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Opportunity is Knocking

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October was a busy month! Club visits, fairs, cabinet and council meetings, board of directors and committee meetings – I think the only thing turning faster than the leaves is the odometer on my car! But the good news is our Lions clubs are working hard and having fun. The Watertown Lions celebrated their 60th anniversary, I judged a turtle race, inducted new members, and even learned a new dice game. The coming month is filled with more club visits and events. Let's keep the momentum going into November!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, October was **October Membership Growth** month. Congratulations to the Lions clubs of Colebrook, East Granby, East Hartford, Hartford Evening, Harwinton, New Britain, Norfolk and Washington who reported new members.

AND KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK...

Of course, it's always OK to add members in months other than October. The eight clubs listed above are on their way to fulfilling the requirements for the **Year-Round Growth Award**. LCI will recognize clubs that add new members based on the following categories:

Clubs with 21 members or less who bring in 3 or more new members

Clubs with 22-40 members who bring in 5 or more new members

Clubs with 41 members or more who bring in 8 or more new members

Have you talked about your Lions club with a neighbor or relative? A coworker? Someone you do business with?

THANK YOU

The annual dinner put on by the American School for the Deaf was held last week. The culinary program prepared a wonderful meal for us. I am proud to report that more than half the clubs in the District are supporting this outstanding institution.

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED EVENT

On Monday, November 23, our **23B Lions Low Vision Center** will have its annual kickoff dinner at the Stonewell Restaurant in Farmington. Clubs will have the opportunity to present their donations in person. So we can know how many to expect, please RSVP to Cindy Cooper – cindybcooper287@aol.com.

WARNING: DEADLINE APPROACHING

Please get your articles and ads for the next **District Spirit** in by **November 14th**.

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.

CLUB PRESIDENTS

A second-chance opportunity: if you missed the Officer's Training Seminar in August, you can still qualify for the 100% President's Award if you attend any of the seminars offered at the Midwinter Conference.

NEW ENGLAND LIONS SEMINAR

On Saturday, November 21, Lions from around New England will gather in Warwick, Rhode Island. Seminar topics will include a Leo Advisor roundtable, and a session on forming a 501(c)3 entity. The registration form, along with the agenda for the afternoon Council meeting can be found on our website, www.lions23b.org.

ALSO ON THE WEBSITE:

The Midwinter Conference is coming! February 5-7 at the Southbury Crowne Plaza. Get your registration form and other info online.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of Lion Al Liftig (Avon)

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2	Club visitation – Newington
November 3	Club visitation – Rocky Hill/Wethersfield
November 4	Club visitation – East Windsor
November 5	Club visitation – Torrington
November 10	Club visitation – Glastonbury
November 12	Club visitation – Bethlehem
November 16	Club visitation – Trinity College
November 17	Club visitation – Manchester
November 18	Club visitation - Sharon
November 19	Club visitation – Canton
November 21	New England Lions Council Meeting (note date change)
November 23	Low Vision Dinner – Stonewell Restaurant
November 26	Happy Thanksgiving!
November 30	CLERF Board of Directors
December 1	Club visitation – Granby
December 2	Club visitation - Suffield
December 3	Club visitation – New Milford
December 7	Club visitation – East Hartford
December 8	Club visitation – Marlborough
December 9	Club visitation – South Windsor
December 12	23B Holiday social
December 25	Merry Christmas!

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

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