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WOW!!! Its September. How we are missing all of our fairs and festivals.

I was thinking what we have done to continue to serve. From drive up Chicken BBQ to Strawberry Shortcake, making masks – thousands of them to donate to others!!! Food drives, food delivery.

We are adaptable and capable of changing how we do service. How amazing are we. Let's not be stagnant that we let our membership become use to not serving, not having meetings, not having activities. All habit once we get out of that habit, it's difficult to push us back in. We can still meet. We can still be safe. Preparation is what it takes to make it happen. WE CAN DO THIS!!!

I am still planning on having meetings. They may look different but we can be together safely. Bring a mask and let's do this!

In closing, please let me know if you like me to come to a meeting. I will not force the issue but if you want me, I will be there.

Yours in service,  
 DG Pam

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## District 45 Calendar

2020

District 45

2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hosts - Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sept. 19 - 27, 2020	Deerfield Valley - <b>Hungry Lion Bike (or walk) Tour</b>	Virtual
Sept. 25 - 27, 2020	USA / Canada Lions Forum	Virtual
Sept. 30, 2020	Lions Twin State Soccer Annual Meeting	To be determined
Ends 9/30/2020	District 45 - <b>Membership Challenge</b>	Districtwide
October 1, 2020	Deadline purchase Peace Poster Contest Kits	Lions Club International
October 8, 2020	World Sight Day	International
October 15, 2020	White Cane Safety Day	International
October 24, 2020	New England Lions Council Fall Meeting	Virtual
November 1, 2020	District 45 - <b>Fall Cabinet Meeting</b>	Rutland, VT
November 1, 2020	Voting - District 45 Peace Poster Contest	Rutland VT
January 9, 2021	District 45 - <b>Winter Cabinet Meeting</b>	Barre, VT
March 6, 2021	District 45 - <b>Spring Cabinet Meeting</b>	Essex VT
March 6, 2021	District 45 - <b>LCIF Super Raffle</b>	Essex VT
May 7 - 9, 2021	District 45 - <b>Spring Convention</b>	Manchester VT
June 25 - 29, 2021	Lions Club International - International Convention	Montreal, PQ, Canada

***Don't see your club activities???**  
**Email such to the Communiqué Editor**  
**See it next month!!!!***



# District News



FOURTH AND GOAL HAS BECOME!!!  
Take your Passion, make some Traction,  
get their Reaction!!!

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE DEADLINE!!!!

**September 30, 2020 ALL membership information MUST BE ADDED to Lions Club International LCI website**

**\*\*\* Remember, membership application fee \$35 Until December 31, 2020!!! \*\*\***



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Come and join DG Pam Nichols (or guests) for weekly chats  
on Facebook  
Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Vermont District 45 Lions

# DO YOU KNOW WHOM YOUR ZONE CHAIR IS??? Contest

<u>Zone Chair</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Zone Chair</u>	<u>Zone</u>
Lion Claude Coulombe	1A	2nd VDG Kathy Dorman	2AB
Lion Mark Hanna	3BC	PDG Walter Hastings	3A
Lion Kendal Holden	1B	Lion Patricia Johnston-McWilliams	4
PCST Bruce Savery	3A	Lion Travis Wood	2C

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Club	??	Club	??
Arlington	___	Barre	___
Brandon Forest Dale	___	Brattleboro Area	___
Castleton	___	Colchester	___
Deerfield Valley	___	Derby	___
Enosburg Falls	___	Essex Junction	___
Georgia	___	Granville	___
Heartland	___	Jericho-Underhill	___
Londonderry Area Tri-Mountain	___	Manchester	___
Middlebury	___	NorShaft	___
Norwich	___	Orleans	___
Pittsford	___	Readsboro	___
Richford	___	Route 100	___
Springfield	___	Strafford and Area	___
Swanton - Mississquoi Valley	___	Troy and Area	___
Valley	___	Vergennes	___
Williston	___	Windsor	___

Lion:  
Send your answers to IPDG Ken

Club:  
Emery, deadline is September 25th!!!

All entries received will be eligible for prizes???



Hi, District 45 Lions. Help make yourselves more visable in your community by wearing these safety vests. One size fits all.  
Costs are \$6 a piece.  
Please contact CS PDG Henry McKee at (603) 960-1732, email: hanknh@netzero.com. Deadline is October 1st.



**VERMONT LIONS CHARITIES  
CABINET MEETING REPORT – SUNDAY AUGUST 30, 2020  
EAGLES CLUB – MANCHETER**

Good afternoon everyone,

My report today will be quite brief due to COVID – 19. One would think that during this time, VLC would be swamped with requests. However, since March, I can only recall three requests:

1. Funds vis the Central Vt. Hospice for PPE equipment – request failed due to not having sufficient information
2. Vermont Food Bank donation of \$5,000...recommendation via Board member
3. And most recently, request for hearing aids(s) assistance, amount of \$3,000. This request was discussed this morning and action taken.

Relating pediatric cancer and our commitment of \$500 stipends to Vermont families dealing with pediatric cancer. Our 18<sup>th</sup> stipend was recently provided to a family of a 5 year old girl who was admitted to the UVM’s Children’s Hospital and was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia (AML). The 5 year old will also require a bone marrow transplant at the Boston’s Children’s Hospital..... here is a comment made by Julia Conner, Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Social worker and I quote:

“We are so thankful that your organization has kindly made these funds available to our patients and families. The financial assistance provided through the Vermont Lions helps families pay their bills, cover childcare costs and manage lost wages while they care for their sick child. We are deeply grateful for your support of children and families battling pediatric cancer” (end of quote).

In closing, I must provide the following information: The annual meeting of Vermont Lions Charities will be held during the Fall Conference on Saturday, November 1, 2020. A full report on Vermont Lions Charities will be provide at that time. There also will be an election for the position of treasurer; a 3-year term.

Respectfully, submitted,

Lion Stanly Patch, Jr. PDG  
President, Vermont Lions Charities.



**MEETING NOTICE!!!!**

Official warning of Vermont Lions Charities Annual Meeting  
Saturday November 1, 2020

The annual meeting of Vermont Lions Charities will be held during the Fall Conference, on Sunday, November 1, 2020. A full report on Vermont Lions Charities will be provide at that tiome.

There will also be an election for the position of treasurer for a 3-year term.

Thank you!!!! Lion Stanley Patch, Jr., PDG, President Vermont Lions Charities

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As the weather begins to cool and the question of school openings continue, District 45 Lions continue to prepare for the upcoming Vision Screening season(s). I have heard from a few more clubs about their plans and they range from “Let’s wait and see where this goes.”, to “We are Reeeadyyyy!” , to “No way, Jose’ !!!” Well, there are other options besides the ones listed above that may work for your club and, again, that is simply OK.

There is just one thing I wish to address, however. PLEASE, everyone be aware and considerate of others regarding the scheduling of cameras. In February I tried to tweak and update the camera schedule so everyone would have adequate time to get all their schools done in a timely manner. Because of the late start of schools, the persistent uncertainty of how classes will look and the question of if we will even be allowed to enter the schools I ask that clubs be understanding and patient with one another in regards to when you can obtain a camera for your use. I know, sometimes, this will throw a wrench into some clubs’ scheduling, but this is where cooperation and creativity should prevail. The schedule we have used in the past and the well-intentioned one I worked on is NOT going to run all that smoothly this year. Let’s work together, club to club, and help one another navigate what is sure to be a test of patience and true Lionism.

I know I say this often, but I feel it cannot be said enough. Thank you to all for your commitment and sacrifice in being a Lion Vision Screener, especially this year. Yes, it’s fun and the feeling of accomplishment and self-satisfaction is gratifying, but you are true Lions and for that you deserve to be recognized.

Stay safe and healthy everyone!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Deb Savery

Vermont District 45 Vision Screening Coordinator



Hi, 2nd VDG Kathy here. One of my goals for the year is to help my fellow Lions and the clubs of the District become more visible. We are selling these shirts. \$15 each. Contact me or any of the DG team to purchase one.



## **Blast from the past segment:**

Photo was from Spring Convention May 1977 when PDG Larry Simino was elected VDG by District 45. At Spring Convention 1978, DG Larry was rewarded for his efforts when members in attendance raised \$28,000 for the District Sight Van



Now, does anyone recognize anyone from these photos?



\*\*\* Old District 45 photo's are welcomed. Please send to IPDG Ken Emery at [Kpemery1960@gmail.com](mailto:Kpemery1960@gmail.com). Thanks!!! \*\*\*

HELP!!! Does anyone know where this banner might be???





Scenes from the August 30, 2020 Cabinet Meeting!!!!





## Club News

### **Brattleboro Area**

The Brattleboro Area Lions Club has had a food donation box at Hannaford brocery for 3 years. Until the Covid-19 virus hit, we donated the food to the Guilford Central School Food pantry. Following the outbreak of the virus we decided to donate the food to the Ground Works. On a recent Sunday, we picked up the and delivered 430 lbs. of donated food to Ground Works. Our Guilford deliveries were 126 lbs. 94 lbs. and 67 lbs. We thank Hannaford Grocery for their dedication to helping others

Respectively submitted, Lion Ray Stevens, Publications Manager



## The Gathering Place thanks the Deerfield Valley Lions

To the Editor,  
The Gathering Place, in West Dover, would like to extend a big thank you to the Deerfield Valley Lions Club, specifically to president Mark Hanna, Harry Byron, Keith Thompson, and Alison Ferris for their kindness and efforts in keeping our facility looking its best. They have taken time out of their personal schedules to mow the lawn surrounding the building.

Like so many organizations, The Gathering Place has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, causing us to

unexpectedly close in mid-March for the safety of our participants and staff. We remain closed at this time, making gifts such as yours even more critical and valued.

This contribution of time is a part of the lifeline of The Gathering Place. It is friends like the Deerfield Valley Lions who help make our services possible.

Again, thank you for your vital support and understanding.

All the best and stay healthy,  
Margaret Lewis  
Dover



## *Barre Lions Club*

The Barre Lions Club, serving Central Vermont, head a coin drop on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> on the busy Main Street of downtown Barre. In 3 hours, they raised almost \$2,400!!! Lion Charlie Livendale did a great job in recruiting volunteers, wearing our newly designed masks (see below photo)!!!



## **Essex Jct. Lions News:**

Lions Linda Stone, Beth Abustan, Doris Maynard & PDG Betsy MaGee sanitizing tables.



Lion Beth Abustan receives Melvin Jones Fellowship Award





**Williston Area Lions Club:** Hello, my name is Mykala O'Farrell and I am a recent CVU (Champlain Valley Union High School), recipient of the 2020 Lions Club Scholarship. I would like to extend my immense amount of gratitude for your generosity. This contribution will greatly help as I begin my higher education endeavors at UVM in the fall. Best, Mykala O'Farrell

## Hello Colchester Lions:

Some of you may not know that the club has decided to generously support my daughter Amy Stearns with her need to get a service dog in training. Amy is a past member of the Colchester Club and needs a dog to help her with physical, emotional support as well as independent living.

Amy got Robby on June 28, and they are both very happy and living in her apartment in Burlington. Robby was 7 months old when he came home. He has grown some and seems to be a very happy boy.

Robby has had an assessment with the service dog trainer and passed the tests. He was given very high praise for how well he did. She believes that Robby is a good candidate for a service dog. He will begin his official dog training on August 13.

Amy has trained another service dog who is getting old and is now deaf and going blind. She has been retired and is living with a group of Amy's friends. Amy gets to visit her several times a week. With Amy's past experience she has started training Robby since she got him. He knew sit, stay and come commands. He now knows sit stay, leave it, bring me home (he will lead Amy to the front door of her apartment) he is working on touch command where he will touch the button medical alert button to alert that she need emergency services. Amy reported that he has gotten pretty good at this and has pushed the button several times to get the people who monitor her system to talk with him. The people doing the monitoring thought this was great. They gave Robby a lot of attention. Amy is now teaching him that he can do this only on command. She reports that Robby is learning and has not pushed the button without being given the command to do so for several days.



Robby first day at home



Robby learning sit stay



Robby and Amy





# New Lions Club Forms In Randolph Area

 Martha Slater

A committee of members from the Heartland Lions Club, which serves South Royalton, Tunbridge, and Sharon, has worked for a number of months to form the new Braintree, Brookfield, & Randolph Area Lions Club.

"We'll be known as the BBR Club in the future, because that's a mouthful," joked Walter Hastings of South Royalton. He is joined on the committee by Carole Greene, also of South Royalton; and Mark Wood, along with Michael McShane of Braintree, and Ken Emery, the immediate past District Governor of Vermont Lions Clubs, who has traveled from Colchester to attend committee meetings.

Both longtime Lions Club members, Hastings has served as District Governor for District 45 (Vermont); and Greene has served as secretary of the Heartland Lions Club, is currently the First Vice District Governor for Vermont, and next year, will be the District Governor for the state of Vermont.

"was because the Heartland club had been giving out a lot of hearing aids and glasses in the BBR area and that's one of the functions of Lions Club International, along with programs about diabetes, childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment," Hastings added. "Also, our motto is that 'we serve.'"

"We have one member from Braintree who could see this need that wasn't being filled," Greene explained, "so that's one of the reasons we're starting the club.

"We're planning our first service project for Friday, Aug. 28 at the Randolph Rec Field, when we'll meet with staff and clients of Upper Valley Services for an ice cream social," she noted.

"We also plan to hand out hand sanitizer and face masks at the Randolph Farmers Market next to Gifford Hospital on Saturdays in September," Hastings added. "And in October, we'll do a food drive to benefit area food shelves.

"Back in March, we went to the town meetings in all three towns to find out who might be interested on joining," Hastings recalled. "We got a list of about 30 people, but then the pandemic arrived, so the meeting we had scheduled for the end of March didn't happen."

In May, the committee held a successful virtual meeting with four interested people via Zoom, and in June, met in person with eight people, plus the committee, outside at the Morgan Orchards in Randolph Center. They then decided to meet again later that month at the Rotary Park in Randolph, to continue organizing the new club.

Hastings and Greene said they hope to have 12 people attending from the three towns, "and we'd like to form a whole club, for which you need 20 members, but with the five very interested members that we have now, we can form a branch club, which this will be until we can grow the membership.

"One reason we wanted to form a club in the BBR area

"Another thing that we do locally is vision screenings," Hastings said. "We have a vision screener that we can bring to area schools to screen a child's vision to see if they need glasses. Last year, the clubs in the state screened a quarter of all the kids in Vermont, but due to the pandemic, that's one of the things that's on hold right now. We are hoping to do some screening in public spots and we can screen adults, too."

Helping is not limited to those particular areas, Hastings noted, saying, "Any need there is in the community, we'll try to help. We say 'where there is a need, there is a Lion.'"

The next general membership meeting of the new Lions Club will be Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. at the pavilion at Rotary Park in Randolph. New people who would like to learn how to help serve their community are welcome to attend. Masks and social distancing are requested.

For more information, call Walter Hastings at 802-356-5203 or email him at [vtlion-walter@gmail.com](mailto:vtlion-walter@gmail.com).





# Highlights of the 'ARLINGTON ZOO PARADE'!!!!





## Lions Club Names Preston 'Citizen of the Year'

By Jennifer Brown

On Saturday, Aug. 16, the Strafford Lions Club honored its Citizen of the Year. Beth Preston is the winner of this year's award. In this public-health crisis, it is even more appropriate to honor someone who devotes her life to helping so many in times of emergency and health needs.

The outdoor celebration was attended by about 50 neighbors, all maintaining social distance and wearing masks. Many more appreciators of Preston who couldn't be there sent well wishes and congratulations.

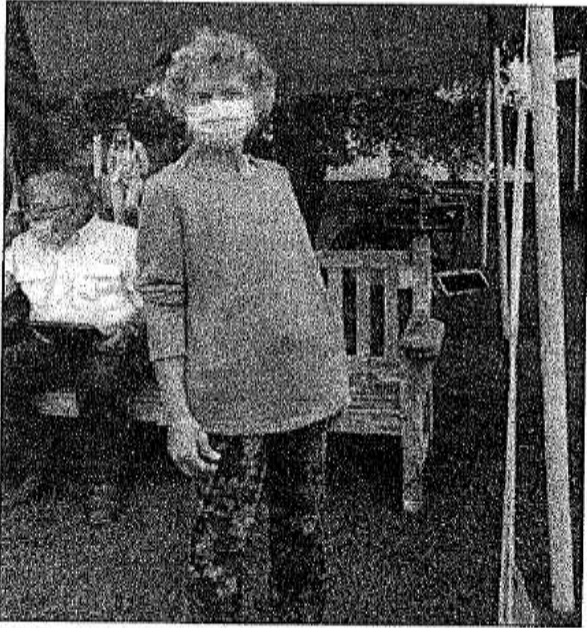
Since 1981, Preston has worked as a nurse and has also been head of the Strafford fast squad for many years. Not only is she the most longtime serving mem-

ber, she responds to more calls than anyone else, recently responding to 12 calls in 14 days.

Jane Brown, who also serves on the fast squad, called her the "anchor and rock of Strafford," and added that she is a calming influence. Other Strafford folks spoke about her solid and comforting presence and her willingness to drop whatever she might be doing, no matter when the calls came.

Melvin Coburn spoke about past times when they would all go out and have fun, too, over the many years Beth lived in Strafford.

Preston closed the ceremony with words of gratitude and spoke about "the wonderful place that is Strafford." She said she was honored to be able to give back for all that she has received.



On Saturday, Aug. 16, the Strafford Lions Club honored Beth Preston as its Citizen of the Year. (Herald / Jennifer Brown)

## Vergennes Lions Club 2020 Vehicle Raffle

### 1996 Ford Mustang V-8 Convertible

(clean, 4.6L 8 cylinder engine, automatic transmission, stereo, A/C, all power options)



2<sup>nd</sup> prize" BBQ for 15 people provided by Porky's Backyard BBQ

3<sup>rd</sup> prize: A pie every month for a year provided by Ferrisburgh Bake Shop

Tickets \$30 each. The winner to be drawn after all tickets are sold or on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please mail check to: Vergennes Lions Club, P O Box 94, Vergennes VT 05491

Or contact any Vergennes Lions Club member. For more information please contact:

Mark Delisle 877-3423, Tom Brigan 877-6850, Paul Bessette 349-7141,

PDG Bruce Bushey 355-1969, Ron Childers 363-9596, Gary Russell 236-6508

and Chair – Debbie Brace 324-1758.

When mailing check, please make sure to include your name, postal address and BEST phone number to contact you. Also indicate how many ticket you are buying

(Cash donations are being accepted as well!!!)



## A Special Request to our Vermont Lions Friends: Join the Hungry Lion!

The Hungry Lion Bike Tour is one of Vermont's premier cycling events, attracting hundreds of riders to the region and raising more than \$30,000 a year for Lions projects and programs.

This year, due to COVID concerns, we are going VIRTUAL. Instead of a one-day event, we're inviting people to walk or ride their bikes over a 9-day period from Sept. 19 thru Sept. 27.

The Deerfield Valley Lions hope YOU, our fellow Vermont Lions, will take part in the 2020 Hungry Lion from your own hometown!

### Why join The Hungry Lion?

- Because it's FUN!
- Because this year, you can **WALK**, if cycling is not your thing.
- Because you can pick any day from Sept. 19 – 27. Then bike or hike -- as long as you like!
- Because, with COVID, we are anticipating a loss of \$12,000 in revenues.
- Because, with COVID, food insecurity will affect more than 1 in 7 Vermonters.
- Because it helps fund regular lunches for seniors and kids.
- Because we generously support the local Food Shelf!
- Because it helps grow Lions through meaningful, active, and fun volunteerism.

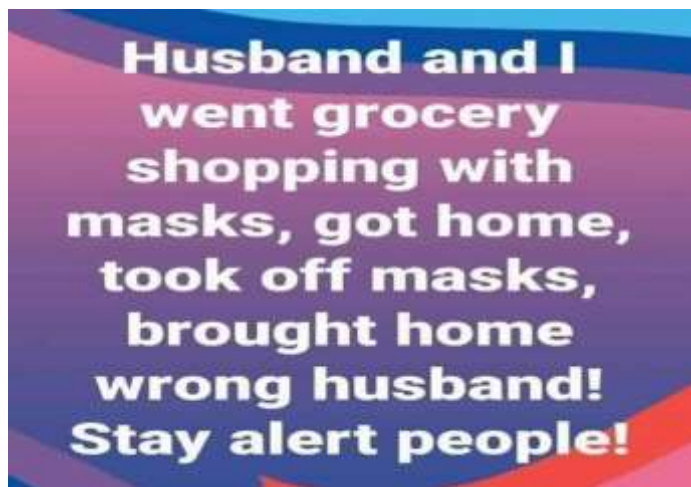
### Here's how to join us!

- Register at [www.HungryLionBikeTour.com](http://www.HungryLionBikeTour.com) if you want to walk or bike. If you'd like, you can form a team,, perhaps 5 to 8 friends in your Lions Club, including prospective members! It's fun, and there will be daily updates to cheer you on!
- Be a Sponsor. No sweat required! Go to <https://www.pledgereg.com/Users/Donor/Default.aspx?eid=3569>
- Your company can become a corporate sponsor. For details, see Lion Julie Muller. [jem218vt@gmail.com](mailto:jem218vt@gmail.com) or 802-368-9394. Or, check out <https://www.hungrylionbiketour.com/sponsors--donors.html>.
- Write a check and mail to Deerfield Valley Lions PO Box 367 Jacksonville VT 05342.

Register now at [www.HungryLionBikeTour.com](http://www.HungryLionBikeTour.com)

Thank you!

*Your friends at the Deerfield Valley Lions.*





## *Londonderry Tri-Mountain Area Lions*

Londonderry Tri-Mtn Lions are sewing and donating facemasks to the local schools and people in our Tri-Mtn communities.

On Wednesday morning Lions Gail Wyman, Kathy Scott, Deb Wade, Randee Keith and DG Pam Nichols participated in our first sewing bee. Gail & Kathy cut out the patterns in many festive prints for kid's sizes. Deb and DG Pam cut elastic bands, pinned the patterns together and turned them right side out after sewing. Randee sewed the seams.

Once we got started, we realized we need another sewing machine next time. With what Randee had already made at home, the total for kid's facemasks is now 60! We will keep making facemasks during this pandemic. We are funding this individually so any donations of cotton fabric or \$\$ are appreciated.



## **CONGRATULATIONS DG PAM!!!**

Lion Deb Wade, was the winner of the Melvin Jones Frenzy raffle back in March. She wanted DG Pam Nichols to receive such award SO a PROGRESSIVE MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP AWARD was awarded to her at the Cabinet meeting on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Well deserved. Thanks Lion Deb for participating. And congratulations again to DG PAM!!!!





## Heartland Lions

Heartland Lions held a picnic at the home of PDG King Lion Walter Hastings with DG Lion Pam visiting on August 17. DG Lion Pam brought the southern district traveling lion to Heartland on behalf of the Londonderry Tri-Mountain Lions Club, presenting such to King Lion Walter.

Heartland Lions has also earned their third bench from collecting plastic thru the TREX recycling program.

It is the tradition of Heartland Lions to present the DG with a wreath that is homemade by King Lion Walter's family. The club also presented DG Lion Pam with a wreath!

As always it was a lot of fun and glad to visitors: DG Lion Pam, Lion Bill Nichols and PDG CST Lion Robert Wilcox join us.



**NorShaft Lions Club:**

Hello everyone,

The [NorShaft Lions Club](#) has started this go fund me page, so we can help support the greater Bennington community in many different ways.

As a club we have had to cancel our major event fundraisers because of the restrictions CoVid-19 has brought all of us. I also know times are tough for a lot of individuals and families. But the only way we can help the community is by donations.

So I ask you! If could spare any type of monetary donation, it would so greatly appreciated.

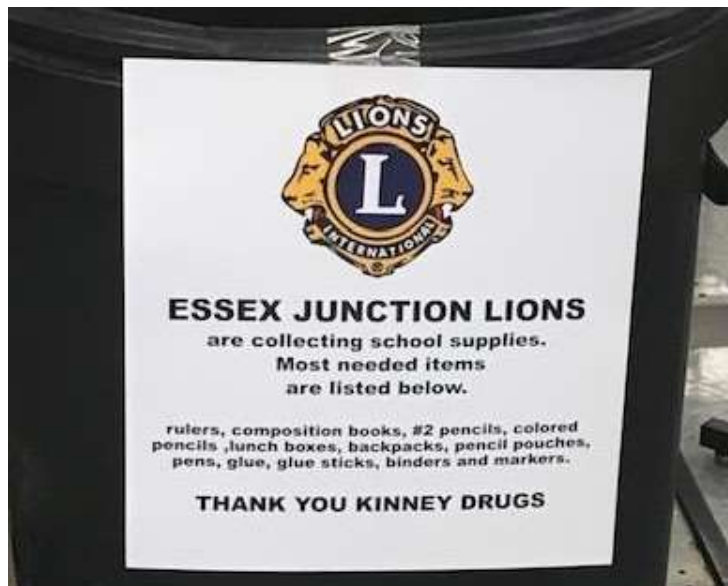
Also if you do not want to use go fund me you can mail them to: NorShaft Lions PO Box 179  
Shaftsbury Vt 05262

Again Thank You! KINDNESS MATTERS Together We Serve

Lion Matthew Gras President NorShaft Lions



**Essex Jct. Lions will be co-hosting a school supply drive with Kinney Drugs of Essex Jct. from August 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sept 10<sup>th</sup>.**



# New England News

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Carol Greene visits District 44-N Cabinet meeting, Littleton New Hampshire.



PDG Toni Olden - District 44H



1<sup>st</sup> VDG Virginia Edwards - Distrit 44 N



**SAVE the date: October 24th**

Will hold a virtual meeting on this date  
Details will follow: Watch for a link

This is a chance to connect with Lions in  
New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont  
Learn about what other Lions are doing to SERVE their communities in the time  
of the Pandemic

It is vital to support each other and our communities in this difficult time.

***Together We Serve!!!***



# International News



Peace Poster Contest Kits Available through October 1.

The world needs peace now more than ever. The theme of the 2020-2021 Lions International Peace Poster Contest is “Peace Through Service.” Get your club started on hosting this inspirational contest today!  
**LEARN MORE!**

Vermont Lions: For more information on this please contact Lion Bruce Curtis (Pittsford)  
bcurtis59@yahoo.com or your DG Team!

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The following is information received from ID Mark Lyon with information from Lions Club International:

Dear Lion Mark,

Thank you for inquiring about the 2020-2021 Lions International Peace Poster Contest. The theme for this year is "Peace Through Service."

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has presented us with new challenges. As such, we Lions have learned new ways to engage with one another and our communities by navigating Zoom meetings, e-learning, working from home and much more. We believe that these same practices can also be applied to sponsoring the Peace Poster Contest.

A Lions Blog titled “Six Tips for Organizing a Peace Poster Contest During COVID-19” will be posted soon. I am including those six tips at the bottom of this email for your reference.

We are moving forward with the Peace Poster Contest rules and deadlines as they appear in the Peace Poster Kit. Though kits have already been for sale for several months, the first contest deadline isn't until November 15 (Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster per contest sponsored to the district governor). Be sure to purchase your Peace Poster kits online before October 1.

As a reminder, participating children are allowed to create their posters in their homes. The contest still needs to be hosted by a school or organized youth group but the participating children do not need to create the posters while they are physically in a school classroom or youth group facility.

Also, posters may be created digitally. However, those posters must follow all the same rules and guidelines as traditionally created posters. This means that your club's winning poster must still be the individual student's original creation and it must be printed (following the same size guidelines and rules as all other Peace Posters) before sending it on to the next level of judging with the completed Winner Sticker (PPC-4) stuck on the back of it.

Please let us know if you have any further questions about the contest and thank you again for sponsoring and supporting this program of peace at a time when the world needs positive programs like this more than ever.

We would love to hear how you are adapting and innovating the way you hold your contest. Post your photos and stories on social media using the hashtag #PeacePoster and email them to us at [peaceposter@lionsclubs.org](mailto:peaceposter@lionsclubs.org).

Also, visit our website to download the Peace Essay Contest Rules and Entry Form.

#### Six Tips for Organizing a Peace Poster Contest During COVID-19

- Email or call your school or youth group leaders to check in, confirm their participation in this year's contest and offer your support.
- Encourage schools conducting e-learning to participate by providing contest rules and instructions online. Students can then complete their posters at home and drop them off to the designated school contact.
- Provide your name, email address and phone number to the participating school or youth group contact and make plans to collect the posters from them for the local judging.
- Follow local guidelines for gathering and practicing social distancing when holding your contest judging (at the club, district and multiple district levels).
- Consider holding your contest judging online. Photograph the entries and post them without the student's names (remember it is a blind judging) in an online photo gallery such as Flickr, Google Photos, etc. Share the link with your judges and include a score sheet to email back to you.
- Recognize local winners by sharing their poster images with your local news media and by posting them on social media (Facebook, Instagram Twitter, etc.) with #PeacePoster.

All the best,

Cynthia Delre  
Marketing Coordinator // Brand & Marketing Strategy Lions Clubs International  
+1.630.468.6714 // direct  
Our response to COVID-19



# Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

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Dear Lion,

As we enter a new Lion year, we still have a world of uncertainty. It is easy to focus on the last few months and all of the challenges. They are real and they are serious. However, I started to think about my unique experiences as chairperson this year and quickly found inspiration from Lions throughout the world.

Lions continue to show up, dedicating themselves to bettering their communities. Taking care of neighbors after a disaster. Providing youth with skills to succeed. Ensuring elders have enough to eat.

This show of character has been especially important during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Even though much of the world has social distancing orders, Lions still found a way to serve safely. You worked hard to protect your community in your own way. Some of you donated toward the cause. Some of you received grants from LCIF to serve areas of the world where the virus spread fast and medical workers were overwhelmed.

I cannot thank you enough for the bravery, generosity, and compassion you exemplified. This last year, Lions started more than 300 Facebook fundraisers bringing in US\$64,277. Your clubs have made the commitment to become Model Clubs and you have made personal donations to Campaign 100. These commitments to our Foundation is what allowed us to administer over US\$5.1 million in grant funding just in response to COVID-19. These are the life-altering actions which result in lives forever changed.

Thank you for your dedication, time, and generosity. You are what pushes *good* forward. You are the force that ensures those challenges we have do not win. You are inspiration for myself, our fellow Lions, and non-Lions alike.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

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# A New Adventure in Learning Join Us!



You can experience the Forum this year in a new way! Join us for the USA/Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience. Although we aren't able to facilitate the 80 wonderful seminars that were planned for Louisville, the Forum Planning Committee is excited to present 19 sessions you can attend virtually. It's easy and affordable.

If you have never attended a USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, our Virtual Leadership Experience will give an opportunity to understand what we do for your leadership growth in a scaled down version. Our mission is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International. We have created a virtual experience filled with seminars that enhance your leadership skills and knowledge. **The Virtual Leadership Experience is for every Lion.**

Choose from 19 sessions that will educate you on programs and services like a Childhood Cancer Symposium, Faces of Diabetes Innovation, how to approach the younger generation about Lions, projects for women and families, learning more with NAMI and so much more.

## General Sessions Keynotes



**Katherine Greenland**  
Katherine is a cultural innovator and inclusion strategist with over 20 years of experience as a public speaker, team builder and advisor.



**Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, President LCI**  
Dr. Choi will speak on the services and programs of LCI and give us insight on being United with Kindness and Diversity.



**Striker Corbin**  
As a motivational speaker, certified hypnotist, and success coach, Striker Corbin focuses on personal development.

**Complete Event Registration Fee**  
3 Days - 2 Hour Sessions



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changed my life.**

I would never have been  
ambitious enough to run for  
**Governor of Georgia.**  
I would never have dreamed of being  
**President of the United States**  
*if it were not for the Lions.*

Lion Jimmy Carter, January 27, 2009



**Event Program  
for  
Lions Virtual Forum**  
*Revised 8.23.20*



**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2020**

**8:00-9:15 PM Eastern Time** GENERAL SESSION

Welcome by General Chair Harvey Whitley - Tribute to VP Haynes Townsend - KEYNOTE Katherine Greenland

**9:15-10:15 PM Eastern time** PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

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| NAMI-What's All the Buzz about Kindness and Diversity?       | Jerome Thompson, PID           |
| LCI Digital Programs   | Jayaram Balachander            |
| Diverse Projects and Activities to Engage Women and Families | Sangeeta Jatia, PID            |
| How to Successfully Sponsor Clubs on Campus                  | Paul Baker and Brett Rosenblum |

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2020**

**11:00-Noon Eastern Time** GENERAL SESSION

International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi - International Director Justin Faber - LCIF Chairperson Gudrun Yngvadottir and KaSondra Byrd

**12:15-2:00 PM** Childhood Cancer Symposium with Four Diamonds and Penn State Health Children's Hospital

For those not participating in the Symposium, there are two one-hour sessions.

**12:15-1:15 PM Eastern Time** PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

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| NAMI-Individual District Enhancement Plans                  | VPs Doug Alexander, Brian Sheehan, and Dr. Patti Hill |
| Dealing Kindly with Contentious Members                     | Ed Farrington, PID                                    |
| Campaign 100  | Joe Preston and Judge Brian Stevenson, PIPs           |
| How to Start a Leo Club Where Diversity and Kindness Matter | Mahesh Chitnis, PCC and Leo Ojas Chitnis              |

**1:15-2:15 PM Eastern Time** PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

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| NAMI-Building Success through Kindness     | Ron Seybold   |
| Reflections from Our Founding Fathers      | Joe Wroblewski and Judge Brian Stevenson, PIPs,<br>and Lacy Presnell, PID |
| Zone Meetings: Secrets of Success          | Barbara Thompson  |
| How Do We Approach the Younger Generation? | Daniel Marney Elkins, VDG   |

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2020**

**2:30-3:00 PM Eastern Time** GENERAL SESSION

Recognition of Sponsors and NAMI Pilot Districts

**3:00-4:00 PM Eastern Time** PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

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| Faces of Diabetes Innovation: Racing Toward a Cure                      | City of Hope          |
| Young Lions—Diverse Leadership Skills Contribute to a Successful Future | Jordan Glass Williams |
| Attracting and Retaining Great Lions through Diversity                  | A.P. Singh, PID       |
| Debunking the Membership Myths  | Malcolm Kirwan, PCC   |
| Legal Issues  | Sarah Levy            |

**4:00-5:30 PM Eastern Time** CLOSING SESSION

KEYNOTE with Striker Corbin  
Thank you - General Chairperson Harvey Whitley  
Racing Ahead to Des Moines with Wendy Cain, PDG and Jerry Inman, PCC AND the Catch Des Moines Team

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# North America Membership Initiative



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Overview

**1) What is the North America Membership Initiative (NAMI)?**

NAMI is a focused program designed to address and reverse the decline in Lions membership in Constitutional Areas 1 and 2 (CA1 and CA2).

**2) Who authorized NAMI?**

The Lions Clubs International Board of Directors authorized NAMI at the October 2018 board meeting.

**3) Why is this program important?**

Evidence of similar membership declines is appearing in other parts of the world. We need to establish a solid plan for revitalization and growth before our organization's ability to serve humanity—our core mission—is fundamentally compromised.

**4) What are the NAMI objectives?**

1) Rejuvenate districts with new clubs, 2) Revitalize clubs with new members, and 3) Re-motivate members with new fellowships and exciting service.

**5) What is the NAMI plan?**

In 2019-20, nine NAMI pilot districts tested the NAMI processes and resources. They also developed their own innovations to achieve membership goals. For 2020-21, all North America districts have been invited to join the evolving program and help develop and test best practices. We will also further develop NAMI for regions/zones and clubs.

**6) What are the goals of NAMI?**

By June 2021, we expect 200 new clubs and 44,000 new members in CA1, and 20 new clubs and 5,000 new members in CA2. The goals for June 2023 are 315,000 total members in CA1 and 38,000 total members in CA2.

**7) Who is leading the initiative?**

The initiative is being led by International Vice Presidents Doug Alexander, Brian Sheehan and Patti Hill, alongside a Steering Committee of Lion leaders with proven skills in club and membership growth.

**8) How is NAMI funded?**

NAMI is being funded with existing operational budgets.

**9) Where can I find more information about the NAMI process, resources and results?**

All NAMI information is published online at [lionsclubs.org/nami](http://lionsclubs.org/nami).



## Participation

### 10) How are NAMI pilot districts selected?

The Steering Committee selects pilot districts based on membership trends, key demographics and leadership team commitment to be the vanguard of this vital initiative.

### 11) What languages are NAMI materials available in?

Because NAMI is still evolving, all NAMI communications and materials are currently in English. We are still learning what works and incorporating what we learn into our process and resources. We understand, however, that enterprising Lions are already translating key materials into additional languages.

### 12) What happens after a district decides to participate?

Leaders from each district meet to build a team, develop their own goals and a plan for achieving them.

### 13) Who leads the initiative in NAMI districts?

Part of building a NAMI team is identifying a NAMI Champion, a district leader promotes and manages the initiative, fosters execution and reports results. The Champion works side-by-side with the district governor team, GAT coordinators, region/zone chairpersons, and other district leaders on plan development, implementation and accountability.

### 14) What are the roles and responsibilities of council chairpersons with NAMI districts?

Council chairpersons review the NAMI goals and plans of their districts and demonstrate their support of the initiative and its leaders. They should allocate time at each of their council meetings for NAMI progress updates, next steps, idea sharing and issue resolution.

### 15) What are the roles and responsibilities of district governor teams in NAMI districts?

District governor teams are directly involved in planning, promoting and supporting NAMI activities throughout their districts. Individual roles are identified during the team building process within each district.

### 16) How is the Global Action Team (GAT) involved?

The GAT volunteer structure serves as the primary communication and support channel for NAMI processes and resources. For example, GAT Area leaders will provide webinars to share NAMI processes and resources with GAT MD leaders, DG teams and district GAT coordinators. GAT MD leaders will also review NAMI district goals and plans, so they can assist districts with implementation and accountability.

### 17) How are clubs of NAMI districts involved?

Clubs are the foundation of NAMI success and each district should engage their clubs in NAMI projects throughout the year, including leadership development, club marketing and welcoming new members into their clubs.

### 18) What funding is available for NAMI districts?

Districts will use existing LCI and LCIF grants as well as district funds to implement their NAMI plans.



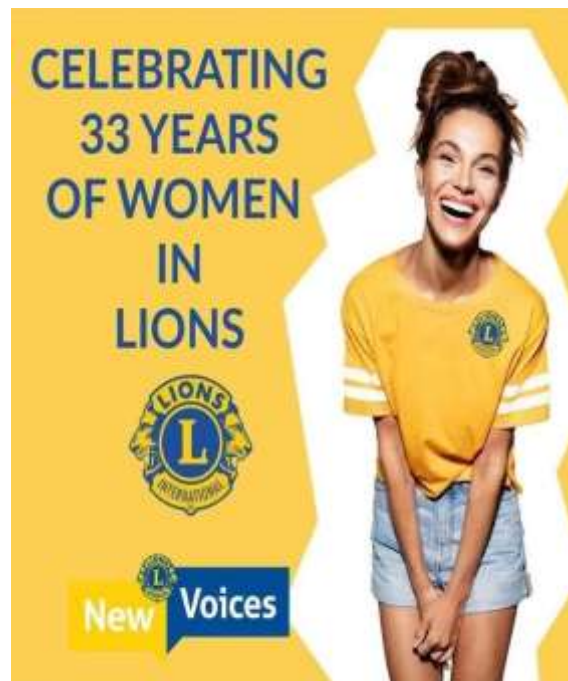
# How do Lions compare to other service organizations!!!

## International Service Organizations

Logo	Name	Information	Annual Dues*
	<b>Altrusa International</b>	Motto: <b>Patriotism, Efficiency, Service</b> Established: 1917 Global Adult Membership: 8,000	\$55
	<b>Civitan International</b>	Motto: <b>Builders of Good Citizenship</b> Established: 1917 Global Adult Membership: 40,000	\$72
	<b>Kiwanis International</b>	Motto: <b>Serving the children of the world</b> Established: 1915 Global Adult Membership: 215,000	\$77 (Tier A) \$59 (Tier B) \$48 (Tier C)
	<b>Lions Clubs International</b>	Motto: <b>We Serve</b> Established: 1917 Global Adult Membership: 1,467,872	\$43
	<b>Optimist International</b>	Motto: <b>Friend of Youth</b> Established: 1919 Global Adult Membership: 80,000	\$65.41 (Developed Countries) \$34.01 (Developing Countries)
	<b>Rotary International</b>	Motto: <b>Service Above Self</b> Established: 1905 Global Adult Membership: 1,200,000	\$69 + Magazine subscription + Insurance (variable)
	<b>Sertoma International</b>	Motto: <b>Service to Mankind</b> Established: 1912 Global Adult Membership: 13,000	\$100 + (\$350/club)
	<b>Soroptimist International</b>	Motto: <b>A Global Voice for Women</b> Established: 1928 Global Adult Membership: 95,000	\$94.94
	<b>Quota International</b>	Motto: <b>We Share</b> Established: 1919 Global Adult Membership: 5,600	\$79 + (\$200/club)
	<b>Zonta International</b>	Motto: <b>Empowering Women Through Service &amp; Advocacy</b> Established: 1919 Global Adult Membership: 30,000	\$103

\* These are annual dues charged by the international organization. Local (Club/District/National) dues are in addition to these.

Information Compiled by Lion Mahesh Chitnis



# General News

On July 30<sup>th</sup>, the Colchester community helped Colchester Lions Club member, Lion Floyd Miner, celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in fine style!!!



Then on Thursday August 21s, the Essex Jct. Lions celebrated the birthdays of PDG Clem Cardinal, PCST Judy Martin and Lion Wes Bristol!!! (editor refuses to announce any ages!!!)





And not to be outdone, there was a celebration of a birthday in the South Strafford area. PDG Mel Coburn was honored by a parade by his community friends. If you are ever in the area, stop in to check out the bench BUT make sure you don't get interviewed for a job as this applicant was!!!!



**I wear one to protect YOU,  
you wear one to protect ME.**

#InThisTogether  
#WeCanDoThis  
#LionsCare





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# VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45 FALL CABINET MEETING

Sunday November 1, 2020

Time: 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

LOCATION: Rutland Holiday Inn  
Route 7 South, Rutland, Vermont

Registration: \$25.00 per person

REGISTRATION DEADLINE Monday October 23, 2020

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lion: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Position: \_\_\_\_\_ District Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#Attending \_\_\_\_\_ x\$25.00 + \_\_\_\_\_

Please use a mask

\*\*\*\*Special Meeting\*\*\*\*

We will be remembering those Lions who have passed away during the  
2019-2020 Lions Year----Please Join us in Rutland  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS October 23, 2020

Mail to: CST PDG Bob Wilcox, P.O. Box 321, Shaftsbury, Vermont 05262  
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## VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45

### 2020-2021 Fall Conference Meeting

Sunday November 1, 2020

LOCATION: Rutland Holiday Inn  
Route 7 South, Rutland, Vermont

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 AM -	Registration
8:30 am to 9:15 am	Honorary Meeting
9:00 am – 12:30 pm	Fundraising, Silent Auction
9:30 am to 10:30 am	2020 Memorial Service
10:45 am to 11:45 am	Work Session VT Lions Charities Green Mountain Lions Camp
Noon to 12:45 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Cabinet Meeting

