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DG Mark's Monthly Message

Greetings to the Lions of District 23A!

Well here we are...at the end of another Lions Year. The month of June has ratcheted up the volume and intensity of the activities for me, and for all our District 23A Lions. You have worked hard this year, and for that I am both thankful and proud. Every day, through your actions, you have exemplified what it is to live our "WE SERVE" motto. So many lives have been touched by your generosity. Some many dollars have been raised through your service.

We should be proud of our accomplishments, and yet we should still want more. We all know that there are more people to help, more research that needs to be done through the generosity of our Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation, more Lions Low Vision Centers to be opened to provide greater access to those in need of devices, more Leos Clubs to grow Lionism from the grass roots. I ask all of you to keep wanting more. Stay hungry for the good things that Lions can and should do. Most importantly, share your passion for Lions with potential new members, and keep the Lions in your clubs engaged and valued. Retention will continue to be our biggest concern, and I'm pretty sure you'll be hearing more of that message in the coming year.

I've had an awesome year, and I owe it all to you.

Thank you for being Lions.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR AWARDS NIGHT

The District Governor Awards Night was held under the tent at John J. Sullivan's on June 14th. A great group over @90 Lions showed up to celebrate a terrific year of Lionism, and to applaud those who received awards. I would like to congratulate all 100 % Club Treasurers, 100 % Club Secretaries, and 100% Clubs for their accomplishments. As we all know, the requirements for these awards are not easy to complete, and your efforts have been recognized in the District.

A message to all Club Presidents out there: You still have until July 15, 2010 to submit your Club President Excellence Award form to Cabinet Secretary Tom Sullivan (lion-tom@att.net) for review and submission to Lions Clubs International. Remember, you must complete all of the requirements listed in the Directory. As a reminder, I've also given the Club President a "Pass" on one of their attendance requirements listed in the Directory under Item 3 (page 50), but only if their club added a new member during the "50 in 50" Membership Drive (April 1 – May 20). So get those forms in as soon as you can!

We also recognized a couple dozen Outstanding Lions in our District, nominated by their Club President (or another Lion). I think it is very important that all clubs honor those unsung heroes within their clubs every year, and I was proud to make this a part of our District-wide event.

Awards were also presented to our “50 in 50” Membership Drive winners, who were awarded with our International President’s “Move to Grow” pins. Congratulations to the following clubs and their Presidents:

- Bethany Lions, Walter Briggs, President (5 new members)
- Seymour Lions, Frank DeLeo, President (5 new members)
- Meriden Lions, Bruce Maslar, President (4 new members)
- Danbury Lions, Berni Kallas, President (3 new members)

Gifts were presented to all Cabinet members in attendance as a small token of thanks for their service. A special recognition “Jumping through Hoops” award went to each of my leadership team for their outstanding achievements in keeping our District moving forward this past year. Please make sure you thank these Lions for their leadership and commitment to Lions:

- Cabinet Secretary Tom Sullivan
- Cabinet Treasurer Linda Maggs
- 2nd Vice District Governor Lyn Meyers
- 1st Vice District Governor Walter Sherman

Lions Clubs International Service Activities Certificates were presented to the following:

- Club New Horizon Award in Diabetes Education (Brookfield Lions Club)
- District Diabetes Awareness Chairperson Award (Cheryl Raffile)
- District hearing Chairperson Award (Meryl Aronin)
- District International Relations Chairperson Award (John Gagain, PDG)
- District Sight Chairperson Award (Joyce Wruck)

And last, but certainly not least, I was very proud to present the International President’s Certificate of Appreciation to Lion Ted Bresky, President of the Bridgeport Host Lions. Thank you Ted, for your outstanding achievements in Lionism. You have set a shining example of the good works and service our Lions can do.

FINAL REMINDER – SPECIAL CONVENTION FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Delegate registration forms were sent to all current Club Secretaries in the District earlier this month via regular mail by Cabinet Secretary Tom Sullivan. The form indicates the number of delegates able to vote at this Special Convention based on their official membership roster count at Lions Clubs International on May 31, 2010. It is **absolutely imperative** that you send all qualified delegates to vote at this Special Convention. Make every effort to ensure that all of your club delegates vote on July 14th.

The four (4) endorsed candidates from District 23A are: Philip G. Flaker, PCC, PDG, of the Bridgeport Host Lions Club; Robert B. Gyle III, PCC, PDG, of the New Fairfield/ Candlewood Lions Club; Donald J. Miloscia, PDG, of the Norwalk Lions Club and the Danbury Lions Club; and Rose Marie Spatafore, PDG, of the Seymour Lions Club.

The details on the Special Convention are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Place: Trumbull Town Hall, Nichols Room, 5866 Main Street, Trumbull, CT 06611

Times: 6:00 p.m. -- 9:00 p.m.

Should you have any questions please Cabinet Secretary Tom Sullivan, or Convention Chair Frank Molinaro.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

District 23A Events:

- July 14 District 23A Special Convention (see article above for details)
- August 2 District 23A Cabinet Meeting (time/location TBD)

Multiple District 23 Events

- August 9 CLERF Board Meeting (time/location TBD)
- August 16 MD23 Council Meeting (time/location TBD)

Other Events

- June 28-July 2 International Convention (Sydney, Australia)

Next Month

Well, there is no “next month” for me. The year is over, and I’m moving on to a new role, that of Multiple District 23 Council Chair. I look forward to assuming that role, and working with our incoming District Governors across Connecticut as we strive to grow Lionism.

I know all of you join me in congratulating our incoming District Governor, Lion Walter Sherman. He will work hard for all of you. But a District Governor can not do it alone. District Governor’s will need every Lion behind them to make their programs work. I know, based on your efforts and successes over the past year, that you are those Lions, and that Lion Walter can count on you in the year ahead.

So thanks again, to all of you, for helping District 23A “MOVE TO GROW.”

In Lionism,

Mark

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