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# Opportunity is Knocking

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## District 23B Governor's Newsletter



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### FALL IS HERE – AND THE LIONS ARE HEATING UP

September is usually marked by leaves changing color, and children returning to school. Here in District 23B, many clubs are returning to action after a few months of rest. To these clubs: take the time to set goals for your club for 2009-2010. Is there a need in your town not being met? How can your Lions club help? What resources are available to you to help put your ideas into action? What challenges will you face, and what can you do to overcome them? Remember, the **District Cabinet exists to provide you with assistance.** Use Them!!!

### IT'S FAIR SEASON!

Another rite of fall – the outstanding fairs held in our towns. This past weekend I dodged the raindrops and spent some time at the Terryville Fair. Immediate Past District Governor Len was there to make sure I didn't disappear into a mudhole. Perhaps the weather will cooperate better in Berlin, Goshen, Harwinton and Bethlehem.

### NEW ENGLAND LIONS MEMORIAL SERVICE

As previously mentioned, the New England Lions will gather at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire on **Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**. At this service, I will read the names of the following Lions who have passed since last year's service. Most of these names were submitted to LCI on monthly membership reports; if I have omitted anyone please bring it to my attention.

Berlin

Timothy Brenner

William Diskin

George Keithan

Arnold Pfeil

Bloomfield	Herman Bercowetz PDG Ron Wolpoe
Bristol	Walter Waseleski
Canton	Richard Boorjan
Colebrook	William Hayes
East Hartford	John Johnston
Enfield	John Tomkiewicz Jr.
Hartford Evening	PDG Francesco Medina
New Milford	Paul Altermatt Arthur Sega
Southington	Gerald Gingras
Watertown	Robert Shumway
Wethersfield	Walter Napierata
Windsor	Joseph Bak
Windsor Locks	Robert Harvey John Lee
Woodbury	Tracy Breen John Naylor

All of these Lions gave of themselves in some way to further our organization, and we remember them.

## FIRST ROUND OF ZONE MEETINGS

If they haven't already done so, your Zone Chairmen should be contacting you shortly with details of the first Zone meetings in September. Remember, this is where you have the opportunity to share with other clubs your ideas – is there another club in your zone who could contribute to your project? Pool your resources! Clubs who have not received a supply of District Directories can get them at the Zone meetings. Zone Chairs have a special responsibility this year to partner with the District Membership team – **talk to them about your club's needs.**

## AN APPEAL FROM CLERF FOR AN APPEALING PROJECT

You may have received letters from PDG Diane Bielski, President of the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation, and Rocco Cingari, PDG from District 23A concerning the **Yale Pediatric Eye Care Center**. This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for the Lions of Connecticut to stand up, *roar*, and create one of the best facilities in the country. I fully support this endeavor, and have submitted my pledge for the Friends of Yale "Wall of 300". Please join me in representing District 23B on the Wall.

## MULTIPLE DISTRICT EXTENSION WORKSHOP

On Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, a training session will be held in conjunction with the other Districts to learn the art of new club formation. I firmly believe the skills and techniques presented in this session can be used for existing clubs looking for a spark to grow their own membership. Field work will take place on Monday and Tuesday, where the lessons learned are put into action. If you have an interest in what it takes to "ask" someone to get involved in Lionism, I encourage you to contact Vice District Governor Sia Dowlatshahi for information on attending. So many times a potential Lion passes us by because we do not ask. We can change that.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 9	Zone 3 Meeting
September 10	Zone 5 Meeting
September 13	New England Lions Memorial Service, Rindge, NH
September 13	JDRF Walk, Litchfield
September 14	Zone 8 Meeting
September 15	Zone 1 Meeting
September 16	Club visitation - Washington
September 17	Zone 2 Meeting
September 18	Veterans Stand Down, Rocky Hill
September 20	JDRF Walk, East Hartford

September 20-22	MD23 Extension Workshop
September 21	Zone 6 Meeting
September 22	Club visitation - Windsor
September 24-26	USA-Canada Forum, Memphis, TN
September 29	Zone 4 Meeting
September 30	Zone 7 Meeting
September 30	Low Vision Board Meeting
October 1	Club visitation – Windsor Locks
October 5	23B Cabinet meeting, TBD
October 6	Club visitation – Woodbury
October 7	Club visitation - Norfolk
October 8	Club visitation – Hartland
October 12	MD23 Council Meeting, TBD
October 13	Club visitation – Watertown
October 14	Club visitation - Wethersfield
October 15	Club visitation – Hartford Host
October 19	CLERF Board of Directors
October 20	Club visitation – Greater Hartford West Indian
October 21	Club visitation – Kent
October 22	Club visitation – Enfield
October 23	Club visitation – New Hartford
October 23	Low Vision Board Meeting
October 27	Club visitation – Hartford Hispanic Seniors (day)
October 27	Club visitation – Canaan (evening)
October 28	Club visitation – Litchfield
October 29	American School for the Deaf Open House
October 31	Multiple District 23 Membership Rally

I guess that's enough for now,

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

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