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Not above you, not beneath you, but with you.

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Urgent Plea-PEOPLE FIRST OF CONNECTICUT

I am sure that you all met Chad Sinanian at the steak Roast again this year. Chad has been my guest for the third year in a row. Chad is an advocate for persons with disabilities. He is always working hard for their rights and dignity so they can live in society as equal human beings; speaking out in their behalf and in writing letters to the news papers etc.

Chad is the secretary and regional representative for Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) and he needs financial support so that he can travel to board meetings in different parts of the country with a support person at much as four times a year.

Please help Chad with his advocacy work by making contributions to: PEOPLE FIRST OF CONNECTICUT, 211 Main Street, Danbury, CT 06810. Do not make checks payable to Chad but to PEOPLE FIRST OF CONNECTICUT.

CLERF Fund Raising Event

Internationally acclaimed tenor, Anthony Kearns, one third of the world's renowned trio, The Irish Tenors, has agreed to perform in the Balding Theatre at the Bushnell Auditorium on October 28th at 7:30 pm to raise funds for CLERF. Tickets went on sale August 7th. General Admission Seats are selling for \$38 or you can purchase \$63 tickets that include a post concert reception with Mr. Kearns. Lions are encouraged to call Mary Murray at (888) 824-2874 or online at www.Bushnell.org or marymurray62@sbcglobal.net. I understand that the Bushnell is being slammed with requests and may be sold out by the time you receive this issue of the Jottings.

REMINDER

To encourage all Lions to help publicize our Sight-First efforts, we are asking all Lions to purchase and wear a "Lions Vision For All" wrist band. The purple and yellow wrist band costs \$5 each and can be purchased at any luncheon or Lions function. Please do your part and purchase a wristband. The Danbury Lions commitment is \$50,000.00. Our final plans have yet to be established but our pledge does not have to

be full-filled until 2012. We will have five years beginning July 1, 2007 to raise the funds. The Board of Directors has been charged by our SightFirst Coordinator to form a committee to investigate and implement a plan to raise the pledged funds. All pledges of \$1,000 or more can be used for a Melvin Jones Fellowship and or a Progressive Melvin Jones. Several Members of the Board of Directors and Melvin Jones Fellows have already pledged \$8,000.00.

Steak Roast

Fifty two members and ten guests were treated to one super gastronomical event on Thursday evening, August 11th at Bennett Memorial Park in Bethel. The fire was started early, the steaks were then cooked to order by our very capable chefs, Mark Meyer and PP Bob Lovell. Third VP Val White and his committee of fine Lions saw to it that everyone was promptly fed. Steaks were served with a variety of salads, there was plenty of drink, coffee and desert. A special thanks to Wendy wife and Dr. Paul White for providing the home made cheesecakes.

Our guests included PDG PCC Council Chairman Bob Redenz, his wife and our new Zone Chairman Gail Redenz and Joe Poirer, our current district governor.

Day to Make A Difference

My fellow Lions, this year the Danbury Lions Club has been invited to participate in the 13th annual fundraiser, DAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, taking place on Friday, September 8, 2006. It is an auction in support of Danbury Hospital's Pediatric programs and services. An auction item has been requested and we agreed to undertake the project. I thought the most useful item would be a basket of board games. The theme would be "Board Games not Bored Children". I am looking for new board games targeting children under 12 years of age. At the next Lions meeting I will have a list of suggested games. If you are able and want to contribute to the basket, please contact me, Berni Kallas at 203 797 1727, or e-mail me at bkallas2001@yahoo.com. Thank you to all my fellow Lions.

Supreme Court Tour

The Danbury Lions have been invited to visit the Supreme Court Building in Hartford. They created a program five years ago entitled "Demystifying the Court" Which has drawn thousands of visitors to the court. The historic building houses the Museum of Connecticut History and State Library in addition to the State

Supreme Court Continued.

The court tour provides an ideal opportunity to learn what happens in the state Supreme Court. Their presentation will describe how appellate process differs from the proceedings in a trial court. During a lecture which we have been invited to attend in the historic courtroom, students will learn of the history of the state's highest court dating back to 1784. The discussion will also include the history of the famous building which opened in 1910. Recently, the Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects listed the State Supreme Court Building as one of its five favorite architectural buildings in the state.

Starting September 5, 2006, the court will be in session for eight two-week terms, with three hearings a day, at 10:00 am, 11:00 am and 12 noon. All Lion members have been invited to attend the oral arguments. It would be a fascinating learning experience for anyone interested in the Appellate process.

Each session is limited to 30 individuals per oral argument due to space constraints in the courtroom. If any Danbury Lion wishes to chair and organize a tour of the Supreme Court, please call James Senich, Manager of Communications, External Affairs Division of the Judicial Branch at (860) 757-2270.

TAXES, *What could be more taxing than this Tid Bit!*

Accounts Receivable Tax
 Building Permit Tax
 Capital Gains Tax
 CDL license Tax
 Cigarette Tax
 Corporate Income Tax
 Court Fines (indirect taxes)
 Dog License Tax
 Federal Income Tax
 Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA)
 Fishing License Tax
 Food License Tax
 Fuel permit tax
 Gasoline Tax (42 cents per gallon)
 Hunting License Tax
 Inheritance Tax Interest expense (tax on the money)
 Inventory tax IRS Interest Charges (tax on top of tax)
 IRS Penalties (tax on top of tax)
 Liquor Tax
 Local Income Tax
 Luxury Taxes
 Marriage License Tax
 Medicare Tax
 Property Tax
 Real Estate Tax Septic Permit Tax
 Service Charge Taxes
 Social Security Tax
 Road Usage Taxes (Truckers)

Sales Taxes
 Recreational Vehicle Tax
 Road Toll Booth Taxes
 School Tax
 State Income Tax
 State Unemployment Tax (SUTA)
 Telephone federal excise tax
 Telephone federal universal service fee tax
 Telephone federal, state and local surcharge taxes
 Telephone minimum usage surcharge tax
 Telephone recurring and non-recurring charges tax
 Telephone state and local tax
 Telephone usage charge tax
 Toll Bridge Taxes
 Toll Tunnel Taxes!
 Traffic Fines (indirect taxation)
 Trailer Registration Tax
 Utility Taxes
 Vehicle License Registration Tax
 Vehicle Sales Tax
 Watercraft Registration Tax
 Well Permit Tax
 Workers Compensation Tax

COMMENTS:

Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago and our nation was the most prosperous in the world, had absolutely no national debt, had the largest middle class in the world and mom stayed home to raise the kids.

What the hell happened?

Taste of Danbury

The Taste of Danbury will again be held this year. It will be on Sunday, September 10th at the Green at City Center. Danbury Lion volunteers are needed to set-up the booth/tent in the morning, man it in two hour shifts in the afternoon beginning at noon and break it down in the evening between 6 and 7 pm. If you would like to volunteer, see PP Fran Evans or Stacy Butler or sign up at one of our future luncheon meetings.

Danbury Lions Club Recognizes CRIS volunteers

On July 20th the Danbury Lions Club hosted a luncheon for the CRIS Readers of the Satellite Studio in Danbury. 17 of the 45 Volunteers were in attendance. Awards were presented to Carol Emanuel, Assistant Studio Coordinator, Kate Shea, Studio Coordinator for Volunteer of the Year. Other awards for Studio Organization, Engineer Training and Radio Deliveries were presented to Dan Wolinsky, Jared Emanuel, Charliese King, Kimberly Marcus, Mike Michael, Faye Walton and Helene Thompson.

Our studio broadcasts 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, contributing local news for 15 hours a week for blind and print impaired listeners.

LITTLE HISTORY LESSON

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are "limbs," therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, "Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg."

As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October)! Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term "big wig." Today we often use the term "here comes the Big Wig" because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

In the late 1700s, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The "head of the household" always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the "chair man." Today in business, we use the expression or title "Chairman" or "Chairman of the Board."

Personal hygiene left much room for improvement. As a result, many women and men had developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began to stare at another woman's face she was told, "mind your own bee's wax." Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term "crack a smile" In addition, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt. Therefore, the expression "losing face."

Common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the "Ace of Spades." To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they weren't "playing with a full deck."

Ladies wore corsets, which would lace up in the front. A proper and dignified woman, as in "straight laced" . . .

wore a tightly tied lace.

At local taverns, pubs, and bars, people drank from pint and quart-sized containers. A bar maid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in "pints" and who was drinking in "quarts," hence the term "minding your "P's and Q's."

Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars. They were told to "go sip some ale" and listen to people's conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times. "You go sip here" and "You go sip there." The two words "go sip" were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and, thus we have the term "gossip"

MORE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW BUT PROBABLY DON'T

1. Money isn't made out of paper, it's made out of cotton.
2. The Declaration of Independence was written on hemp paper.
3. The dot over the letter i is called a "tittle".
4. A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continuously from the bottom of the glass to the top.
5. Susan Lucci is the daughter of Phyllis Diller.
6. 40% of McDonald's profits come from the sales of Happy Meals.
7. 315 entries in Webster's 1996 Dictionary were misspelled.
8. The 'spot' on 7UP comes from its inventor, who had red eyes. He was albino.
9. On average, 12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents, daily.
10. Warren Beatty and Shirley MacLaine are brother and sister.
11. Chocolate affects a dog's heart and nervous system; a few ounces; will kill a small sized dog.
12. Orcas (killer whales) kill sharks by torpedoing up into the shark's stomach from underneath, causing the shark to explode.
13. Most lipstick contains fish scales (ewe).
14. Donald Duck comics were banned from Finland because he doesn't wear pants.
15. Ketchup was sold in the 1830's as medicine.
16. Upper and lower case letters are named 'upper' and 'lower' because in the time when all original print had to be set in individual letters, the upper case' letters were stored in the case on top of the case that stored the smaller, 'lower case' letters.

Biography Lions Club of Danbury

Donna B. Williams joined our Club in 2005 courtesy of her Lions Sponsor PP Beth Ann Fetzler, and served as our Lion Tamer 05/06. Donna lives in Southbury, Connecticut with her husband Charles "Chuck" Bogannam and their Australian Terrier "Buddy". Donna and Chuck have a daughter Jennifer who is married to Adam Mir-essi and are proud grandparents of 2-year old Anthony.

Donna is the Assistant Vice-President Branch Manager at the Plumtrees Office of the Savings Bank of Danbury. She received her financial training from the Connecticut School of Finance and Management and graduated in the class of 2000.

Donna's hobbies include bowling, traveling, and reading.

Projects Donna has been involved in: Southbury Business Association; Newtown Chapter of Regional Hospice; Newtown Chamber of Commerce; Rotary Clubs of Newtown, New Milford, and Orange, CT; Newtown Meals-On-Wheels volunteer; United Way Volunteer.

Donna would like to be remembered as a loving, kind, and caring mother, grandmother, and friend

We're pleased to have such an outstanding person as a member of our Club and look forward to working with her to serve our community for years to come.

FUTURE SPEAKERS AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug	21 st	Board of Directors Meeting
Sept	5 th	Supreme Court Tours Begin
Sept	8 th	Day To Make a Difference
Sept	30 th	Candlewood Fund Raising Dance
Oct	21 st	Salvation Army Anniversary Event
Oct	28 th	CLERF Fundraising Concert

New Members

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the addition of two new members to our roster. Christine Abbott, the Branch Director of the Boughton Street YMCA and Fr. Paul Mooradd, the new Pastor at St. Anthony Maronite Church on Granville Avenue. Christine was sponsored by PP Fran Evans and Fr. Paul, who has agreed to be our Chaplain, was sponsored by PP Frank Molinaro. We welcome them both to our Club.

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