

DISTRICT PRIDE
Connecticut Lions District 23 A
Serving Fairfield and New Haven Counties



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WELCOME
TO THE NEW WEB
EDITION OF THE
DISTRICT PRIDE

As times change, so does our means of communication. We are going to try to keep the

Lions of District 23 A
informed by two
methods.

There will be a monthly web Pride that will be e-mailed out to all Lions who provide us with their e-mail address.

There also will be 3 or 4 Hard Copies printed and mailed out to all Lions in our district.

Please give us your feedback as to what you would like to include in our publication.

District 23A TEAM
2006-2007

IPDG Joseph A Poirier

I want to thank each and every club and each and every Lion for the great response that I had from all the Lions of District 23A. My year as governor went by way too fast and I didn't get to meet all of the lions from our District. Meeting with all the Clubs and their members gave me a great perspective of what each and every club does to meet the needs of their community and Lions International.

Our last fundraiser was to honor PID Otto Strobino. Clubs were asked for a minimum donation of \$100.00 to CLERF through the District CST to CLERF's endowment fund. If a Club did not make all the commitments for 100% club this donation could be used to eliminate any two requirements to be 100% for the Lions year 2006-2007. The donation must be made to the District CST by August 31, 2007 in order to qualify. Your in Lionism

District Governor's Speech
At State Convention
Cape Cod, Mass.

I have been asked by a few Lions attending the State Convention for a copy of my speech. This message is for each and ever Lion in our district. "The 23A Team 2007-2008"

THANK YOU. These two words may only contain 8 letters, but they are the most important words that I can offer.

T: The first of my Thank You is to the Good Lord, who is always by my side, protecting and guiding me.

H: How could I accomplish any of this with out the support of my husband and family?

A: Alice, who invited me to join Lions – my best friend, who I lost too soon. She was there to encourage me to go further in Lions. She is watching us today from above & I just can hear her little chuckle and see her smile.

N: Not one of us is alone in this journey. My club is small, but we are family and all work together.

K: Knowing that I have Great Lions who have stepped up to the plate to take on Major Rolls in the “23A Team” is heartwarming and encouraging.

Y: Yes, we are all ONE TEAM, not only the “23A Team” but MD 23 Team together. My Brother Governor Steven and Sister Governor Julie are a Gift of Friendship and Love to me.

O: Only our willingness to look ahead, make changes, stand up tall for our beliefs, will make this a better world.

U: Until I am able to serve, roll up my sleeves, get in the trenches with all the Lions throughout the World, my job will not be complete.

Thank you.

Lion Rose Marie Spatafore
DG

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

Date: Monday, August 6, 2007

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: John J. Sullivan's Restaurant, 557 Wakelee Ave., Ansonia, CT (203-735-6417)

Menu: Summer cookout - Grilled Chicken, Hamburg's, Hot Dogs, Assorted Salads

Cost: \$16.00/person (**checks payable to John J. Sullivan's**)

Attire: Casual

RSVP by Thursday, August 4, 2007 to CST Kathy Poirier (203-723-0417 or email kathy_poirier-fla@sbcglobal.net)

Date: 13th. Council Meeting
20th. CLERF Meeting

August 30th.

**CLERF FUND RAISER
NEW HAVEN CUTTERS
YALE FIELD -BASEBALL GAME
\$10.00 BOX SEATS
\$12.00 EXECUTIVE SEATS
50% to CLERF
MAKE IT A FUN NIGHT
INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY
CALL: Lion Stephanie Shelinsky
Milford Lions Club for tickets ASAP
(203) 464-2034**

Challenge to Change

2007-2008 international program, **Challenge to Change**, is a reflection of the change in expectations of the district governor.



This could be called a paradigm shift in the way our organization functions. Instead of directing Lions and clubs in the district, today's governor is expected to be humble and serve the members while leading by example and influence. The governor will empower others to actively take part in achieving the district goals. This will enable Lions to work independently to achieve their shared district and international program goals.

The Chinese philosopher, Lao Tzu, defined leadership this way, "To lead people, walk beside them. As for the best leaders, people do not notice their existence. When the best leader's work is done, the people say, "We did it ourselves."

The core elements of the **Challenge to Change** international program are:

Found on the web at:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/intpragram.pdf>

Calendar of Upcoming Events

August 2007

- ..6th, Cabinet Meeting, John J. Sullivan's, 557 Wakelee Ave., Ansonia, CT. 06401 7 pm.
- ..13th Council Meeting
- ..20th CLERF Meeting
- ..25th Milford Wine Tasting, 6:30—9:00 pm Fowler Pavilion
- ..30th CLERF FUND RAISER, New Haven Cutters Base Ball Game. Tickets \$10.00 & \$12.00 / 50 % profit will be donated to Endowment Fund.

September 2007

- ..5th-8th: USA/CANADA FORUM, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.
- ..11th.: Low Vision Meeting
- ..17th: Zone 1 Meeting
- ..22nd: New England Council
- ..23rd: Rindge, Memorial Service New Hampshire for all New England Lions who passed on from 7/06-6/07 Please contact Joan Bennett, VDG with names to be read.
- ..24th: Zone 2 Meeting