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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Governor's Message

Greetings Fellow Lions and Happy Spring!

I hope you all had a lovely Easter and Passover.

As we enter into the final quarter of this Lions year, I am reminded of the administrative type events that we have to do and that have deadlines. I suspect if you haven't done so already, you are thinking about the new "slate of officers" for 2013 -2014. And along with that, we now have one month to vote on our club officers and prepare the "dreaded" **PU101s for submission to LCI by May 1st if they are mailed and May 15th if doing it online.** And, please, please, please send me a copy so that the information can be recorded for VDG Ed's directory in a timely manner.

Also, for our new and continuing club officers, the next PSTM (President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership) training will take place on Tuesday May 21st 2013, 6pm at the Crowne Plaza in Southbury. Even if you have filled these roles before, I encourage you to attend. You never know what may have changed in procedures!!

And lastly, the 100% Clubs, Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurers awards are based on keeping all membership and activity reports up to date and paying dues and invoices to Lions International and the District within thirty (30) days of receipt. Pages 86 - 90 in the current directory. If any of you need help with the reporting side of admin., contact our webmaster Lion Ernie Harrington. He is eager to help you!

A postscript to my March newsletter: ID Carolyn and I recently presented Lion President Ray Keegan of the Newtown club with a special International Presidents medal for the humanitarian work he and his club have done and are still doing for the bereaved families and responders of 12/14/12. **Congratulations to Lion Ray and the Newtown club.**

I couldn't mention it last month because I wanted it to remain a surprise!

Again, thank you for all you are doing and, Thank You for being Lions.

In a World of Service!
DG Linda



During the month of April, International invites clubs to join Lions around the world to protect the environment. Help raise awareness of the importance of protecting our environment in connection with Earth Day or, organize hands-on projects throughout the month that mobilize your club members to improve your community's environment.

To learn more about Protecting the Environment and for more project ideas, please visit the link below:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/global-membership-team/presidents-theme/global-service-action-campaigns/protecting-our-environment.php>

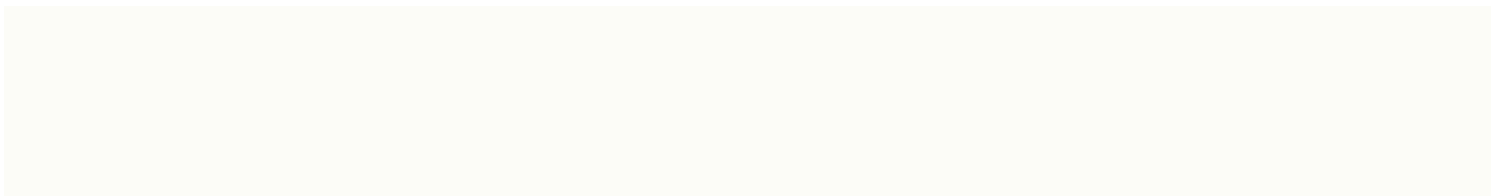
Watch the April Edition of "Lions Quarterly Video Magazine"

Watch the April 2013 edition of Lions Quarterly to see how Lions are making a global impact. Learn how Lions address issues such as hunger, disease, poverty, education and environment through volunteer work and community service. In Indonesia, Lions help bring an entire village out of poverty. Montana Lions planted a vegetable garden with students to combat childhood obesity and bring the community together. Lions in India are helping people with disabilities lead happier, fuller lives through sports and recreation. Share LQ with your club members, project partners and community members.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/lions-news-network/lq.php>

April is Leo Club Awareness Month

Sponsoring a Leo club brings new energy to your Lions club and can increase your club's community exposure by attracting new audiences, such as young professionals and parents. This is a perfect time to consider sponsoring a Leo club that will provide members with camaraderie and growth through participation in community service projects, social functions and leadership development activities. Through Leo clubs, you will have a positive influence on today's youth and young adults – helping them become better citizens and leaders for life.



Club Events

Meriden Lions Club Day the Lions Roar Live Auction on April 13th from 8am – 12:30pm at Nest Egg Auctions in Meriden <http://www.meridenlionsclub.net/>

South Meriden Lions Club Wine Tasting on April 19th from 6pm – 9pm at the Augusta Curtis Cultural Center in Meriden <http://southmeridenlions.com/>

Cheshire Lions Club Dance for the Blind on April 29th from 6pm – 9:30pm at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville <http://www.lions23a.org/Events2011/month.htm>

** If you have a club event you would like in our newsletter, please contact Cabinet Secretary Lisa Phillips lionlisap@yahoo.com*

Welcome New Lions

Lion Theresa Chach to the Brookfield Lions Club
Lion Rose Failla to the Brookfield Lions Club
Lion Reet Zullo-Lubin to the Brookfield Lions Club
Lion Michael Kivell to the Eaton Lions Club
Lion Justin Frechette to the Madison Lions Club
Lion John Hambor to the Madison Lions Club
Lion Fred Lindquist to the Madison Lions Club
Lion Gerry Harrington to the New Canaan Lions Club
Lion George Coleman to the Newtown Lions Club
Lion Justin Proffitt to the Stamford North Stamford Lions Club
Lion TJ Singh to the Stamford North Stamford Lions Club
Lion Benjamin Belancik to the Wallingford Lions Club
Lion Debra Belancik to the Wallingford Lions Club

Happy Anniversary

New Fairfield Candlewood:	18 years	(April 11, 1995)
Ridgefield Lions Club:	84 years	(April 19, 1929)
Easton Lions Club:	46 years	(April 19, 1967)
Wolcott Lions Club:	61 years	(April 23, 1952)
Orange Lions Club:	61 years	(April 23, 1952)
West Haven Lions Club:	62 years	(April 25, 1951)
Guilford Lions Club:	63 years	(April 26, 1950)
Devon Lions Club:	71 years	(April 30, 1942)

Upcoming Dates to Remember

District Governor Visitations:

- Trumbull Center: April 3
- North Haven: April 23
- Georgetown: April 24
- Wallingford: May 1
- Middlebury: May 8

District 23A Events:

- Bethany Lions 60th Anniversary Party: April 5
- Cabinet Meeting: April 15
- Zone 5: April 16
- PSTM Training: May 21
- District Governor Testimonial: June 7

Multiple District 23 Events:

- Council Meeting: April 8
- Emerging Lions: April 12 – 14
- Annual Memorial Tree Planting Dedication: April 21
UCONN Storrs Campus (a tree will be planted honoring IP Wayne Madden)
- CLERF Meeting: April 22
- State Convention: May 10 -12 in Sturbridge, Ma
(Deadline to Register is April 18) Registration form:
http://www.lionsdistrict23c.org/Documents/2013%20State%20Convention_Part1.pdf

Lions Clubs International Events:

- International Convention: July 5 – 9 in Hamburg, Germany
Registration form: http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/conv_reg_form.pdf

Please visit our district website at 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
We are also on Facebook! Join our group at "Lions Clubs D23A, CT, USA"