



DISTRICT PRIDE
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**WELCOME TO THE NEW
 WEB EDITION OF THE
 DISTRICT PRIDE**

Hope you liked our First Edition of the New District Pride. Would love to have suggestions and feedback.

We will keep the Lions of District 23 A informed by two methods.

There will be a monthly web Pride that will be e-mailed out to all Lions who provide us with their e-mail address.

There also will be 3 or 4 Hard Copies printed and mailed out to all Lions in our district.

PLEASE SEND YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESSES TO: ERNIE
ech105@snet.net.

If you can provide your club's list this would be very helpful. Go to district23a.org for info

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CT Lions Eye Research Foundation News
FROM THE OFFICERS OF YOUR FOUNDATION:
PRESIDENT, MICHAEL DEL RE, JR, PCC, PDG.
1ST VICE PRESIDENT, DIANE BIELSKI, PCC, PDG
2ND VICE PRESIDENT, MARILYN MINACCI, PDG

GET TICKETS
NOW!!!

**HIT A HOME RUN
WITH THE
CT MD 23
LIONS TEAM!!!**



LIONS NIGHT
At the
CUTTERS

Field at Yale, 252 Derby Ave.,
West Haven, CT

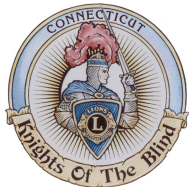
***50% FROM EVERY
TICKET SOLD GOES
DIRECTLY TO THE
CT LIONS EYE
RESEARCH
ENDOWMENT FUND***

Thurs. Aug 30TH
cuttersbaseball.com

GAME STARTS AT 7:05pm Thirsty Thursday

\$1 and \$2 Coors Light Drafts

You are Invited to Attend. Have your Club Represented at this Event Honoring all the CT Lions. **YOU ARE THE FOUNDATION.** We want you to be with us celebrating this great honor. Call Uncle Mike for info: (203) 878-8194 ext. 201



YALE VISION GALA
OCTOBER 11, 2007 — 6:00 PM
 STAMFORD MARRIOTT • STAMFORD, CT

THE *YALE VISION GALA* IS AN ELEGANT DINNER BENEFIT INTENDED TO RAISE FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND AWARENESS FOR RESEARCH AT YALE TARGETING MACULAR DEGENERATION, THE LEADING CAUSE OF BLINDNESS IN AMERICA THAT AFFLICTS ONE THIRD OF PEOPLE OVER THE AGE OF 65. THIS IS AN EXCITING AND PROMISING TIME IN VISION RESEARCH AS TWO OF THE GENES FOR MACULAR DEGENERATION HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY YALE SCIENTISTS, WHO ARE LEADING THE WAY FOR SPECIALIZED TREATMENT FOR THE DISEASE.

THE CULMINATION OF THE *YALE VISION GALA* WILL BE THE PRESENTATION OF THE *DISTINGUISHED VISION AWARDS* TO *NEWMAN'S OWN* AND *THE CONNECTICUT LIONS* TO RECOGNIZE THE UNWAVERING COMMITMENT OF EACH ORGANIZATION TO HELPING IMPROVE CARE FOR THOSE IN OUR SOCIETY WHO SUFFER WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS. IN ADDITION TO DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT, THE EVENING WILL INCLUDE A BRIEF LAY-ORIENTED PRESENTATION ON MACULAR DEGENERATION RESEARCH UNDERWAY AT YALE AND AN EVENT JOURNAL.

CONNECTICUT LIONS

LIONS CLUBS OF CONNECTICUT ARE MEMBERS OF LIONS INTERNATIONAL, A CIVIC-MINDED SERVICE ORGANIZATION COMPRISED OF CONCERNED COMMUNITY-MINDED CITIZENS WHO GIVE FREELY OF THEIR TIME AND ENERGIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THEIR FELLOW MAN. THE CONNECTICUT LIONS, AS WELL AS OTHER LIONS CLUBS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, PROVIDE FINANCIAL AND "HANDS-ON" SUPPORT TO PEOPLE WHO ARE AFFLICTED WITH BLINDNESS OR VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS. LIONS CLUBS, THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF LOCAL RESIDENTS, ARE THE LEADING CONTRIBUTORS TO EYE CARE SERVICES AND RESEARCH AIMED AT THE PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

THE EXCEPTIONAL GENEROSITY OF THE CONNECTICUT LIONS HELPED TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY AND HAS SINCE SEEDED MANY VITAL RESEARCH ENDEAVORS, HELPED ENHANCE CLINICAL SERVICES AND CREATE NEW PROGRAMS, SUCH AS THE MACULAR DEGENERATION RESEARCH CENTER IN 2005. THE VITAL PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CONNECTICUT LIONS AND YALE HAS HELPED TO ADVANCE EYE RESEARCH AND IMPROVE CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS IN CONNECTICUT, OUR REGION AND WELL BEYOND.

THE DISTINGUISHED VISION AWARD PRESENTED TO THE CONNECTICUT LIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY MICHAEL DEL RE, JR., PRESIDENT, CONNECTICUT LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION.

Annual Steak Roast

The Lions Club of Danbury held its annual Steak Roast at Bennett Park in Bethel on Thursday evening, August 9th. DG Rose Marie Spatafore of Seymour was invited as a special guest of the Club.

The steaks were gently grilled to perfection by chefs Mark Meyer and Bob (I'm not Emeril!) Lovell and served with various cold salads and grilled onions and peppers. Coffee, cakes and fruit salad were served for desert and the liquid refreshments flowed generously throughout the evening.

The club was delighted to have, along with DG Rose, a barbershop quartet called Rare Occasion to entertain them during the evening of fun and laughter. The quartet strolled from table to table to sing the many songs in their limitless repertory. They were



well received and enjoyed by everyone present.

DG Rose took the floor and congratulated the various Danbury Lions who volunteered to serve on her cabinet. PP Lyn Meyers was introduced as the new Zone Chairman, Ernie Harrington as the new web-master and she presented PP Frank Molinaro, the new editor of the District Pride, with "It's great to be a DANBURY Lion" sign for his newly redecorated office.

Third VP Joan Bielizna, also a Cabinet Member

of District 23A did a terrific job as chairperson of the entire event. When congratulated, she gave all the credit to all those Lions and friends who helped out and supported her during the week prior to the steak roast.

A great job everyone! Another wonderful success for the Lions Club of Danbury!

Yalesville / Wallingford Installation of Officers

The Yalesville-Wallingford Lions Club held their annual installation and family picnic on Sunday, August 5th at the home of newly installed club president, Joyce Wruck. Picnic fare was available but not limited to the usual because chicken wings, dip, paella, pulled pork, spaghetti and clams were also on the menu as were bean and cold broccoli salads. DG Rose Marie installed the new officers under threatening skies but

good weather prevailed and the group enjoyed the afternoon around the



Peter Pfau, 1st VP

Joyce Wruck, President,
 DG Rose Marie Spatafore,
 Sandra Thibodeau, 1st VP,
 William Eccles, Secretary

CLUB PICTURES—EVENT PICTURES

You could be here!!!

DISTRICT SHIRTS, HATS, JACKETS AND MORE

Clubs are now allowed to purchase from their local vendors items with the Lions Logo on it, without a legal license from LCI. As long as the items are for Club use ONLY and not for Sale a permit is not needed. With this in mind, we will be offering Club Apparel on Line at our Web site.. By purchasing in volume this will give us a greater purchasing power and keep cost down.

COMING SOON.....LOOK FOR NOTICE.

COMING SOON///////// SAVE THE DATE 11/17/07
PRES., SEC., TREAS., MEMBERSHIP, RETENTION
CHAIRS, NEW LIONS, UPCOMING LIONS, FUTURE
OFFICERS, AND LIONS WHO WANT TO BE
UPDATED ON CURRENT PROJECTS AND
PROGRAMS.....

Are requested to attend a Great Morning of Information, Presentations and Training Activities.

How can you get more members?

How do you do those reports, Where do you send your funds to, How can I find out about applying for a Melvin Jones or Knight of the Blind.

WE ARE ANTICIPATING AT LEAST 5 MEMBERS
FROM EACH CLUB TO ATTEND.....
IF YOUR OFFICERS CAN NOT ATTEND, PLEASE
FIND A SUBSTITUTE.....LOOK FOR INFO.

Letter from: Jimmy Ross, LCIF Chairman

Dear Lion,
I am happy to announce a new program of Lions Clubs International Foundation. LCIF has affordable, high-quality hearing aids available to Lions clubs in the United States for low-income members of the their communities. The two types of digital hearing aids from Rexton, Inc. can be purchased for \$200 per aid from the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (Lions AHAP).

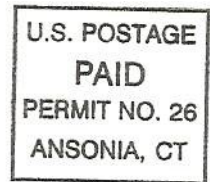
Ninety-five percent of individuals with hearing loss can be successfully treated with hearing aids yet 30 percent are unable to afford hearing aids. Seven million people in the U.S. cannot afford to purchase hearing aids. In 2005, the average cost of a hearing aid was \$1,900, and most people need two hearing aids. Hearing is critical to communication, so when there is even a minimal loss, it affects all aspects of a person's life. For exam-

ple, people with untreated hearing loss make an estimated 50% to 70% less in wages than their hearing peers.

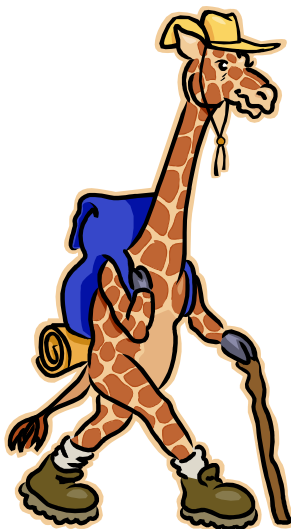
The two types of aids offer Lions clubs the opportunity to help with almost any type of hearing loss. Reducing communication breakdown for one person creates a ripple effect that touches everyone in the community. And, based on feedback from the program so far, many clubs are revitalized

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Rosie the Giraffe Sticks Her Neck out for CSFII



*Every Club will receive a Rosie to
either Raffle or Auction Off.
...FOR EVERY \$6.00 RAISED,
ONE PERSON WILL HAVE
SIGHT.....*

*The Club which raises the
most \$'S from the
AUCTION OR RAFFLE OF ROSIE
Will win a PIZZA PARTY ON ME.
DG Rose Marie*