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Opportunity is Knocking

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District 23B Governor's Newsletter



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2010 is here, a time to look back at the first half of our Lions year, and look forward to the second half. From July through December, our clubs brought in **80 new members** – a FANTASTIC effort. However, in spite of this great news, we are still negative as a District year-to-date. Let's double our efforts to retain our members. The United States as a whole is as close to positive growth as it has been in decades – **THIS WILL BE THE YEAR**. I know we can't control what happens in Oregon. Or Minnesota. Or Alabama. But right here in 23B, at the end of the year we will be proud to say we did our part.

THANK YOU

To all of the clubs that conducted food drives, toy drives, rang bells, gift-wrapped, and anything else that made this holiday season better for someone else. Each club I visited in the past month had some type of service project going on – Well Done.

ZONE MEETINGS

Info should be out soon for the next round of zone meetings (right, Zone Chairs?). Please make every effort to attend, and share your interests and concerns with your neighboring Lions.

THE MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

Please get your registrations in for the Midwinter Conference, **February 5-7** at the Crowne Plaza in Southbury. Registration forms and hotel info can be found on the Conventions tab of our website, www.lions23b.org. This year's guest is 1st Vice President of Lions International Sid Scruggs. Let's have a great turnout, and show what Connecticut Lions are capable of.

ALSO ON THE WEBSITE:

The LCIF tab now has the registration info for the **New England Lions Melvin Jones weekend to benefit LCIF**. Look for the Melvin Jones tab at the top of the page. This year's event will be held in Milford, MA, the weekend of February 27-28. Clubs may choose to have their new Melvin Jones fellowships presented by Immediate Past International President **Al Brandel**.

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED EVENT

On **January 23rd**, the West Hartford Lions and our Low Vision Center team up to present the annual **Scramble**. If you've been there before, you know how much fun this is. If you haven't, we would love to see you there this year. The doors open at 6:15 pm at the New Britain VFW, 41 Veterans Drive. Only 200 tickets will be sold, so contact the West Hartford Lions to reserve your ticket.

CLUB SECRETARIES

Please make sure your club roster is up to date on the LCI website. While you're there, visit the Club Resources section, and get the form for this year's **Club President's Excellence Award**. Remember, a visit to the Midwinter Conference will satisfy the club officer training requirement.

KUDOS:

Congratulations to the **Trinity College Lions** for satisfying the requirements for the **Year-Round Growth Award**.

The clubs of **Zone 2** have combined for a positive net growth of 8 through December.

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathies to the families and friends of our fellow Lions

Millicent Wilson, Hartford Multinational Lions

Paulette Webb, Winsted Lions

Ralph De Rienz, Woodbury Lions

Fred St Pierre, Woodbury Lions

UPCOMING EVENTS

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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