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

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An Evening To Benefit LCIF

The New England Lions Council has invited all New England Lions to the 5th Annual New England Lions Evening to Benefit LCIF on Saturday, February 24th from 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm at the Holiday Inn, Marlborough, MA. The cost of the event (including the banquet meal) is \$40 per person and is open to all Lions and guests.

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Holiday Inn, Marlborough, at 1-508-481-3000. Ask for The New England Lions Council group rate of \$89.00 per night plus tax (single/double occupancy) for Friday and/or Saturday. Due to a limited number of rooms at the group rate, please make your reservation as soon as possible if you plan on attending and staying overnight. The deadline is February 1,2007.

This event offers a unique, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for an individual to have a Melvin Jones Fellowship personally presented by this years's LCIF Chairman, Past International President Ashok Mehta. The individual presentations will be scheduled between 3 pm and 5:30 pm on Saturday, February 24th immediately prior to the cash bar reception and 7 pm banquet. Each recipient will receive a photograph of the presentation and a press release to use in the local newspaper.

Since the Danbury Club usually presents new Melvin Jones at our annual installation and awards banquet, we will not be making presentations at the event but we can still attend individually or as a group. If you are interested and want to attend the Benefit, please see the editor of the Jottings for a reservation form.

Lion Aneel Sarfraz of the Pakistan Lions sent us the article in the next column on our founder, Melvin Jones. Currently, there are 50 Melvin Jones Fellows in our club and we will be looking to add to that number in our Sight First II campaign.

I have included Sight First II information in this issue and as soon as we name a Chairman to head the fund raising efforts there will be more on the subject.

Melvin Jones - Founder of Lions Clubs International

Melvin Jones was born on January 13, 1879 in Fort Thomas, Arizona, the son of a United States Army captain who commanded a troop of scouts. Later, his father was transferred and the family moved east. As a young man, Melvin Jones made his home in Chicago, Illinois, became associated with an insurance firm and in 1913 formed his own agency.

He soon joined the Business Circle, a businessmen's luncheon group, and was shortly elected secretary. This group was one of many at that time devoted solely to promoting the financial interests of their membership. Because of their limited appeal, they were destined to disappear. Melvin Jones, however, had other plans. "What if these men," he asked, "who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities?" Thus, at his invitation, delegates from men's clubs met in Chicago to lay the groundwork for such an organization and on June 7, 1917, Lions Clubs International was born.

Melvin Jones eventually abandoned his insurance agency to devote himself full time to Lions at International Headquarters in Chicago. It was under his dynamic leadership that Lions Clubs earned the prestige necessary to attract civic-minded members.

The association's founder was also recognized as a leader outside the association. One of his greatest honors was in 1945 when he represented Lions Clubs International as a consultant in San Francisco, California, at the organization of the United Nations.

Melvin Jones, the man whose personal code "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else" became a guiding principle for public-spirited people the world over, died June 1, 1961 at 82 years of age.

Mark your calendar!! The partner in service luncheon is February 15th. Please invite the one you love to join us.

Golf Classic

It's time again for our Lions Club of Danbury Annual Golf Classic! This will be our 16th Classic! Due to popular demand, this year's tournament will again be held at The Club at River Oaks in Sherman, CT on Monday, May 7, 2007.

This tournament is our club's major fundraiser. We need to make this our best one yet! The goal this year is \$50,000. And we can do it! But we can only do it with the help and support of **every member** of our club. Your help is needed in any or all of the following ways:

- Become or Secure a Sponsor or Contributor
- Become or Secure a Tee Sign Sponsor
- Become a Player or Secure a Foursome in the Tournament
- Donate or Secure a Product or Service (*Used for gift bag enclosures or as raffle prizes for the Golf Classic*)
- Volunteer your time and energy the day of the Classic.

If you do not ask someone for their support, you do not give them the opportunity to say **"YES"**!

Please mail your response to:

Lions Club of Danbury Annual Golf Classic
Lions Club of Danbury, Inc.
P. O. Box 461
Danbury, CT 06813-0461

We need the support of **every member of our club** so that we can continue to help the people of our community. It is through your generous and unselfish support that we can continue to live and demonstrate the Lions Motto: **"WE SERVE"**.

If you have any questions, please contact me at: 203-788-4542 or kbeaver@didonaassociates.com.

And the Winner Is.....

The 2006 raffle officially came to an end at the January 11 meeting when the ticket purchased by Agnes Roberts of Fairfield was drawn. The winning ticket was sold by Ervie Hawley and congratulations go out to the both of them! This year the Club sold a total of 1,365 tickets which grossed \$27,500.00. After paying for the car and raffle expenses the Club was able to net \$6,334.68. While this was not as large a profit as we have made in the past it will still help us support the many worthy causes we donate to. Many thanks to all who turned in tickets and helped make this a successful raffle.

Now for a few statistics. This year's top sellers were Mike Michael with 80 tickets sold, Howie Schulz with 67 and John Hyatt with 61. Thirty Lions sold 20 or more tickets although 25 Lions turned in no tickets at all (remember, we know where you live...). Keeping with

tradition, 25% of the tickets sold were turned in the last two weeks of the raffle. I'm still convinced this is just the Club's way of testing the incoming President to see if they will stick around!

Preliminary planning has already started for next year's raffle/fund raising activities and your suggestions are welcome. We have always held a raffle with some more successful than others but discussions have taken place about possibly doing a different type of event. We are interested in any thoughts or suggestions you may have for future fund raising events and know that with everyone's input and effort we can continue to serve our community as we always have.
Keith Beaver, 1st VP

Campaign SightFirst II Lions' Vision for All

Campaign SightFirst II is the Lions' global initiative to raise a minimum of \$150 million to continue and expand SightFirst programs. Since 1990, SightFirst has prevented or restored vision for 24 million people, but the funding for these highly successful programs is nearly depleted. Through Campaign SightFirst II (CSFII), Lions seek to fund programs that will combat the existing and new threats to sight.

Lions Clubs around the world are being asked to once again challenge themselves to set a goal at the highest possible level. Our **Danbury Board of Directors** has made the commitment to participate in fund raising for CSFII in 2007-2008. They have also concurred with International's guidelines that a Club of our size (over 100 members) and with the number of Melvin Jones members we already have that a challenge goal of **\$50,000** is within our reach. We have already secured Board of Director pledges in the amount of \$8,000! We're on our way to our Club goal even before our pledge year begins! What a great start!

Why Should I be Proud to Participate in Campaign SightFirst II?

1. Many groups are working to solve the problems of blindness and low vision, but we as Lions, the largest service organization in the world and the worldwide leader in the fight against blindness, have a special responsibility.
2. For CSFII to be successful, the participation of all Lions is essential. By our commitment to participate and achieve at the highest possible level, we can and will make the difference in the success of CSFII.
3. Through CSFII, Lions can continue to advance the SightFirst program and alleviate preventable blindness in many parts of the world. Over the last 15 years, Lions' SightFirst program has provided \$185 million in grants, benefited 80 countries, funded 4.6 million cataract surgeries

and 65 million treatments for river blindness, built or expanded 258 eye hospitals, upgraded 300 eye care centers and educated 68,000 health workers – CSFII will enable Lions to continue their global leadership in the fight against blindness

How Will Funds be Raised?

1. Lions' personal gifts and or pledges.
2. Personal gifts and or pledges from Non-Lions
3. Club fund-raising events and activities
4. Matching or outright gifts and/or pledges from the Club treasury.

Ideally, and what is recommended, is that we use all Four parts of this "Comprehensive Method". Clubs are Encouraged to use the methods of fund raising that Have been successful for us in the past, but with an Added sense of urgency and enthusiasm due to the Magnitude and importance of SCFII.

Pledges are emphasized because they allow donors to consider giving more than is possible through "one-time gifts". Pledges are a commitment or promise, not a legally binding contract. Each donor will be given the opportunity to make a pledge to CFSII. Pledges are payable over a three- to five- year period. Statements will be mailed from LCIF to donors, you hopefully, on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis according to the donor's wish.

SightFirst Accomplishments

Expectations of Sight-First in July 1991	Accomplishments of SightFirst Since 1991
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve eye care for 75 million people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved eye care for more than 100 million people
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent vision loss or restore vision in 8.7 million people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevented vision loss and restored vision in 24 million people
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create more than 150 eye-care clinics worldwide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created more than 250 eye-care clinics worldwide
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train more than 2,500 health-care professionals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trained nearly 68,000 health-care professionals

Just for kicks! Because there is nothing else!

Did I read that sign right?
TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

In a Laundromat:
AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

In a London department store:
BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

In an office:
WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN

In an office:
AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD

Outside a secondhand shop:
WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

Notice in health food shop window:
CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

Spotted in a safari park:
ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR

Seen during a conference:
FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR

Notice in a farmer's field:
THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

Message on a leaflet:
IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS

On a repair shop door:
WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK)

Thank you PP Lyn Meyers for this timely piece of information.

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The Golf Committee has been busy getting ready for this year's Annual Golf Classic and our first PR mailing will be going out shortly. This year's Committee consists of Keith Beaver, Joan Bielizna, Gerry Hofmann, Lyn Meyers, Frank Molinaro and Val White. This hard working crew has been meeting monthly since September in order to put together another great tournament. This year's Classic will be held on Monday May 7 at the Club at River Oaks. Several prizes have already been secured including a car for a hole in one and 2 sets of four pre-season tickets for the New York Giants. We will also be adding the Jet Blue Challenge to our tournament for added fun and prizes! We are already looking for volunteers for the event and remember, it's not too early to help out. Stay tuned for more info and get ready to have a great time once again. (See related story on page 2)

New Member

Please welcome Stephen Tullino to our Pride of Lions. Steve was introduced to the Club by Lion Harold Mike Michael and inducted at the January 18th luncheon meeting. Lion Stephen operates a restaurant supply business on Lake Avenue in Danbury. Please introduce yourself to new Lion Steve at the next luncheon meeting.

Future Speakers and Calendar of Events

Jan.	18 th	James W. Schmotter of WESCON
Jan.	25 th	Annie Orr, Dorothy Day Center
Feb.	1 st	Chief Alan Baker, DPD
Feb.	2,3,4 th	Mid-Winter Conference, Farmington
Feb.	15 th	Partners in Service Luncheon
Feb.	15 th	Michael Malone, American Red Cross
Feb.	22 nd	Tim Salem, DHS
Feb.	24 th	Evening to Benefit LCIF
Mar.	1 st	Mayor Mark Boughton
Mar.	8 th	Nancy Sudik, Danbury Music Ctr
Mar.	15 th	Steven Famiglietti, Blind Services
Mar.	29 th	Adam E. Goichman, Am. Portfolios
May	3 rd	Michael Malone, Danb. Wester/
May	7 th	Golf Tournament at River Oaks
May	18 th -21 st	State Convention, Hyannis, MA
July	2 nd -6 th	International Convention, Chicago, IL

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