

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL  
CONNECTICUT LIONS  
MULTIPLE DISTRICT 23A**



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**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER**

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**Governor's Message**

Hello Fellow Lions:

I hope you have all had a fantastic Summer and been able to do all the things you like to do when on vacation.

It's hard to believe that we are in our third month of this Lions year already.

It's the old adage, "doesn't time fly when you're having fun". I don't know about you but I am certainly having fun. In particular, those clubs I have visited so far (7) have been most hospitable and it's a special pleasure to meet all the club members.

As previously mentioned, one of my goals is to help those clubs with declining membership. It would be irresponsible of me to ignore them and run the risk of them folding and losing all the historical good works these clubs have accomplished.

Therefore, with the help of GLT Mark Lyon, GMT Helen Belluschi and the newly certified Guiding Lions we are planning a series of one day membership "blitz" during October.

We are also planning a "CEP", Club Excellence Program, training night at the end of October for Region/Zones chairs, and toward the end of January we expect to hold a district wide member orientation.

In between time, we will have had the USA/Canada Forum in Tampa and the much delayed 100% breakfast/brunch covering the years 2011, PDG Walter and 2012, PDG Lyn; thank you Lions Kathy and PDG Joe Poirier for arranging that.

Until next time, continue your clubs good works and thank you for your dedication to Lionism. In our International President Wayne Madden's words, "Preparation + Dedication = Excellence."

In Lionism,

**Linda**

DG Linda



As part of this year's "In A World of Service" theme, International President Wayne Madden is challenging Lions to participate in the Reading Action Program on increasing literacy and access to learning resources through their service. The Reading Action Program is a call to action for every Lions club around the world to organize service projects and activities that underscore the importance of reading and address specific needs related to illiteracy within their own community. The following are a few project ideas that members of your club and district may consider taking on:

- Serve as a volunteer reader
- Collect new books for a children's hospital
- Sponsor a community spelling contest
- Work with your local school or library to increase access to information in Braille

To learn more about the Reading Action Program and explore more project ideas, please visit the link below:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/global-membership-team/presidents-theme/RAP/index.php>

## **Club Events**

**Bridgeport Host Club** Cigars and Crooning on September 21<sup>st</sup>  
<http://www.lions23a.org/Events2011/month.htm>

**Meriden Lions Club** 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Details can be found on their website  
<http://meridenlionsclub.com/>

**Seymour Lions Club** Summer Cruise Nights on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Details can be found on their website  
[www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/seymourct/](http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/seymourct/)

**Seymour Lions Club** Sock Hop on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 10pm at JJ Sullivans. Tickets can be purchased from

**South Meriden Lions Club** is having their annual Strides Walk on September 8<sup>TH</sup>. For more details visit  
[www.southmeridenlions.com](http://www.southmeridenlions.com)

**Wallingford Lions Club** is having a Historic Walk on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9am. See the flyer on our District website <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](mailto:lionlisap@yahoo.com)

## **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

### District Governor Visitations:

- Waterbury Club: September 6
- Norwalk Club: September 20
- Guilford Club: September 24
- Easton Club: September 25
- Meriden Club: September 26

### District 23A Events:

- Zone 4 Meeting: September 6
- Zone 1 & 2 Meeting: September 10
- Zone 3 Meeting: September 10
- Zone 5 Meeting: September 10
- Zone 7 & 8 Meeting: September 19
- Zone 6 Meeting: September 27

### Multiple District 23 Events:

- Veterans Stand-down: September 21
- NELC Necrology Service & Melvin Jones Banquet: October 27-28  
<http://www.lions23a.org/>

### Lions Clubs International Events:

- September 14-16 USA/Canada Forum, Tampa, FL  
<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/>

## **Welcome New Lions**

Lion Pat Notarnicola, Jr. to the Bridgeport Host Lions Club  
Lion Stephanie Montalto to the Danbury Lions Club  
Lion William Kroll to the Meriden Lions Club  
Lion Edward Rogers to the Meriden Lions Club  
Lion Joseph Criscuolo to the North Haven Lions Club  
Lion Lisa M. Phillips to the Seymour Lions Club  
Lion Ronald Onderko to the Shelton Community Club  
Lion Gail Bruenn to the South Meriden Lions Club  
Lion Thomas Mallory, Jr. to the Waterbury Lions Club

## **Happy Anniversary**

Danbury Lions Club:       85 years       (September 8, 1927)

Please visit our district website at [www.lions23a.org](http://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](mailto:ech105@snet.net)  
We are also on Facebook! Join our group at "Lions Clubs D23A, CT, USA"