

Report to the New England Lions Council
Connecticut District 23A
September 10, 2011

International Director(s) , Past International Directors, New England Council Chair, Council Secretary, District Governors, Past District Governors, Lions and guests.

After an accelerating District Governor's Elect School and an exciting International Convention in Seattle I met with the Vice District Governors, Region and Zone Chairs to review goals set by International President Wing-Kun Tam and my "I Believe Goals" for the District.

At our first District meeting in August, marked by a violent thunder storm, lightening and failing lights, those goals were presented to the Cabinet along with presentations and reports from the various Cabinet committees. Our first MD Council meeting was also in August

Many District 23A Clubs are having their first meetings for the new year in September and I have begun my visits. I will be seeing a total of twenty clubs in September and October and a couple of Zone meetings. On the visits I've made so far I have found that my goal of planting 1,500 trees is the item that has caught the most attention of the Club members. Because of this I am seeking a person in the district to coordinate that effort and do the reporting. From what I am hearing I expect that we will exceed the goal. The next major concern of the Clubs is membership. They all await the initiatives that the GMTs will provide.

In my common goal with Dr. Tam to help protect our environment we have taken the follow steps in District 23A. We created the first on line Directory in Connecticut, pass word protected, available to all Lions at www.district23A.org our District website. This being the first year to do so, we also created a printed version. I'm hoping my VDGs will consider eliminating printing in future years. Additionally , as a part of the District Governor's Newsletter, I have started a series of articles on how to utilize email, face book, and twitter to get information out to the Lions in the district without using paper, postage, and the pollution of making delivery the old fashion way.

The District Pride, our District newsletter, will be back not in print, this month. It will have articles from the various Cabinet committees as well as tips on how to get the most out of the resources available at lionsclubs.org and how to do reporting on the web.

The District Hearing Aid Program for those of limited income is finally fully functional and underway. The program, in conjunction with Yale New Haven Hospital, makes available for Clubs a way to provide hearing aids to qualified applicants for \$250.00. The cabinet committee on hearing and speech will start making presentations at Zone meetings and Clubs this month.

One new Leos Club is currently underway and the District Leos Liaison has set a goal of two new clubs. We are also looking to the Leos to take to tree planting as a project.

I'm pleased to report that hurricane Irene, in spite of the effects of the power outage which had me without power for nine days, did limited damage in Connecticut. We canvassed the Clubs to determine if their communities were in need of LCIF emergency grant funding and none were found.

And finally, the district had a 127 loss in membership last year. My goal is to have a net increase of 100 new members this year and add two new Lions Clubs. So far we have a net loss of 12 members for the current year. Several clubs have stepped up their efforts and reports indicate we should start to see the increases this month.

Respectfully submitted in Lionism
Lyn Meyers, District Governor 23A