Goodrich Helping Hands Supports CRIS Radio

Lion Kate Shea
Lions Club of Danbury

The Lions Club of Danbury and CRIS Radio would like to thank the Goodrich Helping Hands program for its continued support of CRIS Radio.

The CRIS program is a reading program for the blind and print-handicapped in the Greater Danbury Area. The News-Times is read three times a day, and 24 hour programming includes readings from numerous publications. The Danbury CRIS Studio is run by 40 volunteers who read on a weekly basis to the 350 listeners in the area.

The amount of the donation was $2,800. This donation comes to us through the Helping Hands Program at Goodrich which is funded by employee donations that the company matches! The employees decide who will receive gifts from this fund.

Kristin Watson, EOS Controller of Goodrich, presents Kate Shea, CRIS Studio Coordinator, with a check for $2,800 from Helping Hands of Goodrich while Keith Beaver, Lions Club of Danbury President, looks on.
A Letter From Our International President

Mahendra Amarasuriya, International President

Dear Club Officers,

Unless you are an accountant or a mathematician, you may think that numbers are boring. Most people think they have better things to do than listen to someone quote a string of statistics – and if you are a Lion, you do!

But I have some numbers to share with you that I think are very exciting and I think you will, too. For the first time in many years, all measures of recruitment and retention show a positive trend. Through January 2008, LCI shows a net membership increase of 4,283, which is the best first six-month period we have experienced in many years. Most importantly, all constitutional areas and most districts are showing great improvements over historic trend.

Due to the many community service projects that are conducted in the first half of the calendar each year, membership traditionally grows by the thousands between January and June, it will be truly exciting to watch the membership total as it is documented by our new, timely reporting system. With your help, I believe that we will be able to have an increase in overall membership. What an outstanding legacy that would be for our leadership year!

But achieving this goal will not be easy and it requires that you take action immediately. The next two months have traditionally been a time for club recruitment drives. I urge you to take the next two months as an opportunity to intensify your efforts to bring high quality new members into your club. By now I am sure that you realize that the projects you have identified and planned will benefit greatly from additional hands to share the work. A successful effort this month will enable your club to take part in Worldwide Induction Day in April, which in turn will be an excellent way to create even more interest within your community.

As you work to strengthen your membership, please remember that we have successes on which to build.

The number of women and family members has reached an all-time high of 240,000, due largely to the innovative family membership program. These groups should remain a primary focus of your recruitment efforts.

I am proud to say that more districts will be receiving awards for establishing new clubs than any time in recent memory. Through January, the number of new clubs worldwide stood at 570. Keeping in mind that the majority of new clubs are reported in between January and June, I am confident that we can establish more than 1,250 by the end of our leadership year. Nurturing the potential for new Lions Clubs, Club Branches, Campus Club, and even Leo Clubs is an important part of contributing to our worldwide extension. The excitement surrounding the formation of new clubs can also help to energize and expand your own club.

These are wonderful numbers and clear evidence that our membership initiatives are achieving results. But even more important is what the numbers represent. They show that Lions and Lions Clubs are brimming with new confidence, eager to accomplish our mission and proud to show the world that, “We Serve.”

I am grateful for the part your leadership has played in establishing this new confidence.

Sincerely,
Mahendra Amarasuriya
International President

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CSFII News: Lions have surpassed CSFII’s minimum goal!
During our last Worldwide Report Day on February 20, 2008, CSFII coordinators reported that more than US$157.9 million had been raised by Lions worldwide for CSFII! Thank you for all that your club has done to surpass CSFII’s minimum goal. Now, your club can join Lions around the world as we pursue CSFII’s US$200 million “Vision for All” challenge goal!

As a club, be sure to:
• Send all funds and pledges to LCIF
• Encourage club members to designate MJFs to CSFII and continue to raise funds toward CSFII’s “Vision for All” challenge goal

Save the date: Lions are selecting one day as “Campaign SightFirst II Day” during the week of May 12-16, 2008 to act for CSFII

CSFII by the Numbers:
• More than US$147 million officially recorded
• Less than 115 days remain to reach and exceed CSFII’s minimum goal
2,709 Model Clubs are ensuring CSFII success

Please be sure to review your monthly statements regularly. It is recommended that all Clubs send payments within the terms established by the Association. To become familiar with the rules to avoid Financial Suspension, you may visit the Association’s website @ http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/new-suspension-policy.pdf.

LCI Web site Links
http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_invite.shtml
http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_mbrret.shtml
http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/mmr_process.pdf
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http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_leolion.shtml

CC: International Directors and Board Members
Past International Presidents
Past International Directors
Council Chairpersons
District Governor
Vice District Governor
Past District Governor

Multiple District Secretary
District Secretary
MERL Team
Team 20K DGE Mentors
Team 20K Coordinators

Click here for the Lions Clubs International privacy policy:
http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/lionsclubs_privacy_policy.pdf

Lions Clubs International, 300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA
SHARE INFORMATION ON YOUR PROFESSION OR TALENT BY PLACING YOU BUSINESS CARD IN THE DISTRICT PRIDE

Post Your Business Card Here

For $25 your Business Card will be posted in The Pride and on the web until June 30, 2008. Just send a check with your business card - DO NOT STAPLE OR TAPE THE CARD - to CST Kathy Poirier. Mail to:

CST Kathy Poirier  
8 Patricia Terrace  
Beacon Falls, CT 06403

ELECT MARK LYON  
VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
DISTRICT 23A

Paid for by the Campaign to Elect Mark Lyon Vice District Governor of District 23A and Keep Him out of the House More Nights.  
Lion Lyn Lyon, Treasurer.

“I'm Mark Lyon; and I approved this message.”
WE’RE THE BEST KEPT SECRET!  How many times have we heard this about Lions?  You may have even said it yourself.  Many still associate Lions only with “collecting eyeglasses.”  Mahendra Amarasuriya, our Lions International President, has a theme this year which is “Challenge to Change.”  We have been hearing the call for “change” everywhere these days.  I will venture to say that we can indeed change this misperception.  I am not only suggesting that change is possible, I am offering a means to change it. “We Serve” Day is one way of getting better exposure throughout the community, the region, and the state.

The Connecticut Lions of Multiple District 23 invite you to join us in support of our second annual Connecticut Lions “We Serve” Day.  As a member, you know Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest service club organization.  With more than 1.3 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs and now in 202 countries and geographical areas around the world, members, just like you, have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world.

True to our tradition of service, Lions Clubs of Connecticut have worked tirelessly on a variety of projects in their local communities, such as cleaning up roadways; planting flowers; refurbishing senior centers; organizing and sponsoring parades, fairs and other community events; and Lions Eye Health Program Screening. Proceeds from past fundraising events such as assorted fests, bingos, pancake breakfasts, and spaghetti dinners have gone to eye research; purchasing guide dogs; scholarships; eye exams and eyeglasses; hearing aids for the needy; and toys and clothing for families in need.

The second annual “We Serve” Day will be on May 3rd and will be promoted throughout the state with the hope of heavy media coverage.  Please submit information on your club project to your local newspapers and radio stations.  I would also like to be informed of the details of your club’s particular project.  Please call or email me with the time, location, and a brief description of your project.

With your help, we hope to inform and inspire the entire state with our dedication to our motto, “We Serve.”

You can contact Lion Laura Rowe at:
laurarowe@comcast.net
Home:  860-464-7355
Cell:  860-235-2582
BROOKFIELD LIONS CLUB
Annual Charity Dance
Friday, April 4, 2008
7:00 PM
Ethan Allen Hotel
21 Lake Avenue Extension
Danbury, Connecticut
For Tickets & Information Please Call
Candy Smith 203-775-8716

WATERBURY LIONS CLUB
8th Annual Spring Breakfast
Sunday May 4, 2008
8:00 am — Noon
Elks Club
283 Main Street
Waterbury, Connecticut
Adults ~ $7.00 Children under 10 ~ $3.00
Tickets Available from any
Waterbury Lions Member
Or
At the Door

BROOKFIELD LIONS CLUB
2ND Annual Strides to Cure Diabetes
Sunday June 15, 2008
9:00 am
Cadigan Park
Candlewood Lake Road
Brookfield, Connecticut
Runners: $20.00 Before June 6
$25.00 After June 6, 2008
Walk Team: Asked to Raise a Minimum of
$100.00 for Research
For Information Please Call: 203-775-6190
Or
LYONPRIDE@CHARTER.NET

CANDLEWOOD LIONS CLUB
Magic Gala
Saturday, April 5, 2008
4:00 PM
New Fairfield High School
Gillotti Road
New Fairfield, Connecticut
For Tickets & Information Please Call
Rob Farella 914-473-3271

DANBURY LIONS CLUB
17th Annual Golf Classic
Monday, May 5, 2008
11:00 AM Shotgun - Scramble Format
The Club at River Oaks
Sherman, Connecticut
$185 per Player
For Player & Sponsor Information Please Call
Jerry Hofmann 203-746-4910
Joan Bielizna 203-743-6179

See Club Flyers For Additional
Information Posted On The Web At:
www.lions23a.org or
www.district23a.org

See Club Flyers And Additional
Information For Club Happenings
In Districts 23B and 23C
Posted On The Web At:
www.ctlions.org
Brookfield Lions Club
Annual Charity Dance

Friday, April 4, 2008
Cocktails begin at 7:00 P.M.

Ethan Allen Hotel
21 Lake Avenue Extension
Danbury, CT

Dinner Selections

Filet Mignon
Grilled Salmon
Sautéed Mushrooms in a Puff Pastry

Directions
I-84 West take Exit #4, at the traffic light turn right and the Hotel will be on your right.

I-84 East take Exit #4, at the traffic light turn right and the Hotel will be on your right after the underpass.

For Information and Tickets call Candy Smith 203-775-8716

$200.00 per Couple
Waterbury Lions Club
8th Annual Spring Breakfast

Tickets Available from any Waterbury Lions Member
Or
At the door

Adults ~ $7.00
Children under 10 ~ $3.00

Sunday, May 4th
8:00 am - Noon

Elks Club
283 West Main Street
Waterbury, CT

Proceeds to Benefit P.A.L. (Police Athletic League)
Registration

Please register the following foursome in the Golf Classic

Team Contact ____________________________

Name __________________________________

Address ______________________________________

City _______ State _______ Zip _______

Phone (H) _______ (W) _______

Will you attend Dinner? Yes □ No □

Name __________________________________

Address ______________________________________

City _______ State _______ Zip _______

Phone (H) _______ (W) _______

Will you attend Dinner? Yes □ No □

Name __________________________________

Address ______________________________________

City _______ State _______ Zip _______

Phone (H) _______ (W) _______

Will you attend Dinner? Yes □ No □

Proper Attire Required. Soft Spike Only Facility.

Please make checks Payable to:
Danbury, Connecticut Lions Charities, Inc.
The entry fee of $185 per player must accompany the entry form. The fees include green fees, cart, team prizes, lunch, dinner following the tournament and all gratuities. Your contribution in excess of $155 is deductible as a charitable contribution.

Lions Club of Danbury Annual Golf Classic
P. O. Box 461
Danbury, CT 06813-0461

For Further Information Contact:
Joan Biebliza
203-794-0454
203-825-5125
joanrealtor@snet.net

☐ I would like to be a sponsor/contributor
☐ I would like to buy a tee sign
☐ I would like to donate a door prize.

Name: _________________________________

Contact Name: __________________________

Telephone: ____________________________

How would you like your sign to read?

______________________________

Entries accepted on first-come, first-filled basis.
Incomplete applications cannot be accepted.

MORE THAN A DAY OF GOLF

Lions Club of Danbury 17th Annual Golf Classic
The Club at River Oaks
Sherman, Connecticut
Monday, May 5, 2008

11:00 A.M. Shotgun - Scramble Format
$185 Per Player

To Benefit:
Danbury Lions
Low Vision Programs
## Sponsorship is Community Involvement!

The Lions Club of Danbury was founded in 1927. Our mission is to create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation. Lions Clubs International is the largest service organization in the world. Through your participation and support of this year’s tournament the Lions of Danbury will continue to support many local projects and programs. The following projects and programs are a success because of your generosity.

- Eyeglasses for Danbury School Children Program
- The Danbury Lions Low Vision Center
- Low Vision Support Group
- Danbury Studio of CRIS Radio (CT Radio Information Service)

### 2008 Annual Golf Classic Schedule

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Please share this schedule with your foursome(s).

### Sponsorships

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<td>Social hour sponsor, one foursome (4 players), name on the Annual Classic Banner at the clubhouse, newspaper coverage, sponsor tee sign at first hole, sponsor plaque at your company location</td>
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All Sponsorships will be acknowledged in the 2008 Annual Golf Classic Program.
Friday:  11 am-3 pm  Golf Tournament  
    7-9 pm    Family Barbeque  
    9-11 pm  VDG Hospitality  

Saturday:  8-11 am General Session  
          11 am-6 pm  FREE TIME TO EXPLORE MYSTIC AND ALL SHE HAS TO OFFER  
          6-7 pm    Reception  
          7-9:30 pm Banquet  
          10 pm-Midnight VDG Hospitality  

Sunday:   8-10 am  Voting  
       8:30-9 am  Memorial Service  
       9-10:30 am General Session  
       11 am-1 pm DGE Brunch  

SPECIAL WEEKEND RATE FOR THE MYSTIC AQUARIUM

Spend The Weekend or Join Us For The Day

For Information Contact:
Convention Chairman:  Michael Del Re, Jr., PCC  203-878-8194 ext 201  
Registration Chair:  Helene Thompson  203-775-3291
Official Registration Form - Please Print Clearly

A. Lion/Lioness/Leo/ Guest: _____________________________ District: __________________

Club: _____________________________ Office: _____________________________

Home Telephone: _____________________________ Work Telephone: _____________________________

Address: _____________________________ City: _____________________________ State: ______ Zip: _____________

B. Lion/Lioness/Leo/ Guest: _____________________________ District: __________________

Club: _____________________________ Office: _____________________________

Home Telephone: _____________________________ Work Telephone: _____________________________

Address: _____________________________ City: _____________________________ State: ______ Zip: _____________

Special Note: Please list the names and ages of children attending the convention on the back of this form. Children (less than 18-years of age) are not required to pay the $20.00 registration fee. Child’s meal available for children under 12-years of age.

First Name preference on badge: A. _____________________________ B. _____________________________

Convention Registration Plans

A registration fee ($20.00) is required to participate in any Convention Program

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Hotel Reservations

Lions Convention Room Rate - $159.00 per night plus tax

Please contact the Mystic Hilton for your room reservation at 1-860-572-0731. Please specify that your reservation is for the 2008 Connecticut Lions State Convention. Rates are guaranteed through April 18, 2008. Please advise the hotel if you are in need of a handicapped room and/or a refrigerator for medical needs. These requests are subject to availability and are on a first come, first served basis.

2008 MD23 State Convention Chair
Lion Michael Del Re, Jr., PDG
360 Eagle Ct.
Oxford, CT 06478
203-878-8194 ext. 210 mjdelrejr@flonline.com

MD 23 Lions 2008 State Convention
Registration Chair
Lion Helene Thompson
17 Bonny Rd.
Brookfield, CT 06804
203-775-3291 helenevt63@aol.com

Special Note: Attire for Lions and spouses participating in the “Entrance March” of Cabinet Officers and Past District Governors at the Saturday evening banquet is as follows: Men – White Dinner Jacket and Women – Semi-formal cocktail length or longer dress.
The Lions said ‘yes’ to Helen Keller’s 1925 challenge to crusade against blindness. To deepen their commitment, a statewide effort of Connecticut Lions and Lioness Clubs formed The Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation in 1956.

In 1961, the Foundation’s first grant of $19,000.00 was presented to the Yale University School of Medicine.

We also have donated to the following:

- Board of Ed. Services for the Blind 34,260
- Bridgeport Hospital, Foundation 24,900
- Connecticut Braille Association 82,770
- Conn. Institute of the Blind/Oak Hill 2,000
- Conn. Parents Assoc. for the Blind and Visually Impaired 5,854
- Conn. Society to Prevent Blindness 24,250
- Day Kimball Hospital 6,000
- Descriptive Video Services 9,000
- Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, Inc. 23,000
- Grovehill Medical Center 5,000
- Johnson Surgical Center 40,300
- Lawrence and Memorial Hospital 10,000
- Lions Gallery of the Senses 64,000
- 23A Lions Low Vision Centers 8,400
- 23B Lions Gallery of Vision Services 8,400
- 23C Low Vision Center 16,900
- Mansfield Training School 16,500
- Middlesex Hospital 14,300
- Middlesex Community College Foundation 20,000
- Previous One Time Grants 20,000
- Rockville General Hospital 10,000
- University of CT Health Center Dept. of Ophthalmology 1,225,617
- University of CT Health Center CT Lions Vascular Eye Center 251,116
- William Backus Hospital in Norwich 94,250
- Windham Comm. Memorial Hospital 62,000
- Yale Eye Center Building Fund 500,000

[ ] I would like to donate items for the Golfer’s gift bags.

Name to Appear on Marker:

Name:
Company:
Address:
Telephone:
**Luncheon Only Option**

For all non-golfers who would like to show their support for the Foundation, a “Luncheon Only” option is available at the rate of $50.00 per person. Please indicate the names of your “Luncheon Only” attendees below, and mail this form, together with your check in the full amount to the address shown under “Official Entry Form.” The deadline for registering for the “Luncheon Only” option is May 28, 2008.

Name(s):  
Club:  
Address:  
Telephone:  

**23rd Annual Connecticut Lions Open Golf Tournament**

**COME JOIN THE FUN AND COMPETITION!**

**TUESDAY**  
**JUNE 3, 2008**  
**AT**  
**LYMAN ORCHARDS GOLF CLUB**  
**MIDDLEFIELD, CT**

7:30 a.m.  Registration Starts  
Driving Range Open

8:00 a.m.  Breakfast

9:00 a.m.  Shotgun Start —  
Scramble Format

2:00 p.m.  Luncheon and Awards

Prizes will be awarded for Lowest Team Score (1st, 2nd and 3rd Places)

Contests for:  
Closest to the Pin  
Closest to the Line  
Longest Drive  
(Men’s and Women’s)

ON A DESIGNATED HOLE — 1st Hole-In-One  
of the day  Wins a New Car!!

**Official Entry Form**

Entry fee is $150.00 per person and includes:  
GREEN FEES • CART • DRIVING RANGE •  
BREAKFAST • LUNCHEON BANQUET

1. Name:  
Address:  
Phone:  

2. Name:  
Address:  
Phone:  

3. Name:  
Address:  
Phone:  

4. Name:  
Address:  
Phone:  

Team Contact Person:  
Email:  
Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $ ________

Make checks payable to:  
Connecticut Lions Golf Tournament

Mail Entry Form and check to:  
CT Lions Eye Research Foundation  
P.O. Box 9268  
New Haven, CT 06533

ALL CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 28, 2008.
2ND ANNUAL
STRIDES TO CURE DIABETES
5-MILE RUN AND 3-MILE WALK

“DEDICATED TO FINDING A CURE”

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2008 AT 9:00 A.M.
CADIGAN PARK, CANDLEWOOD LAKE ROAD, BROOKFIELD, CT 06804

The Brookfield Lions Club and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (Fairfield County Chapter) are proud to co-sponsor this event to promote diabetes awareness and research. Bring the whole family, participate in both the 5-mile run and 3-mile walk, and generously support this charitable fundraising event.

CONTACT INFORMATION: (203) 775-6190; Lyonpride@charter.net

REGISTER ONLINE: www.active.com; Download additional Run/Walk forms at www.greystoneracing.net.

REGISTRATION: Runners – $20.00 (postmarked before June 6, 2008); $25.00 (after June 6, 2008).

Walkers – No registration fee; Each Walk Team is asked to raise a minimum of $100.00 for diabetes research; please use the enclosed sponsor sheet; All donations should be collected prior to the Walk and turned in at registration; Strollers welcome, but no pets, please!

Registration and Check-in starts at 8:00 a.m.

FEATURES: Commemorative t-shirts for all pre-registered runners and walkers!; Post-race raffle of merchandise (Must Be Present To Win)!; Lots of great food and music!; Plenty of free parking! Digital timing and results by Greystone Electronics Corporation. COURSE CERTIFICATION PENDING!!

COURSE RECORDS: Joshua Ferenc 26:56 (2007)
Sara Belles 33:07 (2007)

RUNNER AGE BRACKETS: 14 and under 30-39 60-69
15-19 40-49 70 and over
20-29 50-59

RUNNER AWARDS: $100.00 Cash awards for 1ST Place Overall (M/F)
$ 50.00 Cash awards for 1ST Place 40 and Over (M/F)
Age Bracket awards for 1ST, 2ND and 3RD Place (M/F)

COURSE: This scenic, flat 5-mile route starts at Cadigan Park; Turn left on Candlewood Lake Road; Turn right on Candlewood Shores Road; Turn right on N. Lakeshore Drive; Turn left on Twilight Lane; Turn right on Candlewood Shores Road; Turn left on Bayview Drive; Turn left on Kellogg Street; Turn around at Hickory Hill Road staying on Kellogg Street; Turn right on Bayview Drive; Turn left on Candlewood Shores Road; Turn right on N. Lakeshore Drive; Turn left on Candlewood Shores Road; Turn left on Candlewood Lake Road; Turn right into Cadigan Park to Finish. Mile markers and water stations on the course. The 3-mile walk course follows a portion of the 5-mile run course, and will be marked.

DIRECTIONS: Take I-84 to Exit 7 (toward Brookfield/New Milford); Take Exit 11 (Federal Road); At traffic light at bottom of exit, turn left; Proceed straight through 2 sets of traffic lights, onto Candlewood Lake Road; Follow Candlewood Lake Road for © 3.5 miles; Cadigan Park is on the right.
REGISTRATION FORM

ALL RUN PROCEEDS RECEIVED FROM REGISTRATION AND SPONSORS WILL BE DONATED TO THE CONNECTICUT LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION AND JDRF (FAIRFIELD COUNTY CHAPTER), EACH OF WHICH IS A 501C (3) CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: “Brookfield Lions Charities, Inc.”

(RUN ONLY — $20.00 before 06/06/08; $25.00 after 06/06/08)

NOTE: There is no registration fee for walkers; All checks received as donations for walkers should be made payable to “Brookfield Lions Charities, Inc.” and turned in at registration.

MAIL FEE WITH COMPLETED AND SIGNED ENTRY FORM TO: Race Director, Brookfield Lions Club P. O. Box 660 Brookfield, CT 06804

This event is held in cooperation with the Town of Brookfield and the Brookfield Police Department. If my entry is accepted, I release forever all rights for claims and damages I may incur against the Brookfield Lions Club, Inc. (and any of its members), Brookfield Lions Charities, Inc., the Town of Brookfield and any of its employees, JDRF, the Candlewood Shores Tax District and Greystone Electronics Corporation for damages suffered by me or others traveling to and from and/or participating in the Strides to Cure Diabetes 5-Mile Run and 3-mile Walk. Permission is granted to use my name, picture, or videotape or recording for any purpose. I am physically fit and have trained to finish this distance.

I AM REGISTERING FOR: 5-Mile Run ____ 3-Mile Walk ___

NAME: ___________________________________________  Date of Birth: _________  Age on Race Day: _______

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THE 2ND ANNUAL STRIDES TO CURE DIABETES 5-MILE RUN IS THE THIRD EVENT IN THE “FOUR SEASONS CHALLENGE SERIES.” THE ENTIRE 2008 RACE CALENDAR INCLUDES:

JANUARY 1, 2008  (TUESDAY)  21ST ANNUAL BROOKFIELD LIONS/JAMES O’BRIEN RUN FOR SIGHT 4-MILER
Brookfield High School, Long Meadow Hill Road, Brookfield, CT
11:00 a.m. Start
Contact: Mark Lyon — (203) 775-6190 or lyonpride@charter.net

MAY 11, 2008  (SUNDAY)  11TH ANNUAL MOTHER’S DAY 5-K AND KID’S FUN RUN
Brookfield High School, Long Meadow Hill Road, Brookfield, CT
9:00 a.m. Start (Kid’s Fun Run at 8:30 a.m.)
Contact: Brookfield Parks & Recreation — (203) 775-7310 or
www.brookfield.org/pnr/index.htm

JUNE 15, 2008  (SUNDAY)  2ND ANNUAL STRIDES TO CURE DIABETES 5-MILE RUN AND 3-MILE WALK
Cadigan Park, Candlewood Lake Road, Brookfield, CT
9:00 a.m. Start
Contact: Mark Lyon — (203) 775-6190 or lyonpride@charter.net

OCTOBER 26, 2008  (SUNDAY)  17TH ANNUAL BROOKFIELD FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC 5-K HALLOWEEN RUN
AND 13TH ANNUAL KID’S K FUN RUN
Brookfield Municipal Center, Pocono Road, Brookfield, CT
10:00 a.m. Start (Kid’s K Fun Run at 9:30 a.m.)
Contact: Brookfield Parks & Recreation — (203) 775-7310 or
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Runners who register for and complete all four races in the “Four Seasons Challenge Series” will receive a commemorative gift, to be distributed during the awards ceremony at the 2008 Halloween Run.
Time is relative. When I was a kid, waiting for Christmas seemed to take forever. Today, I can’t figure out where time goes—wasn’t it just yesterday we were decorating the tree? Now the Easter Bunny is hopping down the trail.

Campaigns are like that and although the Campaign to Elect PID Scott A. Storms, 2nd International Vice President is much quieter than national political campaigns, (and a lot more friendly), this journey has never strayed from the road to get to the goal line. PID Scott keeps reminding everyone that this is a marathon, not a sprint.

As in all campaigns, it takes many dedicated people to get a candidate elected. It takes fundraising and it takes commitment. Over the next few months you will see Lions from all over the state gathering momentum, using their talents and their creativity to elect PID Scott A. Storms, from Windsor Locks, CT to the high office of 2nd International Vice President. We want you to be on this band wagon—we want you to make the music that will take this Campaign from Connecticut to Sydney, Australia. We want you in the parade.

Whenever I am out at club visitations, I hear that we need to bring in younger, talented Lions—we need to put a more youthful appearance on our organization. What better way to accomplish this than to have an International President under 55! Youth notwithstanding, we desperately need great leadership at the top of this International Association. We need a President that has participated in every level of this International Association.

This campaign is very important to our Lions across the State. Not since the 1970’s have we had an International President from Connecticut. We have the best Lions I have ever met. Shouldn’t we be proud and excited to want one of our own leading this association? The benefits to our Lions are innumerable. Who better to be looking out for the Lions of Connecticut than a talented, proven leader who truly understands the needs of our individual Lions Clubs?

The road is long and winding and not without a few bumps. There is no doubt that there was disappointment in Chicago, but within one hour, the team had gathered together, with the support of the International family, to launch phase two. The GPS was reset for 2010—Sydney, Australia and much is being done to get there.

Fundraising endeavors are taking place in all three districts. Recently the Meriden Lions held a black tie affair raising well over $3,000. At the Mid Winter conference raffles and campaign purchases added much to the coffers. In addition to many Lions writing personal campaign contributions, a Coffee House at Camp Happy Hill in Unionville on April 12 promises to be a great time. Lion Chris Porter’s beautiful and talented daughter Elizabeth is going to entertain us all evening long. On May 12, the Bridgeport Host Lions are planning a great golf tournament in Stratford, CT. On May 25, the Terryville Lions are hosting a Country Western Fish Fry and Music event. The Niantic Lions are planning a Scramble for late summer or early fall. Timing of course plugging these events around the travel schedule of PID Scott and Lion Dale. Much more information will be available and mailings will be done. These are not just fundraisers—they are the entertainment built into the journey.

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PID Scott and Lion Dale are also very busy with invitations to several world-wide events. They are getting great receptions everywhere they go. Recent travel included Bucharest, Sri Lanka, Sydney, Melbourne, Tunisia, Wisconsin, New York, Rhode Island and Maine. More trips are on the horizon—it’s how we share our CT talent.

THESE INVITATIONS ARE IMPORTANT—not because PID Scott loves to play hooky from his office, but because if people don’t want to see you, you won’t get invited! If you aren’t going to get something from your visitor, you wouldn’t invite them to begin with. Lions everywhere are inspired by what they are hearing from one young Lion from Connecticut. Lions from around the world are eagerly anticipating the election of our candidate. Isn’t it time that you get excited too? This isn’t a personal campaign—it is a Connecticut Lions Campaign. It is a long and winding road, but around each corner are the best surprises and this is a great journey.
The Storms’ Campaign for 2nd International Vice President is accelerating and you can be part of the momentum! With your support a Connecticut Lion can be President of our Association!

Join the Blast—It is a Great Ride!

Several fundraisers are on the horizon.

If you want to help—CALL.

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George Precourt, PDG: 860-983-8988 Gap01@aol.com
Dear Brother & Sister Lions,

As the time gets closer to the end of the Lions Year and the Finale of Champaign Sight First II, I am inviting you to join me in a:

**Grand Finale Fund Raiser**

I know that I have had a very busy year with club visitations, attending club functions and events and even trying to get through the Holiday Season. Before I know it, my term will be over. Everyone has been hard at work promoting membership and Champaign Sight First II. It would be an honor to have you join me in our **Farewell to Bangkok**.

We are hosting a private post tour to Thailand and have chartered private bus transportation when staying at LCI Hotel, Royal Orchard Sheraton, during the Convention. This is open to all.

*For every 10 Lions/friends/family who join together on our Post Tour To Thailand: A **$500.00 Donation will be sent to CSFII in your Club’s name.** For every 20 participants: Your club will receive a **Melvin Jones** to present to one of your Lions with the **$1000.00 sent to CSFII.***

Please feel free to share this information and attached flyer with your club members, friends and family.

Yours in Lionism,

*Lion Rose Marie Spatafore*

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Explore the “Golden Triangle”, once a center for trading opium. Here the borders of Myanmar, Thailand and Laos meet. Take a one-hour boat trip on the mighty Mekong River.

Continue by minibus to Chiang Saen, a small crossroads town on the banks of the Mekong River.

Visit the Chiang Saen museum, which houses a remarkable selection of ancient Buddha images and antiques. Then stroll through the nearby Wat Chedi Luang, a temple which features a chedi in the classic Chiang Saen or Lanna style.

Visit Wat Pa Sak where the ruins of seven monuments can be seen. The tour ends with a visit to Wat Phra That Jom Kitti, located on a hilltop. On clear days Chiang Saen and the river can be observed from the top of the hill.

Enjoy one of the country’s most rural areas by boat. Take a one-hour boat ride to small but interesting villages and hamlets along the Kok River. Arrive at Baan Ruammit, a fair-sized Karen village and elephant camp. The Karen belongs to the largest hill-tribe group in Thailand. Enjoy a two-hour ride on the back of an elephant through the jungle to Baan Huay Mae Sai, a Yao hill-tribe village, where you will stop for picnic lunch.

Continue the journey to visit an Akha village nearby. Prior to your return to your hotel, you have the opportunity to visit the Chiang Rai Handicraft Center.

Excursion to Mae Saa valley elephant camp. Watch the elephants taking their daily bath in the stream before beginning to haul timber in the forest. You will be amazed by their strength and clever teamwork. Then visit an orchid farm, where you can admire a large variety of orchids and see how they are cultivated.

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