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Dear fellow District 45 members,

It was sad news that Lions of the world received on December 18th when word of the passing of our International 1st Vice President Haynes Townsend. More details of this major loss and the leadership at the International level will be forthcoming.

It was also sad news to hear of the passing of Lion Stanley Bizon, father of PDG Tom Bizon and Pittsford Lions Club President Donna Bizon on December 2nd.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Townsend and Bizon families, but also to all of our Lions families who have lost someone this past year.

I would also like to wish Lion Leslie Walz, wife of PDG Tommy Walz, a speedy recovery from her surgery, 'get well soon' wishes to PDG's Clem Cardinal, Mel Coburn and Nick Monte but all of our Lions and their family members who are recovering from their illnesses.

Elsewhere in this communique there is information in regards to a proposed increase in the dues for Lions Club International, to be voted on at the 2020 International Convention to be effective July 1st, 2020.

The first half of the 2019 – 2020 Lions year is over. It has been a fantastic six months. For the holiday season, there were many holiday parties, Xmas tree sales but more importantly there was many projects being done for our local communities, from the 1060 individuals who were served in the Deerfield Valley by the Whitingham Halifax Lion Club and the Readsboro Lion Club, to the 150 Meals on Wheels recipients in Colchester, Essex Jct., Jericho, Underhill and Williston, to the children of Orleans County who participated in events in Derby and Orleans with much, much more that was done by all of the clubs in District 45.

AND we have one more major project I am hoping you all will help with. We will be preparing 20,000 meals at the January 11th cabinet meeting in Barre. Hope you will join us.

Per the reporting done on MyLCI, we have served 30,878 via 236 service activities in 4,578 hours. Per each member in the district, we have served 28 individuals. I would like to say 'thank you' for the secretaries who have been able to do reporting. For those secretaries who have not, please let me know what you need to start reporting.

In regard to membership, we are down 4 for the year – 1042 members. I know many of the club are working diligently in bringing in new members. Of the 32 clubs in the District, 16 have brought in a least one new member, 16 clubs have not. I challenge those clubs to see what they can do to bring in at least one new member. For the recent Lions quarter, I would like to say ‘welcome’ to the following new members of our ‘family’:

Arlington Lions Club: Rona Carr
Brandon Forest Dale Lions Club: Walter Salzman, Benjamin Wimett
Essex Jct. Lions Club: Becca Fox, Sabrina Hardy, Andrew Perry
Granville Lions Club: Jeffrey Lamphear Sr, Paul Leonard, Rene Leonard
Norshaft Lions Club: Patricia Dziadul, Mary Gras, Ryan Kincaid, Daniel Rice
Norwich Lions Club: Fred Tucker
Troy and Area Lions Club: Colleen Mayhew
Valley Lions Club: Raymond Lapollo
Whitingham Halifax Lions Club: Mary McCarthy, Alisa Thompson, Keith Thompson
Williston Lions Club: Pamela Dartt

Just a ‘heads up’ on some important dates coming up:

January 13, 2020 – Melvin Jones Birthday
January 13 – 17, 2020 – LCIF Week

The following is my schedule for the month of January (all subject to change):

January 3 – 5 – NELC Winter Conference – Norwich CT
January 6 – DG Visit - Middlebury
January 7 – DG Visit - NorShaft
January 8 – DG Visit - Manchester
January 11 – Cabinet Meeting – Barre
January 11 – 20,000 meals project - Barre
January 14 – DG Visit – Swanton – Missisquoi Valley
January 15 – DG Visit - Enosburg
January 20 – DG Visit – Castleton
January 21 – DG Visit – Springfield
January 27 – DG Visit – Jericho-Underhill

One last note, I want to update you on some leadership changes at the District and Club Level: Brattleboro Area Lions Club, PCT Brenda Seitz is now the President, Manchester Lions Club, Lion Rebecca Nawrath is now the Secretary. At the District Level, I am assuming the GLT Coordinator position due to PDG Joe Wilson decision to resign from such role.

Until next month, take care. Hope to see you on the ‘Lions trail’!!!!

In Lionism, DG Ken



District 45 Calendar and Events

01/03 –01/05/2020	NELC Meeting, Norwich, CT
01/08/2020	Traveling Lion, American Legion in Vergennes
01/11/2020	3rd Cabinet Meeting – Canadian Club, Barre, VT
01/13/2020	Melvin Jones Birthday
01/15/2020	International Childhood Cancer Day
02/08/2020	Valentine’s Dinner/Dance , Heartland Lions, Fireside Inn & Suites, West Lebanon, NH
03/07/2020	Lions Day , at the United Nations, New York, New York
	Don't see your club's activity listed? Email it to the Communique!
On going	Please see other DG Calendar items for year in the edition



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Zone 2C -

YOUR CLUBS, YOUR ZONE

Zone: C

Club: Norshaff

Service Area: Shaftsbury • North Bennington

1. Date Chartered: 1953
2. Current President: Wendy Chenaille 6:45 PM
3. Meeting Location(s): 1st Tues every month, Mt Anthony Country Club
4. Signature Activities – Service (no more than 3): Easter Egg Hunt
FOOD FROM THE HEART, GARLIC FEST BREAKFAST
5. Signature Activities – Fundraising (no more than 3): OKtoberfest
CASH BASH, HOLIDAY TREE SALES
6. Oldest member – by service (who and how many years): Charles Cole 51 yrs
7. Oldest member – by age (who and age – optional): Charles Cole
8. Youngest member – by service (who and how many years):
Ryan Kincaid
9. Youngest member – by age (who and how many years): Allyson Yanniotti 2 years
10. One goal for rest of 2019 – 2020 Lions Year: Strategic Planning
(where will we be in 5 years?)
11. Other notable information:



Zone 4 – Lion Mark Hanna reported activity from Readsboro Lions

They did this event *on the same day* they picked up truckloads of groceries from the Whitingham-Halifax Lions – to be delivered to those in need in Readsboro. ...So they accomplished TWO BIG events all in one day!

This annual Christmas Party for seniors from Readsboro, and neighboring towns of Rowe, MA and Monroe Bridge, MA has been one of the club functions since 1979.





Club News

Whitingham-Halifax Lions –

Holiday Food Baskets Chair and Lion Jen Betit-Engel shows off loaded grocery bags that fill the Old School gym – after a Friday evening bag-packing event by a wide variety of community volunteers.



Orleans Lions

The Orleans Lions Club will be holding our annual Orleans Lions Club area primary school girls' and boys' basketball year-end tournaments at LRUHS with 'Food Drive' for local Food Shelves on Saturday and Sunday the 1st and 2nd of February. Great exposure for our Club and Lionism.



Whitingham-Halifax Lions – Three local service organizations – including two Lions clubs – joined forces to fight food insecurity, a problem which affects one in seven Vermonters.

On Dec. 14, the Whitingham-Halifax Lions (who serve the Deerfield Valley) joined by Readsboro Lions Club and the Rotary Club of the Deerfield Valley, plus other local volunteers, delivered several tons of food to local families in need.

This year's Holiday Baskets & Cheer program reached a total of 1,060 people (up 6%) from nearly 300 families in Southern Vermont, from Halifax to Wardsboro and Searsburg to Dover, who were given bags of food or a poinsettia. (Poinsettias are given as "cheer" for those who aren't at risk of food insecurity.)

An elderly single may receive three full grocery bags. Single moms and larger families can receive over a hundred pounds of groceries, and those who are a "high need," much more! The idea, says Lions club president Mark Hanna, is to fill cupboards during a difficult time of year for many – taking care of our neighbors in need.

Bags were packed at the Old School Community Center's gymnasium in Wilmington, the largest room in the Deerfield Valley, the only place big enough, and the effort takes up the entire floor. To start the Friday packing session, pallets of food line all four walls of the gym. Volunteers gather to distribute these to reusable grocery bags that cover the gym floor – it's a true community effort.

Most of the funding for this massive effort comes from the Hungry Lion Bike Tour, Southern Vermont's premier cycling event, held the last Saturday of September. (For information: www.hungrylionbiketour.com.)

Events like Holiday Baskets & Cheer and the Hungry Lion Bike Tour have helped catapult club growth. In large part due to enthusiasm generated by programs such as these, the Whitingham-Halifax Lions have grown from 23 to 56 members in under two years.

Food insecurity is one of the five service projects targeted worldwide by Lions Clubs International.

Additional Data from the Holiday Grocery Program 2019

Total number of families who received food = 203 (LAST YEAR 197)

Total large (4+) families= 87 (LAST YEAR 74)

Total 2+ families (excluding 4+ families) = 63 (LAST YEAR 72)

Total singles= 53 (LAST YEAR 50)

Total number of people who received food= 630 (adults= 363, children= 267) (LAST YEAR 580; 359 adults and 221 children)

Total number of poinsettias delivered= 85 (LAST YEAR 64)

Total adults/children who received flowers= 430 (LAST YEAR 419)

Each year families are taken off the list for various reasons and families are added for various reasons, this year we had 78 new families on our list.

TOTAL SERVED THIS YEAR: 1060 people (last year 999)

Essex Junction Lions at the Annual Train Hop

The Essex Jct. Lions conducted a vision screening of 58 individuals with four referrals, handed out glow sticks, information booth coverage and were stationed at area businesses greeting customers as everyone enjoyed music, food and the Christmas tree lighting.



Meals on Wheels Holiday Gift Bags 150 of them.....

A long-standing tradition of filling 150 Holiday bags with homemade cookies, candy, fruit and Christmas ornaments by the Lions of Colchester, Essex Junction and Jericho-Underhill gathered on Monday, Dec 16th, afternoon to put together holiday treat bags for 150 Meals on Wheels recipients for the Colchester, Essex Jct, Jericho, Underhill, Williston area.



Essex Jct. Lions PDG Betsy and Steve Jurnak ringing the bell at Big Lots in Essex Jct.



Colchester Lions Tree Sales



DG Ken & family at Colchester Lions Christmas tree sales.

Essex Jct. Lion Doris Maynard having fun at the Colchester Lions tree sales



Recycled eyeglasses

We are on our way to another record breaking year!

Please remember to put names of clubs on EACH BOX, as the boxes get moved around. NO plastic baggies what so ever in any box.

At the Cabinet meeting please sign the roster with name of club and eyeglass count. Or better yet email me the count at babustan@yahoo.com

ESSEX 3720

NORSHAFT 277

TROY AREA 93

SWANTON MISSISSQUOI 103

SPRINGFIELD 753

HEARTLAND 241

ENOSBURG 316

RICHFORD 342

BARRE 1364 (LENS 1053)

NORWICH 309

GEORGIA 400 +

BRANDON /FOREST DALE 11

CASTLETON 80

COLCHESTER 2883 LENS 252

WILLISTON 465

IF YOU DON'T SEE YOUR CLUB LISTED OR THE COUNT NEEDS TO BE ADJUSTED, PLEASE EMAIL ME AT BABUSTAN@YAHOO.COM OR CALL ME AT 802 3182401





District 45 Lions Clubs



REMINDER TO ALL THOSE WHO BOUGHT TICKETS

To all Lions Clubs and individual Lions who purchased tickets to the LCIF Super Raffle.
For each ticket that a club or individual Lion purchased, they may make a nomination for a Melvin Jones Fellow.
Nominations may be a Lion of their own club,
a Lion from another club OR
an individual (non-Lion) from their local community.

Nominations (must be in writing – emails acceptable) to a member of the LCIF Super Raffle Committee:
PID Tom Broughton, PDG Betsy MaGee, PDG Merry Souza,
PDG Tommy Walz, DG Ken Emery, Lion Carmelita Belisle

DEADLINE: January 31, 2020

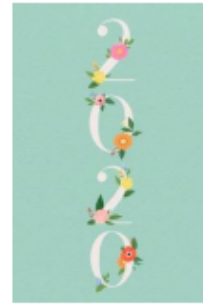
Capture the District Traveling Lion in Vergennes



The Traveling Lion will be available on Wednesday, January 8, at 6:30 at the American Legion in Vergennes. The meal is \$17 per person. Numbers traveling must give advanced notice no later than Sunday, January 5, by calling PDG Larry Simino at 802-759-2448 or email lcsimino@gmavt.net. Please remember, if your club is outside Zone 2AB, you will earn double travel points (miles x number traveling). Let's get the Lion moving around the district.



*Just wanted to wish all happy holidays. Hope today was as well as can be expected.
And hope you have a great start to the new year. Hope to see all in Barre on January 11th! ~ DG Ken*



Greetings!

Well, 2019 is at an end and a new year is but a few days away. It's been an exciting year for District 45 and the Vision Screening program. We have new clubs beginning to get their feet wet while other more seasoned clubs continue to show how Lions care for their children, neighbors, and friends. Though the numbers are down a bit from last year, more schools are being serviced by our Visioneers and children who have never been screened before are getting their eyes tested and treated, when needed for the first time. That is something to be excited about.

I have included in this report the names of the schools we have screened in the past 6 months. Most school nurses are receptive to this kind of screening. Though we are still dealing with some reluctant school nurses who are not having all students screened, I'm confident it is just a matter of time before this issue will be resolved.

Please take a look at this list and if you don't see a school in your area please consider contacting them to see if they would be interested in having their students screened. If your club doesn't screen and you want to make sure that school has access to this service, again, please contact me and we can discuss the options available. If your club isn't screening and you would like more information about how to go about getting started, my contact information is below.

I wish to say thank you to every single Lion of District 45 for their support and time given to this most important program. We've made it possible for parents to start caring for their children's sight early. We've made it possible for school children to excel because they can see the blackboard clearly for the first time. The work Lions do is so important. You are important.

...and with that, I wish you all a safe and wonderful New Year.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Deb Savery

District 45 Vision Screening Coordinator

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2019-2020 VISION SCREENINGS BY SCHOOLS



School Name # schools # student # refer # adult # ref

CASTLETON

26

Wells		65	6	7	1
Proctor ES		139	13	2	0
West Rutland		158	17	8	2
Middletown Springs		41	5	6	1
Mettawee		53	0	0	0
MEMS		244	21	0	0
RPCC		16	3	1	0
Northeaster		187	22	1	0
Orwell Early Ed		14	2	1	0
Pier Point, Meadow St.		62	10	2	0
Discovery Head Start					
Wallingford ES		89	8	0	0
Tinmouth ES		34	6	0	0
Clarendon ES		92	12	0	0
Shrewsbury ES		34	3	0	0
Pier Point, Meadow St.		9	0	0	0
Discovery Head Start					
Mill River High School		159	12	0	0
PCCB		22	2	0	0
Fair Haven ES		77	9	2	0
Rutland HS		165	14	0	0
Northwest ES		194	24	6	1
Rutland IMS & MS		299	32	8	2
Rutland IMS & MS		59	14	2	0
Castleton ES		103	6	0	0
Castleton ES		12	0	0	0
Benson ES		29	3	0	0
Fair Haven ES		19	4	0	0
Totals:		2375	248	46	7

ESSEX JUNCTION

2

Essex Junction Rec and Parks		<u>31</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
Annual Train Hop		<u>58</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals:		89	4	3	1

SPRINGFIELD

32

GMUHS		162	25	1	0
Bellows Falls Elem.		164	21	0	0
Windsor Middle School		158	19	1	0
Elm Hill Elementary		91	13	0	0
Elm Hill Elementary		7	0	1	0
Killington Elementary		100	3	0	0
Reading Elementary		30	1	0	0
Ludlow Elementary		56	5	0	0
Mt. Holly Elementary		60	4	0	0
Black River HS		47	4	1	0
Grafton Elementary		48	5	0	0
Saxtons River Elementary		68	11	0	0
Weathersfield Elementary		225	14	2	1
Bellows Falls Middle School		156	14	2	1
Cavendish Elementary		61	5	3	1
Westminster Elementary		166	14	4	1
Bellows Falls HS		99	13	7	1

Hartland Elementary	258	21	4	1
Bethel Central	258	21	4	1
Kurn Hattin Homes	64	10	3	2
Chelsea Chase School	7	0	0	0
Stepping Stones	17	1	0	0
Springfield Learning Garden	14	3	0	0
Squeaky Sneakers	20	2	0	0
Chelsea Chase School	3	0	0	0
Susy's Springfield Day Care	24	1	0	0
World of Discovery	17	2	0	0
Playworks	22	3	1	0
Saxtons River Elementary	14	3	0	0
Suzy's Ascutney	27	1	9	2
Putney Elementary	60	14	0	0
Bellows Falls MS	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals:	2506	254	<u>43</u>	11

TRI-MOUNTAIN

7

Floodbrook Elem	273	12	5	0
Townsend Elem	88	0	0	0
Wardsboro	34	4	0	0
Jamaica Elem	28	0	0	0
Windham	19	0	0	0
S. Londonderry Montessori	11	0	2	0
Winhall Mountain School	<u>69</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>
Totals:	522	20	14	4

Colchester

4

St. Francis School	195	7	0	0
South Burlington High School	408	33	0	0
Milton High School	320	35	0	0
Orchard School	<u>201</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals:	1124	99	0	0

Middlebury

37

Mommy & Me	4	0		0
Evergreen Group 1	21	1	0	0
CVCS	36	5	0	0
Evergreen Group 2	8	1	0	0
Bridport	67	9	0	0
Shoreham	97	17	0	0
Weybridge	58	7	0	0
Bristol	271	31	0	0
Vergennes Elementary	244	33	0	0
Ripton	54	13	0	0
MUHS 9TH	150	10	0	0
Monkton	78	2	0	0
MUHS 12th	81	17	0	0
Discovery Hill	18	4	0	0
Sailsbury	79	7	0	0
Cornwall	88	8	0	0
Mt Abe HS	283	39	0	0
Mary Hogan Elementary	257	28	0	0
Discovery Hill Daycare	14	2	0	0
Beeman Elementary	41	7	0	0
Lincoln Elementary	39	7	0	0
EJ's Kids Klub	32	1	0	0
Mary Johnson Daycare	35	2	0	0
Shelburne Day 1	344	52	0	0

Shelburne Day 2	387	58	0	0
Vergennes High School	160	16	0	0
MUMS	175	22	0	0
Hinesburg	538	74	0	0
Lincoln	18	3	0	0
Robinson Elem. (Starksboro)	73	4	0	0
Allen Brook School	407	48	0	0
Ferrisburgh Elementary	137	13	0	0
Addison Elementary	68	9	0	0
Salisbury, Ripton, Ferrisberg Pre-K	38	7	0	0
Charlotte Central	208	15	0	0
Williston Central	332	39	0	0
Robinson Elem. (Starksboro)	<u>62</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals:	5002	623	0	0

Windsor

1

Windsor Middle/HS	<u>250</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals:	250	28	0	0

Heartland

1

Bethel Central	<u>258</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals:	258	21	4	1

Enosburg

6

Fairfield Elementary	224	24	0	0
Enosburg Elementary	212	26	0	0
Enosburg Elementary	35	3	0	0
Sheldon Elementary	251	23	0	0
Enosburg E Falls HS	400	26	0	0
Bakersfield Elementary	<u>120</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals:	1242	113	0	0

Troy

5

Lowell Elementary	74	12	0	0
Troy Elementary	59	3	0	0
Jay-Westfield Elementary	53	2	0	0
Newport Town Elementary	45	2	0	0
Waterford Elementary	<u>90</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals:	321	21	0	0

Barre

15

Connecting Hope	27	7	12	2
Fayston Elementary	59	7	0	0
Websterville	48	6	2	1
Orchard Valley	47	2	0	0
BTMES	278	23	1	0
BTMES	278	36	0	0
E. Mont. Elementary	212	11	0	0
Union Elementary	261	28	2	1
Rumney School	128	9	7	1
Moretown Elementary	141	11	0	0
Montessori	82	3	0	0
Daybreak Day	6	0	0	0
Choice Academy	34	10	5	0
Doty Elementary	72	7	0	0
Northfield M/HS	<u>96</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals:	1769	173	30	5



Cabinet Meeting Agenda
1:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.***
(subject to change)

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- Meeting called to order – DG Ken Emery
 - Roll call of clubs – CT Dianne Brochu
 - Minutes of November Cabinet meeting – CT Dianne Brochu
 - Financial Report – CT Dianne Brochu
 - Honorary Committee - PDG Walter Hastings
 - Vermont Lions Charities – PDG Stand Patch, Jr. - President
 - Zone 4 Report – Lions Rick Theken and Patricia Johnston-McWilliams
 - Green Mountain Lions Camp – GMLC Tri-Chairs
 - ASL training / workshop – Lions Gia / Mike Vadnais
 - Lions Twin State Soccer – to be determined
 - Sight and Hearing report – Lion Randy Bigelow
 - Tail Twister Moment – PDG Walter Hastings
 - Zones 3A and 3BC Report – Lions Ron Bingham and Mark Hanna
 - Recycling – Eyeglasses and Hearing Aid – Lions Beth Abunstan and Gia Vadnais
 - Braille information – Lion Beth Abunstan
 - Zones 1A and 1B Report – Lions Claude Coulombe and Kendal Holden
 - Vision Camera / Screening – to be determined
 - Global Service Coordinator Report – Lion Molly Celani
 - Food from the Heart Activities – Lion Molly Celani
 - Speak Out Contest – Lions Kathy Dorman and Connie St. George
 - Zone 2AB and 2C Report – Lions Matt Gras and Connie St. George
 - LCIF / Campaign 100 – PID Tom Broughton – PDG Merry Souza
 - 2020 Spring Convention Update – to be determined
 - Vice District Governor Report – VDG Pam Nichols
 - Old Business
 - New Business
 - Fund Raising – PCT Loreen Teer
 - Announcements
 - Lions Roar
 - Closing Remarks
 - Adjournment

*** All reports are to be no more than 3 minutes long with the exception of Vermont Lions Charities which is allowed 15 minutes to conduct its meeting / elections and the ASL training / workshop which is allowed 10 minutes ***



District Governor Ken would like to invite all Cabinet Officers, Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership Chairs, Past District Governors, Lions, Spouses and Guests to the 3rd Cabinet Meeting of the 2019 – 2020 Lions Year.

Saturday, January 11, 2020

Canadian Club of Central Vermont, 414 East Montpelier Road, Barre VT 05641

Schedule of Events (subject to change)

- 8:30 a.m. - Registration
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Set up Meal Packaging project
- 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (end of lunch) Fundraising: Silent Auction (items welcomed), 200 Club, 50 / 50, Collection of items for Central Vermont Humane Society
- 9:00 a.m. – noon: PCST Bruce Savery : Pin trader – collection of pins
- 9:00 a.m. – Noon: 20,000 meals prepackaging program (non-lions welcomed and treated to lunch!!!)
- 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.: Honorary Meeting
- 10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.: Vermont Lions Charities
- 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.: Green Mountain Lions Camp, How to plan a Speakout Contest
- 11:10 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.: New Member Orientation, Food from the Heart Food Drive planning
- Noon – 1:00 p.m.: Lunch with Guest speaker – Vermont Foodbank
- 1:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Cabinet Meeting



Driven to Serve

Vermont Lions District 45

2019 - 2020



Invitation to ALL Lions of District 45
You are cordially welcome to attend
Cabinet Meeting # 3 – 2019 - 2020

Saturday, January 11th, 2019: Time: 9:00 a.m – 3:15 p.m.

Location: Canadian Club

414 East Montpelier Road, Barre, Vermont

Invitation to all Lions of District 45, ALL are cordially welcome to attend

Schedule (see schedule of events):

Registration costs: \$14 per person

(new members within last 12 months free – see notation below)

Reservations deadline: January 5, 2020

(\$18 after 1/5/2020 deadline)

***** non-lions who help with meal project will be given free meal *****

Lion: _____

Non-Lion: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (Home / Cell) _____

Club: _____

Club Position: _____

District Position: _____

Any Special Dietary Needs: _____

(tentative menu: soup and sandwich's, salad, brownies, beverages)

*****New members (within last 12 calender months) who register by deadline**

May attend free of charge – must attend new member orientation ***

Mail to: CTD Lion Dianne Brochu

10 Ketcham Drive

Essex Junction VT 05452

OR email to: dmbrochu@gmail.com



Don't forget you need to register for the cabinet meeting on January 11. See the separate form for such.

20,000 meals!!

10,000 meals going back to the communities that we, D-45 Lions clubs and members serve, with the other 10,000 meals going to the Vermont Foodbank to distribute to Towns with no Lions Clubs.

Service Project on Saturday, January 11 at the Cabinet Meeting
Canadian Club of Central Vermont, 414 East Montpelier Road, Barre, VT 05641

Package **tomato basil pasta dinners** for the food pantry that serves your town(s). The total cost of the project is \$6,000: \$3,000 being generously donated by Vermont Lions Charities. Your club can support this effort by making a donation as well as ordering a couple cases (or more). *** Please note, non-Lions are welcome to participate. District 45 will treat with lunch but must register***

Name: _____
Club: _____
Phone: _____
email: _____

My club would like to donate _____ to support this project.
My club would like to order _____ cases to take back to our food pantry.
Each case Tomato Basil Pasta - \$40 Please order by Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Amount enclosed: # of cases _____ = s: _____ Donation: \$ _____ Total: \$ _____




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Additional DG Calendar Items

Please mark your calendars!

When	What	Where
July 5 - 9, 2019	International Convention	Milan Italy
July 14, 2109	Organizational Meeting **	South Royalton
July 7 - 27, 2019	GMLC Camp	Cabot
July 20, 2019	Twin State Soccer	Castleton State College
August 11, 2019	1st Cabinet meeting **	Manchester Eagle's Club
August 12, 2019	International Youth Day	Lions Club International
September 19 - 21, 2019	USA / Canada Forum	Spokane, Washington
September / October, 2019	1st Zone Meeting	Various locations
October 11, 2019	World Sight Day	Lions Club International
October 15, 2019	International White Cane Safety Day	Lions Cluyb International
October 25 - 27, 2019	NELC Fall Conference / Necrology Service	to be determined - Massachusetts
November 8, 2019	Peace Poster Judging	Hampton Inn, Colchester
November 8, 2019	Fall Conference **	Hampton Inn
	LCIF Super Raffle	Colchester
November 14, 3029	World Diabetes Day	Lions Club International
December 5, 2019	International Leo Day	Lions Club International
Nov. / Dec. / Jan.	2nd Zone Meeting	Various Locations
January 3 - 5, 2020	NELC Winter Conference	To be determined - Connecticut
January 11, 2020	3rd Cabinet Meeting **	Canadian Club, Barre
January 13, 2020	Melvin Jones Birthday	Lions Club International
January 13 - 17, 2020	LCIF Week	Lions Club International
Week of February 9, 2020	Food from the Heart Events	Various Locations
February 14, 2020	Food from the Heart Food Drive	Various Locations
February 15, 2020	International Childhood Cancer Day	Lions Club International
February / March / April 2020	3rd Zone Meeting	To be determined
March 7, 2020	Lions Day at UN	New York, New York
March 14th, 2020	4th Cabinet Meeting**	American Legion, Chester
April 22, 2020	Earth Day	Lions Club International
April 25, 2020	Lions Worldwide Induction Day	Lions Club International
May 1, 2, 3 2020	Spring Convention	Fireside Inn and Suites
	6th Annual Business Mtg **	West Lebanon NH
	Speech Contest	Saturday Lunch
May 15 - 17, 2020	NELC Spring Conference	To be determined - Maine
June 1, 2020	Helen Kellery Day	Lions Club International
June 5, 2020	World Environment Day	Lions Club International
June 7, 2020	Lions Club International Birthday	Lions Club International
June 20, 2020	Bike Ride	Vermont Lion Charities
		

Remember to visit our website for [Upcoming Events!](#)



Lions Clubs International



It is with great sadness that I am writing you today. We have experienced an incredible loss to our Lion family. On December 17, International First Vice President Judge Haynes H. Townsend passed away. We are heartbroken by this tragic loss to our Lion family, to the Townsend family and his loving wife, Donna.

Judge Townsend was a capable man, a humble man, a man who believed in the power of kindness to help and to heal. He was a judge who presided over his courtroom with integrity and heart, knowing that lives and destinies hung in the balance. He was a leader who believed that big ideas should drive us but that compassion should guide us. And above all, he was a Lion.

For 40 years, Judge Townsend served. He was an active member of the Dalton Noon Lions Club in his home of Dalton, Georgia, USA. He believed that acts of kindness, both big and small, could change lives. And that's just what he did as a Lion.

It is difficult to lose an international leader of such importance. But it is even harder to lose a man of such character. We will always cherish the time we had with Judge Townsend, and we will continue to move forward, working to bring his vision for Lions, and a world of kindness, to life.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President



Lions Clubs International

International Board of Directors Approves Dues Adjustment Resolution

Dear CCs, DGs, VDGs, and PDGs,

Lions Clubs International supports clubs and members around the world so we can advance our global mission of service together. Our international support and the work of Lions Clubs International is fueled by the international dues of our incredible members.

At the International Board of Directors meeting in October, the Board voted to approve an international dues adjustment resolution that will be voted on at the International Convention in Singapore in 2020.

In recent years, it has become increasingly clear that the services Lions Clubs International has been able to provide to members with the available budget is no longer in line with what Lions need and expect.

The Board of Directors undertook an extensive review of Lions Clubs International's financials, including the implementation of substantial budget reductions. After much consideration, the board proposed to adjust dues by US\$3 effective July 2021, raising dues to US\$46, then adjusted annually for U.S. inflation thereafter. We will use a three-year inflation average not to exceed 3.0% or be lower than 1.5%.

Why an international dues adjustment is needed

We realize the association has been reluctant to adjust dues over the years, and we have not adjusted international dues since 2011. The proposed adjustment will help cover our costs and allow us to suitably serve our members' needs. With that said, the Board of Directors did not take this issue lightly, nor are we minimizing the value of each dollar that our members contribute.

As we consider this dues adjustment, it is essential that we keep in mind that our global efforts and initiatives support more than 1.4 million members in 48,000 clubs around the world. Through the support of staff, we are able to serve globally on the level that we do, keeping members and clubs fully supported with service resources, training events and software, club operational support, international meetings, language services, technology, Foundation support, leadership support, and everything else we have come to expect as Lions.

A dues adjustment will allow Lions Clubs International to provide improved support to Lions and to continue to invest in improving programs and digital products such as our website and MyLion. It will also allow us to invest in new programs such as a new online learning platform, development of new curriculum such as digital literacy, training videos, global advertising, marketing automation, digital and video storytelling and others tools and initiatives that will enhance our impact, our brand, and our membership.

Why your help is needed

Essentially, we have to decide whether or not we want Lions Clubs International to continue to grow and thrive. Lions is more than a way of life. It's also an investment of money, time, energy and passion. As with any good investment, the more we put in, the more returns we see.

We need you to help our members and leaders understand why this adjustment is needed. We have developed an [international dues adjustment FAQ and PPT](#) to help you present it to your Lions.

I hope that you will see this adjustment as we do: as an investment in the future of Lions. Through your support, we can ensure that Lions are positioned for success in the future.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

2021 International Dues Adjustment Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Why was an international dues adjustment proposed?

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What is the proposed international dues adjustment?

The proposed dues adjustment includes a US\$3 increase effective July 2021, raising dues to US\$46, then beginning in July 2022 dues would be adjusted annually for U.S. inflation. The annual adjustment will be calculated using a three-year inflation average that will not exceed 3.0% or be lower than 1.5% each year. The International Board of Directors built this into the model as a buffer against extreme economic conditions and the resulting inflation variations that might occur.

What would the dues adjustment look like over time?

The model below shows a projected scenario of a 1.93% annual adjustment, which is based on the three-year average rate of U.S. inflation during 2016-2018. Please note this is only a projection. The actual rate of inflation will determine the annual adjustment beginning in July 2022, with a maximum adjustment of 3% and a minimum of 1.5%.

Dues	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30
Projected amount									
(1.93% adjustment)	\$46	\$46.89	\$47.79	\$48.72	\$49.66	\$50.61	\$51.59	\$52.59	\$53.60

When were international dues last adjusted?

International dues have not been adjusted since 2011 even though annual inflation has been increasing the cost of operations required to do business around the world.

How do Lions Clubs International dues compare to other service organizations?

Currently, Rotary International dues are US\$68 per year. Kiwanis International charges US\$60 per year for most countries, which includes an US\$8 premium to receive their magazine.

What are international dues currently used for?

Lions Clubs International is a global organization that supports more than 1.4 million members in 48,000 clubs around the world. Through the support of Lions International staff and programs, we are able to serve globally on the level that we do, keeping members and clubs fully supported with service resources and programs, training events and software, club operational support, international convention and meetings, language services in 13 languages, technology and digital products, global marketing, PR and advertising, leadership support, and legal support and liability insurance.

How will the funds be used if the international dues adjustment is passed?

A dues adjustment will allow Lions Clubs International to provide improved support to Lions and to continue to invest in improving programs and digital products like our website and MyLion. It will also allow us to invest in new programs such as a new online learning platform, development of new curriculum such as digital literacy, training videos, membership growth initiatives, increased global advertising, marketing automation, digital and video storytelling and others tools and initiatives that will enhance our impact, our brand and our membership.

Who will decide whether or not international dues will be adjusted?

The International Board of Directors approved a resolution to adjust international dues. The proposal will be voted on at the 2020 International Convention in Singapore by the official convention delegates. If the resolution is passed, the change will take place in July 2021.

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Has Lions International taken steps to reduce expenses?

Lions Clubs International completed a rigorous financial review and took the following steps to reduce expenses:

- Operating budgets were reduced.
- Vendor contracts were renegotiated to yield savings.
- Programs were cut after thorough review and consideration of value to members and return on investment (ROI).

Will this change my local club dues?

The adjustment to international dues is independent of your club, district or multiple district membership dues. It is up to each club, district and multiple district to establish dues that allow them to operate and serve as needed in their communities.