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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Greetings District 23A Lions:

Summer is just about at the end and school will be starting in a week. The shortening days mean less lawn mowing and more leaf raking for all of us. It's also the time of year when Lions Clubs start their service activities and are preparing for the District Governor's visits.

In late June my partner Ernie Harrington and I went to Seattle to District Governors School for four days prior to the International Convention. I joined my two other MD23 District Governors Ken Tuck from 23C and Bob Cormier from 23B in the multiday training sessions. We were joined by our life partners for the many interesting and inspiring presentations on Dr. Wing-Kun Tam's theme "I Believe." Dr. Tam chose to plant 1,000,000 trees by Lions around the world in 2011-12. As a part of that commitment the District Governors Elect participated in a planting of 800 Red Cedar trees that will be transplanted in the spring in two locations in the Seattle area. You can see a picture of us in plastic aprons and gloves and our plants on the home page of the District website at www.district23A.org.

The International Convention took place the first week in July and was in the rarely sunny Seattle, Washington, without a drop of rain. The Lions parade was the largest the city had seen in its history and the convention was reported to have provided more than \$40,000,000 to the area's economy. The programs were spectacular and entertaining. In addition we were able to elect Carolyn Messier from District 23B as New England's International Director. August 1st saw our first Cabinet meeting of the new year. The meeting started with thunder, lightning and torrential rains. Before the evening was over the power failed, lights dimmed and died. Our guest speakers didn't get to do their presentations and we never did get our coffee and dessert.

Many District 23A Clubs that did not meet in July and August are getting geared up for their first meetings in September and I will be starting my visits the first week of the month. The first Zone meetings are also scheduled for September.

On September 10th Vice District Governors Linda Maggs and Ed Hablerli and the GLT and GMT Chair persons Mark Lyon and Helen Belluschi and I will be attending the New England Lions Council meeting. Training sessions for the Global Membership Team and the Global Leadership Team are scheduled. From these meetings we will be bringing back information to start the new programs in the District.

For the first time the 23A District Directory is available on line at the District website, as well as in print. To access Directory send email request to Webmaster@district23a.org include your first name, last name, and club name. An ID and Password will be returned to you.

In the Directory you will find the District Governors Goals for 2011-2012 repeated here:

“ I BELIEVE” that successful long term growth of Lions Clubs, as the world’s largest service organization, is dependent on keeping members involved, instilling pride, and treating all Lions as family; the philosophy “My Club, My Family.”

“I BELIEVE” we will strengthen membership and achieve a net increase of 100 members, with the assistance of our new Global Membership Team (GMT)

“I BELIEVE” we will add two new Lions Clubs. The clubs can be built around, occupations, social activities or new “family clubs.”

“I BELIEVE” we will build future Lions leaders through our Global Membership Teams. (GLT)

“I BELIEVE” we will be involved in more environmental preservation and restoration by planting 1,500 trees in our District with the help of our Leos Clubs.

“ I BELIEVE” we will find more new and interesting service opportunities and increase our visibility in the community through new and better public relations.

And most importantly;

“I BELIEVE” the future starts today. I am asking all District 23A Lions to join me in making this year a “year to remember.

Welcome to the 21st Century

As a part of International President Wing-Kun Tam’s goals for 2010 he included protecting the environment and planting 1,000,000 trees. In that spirit LCI has cut paper consumption by providing all of the International Directors with iPads. Dr Tam, all the International Directors and staff have cut the amount of printed matter being distributed to lions by using email and posting more items on the web. LCI has also requested that all reporting from clubs and districts be done electronically.

In District 23A we have taken steps to achieve the same goal by producing our first on line Directory (password protected) available to all Lions in MD23. I have also requested that all reporting by Clubs and cabinet members be made to me electronically. In addition most of the district business is being done via email and our website. We are also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Lions23a

The future is here and there will continue to be more emphasis on the use of the internet and less on paper.

Here are some of the things that can be done to take advantage of the internet:

Access resources on the LCI at www.lionsclubs.org Under “Member Center” you will find information on Planning Projects, Membership and New Clubs, Leadership Development, and other Resources; such as Publications, Forms, and Lions Logos.

View IP Wing-Kun Tam’s “I Believe” brochure, his plan for 2011 and beyond.

View my District Governor goals for 2011-12 by accessing the District website and in the District Directory.

Keep abreast of what other Lions around the District and the world are doing.

Prepare WMMRs and PU101s on line.

Share information on fund raising and service projects with other Lions Clubs.

Attract new younger members to your club.

Promote your Club’s projects and fund raisers

Access our District website www.district23A.org. There you can see the Governor’s newsletters, view the District calendar, find a Lion in the Directory, share ideas and add your special events to the Calendar.

Create your own Club’s website and Facebook page.

For more information and assistance in accessing the information on the web and creating your club’s website contact the webmaster. Ernie Harrington at webmaster@district23A.org

In upcoming District Governor’s newsletters and issues of the District Pride there will be additional information on how to get the most out of your computer and the internet and how to add new members, promote your club, and access leadership training courses for your Club members.

Upcoming Events and dates in September:

Governor's Visits:

Trumbull Center	Sept 7
Bethany	Sept 13
Wolcott	Sept 14
Hamden	Sept 27
Woodbridge	Sept 28

Other Events:

Veterans Stand Down	Sept 9
New England Lions Council	Sept 10
Strides Walk for Diabetes, South Meriden Lions Club	Sept 10
Zones 3 and 5 meetings	Sept 12
Zones 1,2 and 4 meetings	Sept 19
Zones 7 and 8 meetings	Sept 21
USA/ Canada Forum	Sept 22-24

Save the date:

The second Cabinet meeting is set for October 3rd at JJ Sullivan's. A notice of the event will be sent by Keith Beaver, District Secretary two weeks before the meeting. Cabinet meetings are open to all Lions.

Next Month:

In September's issue, there will be more information on the GMT and GLT programs as well as ideas to help your club resources available from LCI and lionsclubs.org

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