

**A Brief History of Lionism
in Connecticut
1922-1983**

Lions Clubs of District 23-A



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CLUBS OF DISTRICT 23A

Ansonia Lions Club

Contributions went towards: uniforms for the Babe Ruth League, the two high schools in Ansonia, and many other good causes.

One continuing service activity is hiring a bus to take convalescent residents on a tour of the city to see the Christmas lights, then to Rapp's Paradise Inn for dessert and coffee. There is a free Christmas gift for each, followed by the singing of Christmas carols.

One fundraiser is a raffle.

Beacon Falls Lions Clubs

Contributions went towards: scholarships, eye examinations and eyeglasses, Boy Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Pee Wee basketball team, sponsoring basketball tournaments, Boys State, an eye-testing machine for Laurel Ledge School, pencils and scissors for elementary pupils, a Perkins Braille for a youth, audiovisual equipment for a new school, and the P.T.A. to help equip a school dental room.

The club also contributed to the Salvation Army, the Heart Fund, the Ambulance Fund, the Mansfield Training School, Camp Hemlocks, the local food bank, the Easter Seal Society, the town library, and the Connecticut Society for Crippled Children and Adults. It gave food baskets at Christmas, and donated turkeys to families. It gave a resuscitator to the Volunteer Fire Department and helped pay for a "jaws of life" for the Ambulance Association. The club regularly contributes to CLERF and other state and international Lions projects.

Service activities were annual screenings for glaucoma and diabetes, polio clinics, blood-pressure tests, support of Bloodmobile drives, outings for senior citizens, and annual eye tests for preschoolers.

Civic activities included sponsoring a local recreation program on land purchased for that purpose by the town. The purchase was initiated by the Lions and the program was and is supported by the townspeople. The club gave a resuscitator to the Volunteer Fire Department and helped pay for a "jaws of life" for the Beacon Falls Ambulance Association.

The club also stocks pools with fish for the benefit of youngsters.

Fundraisers were Easter Seal mailings, raffles, and sales of fried dough, flowers, coloring books, and light bulbs. There were car washes, pancake breakfasts, and annual clambakes.

Bethany Lions Club

Contributions went towards: scholarships, sponsorship of softball league, a family victimized by fire, (jointly with Woodbridge and Orange Lions), equipped the regional high school with band instruments, CLERF (\$2,000 pledged for equipment plus other donations), and LCIF.

Service activities included Halloween parties for children, carol singing for shut-ins, donations to blood drives, a teenage dance, and flowers to cancer victims.

Civic activities were sponsorship of a "holly ball" for the community, conducting the Memorial Day parade and erecting a sign for the town.

Fundraisers were Easter Seal campaigns, Las Vegas Nights, raffles, flea markets, and a 50's dance.

Bethel Lions Club

The Bethel Lions contributed over \$20,000 to charity, 1972-1983.

Contributions went towards: scholarships (now \$1,500 per year), eye examinations and eyeglasses, Boy Scouts, the Police Athletic League (P.A.L.), Camp Fire Girls, and Little League. They supported the Visiting Nurses Association, the Heart Fund, Danbury Hospital, the pediatric and cardiac units at Yale New Haven Hospital, Camp Hemlocks, American Field Service, Red Cross, the police department drug program, the Fairfield Hills Christmas Fund, and United Way. For the elderly they provided emergency wristbands with radio connection to the police department.

A service project was collecting used eyeglasses. Bethel Lions also helped with the Special Olympics, a club project since 1976.

Civic projects were building a one-half acre swimming pond, putting up two pavilions, constructing bath houses and bathrooms, and installing swings and slides, all in the town's Meckauer Park and in Parloa Park, supporting the Bethel Fire Department, and equipping a new kitchen (stove, sink, refrigerator, etc.) for the adult recreation program in Bennett Park.

Fundraisers included food booths, radio auctions, beerfests, raffles, turkey shoots, light bulb sales, a horse show, and a Las Vegas Night. The most successful, a food stand at the Danbury Fair, raised \$4,900 in 1981.



Bethel Connecticut Beer Fest

Branford Lions Club

Contributions went towards: scholarships, youth-of-the-year, a bus for senior citizens, Hospice, Camp Hemlocks, FIDELCO (seeing-eye dogs), athletic equipment for the Branford High School, as well as CLERF and other Lions state and international programs.

to the Bridgeport Public Library, and gave a subscription to a monthly Braille magazine to any blind person who wanted one.

Service activities were annual Christmas parties for handicapped and blind children, Braille bingo contests at the annual outing of the Bridgeport Association for the Blind, conducting a community center for the blind, giving a Christmas-in-August party for the handicapped, and sponsoring diabetes and glaucoma clinics.

Civic activities were donated benches for the park next to the old city hall, and performing the introductory kickoff for the city's annual Barnum Festival.

Fundraisers have included Bavarian beerfests, raffles, car washes, 50's dances, dinner dances, basketball shooting contests, lightbulb sales, and candy sales.

The Bridgeport Club is the oldest in New England, organized in 1921 and chartered on January 16, 1922. This was before any of the New England States had been organized into Lions' districts and two of the clubs the Bridgeport Club organized were in Rhode Island, in Providence and Newport. They also organized clubs in North Bridgeport, East Bridgeport, West Bridgeport (club later disbanded), New Haven, Hartford, New London, New Britain, and Meriden.

The club has provided six District Governors and two International Directors, William S. Hewlett and Joseph W. Ganim. The club's first president, which means the first in New England, was Charles W. Bitzer, former president of the Bridgeport City Trust Company.

The greatest single achievement of the Bridgeport Club was the founding of Camp Hemlocks. This is reported in Chapter III.



Past Presidents of the Bridgeport Lions Club in a 1968 photo with year of office: seated, left to right, Ira R. Peterson, 1943-44; Eliot Logan, 1929-30; Robert Bednar, 1967-68; Ray Hargraves, 1947-48; and Charles F. Stubbs, 1936-37. Standing, same order, Paul D'Elia, Jr., 1964-65; Charles E. Haggerty, 1948-49; William L. Walsh, 1954-55; Dr. G. Hunt Wilber, charter member, 1950-51; Alfred E. Woolard, 1966-67; Paul J. Goldbecker, 1960-61; Edward D. Haggerty, 1965-66 and Joseph Ganim, 1956-57.

Bridgeport (East) Lions Club

Contributions went towards: Camp Hemlocks, Bridgeport Hospital, Bridgeport Services for the Blind, and CLERF. The club has pledged \$10,000 to the CLERF building fund.

Fundraisers were turkey raffles, a football trip, a 50's dance, and the sale of coloring books.

The Bridgeport (East) Lions call themselves a satellite club as most members do not live in the city.

Bridgeport (North) Lions Club

The Bridgeport (North) Club has contributed over \$6,000 per year to charity for the past few years.

Contributions went towards: the North Bridgeport Boys and Girls Club, Hemlocks camperships, Southbury Training School, the Guenster Rehabilitation Center, Drinan Center, Bridgeport Hospital Ophthalmology Department, Bridgeport Blind Association, Camp Hemlocks, St. Vincent's Hospital Eye Center, the club's brain stem machine fund, Hemlocks Par Course, and LCIF. The largest single allocation was \$10,000 to St. Vincent's Hospital to furnish an eye examination room.

A continuing service project is Christmas parties and carol singing for the elderly at the Drinan Center. There are also gifts for the residents. The Drinan Center has always had a special place in the hearts of Bridgeport (North) Lions.

Brookfield Lions Club

Contributions went towards: Brookfield Lions Club Eye Care Fund (established to pay expenses for a needy student), Brookfield Social Concerns Fund, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (\$10,127 in 1984), Brookfield Special Olympics, Camp Hemlocks, and CLERF.

Service activities were diabetes screenings, a safe rides program, sponsorship of a Drug Awareness Day at the Brookfield schools (paying also for a speaker from the National Football League), participation in the Northeast Utilities' Career Motivation Program at the schools, and sponsorship of an organ donation campaign. The Lions Organ Donation Awareness Day came about when a local resident received a heart transplant. The Lions signed up more than 200 organ donors in one day.

Civic activities included maintaining the town's Lions Park, donation of safety equipment to the park, and lighting Christmas trees in the park.

Major fund-raisers are annual dinner dances and car raffles.

The Brookfield Lions recognize recent Presidents Ben Cole, Rick Amorossi, and especially Bob Noe who brought the club membership up from 4 to 50.

Cheshire Lions Club

In one year, 1982-1983, the Cheshire Lions contributed \$4,850 to charity.

Contributions went towards: eye tests and eyeglasses, Camp Hemlocks, high school band uniforms, CLERF, LCIF, and many local service projects.

Service activities were: sponsorship of a Boy Scout Troop (every year since 1958), and Girls Little League Softball (since 1980), a "Life Be In It" program, and a capon project for 4-H youth. The last has been an annual Cheshire Lions project since 1963. They also have sponsored an Easter egg hunt since 1954, and an annual party for the blind since 1958, not only in Cheshire, but for all the blind within a forty-mile radius.

Fundraisers were annual Easter flower sales, an annual coin show, grapefruit sales, Christmas raffles of food baskets, and a raffle of a Caribbean Cruise. The most successful fundraisers are the Easter flower sales, netting about \$1200 per year.

The Cheshire Lions gave a plaque to the Congregational Church in memory of Ed Gumprecht, their last active charter member.

Danbury Lions Club

The Danbury Lions contributed approximately \$152,000 to charity, 1972-1983.

Contributions went towards: scholarships, Camp Hemlocks, the Danbury Library, Salvation Army, YMCA, the Danbury Regional Center, furniture for the elderly, CLERF, and many other charities.

Service projects were collecting used eyeglasses and soliciting for the CLERF through Lions (Candy) Day.

A civic project was constructing the Danbury pavilion.

Fundraisers were annual car raffles and radio auctions as well as other projects. The most successful was a car raffle in 1982 which raised \$11,094.

Darien Lions Club

According to an item entitled **Darien's Super Lions** which appeared in the Darien News-Review, October 6, 1983, the Darien Lions raised about \$70,000 for charity last year.

Contributions went towards: eye examinations and eyeglasses, wheelchairs, Thanksgiving food baskets, Camp Hemlocks, Mansfield Training Center, Stoler House, annual foliage trips for senior citizens, Easter egg hunts, Christmas shows for children, and many other charities. The club always make substantial contributions to CLERF, including a pledge of \$100,000 toward renovation of the Boardman building at the Lions Eye Research Center at the Yale New Haven School of Medicine.

One of their service projects was constructing a ramp at the home of a man confined to a wheelchair. Now he often rides his wheelchair outside to rake his own leaves.

Fundraisers include car raffles, annual food raffles, horse shows, basketball shoot-outs, and eye research mailings.

The Darien Lions honor Rocco Cingari, Past District Governor, President of the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation, and a leading figure in the drive to raise \$500,000 to renovate the Boardman building.

Derby Lions Club

Contributions went towards: scholarships for seniors at Derby and Shelton High Schools, Boys Club, CLERF, partial cost of an eye machine for Griffin Hospital, and other charitable needs.

Civic projects were contributions to both town fire houses.

Fundraisers were two annual grapefruit sales, two annual raffles, and Lions (Candy) Day solicitations.

The Derby Lions honor their Past District Governor, James Halligan.

Devon Lions Club

The Devon Lions contributions went towards: scholarships, eye examinations and eyeglasses, Little League, Boy Scouts, CLERF, and other charities.

Service projects were Christmas parties for the handicapped and Christmas presents for terminally ill children. The club also contributed to Devon's Little Angels at Yale New Haven Hospital and Milford Hospital. This children's project was started by Lions Dick Dowin and Bruce A. Nichols.

Fundraisers were oyster festivals, turkey-basket raffles, and an annual dance.

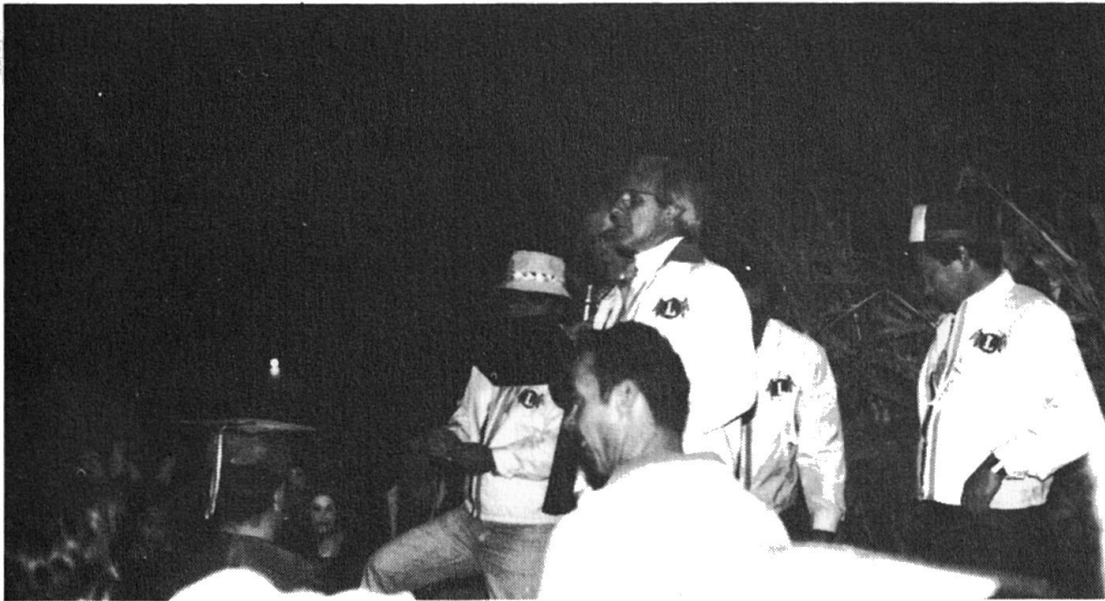
Easton Lions Club

The Easton Lions contributed approximately \$32,000 to charity 1976-1983.

Contributions went towards: Little League, Babe Ruth League, Easton Junior Sports Corporation, Special Olympics, Bridgeport Association for the Blind, Helen

Keller School, U.S. Association for Blind Athletes, Camp Hemlocks, Easton Athletic Association, Cystic Fibrosis Association, Vial of Life, American Cancer Society, American Field Service, Easton Information Service, Easton Library, Police Benevolent Association, CLERF, and other charities.

An annual service project is a Halloween bonfire for children, including costume judging and prizes, along with free refreshments. The club also participates in Easton youth athletic programs.



Easton Lions awarding prizes at the halloween bonfire sponsored by the lions club.

Civic projects include support for both the Easton Fire Department and the Easton Ambulance Association, and for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fundraisers include two annual flea markets (since 1972) and raffles. The most successful was the 1979 flea market which netted about \$3,500.

Fairfield Lions Club

The Fairfield Lions contributed to two Bridgeport hospitals for laser equipment to treat eye diseases. They also supported other charitable causes.

Service activities were children's Christmas parties and free glaucoma screenings with the Lions' own van. One of their fundraisers is a car raffle.

Georgetown Lions Club

The Georgetown Lions Club has contributed about \$25,000 to charitable and civic needs, 1972-1983.

Contributions went towards: Boy Scouts, Red Cross, eyeglasses for the vision impaired, Christmas baskets, and support for the handicapped.

Civic activities included maintaining the swimming beach and supporting the lifeguard needs. The club also maintains the Little League ball field.

Fundraisers included turkey shoots, raffles, spaghetti dinners, and pancake breakfasts.

Greenwich (Western) Lions Club

Contributions went towards: scholarships, Camp Hemlocks, and CLERF, among other causes.

Fundraisers were 50-50 raffles, and grapefruit and light bulb sales.
The club honors John Retzler who always leads in sales.

Guilford Lions Club

Contributions went towards: youth activities, Camp Hemlocks, Guilford senior citizens, CLERF, and other charities.

A service project is participation in glaucoma clinics.

A civic project is supporting the Guilford Recreation Department. Fundraisers were: annual peach shortcake festivals, annual antique auto shows co-sponsored with the Shoreline Antique Auto Club, flea markets, and an annual dinner dance for eye research.

The club honors Lion Harold Jeschor (deceased, 1983) for his tireless work in Lionism. He is remembered with affection.

Hamden Lions Club

Contributions went towards: eye examinations and eyeglasses, medical assistance for the needy, children's recreation programs, support for special education students, the Sunshine Fund, the Fresh Air Fund, CLERF, and LCIF.

A service activity is parties for the blind.

Fundraisers included the 20-30 Club, ad books, and Lions (Candy) Day.

The club honors Thomas Athan, past Lion-of-the-Year recipient, who is always there when work is to be done.

Madison Lions Club

The Madison Club has contributed about \$40,000 to charity 1972-1983. Contributions went towards: scholarships for student nurses, beginning with three and increasing to four in 1975; annual awards dinners for school athletes, Society for the Prevention of Blindness, CLERF, and other causes. The club gave \$10,000 for eye research in 1982.

Fundraisers were tag sales, bake sales, light bulb sales, flea markets, and a Miss-B-Thankful-You-Can-See campaign. The largest sum raised was \$3,855 from the light bulb sale in 1980.

Meriden Lions Club

Contributions went towards: Camp Hemlocks camperships, high school band instruments, youth exchanges, gym mats for P.A.L., an eye operation, magnifying glasses and cassettes for the Meriden Public Library, Braille typewriters, a van with hydraulic lift for the handicapped, sophisticated equipment for the Meriden/Wallingford Hospital, safety glasses for the Kuhn Training Center, Oak Hill School for the Blind, and Mansfield Training Center. The club has always supported LCIF and CLERF, and recently gave \$10,000 toward renovation of the Boardman Building at the Yale New Haven School of Medicine. Over the years since the Meriden Club was founded in 1923, there have been many other beneficiaries of their work.

Service activities included foliage tours for senior citizens, selling articles for the blind, manning Christmas kettles for the Salvation Army, and assisting at glaucoma screenings.

Civic projects included building two swimming pools for the city. One was built in Hubbard Park in 1951, with money from scrap drives. The Meriden Lions reported their largest scrap drive ever, probably a Lions record; nine railroad cars of scrap iron, two boxcars of newspapers, five truckloads of rags, and three truckloads of tires and light metals. A wading pool was constructed in 1954. Then

the second swimming pool was constructed in Ceppa Field in 1959. The club also erected lights at the Meriden Airport, built outdoor basketball courts, a bath house at city pond, two outdoor shelters for senior citizens, and a ski tow for the city.



One of two public swimming pools donated by the Meriden Lions

Fundraisers included a celebrity show as one of the first efforts. It was held at the Poli Theater and featured then popular Milton Cross and Jessica Dragonette. Also, there have been the "Day the Lions Roar" (an all-day radio program), a Silver City Bluegrass program, annual auctions, a spring brunch, tag sales, lightbulb sales, and a Meriden Exposition.

The Club honors their Charter President, Judge Denis T. O'Brien, and A. Leo Ricci, who was active for 45 years and served as treasurer for 15 years. They do not forget their eight members who were district governors, and the many who served as deputy district governors, zone chairmen, and chairmen of State committees.

Middlebury Lions Club

Contributions went towards: large-print books for the library, a bus for the elderly, and many local needs.

Civic projects were providing lights for the Little League field and supporting the town ambulance service.

Fundraisers were a minstrel show, town maps, spaghetti suppers, a 1950s dance, and tag sales.

Milford Lions Club

Contributions went to or for: eyeglasses, Camp Hemlocks, sponsorship of a Babe Ruth League team, and other worthy causes.

Fundraisers were food booths at the Milford Oyster Festivals, turkey raffles, and pancake breakfasts.

The club honors charter members Podge Granito and Carrol Lewis, two-times

President Dave DePietro, and Albert "Red" Iles who served as secretary for over 25 years.

Monroe Lions Club

Contributions went towards: scholarships, eye examinations and eyeglasses for children, Monroe Little League, Pop Warner football, Camp Hemlocks, Monroe Youth Athletic Association, Monroe senior citizens projects, LCIF, and CLERF. Also, electronic reading aids for the legally blind, wheelchairs for town use, large-print books for the library, magazine racks for the library, and eye charts and eye-testing machines for the schools.

A service activity is helping at the Health Clinic screenings for blood pressure, diabetes, hearing, and vision. The club was instrumental in establishing an American Field Service program in the town.

Civic projects were erecting children's exercise equipment and planting trees in the town park, and supporting the Monroe Emergency Medical Service.

Fundraisers were: a scholarship tollgate, a big band dance, a vacation raffle, a journey for sight ten-kilometer road race, sales of light bulbs and Christmas coloring books, and Lions (Candy) Day.

The club honors Al Stocatore who served on the District Cabinet, 1983-1984.

Naugatuck Lions Club

Contributions went towards: scholarships, support of needy students (e.g., safety glasses, physical examinations, eye examinations, wheelchairs, etc.), Camp Hemlocks, CLERF, and other causes.

Service projects were diabetes screenings of 200 people, and community health and safety registration of the entire population of the town.

Fundraisers were annual "Be Thankful You Can See" campaigns, and annual poinsettia sales.

The club honors their Past District Governor Dee Minicucci and Lion Mario Schiardi.

New Canaan Lions Club

The New Canaan Lions contributed about \$75,000 to various charities, 1972-1983. Contributions went towards: scholarships, awards to business-education students, Little League, the Pegasus riding project for handicapped children, Camp Hemlocks, New Canaan Library, and, along with neighboring Lions clubs, a pledge of \$10,000 to Norwalk Hospital toward purchase of a Zeiss Fundus camera and an argon laser photocoagulator. Also contributed were \$5,000 for a Lions recreation room at the YMCA, donations to the Visiting Nurses Association, New Haven Polio Center, Waveny Care Center, Horizons Program for the handicapped, \$1,000 or more annually to CLERF, and support for other causes.

Service projects were sponsoring glaucoma tests, high school awards dinners, and junior high school dances; transporting a blind person to New York for treatments, and entertaining 18 French students with a picnic, bed, and breakfast.

Civic projects were many. One of the first was creating a skating pond in Mead Park. Much of the labor was done by the Lions, but they still paid over \$1,000 for dredging and maintenance. The club paid \$1,500 to hire the town's first recreation director in 1938. The club also donated \$1,000 in 1946 for dredging Mill Pond, and later at this site constructed the Lions Den with a fireplace for skaters. Still later the

Lions installed lighting, and they continue maintenance support. The Lions initiated a \$15,000 project at Meade Park in 1959 to add an all-weather tennis court, improve the ball field, install a drinking fountain, plant trees, and start craft classes. The club, over a three-year period, 1976-1979, paid over \$3,000 for construction of a ramp to give handicapped persons access to Waverly Castle. The New Canaan Lions were responsible for organizing the New Canaan Community Chorus, the New Haven Town Players, Boy Scout Troop 17, the Girl Scout Mariner Troop, and Little League baseball.

The New Canaan Lions honor two members. Frank Jurgenson has been a member of the club for 39 years, and secretary for 31 years. He has been cited many times for his reports. Frank is a life member of Lions International. Now retired, he was a basketball and football coach, and a member of the National Basketball Board of Officials for 20 years. He is an occupational therapist. He and his wife Georgette have been married 52 years and have three daughters and seven grandchildren.

The other honored member is N.B. Chatterton. He was Club President, 1947-1948, and has had perfect attendance for 36 years. He is also their History chairman.

New Fairfield Lions Club

In 1982, New Fairfield's charitable contributions totaled \$10,039.

Contributions went towards: complete sponsorship of boys baseball—all ages, girls softball, a baseball batting cage, scholarships, hearing tests for children, a donation to the District 23A hearing project, eyeglasses for the needy, Boosters Club, scouting, miscellaneous small donations to school activities, and yearly donations to the library, to LCIF, CLERF and to Camp Hemlocks.

Service projects included repair work on facilities at the Boy and Girl Scout Camps, a senior citizens picnic and a senior Christmas party, an Easter egg hunt and the Fourth of July Parade. The most satisfying activity is boys baseball which started with 30 members and now enrolls 550.

New Fairfield has two life members: Joe Bates, the only active charter member, with 30 years perfect attendance and Harry Gambin, with 20 years perfect attendance.

New Haven Lions Club

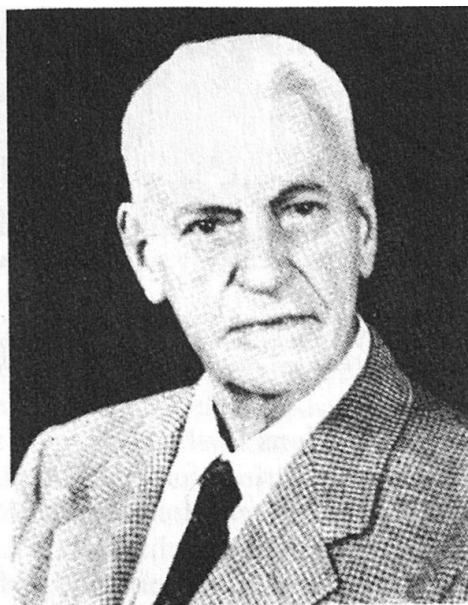
Lester Hintz, the able Historian of the New Haven Lions Club, estimates contributions over the existence of the club up to the present, 1923-1983, at \$161,500.

Contributions went towards: eye examinations and eyeglasses, band uniforms, Christmas baskets, furnishing a room for the Girl Scouts' building, flood relief, 1935 and 1957; clothing for school children (during the depression of the 1930s), and many other local needs, as well as LCIF-CARE and CLERF. One contribution, which the children no doubt wished would have failed, was the donation of 200 gallons of cod-liver oil. It was distributed through public health agencies during World War II.

Service activities included construction, repair, and maintenance work at Camp Cedarcrest, work with Little League, repairing radios for the blind, individual transportation for the handicapped, glaucoma and hearing tests, and an original, a "one-to-one" project. This last service was started in April, 1975, with a \$3,000 grant from the New Haven Foundation. It still continues. It involves one Lion for each blind young adult on a wide variety of trips. These have included a train and boat ride at Essex, a trip to Old Mystic, theaters, barbecues, ball games, swimming, fishing, and other activities. Frequently, spending the money took a lot of

Hewlett's title of Major came from his command of the 2nd Company of the Governor's Foot Guard, a New Haven Company. The Foot Guard had long since been only a ceremonial outfit. Other New Haven members of the guard were Captain John B. Kennedy, the Company's Chief of Staff, who became a charter member of the New Haven Lions. Captain Pierrepont B. Foster, Quartermaster, later major, was also a charter member of the New Haven Lions. The Rev. Dr. Oscar E. Maurer, Chaplain of the Guard for over 30 years and Rector of New Haven Center Church on the Green, was another charter member. George Hewlett was also Secretary-Treasurer of the Sperry Company which made staircases, and for some time he was Secretary of the New Haven Board of Education.

Charles M. Bakewell, officially the first president of the club, was probably the most famous and widely known of all New Haven Lions. Charles Montague Bakewell, born April 24, 1867, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania died in 1957 at age 90.



Charlie

CHAS. M. BAKEWELL

He studied at the University of California, at Harvard where he got his P.D., and at universities in Berlin, Strassburg, and Paris. He was a Professor of Philosophy at Yale from 1905 to 1953, and wrote many books, articles, and essays. He was a member of the State Senate, served one term in Congress, and was Italian Commissioner of the American Red Cross in Italy, 1918-1919. He received the Decorated Order of the Crown (Italy) and the Italian Red Cross's Silver Medal. He had an abiding interest in the welfare of children and served on many committees on education.

During WWII, Lions International issued cards to members serving in the armed forces. Dr. Luca E. Celentano was the only member of the New Haven Club to be issued a card. It read: "May it be known that Dr. Luca E. Celentano of the New Haven Connecticut Lions Club is serving his country in the armed forces, and, in recognition thereof, his name has been officially recorded on the Military and Naval Service Roll of Lions International." Dated December 1, 1943, it was signed by Melvin Jones, Secretary, and by Charles H. Farrell, Club Secretary. Dr. Celentano at age 83 in 1983, was still active in his club and the oldest member in service years.



Theodore F. Hyatt is shown ready to sound the gong for his first time as the newly elected President of the New Haven Club, 1962-1963. Standing in back of him to see that he does it right are: (left to right) Bill Powers, Sal Frisa, Dr. Leon Monks, Russ Flanagan, Paul Strawhince and Bill Rowe.

New Haven (Elm City) Evening Lions Clubs

Contributions went towards: scholarships for student nurses, CLERF, participation in the purchase of major equipment items for the Lions Research Center at Yale New Haven Medical School, and many local charities.

Fundraisers include annual concerts with celebrity performers and an annual scholarship dinner dance.

The Elm City Lions honor Ralph Valanzuolo who always monitors the expenditure of funds.

Newtown Lions Club

Contributions went towards: scholarships, eye examinations and eyeglasses, Boy Scouts, Pop Warner football, Camp Hemlocks, large print books for the library, meals on wheels, LCIF, and CLERF.

Civic activities were building a town-park shelter, building tennis courts, donating a mural to the town hall, and supporting the ambulance association.

Fundraisers were raffles, tag and food sales, light bulb sales, and license plate sales.

The club honors Fred Parr, a founder and first president of the club, and later District Governor.

North Haven Lions Club

Contributions went towards: eye examinations and eyeglasses, New Haven High School sports, Camp Hemlocks, and CLERF.

A fundraiser is a charity golf tournament.

The club honors William Grosberg, District Governor, 1958-1959.

Norwalk Lions Club

Contributions went towards: Norwalk Hospital for equipment (\$25,000 pledge), Yale School of Medicine for an ocular camera (\$7,500 pledge), a portable hearing machine for the school system, an encyclopedia cassette for the library, and other causes.

A service project is helping at the glaucoma clinic every year. The clinic also includes hearing and diabetes testing.

Fundraisers were a food booth at the oyster festival, dinner books, antique fairs, and a volleyball volleython.

Old Greenwich Lions Club

Contributions to charity totaled \$85,000 over 11 years, 1972-1983.

Contributions went towards: scholarships, Greenwich Student Loan Fund, Boy Scouts, Greenwich High School Orchestra, YMCA Camp, YWCA Camp, Greenwich Youth Shelter, Camp Hemlocks, Old Greenwich-Riverside Community Center, Greats (golden age) program, Therapeutic Music Organization, Perrot Library (large print books), Hill House, District 23A hearing project, Darien Hearing Aid Center, Decibelles, the Greenwich Hospital Association, LCIF, CLERF, and other causes. The Hospital Association received a total of \$37,000 over eight years with \$10,000 in one of those years. The CLERF received \$6,500. Many other beneficiaries received large sums.

The service activity most satisfying to the Old Greenwich Lions was the Greats picnic which was given for three years, 1979-1981. A minimum of 300 senior citizens were served each year. The Lions did everything from funding, ordering the food, cooking and serving, and cleaning up.

Civic activities were sorting metal and glass at the recycling center, painting the Riverside Railroad Station, and decorating the Christmas tree in Binney Park.

Fundraisers included a blind seal mailing, raffles, sales of grapefruit and light bulbs, and pancake fries, among others. The largest sum for one fundraiser was \$3,300 from the blind seal mailing. The Old Greenwich Lions consider pancake fries as most enjoyable because they bring families of the community together with the Lions in happy circumstances.

Orange Lions Club

Contributions went towards: scholarships, youth athletics, large-print library books, Camp Hemlocks, LCIF, and CLERF.

Service activities were a senior citizen's luncheon, Easter egg hunts, and eye screenings.

Fundraisers were raffles, a tag sale, Atlantic City casino trips, a Las Vegas night, and gum-ball machines.

The Orange Lions honor their Past District Governor Tom Valerio, and Luke DeRosa for 25 years of dedicated service.

Oxford Lions Club

Contributions went towards: scholarships, eye projects, and CLERF.

A civic project was construction of a town skating pond.

Fundraisers were tag sales, raffles, auctions, direct mailings, and projects at a local fair.

The club honors Norman Husted, charter member, for his dedicated service.

Ridgefield Lions Club

The Ridgefield Lions contributed to worthy causes a total of approximately

\$142,000 over 11 years, 1972-1983.

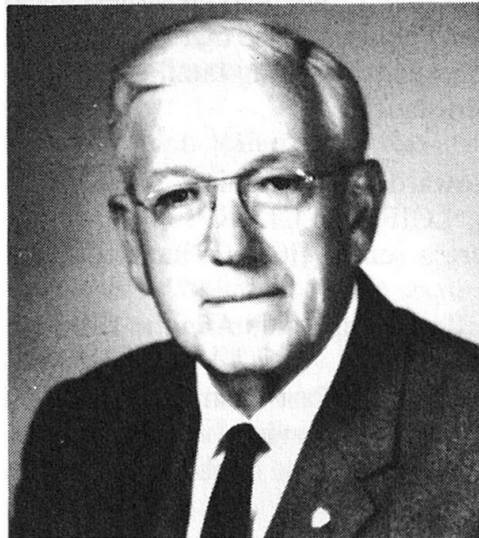
Contributions went towards: scholarships (total, \$23,326-at first \$500 per student per year until graduation, increased to \$700 in 1981, for a total of 51 scholarships to 16 individuals), eye examinations and eyeglasses, hearing and vision tests for students, Ridgefield Boys Club and other youth organizations and youth activities, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the High School Track Team, Christmas toys for the Southbury Training School, aid to the elderly, hospitals for building funds and to help with costs of expensive equipment, and for diagnosis and treatment of eye diseases. The club also supported other causes. The total for these contributions over the years was \$100,600.

A service project carried on since the beginning of the club in 1929 and up to 1983 was making up and delivering Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to the needy, varying from 26 to 46 baskets on each occasion. Other service projects included bus trips for school children to the Bronx Zoo and to the New York Museum of Natural History, glaucoma screening clinics, vision and hearing clinics, assistance to the District Nurse Association on Health Day, and sponsorship of Scout units and youth athletic organizations.

Civic projects accounting for \$17,200 of the total \$142,000, included putting up and taking down town Christmas lights, installing lights at the Cass Gilbert Fountain and also at the library, building a temporary skating rink, providing kickoff breakfasts for Boy Scout fund drives, and installing a large church-type bell of pre-Civil-War vintage in front of the Community Center.

Fundraising projects have been very successful. The annual antique car show netted anywhere from a low of \$2,287 in 1971 to a high of \$9,127 in 1980. A Cadillac raffle produced a low of \$4,576 in 1972 and a high of \$9,526 in 1975. Many other fundraisers produced varying amounts.

The Ridgefield Lions honor two of their members, their first president, Francis D. Martin, and Lion Amedeo Contessa.



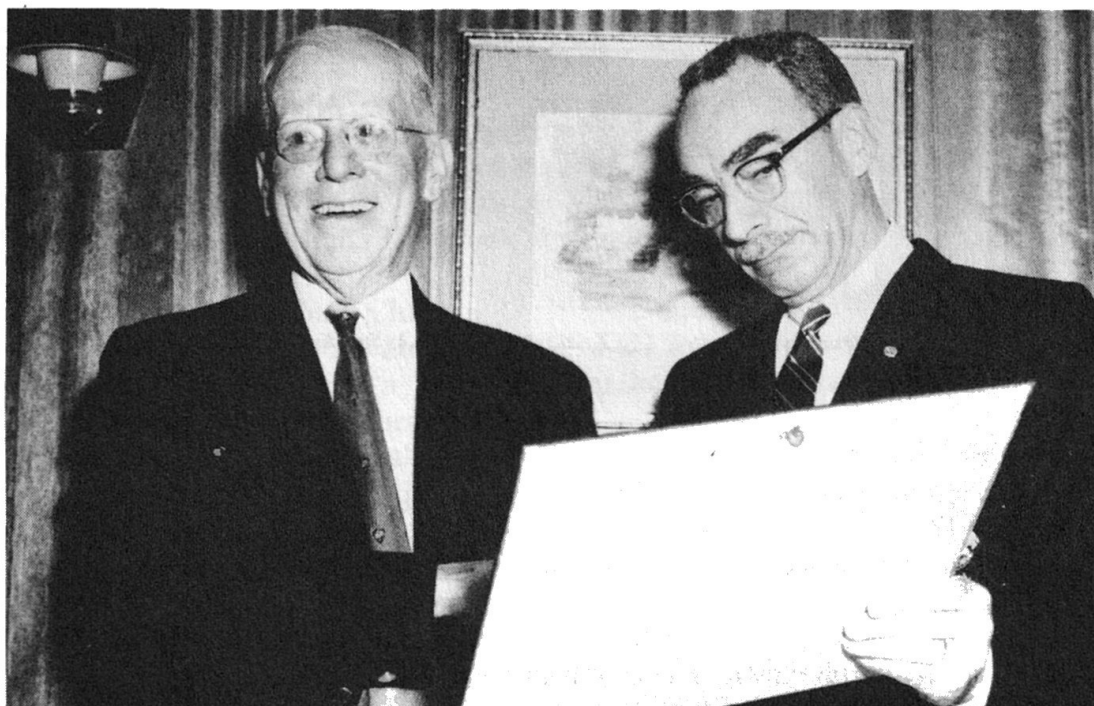
Francis D. Martin

*1st President
Lions Club of Ridgefield*

Francis Martin was born September 19, 1893 in West Park, New Jersey. He married Doris Godfre in 1916 and died September 14, 1982 at their country home in Ridgefield.

At age 17 he started Ridgefield's first jewelry and optical store. He was elected President of the First National Bank of Ridgefield in 1940. Investments in real estate accounted for much of his financial success. Martin was active in church and civic affairs. He served 35 years as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Jesse Lee Memorial Baptist Church, played a leading role in acquiring property for a new church, and donated the pipe organ. In civic affairs he was Scoutmaster for Ridgefield's first troop of Boy Scouts. He served 27 years on the town Board of Finances. He also served on three school building committees and on the Board of Managers and Trustees of Danbury Hospital. Martin's personal philanthropies included annual skating parties open to the public, the use of a gym on his property open to the public for special functions of local groups, development and donation of Great Pond (now Martin Park) for swimming, development of two Little League fields, donation of 18 acres to the Ridgefield YMCA, as well as considerable money and time, and large cash contributions to numerous local causes. The Ridgefield Lions Club conferred on Martin the name of Mr. Ridgefield in 1980 and gave him an honorary Life Membership in the Lions. He was involved in many club projects and initiated the giving of Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to the needy in 1929, the year the club was founded, and the project was chaired by Martin until 1976.

Another Lion deservedly honored by the Ridgefield Lions was Amedeo (Matty) Contessa. He was born August 12, 1909 in New York City. He married Marian Virginia Hallock of Ridgefield. He joined the Lions on August 1, 1946 and died at his home in Lebanon on January 20, 1981 where he had lived for 18 years, since 1963. He was always available to work for the Lions and to help others. He was responsible for installing showers for children in the park during a heat wave in 1952. Matty was active in the community. He was secretary of the Wadsworth Lewis Welfare and Emergency Committee and served with various social, charitable, and educational groups and agencies in Ridgefield.



On the left is Lion Charles Ashbee, the Ridgefield "town Santa Claus". On the right is Lion Amedeo (Matty) Contessa, a President of the Ridgefield Lions club.

Photo by Korker

Seymour Lions Club

Charitable contributions totaled over \$20,000, 1972-1983.

Contributions went towards: scholarships, eyeglasses, phonic ear tests for children, Camp Hemlocks, flags for the schools, senior citizen activities and the Senior Citizens Center, and CLERF, among other causes.

Service projects included Christmas gifts delivered to a convalescent hospital, Christmas parties at two senior housing complexes, a Christmas party for special education classes at Seymour schools, a 20-year project of making Halloween calls at homes and giving children a silver dollar and manning a refreshment stand for a Little League state tournament.

An annual civic project is participation in the town Christmas parade, the only one in Connecticut. In 1982, the Seymour Lions won first place with their float which they rode dressed as snowmen passing out candy to children watching the parade. For their next entry, 1984, they will have a train pulled by a tractor which they hope will win another first place. The Seymour Lioness Club helps with the Lions entries.

Fundraisers include antique car shows.

The Seymour Lions honor Ted Rogol and Toby Konowitz who both served long terms as treasurers.



Seymour Lions club 1982 installation. Seated, Ugo Zullo (outgoing Pres.); Standing, Bob Pilot (installing officer)

Southbury Lions Club

Contributions went towards: scholarships, Camp Hemlocks, fuel banks, and CLERF.

A service activity was sponsoring a halloween party at one of the elementary schools.

A continuing civic activity is operating the Southbury Lions Club ambulance. It is a free service for the town. The club is purchasing a new ambulance for the service.

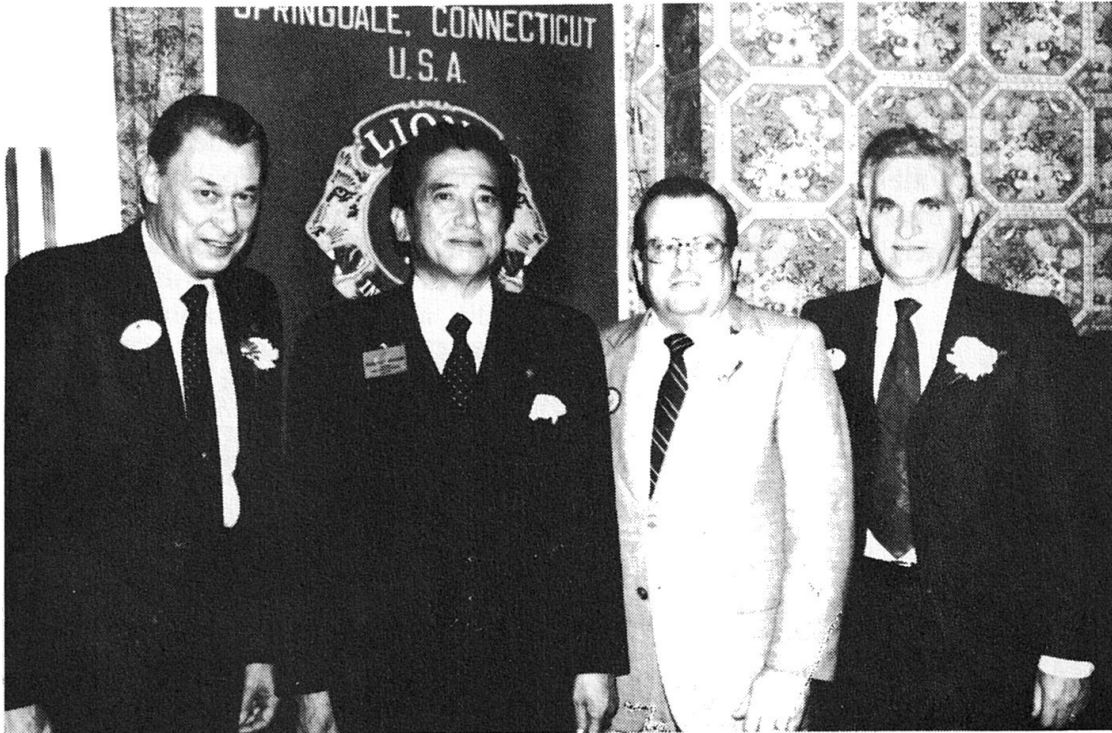
Fundraisers were: the Southbury Lions golf tournament, barbecues, ham and bean suppers, and fall sales of brooms and light bulbs.

Springdale Lions Club

Contributions went towards: CLERF, aid to the retarded, a rehabilitation center for the handicapped, referrals of individuals to the Lions Clinic at Yale New Haven hospital, and other charities.

Fundraisers were raffles, tag sales, and eye seals.

The club honors their Past President of Lions International, Joseph McLoughlin, and Past District Governor, Joseph Carlin.



Springdale's 40th anniversary. Left to right, PDG Otto Strobino, International President Karu Murkami, PDG James Mackey and Thomas Valerio P.D.C.

Stamford Lions Club

Contributions went towards: eye examinations and eyeglasses, Boys Club, youth sports activities, CLERF, and other charities.

Fundraisers were raffles, sponsoring a stage show, and sale of fruit cakes.

The club honors Bruno Giordano, unequaled as a fundraiser.

Stamford (North) Lions Club

Contributions went towards: CLERF, a TTY phone for the deaf in the Fire Department headquarters, a Tympanometer hearing-test machine to test school children and adults, and other charities.

A fundraiser is the annual grapefruit sale.

The club honors Fred E. Cronenwett, Charter President, who served as District Governor in 1962. Fred has over 33 years perfect attendance. The club also honors Lion Elmer Siladi. Lions Fred and Elmer are the only charter members still active.

Stratford Lions Club

Contributions went towards: scholarships, the service building in Roosevelt Forest, and other charities. The club is establishing a trust fund for scholarships, which will continue granting scholarships even should the club cease to exist. Disbursements will be from the interest from the fund.

Fundraisers were sponsoring the Red Coat Executive Band at the Shakespeare Theater and sponsoring bus trips to Atlantic City.

The club honors Benjamin "Bunny" Keiman. The club also honors their first President, Frank Mercer. He was owner of Mercer Fuel Company. The club's 15th president was Frank Hungerford, manager of the same fuel company. That must be some kind of record for a business's leadership involvement in Lionism.

Trumbull Lions Club

Contributions went towards: scholarships, eyeglasses, sponsoring a Boy Scout troop and a dinner for the troop, Camp Hemlocks, Oak Hill School for the Blind, Christmas baskets for the needy, LCIF, CLERF, and other causes.

Service activities were sports dinners for high school football and track teams.

Civic activities were building a fire pit in the park for outdoor cooking, adding a room on the library, and building a headquarters for the Emergency Medical Service. For the headquarters, the Trumbull Lions conducted a complete town solicitation by mail.



Emergency Medical Service building constructed by Lions themselves on land donated to the Lions by the town for this purpose. In the photo, left to right, Lions Peter Feola, Richard Dacing, James Collins, Les Benaard and Dr. Edwin Rogalewski.

Other fundraisers were sales of light bulbs and brooms, art auctions, raffles, flea markets and craft fairs, and annual antique automobile shows.

The Trumbull Lions honor their first President, James Carrano. They also honor Lion Tickey for his work with Camp Hemlocks and for his contributions to the club and to Lionism.

Waterbury Lions Club

The Waterbury Lions Club contributed approximately \$170,000 to worthy causes, 1972-1983.

Contributions went towards: eye examinations and eyeglasses, physical examinations for children, Christmas packages for children, Boy Scouts, Waterbury Girls Club, Girls Athletic Association, Children's milk fund, a 12-passenger bus

for the blind, a van for the retarded, LCIF, CLERF, and many other causes. The most important project is Camp Layton Rose, which will be discussed presently.

Service activities included Easter egg hunts, luncheons and entertainment for children, arranging classes and providing all materials for girls to learn sewing, cooking, and crafts for three years during the depression, building a cabin for the Boy Scouts, taking 2,000 children to football games, manning Salvation Army kettles, and assisting at glaucoma screenings.

Fundraisers have included concerts, raffles, bingo games, home shows, beerfests, antique-art shows, antique and classic automobile shows, annual golf tournaments, financial solicitations, and rodeos combined with car raffles.

On at least two occasions the Waterbury Lions took out bank loans to carry out service projects of sending children to summer camps.

The dedication of the Waterbury Lions to the welfare of children is rarely, if ever, equaled. The story is best told in the "History of the Waterbury Lions Club and the Lions Club Children's Health Foundation, Incorporated," written by Lion Merwin S. Bronson. It covers the period from the first special fund drive in 1934 up to the printing of the History in 1961.

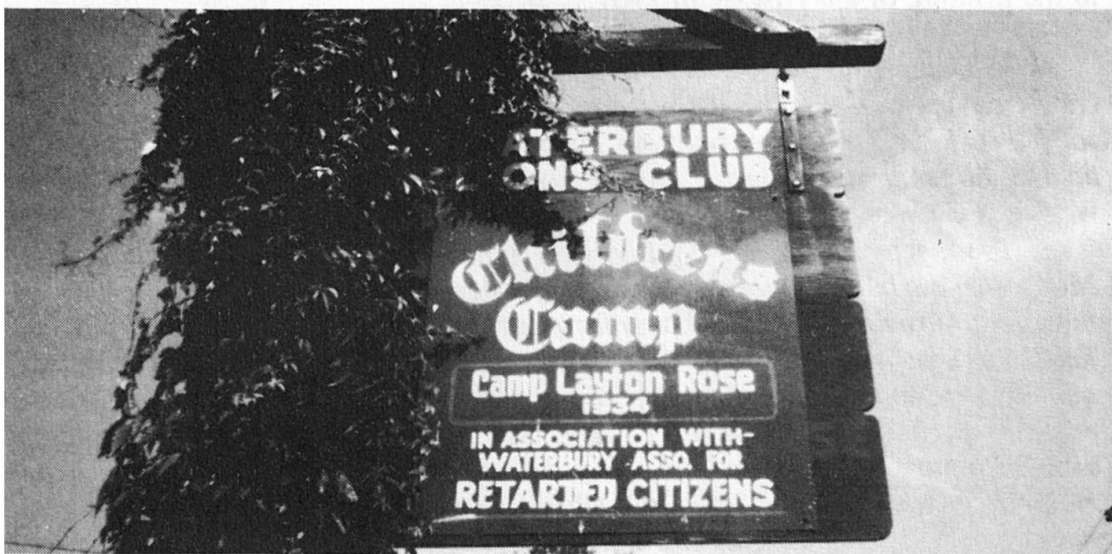
In 1934 the club put on its first drive to send crippled children to a summer camp. Letters to a mailing list were sent out with gratifying results. Many of the same people have sent contributions every year since the drive was initiated. For additional funds to support a summer camp, the club ran bingo games at the Women's Club.

In 1934, fifteen crippled children were sent to a summer camp at the home of Mrs. Shoening in the Minortown District of Woodbury. Although it was the desire of the club to provide a summer camp for crippled children primarily, the club soon found out that its facilities and personnel did not lend themselves to caring adequately for crippled children. Many of the cases coming to camp were children on crutches or children who could not get around at all. Since the camp could not provide for a nurse or other trained personnel needed for the proper care of crippled children, it was decided that in the future the camp would direct its activities to helping undernourished children, ages 8 to 12, from underprivileged homes.

In 1935, the farm of Oscar and Miss Alphon Johnson of Woodbury on Bethlehem Road was chosen as a more desirable location for a summer camp. There was a large farmhouse, a big barn for children to play in on rainy days, acres of open land for sports, and a beautiful brook for swimming. The club enclosed the porches on the house for additional sleeping quarters and for dining. Children were boarded for \$5.00 a week. The Torrington Lions Club joined us in sending some of their undernourished children to board. The camp spent three successful summers on the Johnson property. In the summer of 1937, we were advised by the Johnsons that they could no longer take care of our campers. As the club could not find another location, the boys were sent to the Boy Scout Camp for the summer and the girls to the Vacation House Day Camp at Lake Quassapaug.

In the spring of 1938 the club began looking for a permanent campsite. After combing Litchfield County, we were shown two campsites of The White Foundation. The club decided on the one on the south shore of Bantam Lake where the camp is now situated.

This property consisted of 34 acres of land classified on the town records as: 14 acres of woodland, 7½ acres swamp, 3 acres Grade C, 6 acres Grade B and 3½ acres Grade A with one large main house having seven bedrooms, dining room, living room and bath, kitchen and basements. The only water supply was a well in the



Three views of Camp Layton Rose

cellar under the kitchen. There were three cabins, a large clubhouse, and a barn.

By going to New York and meeting Mr. White and Mr. Van Winkle, President of The White Foundation, the club obtained a lease for five years as of October 1, 1938. The terms of the lease on this property were that the club pay the taxes and insurance and that any buildings on the property or any erected there would remain the property of The White Memorial Foundation. The White Foundation was founded by Mr. Alan White and his sister, Miss May White, in 1913. They had acquired more than five thousand acres in the State of Connecticut. Later they turned over much of this to the state for parks such as Macadonia Brook Park, Kent Falls, Mohawk Forest, and others. The father of Mr. White was successful in the real estate business in New York in early days. The White family was also in the hatting business in Danbury. White Street there is named for them. Mr. Alan White was a frequent visitor to our camp when he spent his summers in Litchfield. He died in 1951. Miss White died in 1941.

The club has been able to renew the lease at the same terms whenever it has expired. There is no doubt that we can stay here as long as we wish. It was decided to name this site Camp Rose after Layton A. Rose, our second president, who died in 1940. He was a devoted worker who did much to get the camp started.

The main house at Camp Rose was always in need of repairs and each season found one big repair job necessary such as a new roof, new windows, painting the building, etc. The verandas of the main house were screened and drop-awnings put up. Here is where many of the children slept for several summers.

Because the water supply was insufficient, a pipe was run to the lake and lake water was pumped to the camp. A chlorinator was used to purify the water. In 1941, an artesian well was drilled 215 feet, but it produced only 2½ gallons a minute. While this was not enough, the camp did get along with the lake water to help out.

The boys' dormitory was built in 1941 at a cost of \$1,526.00, and the girls' dormitory in 1948 at a cost of \$3,941.80.

On July 10, 1934, the Lions Club Children's Foundation of Waterbury, Connecticut, incorporated under the laws of the state. The purpose of the corporation was the improvement in the city of Waterbury and its environs of such personal and social conditions and institutions as affect children and youths.

On April 27, 1944, the State of Connecticut officially approved a change in the name of the corporation to the Lions Club Children's Health Foundation of Waterbury, Inc., with the idea that the purpose of the club was to provide boys and girls from the "least privileged" areas of Waterbury with a satisfying camp experience.

The funds of The Lions Club and the Health Foundation have always been kept separately. There were enough successful years on drives and bingo to build up a reserve fund for a future date. Money was put in savings banks and in United States Government bonds. Later, some was put in mutual funds. This proved a wise move for there were some very lean years when bingo games were either not possible or not profitable.

Several other ways of raising money were used, such as the raffle of an automobile. In the last few years a Home Show put on in the spring at the Armory has helped to keep a balance in the treasury so that the work of the camp could be carried on.

To a meeting at Camp Rose in July, 1959, were invited Mr. Arthur Ceder, Superintendent, and Mr. William Van Winkle, President, of The White Memorial Foundation. The Mattatuck Drum Corps was there to entertain the children. Mr. Van Winkle took a deep interest in the camp's program. He was shown the need for more accommodations and better cooking and dining facilities. He was given figures

as to the numbers and types of children being cared for. He showed concern for the improvements we deemed necessary to better care for children at Camp Rose.

The desired layout was to have one main building with a dining room, up-to-date kitchen, and quarters for the camp directors. Mr. Van Winkle asked us to have plans drawn for the size and type of building wanted. James Cameron, one of our members, with the help of some others, had these drawn up and submitted to Art Ceder and Mr. Van Winkle. In the fall of 1959 they agreed to furnish, at no cost to the camp, almost all the rough timber. The lumber to be used for the building was the trees now standing in the forest of The White Foundation, a forest of over 70 acres of white pine and hemlock. In the winter of 1959 they cut the lumber in their own mill and planned the boards which were to be used. They furnished the rafters, studding, floor joists, and all the rough timber needed.

In the spring of 1960 the building was erected. Many items were donated to the club such as all the brass pipe for the plumbing, the shingles for the roof, etc. The Sea Bees of Waterbury donated time in putting the studding rafters and roofing board. Much of the material that was needed was purchased at a much reduced cost through members of the club.

The building was completed in the spring of 1961 and dedicated on June 18, 1961. The financing of this building came in part from a fund started in 1956 when one of our most loved members passed on, Richard Birch, a devoted worker of the Club and especially for the camp. A Richard Birch Memorial Fund was started that year and Mrs. Marie Birch donated \$1,000.00. She continued each year to add to this fund, and it grew to \$6,219.88. This was used to finance the work and buy materials for the building. The Lions Club Health Foundation also shared part of this expense.

The new building was used by the children for the first time in 1961. Some of the better kitchen equipment in the old building was moved to the new one, and many new things were added. The old main house, as it was called, burned on September 30, 1961. The barn and one cottage were torn down leaving one main building, one boys' and one girls' dormitory, one cottage, and a clubhouse.

Arthur Ceder, Superintendent of The White Memorial Foundation shows great interest in Camp Rose. He visits the camp regularly when it is in operation during the summer months. Often he has sent his men to trim trees, to cut grass and to set out plantings around the buildings. All of this has saved the club a considerable amount of money. We owe much to Mr. Ceder's interest in Camp Rose.

Obtaining a capable director for the camp has often presented a problem. Lion Sydney Pearson and his wife agreed to direct the activities at the camp during its first year of operation when the club could not find an outside director. Directors were changed almost yearly until Miss Mary Dwyer, a registered nurse of Waterbury, was hired. Miss Dwyer did a great deal to improve conditions at the camp. She instituted health checkups for the children during their camp stay. She investigated the homes of the children that came to the camp to better determine the particular needs of these children. The club was sorry to lose Miss Dwyer when she decided to take on a full-time job as a factory nurse in Waterbury.

In 1946, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Purcell, known to all as Tom and Mary, were hired to run Camp Rose. Under their direction the camp has been run efficiently for fifteen years. Mary makes a home check of the children whose names have been submitted to her. She has charge of the children's health, the planning of meals, and the laundry. Tom picks out the counselors, buys the food, takes care of minor repairs, and does numerous odd jobs that ordinarily would require hiring outside help.

The children coming to Camp Rose have always been well-fed with more nourishing food than that available in their own home. Fresh milk is brought from Toll Gate Farms at prices furnished hotels. Fresh bread has always been delivered to the camp by Reymond Baking Company. Meat and canned foods are purchased from the Fulton Markets. Fresh vegetables are used as much as can be had in season. For several years the camp has been able to get free food from the Government Surplus Food Supplies, a great help on such items as butter, cheese, rice, flour, beans, cornmeal, and occasionally canned meat. As of October 1, 1961, the club has encamped 2,838 children and spent about \$143,200.00.

There have been numerous unusual cases at Camp Rose. Many children would not have survived the physical and emotional strains of childhood had they not had the benefits of the camp program. Only because of the time spent and the sincere interest vested in Camp Rose by members of the Waterbury Lions Club has the camp been able to provide such beneficial care and creative enjoyment to so many underprivileged children in the Waterbury area.

It is the sincere desire of the author that the underprivileged children of the Waterbury area can continue to benefit from the Camp Rose program for many years to come.

The author's desire for the continued success of Camp Rose has been satisfied in full measure. The camp, still the property of The White Memorial Foundation, is used by the Waterbury Lions Club Children's Health Foundation, Inc. under renewable five-year leases. The Waterbury Lions completed a \$25,000 staff building in 1976, spent \$2,000 for bunk beds in 1978, and dedicated a new \$10,000 arts and crafts building in 1979.

Camp cleanup days are regularly scheduled by the Lions who do the work. They also do much of the light maintenance. Materials for new construction and for maintenance are usually obtained at reduced prices. Some materials are supplied by Lions who are in retail or wholesale businesses.

Attendance at the camp is 150 children per year. From 1961 through 1983 the total was 3,450 children, or a grand total of 6,288, counting the 2,838 served up to 1961. This achievement would not have been possible without the continuing support of the Waterbury community and The White Foundation. It would not have happened at all without the dedication of the Waterbury Lions.

West Haven Lions Club

Contributions went towards: eyeglasses, Little League, and to state and Lions International projects.

Fundraisers were beerfests, raffles, road races, baseball trips, and a clown show.

Westport Lions Club

The Westport Lions Club contributed approximately \$6,800 to worthy causes, 1981-1983.

Contributions went to or for: Camp Hemlocks, recordings for the blind, Westport YMCA, other local needs, LCIF, and CLERF.

Fundraisers were car raffles and tour promotions.

Wolcott Lions Club

Contributions went towards: scholarships, flu shots for the elderly, and other local needs.

Civic projects were supporting the Wolcott Police Department and the Wolcott

Volunteer Ambulance Corps, and planting trees in the park.

Fundraisers were the Wolcott Lions Fair (see Chapter VII), and an annual pancake breakfast.

Woodbridge Lions Club

The Woodbridge Lions Club contributed approximately \$5,000 to worthy causes in three years, 1981-1983.

Contributions went towards: Camp Hemlocks, Camp Adaca, Girls State, fathers' baseball, the Red Cross, LCIF, and other local needs.

A service project was a Halloween party for children.

Civic projects are helping with Woodbury day activities.

Fundraisers were bake sales, light bulb and broom sales, and an auction.

Yalesville Lions Club

Contributions went towards: scholarships, the Red Cross bloodmobile, the library, and CLERF. Donations to CLERF are \$1,500 per year.

A fundraiser is the annual (for 17 years) Springtime Ball.