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# Opportunity is Knocking

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## District 23B Governor's Newsletter



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Another page of the calendar has turned, and I'm glad to report that our clubs are picking up plenty of momentum to take us through the end of the year. In November I visited 12 clubs, and inducted 10 new members into our organization. Not a bad ratio! I also ate turkey for five consecutive days, but I don't think that counts for anything. Now we have reached December; a time not only for holiday celebrations, but also for projects which help those who need it most. To all Lions, family and friends – Have a safe and happy holiday season.

### CONGRATULATIONS!!!

This year's winner of the District Peace Poster Contest is **Lynn Vo** of the Windsor Locks Middle School, sponsored by the Windsor Locks Lions Club. Congratulations also to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place entries from Terryville and Simsbury respectively. Lynn's poster will now compete against the winners from 23A and 23C, and the winner will represent our Multiple District.

### THANK YOU

The Low Vision dinner on November 23<sup>rd</sup> was a resounding success!! Over **\$20,000** in donations was collected at the event, with over 100 in attendance. Congratulations to all of the Lions who were presented with an Ambassador of Sight award from their clubs.

### INCREASING OUR AWARENESS

District Diabetes Chair Bob Bessel is organizing a **Diabetes Awareness Breakfast** at Central Connecticut State University on **Sunday, March 21**. At this event, Lions from around the state can hear about the latest breakthrough news about the artificial pancreas now in use for juvenile diabetes patients. I would ask clubs to consider a contribution to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to help combat this disease.

## THIS MONTH'S FEATURED EVENT

I won't single out any particular event this month. I know many clubs are conducting food drives, toy drives, or providing fuel assistance to members of their communities who otherwise would have a joyless December. I'd like to express my appreciation for all of your efforts.

## CLUB TREASURERS

Please make sure your club is up to date on **District and International Dues**. Also, if your club has additional balances due with LCI for supplies, etc., please pay them in a timely manner. Effective last year, LCI's policy will automatically place a club on suspension if there is an outstanding balance past 150 days due. Please contact their office if you have questions about your billing.

## IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO PLAN

The **2010 International Convention** will be held down under in **Sydney, Australia**. Registration and tour info is already available. Our Multiple District Chairperson PDG Rose Marie Spatafore has been working hard to make our travels a memorable experience. Information can soon be found on the Conventions tab of our district website, [www.lions23b.org](http://www.lions23b.org).

## ALSO ON THE WEBSITE:

Our District LCIF Coordinator, PDG Steve Polezonis has updated the LCIF page with a wealth of interesting facts and figures. To see just how much our District has accomplished, please check out the website. Also, save the dates February 26-28. This year, the **New England Lions Melvin Jones weekend to benefit LCIF** will be held in Milford, MA. Clubs may choose to have their new Melvin Jones fellowships presented by Immediate Past International President **Al Brandel**.

## KUDOS:

In November's issue I outlined the criteria for clubs to attain the **Year-Round Growth Award**. The following clubs have already earned the award based on LCI membership reports:

East Granby

East Windsor

Thomaston

## UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1	Club visitation – Granby
December 2	Club visitation - Suffield
December 3	Club visitation – New Milford
December 7	Club visitation – East Hartford
December 9	Club visitation – South Windsor
December 12	23B Holiday social
December 25	Merry Christmas!
January 1	And a Happy New Year!
January 4	23B Cabinet Meeting
January 5	Club visitation – Unionville
January 6	Club visitation – Berlin
January 11	MD23 Council Meeting
January 12	Club visitation – Terryville
January 13	Club visitation – Burlington
January 14	Club visitation – Colebrook
January 19	Club visitation – Simsbury
January 20	Club visitation – Harwinton
January 21	Zone 4&5 joint meeting
January 23	West Hartford/ Low Vision Center Scramble
January 25	Club visitation – Barkhamsted
January 25	Low Vision Center BOD
January 26	Club visitation – Bristol
January 27	Zone 3&7 joint meeting
January 28	Club visitation – Hartford Multinational

And remember – **It's Great To Be A Lion!**

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