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Governor's Message

Greetings Fellow Lions.....

... and hope you are as happy as I am that the weather appears to becoming warmer and within the week the clocks will go forward and we will have days of "lighter later"!!

Although it usually takes place in mid March, Lions Day at the UN was held on February 1st. As many of the MD23 Lions attended the UN day, they had to very quickly get back to Cromwell to the start of the 62nd Multi District 23 Mid Winter Conference which was held the same weekend. More than 300 Lions and guests came together to greet, meet, learn and have fun! The program of seminars included Club officer training follow up, a special presentation and "one on one" discussion with our special guest ID Mark Hintzmann from Wisconsin, Special Olympics, First Alert on how we can assist our communities on strategies to work with first responders, and presentations on our Lions Low Vision Centers, Lions Clubs International Foundation and Hearing Preservation and Awareness. We had over 30 vendors with materials on some of the above and several of the guide and service dog organizations. So, we were a mixture of Lions, Leos and canines! Besides our guest ID Mark, Senator Richard Blumenthal was our Saturday luncheon key note speaker. And also at the luncheon, many clubs had the opportunity to present their annual donations to the various programs and organizations we support. At the evening banquet, we District Governors were able to present our approved awards to those Lions who at the district level have exemplified our motto "We Serve". My recommendations included an International Presidents medal for PDG John Gagain of the Wolcott club for his mission work to the Dominican Republic., a Leadership medal for Lion Meryl Aronin of the Stamford club for his many years of service to Speech and Hearing (Hearing Awareness and Preservation)., A special Presidents award to Lion Shaukat Khan of the Bethany club for his counseling immediately after December 14th, 2012., an International Certificate of Appreciation to Lion Jamene Farrell of the New Haven club for her work with the Quest program., and another International Certificate of Appreciation to Lion Ernie Harrington of the Danbury club for his diligent work on the district website and helping club secretaries with monthly reporting issues. For those of you who have not attended a Mid Winter conference, I encourage you to do so. Next year it is on February 7th – 9th, again at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell. It is a great experience, both stimulating and fun! It is a great way to meet other Lions in our State. I have Lion Anna Lossius of my own club Ridgefield, to thank for introducing me to the Mid Winter and State conferences.

"In a World of Service" and again, thank you for being Lions.

Lion DG Linda



March is Eye Donor Awareness Month. It's a special time to honor donors and their families for the tremendous gift of sight they give to improve the lives of corneal recipients. The transplant process depends on the priceless corneal donation from one human to another. Donated eyes are also needed for research and education. Through Lions Clubs eye Banks, you can help restore the sight of children and adults who need precious eye tissue. To learn more please check out this link:

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/sight-hearing/sight/eye-banks/index.php?utm_source=enewsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=february2013newswire

Watch the Video "Lions Support UN Millennium Development Goals"

A five-minute video: Learn how Lions around the world support the UN Millennium Development Goals by fighting global hunger, poverty, disease, pollution and more. This video was played at the 2013 Lions Day with the United Nations, an event held to celebrate the partnership between Lions and the UN.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WYe0OoWeE94>

PU 101 and the Club Officer Election Process

Although your club PU101 is not due to International until May 1, 2013, your club election process should begin soon. Please click here <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/lg22.pdf> to see the Club Election Guidelines from International.

Club Events

Meriden Lions Club Palm Sunday Brunch on March 24th from 8am – 12:30pm in the Platt High School Cafeteria at 220 Coe Avenue in Meriden

** 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 Charlotte Cilley to the Danbury Lions Club
Lion Susan Ward to the Danbury Lions Club

Happy Anniversary

Brookfield Lions Club:	47 years	(March 3, 1966)
Bethany Lions Club:	61 years	(March 6, 1952)
New Canaan Lions Club:	84 years	(March 15, 1929)
Oxford Lions Club:	62 years	(March 15, 1951)
Monroe Lions Club:	61 years	(March 20, 1952)
North Haven Lions Club:	61 years	(March 28, 1952)
Derby Shelton Lions Club:	63 years	(March 30, 1950)

Upcoming Dates to Remember

District Governor Visitations:

- Bridgeport Host: March 6
- Milford: March 18
- West Haven: March 26
- Newtown: March 27
- Devon: April 2
- Trumbull Center: April 3
- Middlebury: April 10
- North Haven: April 23
- Georgetown: April 24

District 23A Events:

- Zone 1 & 2 Meeting: March 25
- Zone 6: March 26
- Zone 4: March 28
- PSTM Training: May 21
- District Governor Testimonial: June 7

Multiple District 23 Events:

- State Convention: May 10 -12 in Sturbridge, Ma
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"