



Jungle Jottings



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

March 2007

March Meeting Date Change

We have been informed by the management of the **Holiday Inn**, that they **cannot accommodate us** on Thursday, March 22nd, our normal meeting date. As a result, the Board of Directors decided to hold the luncheon meeting on the day before, **Wednesday, March 21st**. Please mark your calendars.

Jungle Jottings / Membership

With the advent of a new Lionistic year, your Jungle Jottings will have a new editor and a new look. After three years of editing and publishing the Jungle Jottings, I will turn the reins over to Nancy Manion who held the post before me. In doing so, Nancy will revitalize the Jottings and give it a new look and I will be able to devote more time to being an effective Membership Chairman. Over the last 15 years our membership has dwindled from a high of 134 to a new low of 105 members in all categories of membership. Please support your new editor/publisher in this endeavor.

Campaign Sight First II

The first meeting of the Committee organized to raise the Danbury Lions Club pledge of \$50,000 to CFS II was held on Monday evening, February 19th. Nancy Manion agreed to serve as CSF II Chairman and called the meeting, PP Frank Molinaro agreed to serve as Secretary/Treasurer and PP Wayne Shepperd will act as the Committee's Advisor. The Committee will also be comprised of VP's Keith Beaver and Gerald Hoffman, PP's Noel Roy, Tom Firzzell and Lyn Meyers and members Rick Gottschalk, Warren Levy and Ken Saloom. At the meeting it was reported that with personal donations and pledges for Melvin Jones Fellowships and Progressives to date, \$27,000 should be realized by the next committee meeting.

When contacted by a Committee member, please consider their request to become a Melvin Jones Fellow or a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. The cost is \$1,000 and can be paid over a three - five year period.

Of Special Interest

On Saturday, March 31st, The Danbury Regional Child Advocacy Center, Inc. will hold a Dinner Dance & Silent Auction at the Amber Room. The tickets are \$70.00 per person. Reservations can be made by calling the Child Advocacy Center (203) 748-4542. For more information please contact Bernie Kallas at (203) 797-1727 or Mark Stirling at (203) 743-9464.

Important Meeting Notice – Nominating Committee

The Board of Directors has chosen **March 29th** as the date for the **Nominating Committee Meeting**. At that time the Nominating Committee will formally place into nomination the following Danbury Lions for the offices listed.

For Immediate Past President – Helene Thompson
For President – Keith Beaver
For 1st Vice President – Gerald Hoffman
For 2nd Vice President – Val White
For 3rd Vice President – Joan Bielizna and Cathy Golankiewicz
For Secretary – Bob Lovell
For Treasurer – Lyn Meyers
For 1 yr Director – Tom Nolan
For 1 yr Director - Eric Nadeau
For 2 yr Director – J. Roger Schmiedel
For 2 yr Director – Mark Stirling
For 3 yr Director – Bernie Kallas
For 3 yr Director - Mike Kallas
For Tail Twister – Steve Tullino
For Lion Tamer – Warren Levy
For Membership Chairman – Frank Molinaro

Following the report by the Nominating Committee, nominations for all offices to be filled can be made from the floor.

If in the interim, between the Nominating Meeting and the **Election Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 19th**, any nominee who is unable to serve in the office to which nominated or for which office there was no nominee, the Nominating Committee shall submit at the Election Meeting, names of additional nominees for that office.

No nominations may be made from the floor at the Election Meeting.

The election shall be by voice vote or by ballot by those present and qualified to vote.

Elections shall be determined by a plurality vote.

Only Active, Life and Privileged Members are allowed to vote.

This notice shall serve as the official notice for the Nominating Committee Meeting and the Election Meeting.

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army of Danbury will sponsor their 4th annual breakfast on Friday, April 20, 2007 at the Ethan Allen Inn in Danbury. The Board of Directors voted to purchase a table of 8 for \$100.00. If you would like to attend the breakfast, please contact President Helene Thompson. Our own Ken Saloom serves on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army. Please see Ken if you would like to purchase a table.

Canine Companions for Independence

At the recent Mid-Winter Conference, the Danbury Lions donated \$100 to this worthwhile project. Every time Canine Companions for Independence places an assistance dog with a person with a physical, developmental or hearing disability, a life is changed. Doors of opportunity are opened and the constant need to rely on family for help is replaced by the constant aid and comfort of a newfound friend and helper.

Camp Hemlocks

For as long as I can remember, the Danbury Lions Project Committee has made a monetary donation to the Easter Seals Camp Hemlocks. This year \$100 was contributed so that a child or adult will be able to attend the Easter Seals Camp Hemlocks this summer. There will be many happy faces at Camp Hemlocks this summer because of our efforts.

FIDELCO

The Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation has enjoyed a long-term association with the Lions. In appreciation, the Fidelco Lions Advisory Board has invited all of us to an open house at Fidelco on Saturday, April 14th, 2007 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The Lions Advisory Board for Fidelco has a fun and informative day planned for us. We should go and learn how Fidelco's elite German shepherds are transformed from "Pup to Partner" A delicious will also be served.

Directions to Fidelco, located in Bloomfield, CT can be obtained from the Jottings editor. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP by Thursday, March 29th by calling Fidelco Lions Liaison Kris Fletcher at 860-243-4052 or you can e-mail her at kfletcher@fidelco.org. All Lions family members and friends are invited.

Membership News

Long time Lion Jerry Lombardi has requested a change in membership from Affiliate to Active now that he is spending more time in Danbury than at his southern home and Lion Dena Diorio has requested a change in membership from Active to Affiliate. Dena is currently employed by the City of Danbury and will be relocating to Charlotte, North Caroling at the end of March where she will assume a new job opportunity.

New Member Profile

Dr Paul J. White joined the Danbury Lions Club in February, 2006. His sponsor was PP Frank Molinaro. Dr. White received his Doctorate of Chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic in 2000.

He also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Fitchburg State College and a Diploma in Computer Electronics from Sylvania Technical School.

He attended Dartmouth College, in Hanover, NH, from 1995 - 1996 for graduate studies in Physical Chemistry, prior to attending Palmer College of Chiropractic.

Shortly after graduation from Palmer College he opened a private practice, Action Chiropractic, in Moline, IL. In 2005, this practice was sold so that Dr. White and his wife, Wendy, whom he married in 1993, could return to their roots in New England.

After working for over a year as an associated doctor in a Danbury multi-doctor clinic, Dr White determined that a low overhead, solo practice provide patients with a higher quality of service at a more affordable price. This is the genesis of his current practice which he will open soon at 30 Bridge Street in New Milford.

In addition to practicing Chiropractic, Dr White has a passion for teaching. He taught math and science courses at Rivermont Collegiate Preparatory School in Bettendorf, IA and General Chemistry of pre-chiropractic students for Scott Community College in Davenport, IA. Currently he teaches high school science at Faith Preparatory School in New Milford, CT.

Dr. White was elected Tail Twister of the Danbury Lions in 2006 and hopes to return as a more active Danbury Lion following the opening of his practice. Dr White and Wendy live in Danbury. He is a devoted Lion and a visit to his web-site drpauljwhite@aol.com and the section on Stewardship will bear that out.

Attendance Contest

The annual attendance contest will be held from the 15th of March until the 19th of April. Ken Saloom, the winning captain of last years contest has agreed to be the 2007 contest moderator. Selected to lead the contesting teams are Mike Kallas and Bernie Kallas. The contest will last 6 weeks and will culminate with the losing team buying dinner for the winning team on May 17th at a restaurant to be named at a later date. The teams are now in the process of being assembled and will be announced shortly.

Arbor Day / Tree Planting

There will be a tree planting this year in Rogers Park but there will be no breakfast since we have no deceased Lions to memorialize. Instead, the Danbury .

Lions will honor the family members of Danbury Lions who passed away since April 2006. Those family members to be honored this year are Betty Levy, Millie Boyce, Ada Humphreville, Lucille Molinaro, Arthea Sillari, Albert Testanero and Stephen Powers. The date of the tree planting will be Friday, April 27th at 10:00 pm at the monument in Lions Way in Rogers Park. Please make plans to attend this solemn event.

Campaign Sight First II

If you have not yet made a commitment to financially support CSF II, the time is now. Please become a Melvin Jones Fellow or a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. We can all understand and appreciate the enormous benefit our International Foundation has to offer people in need world wide. Many of us in the Northeast experienced firsthand the difference our Foundation has made in the lives of thousands of people impacted by 9/11 as we provided temporary financial assistance, visited the modular offices LCIF arranged for at Ground Zero or participated in support camps for grieving families. Humanitarian service is a commitment we as Lions honor through our everyday actions, words and deeds.

Recycle For Sight

The Cash for Cartridges Fundraising Program does not seem to be working at present. The Board voted to put the program on hold until we can find out what the problem is.

The cell phone recycling program is working just fine. In the last two weeks alone we received over \$70 for the phones we sent to Pace-Butler. These recycled phones are converted to 911 use by the elderly and infirmed so keep thoes old cell phones coming in.

The flow of used eye glasses has slowed to a trickle. Check with your friends and neighbors and ask them for their old and no longer used eye glasses.

Please don't forget, we have a hearing aid bank. If you know of anyone who has old and used hearing aids ask them to donate them to the Danbury Lions.

We still recycle cans and bottles. Thanks goes to Hugh Morgan who picked up the program when Jack Murphy could no longer carry on.

Unanswered Questions

Ever wonder about those people who spend \$2.00 apiece on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards: NAIVE

Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed UP?

Do Lipton Tea employees take coffee breaks?

Golf Tournament

This year, our Golf Classic will feature **The JetBlue Challenge**. It is the only hole-in-one prize package designed with our needs in mind. Through a collaboration between **JetBlue Airways, Nike Golf, Dewar's'12, Coca-Cola, Doral Resort & Spa in Miami, The Palms Resort & Casino in Las Vegas, La Quinta Resort & Club in Palms Springs, La Costa Resort & Spa just north of San Diego and Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa on southern Florida's gulf coast**, The Colana Sports Group is able to provide our tournament with a hole-in-one prize on each of the five par 3 holes at the Club at River Oaks.

By choosing to affiliate with the **JetBlue Challenge**, our players have an opportunity to participate in a shoot-out with a Grand Prize of \$50,000 which can be updated to \$1,000,000. The **JetBlue Challenge** will be a memorable and positive experience for all of our players and will have them looking forward to participating in our outing year after year. We hope you will join with your fellow lions in what we feel will be a rewarding experience for all of the tournament participants and at the same time, to help our Club achieve its fundraising goal for this year.

To participate as a player, sponsor or volunteer, please see VP Keith Beaver or any committee member. Your support is needed.

Golf Trivia

Q: In golf, where did the term "Caddie" come from?
A. When Mary, later Queen of Scots, went to France as a young girl (for education & survival), Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scot game "golf." So he had the first golf course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into "cad-die."

Connecticut Lions, History and Origins

Lionism in Connecticut began on December 29th, 1921 when the Bridgeport Lions Club was chartered. In 1922, the Hartford, New Britain, New London and New Haven Clubs were formed. As originally structured, District 23 consisted of all Lions Clubs in Connecticut an Rhode Island but in 1938, Lionism had grown to such an extent that each State was recognized into a multiple district. This reorganization occurred in 1950, when, at the State Convention, sub districts 23-A, New Haven and Fairfield Counties, 23-B, Hartford and Litchfield Counties and 23-c, New London, Middlesex, Tolland and Windham Counties were created. Each sub-district elected its own District Governor and created its own support organization called the District Cabinet.

Future Speakers and Calendar of Events

Mar.	15 th	Steven Famiglietti, Blind Services
Mar.	15 th	Attendance Contest Begins
Mar.	19 th	Board of Directors Meeting
Mar.	21 st	Carmen Rao, DFD Poster Contest
Mar.	29 th	Adam E. Goichman, Am. Portfolios
Mar.	29 th	Nominating Committee Report
Mar.	30 th	Cheshire Lions Wine Tasting
Mar.	31 st	Danb Reg Child Adv Ctr Din Dance
Apr.	4 th	Sam Hyman – Hord Foundation
Apr.	7 th	Prospect Lions 5k run
Apr.	12 th	Dixon Mitchell – US Marines
Apr.	14 th	FIDELCO open house
Apr.	19 th	Attendance Contest ends
Apr.	19 th	Election Meeting
Apr.	23 rd	Board of Directors Meeting
Apr.	26 th	Annual Lions Charities Meeting
Apr.	27 th	Tree Planting
May	3 rd	Michael Malone, Danb. Western/
May	7 th	Golf Tournament at River Oaks
May	17 th	Attendance Contest Dinner
May	18 th -21 st	State Convention, Hyannis, MA
July	2 nd -6 th	International Convention, Chicago, IL
Sept.	30 th	East Hampton Village Lions Cruise To Bermuda to benefit CSFII

Murphy's Other Laws

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

He who laughs last, thinks slowest.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.

The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them.

The things that come to those who wait may be the things left by those who got there first.

Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.

The shin bone is a device for finding furniture.

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of 12 people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

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