

Hello fellow Lions,

Last weekend I had the opportunity to attend the State and MD 23 Convention in Cromwell CT. It was a memorable experience and must recommend attending one if you haven't in the past. Please feel free to share with your clubs.

During Friday nights business meeting, nominating speeches were given for the 2018-2019 District Governors, 1st and 2nd District Governor candidates. The speeches were information and funny. They gave a good insight into the personalities and accomplishments of the nominees. After the meeting we all participated in a service project and assembled 210 duffle bags of goods for the homeless. This is the first time a service project has been included during the weekend and everyone really enjoyed helping.

Saturdays programs consisted of seminars. I attended the Lion's Diabetes Initiative hosted by Lions Robert Fowler, Karen Barbone and Suzanne Ferrone. The second session I attended was the Lions Club President's Session hosted by International Director, Bruce Beck. Both seminars were informative. Bruce's Beck was totally inspirational and gave great ideas about overcoming objections at meetings and increasing membership.

Saturday's Banquet speaker again was International Director, Bruce Beck. He spoke about the ability to be flexible to change in order to attract new membership. His energy was contagious and emphasized to lead one must have energy and passion as it flows to the rest of the members in a club. Bruce shared fun/fabulous videos which I hope we can get to share with all Clubs in our Zone.

Sunday morning elections were held. Those nominated were elected. Though the officer positions were uncontested, the number of certified delegates who actually attended and voted was disappointing. Mid year District Governor Reports were given and District Governor Elect speeches followed. Our newly elected District Governor, Allen O'Farrell gave a passionate and energetic speech about Serving - and ended up his talk wearing his green apron as he is ready to serve! That a way Allen!

The Convention will be held next year in April. If you haven't attended I suggest you put it in your budget and schedule book for the year.

See you at our next Zone 2 Meeting, Monday, March 12, Norwalk Conference Center, Norwalk, CT 6:30pm cocktails, 7pm Meeting - Theme "March comes in Like a Lion - March Madness" (Reminders will be sent out again in 2 weeks.)

Yours in Lionism,

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