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February 2022

Hello, Lions & Friends,

It is hard to believe that February will soon be here, that means Valentine's Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Presidents Day. And club visits!!!! If your club is not meeting in person, please let me know if I may join one of your meetings via Zoom. I appreciate those clubs that have already reached out to me to meet with them in this manner. I know many clubs are facing the issue of do we meet or not meet? If we're not meeting in person, how do we stay connected? And believe it or not clubs are completing service projects while new members are being added to their rosters.

I had the opportunity to attend the NELC Winter Meeting via Zoom. It is always great to hear about our New England Lions. We had a great Winter Cabinet meeting via Zoom. We also took time to sing happy birthday to our founder Melvin Jones. Guest included ID Lion John Youney and Lion Carol Youney, providing us with an update from LCI and about the Afghan Allies Program. We have at least 2 clubs that are interested in this project.

I would like to remind clubs the importance of reporting your activity to LCI. This is important to do every month. Please be sure to include all your volunteer hours. If your secretary is not able to report this information, assign a club administrator to help with this process.

Looking ahead the Spring Cabinet Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 19, at the Barre Canadian Club where we will be packing meals with the Outreach Program. These meals will be donated to the Vermont Food Bank and local food shelves.

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Until the March edition!!!

Information on the upcoming Spring Convention will be available in a separate Communique edition. Mark your calendars, the date is May 13-15, 2022, at Fireside Inn & Suites, West Lebanon, NH. Guest speaker will be PDG, PCC Lion Brandon Johnson.

I would like to take time to thank every Lion. We all know this year has been a challenge and we as Lions have overcome it and continue to be active in our communities.

We Serve,
DG Carol

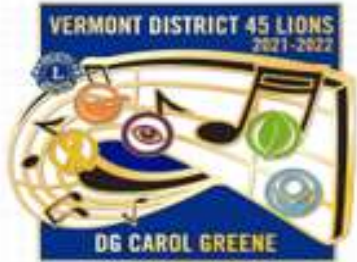


District 45 Calendar

2021	District 45	2022
<u>Date</u>	<u>Hosts - Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 7 - 14, 2022	Food from the Heart Project Week	Statewide
February 12, 2022	Heartland Lions Club Valentine's Dance	W. Lebanon NH
February 12, 2022	GMLC Camp Committee Meeting	Virtua
February 14, 2022	Richford Lions 50/50 Raffle	Richford, Vt
February 19 - 20, 2022	43rd annual Lake Bomoseen Fishing Derby	Bomoseen, Vt
February 23, 2022	LTSSA Committee Meeting	Virtual
Nov 2 21 - March 15 22	SMVLC 20 20 Fundraiser Weekly Draws	Swanton, Vt
March 4 - 6, 2022	MD33 ELLI Training	Virtual
March 11, 2022	44th Annual Lions Day with UN	New York, NY
March 19, 2022	Spring Cabinet Meeting	<u>Barre, VT</u>
April 6, 2022	15th Annua Colchester Lions Speech Contest	Colchester, Vt
May 7, 2022	Green Up Day	Statewide
May 7, 2022	Vermont Lions Day	Statewide
May 13 - 15, 2022	District 45 Spring Convention	West Lebanon NH
May 13, 2022	Battle of the Boards	West Lebanon NH
May 15, 2022	Countdown to Campaign 100 Raffle	West Lebanon NH
May 21, 2022	NELC Spring Meeting	Kittery, ME
June 11, 2022	GMLC Work Day	Cabot, VT
June 24 - 28, 2022	International Convention	Montreal PQ
July 6 - 9, 2022	GMLC Staff Orientation	Cabot, VT
July 10 - 17, 2022	GMLC - Teen Session	Cabot, VT
July 16, 2022	Twin State Soccer Games	Hanover NH
July 17 - 23, 2022	GMLC - Youth Session	Cabot, VT
Aug. 16 - 19, 2022	Northeast Pin Swap	Rutland, Vt

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

District News



WE SERVE

VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45 – Spring Cabinet Meeting Saturday, March 19, 2022

Time: 8am-3:00pm

Location: Canadian Club

414 E. Montpelier Road

Barre, VT 05641

Registration: \$15.00 per person

Registration Deadline: Monday, March 14, 2022

Please note
deadline is
March 14



Name: _____

Club Name & Position: _____

District Position: _____

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

Phone#: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS Monday, March 14, 2022 to:

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

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

Registration Deadline: Monday, March 14, 2022





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



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

Sarah Warren (Granville Lions Club)
Kimberly Alexander, Celina Bronson, Robert Day, Lester Elwood
And Allison Wood (Castleton Lions Club)
Dmitriy Kim (Norwich Lions Club)
William Cadmus, Michael Davis and Elysabeth James (Vergennes Lions Club)

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for CT Kerry Claffey
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February Vision Screening Report

Vision screening is beginning to wind down as of this writing. I feel we will easily break the 12000 mark this year. With all the roadblocks we've run into, I'm very pleased with our numbers. Lions have once again shown that where there is a need, there is a Lion.

Time and time again, I've been thanked for the service we are providing by the nurses we work with. They have shown that they, too are dedicated to the children they serve just as we, the Lions, are dedicated to bringing this program to our schools.

I must share something that I didn't expect to hear from one of our nurse friends the other day. She had everything so organized, I thanked her for the time she put into making things run so smoothly. She looked at me and smiled, then told me this was "fun!". With all the attention she's had to dedicate to Covid, having something so worthwhile like vision screening and knowing that it's something positive she can look forward to, it's a break from the tedious daily routine Covid has created for her. You never know how our actions can affect someone else's day. We had just made hers.

For all my vision screeners, I updated the camera schedule which I'll send out for the 2022-2023 Lion year. With the addition of the six new screeners, it wasn't so urgent, but we still have some clubs who do share a camera. I have been very pleased with the wonderful cooperation the Lions have shown with working around each other's screening schedules to the point that an actual schedule wasn't really required. I will, however, send the new schedule out so clubs will have one.

Next year I'd like to see more clubs use thumb drives instead of printers. This will be a topic I'd like to have at a cabinet meeting and in person. I know there will be questions and needed discussions. Some clubs already use these handy dandy little devices which is great. With the cost and sometimes difficulties of obtaining ink and the reams of paper we go through, I feel it's about time we look into this and see if we can help our environment breathe a little easier.

With all that being said, I wish you all a happy Valentine's Day, so go give an air-hug or two to your favorite Lion!

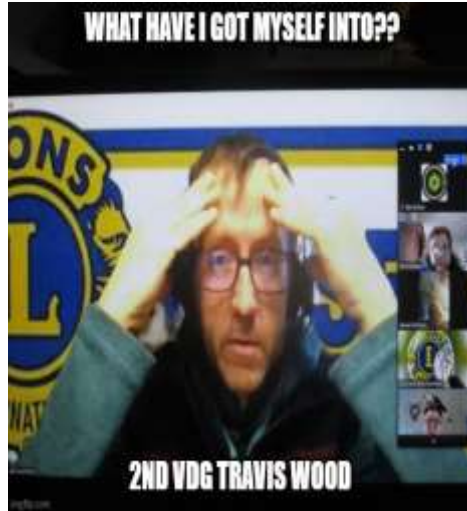
Yours in Lionism,
Deb Savery
Vermont Lions District 45 Vision Screening Coordinator



Hi, 1st 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.



Scenes from the January Cabinet meeting:





**Lion Debra Savery (Springfield Lions Club) announces
Her candidacy for 2022 – 2023 2nd Vice District Governor**



Debra Savery

SPRINGFIELD LIONS CLUB

Candidate For

**2nd Vice District Governor
2022-2023**

**1st Vice District Governor
2023-2024**

**District Governor
2024-2025**



My Lions History

Charter Member of Chester Lions Club
for 20 Years

Springfield Lions Club Member
for 5 Years

Melvin Jones Fellow

**HAVE SERVED IN THE
FOLLOWING OFFICES:**

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Region Chair

Zone Chair

Fidelco Guide Dog Liaison

Twin State Soccer Director

Vision Screening Coordinator

Newly elected VLC Secretary

Many of these offices were multiple years.



How & Why I'm Here...

I have been a Lion for over 25 years. I joined Lions to honor my father who was diagnosed with Macular Degeneration in his early 50s and was declared legally blind soon after. Both my parents were tremendous role models for me growing up, teaching me how to be respectful, honest, trustworthy, and generous. They've also taught me and my siblings to help others wherever and whenever we can. I've always tried to follow in their footsteps. I feel I have done so by raising my children to the same values and by becoming a Lion. I also feel they would agree that the Lion motto is a most appropriate one...
We Serve.

We
MAKE A LIVING
by what we
GET
We
MAKE A LIFE
by what we
GIVE
-Winston Churchill



Personal History

Married: Lion Bruce, May 20, 2000

Family: Matthew, Christina, and Mark

**Grandchildren: Briseis, Madesn, Garrett,
Mckenna, Colton, Kimberly Dennis**

I have been a longtime resident of Chester, Vt for the past 44 years. The two jobs I am most proud of is owning and operating a State Registered home-based daycare out of my home for 12 years. This led me to working toward and obtaining my Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Development from Vermont College of Norwich University in my late 40's. After, I obtained a position at Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southern Vermont where I was a case manager working with individuals with developmental disabilities for almost nine years. I left there and did another year in the same position at Lincoln Street, Inc. I'm now "Retired", but work freelance providing services as a personal care attendant for individuals and their families on an as-needed basis. (I also substitute teach at my granddaughter's daycare. Some things you just can't give up entirely).



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Does your club have any special ways of reaching out?

We'd love to share successes with all D45 clubs.

Please forward your club info, which might include examples of your:

- **3-Fold Club Brochure**
- **Posters**
- **Recruiting Signage**
- **Club Business Card**

Here is my email address. lionmark2000@outlook.com.

Thanks!

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

Pull tab recycling!!!

PCT Loreen Teer indicates the DEADLINE to submit pull tabs for the 2021 – 2022 contest is April 15th!!!!
She will be collecting such at the March cabinet meeting but she also welcomes pull tabs to be mailed to her.
Please make sure to indicate your club name that is submitting / sending such!!!



Countdown to Campaign 100 50/50 Raffle

50% to Winner
50% to Benefit Campaign 100

KICK IN
to help support
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100
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1 for \$10 ~ 3 for \$20 ~ 7 for \$50

Tickets can be purchased
at District Events or by Mailing Payment to
PDG Merry Souza
398 Darlene Drive
Sheldon, VT 05483

**Drawing to be held May 15th at the
District Spring Convention
Do Not Need to Be Present to Win**

Blast from the past!!!!

The following was submitted to PDG Liz Fenwick for her Spring Convention!!!

Lionism in Vermont – ‘We Serve’ since 1924

Origins of District 45

The world of Lionism came to Vermont in 1924 with the formation of the Burlington Lions Club. Such club was chartered September 17, 1924 with 30 members. The club, at that time, was part of District 33, sponsored by the Worcester Lions Club.

At that time, District 33 encompassed all of New Hampshire and Vermont, Western Massachusetts and a small section of Maine. In 1945, District 44 was formed, comprising Vermont and New Hampshire. Seven years later, in 1952, Multiple District 44, consisting of: District 44-A New Hampshire and District 44-B Vermont was formed.

In 1945, Multiple District 44 dissolved, and became two separate Districts: District 44 to be the State of New Hampshire and District 45 to be the State of Vermont.

The three oldest clubs currently in District 45 are: Springfield Lions Club – chartered November 26, 1937, Barre Lions Club – chartered October 18, 1938 and the Bennington Lions Club – chartered February 9, 1939.

The three most recent clubs to be added to District 45 are the Londonderry Tri-Mountain Lions Club, Brattleboro Area Lions Club and, added via adoption but with a long history of Lionism, the Granville NY Lions Club.

Since 1924, there have been many Lions Clubs that have come and gone. At one time or another, the whole state has had a club. Presently, there are 33 Lions Club and approximately 1100 members.

‘We Serve’ Proudly done in District 45

‘We Serve’ – a great motto that Lions of District 45 take pride in. And the great part is that each and every club has their own distinctive way of doing community service.

Of course ‘health’ is our main service area. ‘Health’ being providing vision screening, diabetes testing, purchasing eyeglasses and hearing aids, providing funding for necessary health issues for the less fortunate. Not to get nostalgic, but back in 1977 – 1978, District 45 purchased a specially equipped van to replace a truck and trailer system to provide vision screening testing. Nowadays we use a piece of equipment that can be held in one hand (see report on vision screening). We have also been a major fundraiser for Campaign Sightfirst I and II providing funds to LCIF for such. And most recently, the NorShaff Lions Club has been a major player / contributor to the Guiding Eyes for the Blind in setting up an office in the Bennington area.

‘We Serve’ our communities in many ways, especially our youth. District 45 has been hosting a camp for deaf children and friends since 1983 in various places throughout the state. Staring at Camp Ondawa in Sunderland back in 1983, to many years at the former Austine campus in Brattleboro to our current site in Cabot Vermont, Green Mountain Lions Camp is one of, if not the major, service project as a whole for District 45.

District 45 and its members are part of the Lions Twin State Soccer Association, host Peace Poster contests to where a District 45 winner is sent to the International Peace Poster contest, host a Speech Contest for high school students. But many of our clubs are the Charter Organization reps for Boy Scouts, host fishing derby’s, basketball tournaments, Easter Egg hunts and much much more.

Yet we have not forgotten our communities as whole. Using funds from LCIF, clubs in our District have participated in Habitat for Humanity projects, been able to provide necessary materials for folks who have endured flooding, prepared package meals for local food shelf’s, and even collected food during the ‘food from the heart’ food drives. Some clubs, go way and above the ‘we serve’ motto, like the Granville Lions Club in purchasing a building for their local food shelf. Some clubs even take over their town, like the Enosburg Falls Lions Club when they host the ‘Dairy Days Festival’ in Enosburg or the Norwich Lions Club when they host their ‘annual fair’ in July.

What about the communities where there are no Lions Club. Are they ignored by the Lions of District 45? Nope. Vermont Lions Charities, the 501 (c) (3) arm of District 45, is there to provide support for assistance as needed, whether buying eyeglasses or hearing aids, assistance to Vermont Association of the Blind that serves Vermonters throughout the state, or like the Grace Cottage Memorial Hospital in Townsend. Another example, would be the Troy and Area Lions Club, as representatives of Vermont Lions Charities, hosts a bingo in Morrisville to raise funds to purchase eyeglasses in Lamoille County. We help Special Olympics whether being volunteers at their ‘games’ or being part of the ‘Opening Eyes Project’ to provide glasses to the Olympians themselves. This and much, much more.

Even though things have change over the years from the beginning of Lionism here in Vermont to now; in the ‘how’, the ‘what’, the ‘where’ we, as Lions are still know the ‘why’: WE SERVE!!!

And here is a listing of Past District Governors along with their
Past Cabinet Secretary / Treasurer / Secretary – Treasurer

Year	District Governor	Club	Year	District Governor	Club
1955 - 1956	Daniel Hadam	Barre	1989 - 1990	Paul Stough Jr	Georgia
1956 - 1957	Ralph Bugbee	Rutland	1990 - 1991	Nelson 'Nellie' Hart	Castleton
1957 - 1958	Harold Roop	Montpelier	1991 - 1992	Richard 'Dick' Munsell	Essex Jct.
1958 - 1959	Leonard Brown	Wilmington	1992 - 1993	Mel Coburn	Strafford
1959 - 1960	Fred Ammel	Norwich	1993 - 1994	Stanley Patch Jr	Castleton
1960 - 1961	Lawrence Peets	Arlington	1994 - 1995	Edward Smith	Norshaft
1961 - 1962	Charles Hawkings	Essex Jct.	1995 - 1996	Albert Cavoto	Ludlow
1962 - 1963	Edward Handly	St. Albans	1996 - 1997	Ken Millag	Springfield
1963 - 1964	Chester Page	Whitingham	1997 - 1998	Sylvia Moulton	Pittsford
1964 - 1965	Charles Fellows	White River Jct.	1998 - 1999	Thomas "Buffy" Bizon	Pittsford
1965 - 1966	Thomas Rotunda	Essex Jct.	1999 - 2000	Clem Cardinal	Essex Jct.
1966 - 1967	Bernard McCarthy	NorShaft	2000 - 2001	Edgar Maskell	Swanton - Missisquoi
1967 - 1968	E. Jay Colcord	Richford	2001 - 2002	PID Jules Cote	Burlington
1968 - 1969	Cyril Bluto	NorShaft	2002 - 2003	Dian Bouchard	Essex Jct.
1969 - 1970	Howard Dufrense	Manchester	2003 - 2004	Merry Souza	Swanton - Missisquoi
1970 - 1971	John Field	Brattleboro	2004 - 2005	Larry Myott	Vergennes
1971 - 1972	Kenneth Ellis	White River Jct.	2005 - 2006	Stan Patch Jr	Castleton
1972 - 1973	Theodore Thomas Jr	Bennington	2006 - 2007	Bill Moulton	St. Johnsbury
1973 - 1974	Floyd Peck	Middlebury	2007 - 2008	Betsy MaGee	Essex Jct.
1974 - 1975	Harry Barber Sr	Manchester	2008 - 2009	Patrick McWilliams	Troy and Area
1975 - 1976	Edmond Lauzon	Bennington	2009 - 2010	Bruce Bushey	Vergennes
1976 - 1977	Thomas Bluto	Norshaft	2010 - 2011	Sherry Lee Juaire	Swanton - Missisquoi
1977 - 1978	Larry Simino	Vergennes	2011 - 2012	Steve Simpson	St. Johnsbury
1978 - 1979	Theodore Hoyt	Arlington	2012 - 2013	Bob Wilcox	Bennington
1979 - 1980	Philip Wheeler	Norwich	2013 - 2014	Tommy Walz	Barre
1980 - 1981	Nick Monte	Arlington	2014 - 2015	Ken Emery	Colchester
1981 - 1982	Allen Hickey	Essex Jct.	2015 - 2016	Pam Nichols	Manchester
1982 - 1983	PID Tom Broughton	Middlebury	2016 - 2017	Joe Wilson	Springfield
1983 - 1984	Raymond Haller	Rutland	2017 - 2018	Walter Hastings	Heartland
1984 - 1985	Allan Dalton	Norshaft	2018 - 2019	Liz Fenwick	Norshaft
1985 - 1986	G. John Arnold	Heartland	2019 - 2020	Ken Emery	Colchester
1986 - 1987	George Fuller	Derby	2020 - 2021	Pam Nichols	Londonderry Tri-Mountain
1987 - 1988	Adrian Lane	Bennington	2021 - 2022	Carol Greene	Heartland
1988 - 1989	Dave Alger	Orleans			

Year	CST / CS / CT	Club	Year	CST / CS / CT	Club
1955 - 1956	PCST Edward Handley	Northfield	1993 - 1994	PDG Al Cavoto	Ludlow
1956 - 1957	PCST G. Robert Kenney	Rutland	1994 - 1995	PCST George Lewis	Norshaft
1957 - 1958	PCST William Hill	Montpelier	1995 - 1996	PDG Thomas 'Buffy' Bizon	Pittsford
1958 - 1959	PCST Russell Hanson	Wilmington	1996 - 1997	PCST John Sprague	Springfield
1959 - 1960	PCST James Huntley	Norwich	1997 - 1998	PCST Marcy Derby	Pittsford
1960 - 1961	PCST Paul Laskey	Arlington	1998 - 1999	PCST Jean Britt	Castleton
1961 - 1962	PCST E. H. Nickerson	Manchester	1999 - 2000	PDG Mel Coburn	Strafford Area
1962 - 1963	PCST Charles Phipard	Heartland	2000 - 2001	PDG Merry Souza	Swanton - Missisquoi
1963 - 1964	PDG Cyril Bluto	NorShaft	2001 - 2002	PDG Larry Myott	Vergennes
1964 - 1965	PCST Ronell Minard	Norwich	2002 - 2003	PCST Judy Martin	Essex Jct.
1965 - 1966	PCST George Ward	Essex Jct.	2003 - 2004	PDG Edgar Maskell	Swanton - Missisquoi
1966 - 1967	PDG Cyril Bluto	NorShaft	2004 - 2005	PCST Debbie Bushey	Vergennes
1967 - 1968	PCST Lorne Brusson	Richford	2005 - 2006	PDG Thomas "Buffy" Bizon	Pittsford
1968 - 1969	PDG Thomas Bluto	NorShaft	2006 - 2007	PDG Merry Souza	Swanton - Missisquoi
1969 - 1970	PCST David Beckwith	Manchester	2007 - 2008	PDG Ken Emery	Colchester
1970 - 1971	PCST Edward Smith	Brattleboro	2008 - 2009	PCST Bruce Savery	Chester
1971 - 1972	PCST John VanHorn	Norwich	2009 - 2010	PCST Mike O'Daniel	Vergennes
1972 - 1973	PDG Edmond Lauzon	Bennington	2010 - 2011	PDG Merry Souza	Swanton - Missisquoi
1973 - 1974	PCST Richard Righter	Brandon	2011 - 2012	PDG Ken Emery	Colchester
1974 - 1975	PDG Theodore Hoyt	Bennington	2012 - 2013	CS IPDG Pam Nichols	Manchester
1975 - 1976	PCST Don Jolibette	Bennington		CT Kathy Gallett	Bennington
1976 - 1977	PCST Bernie Bellemare	Bennington	2013 - 2014	CS PDG Betsy MaGee	Essex Jct.
1977 - 1978	PCST Michale Duany	Vergennes		CT Bob Brault	Barre
1978 - 1979	PDG Nick Monte	Arlington	2014 - 2015	CS Cindy Berg	Jericho-Underhill
1979 - 1980	PCST Donald Fletcher	Woodstock		CT Loreen Teer	Jericho-Underhill
1980 - 1981	PDG Raymond Haller	Rutland	2015 - 2016	CS PDG Bob Wilcox	Bennington
1981 - 1982	PCST Gilbert Myers	Essex Jct.		CT PCT Kathy Gallett	Bennington
1982 - 1983	PCST Rick Emilio	Middlebury	2016 - 2017	CS DG Carol Greene	Heartland
1983 - 1984	PCST "Kelly" Capman	Rutland		CT George Norfleet	Springfield
1984 - 1985	PCST Brian Sallisky	Arlington	2017 - 2018	CS DG Carol Greene	Heartland
1985 - 1986	PCST Dr. James Thomas	Castleton		CT PCT Brenda Seitz	Brattleboro
1986 - 1987	PDG Dave Alger	Orleans	2018 - 2019	CS Anna Bolognani	Readsboro
1987 - 1988	PCST Henry Simpatico	Bennington		CT PCT Brenda Sietz	Brattleboro
1988 - 1989	PCST Ernie Emmerson	Derby	2019 - 2020	CS Erin Connors	Essex Jct.
1989 - 1990	PCST Ronald Audette Sr	Pittsford		CT Dianne Brochu	Essex Jct.
1990 - 1991	PCST Russell Moulton	Pittsford	2020 - 2021	CST PDG Bob Wilcox	Arlington
1991 - 1992	PDG Clem Cardinal	Essex Jct.	2021 - 2022	CS Kendal Holden	Jericho-Underhill
1992 - 1993	PDG Al Cavoto	Ludlow		CT Kerry Claffey	Strafford Area

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

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Colchester Lions Club:



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, April 6th, 2022 6:30 p.m.*****

Location: to be determined

Registration deadline is Monday, April 4th

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.



Vergennes Lions Club:



December 30, 2021

VERGENNES — The Vergennes Lions Club reports that over 250 children of all ages received at least two toys at their Toys for Kids Shop, held this December thanks to Long Trail on the Falls Physical Therapy owner Michael DiPalermo and administrative assistant Lynn Brigan.

Lion Sue Hayes, chair, said this was the most toys organizers have ever received. “The community really came together to make sure no child went through the holiday season without a couple of toys, games, scarves, mittens, blankets, pants, skirts, bicycles, etc.,” she said.

DiPalermo wanted to be sure and thank the Lions for letting him host the project. He said a special thank you should go to Lion Tim Mathewson, from Little City Cycles, who took seven of his kids older bicycles and completely refurbished them to “almost new.” Past Marine Corps League Commandant, Herbert F. Drew Jr., who visited the shop, commended the Lions for helping run such a successful event, and said, “you folks are doing it right.”

The club wishes to sincerely thank Ferrisburgh Bake Shop & Deli, Jackman Fuels, Gaines Insurance, Shear Cuts, One Credit Union, Kinney Drugs, Dollar General, Porky’s Barbeque and Long Trail on the Falls PT for hosting the toy collection barrels at their businesses.

The Lions Club also reported that this year was also the most successful “Cash for Christmas” raffle. The winner was drawn at a Lions meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 8, and the winner took home \$3,190, which means the club earned that same amount to help fund their many community projects. Lion Debbie Brace, chair, thanked everyone for selling the tickets, and those that purchased tickets.

The next club project is Merry Mulch. On Saturday, Jan. 8, starting at 8 a.m., club members will be picking up discarded Christmas trees, taking them to the stump dump, and the city crew will chip them for mulch that residents can use next summer. Chair Larry Simino has asked that folks try to get their trees to curbside the night of Jan. 7, with no decorations left on them

As seen in the Addison County Independent, December 30, 2021 issue



Castleton Lions Club:

In Memory of Tom Evanoika
and Bomoseen Bob Newton

**43rd Annual
Lake Bomoseen
Ice Fishing Derby**

Sponsored By:

CASTLETON LIONS CLUB



New Rules
Pike Size
28" + UP!

Saturday & Sunday,
February 19 & 20, 2022

Headquarters Hours:
Sat. 6-6 • Sun. 6-3

For information:
John Brough - 802-265-7996
Stan Patch - 802-468-5001
Tom's Bait - 802-265-8654
www.castletonlions.org



New Rules
Pike Size
28" + UP!

DERBY HOTLINE 802-273-3474

\$6000 in available Prizes

Headquarters at Crystal Beach Recreation Area
Rte. 30, Bomoseen, Vermont
Entry Fee \$20

Ticket holder eligible for drawing of numerous prizes
Door Prizes for children 12 and under
Tickets available at Tom's Bait & Tackle,
and Derby Headquarters

All Fisherman and Spectators must abide by Vermont's Covid-19 Restrictions:
Social Distance, Wearing of Mask. Let's keep this years Derby safe and enjoyable for all.



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Deerfield Valley Lions Club:

News from the Deerfield Valley Lions

Our Afghan Allies Mission

On January 24th, the club voted *unanimously* to **help with resettlement of our Afghan Allies**, of which 100 are coming to Southern Vermont. LCI encourages clubs to take on this mission. And the Deerfield Valley Lions will need seven volunteers to do so – reaching out to other organizations, like Rotary and local churches in partnership, to fulfill this local humanitarian endeavor.

We learned of this mission from International Director John Youney at the January D45 cabinet meeting, where Lions have been asked by the US Government for help. LCI is set up to assist local clubs, and we're excited to be a Co-Sponsoring Group for the Afghan Allies Resettlement program. At least four other New England clubs are doing so as well. Locally, we're coordinating through Joe Wiah, the head of the resettlement agency MCC/ECDC in Brattleboro.

Lion Karen Hein is already fully engaged, making trips to the School for International Training (SIT) in Brattleboro to work with "her family."

Lion Jon Gaynin spoke passionately at our Go To Meeting. These are allies who put their lives at risk for the USA and – with Taliban in control – can't go home. We need to welcome them to our community. Humanitarian missions like these is what got Jon excited to join Lions in the first place.

And Lion Patience adds, "What someone from a different culture in a strange land need most is friends."

ID John says, "Don't call them 'refugees.'" We can call them "New Vermonters."

Kindness Matters.

Reports of Kindness

by the Deerfield Valley Lions,
Readsboro Lions, and Rotary

The following letter appeared in several newspapers that cover Windham County, following our "Grocery and Cheer" project – which the DVL has been doing for decades:



Valentines Cookie Fundraiser

Lion Wanda Walkowiak is forming her team for our second annual Valentines Cookie Fundraiser. A small box of beautifully decorated heart-shaped cookies is \$12 and a large box \$20. It is by pre-order, and they are to be picked up at the Coffee Shop parking lot in Wilmington VT the Saturday before Valentine's Day.

Organization of the event, as well as ordering, is coordinated through our website, www.dvvtlions.org, or by calling Wanda directly.

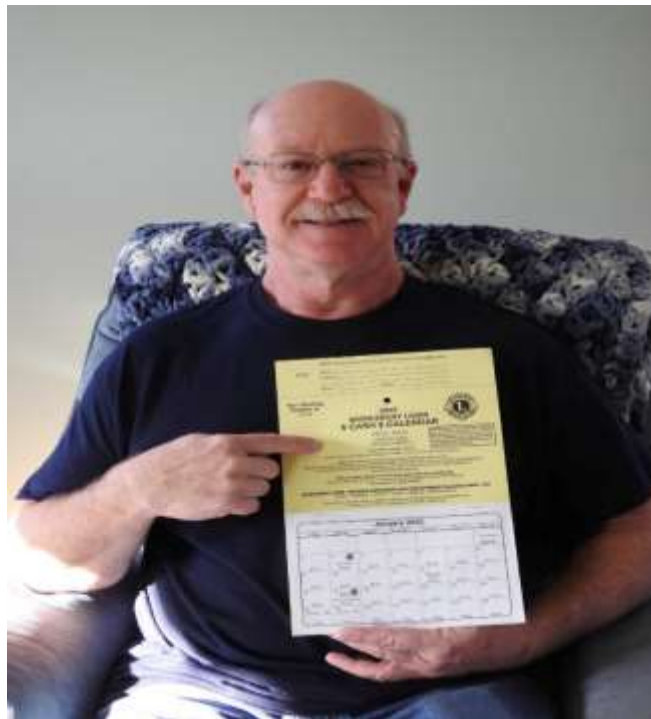
This weekend, our signage and posters are going up all around the Valley. Press releases are written, and we will spread the news on social media as well.



Strafford Area Lions Club:

in order to promote a fun outdoor activity during Covid-19, the Strafford Lions Club sponsored a midnight run from one end of the Strafford common to the Town House on the hill. Race started at first bell and goal was to reach the door of the Town House before last chime of clock. Runners ranged in age from one Club member who was 82 to two Lions with their grade school daughters. Much fun

Middlebury Lions Club:

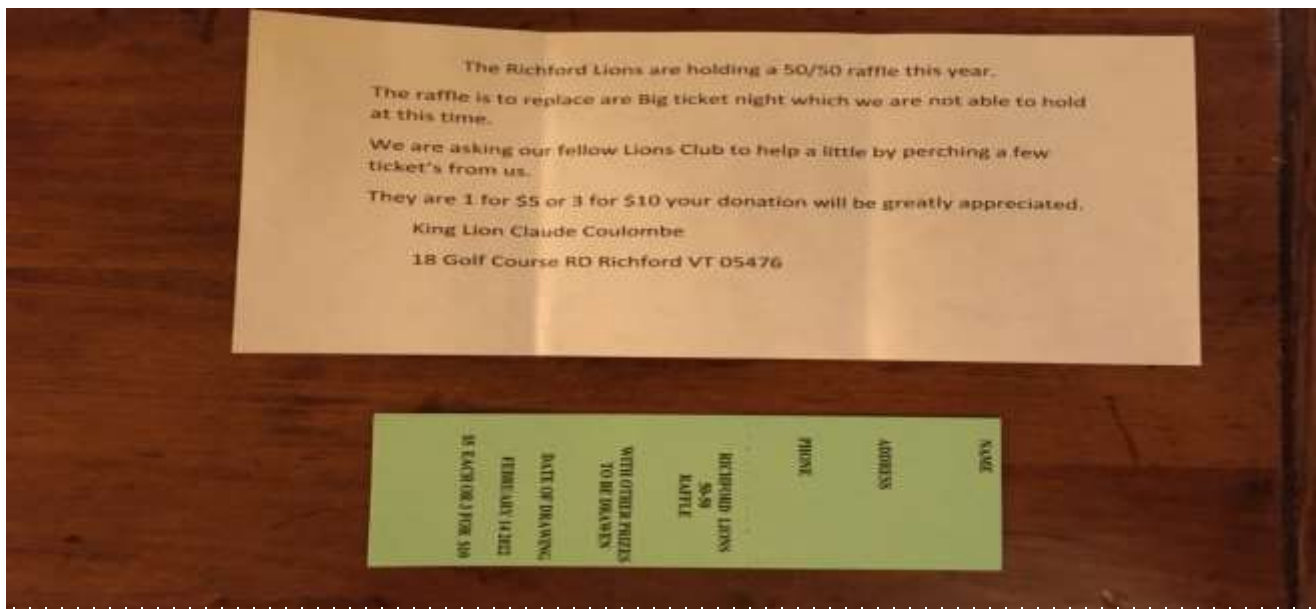


Mad at yourself because you forgot to purchase a 2022 Lions Club Cash Calendar? Good news... It's not too late!! Drawings for Jan. and Feb. winners aren't done until the end of February! That means there's still time for you to be part of the opportunity to win 365 times this year! Okay... unlikely that anyone would be that lucky but the point is that if you win your name is returned to the mix, giving you the opportunity to win more than once during the course of the year. When you couple that with the great coupons that are donated from area businesses, it's an amazing deal for \$20.

This year looks like it could be another challenging one for fundraising out in the community as we all try to stay safe, and the club appreciates your support as we try to be there financially for the many groups and individuals who come to us.

So... let us know if you'd like a calendar (or more than one) and we'll work out the delivery details with you. Thanks!

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 *Soulfix*

Many door prizes including a
\$500 Cash Grand Prize

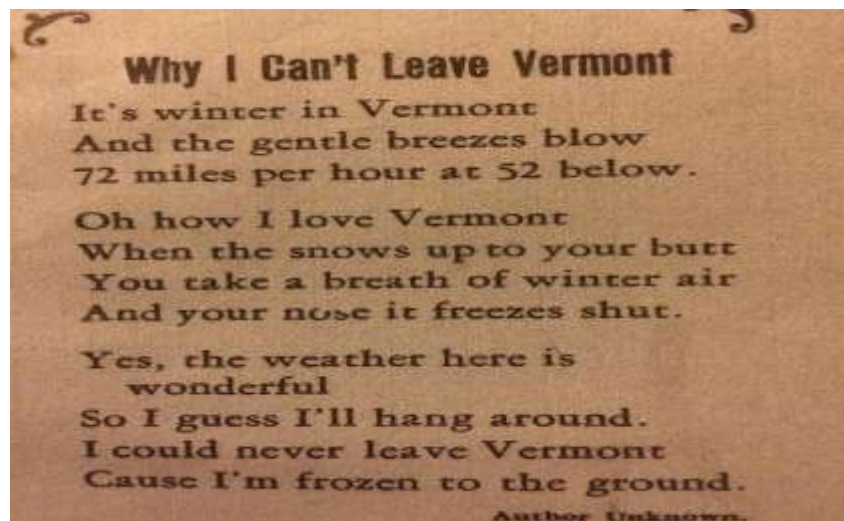
Fireside Inn
25 Airport Road
West Lebanon, NH
Discounted room rates available.

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



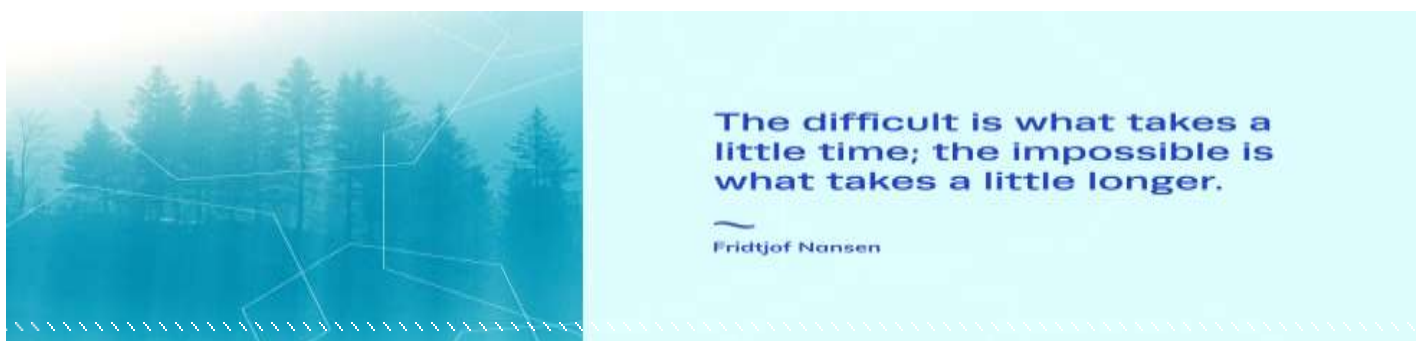
Lion Pam Greene from Heartland Lions Club is shown here collecting plastic for the TRES Program. The club is now earning their 6th bench. What a great program this has become, the community is very supportive.



Essex Jct Lions Club:



Essex Junction Lion Doris Maynard, Albert D. Lawton Art Teacher Tina Logan and Ethan Pringle 1st Place winner (holding award check and photo of his poster) and Pringle family.



New England News

MD33 ELLI Training

Friday March 4th - 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Virtual Social- Getting to know participants and staff
 Saturday: March 5th - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm - VIRTUAL - Training Sessions -- all Lions will be required to be online and have video ON the entire session. Breaks/lunch will be announced
 5:30 pm - ?? -- Breakout rooms for teams to prepare for skits
 Sunday: March 6th - 10:30 am Holliston Senior Center 150 Goulding Street, Holliston MA - Meet and greet: Staff & Attendees/Final Session

Lunch Break
 Followed by presentation of skits (all teams, presenters, DGs and FVDGs)
 Final Graduation Ceremony

\$15 per person
 You will be asked to submit payment if you are accepted for the training

REGISTER HERE TODAY; ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED

If you are interested in attending this ELLI training offered by MD33, please contact DG Carol, PDG Pam or FVDG Kathy as soon as possible as attendance is limited.

NORTHEAST PIN SWAP 2022

August 16-19, 2022

Comfort Inn, Rutland, VT 05701

Registration fee of \$55.00 includes one trading table for Wednesday and Thursday, one registration pin, registration badge, bidding number for the auction, Hospitality room Wednesday and Thursday nights plus Friday breakfast. A special pin will be available for sale to breakfast attendees

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Guest: _____

Phone#: _____ Email: _____

Registration: _____ @ \$55.00 = \$ _____

Extra trading tables _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

Extra breakfast _____ @ \$25.00 + \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Room registration is \$114.00 plus tax per night. Room reservation by phone - 802-775-2200. Be sure to mention Northeast Pin Swap. Booking code: NEL. Free parking.

Make checks payable and mail to:

Bruce Savery, 137 Maple Ridge Rd, Chester, VT 05143. If you have any questions you may email me at bsavery29@gmail.com or call at 802-289-1696.

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,

The new year is a time of great personal reflection and hope for the future. It is an opportunity to celebrate your achievements, build on your successes and find new ways to do even greater things in the months ahead. As Lions, let's use this opportunity to reflect, renew and ready ourselves for a new year of service.

That begins with each of us. So focus on strengthening your club and the incredible connection you share. And encourage each other to grow to your full potential as Lions and community leaders. Because when we ensure that every Lion has the opportunities to live out the service in their hearts, the best is yet to come.

Yours in Service,
Douglas X. Alexander
International President



Membership Satisfaction Guide

The best way to strengthen your club's service is from within. When your club makes member satisfaction a priority, it helps keep your fellow Lions engaged, happy and most important of all, coming back ready to serve.

Download the [Membership Satisfaction Guide](#) and make it a part of the discussion at your next club meeting. Let's make sure that our clubs are a home where all people feel welcomed, valued and connected.

Marketing Communications Chairperson

This year, make an even bigger impact in your community by appointing a club marketing communications chairperson. Good marketing and public relations can help you highlight your service, your impact and your club so you can elevate your brand and attract new members.



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



Learn. Lead. Grow.

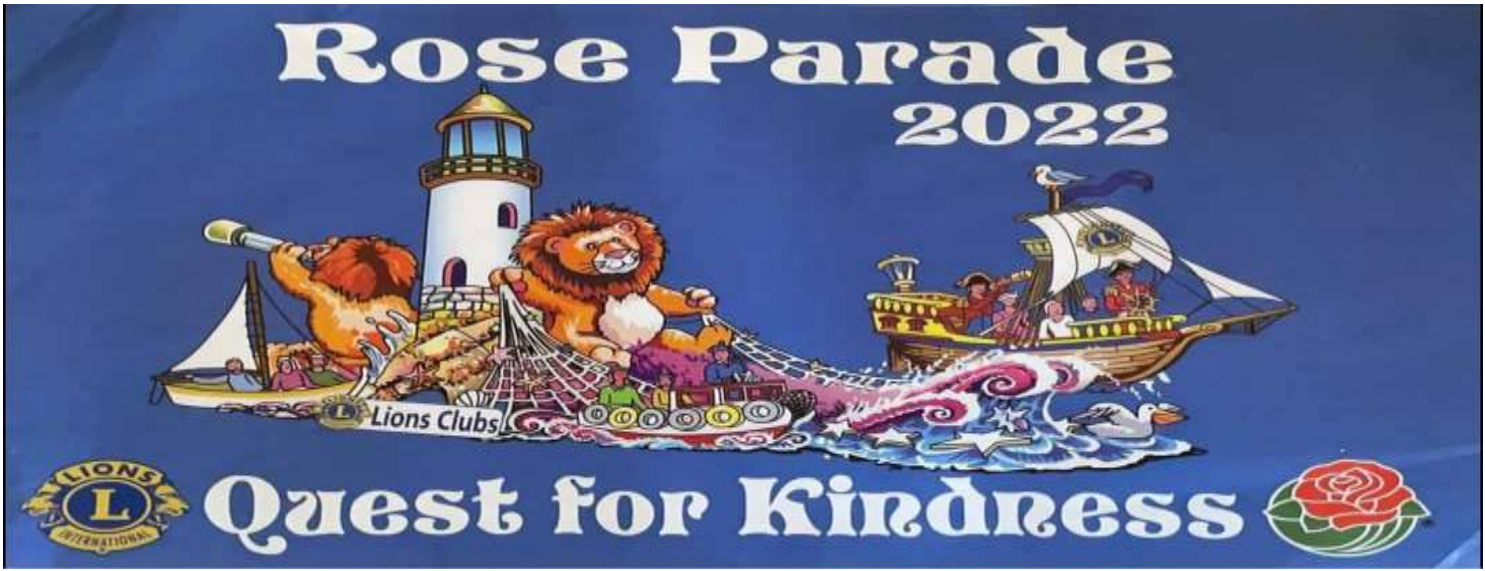
Being a Lion is about more than service. It's about growing as individuals and as leaders in our clubs and communities.

Visit the [Learn. Lead. Grow.](#) page to learn more about the educational and training resources that are available to you, including online modules and webinars. And be sure to watch a [special video message](#) from President Alexander about how leadership development and training can give you the tools to make your club and community better than ever before.

Lion Account

One of the best ways to grow your service is by giving yourself more time to serve. And that's what your Lion Account is designed to help you do. The tools you can access using your Lion Account give you fast access to a digital record of your service projects, club member information, access to learning development tools and more.

[Log in now](#) with your Lion Account credentials to streamline your service experience. And if you haven't registered already, be sure to [sign up for your Lion Account](#) today.





Dues Adjustment Resolution Will Be Voted on at 2022 International Convention

Dear Lion Leader,

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

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

The International Board of Directors voted in October 2019 to approve an international dues adjustment resolution that would be voted on at the 2020 International Convention, but it was postponed due to the cancellation of our 2020 convention and the move to a virtual convention in 2021 as we adapted to the pandemic. *The new dues adjustment model will be voted on at the 2022 International Convention.*

The Board of Directors undertook an extensive review of Lions Clubs International's financials, including the implementation of substantial budget reductions. After much consideration, the board proposed to adjust dues \$7 over a three-year period.

A dues adjustment will allow Lions Clubs International to provide improved support to Lions and to continue to invest in improving programs and digital products such as our website and MyLion. It will also allow us to invest in new programs such as the Learning Management System (LMS), development of new curriculum such as digital literacy, training videos, global advertising, marketing automation, digital and video storytelling and other tools and initiatives that will enhance our impact, our brand, and our membership.

Why your help is needed

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

Under the proposal, international dues would be adjusted according to the following schedule:

- \$3 increase on July 1, 2023
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2024
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2025

Why an international dues adjustment is needed

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

As we consider this dues adjustment, it is essential that we keep in mind that our global efforts and initiatives support more than 1.4 million members in 50,000 clubs around the world. Through the support of staff, we are able to serve globally on the level that we do, keeping members and clubs fully supported with service resources, training events and software, club operational support, hybrid convention, international meetings, language services, technology, Foundation support, leadership support, and everything else we have come to expect as Lions.

We need you to help our members and leaders understand why this adjustment is needed. We have developed an [international dues adjustment FAQ and PPT](#) to help you present it to your Lions. If you have any questions on the dues adjustment resolution, please contact LCI Executive Administrator Sanjeev Ahuja.

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

Yours in Service,

Douglas X. Alexander
International President

Charter and Entrance Fee Waivers

Help your new and existing clubs start the year strong with **charter and entrance fee waivers until June 30, 2022**. This is a great opportunity to strengthen membership and start new clubs in your district so you can achieve your goals and stay on track for earning special awards recognition.

So encourage all Lions to invite someone to serve with us, and be sure that new clubs put their kindness into action early so they can feel the power and joy of service.



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



From Past International President and Campaign 100 Chairperson Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada

Your leadership and support create a brighter future. We now have five months left in our [historic campaign](#), leaving us five months to:

- Raise US\$51,581,822 more toward our US\$300 million goal.
- Ensure success by creating more Model Clubs in your district.
- Lead by example by making a gift or pledge to Campaign 100 and promoting Foundation Fridays.

Click through the information below to help you lead campaign fundraising and to support our service for decades.

By the Numbers... Where We Stand

Fundraising and grant funding are directly linked. Thank you for pushing hard to reach our Campaign 100 goal and encouraging applications for [LCIF grants](#). Here's where we stand as of January 10, 2022:

- FY2021-2022 Grants
 - Awarded: 555
 - Total funding: US\$17,026,760
- Campaign 100
 - Fundraising: US\$248,418,178
 - Model Clubs: 4,074

Campaign 100 resources, by constitutional area, are available to provide you with customized information for your area.

Connecting in Times of Crisis

When disaster strikes, leaders like you are often among the first to offer aid. Opting in to LCIF text messages establishes a connection for you to receive important updates on relief efforts urgently needed worldwide, while enabling you to make convenient and secure online donations to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund. Sign up and encourage others to receive text messages today!



Together, We Magnify Impact

Lead by example by making an online pledge. Then encourage others to join you in supporting LCIF and Campaign 100. It's the easiest way you can sustain our mission, while supporting our most historic capital campaign ever.

[PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT](#)



LCIF Week Melvin Jones Photo Contest
There were two other entries from District 45



***** DG Carol Greene (left) and Lion Pam Greene (right) both from Heartland Lions Club *****

Membership, Membership!!!

Purpose of this section is to try and provide some helpful hints to strengthen your club membership, both by bringing in new members but and retaining the members the club already has. For more information or to discuss membership plans / goals for your club, contact District 45 GMT Co-coordinator PDG Walter Hastings.

Just ask!

Quick tips for effectively recruiting new members



1 Prepare Your Club.

Without proper preparation, your club's recruitment efforts will not be as effective as possible.

- Decide what your club would like to accomplish and how new members will help achieve this.
- Develop a member recruitment team that can focus on all aspects of member recruitment.

2 Create your club's growth plan.

Develop an action-oriented plan that clearly outlines your recruitment efforts.

- Determine who you will be recruiting.
- Determine where you will focus your recruiting efforts.
- Gather the materials you will need for your outreach.
- Set and promote your informational meeting.

3 Implement your growth plan.

- Reach out to target members as outlined in steps one and two.
- Host your informational meeting.
- Follow up with meeting attendees.
- Review your growth plan and adjust timelines if necessary.

4 Welcome new members.

- Conduct an induction ceremony.
- Ensure that new members are properly onboarded.

Don't forget to get your new members involved!

People join Lions Clubs International to serve—make sure that your new members are involved in ways that align with the reasons they joined your club.



For details on each of these steps, as well as additional tools and resources your club can use for successful member recruitment, download the complete Just Ask! New Member Recruiting Guide from the Resource Center at lionsclubs.org.





Sample Interview Questions

When participating in a media interview, the talking points below can help ensure you're ready to answer questions commonly asked by reporters. These sample questions and answers are designed for Lions and should not be shared with the media. Please visit the Lions Media Center at www.lionsclubs.org/media-center for our official fact sheets about our organization, our service, and other PR resources.

What do Lions do?

- Lions around the world serve by improving the health and well-being of others, strengthening their communities and protecting the vulnerable.
- We help our global neighbors through the support of our Foundation, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). LCIF has awarded more than US\$1.1 billion in grants to support Lions' humanitarian projects. In 2020, LCIF donated millions of dollars in emergency grant funds during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic to provide critical supplies and equipment to communities struggling with this health crisis.
- Internationally, we empower youth through our Peace Poster Contest, youth camps and exchanges, and the Lions Quest program that has helped provide positive life skills to over 16 million students.
- Last year, Lions helped more than 300 million people around the world through service, donations and advocacy work.
- **Conversation Starter Tip:** Share a story about a meaningful service project you participated in.

Who are Lions?

- Our motto is "We Serve" and Lions put it into action every day. We're caring men and women who come together to be the difference in our communities. We believe we can do so much more together than we can alone.
- With Lions clubs in more than 200 countries and geographic areas, we serve all [people](#) and we are made up of all people. We believe that diversity is our strength. We appreciate individual and cultural differences, and we embrace the experiences and talents of others because together we are more.
- **Conversation Starter Tip:** Talk about why you became a Lion.

Why should people be a Lion?

- When you become a Lion, you become part of a local club and a global network of volunteers working together to make a difference.
- A Lions club is a great place to develop your leadership skills and put them into action. Plus, you'll get first-class training and great resources from our global organization.

- A Lions club is a group of people like you who've decided to [take action](#) and help others. Lions form unique friendships and meaningful connections that can last a lifetime.
- There is nothing quite like the feeling of making someone's life better.
- **Conversation Starter Tip:** Describe what being a Lion means to you.

How do I become a Lion?

- If you are interested in joining **[CLUB NAME]**, you may contact us at **[CONTACT INFO]**.
- You can also find and contact your local Lions club by visiting www.lionsclubs.org.

What is Lions Clubs International?

- Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world, with more than 1.4 million members in 48,000 clubs serving 200 countries and geographic areas worldwide. Since our founding in 1917, we have been proving that where there's a need, there's a Lion.

When did Lions Clubs International start?

- In 1917, Chicago business leader Melvin Jones asked a simple and world-changing question – what if people made a commitment to improving their communities? More than a century later, Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world, with more than 1.4 million members in 48,000 clubs acting on the same simple idea – when Lions come together for the good of humanity, there's nothing we can't achieve.

Compelling Quotes/Media Pitch Starters

When applicable, you may choose to use these quotes or phrases when you pitch the media your story idea.

- Lions Club International founder, Melvin Jones, once said, "You can't get very far unless you start doing something for somebody else."
- Mahatma Gandhi once said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." As Lions, we serve our communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding.
- Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Our 1.4 million Lions club members around the world take this quote to heart and prove that where there's a need, there's a Lion.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is 'What are you doing for others?'" Lions around the world are answering this question by putting kindness and service into action.
- Lions believe kindness matters. But kindness needs to be backed up by action—that's where we come in.
- When caring people join together, roll up their sleeves and take action to make their community better, it's a beautiful thing—and an incredible feeling for everyone involved.

Our Story



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1920 Going International // Just three years after our founding, Lions became international when we established the first club in Canada. Mexico followed in 1927. In the 1950s and 1960s, international growth accelerated, with new clubs in Europe, Asia and Africa.

1925 Saving Sight // Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA, and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind." Since then, we have worked tirelessly to aid those who are blind or visually impaired.

1945 Uniting Nations // We were one of the first nongovernmental organizations invited to assist in the drafting of the United Nations Charter. We host an annual Lions Day with the United Nations to continue our partnership and identify global solutions to the challenges facing humanity.

1957 Organizing Youth Programs // We started the Leo program to provide the youth of the world with an opportunity to serve and lead with Lions. There are approximately 180,000 Leos and 7,200 Leo clubs in more than 140 countries worldwide.

1968 Establishing Our Foundation // Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) assists Lions with global and large-scale humanitarian projects. Through our global Foundation, Lions have received more than US\$1 billion in grants to help meet the needs of their local and global communities.

1990 Launching SightFirst // Through the support of LCIF, Lions are restoring sight and preventing blindness on a global scale with the SightFirst program. Launched in 1990, Lions have raised more than US\$351 million for this initiative that targets the major causes of blindness.

2017 Celebrating Our Centennial // Lions celebrate a century of service by serving more than 250 million people around the world through a special Centennial Service Challenge.

2018 Rallying Around Global Causes // Lions unite to support the global causes of vision, hunger, the environment, childhood cancer and our new global focus, diabetes. LCIF launches *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service* to raise US\$300 million to increase the service impact of Lions around the world.

2020 Responding to COVID-19 // Lions found innovative ways to safely serve their communities during this global health crisis. Our global Foundation, LCIF, donated millions of dollars in emergency grant funds, providing critical supplies and equipment to hospitals, medical clinics and emergency management systems, including front-line health care workers and first responders.



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**When Our Time On This
Earth Is Done, Money
Or Material Things
Will Not Matter, But
The Love, Time And
Kindness We've Given
Others Will Shine
And Live On Forever...**

Our Service



Lions are a global force for good.

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Kindness matters to Lions.

Our motto is "We Serve" and Lions put it into action every day. We're caring men and women who come together to be the difference in our communities. We believe we can do so much more together than we can alone.

Lions serve global causes.

Lions around the world are rallying around the five global causes of vision, hunger, the environment, childhood cancer and our new global focus, diabetes. We have set a goal of serving 200 million people a year through these causes and other humanitarian initiatives.

Lions empower young people.

We believe young people are the leaders of tomorrow. And today, Our Leo clubs give young people opportunities to become volunteers and service leaders, developing new skills and a lifelong passion for service. Approximately 180,000 Leos in 7,200 clubs are serving more than 140 countries worldwide.

We also provide valuable local services to youth such as mentoring, health programs and scholarships. Internationally, we empower youth through our Peace Poster Contest, youth camps and exchanges, and the Lions Quest program that has helped provide positive life skills to over 16 million students.

Our Foundation empowers the service of Lions.

We also help our global neighbors through the support of our Foundation, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). LCIF has awarded more than US\$1.1 billion in grants to support Lions' humanitarian projects. In 2020, LCIF donated millions of dollars in emergency grant funds during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, providing critical supplies and equipment to hospitals, medical clinics and emergency management systems, including front-line health care workers and first responders.

Lions are making a world of difference.

Every day, every way, Lions are investing their time, talents and resources in the communities where we live, work and serve. We believe there is no challenge that can't be overcome when we unite for good.



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8 things to remember when going through tough times.

1. Everything can - and will - change.
2. You've overcome challenges before.
3. It's a learning experience.
4. Not getting what you want can be a blessing.
5. Allow yourself to have some fun.
6. Being kind to yourself is the best medicine.
7. Other people's negativity isn't worth worrying about.
8. And there is always, always, something to be thankful for.



The benefits of being a Lion

Becoming a member of your local Lions club benefits your community and you.

- **Make a difference**

There are over 48,000 Lions clubs around the world. Each one is filled with people like you who've decided to take action and serve others. Collectively, Lions make a global impact through their community service.

- **Serve with pride**

Lions feel a great sense of satisfaction from doing what is at the heart of all Lions clubs – serving others. You will have the opportunity to give your time, share your talents, help your community, and feel proud knowing you change lives.

- **Build your network**

As a Lion, you develop relationships with the people in your club and also the local leaders you collaborate with in service. You can also network with Lions in your district and around the world who are serving their communities, just like you!

- **Gain Lion credibility**

There are Lions in over 200 countries and geographic areas who share your passion for service. Gain the respect that comes with being part of a global organization known for its contributions to humanity for over 100 years.

- **Develop new friendships**

Feel a sense of belonging with the other members of your club, as well as the over 1.4 million Lions around the world. Through the MyLion App, you can connect with other service-minded men and women locally, regionally and internationally.

- **Show your leadership**

As a Lion, you gain access to our online learning management system, where you can sharpen your leadership skills. You will also have the opportunity to lead within your club and gain valuable, practical experience for use in your personal and professional life.

- **Receive global support**

Every Lion and every club is supported by a global network of volunteers, the Lions Clubs International staff, and the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), which provides grant funding to support the compassionate work of Lions, empowering their service and addressing the needs of their communities both locally and globally.

Visit weserve.org to see how becoming a Lion can change your life.

To get involved in your community, contact:



Lions Clubs International



Not failure, but low aim, is the crime. In great attempts it is glorious even to fail.

Bruce Lee

These pamphlets / brochures are available on the Lions Club International website.
If not able to find, just 'google it'!!

SERVICE TOOLKIT



Club and Community Needs Assessment

All Lions Clubs are autonomous, meaning that each Lions club is an independent entity responsible for conducting its own events and complying with local laws and regulations. This resource is intended to provide recommendations and should not be considered legal advice or best practices; the activities within may or may not be appropriate for your community. Please consult a legal professional to ensure compliance with all laws and regulations, safety guidelines and best practices.

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BLUEPRINT FOR A STRONGER CLUB



Club Quality Initiative



This workbook has been designed to lead you and your fellow club members through a number of steps to help you discover new ways to improve the way your club operates.

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Membership Satisfaction Guide

How to keep members engaged, happy and coming back

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Your Club, Your Way!



LIONS in Vermont Day!!!

*District 45 Vermont Lions
Serving the needs of the Communities of Vermont!!!*

Lions In Vermont Day!!!! May 7th, 2022

Clubs throughout Vermont are being asked to do a service project – environment related or other type of project.

Vermont Lions District 45 is hoping this event will bring a 'spotlight' on Lions throughout our state.

Vermont Lions District 45 will be working media throughout our area to publicize this event.

Please let DG Carol Greene know the details of such event. She can be reached at vtlioncarol@gmail.com or (802) 291-3750.





**Green Up Day
May 7, 2022**

Check out the 2021 stats!

Year	# towns reported	% reported	# Vol	Miles	# of Bags	Tons	# of Tires
2021	182 reports	63%	21,996	2822.28	21,019	418.7	16,250
2020	112 reports	49%	18,954	1387.21	14,506.42	261	-
% Increase	50 more	Up 21.50%	57.73%	60.84%	67.38%	75.72%	70.00%



Green Up Vermont's mission is to promote the stewardship of our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the health, economic, and visual benefits of a litter-free environment year-round.
501(c)(3) non-profit

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- Davis Friend - \$1,000**
- Logo & stories in newsletter (3 issues/yr.)
 - Logo & stories on the Green Up website
 - Inclusion in enhanced social media plan
 - GUV signage & clings to show your support

Commitment deadlines for bags and poster printing:
Stafford & Aiken.....Dec. 21
Davis Partner.....Feb. 28
Benefits are year-round.
Thank you!

WHY it makes sense to align with Green Up Vermont?

Green Up Vermont activates thousands of volunteers on Green Up Day who support your business because they believe this clean-up effort helps us all - and it does.

Global eyes are focused on doing better for our Earth and addressing climate change and we need to teach the next generation to act before it is too late - so we will.

At Green Up Vermont, we are energized by commitment and are doing more year-round to build involvement in communities, interest and passion in our youth, and to share the great stories of our corporate partners that support common initiatives. Some of the initiatives this year include statewide water bottle refill station grants to reduce waste, building a responsible endowment plan for our future, and expansion of our youth engagement mentor program.

We want to partner with you to keep Green Up Vermont excelling for Vermonters and to connect the good work of your business with residents, visitors, youth, and communities for the benefit of all. This is powerful. Will you join us?

Stafford Partners - \$10,000

- Logo on 65,000 trash bags, dist. statewide
- Logo on 2,500 posters, dist. statewide
- Logo in all media ads & outreach (6 million+ impressions)
- Named supporter in all PR and publicity
- Logo and thanks in newsletter (3 issues/yr.)
- Logo and stories on the Green Up website
- Inclusion in enhanced social media plan
- Video clip of your business on social media
- Partner representation at awareness events & initiatives
- Logo on annual t-shirts
- GUV signage & clings to show your support
- Two tickets to the GUV Endowment Kick-off Gala (May)
- Additional objectives unique to your business.
We are excited to brainstorm the possibilities with you!

Aiken Partners - \$6,000

- Logo on 65,000 trash bags, dist. statewide
- Logo on 2,500 posters, dist. statewide
- Named supporter in all PR and publicity
- Logo and thanks in newsletter (3 issues/yr.)
- Logo and stories on the Green Up website
- Inclusion in enhanced social media plan
- Partner representation at awareness events & initiatives
- GUV signage & clings to show your support
- One ticket to the GUV Endowment Kick-off Gala (May)
- Additional objectives unique to your business.
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Davis Partners - \$3,000

- Logo on 2,500 posters, statewide
- Logo and thanks in newsletter (3 issues/yr.)
- Logo and stories on the Green Up website
- Inclusion in enhanced social media plan
- Partner representation at awareness events & initiatives
- GUV signage & clings to show your support

Thank you to Vermont Lions Charities, PDG Stan Patch Jr and the Vermont Lions Charities Board of Directors for providing the funds for District 45 to become a Davis Partner with Green Up Day Vermont!!!!!!

*** GST Coordinator notes: Green Up Day is just one possible project for all clubs BUT if your club is not able to do such, here are some more examples. Please plan some sort of environmental project and join us!!! ***



Environment

21. Plant trees with the advice of a local environment organization on the best locations and varieties.
22. Clean up a beach, community space or roadside area monthly as a club.
23. Hold an environment-themed photo contest at a school. Plant a tree or another green form of recognition to honor the winner.
24. Challenge all Lions in your club or district to add one green habit to their daily lives.
25. Recognize a local organization or community leader for environmental conservation work.
26. Volunteer with your local park service to maintain trails. Help more people access and enjoy nature!
27. Commit to "Meatless Mondays" or not eating meat one day each week.
28. Collect used cellphones and donate them to individuals in need.
29. Lead an after-school nature walk.
30. Survey homes and community areas for leaks in sinks, communal spigots or water fountains. Contact relevant officials for repairs.
31. Work with city officials to paint "no dumping" signs near road drainage areas.
32. Identify where to recycle toxic items and share the collection schedule.
33. Organize a mural competition to promote environmental awareness. Paint the mural in a prominent community location.
34. Implement a recycling drive where people donate gently-used items to charity organizations.
35. Develop a demonstration garden or landscaping plot using native plant species to restore the habitat and conserve water.
36. Sponsor a training program for farmers on how to make and use organic fertilizers and pesticides.
37. Produce a monthly nature program on a local public radio station.
38. Partner with a local carpenter to build rain barrels. Hold a training session with community members to promote using them for watering and irrigation.
39. Organize an alternative transportation incentive program to encourage walking, biking, public transportation and carpooling.
40. Establish a school garden and composting program to improve school meals & reduce waste.



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Service Project Ideas

Environment:

- [School Tree Planting Project Planner](#)
- [Young Tree Care Project Planner](#)
- [Tree Planting Project Planner](#)

Vermont Lions becoming a partner with Green Up Day

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To: Kenneth Emery <kpemery1960@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 9:34 PM

Hi Ken,

So I was intrigued and wanted to learn more about the Lions Club so of course I asked Google and went to your website. We very much live the same mission and there could be some fantastic integration and stories to tell here.

On the sponsorship/partnership side - I believe I counted 35 clubs throughout Vermont. In doing some quick math, if each club contributed \$285.00 you could participate at the top level and we could make a big splash for Lions Clubs all over Vermont, because Green Up Day and our year-round programs are statewide. Here are some things we could additionally promote:

Engaging Youth and growing youth participation as leaders in their communities - Last year we started a mentor program and launched with 6 "teams" of Volunteer Town Coordinators paired with a high school student. A survey after last Green Up Day informed us that 36 towns wanted to get involved. The Lions Club, as a top partner would make a great tie-in for this.

Positive impact in our communities and our environment - we work year-round to engage members in their communities through Grants and further environmental stewardship. Working with the Lions on various project and ideas that will highlight both of us would be amazing for your programs, our environment and our state. We could potentially set an environmental trend for other states and other clubs.

In your video a comment struck me - "not your Grandfather's club." It is crucial to both of our organizations that we reach a more youthful audience and teach them to be present in giving back to their communities. We need to show them how good it feels to do so and how prideful it can be to take part in something that makes such a positive impact for our community, our state and our world, not only in a leadership role but in daily practice.

I can already think of a million ways to integrate and share the good stories. I would love to talk with you and your statewide leader if you have availability.

Thanks for contacting me. This is very exciting.

Kindly,
Kate
Green Up Vermont

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2022 Spring Convention

Battle of the Boards

Fireside Inn

Friday, May 13th



**District
Governor
Carol
&
Special
Guest**

Krazy Kats



VS.



**Past
District
Governor
Pam
&
Lion Dick**



Kool Kats

Pledge's \$5



Predict the winning Team
1 winner from the Winning Pledges will be drawn and 50% will go to C100
and 50% to the winner (winner can also have the option to donate 100%
to campaign 100 in their name)

Save the Date!

**District 45
Spring Convention**



May 13-15, 2022
Fireside Inn & Suites
West Lebanon, NH

More information to follow!