

## **Nomination of Lyn Meyers for District Governor 23A by Frank.**

International Director Smith, Past International director Scott, Council Chairman Mark, all past district governors in attendance, fellow lions, guests, Leos if present and friends.

As you all know, Donald Trump recently made a big deal about president Obama's birth certificate and the White House finally released his long form birth certificate.

Not wanting to be trumped by the Donald, I asked the lion for whom I am appearing before you to nominate for district governor of 23a, to also produce a copy of his long forms birth certificate.

Thankfully, this lion was not born in Hawaii but in the Royal Oak hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan and to prove it, I have a certified copy of his original birth certificate which i have subjected to a scientific and forensic examination and have found that it is not a forgery.

There was only one layer of print, not nine layers with bits and pieces that made up the whole Hawaiian document that was recently reported on by the globe. There is no other answer; none; this document is not a fake.

However in the last few days, a second birth certificate has found its way into my hands. Again following a forensic review of this birth certificate, it has been deemed authentic and not a fake.

Since I don't know what to think of this duplication of birth certificates, I'll leave it up to you and the Donald, it is with a great deal of pride and admiration that I offer to you a proud Danbury lion, for the high office of district governor of 23a. He has all of the qualifications and is doubley ready to face the challenges ahead and that Danbury Lion is none other than Lynn R. Meyers or Lyn Roy Meyers, which ever birth certificate you believe; our current 1<sup>st</sup> vice district governor.

Following his service as president of the Danbury lions and then as treasurer of the number one club in the district, Lion *Lynn or Lyn* has decided to follow four former Danbury Lions, William H. Hoyt in 1922, the great Manny Merullo in 1977, Alfred P. Hazard in 1955 and Donald j. Miloscia in 2001.

I first met lion *Lynn or Lyn* when he joined the Danbury Lions in October of 1976. At that time I was a relatively new member myself having only joined a year before in November of 1975.

When lion *Lynn or Lyn* chose to drop out of lions in December of 1983 I was disappointed because I saw the potential in his membership. I understand now why he resigned from the club,; it was to open his own accounting firm and since his office was in the same building as my dentist, I would run into him quite often.

Since we were both products of the Jaycee organization, a great training ground for young men back then, he in Torrington and I in Danbury and with similar community service minded back grounds, I rejoiced when he decided to return to the Danbury Lions.

But don't give me credit for getting Lynn to rejoin lions because it wasn't me, but I know it was the best decision that he could have made at the time and I do applaud him for it because we are a better organization because of his membership.

Since rejoining the Danbury Lions in July of 1997 he has become the ultimate lion and has served his church, his community and the lions of the multiple district in many more ways than I ever did or could and I commend him for having the drive to further serve this organization in the capacity of your district governor, a job you could not pay me to have.

For years I've asked myself; 'Why in god's good earth' would you want to take a thankless job of being a district governor?

Not !!

Putting together a cabinet! Not !!

Getting the cabinet to work effectively on committee assignments! Not !!

Being out every night making club visitations! Not !!

Chasing pu101's! Not !!

Chasing down m & a reports! Not !!

Now my friend and fellow Danbury lion Lynn wants to rise to that occasion and continue to serve the district as your district governor.

Lynn, you are a better man than I and for this reason I am proud to nominate you for district governor of district 23a for the lion term 2011 – 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank p. Molinaro

A dedicated and well respected lion and all around nice guy, even if I say so myself!

# Lyn Meyers, District Governor Elect 23A

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International Director Smith, Past International Director Scott Storms, Council Chair Mark Lyon, District Governors, Vice District Governors, Past District Governors, CSTs, Lions and Guests.

It is an honor and a privilege to have been elected District Governor for Dist 23A. I have to thank my partner Ernie, the members of my club, the clubs in my Zone and the people on the 23A Cabinet whom I have worked with since becoming a lion. They have backed me, inspired me, nurtured me and encouraged me to take this step. I promise all of you that I will do the best I can to serve as your District Governor for the next year.

Before I give you my Lions story, I need to clear up something that must have many of you wondering why, after Frank Molinaro produced my two birth certificates, he kept referring to me as LYNN or LYN. He repeated it several times. He wasn't stuttering, he was referring to the spelling of my name on the two birth certificates. On a close look at the two certificates you would see that my name is spelled with one N on the hospital certificate and with two Ns on the official one from the State of Michigan.

When doing research for his speech Frank discovered the disparity and wanted to make sure that there wasn't a fraud being perpetrated. He agreed that the two Lynns were one in the same person, but not wanting to create a long term debate during my administration he decided to use both names in his nomination speech.

It has been a long road from my first encounter with Lionism to where I am today.

As Frank pointed out in his nomination speech , I joined the Danbury Lions Club in 1975 shortly after I moved to into town. I had landed a job with one of the large national accounting firms and it was firm policy to become involved with a local community service organization. Lions seemed a natural after having served many years with the Jaycees in Torrington.

I joined the Club and was involved until 1983 when I left due to the demands of establishing my own Accounting firm, having to build a practice from the ground up.

Fourteen years later; and after serving on several Boards as director, treasurer, and Chairman, of organizations in the area I decided to rejoined the Danbury Lions Club.

I have to admit that I was pretty much a back bencher during my first membership back in the 70s . I had participated in a few of the clubs projects, paid my dues and showed up a meetings but I hadn't got the bug. I was a member of the Club but, not truly a Lion.

This time, now older and hopefully wiser, I decided it was time I made a difference, to really get involved and the Club was happy to put me to work on a bunch of projects. After my first year I was elected Treasurer, serving for three years, and after that all the Chairs to Presidency.

Much has been said about enthusiasm and dedication by ID Bob Smith this week and it is truly evident in the training sessions and in conversations with other Lions. The questions about “Why did you became a Lion?” or “When did you become a Lion?” often come up at those times. I think I truly became a Lion when I started working on eye screenings.

We usually get a large turnout of people and screen anywhere from 80 to 100. In those sessions we find people with glaucoma and cataracts and at a recent screening a man with a dethatched retina. The fact that we are there and can help people get the help and services they need is one of the big reasons why I am a Lion. Whether it screenings or providing glasses for children in need, we Lions really do serve.

I am looking forward to working with all the Lions in 23A. and my Vice District Governors Linda and Ed. We have much work to do, providing more eye screenings, especially now that we have the ability to screen young children to catch vision problems early. To add new Low Vision centers in New Haven county to assist the elderly with their vision problems. And, to expand our hearing aid program, to name just a few of my goals

I am also looking forward to working with my fellow District Governors Ken and Robert as we share our goals and aspirations, our successes and even some of our failures; because out of these, we all learn.

In Seattle Ernie and I will be working with Caroline Messenier on her run for International Director, as we bring home another one for Connecticut.

As we move from International President Sid Scrugs " Beacon of Hope" to President Tam's " I Believe" I want to thank you all for your support and confidence.

Yours in Lionism

Lyn R Meyer