www.lions23a.org for all of the information about our district. Contact Lion Ernie Harrington to post any events that your club may have: ech105@snet.net
We are also on Facebook! Join our group at "Lions Clubs D23A, CT, USA"