

# DISTRICT PRIDE

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### History in the Making

Lion "Uncle" Mike Del Re, Jr., President, CLERF

**E**mbarking on the largest fund-raising event in the history of your Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation, as its President, I am humbled, proud and pleased to be able to announce to you that once again together with the Yale Eye Center, we will be taking a major step in the search for the cure for preventable blindness. For those of you new to Lionism and as a reiteration for others, please recall that in respect of the SightFirst II Campaign, the Foundation deliberately has not sponsored a fund-raiser for the past three years so the SightFirst II goals could be achieved.

Our relationship with the Yale Eye Center spans a 50-year history during which we have worked together to support eye research and have provided seed money for them in the area of glaucoma. Several years ago, we began the second phase of our Multiple District efforts and provided seed money toward the fight for the cure for macular degeneration. As the Yale Eye Center is now ready to embark upon its next center of excellence – the Pediatric Eye Center – the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation is launching its latest campaign to provide the seed money needed to continue our worthwhile and mutually rewarding relationship yet again.

With the seed money provided thus far, we have all been the benefactors, with discoveries made toward finding the cures and isolating the genes for both glaucoma and macular degeneration. Because of these findings, new medications have been formulated and amazing results have been achieved in patients suffering from both of these diseases. In addition to continuing our macular degeneration and glaucoma research funding, the launching of our \$1,000,000 fund raising campaign will also enable us to provide seed money toward the Pediatric Eye Center.

Thanks to our Lions' contributions over the years, Yale now proudly boasts approximately 16,000 square feet of laboratories for research along with a new patient facility for treatment of over 10,000 square feet. Further details about upcoming special events, individual Club awards and special member recognition will follow soon. One major announcement I am pleased to disclose is that either right before the upcoming holiday season or directly after it, tours of these new Yale facilities will be provided so that every Lion can have the

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opportunity to meet staff members and see the results of their contributions in action. It is certainly a very exciting, very worthwhile, and very historic time to be a Lion as we watch our Foundation continue to combine the news, both old and new, that our donations, our contributions, our willingness to help those in need and those less fortunate will not stop until our goal of defeating preventable blindness has been achieved. These goals can be achieved only through the continued generosity of every Lion in every Club, so please join me in our latest historical and worthwhile fundraising effort so we truly can be a part of "History in the Making."

## **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 November 2008. Sorry for the inconvenience. This was due to a technical problem.

# Hear Ye' Hear Ye'

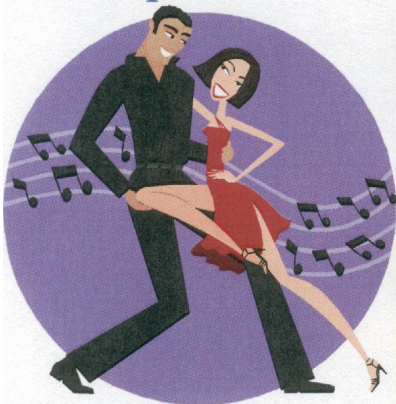
## Come Celebrate

### *The Newtown Lions Club 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala*

*Where: Three Oaks at Capellaro's, Bethel  
When: Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Time: From 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$79.00 per couple*

*The Call Chain will be activated to confirm your attendance. We just wanted you to know about the event and to "save the date". Notification of meal choices will follow.....*

*Come and socialize with current and past Newtown Lions and help us celebrate this momentous occasion.*



*Come Dance!*



*Come Eat!*



*Come Laugh!*

**Save the Dates**  
**Lions Low Vision Center Meetings**  
**2008-2009**

Wednesday	November 12, 2008	7:30 PM
Wednesday	January 14, 2009	7:30 PM
Wednesday	March 11, 2009	7:30 PM
Wednesday	May 13, 2009	7:30 PM

All meetings will be held at Connie's Restaurant, Elizabeth Street, Derby, CT.

## Club Happenings at a Glance District 23A

### **NEWTOWN LIONS CLUB**

#### **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Saturday, November 15, 2008  
6:30-10:30 PM

Capellaro's Grove  
Bethel, CT

\$79 per Couple

For Information Please Call  
John Christiansen 203-426-8990

### **BROOKFIELD LIONS CLUB**

#### **Charity Breakfast**

Friday, November 21, 2008  
7:30 AM

Capellaro's Grove  
Bethel, CT

For Information Please Call  
Robert Rascona 203-775-1225

### **DANBURY LIONS CLUB**

#### **19<sup>th</sup> Annual**

#### **Peter Winter Memorial Charity Breakfast**

Wednesday, December 10, 2008  
7:30 AM

The Amber Room Colonnade  
Danbury, CT

For Information Please Call  
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**NOTE:** The Publisher has informed us that the absolute **DROP DEADLINE** for the November 2008 District Pride is her birthday, 18 November 2008! She will not accept any articles or photos after that date - unless accompanied by gifts!. All articles and photos must be submitted following the guidelines stated above. Please remember: We *really* like to keep our Publisher happy!