





The Communique

District 45 – Vermont Lions: In Lionism, In Service, In Friendship

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Lions Hello

We are approaching exciting times.

The month of May will start with <u>Green Up Day</u>; we will be having our Lions Day in Service on Saturday, May 7. I am looking forward to your projects that are reported along with pictures and post on Facebook.

I am happy to say that District 45 is strong and growing. Thank you to those of you who have invited and brought in new members. I would also like to thank those Lions who helped retain members. I appreciate everyone for getting their dues/bills to LCI current. Also, a reminder to club secretaries, please submit your <u>PU101</u> to LCI no later than May 15, 2022. If there are no changes to your club officers, please make sure information is accurate.

Despite the pandemic, our Clubs have continued doing service projects. Thank you to all who have stepped up into leadership roles. Most of all, thanks to ALL that have helped keep us together as a District. Your Leadership Team has been meeting monthly and I know the Zone Chairs have also been meeting with clubs. I am sure these will continue with next year's District Governors Team.

I look forward to seeing you at Spring Convention, May 13-15 at Fireside Inn & Suites, West Lebanon, NH. If you are attending for the day only/meal reservations are due to CS Kendal Holden, no later than May 6, 2022. For room reservations, please contact Fireside Inn & Suites directly at 603.298.5900 to check on availability.

Best, DG Carol

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District News

District 45 Calendar

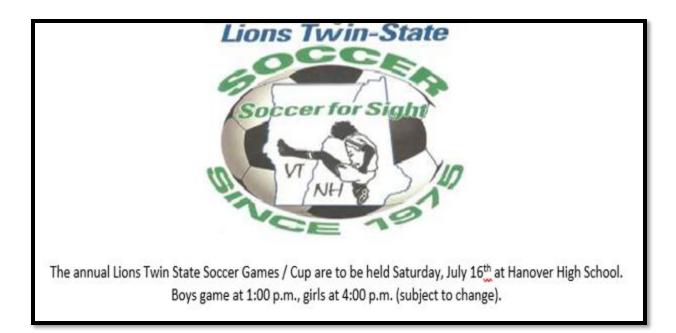
Date	Hosts – Event	Location
April 30, 2022	Fry Fish	Arlington, VT
May 7, 2022	Green Up Day	Statewide
May 7, 2022	Vermont Lions Days in Service	Statewide
May 13-15, 2022	District 45 Spring Convention	West Lebanon, NH
May 13, 2022	Battle of the Boards	West Lebanon, NH
May 14, 2022	District 45 Business Meeting	West Lebanon, NH
May 14, 2022	District 45 PDG/MJF Banquet	West Lebanon, NH
May 15, 2022	District 45 Annual Memorial Service	West Lebanon, NH
May 15, 2022	Countdown to Campaign 100 Raffle	West Lebanon, NH
May 21, 2022	NELC Spring Meeting	Kittery, Maine
May 29, 2022	Kid's Fishing Derby	Book's Pond, West Haven,
(Rain date		VT
5/30/2022)		
June 5, 2022	LCIF Tell-A-Thon	Virtual
June 18, 2022	Club Officer Training	Vergennes, VT
June 24-28, 2022	International Convention	Montreal PQ
July 16, 2022	Lions Twin-State Soccer Games	Hanover, NH
August 12-14, 2022	SlamT1D Diabetes Wiffle Ball	Essex, VT
August 16, 2022	Northeast Pin Swap	Rutland, VT







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



Canada Is Open

Want to learn more about how Lions are serving the environment and other global causes? Then join us at the 104th Lions Clubs International Convention in Montréal.



Watch a <u>special video message</u> from President Alexander about how Canada is getting ready for Lions. Come celebrate our service, enjoy world-class entertainment and speakers, and help us make history with the conclusion of Campaign 100.

Visit <u>LCICon Montréal 2022</u> to learn more about all the incredible events we have planned for you.



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 <u>vtlioncarol@gmail.com</u> or (802) 291-3750.



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Many thanks to Vermont Lions Charities for their support of Green Up Day and having our Lions Logo on the poster!





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District 45 would like to welcome (as of April 24th) the following Lions to our district and association:

Maria Flora Belardo (Barre) Wenefred Belonzo (Barre) Saudia Long (Barre) Jane Claire Mokasim (Barre) Eufemia Osmer (Barre) Mayflor Potter (Barre) Cheri Davis (Essex Junction) Eryn Ryan (Londonderry Area Tri-Mountain) Charles Denis (Middlebury) Louis Whalen-Wright (Middlebury) 2022 Spring Convention

LEO-LION BRANDON JOHNSON PAST COUNCIL CHAIR

Brandon Johnson from LaFollette, Tennessee was elected to serve as Council Chairperson by the MD 12 Council of Governors in 2019. He is proud to be the youngest Council Chairperson and District Governor to ever serve Lions Clubs International.

Past Council Chair Johnson is involved in management of several family businesses. He received two bachelor's degrees and his Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) Degree from East Tennessee State University.

A member of the Caryville Cares Leo-Lions Club, Past Council Chair Johnson has been a Lion since 2012. He has held many offices within the association, including District Governor, Multiple District Treasurer, Multiple District NAMI Chair, Multiple District Public Relations Chair, and Charter Club President. He is a former Leo, and currently serves on the Leo International Advisory Panel.

In recognition of his service, he has received numerous awards including: Lions fellowships from more than 10 different states, four International President's Leadership Awards, an LCIF Chairperson's Medal, and an International President's Medal. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Council Chair Johnson is active in several professional & community organizations, including multiple Freemason organizations, the Rotary Club, and the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Johnson was one of only three Lions to ever be appointed by Tennessee's Governor to serve as a Commissioner on Volunteerism and Service.



Annual Vermont Lions Spring Convention District Governor, Carol Greene - May 13, 14 & 15, 2022

<u>This form is for meals only – if you do not have</u> a package thru Fireside Inn & Suites Reservations due no later than May 6, 2022

Please include:			
Name(s):	#Attending:		
Address:	Amount \$:		
Club Name:	Club/District Position:		
Phone:	Email:		
Breakfast Only: Saturday or Sur person/plus tax *Breakfast to be paid to Fireside Inn & S		\$9.95 per eal Packages ONLY*	
*Friday Night Buffet, Saturday Lunch Bu # Attending:	ıffet, Saturday Plated Banque	t \$133 per person	
Friday Night Buffet Only # Attending:		\$33.85 per person	
* Saturday Lunch Buffet, Saturday Plated # Attending:	d Banquet	\$84 per person	
Saturday Lunch Buffet Only # Attending:		\$29 per person	
*Saturday Plated Banquet Only # Attending:		\$42 per person	
Please indicate Saturday Plated Banque	et Choice		
Please Indicate Saturday Pla Meal Choice	ted **Indicate Spec	**Indicate Special Dietary Need**	
 Roast Turkey Baked Haddock Vegetarian 		1ent 5:30-6:30pm	
Please make check payable to Verm Send registration for meals only CS Kendal Holden PO Box 337 Underhill, VT 05489 Email: <u>kendalholden188@ya</u> Phone: 802.899.251	y & check to:		

Island Time Steel Drums







Vision Screening Report June 2022

The school year is winding down. Teachers have their hands full with keeping children's attention inside the classroom and not on the windows with their inviting outside activities. Lions are preparing for Spring Convention and clubs are preparing for a new slate of officers. Vision Screening too is wrapping up for another year. Even as I write, clubs are still doing their best to screen those last straggling students who where absent on screening day, or that stray classroom that was down due to Covid. Again, my hat is off to the nurses, teachers AND Lions who did their best to see that our kids got screened regardless of all the hurdles they had placed before them.

So far I've had 12 clubs report with a total to date of 12850 students screened with1453 referrals. That's an increase of 3436 more screenings over the 9414 of last year! I am so pleased to make this report. The Lions of District 45 have overcome obsticles using their inginuety and persistance to produce such a impressive result.

Next year I hope to visit clubs and attend more screenings district wide. I'd like to see more clubs use thumb drives (or whatever you choose to call those ingenius little plug-in wonders). For those who have used them or plan to use them in future, please feel free to let me know your experiences, both good and bad so we can find ways to make them successful for all clubs.

Again I would like to thank VLC for allowing me the opportunity of working on such an important project for District 45. It has been my honor.

Enjoy the beautiful weather on it's way everyone!

Respectfully,

Lion Deb Savery

Vermont District 45 Vision Screening Coordinator



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Vermont Lions Vision Screening Results

12850 Students Screened so far This Academic Year

July 1, 2021 - April 23, 2022

<u>Club</u>	Screening sessions	<u># Children</u>	<u># of Ref</u>	<u># of Adults/Ref</u>
Barre	5	476	27	
Brandon Forest Dale	8	674	75	
Brattleboro				
Castleton	22	2,604	360	19/
Colchester	3	203	30	
Deerfield Valley				
Enosberg	5	803	81	13/
Essex Junction				
Granville				
Georgia				
Heartland				
Jericho-Underhill	4	348	72	
Londonderry Area	1	210	18	
Manchester				
Middlebury/Vergennes	37	4,416	440	
Norwich	1	137	15	
Norwich/Strafford				
Norshaft	14	424	35	
Orleans				
Richford				
S trafford	4	303	25	
Springfield	22	2,252	275	
Troy & Area				
Windsor				
Williston				
Т	otal: 126	12,850	1,453	32

Club Officer Training

Club Presidents/Vice Presidents Secretary Treasurer Membership Chairman Zone Chairman LCIF Coordinator

Saturday, June 18, 2022 9:00 am - 2:00pm

Champlain Valley Christian Reformed Church 73 Church St., Vergennes, Vermont Registration \$20.00 per person Registration deadline: Monday, June 13, 2022

Name:	
Club Name and Position:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	
Mailing Address	

Mail to: CS Kendal Holden PO Box 337, Underhill, VT 05489 email: kendalholden188@yahoo.com

WE SERVE

Club News

Colchester Lions Club

Happy Easter! Local Kids Hunted Bayside for Eggs and met the Easter Bunny. All had a great time at Colchester Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday - lots of happy faces and smiles!! Thank you to all that participated in the event. Our special Thanks to all our Bunny helpers from the Colchester High School National Honor Society, Colchester Scout Troop 601, Scout Troop 51895 plus all the other volunteer that made this event a big success.







The club also held their annual Speak Out Contest on April 6, 2022, with 4 participants involved in the contest.



Arlington Lions Club



Thank you to everyone who came out for the Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt this morning! Great fun was had by all. Congratulations to our Jellybean Guessing Contest winner - Rory Andrew and to Dan Hammond who was our Chocolate Easter Bunny raffle winner! See everyone next year!

Castleton Lions Club

********SAVE THE DATE*********

Castleton Lions Club's Annual Kids' Fishing Derby May 29, 2022 (rain date 5/30) Book's Pond, West Haven, VT 10 a.m. Registration Derby starts at 11 a.m. ends at 1 p.m. Ages- 0 thru 12 years old Bring your own fish pole and gear FREE hot dogs, soda and drinking water

NO PREREGISTRATION FORM NEEDED- Register at event beginning at 10 AM. Information sheets will be distributed at the Castleton, Fair Haven, Benson and Orwell elementary schools



Manchester Lions Club

Happy 70th Anniversary to the Manchester, Vt. Lion's Club. Kudos to King Lion/2VDG Travis Wood and Manchester Lions it was a great evening with 3 new members installed.



Please join us for the ARLINGTON LIONS CLUB



\$15 Fried Fish, Slaw, Fries, Drink \$10 Chicken Fingers, Slaw, Fries, Drink

*Snacks & Desserts will be available for purchase

Saturday, April 30, 2022

Arlington Rec Park Pavilion 11:30 - 2:00

Reserve your lunch by Saturday, April 23 at askalion@arlingtonlions.com Cash or Check payable to the Arlington Lions Club....Walk ins Welcome!



Swanton – Missisquoi Lions Club









Dear Campaign 100 & LCIF Coordinators,

I am personally inviting you to join me in supporting the LCIF Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon that is being held Sunday, June 5th from 10 am - 2 pm CDT (Chicago).

This event is being organized by Lions Virtual, in partnership with Lions Clubs International Foundation and Lion volunteers from across the globe. The Tell-A-Thon is designed to tell the Lions' story while raising funds for our Foundation. Along with sharing our story, the program includes music, entertainment and special surprise celebrity cameos from Grammy Award winning artists, Emmy Award winning actors and a Super Bowl MVP!

As we reach the end of Campaign 100, the Tell-A-Thon offers an opportunity for one final push to get every Lion to support the life-changing work that LCIF funds. To this end, I am asking you to do five things:

- 1. Register for the Tell-A-Thon @ tellathon.org
- 2. Encourage every Lion in your area to register for the Tell-A-Thon @ tellathon.org
- 3. Donate \$20 or more to LCIF through the Tell-A-Thon @ lionsclubs.org/givetoday
- 4. Share the attached Tell-A-Thon article &/or ad with:
 - · every Lion in your District
 - · your District and Multiple District publications
- 5. Visit Lions Virtual on Facebook
 - · share Tell-A-Thon posts across your personal, District & Multiple District social media accounts

Our Foundation is near and dear to all of us and this is the perfect opportunity for us to showcase all the amazing service projects that LCIF funds across that globe. Feel free to reach out to our Tell-A-Thon Executive Producers Jodi Burmester & Daniel Marney Elkins @ <u>lionsvirtual@gmail.com</u> if you have questions or need further information.

I will be emceeing this event and know it is one that you won't want to miss! Whether you drop in for a few minutes or watch the entire show, it will be time well-spent.

With deep appreciation,

Brian E. Sheehan, Lions Clubs International 1st Vice President



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





Join the World's Largest Celebration of Service

by Lion Brian Sheehan - Lions Clubs International 1st Vice President

I am so excited to invite each & every one of you to join me for the world's largest celebration of service: the 2022 **LCIF Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon** on Sunday, June 5th from 10 am - 2 pm CDT (Chicago) / UTC-05.

This year's **Tell-A-Thon** is focused on celebrating Lions' service across the globe; service that is empowered by your donations to our Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

The 4-hour **Tell-A-Thon** will inspire you with stories of service, music, entertainment and special celebrity cameos from humanitarians, award winning musicians and actors, a legendary coach, and a Super Bowl MVP!

What are you waiting for? Register at www.tellathon.org

Don't stop there... this is the perfect opportunity to share our Lions' story with your family, friends and community! Why not create a viewing party and invite your partners and community to join in the fun?

You can use this opportunity to share information about your club's impact on your community, conduct a vision screening or other service project. You could even sell food, hold a silent



www.tellathon.org

auction or conduct raffles to raise funds for LCIF!

Every Lion, Every Club...

Speaking of raising funds, we are asking every Lion and every Club to join Lion Lori and I in supporting LCIF with a donation that will empower our service for years to come. Our goal is to raise \$2 million through the Tell-A-Thon! So whether you donate \$5 or \$50,000, know that every dollar you donate will be used to change lives.

There are a number of ways to donate and every donation to the **Tell-A-Thon** is eligible for LCIF recognition programs, including Melvin Jones Fellowship: Online: https://onselubs.org/givetoday

Check Made & Remitted to: LCIF Tell-A-Thon c/o Lions Virtual P. O. Box 259288 Madison, WI 53725

For all the latest **Tell-A-Thon** news, visit the <u>Lions Virtual Facebook</u> page.

For more information about the **Tell-A-Thon**, model clubs and major donation opportunities, contact Lions Virtual @ <u>lionsvirtual@gmail.com</u>

Thank you for all you do and your support of the LCIF Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon!



Every Lion... Every Club US\$2 million

100% of funds raised benefit Lions Clubs International Foundation Campaign 100 & gualify for all LCIF recognitions



World's Largest **Celebration Of Service** Sunday, June 5th

10 am - 2 pm pm CDT (Chicago) / UTC-05

REGISTER NOW party.tellathon.org

New England Lions



New England Lions Council Serving the needs of the Districts of New England

NELC Spring Meeting Kittery Lions Club ~ 117 State Rd, Kittery, Maine 03904 Sunday, May 22nd Meeting - 10:00 am ~ doors open at 9:30 am

10:00 Meeting Opening
10:05 Camp Sunshine, Casco, Maine – Michael Smith,
Camp for children with life threatening illnesses and their family, each week is
dedicated to a specific illness.
11:00 Attracting younger Lions and keeping them engaged, via Zoom - FVDG Daniel Elkin
Bellefonte Lions Club, D22-D Delaware
Noon: Lunch

12:45 DG Reports, GAT & LCI Update, 2022-2023 officer election, important dates and more.

Lunch: \$15 - Assorted sandwiches, chips, salad and dessert water, soda, coffee or tea

NAME:

ADDRESS:

DISTRICT:	DISTRICT POSITION		
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CLUB: _____ CLUB POSITION: _____

CONTACT: Phone _____ Email _____

Make check payable to: NELC

Mail check and form to: PDG Michelle Crocker 279 Vigue Road Windsor, Maine 04363

Registration deadline: May 14, 2022

Questions:

Council Pres. PDG Michelle Crocker, 207-458-3232 or dolphino569@yahoo.com

Camp Sunshine Wish List

Camp Sunshine has identified several Wish List items that are needed for Camp programs as well as for general Camp needs. Any donation, no matter its size, can make a significant difference in improving the respite that Camp Sunshine provides to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. For health and safety reasons, new items only.

If you would like more details about these items, please call us at (207) 655-3800, or e-mail at: info@campsunshine.org

- Golf Cart
- Paddle Boards
- Paddle Boat
- Leaf Blower

Items \$20.00 or less

- AAA Batteries
- 9 Volt Batteries
- C Batteries
- 3D Scrapbook Stickers
- Buttons
- Clear Contact Paper
- Clothes Pins
- Popsickle Sticks
- Ribbon
- Scrapbook Paper
- Sharpies
- Twine
- Washi Tape
- White Cardstock



- Colored Cardstock
- Construction Paper
- Embroidery Floss
- Feathers
- Food Coloring
- Gems and Sequins
- Googly Eyes
- Liquid Watercolors
- Paint Brushes
- Paint Pens
- Pipe Cleaners
- Pony Bead
- Wooden Beads
- Wooden Shapes

TALES OF THE SERVICE TRAIL UPDATE April 2022

Before my normal discussion, I again ask all of us to pray for all Ukraine, Pray that the leaders come to their senses at some point and stop this destruction and killing. There are now 4 million refugees who have fled the country, and another 10-12 million are displaced from their homes. This is now the largest refugee crisis since WWII, when it was the Russians being forced to flow by Hitler's forces. LCIF's "Refugee and Displaced Persons" fund has provided relief services in at least eight Eastern European countries. PLEASE - donate what you can to this LCIF project. This is OUR Foundation working for humanity once again.

To the normal update:

Winter seems to be segueing into spring, albeit slowly some days. The sap is running, and the sugar house is producing Maine gold again. Our Lions travel team is fabulous and even if we have not made every mid-winter conference and convention in a timely manner! Some flights just seem to take a little longer. That 4pm, 5pm and 7pm dinner in Bay City saw the airlines get us there at 1:30 a.m. Thank God for a patient driver. But those Michigan Lions put on the welcome wagon for Saturday and Sunday as though we had not missed a thing.

That trip was bracketed by a wonderful event in Cambridge, MD, with no flight issue (Bangor to Philadelphia direct does prevent some chances of delays!) Great PID hosts to ferry us the 2 hours to the Eastern shore for a leadership dinner Friday and a LARGE gathering Saturday night. Of course, for Saturday we brought them a "touch of snow" so they could feel at home with Karol and I. Sunday brought the MD/DE/DC council meeting which is always a good, informative session for the Lion status of the entire region of the country.

And then we flew to Superior, WI, across the bay from Duluth, MN. Flight out was uneventful, but getting home was that oft-delayed flight from LaGuardia back to Bangor - and it was. (However, Delta had a sense of humor - received their text that "Your flight is no longer delayed as long as it was.") The temps barely rose above freezing as we looked over the shoreline at Lake Superior watching the sunrise. The cold did not stop a large red fox from trotting by our window. Saturday morning. And it did not stop a great gathering of Lions, including most of the WI council of governors. That group was unafraid to share thoughts and concerns, but that is a major reason why we travel to the Lions on the ground. Lots of business, including fun constitution and by-law changes. They even gained a new 1VDGE properly by Sunday, a feat given a resignation delivered Friday by the 2VDG. And to defy the cold, the theme at the indoor pool Friday night was Hawaiian luau.

The last couple of months, I closed each Tales with ten ideas for finding new members (totally stolen from other Lions). The response continues warming, so here are ten more ideas:

- 21. Distribute extra copies of Lion magazine with your contact in lobbies.
- 22. Hold high-profile meetings with local candidates and special speakers.
- 23. Hold a wine & cheese reception for potential new members.
- 24. Ask ZC, RC, GMT coordinator & DG Team for their help.
- 25. Have a Special Guest Day.
- 26. Send club members to a District membership seminar.
- 27. Make a prospective member feel important and wanted.
- 28. Honor outstanding community citizens.
- 29. Do not take age into consideration.
- 30. Make some meetings purely social.

Another ten next month!

Enjoy Lions! Please take care of your Lions and yourself, as well as your communities. May this pandemic wane away to nothingness.

I thank all of you again for this honor to serve Lions and the world. We promise that we will do our best to represent all Lions world-wide.

Lion John W. Youney, Intern Director 2021-2023, & Lion Karol Kish Youney