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DG Mark's Monthly Message

Greetings to the Lions of District 23A!

I love the word "penultimate," meaning "next to last." It's an interesting word, never to be confused with "last" or "ultimate." It kind of means that something is almost done, but not quite. Kind of like your favorite dessert (I'm thinking my Mom's chocolate cake) that hasn't quite finished being baked. It's good, but you know it just isn't quite done. Kind of like this point in my District Governor's year. Eleven months down; one to go. Time to coast? Be a lame duck District Governor? I don't think so, fellow Lions!! It's time to roll up our collective sleeves and get to work!!

Speaking of being "almost done," just last week I was copied on an endless string of e-mails being circulated by my fellow DGs from the New England states. Each was bragging about inducting new Lions in their respective Districts. Of course I chimed in about how proud I am of the clubs in our District 23A that joined in on the "50 in 50" membership drive and brought in lots of new Lions.

But then a message from Past International President Al Brandel popped up. He said he was at a District convention somewhere in New England. He was listening to the District Governor give a report and, while noting how it was good year, he was glad that it was "almost done." Apparently PIP Al got a little steamed at this comment, and shared with us that he gave the DG a piece of his mind, telling him that he still had until June 30th to work hard, increase membership, charter a new club, etc. Harsh? Maybe, but absolutely true. The Lions Year isn't over until June 30, 2010, so we all have a responsibility to crank up the effort to grow our membership. This also means that our clubs should **NOT** be dropping any members until after July 1st.

We are very close to being a plus in membership for the second consecutive year, a huge accomplishment these days. But we can't attain this goal unless everyone is on board and working hard. Get those prospective Lions inducted now, before the summer. Please put your best efforts into adding members. Our District 23A, and all of Lionism, will be better served. Bring in those new Lions now!
MOVE TO GROW!!

Thank you for being Lions.

REMINDER – DISTRICT GOVERNOR AWARDS NIGHT

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the District Governor Awards Night celebration on Monday, June 14th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at John J. Sullivan's in Ansonia. The cost is only \$12.00 per person, and

must be paid in advance. This event will be a very casual affair (no jackets and ties, please) honoring our 100% Clubs, Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers based on information submitted no later than June 1st. Note to Cabinet members: There will be no formal reports made at this gathering. Just come and have fun!

I am also asking all Club Presidents to nominate a deserving Lion from their club to receive a special recognition award for demonstrating the “Move to Grow” spirit of Lionism over the past year. Awards will also be presented to the top 3 clubs in the “50 in 50” Membership Drive.

In addition to a notice in last month’s newsletter and a separate e-mail sent to all Cabinet members, Club Presidents and Club Secretaries, a flyer was also mailed out to the clubs earlier in the week. We hope you make a special effort to attend. Please return your forms and checks within the next couple of days as instructed on the form.

REMINDER – SPECIAL CONVENTION FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

All Club Presidents and Club Secretaries have been mailed a formal notice regarding the District 23A Special Convention. The details are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Place: Trumbull Town Hall, Nichols Room, 5866 Main Street, Trumbull, CT 06611

Times: 6:00 p.m. -- 9:00 p.m.

Delegate registration forms will be sent to all current Club Secretaries in the District in early June via regular mail by Cabinet Secretary Tom Sullivan, giving each club the number of delegates able to vote at this Special Convention based on their official membership roster count on May 31, 2010.

It is **absolutely imperative** that you send all qualified delegates to vote at this Special Convention. Please have the members of your club discuss the fact that Connecticut, and possibly District 23A, will have one of the 34 International Directors in the world. Make every effort to ensure that all of your club delegates vote on July 14th.

As you are already aware, there are four (4) endorsed candidates from District 23A: Philip G. Flaker, PCC, PDG, of the Bridgeport Host Lions Club; Robert B. Gyle III, PCC, PDG, of the New Fairfield/Candlewood Lions Club; Donald J. Miloscia, PDG, of the Norwalk Lions Club and the Danbury Lions Club; and Rose Marie Spatafore, PDG, of the Seymour Lions Club.

Should you have any questions please contact me, Cabinet Secretary Tom Sullivan, or Convention Chair Frank Molinaro.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

District 23A Events:

- June 4 District 23A Lions Low Vision Center Annual Dinner (6:30 p.m.; The Graduate Club, New Haven, CT)
- June 7 Region 1 (Zones 1 and 2) Meeting (7:00 p.m.: Norwalk Inn, Norwalk, CT)
- June 11 DG Mark’s Testimonial Dinner (7:00 p.m.: Anthony’s Lake House, Danbury, CT)
- June 11-13 “Opening Eyes” Project at Special Olympics 2010 Summer Games (SCSU, New Haven, CT)
- June 14 District Governor Awards Night (6:00 p.m.; John J. Sullivan’s, Ansonia, CT)

Multiple District 23 Events

- June 7 MD23 Council Meeting (7:00 p.m.; Marco Polo Restaurant, East Hartford, CT)
- June 21 CLERF Annual Meeting (Time/Date TBD)

Other Events

- June 5-6 New England Lions Council Training School and Meeting (Boxborough, MA)
- June 12 District 23C Testimonial Dinner (5:30 p.m.; Willimantic Lodge of Elks #1311, Willimantic, CT)
- June 18 District 23B Testimonial Dinner (6:00 p.m.; Avon Old Farms Inn, Avon, CT)

Next Month

My last newsletter will be a wrap up of our Lions Year 2009-2010. Until then, please extend an invitation to someone today to be a Lion. You never know until you ask! Let's make that final push for new members now!!

Let's "MOVE TO GROW."

In Lionism,

Mark

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