

# LIONS TRACKS



## BROOKFIELD LIONS CLUB BROOKFIELD, CT Mid Winter 2010

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### Presidents Message

Message from President Joe,

In my last message, I mentioned how much I enjoy being an active Lion, participating in the bimonthly meetings and service projects. Things haven't changed. Our meetings are filled with fellowship and a nice dose of good will as We Serve. Interesting guest speakers don't hurt either. We have settled into a good place at Rocco's.

And we've been busy... We attended Danbury's Peter Winter CRIS Radio Breakfast, had our own Christmas Party and helped out with the town's Christmas Tree lighting. District Governor Mark Lyon led another successful Run for Sight on New Years Day – this one with 182 runners. Later in January, with the help of Lions from Wallingford and Meriden, we brought Vision Screening to the Brookfield Health and Wellness Fair at the YMCA. 42 persons were checked for Glaucoma, Diabetes and Macular Degeneration and a few referred to doctors for further check up. The Lions helped make the Fair a big success.

Brookfield was well represented at the MD23 Mid-Winter Conference, in which Lion Governor Rell was the luncheon speaker.

As noted we've had good speakers at our meetings; notably our own District Governor Mark Lyon, the head of CRIS Radio, Keith Beaver of Danbury, and Zone Chair Bob Rascona. Upcoming speakers include Gerry Hoffman of CLERF. We have also had a number of guests and expect a few new members soon.

Two other activities are particularly noteworthy. The Garden Committee decided to expand the Community Garden from 36 to 52 plots and it was almost immediately fully subscribed for the 2010 season. Quite a positive response from the community for a worthwhile Lions project.

Also, Lion Dick Cronin has created a 30 minute TV program, now airing on Charter Channel 21, featuring the Braille Room at Brookfield High. It will be shown on Monday

Feb15 at 4:30 PM and Feb 18 at 7:00 PM. Additional showings will occur on Channel 17 later. Teacher of the Vision Impaired Kathy Sudol and I are among those interviewed.

The Lions International theme for this year is Move to Grow. We need to Grow our club in order to Move Forward. I hope everyone will take this as a personal challenge to grow the numbers of our club. The best recruits are personal. Why don't you invite someone you know to join us at a meeting to learn what Lionism is all about? It will pay off for them and for your Club.

President Joe Rocky

## **Chamber of Commerce Dance**

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Fellow Lions,

The Lions Club is a member of the Brookfield Chamber of Commerce. We joined to give the club and our members access to Chamber events and activities.

The Chamber is now planning their Spring Gala, a major dinner dance to be held at the Candlewood Inn on March 20.

The Chamber would like to promote this event by sending printed material to their target audience, which includes the Lions. They have asked me for our mailing list of members.

With respect for your privacy, I do not want to disclose your home address and subject you to unwanted mail. Instead, I want to allow you to "opt out" of having your address shared with the Chamber of Commerce, if you so choose.

Their use of your address will be solely to communicate directly with you on Chamber matters. It will not be given to any third parties.

If you **DO NOT** want me to disclose your home address to the Brookfield Chamber of Commerce for the purposes stated please contact me by return e-mail or phone (203-775-4340) by this Sunday February 14. If I do not hear from you by then I will assume you are willing to receive printed material through the US mail from the Brookfield Chamber of Commerce.

President Joe

## **Mid Winter Meeting**

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Fourteen Brookfield Lions attended the dinner (Feb 5-7). Governor Jodi Rell was also there to tell the CT Lions what a great job they are doing. All-in-all, everyone attending had a great time.

## **Volunteers Needed!**

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The budget has been set for the year. We now need fund raisers to support the budget that has been proposed. Suggestions the board has made are:

- 1) Wine Tasting
- 2) Shred Day
- 3) A raffle

Please contact President Joe if you can help in any of these events. Also, if you have any other ideas let the board know. All Lions should be ready and able to serve in any capacity they can. Remember our Motto: WE SERVE.

## **Other News:**

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The club is now in the process of ordering shirts. Please contact Don Hassiak or Bob Rascona if you would like a new shirt. Their email addresses/phone numbers may be found in the member database on the web page. Lion Rich Groski has hats and visors for all Lions who need them.

We now have a new member. Her name is Laura Daigle. We have also had several guests over the past few meetings that I understand are interested in joining. Everyone should join in the effort of obtaining new members to keep our club active and viable!

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

March 17<sup>th</sup> Hospice Breakfast @ Candlewood Inn – 2 tables reserved

Remembrance House breakfast (Shelter of the Cross) – March 4<sup>th</sup>. Contact Lion Ernie Bendana for reservations. This is usually held at the Ethan Allen.

Next meeting is Feb 25. This will be a social meeting with a program by Jerry Hoffman of CLERF.

## **Sunshine**

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Winter Birthdays – per the Lions Data Base:

Ernie Bendana	Jan 17
Frank Efferece	Jan 20
Jim Kovacs	Feb 16
Bob Leggett	Jan 30
Ernie Nepomuceno	Feb 26
Alan Smith	Jan 30

If your name is not there I don't have the info in the database.

Also, Charlie Salup is back on his feet after a hip replacement.