

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
CONNECTICUT LIONS
DISTRICT 23A**



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

December 2011

Season's Greetings District 23A Lions:

As we come to the end of 2011 it is time to reflect on what has been happening around the District and what I have been doing since my installation as District Governor in Seattle in July.

It's been my pleasure to meet, talk and celebrate with twenty Lions Clubs, two Leos Clubs, a couple Zone meetings, two New England Council meetings, two 23A Cabinet meetings, several Mid Winter Convention planning meetings, a couple MD23 Council meetings, two Vision Screenings, some pre-council meetings, three MD23 Christmas parties, a Leos Charter Night, and the 35th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Anchorage Alaska.

Since the beginning of the year the LEHP program, guided by Joyce Wruck, has coordinated several vision screenings to communities in the District, CLERF Chair Kathy Patterson has visited several Zone meetings and clubs bringing everyone up to date on happenings at Yale Pediatric Center and the UCONN Medical Center, Meryl Aronin has brought the news of the District's Hearing Aid program to the Zones and clubs, VDG Linda Maggs has visited Clubs with information about Lions Project- Canine Companions for Independence (LPCCI) , and VDG Ed Haberli has brought 23A Lions news of the current works of LCIF . A new Leo Club was form in Danbury and two additional clubs will be chartered within the next couple months.

At my visits with Clubs around the District I've brought the message that service is the first order of business for Connecticut Lions. Service, first, to the people in need in your community and then to those throughout Connecticut and the rest of the world. Secondly, get as much publicity as you can get, though newspapers, the Club website, Facebook, the local cable service, or any other media. When doing a service project ask a friend, a neighbor, a social acquaintance or someone from your workplace to join you. When people see Lions in action or have an opportunity to serve along with you in the community they want to get involved. When you see the enthusiasm, don't forget to ask them to become a Lion.

Looking back over the past six months with all the service work that the clubs in 23A have provided in their communities and with more than 50 new Lions and many more new Leos I congratulate you all for the fine work you have done

Peace Poster Contest

From a selection of more than twenty entries to the Peace Poster Contest presented at the District 23A Christmas party the submission by the Cheshire Club was the winner. The poster was then entered into the Multiple District contest. At the Christmas part for District 23C on December 4th the Cheshire poster was the outstanding winner. It was then submitted into the Lions International contest. The Multiple District prize will be presented to the artist at the Mid Winter Convention.

Projects your club can do to serve your community:

Schedule a vision screening:

Contact Lion Joyce Wruck at lionjoyce@comcast.net or telephone 203-608-8300

Collect eyeglasses by putting collection boxes in your local library, optometrist office, church or other community location. You can drop them off at the local Lens Crafters or send them to:

New Jersey Lions Eyeglass Recycle Center
C/O Katzenbach School for the Deaf
320 Sullivan Way, West Trenton, NJ 08628

Upcoming Events and Dates:

Governors Visits:

New Fairfield Candlewood	January 5
Ridgefield	January 10
Monroe	January 11
New Fairfield	January 24

Other Events:

MD23 Council Meeting	January 9
Zone 1 & 2	January 9
23A Cabinet Meeting	January 16
Lions Low Vision Comm	TBA

Save the Date:

MD 23 Mid Winter Convention	February 3-5
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. I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year and may your dreams of growing Club membership come true.

Lion Lynn