



"Diversity, Collaboration & Participation For Service"

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Message from Shaukat

Dear Fellow Lions in District 23A:

It is indeed a privilege that I serve as your District Governor for 2017-2018. My theme for this year is "Diversity, Collaboration and Participation for Service", which reflect my personal vision and years of experience as a Lion.

My first month as the district governor was quite eventful. On July 8th we were able to establish a brand new club in our district, Wallingford Shapla (water-lily) Lions Club. This is an ethnicity based Lions Club of the residents of Bangladeshi origin in Connecticut. Upon my request, the Area 6A GMT Leader, PDG Nazmul Haque came to Connecticut after attending the International Convention and helped organize Bangladeshis to form this club. He is a dedicated Lion whose inspirational and motivating speeches have made it easy for us to establish this club. On behalf of the Lions of District 23A, I thank him for his help.

On July 9th, with the help of members of the Bethany Lions Club and Zone 4 Lions, we organized a district cabinet meet and greet night. This program was attended by many members of the cabinet. This program was also attended by PDG Nazmul Haque and his wife, Lion Mouluda Nazmul.



PDG Nazmul Haque



PDG Joe Poirier and Lion Kathy Poirier with DG Shaukat Khan and Lion Nasreen Khan

On July 12th, Beacon Falls Lions Club, in collaboration with zone 4 leaders, bid farewell to PDG Joe Poirier and Lion Kathy Poirier. This event was attended by many Lions of MD 23, with PDG Joe and Lion Kathy moving out of the state, the Lions of MD 23 have lost two dedicated Lions.

The new Lions Low vision Center at Cornell Scott Hill Health Center in New Haven was opened on July 26th. This new center will significantly increase our Multiple District Lions Low Vision (LLV) activities in this area and will open a door of cooperation. My heartfelt thanks to Lions Low Vision Trustees for this commendable job.

The first cabinet meeting of the year was held on July 31st at Brazi's in New Haven with about 50 cabinet members in attendance. In this very lively meeting, attendees presented their reports and discussed about various programs they are going to undertake in the coming year. I'm especially happy that the cabinet members unanimously passed the Dist.23A Finance Committee decision of waiving district annual dues for the Veterans and Student members for the current Lions year. It is our duty to help those who were ready to make the ultimate sacrifice for our country and to also help interested students become members of the Lions Clubs, and bring new energy and leadership in Lionism. You may not know that Lions International waived their initiation fee and cut down the annual membership fee by half for the student members. I hope other districts will also follow this example.

Additionally, at this meeting, I shared with the district cabinet the "100% Club Requirements for 2017-2018," which you will find at the end of this newsletter for individual club review and utilization.

I have visited one Club in July with forty-eight to go. In this newsletter, you will find my Club visitation schedule for August and September. At this point, I'd like to share with you "My District Governor's Goals for 2017-2018."

- Organize and help projects by the clubs of the district that supports Lions' mission, vision, purpose and motto, 'we serve,' for all sections of the population in the community.
- Encourage the clubs of the district to organize projects on the LCI's 5 Global Frameworks of service: Hunger Relief, Vision, Environment, Diabetes and Pediatric Cancer.
- Reaching out to the diverse populations in district to provide them our service, encouraging them to become members of the Lions Clubs.
- Diversify service activities by encouraging clubs to take service projects beyond their usual activities.
- Increase collaboration between Lions Clubs, and with other community organizations for the purpose of service.
- Encourage the participation of all Lions in the clubs, district and community activities. Encourage senior leaders of clubs (e.g. Past Presidents) to be more active in mentoring new members, and/or advising club leadership.
- Bringing new leaders to the District Cabinet and providing them with the necessary training.
- Increase participation/donation by the clubs in LCIF activities.
- Increase the numbers of Lions in the district by recruiting new members, retaining existing members and/or establishing new clubs.
- Inspire the clubs with the current International President's message: 'Power of We, Power of Action, Power of Service.'

In the upcoming year, I look forward to render services to the diverse population in MD 23, in the areas of five frameworks of service. In my club visits, I'll carry the vision of our current International President, Naresh Agarwal, the 'Power of We, Power of Action and Power of Service.' With our power of service together, we will continue to bring changes. I feel proud to be a Centennial District Governor and I'm aware of my share of responsibilities to take our organization forward, in the next century of service. I believe with the 'Power of We' we'll be able to do it together!

- In the spirit of Lionism,
DG Shaukat

Announcements:

- Next District 23A Cabinet Meeting will be Monday, October 9th, 7 pm at Bethany Lakeview Lodge in Bethany
- International Director Candidates Forum will be held on Saturday, September 9th from 9-11 am at the Middletown Senior Center, 61 Durant Terrace in Middletown
- Veterans Stand Down will be held on Friday, September 22nd from 8 am—2 pm at the Connecticut Veterans Home, 287 West St., Rocky Hill. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Lion Pam Mainiero at: pam286@comcast.net or 203-464-2606.
- USA/Canada Leadership forum, Portland, Oregon, September 21-23, 2017.
- Women’s and Children Symposium is schedule for October 28th from 9 am—noon at the Connecticut Women’s Consortium in Hamden. More info to come!

District Governor’s Club Schedule for August and September 2017

- 8/8 East Haven, 6:30 pm
- 8/9 Seymour, 7:00 pm
- 8/16 New Canaan, 12:30 pm
- 8/17 Brookfield, 7:30 pm
- 9/5 Stratford, 6:30 pm
- 9/12 Hamden, 6:30 pm
- 9/13 Ridgefield, 7:00 pm
- 9/14 Trumbull, 6:00 pm
- 9/18 Shelton, 7:00 pm
- 9/25 Guilford, 7:00 pm
- 9/26 Easton, 7:00 pm

100% Club Requirements 2017-2018

1. Submit all Monthly Membership and Activity Reports on or before due date
 2. End the year without any loss in membership, or increase by 1 (one) or more member/s
 3. Pay District and International dues and charges without any delinquency
 4. Submit Annual club officers report no later then May 15, 2018
 5. The Club President and/or Secretary and/or Vice President attend/s at least two zones meetings
 6. At least one activity reported by MyLCI on 4 of 5 LCI Service Frameworks: Hunger relief, Vision, Environment, Diabetes, Pediatric Cancer. In the absence of activities in diabetes or pediatric cancer, donation(s) will be considered as activities in these areas. Participation in the environmental photo contact will be considered as an activity in the Environment section.
 7. Financial Contribution made to the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF)
 8. Financially support five (5) of the following projects:
 - A. Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation (CLERF)
 - B. Speech and Hearing and/or Hearing Aid Bank
 - C. 23A Low Vision Program (LLVC)
 - D. Connecticut Radio Information System (CRIS) Volunteer readers in lieu of financial Contribution
 - E. Lions Quest Program
 - F. Support a youth program—Leos, Scouts, Youth Out-Reach Program
- AND, at least six (6) of the following:
1. Hold at least one inter-club meeting
 2. Submit an entry in the Peace Poster Contest
 3. Financially support, sponsor or co-sponsor a Lions Eye Health (LEHP)/Pediatric Eye Screening
 4. Have club representation at the Lions State Convention
 5. Support with either money or hands-on involvement, the efforts of the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, Guiding Eyes, or Lions Project Canine Companions for Independence (LPCCI)
 6. Support the efforts of the American Red Cross
 7. Send Club Members to District or Multi-district training seminars
 8. Sponsor or assist in the establishment of a new Lions Club, Branch Club, Specialty Club, Campus Club or Leo’s Club
 9. Participate in the District’s international efforts, including sending Lions to the Lions Day with the United Nations (LDUN), Club twining, Youth exchange
 10. Organize activities supporting the district’s Reading Action Program
 11. Support Children, Women and Family programs (e.g. sending participants to multiple-district symposium/s)
 12. Provide services or support to veterans and/or active-duty soldiers
 13. Involve the club’s Past Presidents in leadership development roles (e.g., advisors of the club, mentoring of new Lions)
 14. Provide services to underserved communities in the district

Notes:

1. All activities claimed by clubs should be verifiable
2. If activities overlap in two or more sections—it will fulfill the requirements for all applicable sections
3. The final decision of 100% Club will be determined by the committee appointed by the District Governor

LCI Mission Statement:

“To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.”



LCI Vision Statement:

“To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.”