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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Governor's Message

Greetings Fellow Lions,

Despite the lack of much needed rain, I believe this Spring is absolutely gorgeous. In driving to club visits and other meetings, I am grateful that those of us without serious eye problems are able to see and enjoy the beautiful array of colored blossoms. The hedges of yellow and trees of whites and pinks defy description. Of course, Autumn is completely opposite with its rich colors of golds, reds and oranges. Again, how do you describe the colors to someone who cannot see?

Which leads me to tell you of a super experience my husband and I had on Monday the 29th; we attended the sixty something annual "dance for the blind" sponsored by the Cheshire Lions club. After a lovely meal, we and all the other Lions invited the sight impaired to join us on the dance floor...we jitterbugged and engaged in interesting conversations. A wonderful time and I encourage you all to reach out to your local social services departments to find out if you have sight impaired individuals in your communities. If yes, invite them to the dance next year!

Now here we are, May 1st already and two or three things come to mind. The PU101 deadline is only days away, and about half our clubs have not yet submitted their new officers for the next Lions year. It is so important to do this so that our district and Lions International can get all the information in place as soon as possible. Less than fourteen days to go Fellow Lions.

Also, the PSTM, President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership, training/refresher session is on Tuesday May 21st at the Crowne Plaza in Southbury.

With only five club visits to go, this year has been the most wonderful experience I have had and I thank you all for making that happen.

Although I had a goal of finishing the year with an increase in membership of 52, we are actually down 47 however I thank you all for your efforts in recruiting new members.

We could still do It!!

Have a lovely month of May...until next time.....

DG Linda



May is Lions Recycle for Sight month. Eyeglass recycling is one of the Lions most popular activities. Starting an eyeglass collection in your community can be an easy and rewarding activity that will raise your club's visibility and provide your fellow Lions with a great deal of satisfaction in serving others.

To learn more about the Eyeglass Recycling Program and for more project ideas, please visit the link below:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/sight-hearing/sight/eyeglass-recycling/index.php>

White Cane Week May 11-17

The National Federation of the Blind (NFB), a leading organization for the blind, has established May 11-17 as "White Cane Week". During this week, a special concentration of efforts to educate the public concerning the hopes and aspirations of the blind is emphasized. In keeping with the Lions' established tradition of assisting the blind, your Lions Club can do much to promote community awareness of the white cane law by requesting that local radio, TV and newspaper media periodically feature news of the law's existence and its wording in detail. Contact offices of local government officials to request a proclamation. The following link will take you to the Model White Cane Law:

<https://nfb.org/model-white-cane-bill>

Incoming President, Secretary, Treasurer & Membership Training for District 23A

What are my responsibilities as a club president? What are my responsibilities as a club secretary and how do I go about sending reports through the new LCI website? What are my responsibilities as a club treasurer and what is involved in keeping/filing the financial reports? What are my responsibilities as Membership Chair and how can I help our club grow? These questions, as well as any other questions you may have, will be answered at the PSTM Training that will be offered on Tuesday May 21st from 6:30pm – 9:00pm at the Crowne Plaza in Southbury. Come join Lions from all over our District and learn what some of our best trainers have to offer. The registration form can be found on the District calendar <http://www.lions23a.org/Events2011/month.htm>. Please note that the cost for pre-registration is \$15 and the cost at the door is \$20. Please share this information with the incoming officers of your club and encourage them to attend this very informative event.

Club Events

Beacon Falls Club Wine and Beer Tasting on May 17th from 6:30pm – 9:30pm at St. Michael's RC Church Lyceum, 25 Maple Avenue, Beacon Falls <http://www.lionsclubofbeaconfalls.org/>

Meriden Lions Club Duck Race/Car Show event starts at 10am on May 19th at Brookside Park, Bunker Ave & Warren Street, Meriden - Race starts at 2:30pm <http://www.meridenlionsclub.net/>

Seymour Lions Club Summer Cruise Nights: May 5th (1pm – 4pm), May 16th (5pm – 8pm) and May 30th (5pm – 8pm) at Molto Bene's Restaurant, 557 Wakelee Avenue, Ansonia

Seymour Lions Club Meet and Greet Book Swap on May 19th from 2pm – 4pm at the Strand Theater, Main Street, Seymour <http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/seymourct/calendar.php>

** 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 Iris Bartke to the Brookfield Lions Club
Lion Peter Webster to the Brookfield Lions Club
Lion Fraij Yapoujian to the Brookfield Lions Club
Lion Noreen Dostaler to the Cheshire Lions Club
Lion John Tenedine to the Cheshire Lions Club
Lion Susan Waterbury to the Greenwich Lions Club
Lion John Beardsley Sr to the Meriden Lions Club
Lion Michael Geremia to the Meriden Lions Club
Lion Christopher Wirth to the Meriden Lions Club
Lion Jorge Dias to the Middlebury Lions Club
Lion Laurence Bronkiewicz to the Ridgefield Lions Club
Lion Erma DeBrum to the Shelton Community Lions Club
Lion Barbara Osterhoudt to the Shelton Community Lions Club
Lion LeAnne Sheldon to the Shelton Community Lions Club
Lion Rebecca Twombly to the Shelton Community Lions Club

Happy Anniversary

Prospect Lions Club:	13 years	(May 9, 2000)
East Haven Lions Club:	10 years	(May 13, 2003)
Old Greenwich Lions Club:	80 years	(May 18, 1933)
Branford Lions Club:	62 years	(May 22, 1951)
Woodbridge Lions Club:	62 years	(May 24, 1951)

Upcoming Dates to Remember

District Governor Visitations:

- Wallingford: May 1
- Milford: May 6
- Middlebury: May 8
- Devon: June 4
- Bridgeport Host: June 6

District 23A Events:

- PSTM Training: May 21
6:30pm – 9pm, Crowne Plaza Southbury
<http://www.lions23a.org/Events2011/month.htm>
- District Governor Testimonial: June 7
6:30pm at the Amber Room Colonnade in Danbury
- LLVC Annual Dinner: June 14
6:30pm at Molto Bene Restaurant, Wakelee Avenue, Ansonia
For additional information email Kathy Poirier kmpoirier49@gmail.com

Multiple District 23 Events:

- State Convention: May 10 -12 in Sturbridge, Ma
Agenda and festivities: <http://www.lionsdistrict23c.org/Pages/StateConvention.aspx>

Lions Clubs International Events:

- International Convention: July 5 – 9 in Hamburg, Germany
Registration form: http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/conv_reg_form.pdf

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"