



# Jungle Jottings



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

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## Golf Tournament

In the May issue of the Jottings, I indicated that the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic was a financial and social success. Thirty foursomes or 120 golfers, participated in the 11:00 a.m. Shotgun-Scramble. The start was slightly delayed and the play was slower than we would have liked.

Over 20 golfers qualified for the 40 ft putt. Several golfers, including PP Kate Shea, PP Eric Erdtmann, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Jerry Hofmann, Dr. Paul White, Howie and

Nancy Schulze all had a shot at the \$1,000 prize but no one made the long putt.

There were hole-in-one prizes at all 5 par three holes including a 2006 Chrysler Sebring Convertible sponsored by Action Motors. The other hole in one prizes were part of the JetBlue Challenge sponsored by Val White of Kreative One Mortgage and Realty Company. C-town Food Market was our lunch sponsor. The Union Savings Bank and PANA Inc. were major sponsors, Meyers & Company, CPA's and The Hartford Insurance Group sponsored the two beverage carts and there were too many tee sponsors and raffle prize donations to list.

The funds raised will be used to fund our school eye-glass program, Low Vision Center, Support Group and our CRIS satellite studio.

Lunch was served on the course and a sumptuous buffet was served at the conclusion of the tournament.

During the buffet, the 4 golfers who qualified in Round 1, by being the closest to the pin on any one of the 4 par three holes were given the opportunity to become the JetBlue Challenge Champion. A hole in one in the 150 yard shoot-out would have won the grand prize of \$50,000 and would have qualified for a shot at \$1 million dollars. We had no winner but we did name a JetBlue Challenge Champion by virtue of his being closest to the pin in the shoot-out. Following the buffet, more than 60 prizes were raffled off with many of the prizes valued at more than \$250.

Many thanks to Howard Blayney and his cadre of volunteers who manned the registration tables, sold mulligans, 50/50 and raffle tickets, monitored the prize holes, putting contest and 150 yard shoot-out. They did a yeoman's job and are to be congratulated. If I had a list of all of their names, I would have published them.

Also, thanks to the many Lion golfers, also too numerous to mention, and the many Lions who purchased tee signs and sponsorships, provided raffle prizes and the like.

Without of the support of all of the above, this tournament would not have been possible.

## Attendance Contest Dinner

The TITANS were the guests of the PRIDE on Thursday evening at Chuck's Steak House. The many Lions in attendance feasted on hors d'oeuvres, prime rib, NY strip, grilled swordfish, salmon, shrimp scampi, baked stuffed shrimp, lemon, teriyaki chicken, coffee and dessert. The festivities began at 6:30 with a cash bar and concluded around 9:30 p.m., leaving several stragglers behind to enjoy the festive atmosphere. Many thanks to moderator Ken Saloom and team captains Mike and Berni Kallas for the fine job they did in turning out members and guests for this annual event.

## State Convention Highlights

The weekend was to begin with a golf tournament at the Hyannis Country Club, but it was canceled due to rain. The Danbury 4 was comprised of President Helene Thompson, PP's Kate Shea, Frank Molinaro and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Jerry Hofmann.

Friday ended with a New England barbeque in the courtyard of the Cape Codder Resort and Spa where the convention was held. The VDG candidates hosted the delegates in a hospitality suite at the conclusion of the barbeque.

The delegates were treated to a breakfast buffet on Saturday morning. This was followed by a business meeting that ended at 11:00 a.m. Since the whale watch and harbor tour were canceled due to the weather the Danbury Delegates went shopping and spent some time in the wave pool and hot tub.

There was a reception on Saturday evening prior to the banquet and opening ceremonies. The principal address was given by the guest speaker, International Director Russell Sarver of Durand, IL.

The VDG candidates invited the attendees back to their hospitality suite for more food and liquid libation.

Sunday began with another buffet breakfast, certification of delegates and voting on the various DG and VDG candidates.

The Memorial Service was held at 9:00 a.m. A total of 63 Connecticut Lions have passed away since the last State Convention.

A second business meeting was conducted at 10:00 a.m. at which time the election results were announced. The District Governor Elect Luncheon followed the business meeting and the newly elected officers were introduced and seated.

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*State Convention continued*

Rose Spatafore from the Seymour Lions Club is the new District Governor for 23-A and Joan Bennett from the New Haven Lions Club is our new Vice District Governor for District 23-A.



Back row, L-R, Jerry Hoffman, Boyd Losee, Frank Molinaro, Bob Lovell, Helene Thompson and Keith Beaver  
Front row, L-R, Jean Losee, Melissa Beaver, Kate Shea, Kendra Beaver, Kathy Hoffman and Shaun Beaver at the Banquet on Saturday evening at the Cape Cod Convention.



The golf tournament foursome of Helene Thompson, Kate Shea, Frank Molinaro and Jerry Hoffman with Brookfield Lion Mark Lyon in the hat and an interloper who just happened to pop into the photo at the appropriate time.

**Board Notes**

The board voted to donate \$100 to the CLERF Endowment Fund in the name of Past International Director Otto P. Strobino. Otto passed away in March. He served as an International Director from July 1, 1990 to June 30, 1992.

**Installation and Awards Banquet****Come one, come all to the Lions "Gangsta Ball"!**

The Lions Club of Danbury's Annual Installation and Awards Dinner will be held at Anthony's Lake Club on Wednesday June 27, 2007. Festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. with cocktails and hor d'oeuvres being served on the twin gazebo deck overlooking beautiful Lake Kenosia. A sumptuous four-course dinner with coffee and desert will follow.

The main event of the evening, of course, is the induction of Officers and Directors. This will be presided over by PDG and Sector Chairman for CSFII, Eric Jacobson.

Everyone is encouraged to dress as his or her favorite gangster, or gun moll, in keeping with our "Chicago" theme. You are guaranteed to have a "bang up" evening.

We also plan on installing our new Melvin Jones Fellows during the evening. If you contributed the full \$1,000 to LCIF, the presentation of a plaque and pin will be made by PDG Eric so please plan on attending this fun evening that has been planned by VP's Jerry Hoffman and Val White. Progressive Melvin Jones will be honored as well, so you MJF who have contributed a \$1,000 to CSFII, please join us.

Let's make this a great send off for the newly elected officers who will be attending the Lions 90<sup>th</sup> International Convention in Chicago, Illinois, during the first week of July.

The per person cost for dinner is \$30.00 for members and \$45.00 for spouses, guests, Associate Members and Members at Large, etc. Soft drinks are included in the price but beer, wine and mixed drinks will be extra at a cost of \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00. respectively.

**Jottings by Mail**

Our Jottings mailing list is currently comprised of 130 names. At present, we fortunately mail only 84 copies each month. The remaining 46 read the Jottings on the <danburylions.org> website. With the new first class postage increase to 41 cents per issue, coupled with the cost of printing etc., the more people that read the Jottings on the web, the more it will help us reduce the hard costs and bring benefit to the Club. If you are still receiving the Jottings by mail and would like to change, please email me and I will remove your name from the "to be mailed" list.

This is my last issue as Editor, Publisher and Mail Clerk of the Jungle Jottings. The July 2007 and future issues of the Jottings will be edited and published, etc., by Nancy Manion. Please give her the same cooperation that you have given me by emailing her timely articles and photos for publication.

Thank you.

## Connecticut Lions Organization

The District Cabinet Chairmen, which at the present time, number only 16 that are officially recognized by Lions Clubs International are the following: Membership, Sight Conservation, Public Relations, Extension, Lions Information, International Understanding and Cooperation, Youth Exchange, Leo, Lions Clubs International Foundation, Activities, Lioness, Leadership Development Hearing Conservation, Environmental, Conventions and Honorary.

However, the District Governor may expand the Cabinet in any way that is deemed necessary to serve the best interests of the District. Examples of this are such positions as District Bulletin, Diabetes Awareness, Drug Awareness, and Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation (LCIF). These positions and titles can vary by district.

The District Chairmen assist the District Governor, Region Chairmen and Zone Chairmen by promoting the District programs throughout the year. Cabinet Chairmen attend all Cabinet meetings and are a ready source of information relative to their specific programs at both the Zone and Club levels.

## District Governor's Advisors

In addition to the Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, Region Chairmen, Zone Chairmen and Cabinet Chairmen, the District Governor also has available the experience of Past District Governors. Although not officially a part of the District Cabinet, these individuals, with the knowledge of Lionism, provide valuable assistance to the District Governor and are always ready to support Lions programs and participate in the District activities. Many of the Past District Governors routinely make Club visitations and participate in installing officers for Clubs and inducting new members into our Association.

## Membership

The club continues to shrink. At the May Board Meeting we added one new member and lost three. The new member is Iris Batson, of Redding, CT. Iris was introduced to the Club by incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Bernadette Kallas. Iris is married to Ramon (Ray) Batson, a local neurosurgeon. Iris will be a fine addition to our Club. Please extend her a warm welcome when you see her at the next meeting.

The following Lions will be dropped from the membership roles on the July M&A report. Shaun Anderson, Christine Abbott and Dena Diorio.

There are several members who are behind in their dues. Second VP Jerry Hoffman has the responsibility of contacting the delinquents. Save Jerry a phone call by sending us your delinquent dues today.

## >> See what 50 years will do:

>> **Scenario:** Jack pulls into school parking lot with rifle in gun rack.

>> 1956 - Vice Principal comes over, takes a look at Jack's rifle, goes to his car and gets his to show Jack.

>> 2006 - School goes into lockdown, FBI called, Jack hauled off to jail and never sees his truck or gun again. Counselors called in for traumatized students and teachers.

>> **Scenario:** Johnny and Mark get into a fist fight after school.

>> 1956 - Crowd gathers. Mark wins. Johnny and Mark shake hands and end up best friends. Nobody goes to jail, nobody arrested, nobody expelled.

>> 2006 - Police called, SWAT team arrives, arrests Johnny and Mark. Charge them with assault, both expelled even though Johnny started it.

>> **Scenario:** Jason won't be still in class, disrupts other students.

>> 1956 - Jason sent to office and given a good paddling by Principal. Sits still in class.

>> 2006 - Jason given huge doses of Ritalin. Becomes a zombie. School gets extra money from state because Jason has a disability.

>> **Scenario:** Billy breaks a window in his father's car and his Dad gives him a whipping.

>> 1956 - Billy is more careful next time, grows up normal, goes to college, and becomes a successful businessman.

>> 2006 - Billy's Dad is arrested for child abuse. Billy removed to foster care and joins a gang. Billy's sister is told by state psychologist that she remembers being abused herself and their Dad goes to prison. Billy's mom has affair with psychologist.

>> **Scenario:** Mark gets a headache and takes some headache medicine to school.

>> 1956 - Mark shares headache medicine with Principal out on the smoking dock.

>> 2006 - Police called, Mark expelled from school for drug violations. Car searched for drugs and weapons.

>> **Scenario:** Pedro fails high school English.

>> 1956 : Pedro goes to summer school, passes English, goes to college.

>> 2006 : Pedro's cause is taken up by state democratic party. Newspaper articles appear nationally explaining that teaching English as a requirement for graduation is racist. ACLU files class action lawsuit against state school system and Pedro's English teacher. English banned from core curriculum. Pedro given diploma anyway but ends up mowing lawns for a living because he can't speak English.

>>**Scenario:** Johnny takes apart leftover firecrackers from the 4th of July, puts them in a model airplane paint bottle, blows up a red ant bed

>> 1956 - Ants die.

>> 2006 - BATF, Homeland Security, FBI called. Johnny charged with domestic terrorism, FBI investigates parents, siblings removed from home, computers confiscated, Johnny's Dad goes on a terror watch list and is never allowed to fly again.

>> **Scenario:** Johnny falls while running during recess and scrapes his knee. He is found crying by his teacher, Mary. Mary, hugs him to comfort him.

>> 1956 - In a short time Johnny feels better and goes on playing.

>> 2006 - Mary is accused of being a sexual predator and loses her job. She faces 3 years in State Prison.

**Quote for the day:**

"Congressmen who willfully take actions during wartime that damage morale, and undermine the military are saboteurs and should be arrested, exiled or hanged."

President Abraham Lincoln

**THE END! -30- ENOUGH SAID! I'M DONE!**

**Future Speakers and Calendar of Events**

June	6 <sup>th</sup>	Westerners Breakfast
June	6 <sup>th</sup>	CLERF Golf Tournament
June	7 <sup>th</sup>	Andrea Gartner, City Center
June	12 <sup>th</sup>	Woodbridge Lions Golf Tournament
June	14 <sup>th</sup>	Scholarship Luncheon
June	18 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting
June	21 <sup>st</sup>	Jack Elias, Choclatier
June	27 <sup>th</sup>	Mayors Cup Golf Tournament
June	27 <sup>th</sup>	Installation & Awards Banquet
July	5 <sup>th</sup>	Chad Sinanian, SABE
July	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup>	International Convention, Chicago, IL
July	19 <sup>th</sup>	Dr. James M. DeJesus
Aug.	9 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Steak Roast
Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>		USA Canada Forum
Sept	14 <sup>th</sup>	80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
Sept.	30 <sup>th</sup>	East Hampton Village Lions Cruise to Bermuda to benefit CSFII
Oct.	4 <sup>th</sup>	Wayne Shepperd, Dir., Economic Dev.

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