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District Governor 2008 - 2009

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2009 District 23A State Convention Year-end Report

Lion Joan Bennett - Governor, District 23A

My year as District Governor is coming to a close and I still can't believe how fast this year has gone by. It's been a year filled with pride for all the great projects the clubs in 23A are involved in from eye and hearing screenings to collecting eye-glasses to Stride walks to holiday food baskets to Easter egg hunts to placing flags on the graves of veterans...I could go on and on but you get the picture. These clubs also hold different types of fundraisers from Wine Tastings (my personal favorite) to golf outings to plant sales to 5K races to auctions to comedy nights and the list goes on...all of this to raise monies for community projects, Lions district projects such as CLERF, LLVC, CRIS, Speech & Hearing and Fidelco as well as LCIF. Even in these economical times, these clubs, both large and small are still out there "shaking their cans" and working hard to ensure the projects they've committed to, will stay healthy so they can continue to serve those in need. As President Al Brandel has said, these Lions are truly "everyday heroes" which is why I am so proud of all of them.

Starting up a new club is not easy. It involves lots of planning and preparation. Above all, it takes manpower or "Lion power." New clubs are a tremendous asset for the community they serve and for our entire district. The most gratifying part of my year has been the chartering of 2 new clubs, beginning with The South Meriden Lions Club sponsored by the Meriden Lions Club. Our two newest Guiding Lions, Ed Haberli and Frank Phillips, were very instrumental in forming this club, and under the leadership of president Lisa Phillips and secretary Sarah Brown the club has continued to grow both in membership and commitments to Lions projects.

The 2nd club, The Ansonia Lions Club, sponsored by the Oxford Lions Club was recently chartered, thanks to the efforts of several Lions who participated not only in the LCI extension workshop, but also canvassing the businesses in Ansonia for potential new members. I'd like to recognize PDG Marinus deJong, VDG Mark Lyon, cabinet treasurer Linda Maggs, Lions Ed Haberli, Gretchen Sherman, Don Cleary, Tom Sullivan, Tom Veneruso and Rick Zappone. In addition a special thank you to PDG Rose Marie Spatafore for all the time and energy she has devoted in helping to establish this club and her commitment to be a Guiding Lion for this club.

However, it doesn't stop there. PDG John Gagain and Walt Sherman are currently working very hard on

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establishing a new Waterbury Dominican Club and our hope is to charter this club this Lion year. These Lions have stepped up to the challenge of establishing new clubs in 23A and all are to be commended. I thank them all.

The success of the district is the results of loyal hard working Lions who agreed to take on a task and followed through to ensure its success. I would like to acknowledge them beginning with the valued support of my VDG Mark Lyon, who had the responsibility of leading the MERL team this year, and as evident by our increase in membership has done an outstanding job. To my cabinet treasurer Linda Maggs who not only handled the district financial responsibilities and was the Diabetes Awareness chair, but also trained new club treasurers.

To my Region chairs: Helen Belluschi who has remained a steady source of leadership in Region 1 and defines what the duties are of a Region chairperson. To PDG Joe Poirier, who when I could not find a qualified Lion who would accept the duties for Region 2, stepped forward and again not only served as a region chair but was a presenter for seminar trainings; and he did all this while also being the Chair for our Mid-winter Conference. To Frank Phillips, who served so well in the past as Zone Chair that I knew he would be successful as the Region chair for 3. Finally to Barbara Bucci who also moved up from Zone to Region chair for region 4. Thank you.

To my Zone Chairs: Caroline Stafford, Robert Davidson, Tom Veneruso (who stepped in when the zone chair, because of personal problems that arose was unable to fulfill her duties, became the zone chair for 3 and did a magnificent job), Joseph Persico, Robert Rascona, Joyce Wruck, Barbara Gould and Geraldine Spadacenta, I truly appreciate your dedicated service to Lionism this past year. Thank you.

To the MERL team: Colette Anderson, Don Cleary, Marinus deJongh, John Gagain, Ed Haberli, Frank Phillips, Walt Sherman, Anna Valerio and Rick Zappone who because of their dedication to Lionism made an impact this year on membership in District 23A. Thank you.

To all my other cabinet members: Linda Maggs and Helen Rison Belluschi for 100% Breakfast; Dorothy Pickens for Blood Drives; Mark Schickler and Ted Bresky for Camp Hemlocks; Lyn Myers and Rocky Cingari for CLERF; PDG Jerry Osochowsky for CRIS; Nick Framularo and Lyn Myers for Constitution & By-laws;

Kathy Poirier for conventions; PDGs Rose Marie Spatafore and Michael Del Re Jr. for Finance; PDG Jim Bennett District Chaplain; Joan Bielizna and Ernie Harrington for all their work on publishing the District Pride; Rick Brooks for Emergency Response; Jay Farrell for Fidelco; Gayle Fredericks as Lioness Liaison and her work on my directory; Helen Risom Belluschi for Lions Day at the United Nations; Shaukat Kahn for his work with LCIF; Roger Martin, our LEPH chair who this year with PDG Dan Uitti assisted A with more eye screenings than we had before and held a seminar at the mid-winter conference, and also Les Herbst, Tom Veneruso and Joyce Wruck; Ed Haberli, Linda Gustafson and especially Kathy Patterson for taking over the helm of Lions Low Vision; Linda Maggs and PDG Joe Poirier for LPCCI; Toni Cartisano for Leos; Robert & Beverly Fries for Services to the Blind; Louise Smith who every year does an outstanding job with the Peace Posters; Lida Pelletier, Rick Zappone and Frank Nardelli for Sight Savers Day; PDG Mike Granatuk, Meryl Aronin and Ken Sachs for Speech and Hearing and later this year we will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of S&H at Yale; Joan Bielizna for Women's Membership Development. Thank you.

Speaking of CLERF, our current new initiative for the Pediatric Center at Yale is coming along great and A so far has given and pledged approximately \$325,000 towards the multiple district goal of a million dollars.

To the New Haven Lions, my home club, who continued to support me during my year as VDG and District Governor...I can't put into words the appreciation I feel.

I'd like to thank PID Scott for his guidance, CC Steve for his council leadership and a different perspective on issues that made us all think, and Carolyn for keeping us all informed and up to date with our record keeping.

This year I've made many new friends, but none as close to my heart as my brother governors and their wives. Len, the eternal optimist and boy, what a great sense of humor, he keeps us smiling. Laine, get her to tell you some time about all the people she knows and the places she's traveled to, I guarantee you'll be amazed. Armand, who has an easy going demeanor and natural leadership abilities and will make a fantastic Council Chair next year. Denise, one of the sweetest persons you could ever meet. If you don't know her, you should meet her.

Now, least you think I've forgotten someone, like my cabinet secretary PDG Jim (AKA as Honey Bunny)...he not only encouraged me to become DG, but also has supported me throughout the year. This man is the most loving and honest man I have ever known...and he always keeps me laughing...what else can you ask for?

Thank you.

Lions Pin Trading/Pin Traders

Lions Phil and Elaine Dzurnak

Why did we become pin traders? It really started years ago when I joined the Torrington Lions Club. When I went to my first Mid-Winter Convention I was introduced to the Connecticut State Pin, which was the 1979 Colonial Soldier. As the years went by I added to my collection of Connecticut State pins. Elaine always had me purchase two pins, one for me and one for our son Christopher. Once she joined the Torrington Lions Club several years ago she had to have her own set of pins and we no longer shared them with Christopher.

Towards the end of 2002 several of us joined Lion Curt Fitch in establishing the Pin Traders Club of Connecticut. Shortly there after our pin collection expanded three or four fold as we started collecting other state pins as well. The more and more we saw of the various pins that are available the more we wanted them, however, we decided to stay mostly with collecting State Pins. Don't be misled; we do have other types as well, just not as many.

Our first real exposure to Lion Pin Trading arrived when the Connecticut Pin Traders Club hosted the Northeast pin swap a few years ago. (By the way, we are again hosting one this year in August.) At this swap we were really exposed to pin swapping. There were pin traders from all over the East Coast and then some. It was exciting to see all of the different pins that were available for collecting and just how many one or two pin traders had available. They had sheets and sheets set up on their respective tables. We shared one little corner with Curt during that swap.

Our next visit to a swap was another Northeast pin swap held in Boston. Again, the number of pin traders and pins that were available amassed us. Next was a trip to Boston again, this time for the International Pin Swap which brought about another surprise for us to see not only a larger number of pin traders but pin traders from other countries as well.

There are so many pin swaps available to attend throughout the U.S. that you can go to as many as you want or you can pick an choose the one or two you may want to attend. We chose the Pennsylvania pin swap, held at York, Pa., last year. That was really an adventure for us. After having a terrific time trading and purchasing more pins it was time for us to leave for Connecticut and home. Well on Friday night it started snowing and snowing. By the time we approached our car it was buried in approximately a foot of snow. The parking lot had been plowed but on top of the car and all around the car was the foot of snow. I approached the checkout desk and asked them if they had a shovel I could borrow and I was told all that they had was a broom. After a hardy laugh I remember I had a small shovel in my trunk, however, my car was parked the wrong way. In order to get to my trunk I had to plow my way through the snow. Finally, I cleared my car off and the surrounding area to a point where I could load our hoard of pins and other items in the car and head home. To show our commitment to Lionism and our motto of We Serve, I did lend my shovel to several other Lion Pin Traders so that they could also get out.

We really have a great and enjoyable time at these swaps and are really into pin trading so on March 13th of this year we were off to York, Pa. for another Pa pin swap. We left home at 4:30 A.M. (you have to love pin trading to get going at that time of the morning) and arrived at 10:30 A.M. Although we couldn't check into

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the hotel until 4 p.m. we were able to set up our two tables (no longer a small corner to share with Curt) with pins for trading and off we went going from table to table obtaining pins we need for our collection and then some. We met up with several of the Pin Traders we met last year and also met up with several others whom we trade with by mail.

Oh, I almost forgot, during the pin swaps they have auctions where you can bid on various pins you either need for your collection or just happen to like because of their looks. It is amazing to see how some pins would go for a few hundred dollars while other would go for as low as \$10.00 a pin. We are including a few pictures to go along with this article so that you can see how many pins are available and how much fun you can have. By the way we have also had the pleasure of designing one of our Torrington Club pins, along with help from Lions Curt Fitch and Ralph Dolan. Why not consider joining our Pin Trading Club and having some fun collecting pins and meeting our interesting Lions and establishing new friendships with Lions throughout the U.S and other countries. Lion Ralph Dolan will be joining us when we travel to this year's International Pin Trading Swap, which is being held in Jefferson City, Mo.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Pin Trading Club of Connecticut, please contact me via e-mail: pedzzz@snet.net or by phone: 860-482-5305. The club is holding a Northeast Pin Swap this year. It will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Southbury, Ct., starting on Thursday, August 7th to Saturday, August 9th. Why not stop in and find out what pin trading is really about. Hope to see you there.

Why Trade Pins

Lion Phil Dzurnak

Why did I become a Lion Pin Trader?

Maybe it was just to be a part of Lionism.

Maybe it was because I liked the first pin I saw.

Maybe it was the challenge to build a small collection of state pins.

Maybe it was the fact that I liked more and more pins as I saw them.

Maybe it was the various types that are available.

Maybe it was really challenging to build a collection of all the state pins.

Maybe it was an interesting hobby.

Maybe I just like what a good feeling it gave me as a pin collector and trader.

Maybe the fact that once I started collecting them I decided to create one, then more and more.

Maybe it was the enjoyment I have in dealing and meeting other Lions who have the same passion as I do.

Maybe it is the thrill I get of going to the various pins swaps, meeting fellow pin traders and obtaining more pins to add to my collection.

Maybe it is the great feeling of showing off some of my collection to fellow Lions who are not pin traders.

Maybe I just plain enjoy the fun of being a Lion Pin Trader.



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Platinum – Tournament Host** \$10,000
(Includes signage and 3 foursomes)
- Gold – Dinner Host** \$5,000
(Includes signage and 2 foursomes)
- Silver – Luncheon Host** \$2,500
(Includes signage and 1 foursome)
- Bronze – Golf Cart Host** \$1,250
(Includes signage and 1 foursome)
- Contest Sponsor** \$500
(Choice of Long Drive, Closest to the Pin or Closest to the Line)
- Tee and Green Marker** \$250
- Tee or Green Marker (Circle)** \$150
- 150 Yard Marker** \$100

I would like to donate items for the Golfer's gift bags.

Sponsorship Level: _____

To Appear on Signage/Marker(\$): _____

Club/Company: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Contact Person: _____

CONNECTICUT LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The Lions said 'yes' to Helen Keller's 1925 challenge to crusade against blindness. To deepen their commitment, a statewide effort of Connecticut Lions and Lions Clubs formed The Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation in 1956.

In 1961, the Foundation's first grant of \$19,000.00 was presented to the Yale University School of Medicine.

We also have donated to the following:

Board of Ed. Services for the Blind	34,260
Bridgeport Hospital, Foundation	24,900
Connecticut Braille Association	82,770
Conn. Institute of the Blind/Oak Hill	2,000
Conn. Parents Assoc. for the Blind and Visually Impaired	5,854
Conn. Society to Prevent Blindness	24,250
Day Kimball Hospital	6,000
Descriptive Video Services	9,000
Fidelfo Guide Dog Foundation, Inc.	23,000
Johnson Surgical Center	40,300
Lawrence and Memorial Hospital	10,000
Lions Gallery of the Senses	64,000
23A Lions Low Vision Centers	8,400
23B Lions Gallery of Vision Services	8,400
23C Low Vision Center	16,900
Mansfield Training School	16,500
Middlesex Hospital	14,300
Middlesex Community College	20,000
One Time Grants	25,000
Rockville General Hospital	10,000
University of CT Health Center	
Department of Ophthalmology	1,255,943
CT Lions Vascular Eye Center	251,316
Voluntary Services for the Blind	4,000
William Backus Hospital in Norwich	94,250
Windham Comm. Memorial Hospital	62,000
Yale Eye Center Building Fund	500,000
Yale School of Medicine,	
Department of Ophthalmology	2,694,839
Macular Degeneration Research	659,210
TOTAL GRANTS	\$5,921,437

24TH ANNUAL



TO BENEFIT THE

CONNECTICUT LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION

TUESDAY

JUNE 2, 2009

11:00 a.m. SHOTGUN START –
SCRAMBLE FORMAT

\$150.00 PER PLAYER

PINE VALLEY GOLF COURSE
300 WELCH ROAD
SOUTHINGTON, CT

EARLY BIRD ENTRIES

Golfers who submit paid entry by May 2nd will receive a golf shirt. Please indicate size:

Golfer #1: _____
Golfer #2: _____
Golfer #3: _____
Golfer #4: _____

DINNER ONLY OPTION

For all non-golfers who would like to show their support for the Foundation, a "Dinner Only" option is available at the rate of \$45.00 per person. Please indicate the names of your "Dinner Only" attendees below, and mail this form, together with your check in the full amount to the address shown under "Official Entry Form." The deadline for registering for the "Dinner Only" option is May 22, 2009.

Name(s): _____
Club: _____
Telephone: _____

The Connecticut Lions Open Golf Tournament is proudly sponsored by the Lions Clubs of Connecticut in support of the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation. The Lions are members of the world's largest service organization, The International Association of Lions Clubs.

This tournament, now in its 24th year, is a primary vehicle for raising funds for our Foundation.

The sponsorship and entry fees are, in part, tax deductible as a donation to the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.

24TH ANNUAL CONNECTICUT LIONS OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

COME JOIN THE FUN AND COMPETITION!

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2009

AT

PINE VALLEY GOLF COURSE SOUTHINGTON, CT

<http://pinevalleygolftct.com/>

9:00 a.m. Registration Starts

10:00 a.m. Lunch

11:00 a.m. Shotgun Start –
Scramble Format

4:00 p.m. Dinner and Awards

Prizes will be awarded for Lowest Team
Score (1st, 2nd and 3rd Places)

Contests for: Closest to the Pin
Closest to the Line
Longest Drive
(Men's and Women's)



We Serve

RAIN DATE TUESDAY JUNE 9, 2009

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Entry fee is \$150.00 per person and includes:
GREEN FEES • CART • LUNCHEON • DINNER

1. Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
2. Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
3. Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
4. Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Team Contact Person: _____
Enclosed check(s) for \$ _____

Make checks payable to:
Connecticut Lions Golf Tournament

Mail Entry Form and check to:
CT Lions Eye Research Foundation
P.O. Box 9269, New Haven, CT 06533

**ALL CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED NO
LATER THAN MAY 22, 2009.**

**Hamden Lions Club 60-Year Anniversary
5k Run Road and Canal Race**

Lions charities -eye sight, local families in need, food bank

Please bring a non-perishable food item

Saturday, June 6, 2009

Brooksvale Park

Brooksvale Ave., Hamden, CT

First 100 people that pre-register receive a T-shirt

EVENT SCHEDULE

8:00 am Race registration starts (until 9:15am sharp)

9:20 am Announcements & walk to start for kid fun run

9:30 am Race start kid run 50-yard dash (ages 5-8), 100-yard dash (ages 9-11)

10:00 am Adult/ teen 5K run

11:00 am Awards ceremony: M&F Kids & M&F 10 year age groups, 3 deep thru. 70+

SOME GREAT REASONS TO RUN WITH US

***Food: water and more! *Accurate timing**

***Kids 50 and 100 yard dash * Lots of parking, bathrooms & changing areas.**

*** Play area/ animals on display * Serene and quiet setting for the event for families * Acres to explore- woods, ponds, etc.**

*** Picnic and rest areas * Face painting for the kids**

All abilities of runners and walkers are welcome!

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Contact : Lion Edward Messina

41 Nicholas Rd, Wallingford, CT 06492,

phone 203-265-2931 or email: e_messina@att.net

Directions: I-95 North/South exit 10 connector to end, right on Whitney Ave. Rte 10 go straight North 4 miles on left Brooksvale Ave./park follow sign to the park.

Merritt Parkway North/ South Rte 15 exit 61, take Whitney Ave. straight North follow for 6 miles to Brooksvale Ave./park sign on the left, follow sign to the park.

Cut along line and mail your check with this bottom section:

Pre-registration of \$16 adult/teen run, kid fun run \$3.00 mail no later than May 9, 2009. Day of race registration \$20 adult/teen, \$4 kids, registration ends promptly at 9:15 am.

Checks Payable To; Hamden Lions Club

Mail to: Edward Messina, 41 Nicholas Rd. Wallingford, CT 06492, e_messina@att.net (Please print clearly)

Last _____ First _____

Street _____

City State Zip code _____

Day Phone _____

Sex _____ Birth Date _____ Age _____

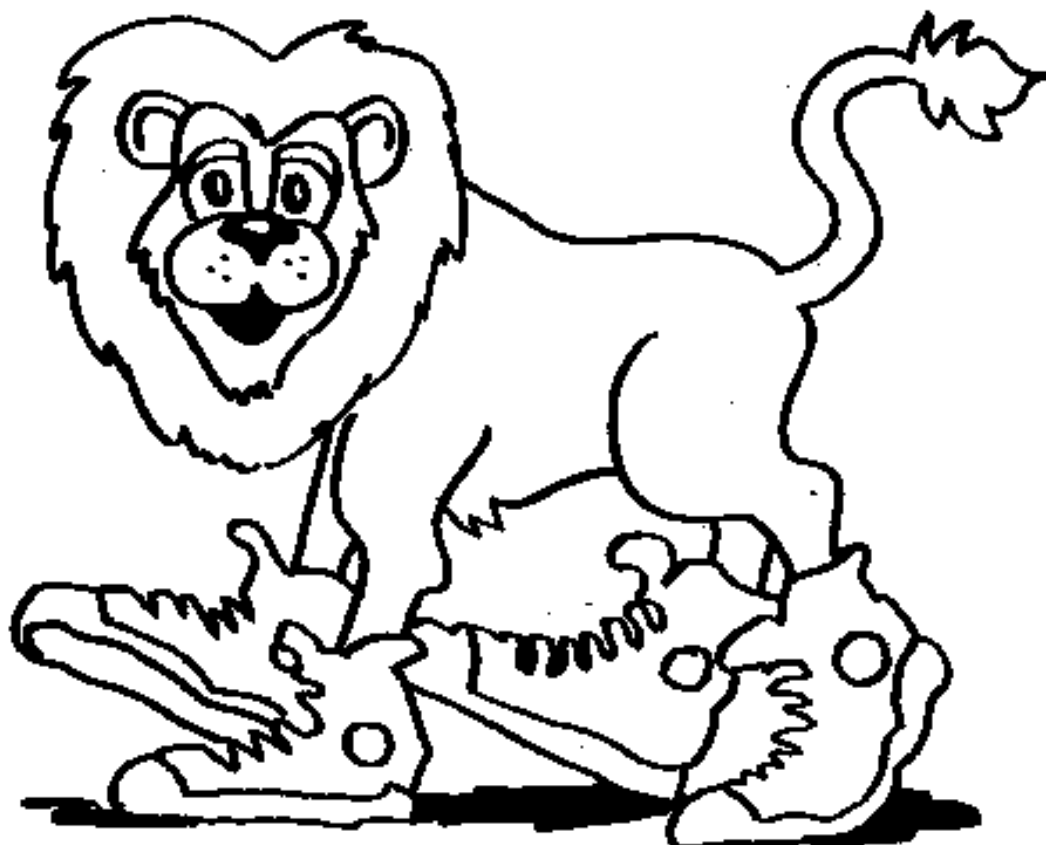
Race Day T-Shirt Size M () L () XL ()

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS EVENT IS RAIN OR SHINE & NON-REFUNDABLE. I hereby release the City of Hamden, the Hamden Lions Club, all personnel involved, volunteers, any co-sponsoring company(ies) from responsibility, from any injuries or damages I may suffer as a result of my participation in the Hamden Lions Club 5k run/walk and any conditions I will experience on the course or Brooksvale Park and general surroundings. I hereby certify that I am in good condition and am able to safely compete in this event. I will additionally permit the use of my name and pictures in print . I am aware that there will not be medical staff on duty and that the roads are open to traffic. As a participating athlete, I certify that the information provided by me in this form is true and complete. I have read the entry information provided for the event my compliance by signature below.

Signature of entry or parent if under the age of 18.

_____ Date _____

Save the Date



Brookfield Lions Club and JDRF

3rd Annual Strides to Cure Diabetes
5-Mile Run and 3-Mile Walk

Sunday, June 14, 2009
Cardigan Park, Candlewood Lake Rd
Brookfield, CT

For more information please contact Mark S. Lyon at lyonpride@charter.net



**3RD ANNUAL
BROOKFIELD LIONS - JDRF
STRIDES TO CURE DIABETES 5-MILE RUN AND 3-MILE WALK**

"DEDICATED TO FINDING A CURE"

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M.
CADIGAN PARK, CANDLEWOOD LAKE ROAD, BROOKFIELD, CT 06804**

THE BROOKFIELD LIONS CLUB AND THE JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION (FAIRFIELD COUNTY CHAPTER) ARE PROUD TO CO-SPONSOR THIS EVENT TO PROMOTE DIABETES AWARENESS AND RESEARCH. BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY, PARTICIPATE IN BOTH THE 5-MILE RUN AND 3-MILE WALK, AND GENEROUSLY SUPPORT THIS CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING EVENT.

CONTACT INFORMATION: (203) 775-6190; LYONPRIDE@CHARTER.NET

REGISTER ONLINE: WWW.ACTIVE.COM ; DOWNLOAD ADDITIONAL RUN/WALK FORMS AT WWW.GREYSTONERACING.NET.

REGISTRATION: **RUNNERS** - \$20.00 (POSTMARKED BEFORE JUNE 5, 2009); \$25.00 (AFTER JUNE 5, 2009).

WALKERS - IN LIEU OF A REGISTRATION FEE, FORM A WALK TEAM AND RAISE A MINIMUM OF \$100.00 FOR DIABETES RESEARCH; ALL DONATIONS SHOULD BE COLLECTED PRIOR TO THE WALK AND TURNED IN AT REGISTRATION; STROLLERS WELCOME, BUT NO PETS, PLEASE!

REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN FOR THE RUN AND THE WALK STARTS AT 8:00 A.M.

FEATURES: CERTIFIED COURSE: USATF CT09003JHP; COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRTS FOR ALL PRE-REGISTERED RUNNERS AND WALKERS; POST-RACE RAFFLE OF MERCHANDISE (MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN); LOTS OF GREAT FOOD AND MUSIC; PLENTY OF FREE PARKING; DIGITAL TIMING AND RESULTS BY GREYSTONE ELECTRONICS CORPORATION.

COURSE RECORDS:

JOSHUA FERENC	26:56 (2007)
SARA BELLES	31:32 (2008)

RUNNER AGE BRACKETS:

14 AND UNDER	30-39	60-69
15-19	40-49	70 AND OVER
20-29	50-59	

RUNNER AWARDS: \$100.00 CASH AWARDS FOR 1ST PLACE OVERALL (M/F)
\$ 50.00 CASH AWARDS FOR 1ST PLACE 40 AND OVER (M/F)
AGE BRACKET AWARDS FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE (M/F)

COURSE: THIS SCENIC, FLAT 5-MILE ROUTE STARTS AT CADIGAN PARK; TURN LEFT ON CANDLEWOOD LAKE ROAD; TURN RIGHT ON CANDLEWOOD SHORES ROAD; TURN RIGHT ON N. LAKESHORE DRIVE; TURN LEFT ON TWILIGHT LANE; TURN RIGHT ON CANDLEWOOD SHORES ROAD; TURN LEFT ON BAYVIEW DRIVE; TURN LEFT ON KELLOGG STREET; TURN AROUND AT HICKORY HILL ROAD STARTING ON KELLOGG STREET; TURN RIGHT ON BAYVIEW DRIVE; TURN LEFT ON CANDLEWOOD SHORES ROAD; TURN RIGHT ON N. LAKESHORE DRIVE; TURN LEFT ON CANDLEWOOD SHORES ROAD; TURN LEFT ON CANDLEWOOD LAKE ROAD; TURN RIGHT INTO CADIGAN PARK TO FINISH. MILE MARKERS AND WATER STATIONS ON THE COURSE. THE 3-MILE WALK COURSE FOLLOWS A PORTION OF THE 5-MILE RUN COURSE, AND WILL BE MARKED.

DIRECTIONS: TAKE I-84 TO EXIT 7 (TOWARD BROOKFIELD/NEW MILFORD); TAKE EXIT 11 (FEDERAL ROAD); AT TRAFFIC LIGHT AT BOTTOM OF EXIT, TURN LEFT; PROCEED STRAIGHT THROUGH 2 SETS OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS, ONTO CANDLEWOOD LAKE ROAD; FOLLOW CANDLEWOOD LAKE ROAD FOR 9 3/5 MILES; CADIGAN PARK IS ON THE RIGHT.

PRINT ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION CLEARLY!!

REGISTRATION FORM

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL BE DONATED TO THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY CHAPTER OF JDRF AND TO THE CONNECTICUT LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION, EACH OF WHICH IS A 501C (3) CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "BROOKFIELD LIONS CHARITIES, INC."
(FOR RUN ONLY - \$20.00 BEFORE 06/05/09; \$25.00 AFTER 06/05/09)

NOTE: THERE IS NO REGISTRATION FEE FOR WALKERS; ALL CHECKS RECEIVED AS DONATIONS FOR WALKERS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO "BROOKFIELD LIONS CHARITIES, INC." AND TURNED IN AT REGISTRATION.

MAIL FEE WITH COMPLETED AND SIGNED ENTRY FORM TO: RACE DIRECTOR, BROOKFIELD LIONS CLUB
P. O. Box 660
BROOKFIELD, CT 06804

THIS EVENT IS HELD IN COOPERATION WITH THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD AND THE BROOKFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT. IF MY ENTRY IS ACCEPTED, I RELEASE FOREVER ALL RIGHTS FOR CLAIMS AND DAMAGES I MAY INCUR AGAINST THE BROOKFIELD LIONS CLUB, INC. (AND ANY OF ITS MEMBERS), BROOKFIELD LIONS CHARITIES, INC., THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD AND ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES, JDRF, THE CANDLEWOOD SHORES TAX DISTRICT AND GREYSTONE ELECTRONICS CORPORATION FOR DAMAGES SUFFERED BY ME OR OTHERS TRAVELING TO AND FROM AND/OR PARTICIPATING IN THE STRIDES TO CURE DIABETES 5-MILE RUN AND 3-MILE WALK. PERMISSION IS GRANTED TO USE MY NAME, PICTURE, OR VIDEOTAPE OR RECORDING FOR ANY PURPOSE. I AM PHYSICALLY FIT AND HAVE TRAINED TO FINISH THIS DISTANCE.

I AM REGISTERING FOR: 5-MILE RUN 3-MILE WALK

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE ON RACE DAY: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ SEX: M F SHIRT SIZE (S, M, L OR XL): _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____
(OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IF UNDER 18)

(DETACH HERE)

THE 3RD ANNUAL BROOKFIELD LIONS – JDRF STRIDES TO CURE DIABETES 5-MILE RUN IS THE THIRD EVENT IN THE "FOUR SEASONS CHALLENGE SERIES." THE ENTIRE 2009 RACE CALENDAR INCLUDES:

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| JANUARY 1, 2009
(THURSDAY) | 22 ND ANNUAL BROOKFIELD LIONS/JAMES O'BRIEN RUN FOR SIGHT 4-MILER
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, LONG MEADOW HILL ROAD, BROOKFIELD, CT
11:00 A.M. START
CONTACT: MARK LYON – (203) 775-6190 OR LYONPRIDE@CHARTER.NET |
| MAY 10, 2009
(SUNDAY) | 12 TH ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY 5-K AND KID'S FUN RUN
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, LONG MEADOW HILL ROAD, BROOKFIELD, CT
9:00 A.M. START (KID'S FUN RUN AT 8:30 A.M.)
CONTACT: BROOKFIELD PARKS & RECREATION – (203) 775-7310 OR
WWW.BROOKFIELD.ORG/PNR/INDEX.HTM |
| JUNE 14, 2009
(SUNDAY) | 3 RD ANNUAL BROOKFIELD LIONS – JDRF STRIDES TO CURE DIABETES 5-MILE RUN
(USATF CT09003JHP) AND 3-MILE WALK
CADIGAN PARK, CANDLEWOOD LAKE ROAD, BROOKFIELD, CT
9:00 A.M. START
CONTACT: MARK LYON – (203) 775-6190 OR LYONPRIDE@CHARTER.NET |
| OCTOBER 25, 2009
(SUNDAY) | 18 TH ANNUAL BROOKFIELD FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC 5-K HALLOWEEN RUN
AND 14 TH ANNUAL KID'S K FUN RUN
BROOKFIELD MUNICIPAL CENTER, POCONO ROAD, BROOKFIELD, CT
10:00 A.M. START (KID'S K FUN RUN AT 9:30 A.M.)
CONTACT: BROOKFIELD PARKS & RECREATION – (203) 775-7310 OR
WWW.BROOKFIELD.ORG/PNR/INDEX.HTM |

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PLEASE SAVE THE DATE:

**Third Annual
STRIDES TO CURE DIABETES**

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2009 – 9:00 A.M.

5-Mile Run and 3-Mile Walk

Cadigan Park, Candlewood Lake Road, Brookfield, CT 06804

We hope you will join us for the 2009 Strides to Cure Diabetes Run and Walk hosted by Brookfield Lions Club and JDRF. Join us for fun and enjoyable morning with your family. With your support and commitment, we know we can make this a big success and support diabetes research. Thank you for your support.

WALK TEAM INTEREST FORM

- YES! WE WILL HAVE A WALK TEAM: FAMILY TEAM School Team
- I am unable to join you. Please accept my donation for diabetes research \$_____.

NAME _____

COMPANY/ORG./FAMILY _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

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NOTE: PLEASE USE THE "WALK COLLECTION INFORMATION FORM" TO RECORD AND SUBMIT YOUR WALK SPONSOR NAMES AND THEIR PLEDGES/DONATIONS. THIS FORM SHOULD BE TURNED IN THE DAY OF THE EVENT OR MAILED PRIOR TO THE EVENT. ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

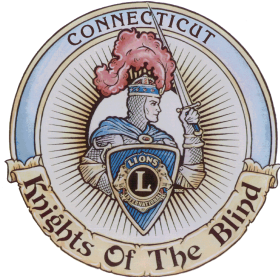
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5 Night Cruise From New Jersey to Bermuda
Sat. Aug. 29th, to Thurs Sept. 3rd, 2009

Special Group Rate from \$564* (*per person double occupancy plus port fees & taxes)
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D2 Superior Ocean View with Balcony	New Category added	\$1034.00
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HAMDEN LIONS CLUB

**60 Year Anniversary
5k Run Road and Canal Race
Raffle Drawing**

Saturday, June 6, 2009

Brooksvale Park
Brooksvale Avenue
Hamden, CT

See Flyer For More Information

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Sunday, June 14, 2009

Cardigan Park
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Brookfield, CT

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