

DISTRICT PRIDE

Serving Fairfield and New Haven Counties

CONNECTICUT LIONS DISTRICT 23 A

Volume 2, Issue 1

Lion Joan Bennett
District Governor 2008 - 2009

July & August 2008

From the District Governor 2008-2009

District Governor Joan Bennett



Hopefully many of you were able to read my message in the Governor's newsletter (if you didn't it's available on the www.ctlions.org website). I will be issuing a governor's newsletter every two months, in addition to the District Pride. Why? My newsletter will focus primarily on communications from LCI and "happenings" not only in 23A but also in the Multiple District. **Whereas, the District Pride is the voice of the 23A Lions Clubs.** What that means is, Lions have an opportunity to send in articles on activities their clubs are doing in the community, to advertise a fundraiser inviting Lions throughout 23A to attend, or to share with others a special club event.

It's a great venue for the clubs to inform other Lions of not only the services they're performing, but to tell them about new members (announce the names of your newest members) or of special awards that were given or perhaps to sadly tell of the passing of a club member. How about the formation a Leo's club, announce it and perhaps invites others to attend. We have anniversaries coming up...I know Waterbury will be celebrating their 85th...Did your club do an eye screening or a community clean-up...did you take pictures? **Send them in.**

All of the District Pride publications will be available online in pdf format and are emailed to Lions whose email addresses Ernie Harrington has, in addition to being available on the District 23A and CT Lions websites. In addition to the email copies, printed copies will be mailed to all Lions in 23A three times a year.

Get the word out...I know you all have information to share...clubs share what they're doing at zone meetings...why not share it with all the clubs in the district. It's your district newsletter, you support it financially, support it with articles and pictures of your club for others to see and enjoy.

Think about the LCI magazine, what makes it so special is it's about what the clubs are doing...don't delay...send your article/pictures/flyers in today for the next issue.

Candlewood Lions 9TH Annual Chili Contest Will Benefit The New Fairfield Food Pantry

Lion Alice Hoxie

Town residents are getting their first opportunity to vote this year and they are guaranteed that their vote will not affect their taxes, the war, or health care insurance. The Candlewood Lions are sponsoring their 9th Annual Chili Tasting Contest on Saturday, October 4th at the Senior Center in the Heritage Plaza from noon until 2 pm. This year's event will benefit the New Fairfield Food Pantry at the Senior Center.

A winner in 2007 the team of First Selectman John Hodge and Selectmen Ron Oliveri will be entering the Political Chili category featuring "Chili Italiano". Mary Ann Carson will also be entering again this year. This event has been proven to be a fun meet and greet for our community over the last several years and is always a lot of fun.

In the professional category expected to compete are last year's winner New Fairfield Food Center and Catering, Pete's Place, Shaw's and the Cook House from New Milford, additional entries from area establishments and business are expected.

Entries are still invited in three categories: Restaurants and Businesses; Political Parties and Candidates and Individuals and Groups. The entry fees for Restaurants and Political Parties is \$25.00 and for Individuals \$10.00

Entrants will provide one gallon of their chili for the tasting. The general public will act as the judges. Each entrant will be presented a medal for participating and the winners of each category will receive trophies.

Entrants will also be displaying brochures and some may share recipes.

This year the admission charge will be \$2.00 plus a canned/package food item to support the New Fairfield Food Bank. Soft drinks will be available. Entries are being solicited and will be accepted right up until the start of the tasting at 12 noon..

For more information about entering call Alice Hoxie at 860-350-6600.

Cabinet Announcement

District Governor Joan Bennett

The next district 23 A Cabinet Meeting will be held on October 6, 2008 at 7 P.M. at the Norwalk Inn & Conference Center, 99 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851. DG Joan Bennett promises that CS Jim Bennett will provide more information in the near future.

**SHARE INFORMATION ON YOUR PROFESSION OR TALENT BY
PLACING YOUR BUSINESS CARD IN THE DISTRICT PRIDE**

Post Your Business Card Here

For \$25 your Business Card will be posted in The Pride and on the web for 12 months. Just send a check with your business card - DO NOT STAPLE OR TAPE THE CARD - to CS , PDG Jim Bennett. Mail to:

CS, PDG Jim Bennett
11 St. John Street
North Haven, CT 06473

Please note: Cards received but not published will be published as of September 2008. Sorry for the inconvenience. This was due to a technical problem.

Lions can borrow our History

Lion Dan Uitti, PDG

Through the generosity of Lions Clubs and Lions Club members across our state, the History of Lionism in Connecticut is a great success.

Many clubs own a copy, so they can share this among members. Many clubs bought copies for their public and school libraries. Leaders should remind members that they too could borrow this book from the library.

Our history has been documented twice. In 1986, *A brief history of Lionism in Connecticut*, by Curtis Jennins and Kenneth V. Olson was published and circulated to public libraries. And again, *A brief history of Lionism in Connecticut 2007 Edition*, by Author/Manager Frank P. Mauro; co-author Richard Foote; editor Joel J. Ragovin was published. (ISBN: 9780970843081)

I browsed through the Connecticut Library System on-line at www.iconn.org with my Library Card number. I found these history books available at many of our public libraries. Through your library, you can borrow this book; even if it isn't at your library, through the Interlibrary Lending Program. Go on-line at www.iconn.org or visit your local library and ask.

Here is a list of the Libraries that have submitted the book on-line for all to find. Some libraries that have our book might not appear on this list.

A brief history of Lionism in Connecticut 2007 Edition

by Author/Manager Frank P. Mauro; co-author Richard Foote; editor Joel J. Ragovin
ISBN: 9780970843081

Bristol Public Library (Main) [ILL Lender] 369.5 M447
Cheshire Public Library [ILL Lender] 369.5 MAURO
Colchester - Cragin Memorial Library [ILL Lender] 369.5 MAU
Columbia - Saxton B. Little Free Library [ILL Lender] 369.5 MAURO
East Hampton Public Library [ILL Lender] 369.5 MAU
East Hartford Public Library (Main) REF 369.5 M
East Lyme Public Library [ILL Lender] REF 369.5 MAURO
East Lyme Public Library [ILL Lender] 369.5 MAURO
East Windsor - Library Association Of Warehouse Point 369.5 MAU NEWBKS
Essex Library Association [ILL Lender] 369.5 MAU
Forestville - Bristol Public Library (Manross Branch) 369.5 M447
Killingly Public Library [ILL Lender] 367.9746 Mau
GRN - Greenwich Library 369.5 MAURO
Ledyard - Bill Library [ILL Lender] 369.5 MAU
Ledyard - Gales Ferry Public Library 369.5 MAU
Moosup - Aldrich Free Public Library [ILL Lender] 974.6 Mau
New Milford Public Library [ILL Lender] 367 MAU

Club Happenings at a Glance District 23A

CANDLEWOOD LIONS CLUB

9th Annual Chili Tasting Contest

Saturday October 4, 2008
12:00 - 2:00 PM

The Senior Center in the Heritage Plaza
New Fairfield, CT

\$2 per Person Plus a Canned/Packaged Food Item
To Support the New Fairfield Food Bank.

For Information Please Call
Alice Hoxcie 860-350-6600

BRIDGEPORT NORTH BRIDGEPORT CLUB

WINE TASTING

Friday, October 10, 2008
7:00 PM

Vazzy's 19th Hole
Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course
2390 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield

Hors d'oeuvres, Entertainment by Music Mania
Disc Jockeys

\$25 per person

For Information Please Contact
Tom Veneruso tomven@aol.com
Nick Framularo framularolaw.@aol.com
Bob Dortenzio Dortenzio@sbcglobal.net

*See Club Flyers For
Additional Information
Posted On The Web At:*

www.lions23a.org or www.district23a.org

*See Club Flyers And Additional Information For
Club Happenings In Districts 23B & 23C
Posted On The Web At: www.ctlions.org*

SEYMOUR LIONS CLUB

Annual Benefit Car Show Judge Show

Sunday October 19, 2008
8:00 AM Registration 8:30 AM General Admission

M. P. I. Corporation
Silvermine Industrial Park
Seymour, CT

For Information Please Call
Rose Marie Spatifore 203-641-4476

VALLEY GOLF CLASSIC

Annual Golf Tournament Monday October 13, 2008 11:00 AM Shotgun Start

The Golf Course at Oxford Greens
Oxford, CT

\$700 per Foursome \$175 for Individual Player

For Player & Sponsor Information Please Call
Rose Marie Spatifore 203-446-9150

NORTH HAVEN LIONS CLUB

Wine Tasting

Friday October 24, 2008
5:00 - 7:00 PM

St. John's Episcopal Church
(at the top of the Green)
3 Trumbull Place
North Haven, CT

\$15.00 Per Person

For Information or Tickets Please Contact
Marie-Anne Barnhart 248-6948
fizeder@yahoo.com

GOLFER REGISTRATION

Space is Limited, Register Now!

Foursomes must register on the same form. Please provide your handicap. Do not know your handicap, the highest allowed is 36. Fee includes: Registration, Driving Range, Tee off Breakfast, Grill Lunch, Refreshments, Cocktail Hour Dinner

____ FOURSOME \$ 700.00 ____ INDIVIDUAL \$ 175.00

Player #1 _____
Handicap: _____ GHIN # _____
Address _____

Email: # _____
Phone # _____

Player #2 _____
Handicap: _____ GHIN # _____
Address _____

Email: # _____
Phone # _____

Player #3 _____
Handicap: _____ GHIN # _____
Address _____

Email: # _____
Phone # _____

Player #4 _____
Handicap: _____ GHIN # _____
Address _____

Email: # _____
Phone # _____

Presents the 3rd Annual

E-Z TRAVEL FOUNDATION
3 KINGSTON DR
ANSONIA, CT. 06401
203-446-9150



Presents the 3rd Annual Valley Golf Classic

Monday, October 13, 2008
(Columbus Day)
Golf Club at Oxford Greens,
Oxford, CT

To Benefit the Birmingham
Group Health Services
& the CT. Lions Eye Research
Foundation & Projects



3rd Annual Valley Golf Classic

Monday October 13, 2008
The Golf Club at Oxford Greens

9:30 am

Registration
Use of Driving Range
Use of Putting Green
Continental Breakfast

11:00 am

Shotgun Start
Scramble Format
On Course Grilled Luncheon

5:30 pm

Cocktail Hour at John J. Sullivan's
557 Wakelee Ave., Ansonia, CT
Dinner to Follow
Awards
Silent Auction

Play Rain or Shine

Tournament Chairpersons:
Rose Marie Spatafore
203-446-9150 / 203-641-4476
Rosemarie@e-ztravel.org

Charles Sullivan
(203) 735-6417
charles@johnjsullivans

CONTESTS

MEN'S LONGEST DRIVE
WOMEN'S LONGEST DRIVE
MEN'S CLOSEST TO PIN
WOMEN'S CLOSEST TO PIN

HOLE IN ONE

PRIZES AWARDED FOR
1ST, 2ND, 3RD—GROSS AND NET

Sponsor Reservations

Dinner	\$2000
Golf Carts	\$1000
Cocktail Hour	\$ 750
Hole in One Sponsor	\$ 750
Breakfast	\$ 500
Lunch	\$ 500
Driving Range	\$ 500
Putting Green	\$ 500
Hole	\$ 500
Raffle	\$ 500
Refreshments on Course	\$ 500
Closest to Pin Contest Men	\$ 300
Closest to Pin Contest Women	\$ 300
Longest Drive Contest Men	\$ 300
Longest Drive Contest Women	\$300
Program Book	\$ 300
Tees (each)	\$ 100
Business Card	\$ 50

Sponsored By:

Name as to Appear on Sponsor Sign

Sponsorship Program

Platinum Tournament Sponsorship

\$4000—Includes 2-foursomes, a hole sponsor and tee sponsor. Your company's name will appear throughout the tournament

YES ! I will be a **PLATINUM Sponsor**

Gold Tournament Sponsorship

\$2500—Includes 1-foursomes, a hole sponsor. Your company's name will appear throughout the tournament

YES ! I will be a **GOLD SPONSOR**

Silver Tournament Sponsorship

\$1000—Hole sponsor. Your company's name will appear throughout the tournament

YES ! I will be a **SILVER SPONSOR**

Bronze Tournament Sponsorship

\$ 500—Includes Dinner for 4 with program listing.

YES ! I will be a **BRONZE SPONSOR**

_____ I will be unable to play in Tournament but would like to attend the Cocktail Hour and

Dinner

\$50. Name: _____

Address _____

Phone _____

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO
THE E-Z TRAVEL FOUNDATION

MAIL CHECKS AND FORMS TO:

VALLEY GOLF CLASSIC

3 KINGSTON DR

ANSONIA, CT. 06401



The Seymour Lions 39th Annual Benefit Car Show

Judged Show

Sunday, October 19th. 2008

*Antique Custom—Stock—Hot Rod
Muscle—Street Rod—Classics - Trucks*

Specialty Automotive Vendors Area
Professional Photographer on Site

*Breakfast and Lunch Available * Music by a DJ*

Location:

M.P.I. Corporation, Silvermine Industrial Park
Rt. 67 & Cogwheel Lane
Seymour, CT 06483

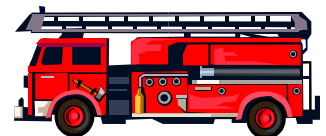
Schedule

Registration.....	8:00 am - 11:00 am	Pre Registration by Aug 1st.....	\$8.00
General Admission...	8:30 am - 2:00 pm	Registration after Aug. 1st.....	\$10.00
Awards.....	2:00 pm	General Admission (under 12 free)	\$ 3.00

ALL WINNERS MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE TROPHY



For information call:
Lion Frank DeLio 203-387-0530



District Governor 2008-2009
DG Joan Bennett
11 St. John Street
North Haven, CT 06473
203-234-8531
lionjoanbennett@snet.net



Who's Who At The District Pride 2008-2009

Visit us online at: www.lions23a.org or www.district23a.org

Publisher

Joan Bielizna
joanrealtor@snet.net



Editor

PDG Jim Bennett
pdgjim98@snet.net



Webmaster

Ernie Harrington
ech105@snet.net

If you would like an event covered by an article in this publication, **please submit it as an attachment in WORD or PUBLISHER** to an e-mail addressed to **pdgjim98@snet.net**. Please make sure that you include DP 23A in the subject or reference area of the e-mail. All photos should be in jpg format and **submitted as individual attachments**. Please name or title the photos. If any text goes with the photos, please put it in Word format as stated above. Reference the photo name, title, number, etc. in the description/caption. Any questions, please contact the Editor of the District Pride for 2008-2009, PDG Jim Bennett.

NOTE: The Publisher has informed us that the absolute **DROP DEADLINE** for the September 2008 District Pride is 15 September 2008! She will not accept any articles or photos after that date. All articles and photos must be submitted following the guidelines stated above. Please remember: We *really* like to keep our Publisher happy!