

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL  
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**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER**

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**Governor's Message**

"Happy Holidays" fellow Lions ....

I hope you all had the very best Thanksgiving with your family and friends!

I must first mention how sorry I am that our shoreline clubs and towns suffered the amount of damage they did from "Sandy". If you still need help in the way of blankets, toiletries, cleaning supplies, water, etc., please let me know. The deadline for an LCIF grant has in fact passed but they are being lenient with that deadline!

After five months as your District Governor, and what an honor it is too, I have visited 26 wonderful clubs, a good half way mark, and all have been so welcoming and hospitable for which I thank you.

As I previously mentioned, the membership drives are underway in Ansonia, Derby, Southbury, Westport and Woodbridge and after preliminary visits to these towns, we are encouraged by the positive response of the business people and the town residents. This effort will go on into the New Year, and I am confident we WILL succeed! Once these have been completed we (the GMT, GLT, Certified Guiding Lions and Zone Chairs) will then concentrate on other clubs who want and ask for help with membership. As you know, one of my goals was and is emphasis on retention.

A reminder: please let me know the names of your newer members who aspire to leadership roles within your clubs. They will be good candidates to participate in the "Emerging Lions" weekend next April ... we have room for 20. It is a good way to encourage leadership development in our district. Thanks to the GLTs in our district and the multiple district for this endeavor.

Congratulations for all you do in your communities, and THANK YOU for being Lions!

Until next time, I wish you all a very Happy New Year!

DG Linda



As part of President Madden's Global Service Action Campaign, December and January are months for "Relieving the Hunger." Organize food drives and projects to feed the hungry. With the downturn in the global economy, many hunger relief organizations are finding it difficult to keep up with demand. Help alleviate hunger by planning events around the end and beginning of the calendar year to collect and distribute food. To learn more about this campaign, and to download resources, please follow this link: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/global-membership-team/presidents-theme/global-service-action-campaigns/relieving-the-hunger.php>

### **Helping People Around the World**

As most of us know, Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization, but do we really know exactly how we impact people around the globe? Click on this link <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/our-impact/around-the-world/index.php> to be connected to an interactive page showing that Lions are ready to serve anywhere we are needed.

### **Champions of Change**

In our October newsletter, we mentioned that Lions would be honored at the White House on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. This video was shown at the White House, where 11 Lions club members were honored as representatives of our 1.35 million members in 46,000 clubs around the world.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/lions-news-network/videos.php?id=c5iD>

It really is a heartwarming video showing proud Lions in action. Please take the time to check it out.

## **Club Events**

**Meriden Lions Club** is having a "Pasta, Pizza and Live Auction" at 7pm on December 19<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Salvation Army at the North Italian Home Club, 43 Thorpe Avenue. Tickets are \$10 available at the door. Please bring unwrapped toy or non-perishable food items.

**Orange Lions Club** Wounded Warriors and Fidelco Guide Dog Concert Fundraiser on December 6<sup>th</sup>. For more information visit <http://orangectlions.org/wwp%20concert%20fundraiser.htm>

**Orange Lions Club** is hosting a Wine Tasting on January 18<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found at this link <http://orangectlions.org/wine%20and%20beer%20tasting%202012.htm>

**Wolcott Lions Club's** Winter Wonderland: December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Lions Den, 245 Wolcott Road. Visit with Santa, enjoy some hot cocoa and Christmas Music, face painting and more. While the event is free to the public they are accepting unwrapped toys for the Toys-for-Tots program and non-perishable food donations.

*\* 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)*

## **Welcome New Lions**

Lion Richard Buck to the Beacon Falls Lions Club  
Lion Suzanne Papajohn to the Greenwich Lions Club  
Lion Isabel McGetrick to the Madison Lions Club  
Lion Timothy Katkauskas to the Meriden Lions Club  
Lion Terrence McAulliffe to the Middlebury Lions Club  
Lion Jason Hall to the Milford Lions Club  
Lion Quyen Tran to the New Fairfield Lions Club  
Lion James Moore to the Wolcott Lions Club

## **Happy Anniversary**

Southbury Lions Club:	64 years	(December 7, 1948)
Naugatuck Lions Club:	62 years	(December 12, 1950)
Wallingford Lions Club:	45 years	(December 18, 1967)
New Fairfield Lions Club:	61 years	(December 21, 1951)
Shelton Community Lions Club:	3 years	(January 20, 2010)
Trumbull Center Lions Club:	27 years	(January 27, 1986)

## **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

### District Governor Visitations:

- Bethel Club: December 5
- Ridgefield Club: January 8
- Greenwich Club: January 10
- New Canaan Club: January 15 (lunch)
- Cheshire Club: January 15 (dinner)
- Fairfield Club: January 16
- Danbury Club: January 17
- Hamden Club: January 22
- Newtown Club: January 23
- Old Greenwich Club: January 24

### District 23A Events:

- Zone 5 Meeting: December 3
- Holiday Party: December 7
- Zone 1/2 Meeting: January 7
- Zone 4 Meeting: January 10
- Zone 6 Meeting: January 10
- Cabinet Meeting: January 14
- LLVC Meeting: January 31

### Multiple District 23 Events:

- CLERF Meeting: December 3
- Council Meeting: January 7
- Mid-Winter Conference: February 1-3, 2013 (registration form is on our website)  
<http://district23a.org/>

### Lions Clubs International Events:

- International Leo Day: December 5 (information on Leos may be found here):  
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/our-work/youth-programs/leo-clubs/leo-club-activities.php>
- Lions Day at the UN: February 1  
Registration form can be found here: [http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/ldun\\_regform.pdf](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/ldun_regform.pdf)

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"