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Dear Lions,

I am reflecting today that I am so thankful for all the kindness and friendship we show each other.

In my own world I heard about the passing of a very dear lady lion today. I received another notification that one of our members lost her home to fire and in the very same day a dear friend fell on the ice and broke her wrist!

We need to be so great-full that we have today! I am working on the zoom cabinet meeting and the super raffle also zoom and Facebook live. So many more details in the following pages.

Stay well my friends I look forward to the day when we can be together in person hoping for convention Book your rooms ASAP. Please get your vaccine so we can be in a group together.

Looking forward to the hugs and friendship.

DG Pam

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District 45 Calendar

2020	District 45	2021
<u>Date</u>	<u>Hosts - Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>March 13, 2021</u>	District 45 - <i>Spring Cabinet Meeting</i>	Virtual
<u>March 13, 2021</u>	District 45 - <i>LCIF Super Raffle</i>	Virtual
<u>March 13, 2021</u>	<i>LCIF Super Raffle Melvin Jones Fellow Award Nominations Deadline</i>	Virtual
March 20, 2021	Lion Day with the United Nations	New York, NY
March 22, 2021	Jericho - Underhill Lions Pie Order Deadline	Underhill Vt
March 27, 2021	Williston Lions Club Food Drive - Shaws	Williston Vt
March 27, 2021	Swanton-Missiquoi Valley Lions Meat Pie Deadline	Alburg Vt
April 7, 2021	14th Annual Colchester Lions Speech Contest	Virtual
April 11, 2021	LCIF Super Fundraiser	Virtual
April 22, 2021	Earth Day	International
April 24, 2021	Lions Worldwide Induction Day	International
May 7 - 9, 2021	District 45 - <i>Spring Convention</i>	Manchester VT
May 15, 2021	Barre Lions Beard Contest Ends	Barre Vt
June 1, 2021	Helen Keller Day	International
June 7, 2021	Lions Clubs International Birthday	International
June 25 - 29, 2021	Lions Club International - International Convention	Virtual
July 3 - 17, 2021	Tentative - GMLC - teens	Cabot, Vt
July 18 - 24, 2021	Tentative - GMLC - youth	Cabot, Vt
July 17, 2021	Lions Twin State Soccer Games	To be determined

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



District News



Come and join DG Pam Nichols (or guests) for weekly chats on Facebook

Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Vermont District 45 Lions

TOP TEN REASONS YOU SHOULD JOIN A LIONS CLUB

#1 Serve the Community

Lions are committed to partnering with local leaders and organizations, identifying the unique needs of their communities and surrounding areas, and planning service projects that address those needs. From community clean-up projects to food drives to fundraisers, Lions help people in need who are close to home. We serve!



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TOP TEN REASONS YOU SHOULD JOIN A LIONS CLUB

#2 Making a Difference

A small act like collecting recycled glasses may not seem like much at first, but when those glasses are distributed around the world through Lions eyeglass missions that change lives, you'll soon discover that Lions are making a big impact. Lions are everywhere: teaching children to read, responding to disasters, fighting measles, providing clean water, and so much more.



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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.





**WE SERVE
VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45
Spring Cabinet Meeting**

**Saturday March 13, 2021
ZOOM MEETING 1:00 pm**

- **Meeting Called to Order**
- **Past District Governor John Youney, Esq. International Director Candidate**
- **Introductions**
- **Minutes from January Cabinet Meeting**
- **Financial report**
- **Honorary Committee report**
- **LCIF Super Raffle report**
- **Vermont Lions Charities report**
- **LCIF/Campaign 100**
- **Global Leadership**
- **Global Membership**
- **Global Service**
- **Food from the Heart**
- **Lions Twin State Soccer**
- **Green Mountain Lions Camp**
- **Vision Screening**
- **Spring Convention 2021**
- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
- **Announcements**
- **DG Closing remarks**
- **Adjournment**

Blast from the past segment:



2019 winner of Super Raffle. Who will win this year???

Hello, District 45 Lions.

Help make yourselves more visable in your community by wearing the below 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.

Limited supply still available.



DISTRICT 45 LIONS CLUBS



The Lions are coming!!! The Lions are coming!! The Lions of District 45 are going to ESSEX for the annual LCIF Super Raffle!!! ***NOT!!!!***

Saturday, March 13th
 TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY
 6:30 P.M. SOCIAL - 7:00 P.M. RAFFLE STARTS

Evening highlights:

- GRAND PRIZE \$1,500***, 2nd prize \$500
- Guest Speaker: PID Steven Tremaroli, New York
 - Multiple Grand Prizes, Multiple Virtual Door Prizes
 - *** \$1500, \$1750 if 175 tickets sold, \$2,000 if 200 tickets are sold
- Tickets: \$75 (can be bought by Lions, Lions Clubs, Community members)
 - 2nd chance insurance: \$25 **SOLD OUT!!!**
- Deadline to purchase is March 11th (Can be extended case by case basis)
 - Funds raised allows Melvin Jones Fellow Awards to be granted
 - Over 65 Melvin Jones Fellows granted past 5 years
- Can attend / watch 2 ways: Facebook live at Vermont Lions District 45 or via Zoom
- Virtual 'door' prizes to be won answering trivia questions by only Zoom attendees
 - Join Zoom early trivia questions start approximately 6:35 p.m.

See our district website www.vermontlions.org for information on the event, including ticket purchasing, room reservations and requesting prize donations from local businesses.

VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45 ANNUAL SUPER RAFFLE

March 13, 2021

Ticket Request

- _____ \$75 – NO MEALS Included
- _____ \$90 – ONE Meal Included
- _____ \$100 – TWO meals Included
- _____ \$25 - 2nd Chance Insurance

_____ Total Amount – Checks Payable to
 District 45 Vermont Lions
 Ticket Owner Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Name of Attendee (if not ticket owner)

_____ Please see "flyer" for deadline information

VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45 ANNUAL SUPER RAFFLE

proceeds to benefit



March 13, 2021

The Essex, 70 Essex Way, Essex Junction, VT
 Social 6 to 6:30 ~ Dinner and Raffle 6:30 pm

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DISTRICT 45

Insurance ~ 2nd chance enables your non prize winning number to be eligible for a one time re-entry into the drawings

All vouchers will be assigned a ticket number, on a first come first serve basis. If you wish to have a specific ticket number please contact IPDG Ken Emery.

Please mail completed ticket request to:

IPDG Ken Emery

146 Eagle Park Drive, Colchester, VT 05446

STEVEN TREMAROLI
PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Steven Tremaroli resides in Huntington, Long Island, New York, USA.

He was elected to serve a two year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 96th International Convention held in Hamburg, Germany July 5 through 9, 2013.

Past Director Tremaroli is a retired chiropractor.

A member of the Melville Lions club since 1981, he is a life member and has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone and region chairperson, and District Governor 2005-2006. In 2006 he was elected council chairperson of MD 20, New York State and Bermuda.

He served on the board of directors of the Lions Eye Bank for Long Island for 12 years, and as chairman in 2001 and 2012. For five years, Dr. Tremaroli procured the corneal tissue used for transplantation.

In 2015, Past Director Tremaroli was appointed by Past International President Jistuhiro Yamada to be Lions Clubs International's representative to UNICEF New York. He continues to serve in that position today. In 2017, Past International President Bob Corlew appointed Past Director Tremaroli to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee on Youth Engagement.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the Ambassador of Goodwill, three international presidential medals, the leadership medal, and eight International president's certificate of appreciation. He is a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow

Past Director Tremaroli and his wife Marianne, also a Lion, have two sons and four grandchildren.





March 2021

To begin with, I hope this report finds everyone healthy and safe. 2021 has certainly been anything but a quiet start to a year we hoped would be milder than the last, but regardless, the Vermont Lions have continued to work hard to provide much needed vision screening for our children. This month I have attached the reported schools with totals for your review. Even with the fact that we are at only a quarter of the screenings we did last year the 6628 students who have been tested and their teachers were extremely glad we came. Out of that number, 722 students were referred for further testing. That is very close to the approximate 10% we've reported in past years. I'd say that is a pretty significant service we've been able to provide in spite of the handicaps we've had to overcome. Good job everyone!

Note: When you review the printouts where you used to read the number "schools" screened, I've changed that to read "Sessions". The reason is because most of the clubs had to go back multiple times to complete a school due to the split student attendance. It's just like doing individual schools. I feel "Sessions" gives a more accurate picture of the amount of work our Visioneers put in.

I do ask that if any club has not yet reported their screenings, regardless of it being done by school nurses with the club's camera or the club themselves, please do so. It is never too late to send me this information, but monthly reports are advisable. Thank you to those clubs who have sent in their reports. I love to let the District know how active the Vision Screening program is and the great work everyone is doing.

I wish you all a warm March and an even nicer Spring. IT IS COMING!!!

Yours in Lionism, Lion Debra Savery, Vermont District 45 Lions Vision Screening Coordinator

2020-2021 Screened by Schools

7 District 45 Clubs / 78 Sessions

Club Name (Sessions) / School Name	Students screened	Students referred	Adults screened	Adults referred
CASTLETON (13)				
Wells	37	4	2	0
Proctor ES	113	13	0	0
Middletown Springs	39	2	0	0
Poultney	91	12	0	0
Mettawee	37	2	0	0
Orwell ES	34	2	0	0
Currier ES	7	0	0	0
Currier ES	40	5	2	0

Northeast ES	161	28	0	0
Northeast ES	117	24	0	0
RIS/RMS	221	32	2	0
RIS/RMS	100	20	2	0
Benson ES	19	2	0	0
Total:	1016	146	8	0

SPRINGFIELD (10)

Bellows Falls Central School	60	7	1	0
Bellows Falls Central School	52	6	0	0
Wstminster Central School	90	6	2	0
Grafton Elementary	20	4	0	0
Grafton Elementary	6	2	0	0
Saxtons River Elementary	63	5	0	0
Bellows Falls HS	101	15	4	2
Putney Elementary	17	2	0	0
Grafton Elementary	4	1	0	0
Wstminster Central School	34	3	0	0
Total:	447	51	7	2

Colchester (1)

Milton Schools	690	80	0	0
Total:	690	80	0	0

Middlebury (40)

CVCS	60	5	0	0
Vergennes Union Elementary	140	18	0	0
Vergennes Union Elementary	114	18	0	0
Robinson(Starksboro)	54	10	0	0
Beeman Elementary	66	4	0	0
Hinesburg	167	16	0	0
Hinesburg	206	25	0	0
Robinson(Starksboro)	55	3	0	0
Beeman Elementary	31	1	0	0
VUHS	103	11	0	0
Weybridge Elementary	20	1	0	0
Ferrisburgh	59	5	0	0
Bridgport Elementary	47	2	0	0
Shoreham Elementary	33	4	0	0
VUHS	74	12	0	0
Weybridge Elementary	20	3	0	0
Ferrisburgh Elementary	19	1	0	0
Bridgport Elementary	42	8	0	0
Shoreham Elementary	17	2	0	0
Salisbury Elementary	60	7	0	0
Ripton Elementary	29	3	0	0
Monkton Elementary	105	7	0	0

Cornwall Elementary	90	10	0	0
Mt Abe HS	255	24	0	0
Mt Abe HS	148	15	0	0
Salisbury Elementary	27	2	0	0
Ripton Elementary	17	1	0	0
Charlotte Elementary	133	9	0	0
Shelberune	281	29	0	0
Bristol Elementary	233	32	0	0
Mt Abe HS	42	4	0	0
Shelburne	91	7	0	0
Allen Brook School	59	5	0	0
Williston Central	173	15	0	0
Mary Hogen Elementary	170	15	0	0
Allen Brook School	172	20	0	0
MUMS	80	9	0	0
Lincoln Elementary	59	0	0	0
Charlotte Elementary	55	4	0	0
MUMS	74	11	0	0
Total:	3680	373	0	0

Troy (2)

Newport Town Elementary	65	2	0	0
Waterford Elementary	90	2	0	0
Total:	155	4	0	0

Norshaft/Arlington (11)

Arlington Middle/HS	144	19	7	0
Fisher Elementary	164	19	2	1
Happy Days Play School	22	4	0	0
MPCC - Main St. Campus	27	1	0	0
MPCC - Monument Campus	17	1	0	0
MPCC - Shaftsbury Campus	37	5	0	0
Lil Peeps Daycare	16	1	0	0
Oak Hill Children's Center	17	2	0	0
Sunderland Elementary School	25	3	0	0
Village School at No. Bennington	22	1	0	0
Woodford Hollow Elementary	11	4	0	0
Total:	502	55	9	1

Norwich (1)

Sharon Elementary				
Total:	138	13	0	0

Total as of 2 20 2021	6628	722	24	3
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Green Mountain Lions Camp Summer 2021

Greetings all Lions!

The camp committee recently met to discuss the viability of holding camp this summer. There remain many variables but we have confirmed dates with Covenant Hills. The teen session will be held July 3rd – 17th and the youth session July 18th – 24th. July 25th is reserved as a final clean up day. Staff orientation will be held June 30th – July 2nd. No date has been set for an initial clean up day, which usually occurs the first or second weekend in June, depending on snow melt. Stay tuned for more information as we will definitely need Lions help to get the camp ready for our campers!!

The committee has developed COVID guidelines to keep our campers and camp staff safe and healthy. We also continue to monitor state guidelines for a safe opening. We recognize that we will have added expenses this year, as we will need to invest in masks, gloves, and disinfectant. We are also looking to hire additional staff to keep our staff to camper ratio low and plan to hire a full time nurse. We are currently sharing guidelines with former campers and their families to determine if there is an interest in camp this summer. We hope that campers will be excited to return and be willing to follow the guidelines!

THANK YOU Vermont Lions for your continued support of the Green Mountain Lions Camp!

TOP TEN REASONS YOU SHOULD JOIN A LIONS CLUB

#3 **Make New Friends**

Joining a local Lions club is a great way to network with other people in your community and make new friends. Find a special interest club that involves people with the same interests, hobbies and passions. Or consider starting your own club! Serving together can help build relationships that last a lifetime.



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I honestly didn't know that I was supposed to follow a service dog in a vest if it approached me by itself.

I do now.

So do you.

The world is a slightly better place.

Well done us.

If a service dog without a person approaches you, it means the person is down and in need of help

Don't get scared, don't get annoyed, follow the dog!



PULL TABS



RECYCLING



Any club or club members wishing to get pull-tabs to me by the 1st of April, definitely no later than April 15th, can make arrangements to get them to me or mail / ship them if you wish.

Any pull-tabs received by this date will count in this year's numbers for your club's total.

Current and collectively, the District has collected approximately 187 pounds.

My address is PCT Loreen Teer, 2-B Rabbit Run, Underhill VT 05489.

I can also be reached via phone at 802-899-1363 or email: lionloreen2007@gmail.com

Thanks. PCT Loreen.

EYEGLASS RECYCLING

Hello fellow recyclers,

I will be at the May convention, due to Covid-19 & not having cabinet meetings, I am asking you to bring all your eyeglasses at that time.

Otherwise please make arrangements with me, Lion Beth Abustan; cell: 802-318-2401 or email: babustan@yahoo.com to store at our Essex Jct. temporary storage place.

Please read the following DOs and DON'Ts. The following guidelines will assist the Lions in New Jersey in processing the glasses we send.

- DO REMOVE all plastic wrap/baggies from individual glasses.
- DO REMOVE all cases from glasses.
- DO pack in boxes with name of club and count in large letters.
- DO TAPE Boxes.
- DO REPORT your numbers to your SECRETARY for inclusion into the LCI report.
- **DO NOT send individual lens. No longer accepting**

Did you know that your club can get credit more than once on an item? Glasses can go under Environmental as well.

Thank you, Lion Beth Abustan, District 45 Eyeglasses Recycling Chair



EYEGLASS



RECYCLING



Club News

Arlington Lions Club:



Congrats to the winner of our 2021 Cabin Fever Raffle – Julie Bisbee!!!
Overnight Stay Package at the Hill Farm Inn

Heartland Lions Club



Recycling plastic; on their way to another bench for their local community!!!

Castleton Lions Club

We had our final drawing for the Lions Club Scholarship Raffle on 2/01/21 and the winners are....

Week 9

\$100.00 Bill Bronson
\$50.00 Lisa Thayer
\$25.00 Mandy Daley
\$25.00 Norm Williams

Week 10:

\$100.00 Clayton Patch
\$50.00 Kevin Brown
\$25.00 Helen Facer
\$25.00 Cail Knapp

Grand Prize Winners:

\$500.00 Stanley Patch Jr.
\$400.00 Logan Pritchard
\$300.00 Mark Flynn
\$200.00 Scott Welch
\$100.00 Beth Williams

This closes out another successful raffle enabling us to award (5) \$1,000.00 scholarships to deserving area graduating high school Seniors.

Congratulations to our raffle winners and thanks to all who continue to support our clubs efforts 🙏



Castleton Lions Final Drawing



Barre Lions Club Fundraiser

Barre Lions Club:

Ok folks, let's make this fun contest grow.

Do you have a beard you're proud of?

Do you know someone you'd like to enter in the contest?

Enter and get your friends to vote?

A list of prizes will be updated soon. PM me if you'd like to be a prize sponsor.

Contest ends May 15th. Deadline to enter April 15th.

Just click on the contest link to enter or donate.

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=292210545863150&id=1536493798

Donate \$20 and upload a picture to be a contestant.

Click on the donate button and give a contestant's name along with \$5 to vote for your favorite beard.

Deerfield Valley Lions Club:



TOP TEN REASONS YOU SHOULD JOIN A LIONS CLUB

#4 **Enjoy a Rewarding Experience**

There is no greater feeling than making a positive impact on someone's life. Lions are doing good- for others and for themselves.



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Valentine's Day Cookie Bouquets

The Deerfield Valley Lions had fun this Valentine's day, and added some much needed calories to both our public and admin funds. We were looking for a way to offset lost revenue from our canceled pancake breakfast and annual raffle, when some Lions came up with a "lovely" idea—a bouquet made of cookies! This helped raise our visibility in the community and got members working together & safely during the pandemic.

The project was also a good first run with our new Paypal donation setup, and we netted almost \$1000. We advertised on our Lion-built wind-proof roadside signs, and took orders from the public online. Cookies were baked by members, and the bouquets lovingly assembled by our crafty-est Lions for outdoor pickup. The online orders went automatically onto a spreadsheet we used to coordinate the baking and assembly.

Sweet shout-outs to Lions Wanda, Alisa, Darcey, Keith, Patience, Mark, Julie, Meg, Jason, Alison, and Harry.

A hearty ROAAAARRR!



Colchester Lions Club:



Colchester Lions Club



Presents the 14th annual

Speak Out Contest 2021

Topic: "Is Winning Everything"

*Participants: High School Students:
Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors
who are residents of the Towns of Colchester, Milton, or Winooski
or whom attend Colchester High, Milton High or Winooski High*

Wednesday Night, April 7, 2021 6:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual via 'Zoom'

Registration deadline is Monday, April 5th

Speech is 5 to 7 minutes long.

*Judging Criteria: Address theme (20%) Development of Theme (50%)
and Expression and Delivery (30%).*

Each judge will be allowed to ask a question of each participant.

Cash Prizes: 1st \$250, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100 Plus 4 additional \$25 prizes

*To register or for more information, please contact Lion Ken Emery
At 578-7483 (cell) or at kpemery1960@gmail.com*

Colchester Lions club is one of the oldest community service oriented organizations in Colchester (serving Milton as well). It's members belong to Vermont Lions District 45 and Lions Club International. Its mission is to serve the visually and hearing impaired and the less fortunate. We are a non-political, non-religious organization serving the needs of our community, our state, our country and our world.



Effective Speaking

TOP TEN REASONS YOU SHOULD JOIN A LIONS CLUB

#5 Learn, Grow and Share

Through volunteer work and community service, Lions are learning new things and developing leadership skills. Learn how to plan a food drive and feed the hungry. Learn about the risks of diabetes, and share their knowledge with community members to help them lead healthier lifestyles. LIONS- Making a difference throughout the world, one Lion at a time.



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"A friend who understands your tears is much more valuable than a lot of friends who only know your smile"

Granville Lions Club:

The Granville Lions Club delivered lunch to the staff of the Slate Valley Center nursing home today. We learned that the center's staff was working extra hard due to many people being out for covid quarantine. We hope a surprise lunch brightened their day. Special thanks to our Subway shop in Granville, who put together 63 customized lunches and donated beverages and cookies to the nursing home staff. We are all in this together! ❤️



Jericho - Underhill Lions Club:

Jericho Underhill Lions Club 'Easter Holiday / Spring' Frozen Pie Sale

The Jericho Underhill Lions Club is doing their annual 'Easter Holiday / Spring' Frozen Pie Sale.

Varieties available: Apple, Apple Walnut, Blackberry, Pumpkin, Raspberry, Very Berry, with limited supplies of Peach and Pecan
Pies are fresh frozen, ready to bake from Adams Farm Market of Williston.

All varieties are \$15.00 each.

Deadline to order is March 22nd, to be picked up / available on March 27th.

Contact PCT Loreen Teer, 802-899-1363 or email: lionloreen2007@gmail.com

Pie shown is from the Adams Family Market website. Actual pie might not look similar.



Norwich Lions Club:

Norwich residents were understandably sad, when they learned in January that Norwich Police Chief, Jennifer Frank, would be moving on to a new job as Chief of Police in Windsor, Vermont at the end of February. The Norwich Lions Club wished to show Chief Frank the appreciation of its members and prepared some mementos for the chief to take with her to her new position, as explained in the following declaration, presented by King Lion Cheryl Brush at a brief ceremony on February 19th at the Norwich police station, attended by Lions Demo Sofronas and Steve Flanders and by town manager, Herb Durfee. The declaration reads:

Dear Chief Frank, at its February 2nd meeting, the Norwich Lions Club took note of you leaving your position with the Norwich Police Department with sadness for our community, but with confidence that you will continue to benefit the citizens of Vermont in your new position in Windsor.

During your tenure on the Norwich Police force you have been a model of compassion and competency for the town's citizens, both young and old. No one could embody the qualities of community policing better than you have done. We have seen you playing ball with kids at the Marion Cross School, developing cadets to become responsible citizens, keeping the town aware of events affecting public safety through your Facebook feed and through your informed reports on the state of the COVID-19 virus contagion. Your visibility brought comfort to the citizens of Norwich and its visitors.

As a token of our fond wishes and to always have your back, we present you with this lion to keep watch in your office and to ride patrol, as circumstances indicate.

Here's wishing you success in your new position and wherever your career may take you. We are confident that it will be to the benefit of all whom you serve.

Brush gave the outgoing chief a stuffed lion, wearing Lions Club regalia. The chief, in turn said that the memento was doubly significant, since the lion is the symbol of law enforcement, prominently used at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

The memorial cites scripture: "The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are as bold as a lion." (Proverbs 28:1)



Swanton Missisquoi Lions Club:

Drive Thru
Tourtière MEAT PIE FUND-RAISER
Swanton-Missisquoi Valley Lions

 **\$12** 

**Saturday**
March 27th - 3 to 5 pm
***722 Alburg Springs Road - Alburg**
serving size 5 x 7 for 4 people
simply bake and serve or freeze for future use

Order Deadline MARCH 20th

Pre-Pay Required
Order at swantonlions@gmail.com or by
calling 802-582-2288
or 802-309-3596

Quantities may be Limited Please Order A.S.A.P.
***Delivery May Be Available for Larger Quantity Orders**

Strafford and Area Lions Club:

Strafford and Area Lions Club

The Strafford and Area Lions Club has been holding its monthly business meetings virtually and continuing with our service to our community.

We held our annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale and Annual Memory Tree Lighting Ceremony, raising over \$1,400.

Lion Willis Phelps took the lead replacing the rope on the Lions Harrington Hill rope tow, and we began youth skiing activities for the children of Strafford on Friday and Sunday afternoons.

Lions Sue Coburn and Cameron Speth have prepared Welcome Booklets for new residents to help acquaint them with the happenings and multiple opportunities for service in Strafford.

Lion Jane Whelihan is currently spearheading a project to collect and distribute homemade lap blankets for seniors in local nursing homes, and we are looking forward to our annual Rose Sale held in March.

Lion John Tiholiz, President



Nightlife at the ski tow!!!



NorShaft Lions Club:

NORSHAFT LIONS RAFFLE

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You are the winner of the
KCM Oil raffle! 🎉



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Only by giving,
are you able to receive
more than you already have!

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TOP TEN REASONS YOU SHOULD JOIN A LIONS CLUB

#6 **Grow as a Family**

Lions clubs offer opportunities for families to volunteer together. Become a Lion with your spouse, children, grandchildren and siblings, and start spending quality time together while serving the community.



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New England News

SHOE & SNEAKER DRIVE



The Colchester Leos Club is holding a **shoe and sneaker drive** to benefit micro-enterprise in developing countries.

Please consider donating **new and used** shoes and sneakers in good condition to this worthy cause!

February 28, 2021 10 am – 12 pm

Lions Pond, 292 Halls Hill Road, Colchester



For more information, contact
colchesterleos@gmail.com

Colchester Connecticut Leos hosting a shoe and sneaker drive.



Massachusetts Lions on picnic at their mid-winter!!!



Connecticut Lions honoring their veterans!!!

International News



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**United in Kindness and Diversity
with International President,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**

Dear Lion,

Where your service goes, kindness grows. Because you do more than make a difference in people's lives--you inspire them to do the same for others. And the more your community knows about how much your club has accomplished, the greater impact you'll be able to make.

Sharing your club's stories is the best way to promote your club and service activities. We are now already more connected than ever before through virtual meetings, social media and even traditional media. So share your success, inspire your community, and let people know how they can be a part of your service.

Regards,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President



Dear Lion,

We have a world in need and Lions are there to serve. As always, LCIF is there to magnify their impact. In this newsletter, you will find the story of children LCIF and Lions are helping protect in Brazil, gain access to stories of progress created worldwide through LCIF's new annual report, and ways to further connect with LCIF. Making the world a better place lies in the heart of every Lion. I love reading about the good Lions do and know you will too.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir, Chairperson
Lions Clubs International Foundation

Chairperson Guide

Ensure your local community understands the role of Lions in bettering our world. Promoting your accomplishments can boost the profile of your club and help bring in new members. Check out the Marketing Communications Chairperson Guide for more information!

[Download the Guide](#)



Marketing Communications Chairperson

Your club knows your community better than anyone. But what does your community know about your club? Good marketing can raise the visibility of your club, your projects and your impact. And your club's marketing communications chairperson can make that happen.

Discover [marketing resources](#) that can help you and your marketing communications chairperson transform the way your community sees your club. And if you haven't already, be sure to appoint a club marketing communications chairperson today.

The New Lions Press Center

Our brand is one of the most recognized in the world, so take advantage of it when you tell your stories and promote your club. The new Lions Press Center gives you the tools to stand out in your social and local media, and it can help your local media learn more about Lions and our mission of service. You'll find everything you need including customizable press releases, media kits and other PR resources.

Be sure to visit the [Lions Press Center](#) and discover all the tools and resources your club needs to start sharing your good news today.

Worldwide Induction Day

Your work this year has inspired so many to start their service journeys as new members. Join us for Worldwide Induction Day on April 24 to honor your new members and recognize new Lions around the world. Even though the way we meet has changed, no one celebrates better than Lions.



Visit the [Worldwide Induction Day](#) website to find a planning guide, special downloadable certificates and public relations tips for your event. Let's make it a day that new Lions will remember for the rest of their lives. And don't forget to share your event on social media using **#WeServe**.

Put health and safety first by following COVID-19 guidelines from the CDC, WHO or local health authorities. Visit our [Serving Safely](#) page for resources to help you safely serve your community.



[HOME](#) / [WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY \(WWID\)](#)

Worldwide Induction Day (WWID)

WWID is an exciting global membership celebration held annually on the last Saturday in April to unite clubs around the world in welcoming new members.

While this year has been a year like no other, many clubs and districts have been successful in forming new clubs and recruiting new members. Let's celebrate that accomplishment on April 24, 2021 together on Worldwide Induction Day. There are ways that you can celebrate safely, whether it is in person in accordance with your local guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19 or in a virtual setting.

2021 Lions Clubs International Convention moving to virtual event

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Here are some important details about the 2021 convention we would like to share with you now:

- Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- Registration is now open. The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29.
- Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- Convention updates and details will be posted here at lcon.lionsclubs.org as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service.

[Register now](#)



VIRTUAL
LCICon2021
103RD LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Individual Registration

Group Registration
Must be 10 or more run by an LCI Approved Group Coordinator

Modify an existing Registration

 **Lions Clubs International**

TOP TEN REASONS YOU SHOULD JOIN A LIONS CLUB

#7 Develop Young Leaders

By engaging youth, Lions are helping develop strong leaders for the future. Leo clubs provide youth volunteer opportunities that allow young adults to become involved in community service and begin learning about the impact they can have around the world.



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Your 2019-2020 LCIF Annual Report is Ready!

LCIF's 2019-2020 Annual Report is now available digitally. Learn about the incredible impact donors made happen. Be inspired by global stories of foundation-supported Lions service, LCIF's rapid response to COVID-19, and insight into our foundation's financial health and grant funding worldwide. Additional languages will be available in the coming months. Download your copy today.

[▶ EXPLORE](#)

Be There When Disaster Strikes; Pledge to LCIF

When disaster strikes, many factors can make it difficult to rush to the people affected. However, with 1.4 million Lions in communities across the world, donating to LCIF means you can support relief efforts through volunteers already in position.

[▶ PLEDGE DONATION](#)



NEW! LCIF Updates Now Texted to Your Phone

There is an exciting new way to connect with our foundation. Sign up for text messages from LCIF to receive vital foundation news and information on how you can empower service in your community and globally.

[SIGN UP](#)



Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service

Our world is in need, and caring Lions, supported by our global foundation, are changing it for the better. Learn more about the power of Campaign 100 to support Lions as they transform the lives of friends, families, and community members, and then help create the change we want to see in the world.

[GET INVOLVED](#)


visit LionsVirtual.org for the latest info

LCIF CAMPAIGN 100

TELL-A-THON

April 11th

presented by LionsVirtual.org



Join LCI VP Douglas Alexander
& friends for music, entertainment & inspiration on Sunday, April 11th from 5 - 9 pm EDT (New York) music, special guests & heartwarming stories of service

Every \$\$\$ donated will change lives!
DONATE NOW!
<https://givetoday.lionsvirtual.org>

100% of funds raised benefit Lions Clubs International Foundation Campaign 100

Our Leaders
(2021-2022)
• Lions Clubs International •

Vote for:

			
Douglas Alexander (1st President)	Brian Sheehan (1st Vice President)	Dr. Patti Hill (2nd Vice President)	Fabricio Oliveira (3rd Vice President)

LCICon2021
WORLD LEADERS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
JUNE 25-29

Food from the Heart News

Food From The



B B R A Lions Club

Morning everyone, I believe that we had a successful food drive on Saturday with 274 pounds & \$116 cash donations to the Randolph food shelf. Thanks for all the help. Lion Jay



I've always respected those who tried to change the world for the better,



rather than just complain about it.

TOP TEN REASONS YOU SHOULD JOIN A LIONS CLUB

#8 Expand your Horizons

Lions began as a means for business owners to expand their professional and career contacts. Today Lions membership continues to be a valuable method to network and link with people and groups that can benefit your work, social and personal lives.



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Strafford and Area Lions Club

We held our annual Food From The Heart drive receiving donations of over 650 pounds of food and over \$1,500 for the Sharon, Thetford, and Vershire Food Shelves.



Essex Jct. Lions Club

Hi Lion Molly, I hope all is well for you on this nice sunny day.

On February 13th the Essex Jct Lions collected \$182.56 in cash donations and 780 pounds of food and non food items from Big Lots and Kinney Drugs. The Scouts assisted with delivery to the Congregational Church Heavenly Food Pantry.

Staples in Williston graciously donated. The printing of posters - both sizes - just a thought for any other Clubs. Ask and you shall receive?

Looking forward to seeing you sometime in the near future!

Lion Betsy



Colchester Lions Club:

Just to let you know, between the food drive on the 6th and the 14th, over 500 pounds of food was given to the Colchester Food Shelf, 320 pounds of food to the Winooski Food Shelf and 100 pounds of food to Feeding Chittenden. That is over 900 pounds which is not too bad for us.

In addition, our fellow residents donated \$575 in cash for Colchester Food Shelf, \$365 for Winooski Food Shelf, \$100 for Feeding Chittenden PLUS the club matched up to \$250 per food shelf, so an additional \$250 was given to Colchester Food Shelf, \$250 to the Winooski Food Shelf and \$100 to Feeding Chittenden, so my 'old school' math would say about \$1640 in monetary funds were donated. ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC!!!!



Thanks Lion Jackie Dutil of the Brandon Forest Dale Lion Club!!

Free Webinar: Community Support Through Disaster Relief and Humanitarian Efforts

LCIF's free Foundation Fridays webinar series continues. Join LCIF Chairperson Gudrun Yngvadottir to learn how LCIF magnifies Lions' work in disaster relief and other humanitarian efforts. This webinar is in English only.

JOIN!

Vergennes Lions Club



Vergennes Lions at Shaw's in Bristol. No word received on how collections went.

Williston Lions Club



Lion Tanya Letourneau helping out the Colchester Lions Club with their food drive. Williston Lions Club will host a food drive, March 27th, 10 – 4 at Shaw's Supermarket

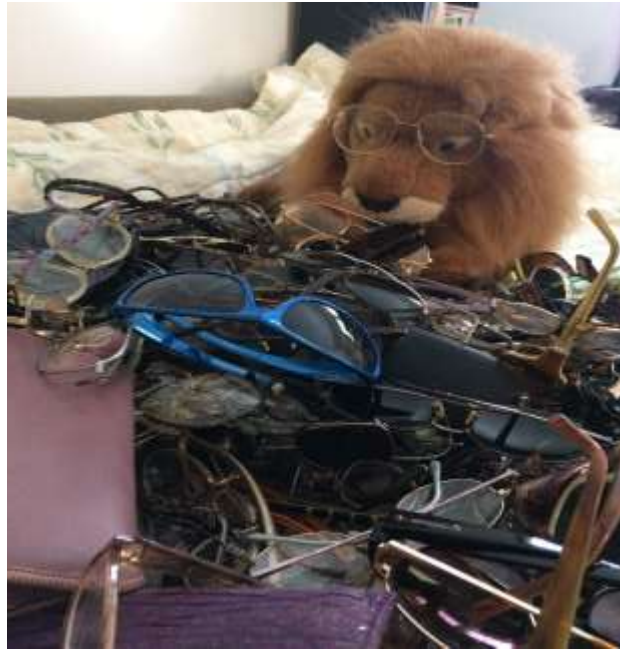
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A MYSTICAL LAND WHERE 99% OF ALL
HUMAN PRODUCTIVITY, MOTIVATION, AND
ACHIEVEMENT IS STORED.

General News

Since the District 45 traveling lion contests have been stopped, we thought you would like to see what one traveling lion is doing in its spare time!!!



Reading the most recent version of the Lions magazine and sorting through recycled eyeglasses!!

TOP TEN REASONS YOU SHOULD JOIN A LIONS CLUB

#9 Share Your Talents

Every person offers unique talents to any organization. When we combine our efforts and work toward a common goal, the results are usually mind boggling. Lions' work is like a gigantic puzzle. Until the last piece is found, the picture is never complete. Your unique piece to the puzzle is a vital part of our community service.



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TOP TEN REASONS YOU SHOULD JOIN A LIONS CLUB

#10 Continue a Club's Legacy

The work of Lions clubs requires a continuation of effort by many people. Your support as a member will insure that the service contributed in your community and throughout the world can continue. You've heard it before, but the work of many hands doing little things brings great results.



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A DRIVING NEED – Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired has an on-going need for Volunteer Drivers to get clients in Chittenden County to where they need to go. Their volunteer driver pool is desperately low and they are currently unable to fulfill all the rides needed. Just a few hours a week can help someone with vision loss get to a vital medical appointment, put food on their table, and run important errands.

You can drive as much as much or little as you want. Even one ride per week helps our clients to remain independent. Drivers are reimbursed mileage for the use of their cars. Background checks are required. Contact Vicki Vest at vvest@vabvi.org or call [1-800-639-5861 ext.243](tel:1-800-639-5861).

THE ARLINGTON LIONS ANNUAL REPORT
(as submitted to the Town its Annual report)

Hope that Prevailed in a Challenging Year

Hope is the message we, the Arlington Lions, hope you received from us this year.

While our core mission remained unchanged during this pandemic year we felt it essential that we do things to bring Hope to our communities of Arlington, Sandgate, and Sunderland.

We started with supporting the town-wide Memorial Day Parade with our float and car entries. We followed this with our Zoo Parade in July, encouraging community members to decorate their vehicles and themselves as Zoo animals and join the Lions in a parade through Sunderland and Arlington. There are very creative people in our community ... the entries were astounding!

In October we decorated our pavilion in the Rec Park with 5 Halloween vignettes encouraging families to abide by social distancing while using the vignettes to entertain their children and as backdrops for family photos.

In November we extended the reach of our Holiday lights by decorating not only the Village Green as we have for years but also the Health Center, the Post Office and Town Hall. We kept the lights on until February continuing our efforts to bring Hope to the Community.

In December we sponsored the Home Holiday Decorating Contest and Map. Over 62 homes were on the map and 41 homes entered the contests. We know at least 200 people followed the map to see these homes.

We did these activities while not losing sight of our primary focus areas: Sight and Hearing, Diabetes Prevention, Hunger, the Environment, and Pediatric Cancer.

Sight and Hearing: We screened 200+ children at Fisher Elementary, Sunderland Elementary, and Happy Days. We identified over 20 children whose vision was outside of the recommended range on at least one of 7 conditions for which we screen. These children were referred to an ophthalmologist for further testing. That means 20 of our children now have a better chance of learning as their vision is corrected.

While we generally assist people in need to defray the cost of glasses and hearing aids, applications for assistance dropped off dramatically during this pandemic year.

We have eye glass recycling boxes located at the Post Office, Wayside Store, The Village Peddler, McGaw Graphics, Dailey's/Peckham (Shaftsbury) and The Bennington Rec Center for anyone who wants help us pass along the gift of sight through Doctors without Borders.

Diabetes Prevention - The Arlington Lions Club is promoting and helping to sponsor PREVENT T2, a free Diabetes class designed by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The Zoom-based class is led by certified diabetes prevention educator and ACE-CERTIFIED Group Fitness Instructor and Health Coach Andrea Malinowski in cooperation with the Vermont Blueprint for Health and Southwestern Vermont Medical Center. In addition to promoting the program the Arlington Lions are paying for Dieticians who will teach 6 segments of this year long program.

Pediatric Cancer - we help raise money for pediatric cancer support. Through Vermont Lions Charities, we team up with other Lions Clubs to provide cash stipends to Vermont families with children in cancer treatment programs. These stipends help offset the expenses of taking children for weekly treatment as far away as Boston's Children's Hospital. We also collect pull tabs for recycling, the proceeds of which go for the Shriner's transportation program.

The Environment - We are proud to participate in Green up day every year! We've planted 3 peach trees by our Pavillion in the Rec Park.

Hunger - We collected nearly 250 lbs of food and \$381 at our Halloween Vignettes for the Food Shelf and we are collecting food for Vermont Lions' Food from the Heart at Valentine's Day. This collection also goes to our local food shelf.

Youth - We are committed to providing youth and young adults with opportunities to succeed: We provide scholarships towards college. We hold an annual back to school drive and have purchased school supplies, 72 lunch pails, 200 facemasks, and disinfectants for our local schools this pandemic year.

Thanks to an anonymous member of our community, who gave us 16 Christmas stockings, our members were able to fill them with toys and candy for Fisher Elementary to give to children who might not have gotten one at home this year.

We continue to offer the Lions Pool created in 1960 and located at the Arlington Rec Park for the enjoyment of the entire community.

We support The Green Mountain Lions Camp (located in Cabot, Vermont) for deaf and hard of hearing children to enjoy the activities of a summer camp. Our club also sponsors girls and boys who attend the Twin State Soccer Cup tournament.

For Senior Citizens we offer delivery of buckets of sand for their icy steps during winter months.

We're just a small club of 15 members, but we're part of an international nonprofit organization - one of very few where 100% of donations that come into the clubs, go back into local communities.

We're so honored to be part of this amazing community and to be able to do our small part to keep it great!

* **Where there's a need, there's a Lion.**

* **Our motto is "We Serve"**

The Arlington Lions Club is dedicated to helping others. If you would like to have fun and take pride in helping the members of your community and the world around you, contact Nick Monte, Membership chair at 802-375-6184, or any Lions Club Member.

If you would like to know how to participate in any of our services or programs, please do not be shy about reaching out through Facebook or call 802-375-6037.

*** Communique Assistant Editor Special Comments on this report ***

FANTASTIC JOB TO THE WRITER OF THIS REPORT.

I would like to know how many other clubs submit a report to their local towns of what their club is doing. I also wonder how many clubs submit a report like this to even to their own members to remind them what they are doing, what their club is doing to support their local residents, their local communities, their state, their world!!! If you are not, you should be!!!





WE SERVE

VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45

Spring Convention

May 7, 8 & 9, 2021

EQUINOX HOTEL AND RESORT

Manchester Center, Vermont

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