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Dear Lions and Friends,

Sending holiday greetings to everyone. Best wishes to all for a safe, healthy, and joyful holiday season.

Looking at the new year is it hard to believe that we are in January and the spring convention will soon be here in May 2022; at the January Cabinet meeting on Saturday, January 15, at the Canadian Club, Barre, VT, we will be packing meals with the Outreach Program. Please be sure that you make your reservations no later than January 8, 2022. We will be packing meals that will be donated to the Vermont Food Bank and local food shelves. Some Lions are staying at the Capital Plaza, Montpelier, VT the night before.

Many thanks to the clubs that have purchased meals to go back into their communities. Also, a BIG THANK YOU to Vermont Lions Charities for purchasing 10,000 meals for the Vermont Food Bank, plus we also have a grant from LCI for \$500 to be used toward this project.

We are asking that everyone wears mask, to slow the spread of COVID-19. If you're sick, stay home. Remember to stay six feet away from everyone.

Thank you for all that you are doing for your communities.

DG Carol Greene



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District 45 Calendar

2021 <u>Date</u>	District 45 <u>Hosts - Event</u>	2022 <u>Location</u>
January 8 - 9, 2022	NELC Winter Meeting	Newport, RI
January 13, 2022	Melvin Jones Birthday	International
January 15, 2022	District 45 3rd Cabinet Meeting	Barre, Vt
January 15, 2022	20,000 meal District 45 Project	Barre, Vt
January 15, 2022	2022 Peace Poster Kits on Sale	LCI Store
January 17, 2022	Martin Luther King Jr Day	Nationwide
January 19, 2022	Manchester Lions Club Heat Raffle	Manchester, VT
January 22, 2022	Zone 1A – 1B Meeting	Georgia, Vt
January 31, 2022	LCIF Super Raffle MJF Nominations Deadline	Committee
February 7 - 14, 2022	Food from the Heart Project Week	Statewide
February 12, 2022	Heartland Lions Club Valentine's Dance	W. Lebanon NH
Nov 2 21 - March 15 22	SMVLC 20 20 Fundraiser Weekly Draws	Swanton, Vt
March 11, 2022	44th Annual Lions Day with UN	New York, NY
March 12, 2022	Spring Cabinet Meeting	Middlebury Vt
April 30, 2022	International Worldwide Induction Day	International
May 7, 2022	Green Up Day	Statewide
May 13 - 15, 2022	District 45 Spring Convention	West Lebanon NH
May 21, 2022	NELC Spring Meeting	Kittery ME
June 24 - 28, 2022	International Convention	Montreal PQ
July 16, 2022	Twin State Soccer Games	Hanover NH

Don't see your club activities???
Email such to the Communiqué Editor

See it next month!!!!

District News



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

2022!!! My news year's resolution is to be more grateful for family and friends.

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District 45 would like to welcome (as of December 26th) the following Lions to our district and association:

Scott Hendricks (Londonderry Area Tri-Mountain Lions Club)

Vision Screening Report

January 2022



Well, we did it!

As of December 22, District 45 had screened 10756 students with 1117 referrals. I'd hoped to break 10000 by December 31 and District 45 did not disappoint. You've all done such a great job. This is not to say we are done for the year, however. There are still clubs that have decided to wait for the new year to finish up their screenings and even some clubs planning to begin later this year when and if Covid dies down some so they can get into their local schools. In any event, Vermont Lions have done a spectacular job and I, for one, could not be prouder. If any club wishes to consider screening later, just contact me and I'll be happy to help you get your club organized to do so. Even if you can screen only one school in your area to start, it's enough to get the ball rolling and a project that your club can be most proud of.

I am working with Lion Mark Hanna of the Deerfield Valley Lions who is the District's Public Relations and Lion Information Chair to get the word out about this most important program. I hope to get people everywhere educated in what it is we do with vision screening and the benefits it has for all the children of Vermont. Vision Screening Flyers have been designed and created by our own FVDG Kathy Dorman that are available for distribution by clubs if interested. It's an easy first step toward getting the word out so please let me know if anyone would be interested in the tri-fold flyers. I will have some with me at the January 15th cabinet meeting for anyone who would like to check them out.

Again, I wish to send along my thanks to everyone who participates in the Vision Screening program and have helped make this another successful Lion year.

Happy New Year. May you all have a safe, happy, and healthy 2022,
Yours in Lionism, Lion Deb Savery, Vermont District 45 Vision Screening Coordinator



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While the campaign's financial goal is US\$300 million, the ultimate goal is Lions' ability to serve hundreds of millions of people in need. Our impact with vision, youth and disaster relief is remarkable. In addition, we continue to fight the global epidemic of diabetes, childhood cancer, hunger, the environment and so much more.

Lions Clubs International Foundation is the primary funding source for Lions' projects worldwide. Through the more than US\$1 billion in grants it has provided since 1968, LCIF has enabled Lions and clubs to exponentially expand their service and carry out more life-altering missions globally. As most of you heard on December 10th, a rare, late season series of tornadoes battered portions of the Southern and Midwestern United States, leaving several dead, many others injured, and major devastation in countless communities. LCIF quickly responded and awarded emergency grant funding to allow Lions in the affected communities to respond to the urgent need of the victims.

[To see the video that was presented at the LCIF Super Raffle on the history of LCIF grants to district 45 visit Swanton-Missisquoi Valley Lions Club | Facebook, note: you may need to un-mute your speakers](#)

District 45 Campaign 100 goal is 200,168 to date we have cumulative \$150,062 leaving a balance to raise either by donations or pledges of 49,236. It is not too late to join our journey, the goal is not unreachable. Back in August I challenged clubs to do specific fund raisers for Campaign 100, by doing so not only will we be able help meet our goal, but can also spark enthusiasm, fellowship, new members and continue the pride of our global foundation.


As of October 2021, Campaign 100 has raised \$244,900,615 leaving the balance to goal of \$55,099,385.

As we continue to the final descent of the campaign, I ask that if any way I can assist to reach out. Please also let me know what your club is doing for our campaign, promote within the communicate, facebook, websites and more.

Ways to Give Reminder:

1. Online Pledge form: C100 Online Pledge Form
2. Text "LCIF" to 888-801-5959. More info here: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/connecting-in-crisis>
3. Contact PDG Merry Souza at 802-582-2288, pdgmerry@gmail.com

Respectfully, PDG Merry Souza



Make an End of Year Donation

Your support can impact countless lives. Before the year ends, make one more gift to create brighter futures.

COMPLETE YOUR GIFT

The complex block features a dark blue background. On the left is the Campaign 100 logo. To the right, the text 'Make an End of Year Donation' is in white. Below it, a smaller white font reads 'Your support can impact countless lives. Before the year ends, make one more gift to create brighter futures.' At the bottom right, a white rounded rectangle contains the text 'COMPLETE YOUR GIFT' in blue.



From D45 Public Relations & Lions Information Chair:

I'm excited by the challenge of being Vermont Lions' PR person, because a public's awareness of Lions is *foundational* for success and growth.

Great example: letting the public 'in' on our vision program is a fantastic opportunity to *re-introduce* Lions to the wider community. As a bonus to all its terrific outcomes for children, KidSight has wonderful potential to attract new members, too – by generating local goodwill. **If** we let this program be known, that is.

We've got many other great things going on, including our Five Areas of Focus. The Peace Poster contest. Local giving. Fun stuff! All Lions should be proud of this work – and let it be known. Why be shy?!

How can we help get the word out about Lions?

- Word of mouth is the most personal way, but general publicity is needed, too. There are many outlets for doing so – from posters to press releases. Radio, the internet, and more.
- How about that [fun video](#) that the Norwich Lions put out?! So worthy of sharing on social media, and make friends smile *about Lions!*
- I aim to share, in our monthly Communique, innovative ways to make PR easy and successful for clubs to do locally.
- I'm eager to learn success stories of our clubs, and share them with you. I have received back many surveys regarding your club's marketing efforts. If you would like to fill out a survey (it takes 5 minutes), just email me. lionmark2000@outlook.com I'd LOVE your input!
- I'm happy to assist District chairs. Lion Debra Savery – D45 Kidsight chair – and I had a recent conversation about how Lions might 'market' this mission *to key individuals* across Vermont. To gain wider acceptance for Lions vision screenings in our schools, and "get all oars pulling the same direction."
- At the District level, I'm learning the ropes, and DG Carol's Backpack Initiative for the homeless did make it to WCAX television. I'm trying to follow the footsteps of other D-45 leaders who have been successful getting the word out, where in the past we had the making of 10,000 meals televised, and where PDG Ken Emery had a fantastic TV interview.

Good PR factually presents Lions as active, fun, and successful. And an outlet for anyone of good character to be involved in their community, in helping others in meaningful ways.

Don't be shy!

--Mark Hanna, Deerfield Valley Lions



This year has been devoted to the New England Lions Council as Secretary. I would like District 45 to be aware of this group and realize the way that it links all of the Districts in New England.

This link gives a pathway for information to be shared, recognition for growth and service between and among the Districts of New Hampshire, Maine, Mass, Rhode Island, Conn. and Vermont.

As well as this the Council is a strong conduit to pass on information and support from LCI to each of us. Because of our history of support for LCI and contribution of International Directors from our region, we are able to have excellent trainers offer courses at our conferences. All of this has the ability to energize our Lions and access so much support.

I would like all D45 Lions to take advantage of this opportunity to learn and meet with other committed Lions. The next meeting is in Rhode Island in January, 2022. Please watch for future meetings and links to Zoom training.

Please contact me for further information about the work of the New England Lions Council.

PDG Liz Fenwick, District 45 New England Lions Council Representative
Secretary: New England Lions Council



Green Mountain Lions Camp Committee

Our goal was to have a director by January 1st we have co directors prospects which we are reviewing their proposal. Ideally, we need to have a director (or co) by the cabinet meeting.

John Schuyler from Convent Hill's says we can move supplies from storage but we are still waiting for the contract for the coming year.

We are still looking for Lions to join the committee. And Lions and CLUBS or ZONES to sign up for activities at camp like hiking, driving to horse riding, art and crafts, playing cards board games, doing jigsaw puzzles, or otherwise known as cheery / helpful bodies!!!.

Keep an eye out for GMLC wish list.

Lion Patricia Johnston-McWilliams
GMLC Chair



Vermont Lions District 45 LCIF Super Raffle

***** DEADLINE REMINDER *****

**To all clubs and individual Lions who purchased tickets
To the 2021 LCIF Super Raffle**

**For each ticket that was purchased, you are allowed to make a nomination for
someone to receive a Melvin Jones Fellow award (or progressive).
This person can be a member of your club, another club or someone within
the community.**

**DEADLINE TO MAKE NOMINATIONS
JANUARY 31, 2022!!!**

Must be in writing: Email or Snail mail (Postal Service)

Sell your nomination!!!

Please tell us who they are, what they have done!!

Remember, we might not know who they are but we want to reward them!!!

To one of the following committee members:

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Marketing Matters

Monthly Tips & Ideas to Enhance Your Lions Club

January 2022 – Boost Success with a Great Press Release



The best marketing is powerful, simple and FREE. And this is where the humble press release really shines! A good news release can increase awareness of your club, attract new members, boost fundraising, and build goodwill in your community. Many Lions clubs are successfully using press releases, but if your club is just getting started, here are some tips. So, what makes a good press release?

1. It has news value.

A good press release always announces something newsworthy and interesting.

2. It gets right to the point.

Good press releases always lead with the Big Five Facts – “Who, What, When, Where, Why”. Try to include these in the first two sentences of every release. For example: “The Greenville Lions will host a free diabetes screening at the High School gym on March 3 from 10 am to 3 pm. Because diabetes affects over 34 million Americans, the Greenville Lions offer free screenings twice a year.” In two sentences, you’ve covered “Who, What, When, Where, and Why.” The only thing left to do here is to provide a contact email for more info.

3. It's always written in the third person.

Unless you're quoting someone, never use the words “I” or “we” or “us” in your press release. Just write your release like a factual news story – which it is.

4. It includes a GREAT PHOTO.

You can TRIPLE the odds that your release will be published by including a great photo! Try to show your Lions in action, not all lined up stiffly for the camera. Get in close if possible, and focus on moments of warmth, joy, fun, and connection. And always identify the people in your photos, from left to right, with full names. (Plus, titles, if they have them.)

5. It has “heart.”

After you've covered the Big Five Facts, add information to make your release more interesting. Are you announcing a Bake Sale? Tempt people by previewing the goodies: apple pie, carrot cake, brownies! If your event is a fundraiser, tell people where the money's going. To build a playground? Help a family whose house burned down? Provide food for neighbors in need?

If you're announcing a membership drive, list all the ways your club serves the community! People love to join other folks who are making a difference.

6. It's easy to read.

Don't make your release long and flowery. A short, compelling story with supporting facts is all you need.

5. It's going to the right media outlet.

Make a list of the regional news sources that people in your community visit, listen to, read or watch, and send your press releases to the proper person at each outlet. (Usually this will be a news editor; find their contact info online.)

Finally, a sustained program of well-written press releases can win your Club the recognition and community support it deserves. I encourage you to use this amazing FREE tool to help your Club grow, thrive, and do great things!

WANT MORE? Feel free to contact me with questions, or to see samples of Lions Club press releases that successfully met their goals. Send me your successful ideas to share, too! lionmark2000@outlook.com. Best wishes for success.

Mark Hanna, Public Relations and Information Chair for D45 Vermont Lions.

There are 7 Zones in District 45
Here are some reports of what is happening within such:

CS Kendal Holden, Zone 1b chair: we met with Zone 1a on October 2nd at the Georgia Fire Station and plan to hold our second on January 22nd. I have attended Essex and Williston Lions meetings once, need to meet with the Colchester club. So far, the accent has been on membership growth.

Zone 3A Report, Lion John Tiholiz

The Clubs in Zone 3A are meeting the challenge of our time and are continuing to serve the needs of their communities as only Lions are able to do.

The **Heartland Lions** have continued with their vision screenings and fundraisers, donated to the South Royalton food shelf, operated the Big Six Wheel at the Tunbridge World's Fair, participated in the TRES Recycling Program, and lit their 44th annual Memory Tree.

The **Norwich Lions** have conducted vision screenings, lit their Memory Tree, held their annual Meadow Muffins Contest, conducted a raffle instead their annual Fair, and broke new ground conducting a very successful and innovative on-line auction.

The **Springfield Lions** have conducted vision screenings, held their annual food drive, their 8th annual Fishing Tournament, and their annual Christmas Tree sale.

The **Strafford and Area Lions** conducted their annual food drive for the benefit of three local food shelves, conducted vision screenings and fundraisers, held their annual Strafford Citizen of the Year Ceremony, lit their annual Memory Tree, collected over 500 pairs of used eyeglasses, made and donated baby blankets and newborn and neonatal caps for local maternity units, maintained and operated the Town Pond and the Harrington Hill Rope Tow, participated in the TRES Recycling Program, donated to the LCIF Disaster Relief Fund for tornado relief, and have added six new members.

The **Windsor Lions** fulfilled eyeglasses requests, twice donated to their local food shelf, gave annual Christmas baskets to three nursing homes, awarded their annual scholarship to a graduating high school senior, and provided school aged children lunches during the summer. The **Braintree Brookfield Randolph Area** Branch Club has participated in and is also enlisting the help of other local service organizations to help them with the TRES Recycling Program, conducted a Lions International Peace Poster Contest, assisted the Heartland Lions at the Tunbridge World's Fair, held a food drive to benefit the Randolph Food Shelf, is preparing to do vision screenings, and is collecting used eyeglasses from a local thrift shop and funeral home. The Lions in Zone 3A are serving their communities with pride and commitment.

Zone 4 report, Lion Patricia Johnston-McWilliams

Orleans Derby are remote due to pandemic.

Derby has only had 1 in person meeting so far but they did manage to do 97 fruit baskets for the elderly and shut ins. Despite some medical issues with various club members. Status quo members.

Troy and Area They have 2 new members they serve 93 children with clothes and Christmas presents their December Texas hold em was for Lowell school and they gave them 350.

Meal site every Thursday.

Barre has not gain or lost members, they do have 2 prospective members. Since July 1st they have held Disc Golf tournament, 100 raffle, big buck Auction and Christmas tree sales.

Chairs for Zone 1b, Zone 2ab, Zone 2c and Zone 3bc did not submit any information.

Nellie Hart Memorial Award

Through the years it was called Opportunity for Youth, but sometime over the years it got changed to The Nellie, Hart Memorial Award in honor of PDG Nelson 'Nellie' Hart who passed away from cancer. PDG Nellie was a member of the Castleton Lions club. And to this day the award is still going strong and will continue to go strong through the years to come. The following, respectfully submitted by Danielle Coulombe, former member of the Richford Lions Club but one of , if not the only, creator(s) of the award, is a brief history of the award over the years plus a little inspiration story to the start of such:

Every so often we are inspired by those who walk

Among us with extraordinary circumstances that motivate us to do something amazing for humanity and society. Nearly two decades ago I was inspired by a young man who I had the pleasure of doing through school with and graduating. This young gentleman, and let's call him 'Al' for privacy reasons. Well, Al, at seven years old, suffered from a brain tumor requiring part of brain to be removed, chemotherapy and radiation that, while it cured him, took away his childhood and caused a developmental and learning disability he was never born with. I was one of his best friends and I watched as the classmates bullied him, often sticking my neck out to protect him.... He struggled with basic academics but nonetheless he kept trying to improve. He refused to give up even if every aspect of his life was not ideal for his particular needs. He inspired his teachers, the community and me. So during our graduation the teachers used grant money received to form a scholarship and were to choose one senior each year to give it to. They were given only one rule to follow... it must be to a student who has inspired them through their school career. Al was the lone recipient. He used this money, not to go to college, but to study the maple syrup business in hopes of taking over for his grandfather someday. He is now a partner with his Dad In the maple syrup business. He was passionate about tapping trees and boiling sap.

I, being perhaps the youngest Lion in the District and the youngest cabinet member appointed to Opportunity of Youth by Former District Governor Merry Souza (2002/2003) was so inspired by Al's struggle AND SUCCESSFUL graduation that the idea for a scholarship like the one given to him was a perfect way to add to our pledge to our community and to charity. I decided to start a state wide scholarship program with its sole intention to support someone like my friend Al to achieve their dreams. The only two requirements... the money had to be used toward career training, and they had to have an illness or disability that would present a significant challenge to their career aspirations. District governor Souza and my father and mother, Lions Claude and Cathy Coulombe, encourage me to go to a Vermont Lions Charities meeting during a convention. I was 18 years old, going to a bunch of "old and wide timers" and I was so nervous. After getting some understandable questions and "interrogations" and getting the whole, your 18 what can you do attitude, I called on Al's determination and work ethic and I pitched my idea. I left that convention with a guaranteed \$1000 to get it off the ground.

This coming June we will be awarding out 18th high school senior with their scholarship. Over \$18,000 dollars have been provided to deserving youth. We have had the pleasure of meeting a young woman who suffered a debilitation stroke when she was born, and a young man diagnosed at one years old with severe type 1 diabetes. A few kids were like Al and had brain turn or resections, and even one young lady, graduating from my alma matter, with only one functional hand with a desire to go into professional farming despite the physical hindering she faced. Every young adult who submitted an application made our selection process hard. We had plenty of Kleenex availability to dry out years. All of these youngsters remind us of Al's story and they all let us know that passion and dedication can overcome every curve call life throws at us. We only need to support one another and to see the potential in every person.

*** Please see pages 41 to 43 for additional information in regards to this award: copy of application ***

Club News

Swanton Missisquoi Valley Lions Club:

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Checks Payable to
Swanton Missisquoi
Valley Lions mailed to
722 Alburgh Springs Road
Alburgh, VT 05440



Tickets May also be
purchased
via phone 582-2288
or 309-3596
in person from members

Fundraiser
to Benefit Humanitarian Projects through
Swanton Missisquoi Valley Lions Club

Do Not Need to Be Present to Win
Every Ticket will have a Weekly Opportunity To Win
First Drawing to be held November 2nd, last Drawing to be held March 15th
14 Winners \$50 – 5 Winners \$100 – 1 Winner \$500
Tickets May be Purchased up until last drawing at Full Value
Maximum 200 Tickets to be Sold

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

DATE	WINNING NUMBER	AMOUNT
11/02/21	62	\$50.00
11/09/21	4	\$50.00
11/16/21	5	\$50.00
11/23/21	87	\$100.00
11/30/21	98	\$50.00
12/07/21	67	\$50.00
12/14/21	16	\$50.00

TICKETS ARE STILL BEING SOLD IF INTERESTED CONTACT INFO IS ABOVE. THERE ARE STILL \$1300 IN PRIZES!

Life is short.
Take some chances.
Visit mountains.
Walk on the beach.
Say "I love you."
Hug often.
Laugh every day.
Express gratitude.

GratitudeHabitat.com

Arlington Lions Club:



Sand Buckets for Seniors

The Arlington Club wants senior citizens to be safe this winter by offering a bucket of sand for icy steps and entrance ways. If you live in Arlington, Sunderland or Sandgate and are 65 years or older and would like a bucket of sand delivered free of charge to your home, please call or text our coordinator at 802-430-3013 from 8am to 8pm. Please leave a message with your name and address, any specific instructions such as where to leave the bucket. You can also message our page or email ArlingtonVTlions@gmail.com



Windsor Lions Club:

Food Wagon for Sale

The Windsor Lions Club is selling our food wagon and hoping another club in the District is interested in purchasing it. It is a 16' x 8' 2007 Haul trailer converted into a food wagon. The trailer would require a 2" ball hitch. There is a 240 volt/110 electrical panel wired to a 30 amp 4 prong twist lock RV connector to allow connection to either a generator (not included) or a wired outlet. It has a 12 volt battery powered trailer jack (no hand cranking needed) and is silver in color with two Lion logos affixed to it already. It comes with a Deluxe SnoKonette, Dog Hut Hot Dog Steamer, Sam's Club Popcorn Machine, Mega Breeze Cotton Candy Machine, Galanz Microwave, Crockpot, 2 warmers (Star high-performance warmer and a Server warmer), Fimco Industries fresh water storage tank, RV style propane hot water tank, Countertops and cabinets, two bowl sink, two folding chairs, 20 oz. nacho trays (approx. 200), hot dog boats (approx. 200), small boats (approx. 50 – we used for whole dill pickles), Snokone tips and quart bottles (approx. 12 each – to hold the snokone syrup for easy pouring on the snokones), 6 oz. snokone cone shaped serving cups (approx. 4,600), snokone serving cup holder, 13 one gallon plastic containers w/lids (used for mixing and holding extra snokone syrup), 8" x 4" x 18" plastic bags (approx. 700 – used for larger popcorn servings), cotton candy supplies, garbage can w/lid, two large coolers for soda and water, and other miscellaneous utensils, paper products, etc. We are asking \$5,000 or BRO. We can also provide fundraising numbers (net profit for year based on events attended). More pictures available upon request. Please contact our secretary, Jennifer Cary for any inquiries at contentedbutterfly@yahoo.com.



Colchester Lions Club:

Attached is a photo of the kit I put together for Milton Rescue, Milton Police and Fire, Colchester Rescue, Police, and Fire(Mallett's Bay, Village & St Michael's) and St Michael's Rescue. All were similar depending on what they asked for. I've distributed all and have two snack baskets for Colchester Police.



Colchester Lions Club

Presents the 15th annual

Speak Out Contest 2022

Topic: "Service from the Heart"

**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, February 2nd, 2022 6:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual via 'Zoom'

Registration deadline is Monday, January 31st

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.



*** Statewide Vermont Lions contest is March 12th ***
More information to be provided as available

Manchester Lions Club:

\$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20



100 gals of oil from Dorr or \$200 gift card from r.k. Miles

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As many of you know, the Elf Express is our biggest fundraiser. 2021 marks the second year that we have been unable to host the event due to covid restrictions. In an effort to continue supporting our community, we have put together a 'Heat Raffle.' Prizes include 100 gallons of oil from Dorr Oil and a \$200 gift card from R.K. Miles.

Drawing will take place on January 19, 2022.

Connect with your favorite Manchester Lion for tickets or DM us here. Paypal and Venmo accepted!

Norshaft Lions Club:

We are pleased to announce that Village School of North Bennington sixth grader Thea is the winner of this year's Peace Poster contest! Every year, the Norshaft Lions Club sponsors the Village School and Shaftsbury Elementary School students in the Lions Club international peace poster contest. Each year, there is a theme that students have to represent without using words. This year's theme was "we are all connected." In addition to the winner, the following sixth graders received honorable mentions for their outstanding work: Eli, Emily-Grace, Adelaide, and Nieve

Rylann Davis Placed 1st Place in our NorthShaft District LIONS Club Peace poster and 3rd Place in The Lions Club State of Vermont Peace Poster Contest 2021! CONGRATS Rylann



Castleton Lions Club:

Our 2021 Lions Club Scholarship Winners

Week 1

\$100 # 398 Gordon Howland
\$50 # 273 Young at Heart Sr. Center
\$25 # 294 Buddy Brown
\$25 # 111 Matt Ryan

Week 3

\$100 # 151 Bruce Gordon
\$50 # 359 Mary Lussier
\$25 # 212 Kathy Tester
\$25 # 347 Charlie Brown

Week 5

\$100 # 330 Jeff Grenier
\$50 # 323 Robert Giffen
\$25 # 317 Bryce Howland
\$25 # 133 Kendra Steven

Week 7

\$100 # 284 Terri Pritchard
\$50 # 314 Drew Novosel
\$25 # 128 Claud Robustian
\$25 # 280 April Morse

Week 9

\$100 # 178 Mike Bruce
\$50 # 199 Irene Evanoika
\$25 # 121 Dennis Briere
\$25 # 71 Dick Starling

Week 2

\$100 # 362 Jerry Fenton
\$50 # 50 Thomas Clark
\$25 # 33 Noah Taggart
\$25 # 108 Chris Holzworth

Week 4

\$100 # 128 Claud Robustian
\$50 # 115 David White
\$25 # 33 Noah Taggart
\$25 # 125 Eric Splatt

Week 6

\$100 # 232 Dave Barker
\$50 # 383 Tyler Lavin
\$25 # 157 Lloyd Bronson
\$25 # 302 Madeline Young

Week 8

\$100 # 165 Jay Brown
\$50 # 219 Becky Galarneui
\$25 # 260 Debby Perry
\$25 # 55 Trevor Hurlbert

Week 10

\$100 # 77 Al Parrot
\$50 # 355 Doreen Bushey
\$25 # 235 Zeke
\$25 # 335 Barbara Burns

Grand Prize Winners

\$500 # 260 Debby Perry
\$400 # 164 Mark Cassidy
\$300 # 44 Hunter Gould
\$200 # 95 Ava Gonzalez
\$100 # 77 Al Parrot

Thank you to all who supported this great cause to help our area students further their education

Jericho Underhill Lions Club:



Deerfield Valley Lions Club:

DEERFIELD VALLEY Peace Poster –

Blake Scheer, of Dover (VT) Elementary School, is the local first-prize winner of this year's Lions' annual International Peace Poster Contest, sponsored in the region by the Deerfield Valley Lions Club. This year's theme was "We Are All Connected." Violet Kelly and Camryn Ammon won second and third prizes. The first-place winner received \$75 and the second and third place winners received \$50.

Respectfully submitted, Lion CB Goldstein, DVLC Peace Poster Chair



The Deerfield Valley News donated space so we could run this "Thank You" ad for our Hungry Lion Bike Tour.

The Deerfield Valley Lions raised more than \$50,000 to help serve our community. We are thrilled to have raised this record amount of money, thanks to the hard work of our amazing Lions, sponsors, and participants.



You "Wheely" Made a Difference!

Thanks to all our sponsors, riders, volunteers & friends for helping the 10th Hungry Lion Bike Tour raise more than \$50,000 to fund Lions Club projects in the Deerfield Valley! 100% of all monies raised will be used to combat local food insecurity, as well as vision testing in schools, scholarships for local students, help for families of children fighting cancer, and more.

The Deerfield Valley Lion Club thanks you ALL!

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR LEAD SPONSORS: Deerfield Valley News, Brattleboro Savings & Loan/Park Place Financial Advisors, AnnColemanGallery.com, Ratu's Liquor & Market, Mount Snow, Berkley & Veller Greenwood Country Realtors, Riggs Distler, The Richards Group, Vermont Distillers, WW Building Supply, Maple Leaf Tavern. **YOU ROCK!**



Interstate highway rest areas around Vermont offer a lottery system for local nonprofits to raise funds, by offering coffee and treats to travelers who pull over to take a break.

Brattleboro Area and Deerfield Valley have both taken advantage over the past few years. And, this fall, the Deerfield Valley Club won a prime time to take part – a Friday entering a prime foliage weekend – when folks flock north and take a break from Route 91 at the Guilford Rest Stop.

Lion Wanda Walkowiak pulled together a team of Lions, and as reported by Lions president Julie Muller, the anticipated revenue of \$750 was blown past; and Deerfield Valley actually added \$1,598 to their coffers!

It was an opportunity for Lions to gather outdoors together during the pandemic, and was wonderful for spending time together. Many of our new Lions members took part, and got a good flavor of what the club is about.

President Julie added, “It is a nice way to connect with those coming to visit Vermont. The event is not just about fundraising, but about the Lions presence.” And, “Thanks for putting on a happy face and greeting people!”

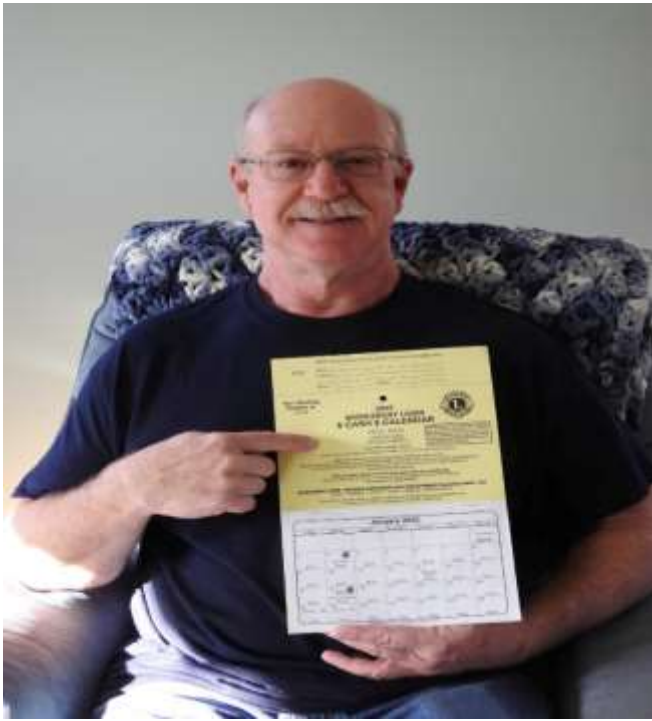


Middlebury Lions Club:

Date	First	Last	Calendar #	Amount
12/31/2021	Walter	Ducharme	686	\$ 20.00
12/30/2021	Erik	Koskinen	836	\$ 20.00
12/29/2021	Dawn	Summer	572	\$ 20.00
12/28/2021	Phoebe	Smith	386	\$ 20.00
12/27/2021	Hannah	Hoopaugh	1397	\$ 20.00
12/26/2021	Betty	Scott	1438	\$ 20.00
12/25/2021	Victor	LaBerge	1657	\$ 100.00
12/25/2021	Craig	Dupoise	1779	\$ 100.00
12/25/2021	Sarah	Whitney	874	\$ 100.00
12/25/2021	Sarah	Whitney	874	\$ 100.00
12/25/2021	Stella	Andrews	371	\$ 300.00
12/24/2021	Ashley	Mattison	1971	\$ 20.00
12/23/2021	Marfa I	Mraz	180	\$ 20.00
12/22/2021	Karl	Riley	1074	\$ 20.00
12/21/2021	Richard	Seeley	161	\$ 20.00
12/20/2021	Kristen	Wilson	1072	\$ 20.00
12/19/2021	Holly	Gero	1954	\$ 20.00
12/18/2021	Nathan	Paquette	1406	\$ 50.00
12/17/2021	Glenna	Wry	1955	\$ 20.00
12/16/2021	Andrea & Kevin	Mulligan	507	\$ 20.00
12/15/2021	Hank	Stowe	1743	\$ 20.00
12/14/2021	Bob	Preseau	571	\$ 20.00
12/13/2021	John Fallon &	Connie Wagner	706	\$ 20.00
12/12/2021	Jay	Smith	1465	\$ 20.00
12/11/2021	Bart & Denise	Healy	1700	\$ 50.00
12/10/2021	James Cryan &	Elizabeth Coogan	1313	\$ 20.00
12/9/2021	Tom`	Smith	1654	\$ 20.00
12/8/2021	Karl	Riley	1074	\$ 20.00
12/7/2021	Brett A	Lowry	227	\$ 20.00
12/6/2021	Earlene	Smith	1035	\$ 20.00
12/5/2021	Wynne	Pirkkanen	1663	\$ 20.00
12/4/2021	Benjamin	Huestis	1601	\$ 50.00
12/3/2021	Wayne	Clark	1667	\$ 20.00
12/2/2021	Patti	Wolff	1052	\$ 20.00
12/1/2021	Cindy	Sears	1643	\$ 20.00



"My iPod has a special playlist for days like this: The Heat Is On, Light My Fire, Hot Hot Hot, Warmth of the Sun, Disco Inferno..."



I may not be the most important person in your life. I just hope when you hear my name, you smile and say,
"That's my friend."

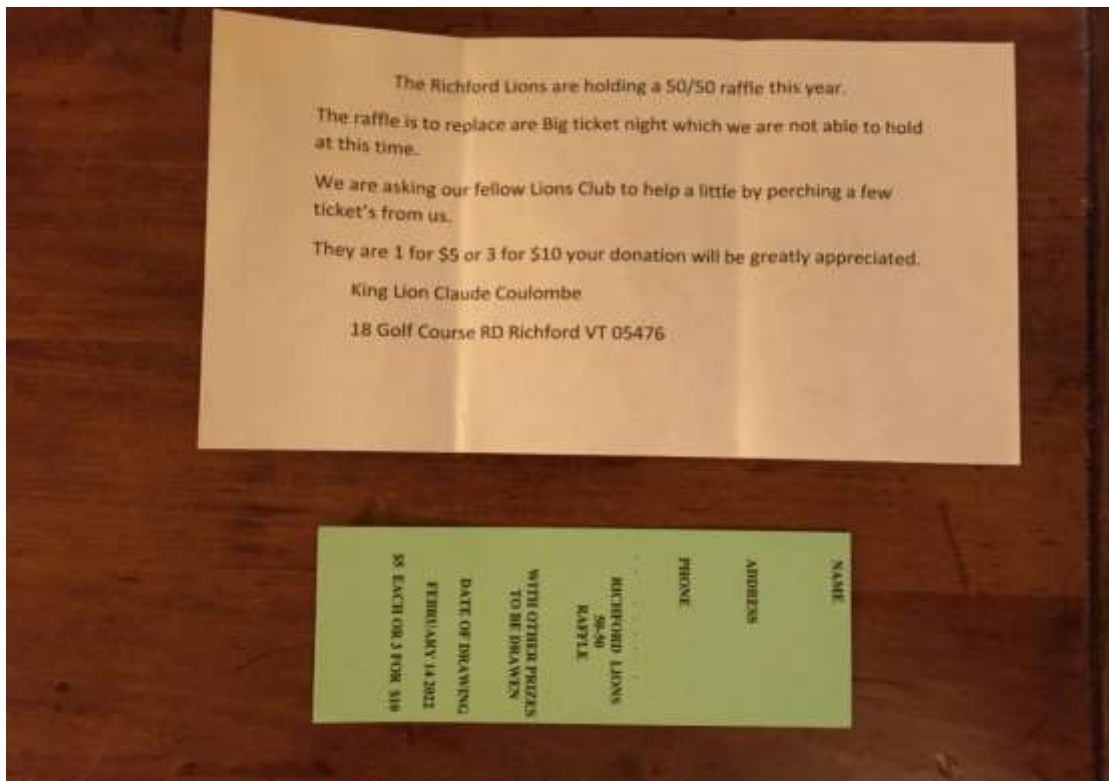
While this handsome model and Middlebury Lions Club member is not for sale, you CAN purchase the 2022 cash calendar he's showing! You have 365 chances to win because names are drawn daily and once you've won, your name is placed back in with the others. As always, 100% of the profits earned will go be back to helping people and organizations in our community. Calendars make a great gift so why not get one for you and one for friends and/or family. Besides your opportunities to win \$\$, there are many wonderful coupons from area businesses that can be redeemed throughout the year which more than make up for the \$20 price of the calendar. Feel free to contact any club member or contact us on this page and we'll get back to you to arrange the sale. The club thanks the many who support us throughout the year in our fundraising endeavors.

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**BE A GAME
CHANGER**
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



Richford Lions Club:



Heartland Lions Club:



Heartland Lions Club
Cordially invites you to our annual

Valentines Dinner-Dance

February 12th 2022
5:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Social hour begins at 5:30 pm
Dinner served at 6:15 pm
Dancing from 7:00 pm until 10:30 pm
Live music provided by *Soufix*

Many door prizes including a
\$500 Cash Grand Prize

Fireside Inn
25 Airport Road
West Lebanon, NH
Discounted room rates available.

Tickets: \$110/couple (advance purchase only)
All proceeds go to local charities.

Please contact: Heartland Lions Club
PO Box 507 South Royalton, VT 05068
or call (802) 291-2429

New England News



New England Lions Council

Representing Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts,
New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont



Winter Meeting - January 8 - 9 2022
At the **Wayfinder Hotel**, 151 Admiral Kalbfus Rd., Newport, RI 02840
Tel.: 401-849-9880

Rooms are \$99.00 per night, plus taxes.
Please call the Hotel directly or book on line using the code "NELIO220107-143615".
The cutoff date is November 26

In order to use this code on line, you'll need to log into thewayfinderhotel.com. From there you'll select "Book Now" in the top-right corner of the page followed by "Check Availability" underneath the calendar menu. This will open a second webpage that you'll use to complete your booking. Scroll down to the bottom of this page and select the "Group Attendee" option under the "Add Code" drop down menu. Input the group code here and you'll be able to confirm your travel dates at the discounted group rate. See image below for reference.



Saturday Meals:

12:00 Luncheon **Wayfinder working Lunch** - (Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap, Bistro Steak Wrap, Grilled Veggie Wrap, Mixed Green Salad, Chips, Chocolate chip cookies, lemonade, coffee and tea)
Price PP (includes taxes & gratuities) = \$30.00 x _____ Total \$ _____

6:30 - Buffet Dinner

Appetizer - Gem Lettuce Salad with Green Goddess dressing and Pecorino
Entrées - Roasted Chicken Breast served with herbed jus,
Market Fish served with Roasted Cauliflower and Hazelnut Gremolata
Sides - Roasted potatoes with Thyme, Rosemary and onions, and Seasonal Vegetables with Olive oil and Herbs
Price PP (includes taxes & gratuities) = \$45.00 x _____ Total \$ _____ Grand Total \$ _____

Name _____ District Position _____ District _____
Address _____ Club: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Please Make Checks Payable to NELC and mail to NELC Treasurer:
PDC Domingos G. Branco,
6 Westgate Road, Cumberland RI 02864

Deadline for Meals Reservation is December 23, 2021

New England Lions Council ~ January 8 & 9, 2022

Saturday, January 8, 2022, Events:

9:00 - 10:15: Global Membership Approach - PID Mark Lyon - Telltale Room
"Build A Plan" workshop

10:30 - 11:45: Mentoring - CS Liz Fenwick & CC Michelle Crocker - Telltale Room
"Building Lion Leaders for Tomorrow"

Noon - Lunch - Telltale Room: **Speaker - Dr. Gregory Fox, Childhood Diabetes**

1:15 - Service Project Collection Hand off - Telltale Room
"Hats, Mittens, Gloves and Socks Collection" - Lion Jim Winters, Newport Lions

4:30 - 5:45 Hospitality Room open - Compass Room

6:30 - Banquet - Telltale Room: Keynote speakers -
Kyle McDonald and Mike Bresler, Healing Arts Program, Hasbro Children's Hospital

Sunday, January 9, 2022, Events:

10:00 - Business Meeting - Telltale Room - In Person and Zoom

International News

"Service to others is the rent we pay for the space we occupy here on earth"



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Service from the heart with
International President,
Douglas X. Alexander**

Dear Lion,

Your exceptional courage and kindness have helped your community throughout this extraordinary year. And though you have already given so much, this holiday season I ask you to consider giving a little more. Because for many families in your community, this is a time of great need.

Let's give the gift of hope to those in need this season. Work with your club to plan a hunger project to ensure that families in your community have a special holiday meal to share this year. And consider a gift to your community through LCIF—your global foundation—and see your generosity make a difference for years to come.

Thank you for your incredible service to your community and our world.

Yours in Service,
Douglas X. Alexander
International President



From LCIF Chairperson Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

As we near the start of a new calendar year, let us embrace 2022 with optimism for a positive global impact through LCIF grants. Just six months remain in our historic campaign and LCIF needs your support to increase our commitment to communities and the service capacity of Lions. News below provides opportunities for you to lead by example with ways to support LCIF, your foundation for service. Also, don't forget to enter LCIF Week Melvin Jones photo contest. Thank you for your dedication to doing and giving!



LCIF's commitment to our donors: 100% of your financial gift benefits Lions service. Give confidently today.



Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion Leaders,

Lions Clubs International has been invited to participate in a historic opportunity to help more than 100,000 men, women and children from Afghanistan rebuild their lives in America. Many of these allies aided the U.S. military and were evacuated with their families due to concerns for their safety.

The Lions Clubs International Board of Directors has decided to support this historic initiative. Here is what our next steps look like:

- **Establish a resettlement partner** – Lions International is partnering with Church World Service to provide our clubs with the support they need to welcome Afghan allies into their communities.
- **Engage interested clubs** – We will work with clubs that expressed interest in supporting this initiative to start resettling allies. This will help us build a support model that works for clubs.
- **Evaluate success** – If the initial clubs are successful, we will expand the program to other clubs in the U.S. that want to get involved.

Participating Lions clubs will provide integration services for a minimum of 90 days to newly arrived Afghan allies, including securing safe and affordable housing for 6-12 months; providing food, clothing, furniture and household items; assisting with enrollment in health care, employment programs, public services and schools; and fundraising to help sustain the families.

Participating clubs will receive support to help resettle allies, including \$2,275 per ally (additional grants may be available), online training and support from Lions International and resettlement partners.

Please let us know if your club is interested in participating in this important service opportunity.

[GET INVOLVED](#)

Lions serve with love and compassion, and I am so proud that we are stepping up to help our allies start a new life here in the United States. Thank you for your consideration of this opportunity, and for your service from the heart.

Yours in Service,

Douglas X. Alexander
International President

Create Hope for 2022

Integrity is one of our core values. That's why fiscal responsibility is so important to LCIF. Learn more about LCIF's commitment to donors to operate ethically, responsibly, and prudently. Your Foundation is always here to help answer questions. Contact the [LCIF team](#) for support.

[ACCESS STEWARDSHIP FLYER](#)



REGISTER HERE

LDUN is a great place to meet new Lions and Leos, interact with global diplomats, and celebrate Lions service around the world. There are three opportunities to participate in 2022.

Nairobi

Thursday,
February 17,
2022

*Registration for LDUN
Nairobi is now open!*

[REGISTER HERE](#)

New York

Friday, March
11, 2022

*Registration for LDUN
New York is now
open!*

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Vienna

Wednesday,
March 30, 2022

*Registration
information about
LDUN Vienna is
coming soon!*



Together, We Magnify Impact

When Lions and Leos like you lead by example, you create smiles and hope. Pledge your support to LCIF and the most vulnerable communities across the world, near and far. Become part of the solution by sustaining our mission!

► [PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT](#)



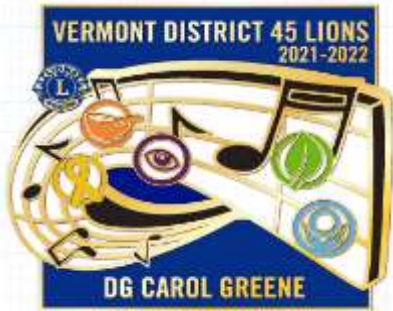
LCIF Week Melvin Jones Photo Contest

This year, we want to celebrate what it means to be a Lion during Campaign 100. The photo contest will be open between October 22 – December 31, 2021. We will celebrate LCIF Week, in honor of Melvin Jones' birthday, by announcing the winners of the photo contest on January 13, 2022.



***** If there are any other District 45 members or friends of District 45 who submitted ***
Photos as part of this contest, please forward to the communique editor
To be published in the February edition**

2021 Registration Notices



WE SERVE VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45 - WINTER MEETING

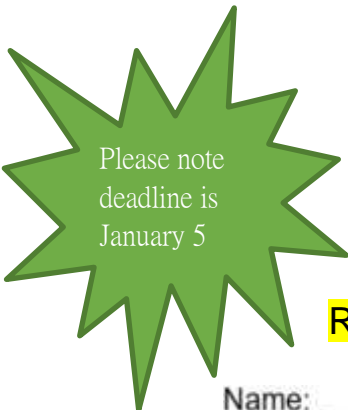
Saturday, January 15, 2022

Time: 8am-3:00pm

Location: Canadian Club
414 E. Montpelier Road
Barre, VT 05641

Registration: \$15.00 per person

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, January 5, 2022



Please note
deadline is
January 5

Name: _____

Club Name & Position: _____

District Position: _____

_____ Attending @ \$15.00 Per person Amount Due: \$ _____

Phone#: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS Monday, January 5, 2022, to:

CS Kendal Holden, PO Box 337, Underhill, VT 05489

Phone: 802-899-2514; OR email to: kendalholden188@yahoo.com

Registration Deadline: Monday, January 5, 2022





D45 Hunger Service Project

**During the January Cabinet meeting
Saturday, January 15, 2022
Canadian Club of Central Vermont**

414 East Montpelier, Road, Barre, VT 05641

I am writing to ask your club for a donation toward a service project to be held at the Cabinet Meeting, January 15, at the Canadian Club of Central Vermont. Attendees will be working in partnership to produce 20,000 meals of which up to 10,000 meals will be donated to the Vermont Food Bank, sponsored by Vermont Lions Charities, and 10,000 to be distributed via the Lions Clubs of District 45.

The project will take about 2 hours. It's going to be a lot of fun and we will support hunger relief at home and abroad! [Here is how it works.](#)

The cost of this project is \$6,000.00, with \$3,000 of which VLC is donating, plus a grant we received of \$500 from LCI, so costs to district is \$2,500.00. Therefore, I am asking each club to consider donating \$50 per case (or more/no minimum) toward the cost of this project. Example: For your donation of \$100 you will receive 2 boxes of meals for your local food shelf. Please make your checks payable to Vermont District 45 Lions and send to our CST Kerry Claffey, PO Box 11, Strafford, VT 05072. Please let us know no later than December 30, 2021, if your club would like to donate to this District 45 project.

Silly math.....\$2,500 divided by 10,00 is \$0.32 per meal. Your \$100 donation enables you to take home at least 300 meals (2 cases) for your local food shelf. Donate more and bring more food home!



2 Cases of Instant Apple Cinnamon Oatmeal (Minimum)

Please order by Thursday, December 30, 2021.

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

My club would like to donate _____ to support this project.

My club would like to order _____ cases to take back to your food pantry.

Please make arrangements to pick meals with your club, as meals must be picked up that day.

Amount enclosed:

Cases: _____ Donation: _____ Total: _____

Please return this form and make your check payable to Vermont District 45 and mail to:

CT Kerry Claffey, PO Box 11, Strafford, VT 05072

Please order by Thursday, December 30, 2021.

News / Events from Holiday Season

Strafford Area Lions Club:



135 names on the list remembered in 2021!!!

Jericho-Underhill Lions Club:



Our Christmas event is delivering Holiday Baskets to the elderly and shut ins. The club buys about \$300.00 worth of food items, and the members buy more food items totaling about \$200.00. The food is brought to one location and packed in “baskets” and are distributed the next day. This year we delivered 24 baskets to our local senior living home, and 24 more to individual out in the community.

Deerfield Valley Lions Club:



Deerfield Valley Lions Serve 600 People in 7 Towns; Directly Give \$21,000 to Those in Need – All In a Few Hours' Time! 🍷❤️

For decades, the Deerfield Valley Lions have delivered tons (literally) of food to the food insecure the Saturday before Christmas, and given poinsettias to those in need of cheer. And on Saturday, December 18th, the club – partnering again with the Readsboro Lions, Rotary Club of the Deerfield Valley, and individual volunteers – once again delivered. But in a new way.

The pandemic has changed how the club carries out the operation. No longer gathering together in the old high school gym to pack a thousand (or more) grocery bags, in 2020 the club *mailed* significant funds – in the form of Hannaford gift cards – to recipients. This year – now that we're able to safely get back to in-person deliveries (thanks to the vaccines) – members decided on a hybrid: retaining the grocery gift cards in lieu of grocery bags, and giving them in person, following safety protocols.

We found by polling recipients, with last December's mailing, that the gift cards were actually preferred! (And they can't be used on tobacco or alcohol.) And a new member pointed out that cheerful poinsettias can be harmful to pets, so it was decided that *all* recipients (both food insecure or those just in need of a cheer) get a wonderful gift bag. The new, lighter, deliveries are much easier on deliverers, too, enabling young and old to participate.

The cheer bags are full of treats from local purveyors. Those treats included maple syrup, cheeses, maple coffee, delectable Lyman's pickled goods, some healthful fruits as well as candy, etc. And the bonus for those food-insecure is the special envelope with the Hannaford gift card. It's of significant enough value to load up the pantry!

Meeting recipients at their doors is important; it warms the hearts of those receiving the gifts as well as those presenting them. (Witnessing hidden poverty can be eye opening as well.)

Credit goes to a dedicated team of Lions for organizing the event, a hybrid of long-time members as well as many new members – who bring fresh ideas and redoubled energies.

Deliverers received instructions, a physical detailed route map (as well as a QR code that enabled a smart phone to display a GPS map on the driver's dashboard!), the goodie bags, a notecard for recipients, and the Hannaford gift cards in their specially marked, sealed envelopes. Hanging door tags are also a part of it, and they were left on doorknobs of those not home, with instructions on how to contact the Lions to arrange delivery of their valuable gift cards.

Looking at the chart below, one can see the dramatic impact this Lions club makes – with nearly 250 deliveries to almost 600 individuals served during the Holidays! In just a few hours on a Saturday morning, the Deerfield Valley Lions food insecurity efforts directly infused over \$21,000 to those in need in seven area towns and villages.

(The club also involves itself in several other significant areas to address food insecurity, from funding the local Food Pantry to Senior Meals, the local Kids Backpack Lunches and others as well.)

Funds are made possible mainly due to the club's successful Hungry Lion Bike Tour. The bike tour is open to cyclists and now walkers, too. It's always the last Saturday in September – and anyone can participate onsite in Whitingham VT for the foliage and fun, or anywhere, virtually (that week) from their own local, favorite route. More info: www.hungrylionbiketour.com and www.dvvtlions.org.

Said one new non-Lion volunteer, "This was my first year and I was also very impressed with how well organized everything was. It was easy and fun to spread cheer all the way home.



Colchester Lions Club:

THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

Christmas Tree and Wreath Sales



Monday thru Friday 3:30 to 6:30pm
Saturday & Sunday 9 am to 6pm

Sales Begin
Friday - Nov 26th at Noon

Being held at: JoAnn's Uniforms
165 Heineberg Dr - Colchester

WE HAD A GREAT YEAR AGAIN!!

www.wjfl.com

Essex Jct. Lions Club:



This hit home for me.

When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away? Of course not. You change the batteries. ✓. When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not! You help them change their batteries. Some need AA...attention and affection; some need AAA...attention, affection, and acceptance; some need C....compassion; some need D...direction. And if they still don't seem to shine...simply sit with them quietly and share your light. 💖

NorShaft Lions Club:



Arlington Lions Club:



Springfield Lions Club:



Barre Lions Club:



Vergennes Lions Club:

From Lion Deb Brace:I want to thank the Ferrisburg bake shop,BJ's Farm supply, Community Market, Jackman fuels For making this year's cash for Christmas the best ever. Also a big thank you to all the lion members who also sold tickets. The money will as always stay right here in our community. And the biggest thanks to you the people who purchased these tickets without you we could not do this thank you !!

Winner?? Amy Stagg who helps out a lot within the community!!!



Each friend represents a world
in us, a world possibly not born
until they arrive.

—
Anaïs Nin



Children Shop for Mom & Dad

Debbie Brace • Panton Rd, Panton

Announcement

The Vergennes Lions and The Grater Vergennes Rotary are providing gifts together that Children can pick from to give to their parents, or guardian for Christmas. With help from The Boys and Girls Club, you can bring your child there on Saturday, Dec 18th from 2:00 -4:00 They will be taken in and allowed to pick a gift and wrap it . Mask required, and no parents allowed inside to peek!



Middlebury Lions Club:



The poster features a central illustration of a Christmas tree made of small white ornaments. In the top left corner is the Lions Club logo, a circular emblem with a large 'L' and the word 'LIONS' above it. The title 'Memory Tree' is written in a large, stylized, gothic-style font at the top right. Below the title, a paragraph of text explains the project. To the right of the tree, contact information for the Middlebury Lions Club is provided. Below the contact info, there are instructions on how to submit names. At the bottom of the poster, there are two columns of horizontal lines for writing names, each preceded by the word 'NAME' in italics. A dashed line runs horizontally across the middle of the poster, separating the text from the name entry area.

Memory Tree

The Middlebury Lions Club informs those who wish to memorialize the names of their deceased relatives and friends on this year's "Christmas Memory Tree" that they may do so by the donation of a dollar for each name and forwarding the names to the:

**Middlebury Lions Club
P.O. Box 5
Middlebury, VT 05753**

The Lions suggest each name be typed or printed so as to be legible.
Please use below or attach a separate list for more names.

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Desabrais Glass

DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTANCE IS DECEMBER 17.

NAME _____

NAME _____

Heartland Lions Club:

Heartland Lions Club Memory Trees - they are in The Co-op Market and RB's in South Royalton. For a \$2 donation you can add the name of a loved or pet. The memory tree will in place until New Years. For the 44th consecutive year, the Heartland Lions Club will sponsor a Memory Tree Project during this holiday season. This year the club will be displaying two Memory Trees. One tree will be located at RBs Deli, another tree will be in the South Royalton Co-op. Both locations are across from "the green" on Chelsea Street in South Royalton. Each location will have a list where you will write your loved ones' name. At RB's please ask to speak with Daisy and she will help you out. At the Co-op any cashier would be able to help you.

Everyone is invited to add the name(s) of a lost loved one to the Memory Tree. More than one name may be submitted, and the name of a pet(s) is welcome. Each location will have a list where you will write your loved ones' name. A HLC member will create a paper ornament for each name. A small donation is requested for each name, but not required. If you are unable to get to either of the above locations to sign up, send the name(s) by mail to The Heartland Lions Club, P.O. Box 507, South Royalton, Vt. 05068.

Whenever possible, please make donations via check made payable to the Heartland Lions Club. HLC meetings are on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Royalton Memorial Library, 57 Safford Street in South Royalton. Meetings are always open to the public. Please make all donations via check, made payable to the Heartland Lions Club.

If your interested in learning more about the Lions Club - HLC meetings are on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Royalton Memorial Library, 57 Safford Street in South Royalton. Meetings are always open to the public.

Granville Lions Club:



Before the Lions distributed gifts at Mountainview Commons, country artist Phil Hoyt (above right) performed some seasonal tunes for the residents. The Granville Lions Club visited Mountainview Commons senior residence in Granville and distributed gifts. Above left, Lion Peter Marshall presents a gift bag to a happy resident.

Santa Claus made some local children very happy today at the Granville Lions Kids Christmas event! Children were given money from the Lions to go shopping at Big Lots for their family members. Then they got to take home their own stocking filled with toys! Smiles all around (even under the masks).



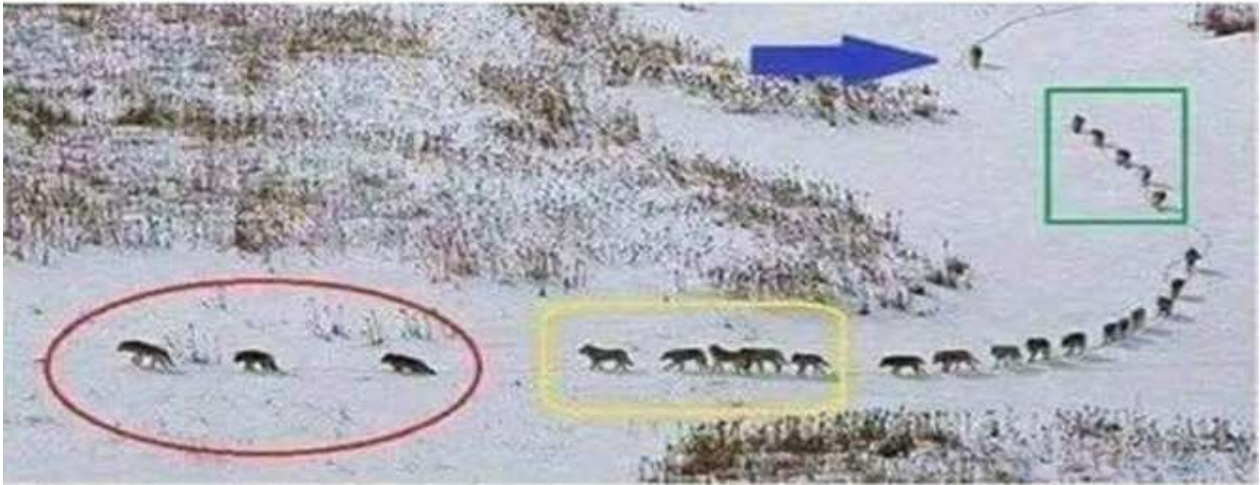
Manchester Lions Club:



Santa and Mrs. Olive Hill Light



General News



We can all learn an invaluable Leadership Lesson from this pack of wolves:

The 3 in front are old and sick. They walk in front to set the pace.

The next 5 are the strongest. They protect the front side from an attack.

The middle group is fully protected.

The 5 behind them are also among the strongest. They protect the back side.

The last wolf is the LEADER. He ensures no one is left behind. He keeps the pack tight and on the same path. He is ready to run in any direction to protect his pack.

Being a leader is not about being in front.

It's about taking care of your team.

'Just' a farm kid is a job prospect extraordinaire

While attending a job fair last week where Taylor Newspapers manned a booth, I met lots of job seekers.

Some brought resumes. Others just moseyed by, picked up the free stuff on our table and asked a few questions.

But one young woman created a memory for me.

She was a senior in high school, seeking summer employment before starting to a community college in the fall.

"Are you hiring?" she asked.

We said probably not, but we're always looking for good resources, such as part-time photographers and writers.

"We'd be happy to take your resume," I told her.

Then she said something that stuck with me. "I'm afraid my resume wouldn't be too impressive," she said. "I've spent all my life working on my parents' farm. I go to school in the daytime and do chores morning and night."

Whoa.

I told her to go home and create a resume, and write down exactly what she had told me.

As a farm girl, one who has driven a tractor since she was 12, one who has cleaned out barns, scooped grain until her back ached, fed chickens, pigs, cattle and goats — this girl knows the meaning of work.

She knows about dependability and getting jobs done on time. The morning school bus won't wait until a farm kid finishes those chores. They'll be done on time or the young student will miss that all-important ride.

A young person who has put up hay, helped her dad and mother in the farrowing house or candled eggs has something more than words to jot on a resume.

Farm kids don't need to take art appreciation classes in school. They witness picturesque landscapes, sunrises and changes in seasons as they grow up.

They ride horses, drive four-wheelers and neatly stack big bales at the edge of meadows.



They fish in their ponds, learn to handle firearms and shoot deer, rabbits and turkeys.

They work as a family in the garden, raising, harvesting and canning their own vegetables.

Farm kids learn to keep good records on their livestock. When they raise and sell a 4-H calf, they can calculate the profit gained after deducting feed, vet medicines and other costs.

They typically know how to stand on their own two feet and give project talks, or give oral reasons for judging a class of lambs or swine.

Many of them earn leadership roles in church, 4-H or FFA, so they can moderate a meeting to perfection using Roberts

Rules of Order.

They learn early in life the tactics of conservation — how to keep topsoil from washing into Oklahoma; how to plant wind barriers and how to recognize grass-cheating weeds that need sprayed.

Any farm kid can handle a paint brush, spade a garden, pull worms from tomato plants, gather hen eggs, mow grass, groom animals and take one grain of wheat, bite down on it and determine if it's time to start the combine.

And, this girl thinks her resume might be lackluster?

Oh, I don't think so.

Put her to work in a hardware store, newspaper office or grocery store, and she will enter the front door looking for things to do.

It's that way with kids who grow up as farm and ranch kids.

Their resume is written on their foreheads and in their hearts.

They should never apologize.

Never.

• Rudy Taylor is publisher of three weekly newspapers in southeast Kansas. He also takes pride in being a young farmer during his teenage years and a proud member of FFA.

Off the Cuff
RUDY TAYLOR

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VERMONT LIONS HART MEMORIAL AWARD

Lions Clubs International is a global service organization. In 1917 Melvin Jones was a Chicago business leader who told members of his local business club they should reach beyond business issues and address the betterment of their communities and the world. He started what was to become the largest International service organization with over 46,000 local clubs and more than 1.4 million members in over 200 countries around the world.

At the founding of Lions Clubs a main tenet was established of "unselfish service to others". Over one hundred years later that tenet is expressed in the Lions motto "We Serve". Local Lions Club programs have grown to include sight & hearing conservation, diabetes awareness, hunger relief, pediatric cancer, environmental issues, and many other programs.

One of the Vermont's most prestigious Lions was Nelson "Nellie" Hart. Lion Nellie Hart served his country proudly in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Thor (ARC-4) as a cable layer. After his honorable discharge he continued to serve with the U.S. Naval reserve for much of his prime. Lion Nellie had worked in the fuel industry until his retirement, being employed by Whites Fuels of Castleton and later Johnson & Johnson Fuel Company.

Lion Nellie had one of the biggest hearts a community could ever hope to have. He proudly devoted much of his time to the Free and Accepted Masons - Lee Lodge #30 as well as the American Legion - Crippen-Fellows Post 50. He became a member of the Castleton Lions Club and later served as Vice District Governor from 1989-90; District Governor 1990-91; Secretary, Vice President and President of the New England Lions Council; Vice President of Vermont Lions Charities; and as a Director of Lions Twin State Soccer. During his 32 year membership he received high recognition for his service and was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellow award in 1991. In 2004 he was awarded the Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow as well as the International President's Leadership Award.

On March 2, 2005 after a brave battle with cancer, Lion Nellie past away. Lion Nellie Hart was a man of kindness and of great heart. As his daughter Penny Wearing quoted, "Our Dad Nellie Hart was a wonderful man." So it is with great honor that we proudly dedicate the Vermont Lions Disability Award in name of Lion Nelson Hart.

The Vermont Lions Hart Memorial award is presented to a graduating high school senior that has a disability or debilitating illness, either physically or mentally, and is planning to attend college upon graduating high school. The recipient of the award will receive a \$1,000 to further their education and will also be honored with a Vermont Lions Hart Memorial plaque.

Yours in Lionism – Danielle Coulombe, award creator



Only by not forgetting the
past can we be the master of
the future.

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Dear Applicant,

A complete Vermont Lions Hart Memorial award submission will contain:

- Completed Application (page 3) with essay attached.
- A copy of your high school transcript. This need not be an official copy.
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher.
- One letter of recommendation from a doctor overseeing your care.
- A copy of your college acceptance letter.
- Completed financial need form (page 4).
- Signed HIPPA release form (page 5).

All materials should be presented in a portfolio folder with the HIPPA release attached to the outside of the folder. The folder will not be opened unless the HIPPA release is visible.

Mail to:

Hart Memorial Award
c/o Cathy Coulombe
18 Golf Course Rd
Richford, VT 05476

Deadline for submission is March 8th each year.

Questions can be answered by contacting either of the award co-chairpersons:

Lion Cathy Coulombe
802-848-3645
ccdccoulombe@gmail.com

Lion Travis Lebel
802-782-4687
travislebel@yahoo.com

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Hart Memorial Award Application

Name _____ Age _____ DOB ____/____/____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Name of High School _____

Date of Graduation _____ Grade Point Average _____

Where will you be furthering your education? _____

Address of the above: _____

Intended major or discipline of study (if you are undecided write N/A) _____

Name of Doctor associated with your disability/ illness _____

Doctor's telephone # _____

Doctor's mailing address _____

May we contact your doctor? _____

Please attach an essay in 200 words or more describing how you have managed with your disability or debilitating illness. Your essay is a primary factor in the selection. Please include what you feel are some of your strongest insights or achievements.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

NAME: _____

	INCOME 1	INCOME 2	OTHER
WAGES, TAXES, TIPS			
AID TO THE AGED			
AID TO THE BLIND			
AID TO THE DISABLED			
AID TO INDEPENDENT CHILDREN			
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION			
COURT ORDERED SUPPORT			
SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME			
PENSION			
OTHER INCOME			
OTHER INCOME			

TOTAL ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME \$ _____
 NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS ON ABOVE INCOME(S) ADULTS ____ MINORS ____
 HOW LONG HAS THE FAMILY LIVED AT THE PRESENT RESIDENCE _____ YEARS.
 APPROXIMATE VALUE OF FAMILY ASSETS \$ _____

	MONTHLY EXPENSES
RENT/MORTGAGE	
HEALTH INSURANCE	
AUTOMOBILE #1	
AUTOMOBILE #2	
HEATING FUEL	
ELECTRICITY	
TELEPHONE	
FOOD	
MEDICAL BILLS	
PERSCRIPTIONS	
HOUSE INSURANCE	
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE	
SCHOOL TUITION	
LOANS	
TOTAL	\$ _____

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HEALTH INFORMATION RELEASE FORM

As required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), all applications are confidential and will only be viewed by committee members who have been instructed on the HIPAA laws. Additionally, please sign (or a guardian if applicant is under 18) the release of information form giving us permission to view the application in accordance to HIPAA. Please place this page IN FRONT of the completed application. Without this signed page on top the application will not be viewed.

I, the undersigned, give Vermont Lions District 45 and Vermont Lions Charities, permission to view information regarding to my (or child's) health information for the purpose of the Hart Memorial Award. I understand that the members of the award committee are informed of the HIPAA rules and that none of the information I provide will be released to any third parties without prior written consent. In addition, I am aware that, if selected for the award, my name and contact information will be released to the closest Lions Club and its members so that arrangements for an award presentation can be made. Any additional places for release of my health information will be discussed in person if needed.

 Signature of Applicant (or guardian if minor) Date