



## **The Communique**

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Fellow Lions,

COMING SOON!

It is with great pleasure that I announce we are almost ready for ONLINE PAYMENT and REGISTRATION for cabinet meetings! The PayPal account is set up and shortly it will be live on our website.

Very soon, you will be able to register online for cabinet meetings and pay using PayPal. You will also be able to register online for two upcoming district webinars, one in October that walks through the many excellent resources on the District 45 website and one in November that rolls out an online form that Lions can use to report community service hours to their Club Secretary. More information is in this Communique. Many thanks to our webmaster Lion Greg Smela for his work getting the online links and forms set up.

I just returned from the USA/Canada Leadership Forum held in Calgary on September 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. Four of us attended from Vermont and we have many new ideas to share and initiatives to try. This was my very first Forum and I had a wonderful time reconnecting with my fellow District Governors, Lions from previous leadership classes and of course those wonderful Lions from our sister New England States. Quite frankly, I was surprised I knew so many Lions.

A word about the Service Projects planned for the November Cabinet meeting and there are two of them.

1. **2023 Calendar Project** - We are collecting 2023 calendars for distribution to prisoners in Pennsylvania. A friend of PDG Larry Simino is a prison chaplain and gives out the calendars – it is the only possession the prisoners are allowed. According to PDG Larry – “He (the chaplain) saw a huge change in their attitudes toward other people, as they realized someone cared enough to give them something that was theirs where they could keep track of the dates.”
2. **Peanut Butter and Jam Slam** – This is a competition! Which club will collect the most peanut butter and jelly or jam? The rules are listed in this Communique.

My official club visits begin in earnest this month and along with the NELC weekend and a few webinars, my calendar is filling out quite nicely. I still have time to attend your fundraising events and service projects. Drop me an email so I can include you in my plans.

I look forward to meeting you. DG Kathy

## District 45 Calendar

2022 <u>Date</u>	District 45 <u>Hosts - Event</u>	2023 <u>Location</u>
Oct. 7 - 16, 2022	Norwich Lions Silent Auction	Virtual
October 9, 2022	Springfield Lions Fishing Tournament	Springfield, VT
October 14, 2022	White Cane Day	Nationwide
October 14 - 16, 2022	New England Lions Council Meeting	Boxborough, MA
October 15, 2022	Granville Lions Invitational Golf Tournament	Poultney, VT
October 15, 2022	Arlington Lions Art Showcase	Arlington, VT
October 15, 2022	Strafford Area Lions Chili Cook Off	South Strafford, VT
October 18, 2022	Webinar: Let's Look at the Toolbox	Virtual
October 26, 2022	Essex Jct. Lions 75th Anniversary Party	Essex, VT
October 28-29, 2022	Arlington Lions 'Spooky Trail'	Arlington, VT
November 5, 2022	District 45 Fall Conference / LCIF Super Raffle	Colchester, VT
November 5, 2022	Colchester Lions Quilt Raffle	Colchester, VT
November 11, 2022	Veterans Day	Nationwide
November 14, 2022	World Diabetes Day	International
November 16, 2022	Webinar: Reporting Community Service Hours	Virtual

*Don't see your club activities???*

*Email your event details to*

*[communique@vermontlions.org](mailto:communique@vermontlions.org)*

*See it next month!!!*

## District News

### MEETING NOTICE

**Official warning of Vermont Lions Charities annual meeting, Saturday, November 5, 2022.**

**This annual meeting of Vermont Lions Charities will be held during the Fall Conference on Saturday, November 5, 2022. A full report will be provided at that time.**

**There will also be elections for the positions of President and Vice President for (3) year terms.**

**Thank you!!!**

**It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve D-45!!!!**

**Lion Stanley Patch, Jr., PDG  
President; Vermont Lions Charities**



**VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45  
FALL CONFERENCE CABINET MEETING REGISTRATION  
OPEN TO ALL LIONS**

Date: Saturday, November 5, 2022

Time: 9am-3pm

Place: Hampton Inn, Colchester, Vermont

Registration: \$ 25.00 per person

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022**

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

Club Name & Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

#Attending@ \$ 25.00 per person: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs? \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL FORM WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO: VERMONT D45**

**BEFORE OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup> TO:**

CS Pat Schroeder  
1314 E. Hubbardton Rd.  
Castleton, Vermont 05735  
Email: [topsun@comcast.net](mailto:topsun@comcast.net)

# D45 Cabinet Meeting Service Projects November 5th, 2022



## • Calendar Project

Bring extra 2023 calendars, they will be distributed to prisoners in Pennsylvania.

This is the only possession they are allowed to have.

## • Peanut Butter and Jam Slam

The rules:



- Collect peanut butter & jam
- Either bring to the cabinet meeting or donate to your local food bank
- Weigh your donation and report it to Lion Tanya Letourneau at [vtliontanya@gmail.com](mailto:vtliontanya@gmail.com)
- Take a picture of your club members with your donation.
- Bring your picture to the cabinet meeting.
- Enter to win prizes - **YOU MUST BRING THIS PICTURE TO THE CABINET MEETING TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN.**

# Vermont District 45 Super Raffle

benefiting



## Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

### Super Raffle Reminders

#### 1. Buy your tickets!

Ticket vouchers have been emailed to clubs. Tickets may be purchased by Lions Clubs, Lions members, community members, everyone!

#### 2. Collect Raffle Prizes!

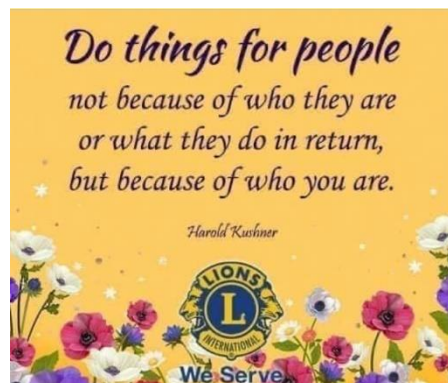
Collect prizes from your community, no prize is too small.

#### 3. Book your room at the Hampton Inn in Colchester using this link:

[Lions Club Vermont District 45 11.4-11.6.22](#)

Or by calling the hotel at 802-655-6177 and select the reservations department. They will refer to the Lions Club Vermont room block, or room block code "LCV"

The room rate of \$109 per night is guaranteed until Friday October 14<sup>th</sup>.





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

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### **2022 – 2023 Vermont Lions District 45 Peace Poster Contest**

The annual voting of the entries for the 2022 – 2023 Vermont Lions District 45 Peace Poster Contest will be held at the District 45 Fall Conference, November 5, 2022, Hampton Inn, Colchester.

Entries need to be received by 8:30 a.m. day of the event. For more information please contact DG Kathy.



Your club can earn this patch for your club's banner! It's as easy as reporting three club service projects to LCI.

Notify 2VDG Deb Savery at [tallships53@gmail.com](mailto:tallships53@gmail.com) when you've reported three club service activities and then claim your badge at a district cabinet meeting.

If you are having trouble reporting service hours online, contact District Administrator Brenda Seitz at [blseitz92@gmail.com](mailto:blseitz92@gmail.com) for assistance

### **District 45 Service as Reported to Lions Club International**

As of September 28, 2022, 16,432 people have been served, with 145 Service Activities Completed, 2,428 volunteer hours being provided, \$94,430 funds being donated and \$146,414 funds being raised.

As of September 24, 2022 District 45 membership is at 994.

District 45 has 32 clubs (including two branch clubs) and one Leos Club.



## September Vision Screening Report 2022

It's September. The kids are back in school, and the vision screening program is gearing up! I've begun to receive reports from across the district with great numbers being reported already.

I am very excited to report that this year, I've begun to receive request from nurses asking if we would be able to screen their children! These are schools that are new to screening or have new nurses who have heard about our program from others in their field. In any event, the report is very promising which tells me we are doing something very right and the word is getting out there. Keep up all your great work and continue your excellent example of what we do best... WE SERVE.

On another note, I mentioned in a previous report that I need to have the screening teams do something a little different this year when collecting the basic information when the camera's prompt you to ask the child's age. If you can PLEASE, keep track of the number of each age. I'm imagining some groans, but it is really quite simple. One example is to write the numbers 1-? (Whatever age groups you're doing that day) on a piece of scrap paper and when you ask the child's age, tick off under that number. Then add them all up afterwards and send it along with your other information. It shouldn't take but a couple of minutes. Feel free to do it any way works the easiest for you. This is something that enables me to submit more accurate data to Kids Sight when entering the district information into their system. Up until now I've guessed as to the actual ages, but now I feel we should be sending more accurate data. Thank you for your understanding. Feel free to contact me via email with questions or call me at 802-875-2990.

Again, thank you all for your commitment to such an important program.

Yours in Kindness and Gratitude, SVDG Deb Savery  
District 45 Vision Screening Coordinator

\*\*\*\* Editor's note: If possible, please submit photos of 'your Lion' in action!!! It is understood no photos of children can be taken but photos of Lions using the screener or working with the school representative would be perfect to share with fellow District 45 Lions!!!! Thanks. \*\*\*\*



# VERMONT DISTRICT 45 LIONS CLUBS



## Vermont District 45 is pleased to announce our annual **Super Raffle Fundraiser for the Benefit of LCIF**

**Saturday, November 5th  
Hampton Inn, Colchester, VT  
5:30 P.M. SOCIAL – 6:30 P.M. RAFFLE STARTS**

### Evening highlights:

- **GRAND PRIZE \$1,500\*\*\*, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$500**
  - Multiple Grand Prizes, Multiple Door Prizes
- \*\*\* Grand Prize \$1500, \$1750 if 175 tickets sold, \$2,000 if 200 tickets are sold \*\*\*
  - Special raffle of 200<sup>th</sup> ball, guaranteed 1 of 10 chance to win
    - Tickets: \$100 (no meals) or \$125 includes two meals (may be bought by Lions, Lions Clubs, Community members)
    - Only 150 meals available to be purchased
- Deadline to purchase tickets is October 21st with meals, November 5th (no meals)
  - Funds raised allows Melvin Jones Fellow Awards to be granted
    - Over 65 Melvin Jones Fellows granted past 5 years
    - Great meal served by the Hampton Inn in Colchester
  - Hotel Room rate of \$109 (plus fees) (deadline is October 14<sup>th</sup>)
  - Great way to relax after DG Kathy's cabinet meeting

See our district website [www.vermontlions.org](http://www.vermontlions.org) for information on the event, including ticket purchasing, room reservations and requesting prize donations from local businesses.

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**VERMONT LIONS  
DISTRICT 45 ANNUAL SUPER RAFFLE**

November 5, 2022

Ticket Request

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 – NO MEALS Included

\_\_\_\_\_ \$125 – TWO MEALS Included

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount – Checks Payable to  
District 45 Vermont Lions

Ticket Owner Information

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Attendee (if not ticket owner)

\_\_\_\_\_ Please see "flyer" for deadline information

**VERMONT LIONS  
DISTRICT 45 ANNUAL SUPER RAFFLE**

proceeds to benefit



**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**

November 5, 2022

The Hampton Inn,

Social 6 to 6:30 ~ Dinner and Raffle 6:30 pm

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DISTRICT 45**

All vouchers will be assigned a ticket number, on a first come first serve basis. If you wish to have a specific ticket number please contact PCT Loreen Teer.

Please mail completed ticket request to:

PCT Loreen Teer

2-B Rabbit Run, Underhill, VT 05489



## Marketing Matters

Tips & Ideas to Enhance Your Lions Club  
Oct 2022 – Sign of the Times

Mark's  
Marketing  
Corner

*You're someone new to town. You don't really know anyone. You wish to become active in your community and meet new friends; maybe join a service club.*

*You could look up organizations that come to mind: Kiwanis, Rotary, Red Cross, etc. Or, as you pass our big yellow and blue "L" symbol at your town line, you would see that there is a **Lions** option. This signage is an important means to set the tone as an **Open, Friendly, and Integral** part of the community. It's a tool for growth.*

*But then you wonder, "They think I'm going to drop in 'cold' on a Lions meeting "Tuesdays at 7PM - Ruth's Restaurant"?"*

No – nowadays a stranger doesn't "pop in" like that (if they aren't already a Lion elsewhere). So, it's not really all that welcoming. But that is how Lions signage has been posted *traditionally*. It needn't be. Unfortunately, wording below these Lions emblems isn't in keeping with the times, as seen in this example on the LCI website!



**We want folks to join us. But guests *need* a personal invitation. So, how do they connect with a Lions person?**

Surely, the famous blue rectangle could use updating, like these examples:



*Using an email address*



*People have **lots** of options.  
Why Lions? Our tagline.*



*Using a website*

Boosting our connections with the public by adding a website, a club email address, a club cell phone number or QR Code to our "Welcome" signage will update your club's image and give people a more welcoming feeling. How about we make the best use of that truly valuable space and give folks a quick, handy resource to initiate a connection with us?

Our website is a more appropriate means to post our sites & times for today's meetings. More importantly, it will have a "Contact Us!" page. And, being inviting and exciting, it'll draw people in; tell why they should be a part of the fun.

It offers much more of a "call to action" than saying 'some older folks gather for a meal at Ruth's @ 7PM.' It'll engage active people without the time for *more meetings*, those who don't want the meal (for lots of reasons) or the drive home from the restaurant in the dark. It implies there may be the convenience of a "virtual option" (like many clubs are doing nowadays) which – like it or not – is the way business is being done in today's world. **It says, "Let's connect!"**

There are many small ways that we can connect with the public that all add up. This is just one example. Be creative.

### Let's make Lions accessible.

Feel free to contact me with your ideas and suggestions for publicity, marketing, and public relations.  
[lionmark2000@outlook.com](mailto:lionmark2000@outlook.com). These thoughts are my own, not necessarily those of D-45. Best wishes for success.

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

# **Webinar Announcements**

## **Let's Look at the Toolbox A Review of the Resources on the D45 Website October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

The Global Action Team continues to update the resources listed in the Toolbox on the D45 website. Most of the resources are from Lions Clubs International and some have been developed by local clubs. Some of the new resources include:

- Club brochure template – If you attended the Officer Training last June, Lion Mark Hanna showed us how to design a club brochure using this template.
- Global Action Team SWOT Analysis – This is an excellent tool to guide clubs in performing a SWOT analysis. SWOT stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Strengths and weaknesses are internal while opportunities and threats are usually external. This is as easy as having a brainstorming session at your next meeting.

Please email [vtlionkathy@gmail.com](mailto:vtlionkathy@gmail.com) for the Zoom link or be on the lookout for an automated link to be posted soon.

## **Community Service Hours An Easy Way for Lions to Report Service Hours to Club Secretaries November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

Club Secretaries- How do your club members report Community Service Hours to you? Do you pass around a notebook at meetings? Do you rely on emails or word of mouth?

What if Lions could report their hours online using a link that you email every month?

What if the hours could be categorized by global cause?

What if a summary report could be generated to help you with your online report to LCI?

Come learn about an easy to collect the Community Service Hours from Club Members.

Please email [vtlionkathy@gmail.com](mailto:vtlionkathy@gmail.com) for the Zoom link or be on the lookout for an automated link to be posted soon.

# Club News and Activities!!!

## **NorShaft Lions Club:**

The Bennington Battle Day parade committee showed their appreciation for our time and effort in participating in the Battle Day parade. They awarded us with 1st place in the service club category for our 2022 float entry entitled: Jedi Knights of the Blind!

Thanks to all NorShaft Lions club members for making this possible! May the force be with you!

NorShaft Parade Committee



## **Colchester Lions Club:**

Colchester Lions Brenda Champion, Melinda Umezaki, Linda Eastman, Carmelita Belisle and King Lion Ken Emery volunteered at the 2022 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation annual walk,



## **Barre Lions Club and Filipino-American Branch Lions Club:**

The Barre Lions club arranged lunch with the Fil-Am Vermont Branch Club, Troy and Area Club at the Filipino restaurant - Pica Pica in St Johnsbury. Great food and friendly atmosphere. The owner of the restaurant is a member of the Fil-Am branch club.



## **ARLINGTON LIONS CLUB** *Presents*

# **ART SHOWCASE POSTER CONTEST 2022**



*Featuring work by local students  
from Arlington, Sandgate and  
Sunderland*

**Saturday, October 15, 2022  
4pm – 7pm**

Location: The Arlington Common (Fitness Center)

**Come out and Vote for your favorite poster!**

This year's theme is

**“Lead with Compassion”**

Refreshments will be served

# The Arlington Lions Club



Needs *Volunteers* for their upcoming

**SPOOKY**  
**SPOOKY**

**HALLOWEEN**



*Trail*

**Friday, October 28 & Saturday, October 29, 2022**

**5pm – 8pm**

**Come Haunt the Trails with us!**

To volunteer contact Lion Susan at: [askalion@arlingtonlions.com](mailto:askalion@arlingtonlions.com)

# International / New England News

## 2022 Lions Northeast Pin Swap

Another Northeast Pin Swap is behind us. With the loads of smiles and friendly banter that went on throughout the event, it is believed that a great time was had by all who attended.

The swap was held on August 16<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> at the Rutland Elks again this year. 39 Lions from Ohio, CT, MA, VA, NH, VT, NY, PA, and Quebec attended with much searching and trading going on. Besides the thrill of going through rows and rows of pins on display (approximately 52 banquet tables full), looking for that special pin to complete a set or to start a new one, the attendees were able to participate in a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction. Food was available on premises thanks to the wonderful members of Rutland Elks.

After the swap was done and pins were safely packed away, many of the attendees met Friday morning for what has become a swap tradition, breakfast at Johnny Boy's Restaurant for their final farewells. Among discussion that morning? **Next year's pin swap which has already been set for August 15<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> of 2023.** This event will again be at the Rutland Elks with hotel accommodations already set to be hosted by the Comfort Inn, Rutland.

This event is open to the public with Lions encouraged to stop in and check it out. Meet Lions from many states and districts who have found a special way to make friends and connections through Lionism.

If you have any questions about pin trading or next years event, please contact PCST Bruce Savery at [bsavery29@gmail.com](mailto:bsavery29@gmail.com), or 802-875-2990.



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Together we can with  
International President,  
Brian Sheehan

### Dear Lion,

One of the best parts of being a Lion is that every day you can see how your service changes lives right outside your door. But that's only the beginning. Because whether your focus is local or global, your impact goes far beyond your community. Especially when we serve our global causes.

Our global causes unite the talents and innovation of every Lion and Leo around the world. So if you're looking to take on an ambitious new service project, consider one of our global causes. And no matter how you serve, keep it up because Together We Can starts with you.

Make a great day,  
Brian Sheehan  
International President



### From LCIF Chairperson Douglas X. Alexander

Greetings Lions and Leos!

We are each guided by kindness to serve not only those in our own communities, but also people in need around the world. Giving to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) ensures that your donation makes the most impact, both locally and globally. LCIF is the only Lions foundation to empower the service of Lions worldwide, and 100% of your donation benefits LCIF grants and programs. This issue of your LCIF newsletter shares some of the ways we, through our continued support of our foundation, can take our service to greater heights. Thank you for joining me in service through doing AND giving.



**New England Lions Council (NELC)**  
*"Serving the Needs of the Districts of New England"*

**2022 NELC "Fall Weekend"**  
**Theme: Leadership Development**

October 14-16

Boxboro Regency Hotel 242 Adams Place, Boxboro, MA / NELC Booking Code is: **Lions**  
978-263-8701 - [www.reservationsfrontdesk@boxbororegency.com](mailto:www.reservationsfrontdesk@boxbororegency.com)  
Rooms are \$124.00 + Tax / Cutoff Date for the Group Rate is 9/14/2022

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**Friday & Saturday Evening... Fellowship in the NELC Hospitality Room (Off of Pool Level)**  
Sat. 9:30-10:30 \*Kick-Starting Leadership Development & Creating Deeper "Bench Strength" (GAT Team)  
10:45-11:45 \*Past International Directors Roundtable...Leadership-Based Stories, Experiences, Insights & Advice from New England's Senior Leaders. Ask Questions of our PIDs!  
**12PM Luncheon: Updates & Guest Speaker USA GAT Chair Jerome Thompson, PID**  
Sat. 1:20-2:30 \*John Maxwell's Five Levels of Leadership Workshop by PID Jerome  
3PM-4PM \*Necrology Service (Governors Honor Their Districts' Departed Lions)  
**6PM Banquet/Bufferet: & Guest Speaker LCI's Endorsed 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Candidate Mark Lyon, PID**  
**Sunday AM Gathering: Business Meeting & New England Governors' Reports**

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**Saturday Meals**

**12:00 Luncheon Buffet:** Spinach Salad w/ Walnuts, Apple, Blue Cheese & Balsamic Dressing, Assortment of Deli Sandwiches, Freshly Baked Cookies & Brownies. Soft Drinks, Bottled Water, Herbal Teas, Caffeinated and Decaffeinated Coffees.

Lunch Buffet at \$28 x \_\_\_\_ Total = \_\_\_\_

**6:30 Banquet Buffet:** Fresh Garden Salad, Boneless Stuffed Chicken Breast with Supreme Sauce, Salmon with Tarragon Cream Sauce, Green Beans & Roasted Herb Potatoes. Dessert Assortment, Coffee & Herbal Teas. Cash Bar.

Dinner Buffet at \$50 x \_\_\_\_ Total = \_\_\_\_

Grand Total = \_\_\_\_

NAME(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT/MD POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ POSITION (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Check Payable to:** NELC  
**Mail Check/Form to:** PDG Al Goldstein, Treasurer  
35 Main Street, Atkinson, NH 03811  
**OR**  
**Venmo Payment to:** AL-Goldstein-2 (Not Case Sensitive)  
**& Send Imaged/Scanned Form to:** [algoldstein@comcast.net](mailto:algoldstein@comcast.net) (Using #1, not "L")

**Registration Deadline: October 11th**

Questions or Special Dietary Needs to: NELC President Hilary Kumnick, PCC  
Cell/Text: 860-638-7869 or: [hkumnick@aol.com](mailto:hkumnick@aol.com)

# TALES OF THE SERVICE TRAIL UPDATE

October 2022

WOW! Was not Calgary great!!!! Karol and I had a great time meeting with all of you, and table hosting some of you. It was a busy six days for us, how was your trip and stay?

Not sure what we are talking about? Well the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, of course. It was held in Calgary this year. It was the first time since 2008 when we all went to Saskatoon that Canada hosted us for a Forum. It is three days of fun-filled knowledge-gaining camaraderie with Lions from across North America! Now if you missed it, get ready for next September! We will see you in Reno!

Before we get there though, remember LCICON 2023 BOSTON! We will be there in force to greet you here in New England, and to elect Connecticut's own Lion Mark Lyon, PID, as our next International Third Vice-President. As you can expect, the MD 33/Massachusetts Lions are going all out to make this the biggest and best convention ever. And the rest of New England will be there to greet you.

**Together We Can!** We are the world's greatest service organization because we work together. We can grow our clubs. We can retain our members. We can serve even more people in each of our communities as a result. **Together We Can!** Let us all do our part to continue this great tradition of Lionism. And while we have celebrated the success of Campaign 100, let us not stop contributing our fair shares to LCIF so we can serve more people in even larger projects right here in your community.

For several months I have closed each "Tales ..." with ten ideas for finding new members (totally stolen from other Lions). The responses continue warming, so here are ten more ideas:

71. At club meetings, have each Lion practice their 15-second elevator talk.
72. Conduct an LCI Member Satisfaction Survey.
73. President – ask three members to recruit a member for next meeting.
74. Bring your boss to a project/meeting!
75. Partner with a woman's business association.
76. Bring a co-worker to the next project.
77. Bring your employees to the next project.
78. Have New Member applications and kits at every meeting.
79. Use LCI posters, brochures, and videos to promote your club.
80. Hand out cards for a "free" meal at the next meeting.

Another ten next month?!

Enjoy your fellow Lions as you gear up for this new Lions year. Plan the next service project and plan the fundraiser to make that project work so well. **Have fun!**

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

Lion John W. Youney, ID 2021-23. &  
Lion Karol Kish Youney





## Vermont Lions attend 46<sup>th</sup> Annual USA/Canada Leadership Forum

This year the USA/Canada Leadership Forum was held in Calgary, Canada, September 15-17. Along with 1,200 participants, those attending from District 45 included: DG Kathy Dorman, IPDG Carol Greene, PDG Liz Fenwick, PDG Walter Hastings. The New England Lions Council (NELC) hosted a breakfast with guest speaker International President Brian Sheehan. NELC was the inspiration behind the USA/Canada Leadership Forum. The focus of the Forum is Leadership. Members were encouraged to attend as many of the 80+ seminars that were presented. Some of the workshop opportunities included: How to Plan a Service Project, LCI's Digital Future Understanding Member Needs, Public Speaking Tips & Technics, Recruiting New Members, Leading Change, enhancing your Story with Photos; were just a few offered. It gives the Lion a chance to come together with other Lions to share their experiences and to learn more about service and membership. You also get to meet many old and new friends. Those attending have always found the seminars helpful and full of new ideas.

Lions University is about making sure Lions have the skills and resources needed to become successful leaders. There are three (3) educational programs levels: Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate. **This year, District 45 had two (2) graduates from the Master's Program: PDG Liz Fenwick and IPDG Carol Greene.** To learn more about this program please visit their [website](#). The Lions University is offered by the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

You're asking why you should you attend the Forum, you gain leadership skills, refreshes knowledge while keeping in touch with new ideas, and making new Lions connections. Think about joining us in 2023, at the [USA/Canada Forum](#) in Reno, Nevada, September 21-23, 2023. I would also suggest you take time to visit the host city, either before or after the Forum.

Hope to see you in Reno! IPDG Carol



Scenes from the NELC Breakfast at the USA / Canada Forum!!!!





District 45 would like to welcome (as of Sept. 24, 2022) the following Lions to our district and association:

Cindy Mahoney (Castleton Lions Club)  
Jennifer Devoid (Middlebury Lions Club)

**Colchester Lions Club:**

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Deb Savery inducting our newest member, Lion Brenda Campion into Lionism!!!



Congratulations to the following 52 Lions who are celebrating 25 or more years of service in October!!!!

- PDG Larry Simino – Vergennes – October, 1964
- Thomas Maroni – Readsboro – October 1965
- PDG G. John (Jack) Arnold – Heartland – October 1968
- Joseph Crossman – NorShaft – October 1969
- Douglas Stuart – Georgia – October 1970
- PDG Nick Monte – Arlington – October 1971
- Kenneth Johnson – Orleans – October 1972
- Harjit Rakhra – Norwich – October 1974

Gerard Conklin – Springfield – October 1974  
Wayne Broughton – Middlebury – October 1976  
Roger Ellis – Granville – October 1977  
Gary Baker – Middlebury – October 1977  
David Preble – Middlebury – October 1977  
Edward O'Neill – Castleton – October, 1980  
Harold Reed – Brandon Forest Dale – October, 1980  
PDG Stanley Patch Jr – Castleton – October 1982  
John Donahue – Manchester – October 1982  
Mary O'Day – Castleton – October 1983  
Lewis Martin – Essex Junction – October 1983  
David Eaton – Colchester – October 1984  
Alan Vaillancourt – Enosburg Falls – October 1985  
Linwood Stoddard – Springfield – October 1985  
Thomas Jackman Vergennes – October 1985  
Michael Cabral – Colchester – October 1986  
Edward Metcalfe – Deerfield Valley – October 1986  
William Pusey – Deerfield Valley – October 1986  
David Lamb – Strafford & Area – October 1986  
Albert Desrochers – Enosburg Falls – October 1987  
C Dennis Hill – Essex Jct. – October 1987  
Matt Broughton – Middlebury – October 1987  
Peter Lanoue – Orleans – October 1987  
PDG PCST Bob Wilcox – Arlington – October 1988  
Jeffrey Fontaine – Colchester – October 1988  
William Hinman – Colchester – October 1988  
Donna Bizon – Pittsford – October 1988  
Michael Livingston – Middlebury – October 1989  
Karl Sbardella – Castleton – October 1990  
Alan Buchanan – Colchester – October 1990  
Thomas Paradee – Enosburg Falls – October 1990  
Alfred Scaia – Readsboro – October 1990  
William Hopkins – Vergennes – October 1990  
Sylvia Eugair – Pittsford – October 1991  
Becky Nawrath – Manchester – October 1993  
Jean St. Cyr – Enosburg Falls – October 1994  
James Laberge – Middlebury – October 1994  
Lois Fontaine – Colchester – October 1995  
Benjamin Deppman – Middlebury – October 1995  
Michael Mandracchia – Deerfield Valley – October 1996  
Frederick Pockette – Brandon Forest Dale – October 1996  
Robert Mulcahy – Jericho – Underhill – October 1996  
Catherin Hall – Manchester – October 1997

## Why Do You Remain a Lion?

IT'S NOT FOR MONEY, IT'S NOT FOR FAME  
IT'S NOT FOR ANY PERSONAL GAIN  
IT'S JUST FOR LOVE OF FELLOW-MAN  
IT'S JUST TO LEND A HELPING HAND  
THAT'S SOMETHING YOU CAN'T BUY WITH WEALTH  
IT'S NOT MEDALS WORN WITH PRIDE  
IT'S FOR THE FEELING DEEP INSIDE  
IT'S THAT REWARD DOWN IN YOUR HEART  
IT'S FEELING THAT YOU'VE BEEN A PART  
OF HELPING OTHERS,  
IT'S A SIGN THAT MAKES YOU AN EFFECTIVE LION

# Fundraisers!!!

## **Colchester Lions Club:**

Yard sale gurus!!!! \$1,500 was raised for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation!!! Great job!!!



**QUESTION: Can a fundraiser be considered a service project – Yes? No? Maybe?**

## **Norwich Lions Club:**

The Norwich Lions Club invites you to participate in its on-line silent auction that starts on October 7<sup>th</sup> and ends October 16<sup>th</sup>. We are still accepting donations to increase our offerings at <https://www.32auctions.com/NorwichLionsAuction2022>. The goal is to raise \$10,000 to be applied to the Norwich Lions Club Community Grants Program.

The 2021 auction sales grossed \$10,809. 144 sponsors contributed 200 items of goods and services with a combined retail value of over \$16,000. The 2022 auction on the 32Auctions platform is shaping up well. We hope that you'll find something that you like!

## **Jericho-Underhill Lions Club:**



The Jericho – Underhill Lions Club hosted their 'Oodles of Onions' booth at the annual Harvest Market. They would like to offer a big 'thank you' to Lions Linda Warner and Beth Abustan of the Essex Jct. Lions Club and all other volunteers in helping out with this major fundraiser!!!!

# FIRST ANNUAL GRANVILLE LIONS CLUB INVITATIONAL GOLF OUTING

Saturday October 15, 2022  
Lake St. Catherine Country Club  
Route 30  
Poultney, VT 05764

## REGISTRATION FORM

1.	_____	_____
	Name	Address
2.	_____	_____
	Name	Address
3.	_____	_____
	Name	Address
4.	_____	_____
	Name	Address

Number of golfers \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$75.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Early Registration is encouraged as this outing will be capped at 22 foursomes. **Please mail your Registration form and Check to: Lion Philip Weaver, 7565 State Route 149, Granville, New York 12832.** Registration will be based on a first come first serve basis, so please register early.

***Dear Golfers:***

***The Granville Lions Club is hosting its first ever "Granville Lions Club Invitational Golf Outing" on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at the Lake St. Catherine Country Club. This new event will help support the club's charitable work in our community, including donations to the Pember Library & Museum, Haynes House of Hope, Slate Valley Museum, annual college scholarships for graduating seniors, and many more.***

***The Granville Lions Club Invitational Golf Outing will be a Four Person Scramble, \$300 per team of 4 (\$75.00 per player) includes 18 holes with Cart & Lunch. Lunch will include the choice of two entrees. Enclosed please find a Team Registration Form.***

***Early Registration is encouraged as this outing will be capped at 22 foursomes. Please mail your Registration form and Check to: Lion Philip Weaver, 7565 State Route 149, Granville, New York 12832. Registration will be based on a first come first serve basis, so please register early.***

***If you should have any questions please call, text or e-mail me at (518) 361-6851, [plhw56@hotmail.com](mailto:plhw56@hotmail.com). Thank you for your support of the Granville Lions Club. We look forward to seeing you at the outing.***

***Sincerely,***

***Phil Weaver, President  
Granville Lions Club***

# STRAFFORD AREA LIONS CLUB

# Chili Cookoff

Barrett Hall

October 15

3:00-6:00 p.m.

CONTESTANTS FREE  
Register by Oct. 10  
To register, email:  
[straaffordlions@gmail.com](mailto:straaffordlions@gmail.com),  
or call: 802-333-3860

Meat  
&  
Vegetarian

All proceeds go to support Strafford  
Lions Club Activities and Projects

## Orleans Lions Club 2022 Horeshoe Tournament:



## Heartland Lions Club:

The Heartland Lions Club has been keeping busy. In September, they had the Big Six Wheel at Tunbridge Fair. Would like to thank everyone that helped out at the booth. They also had their first annual Horseshoe and Cornhole Tournament with proceeds going to Multiple Sclerosis and the Lions Club.



# Springfield Lions Club

Supporting Springfield and surrounding community charities and eyesight programs since 1937.

*Presents*



# 9<sup>th</sup> Annual

# ishing Tournament

**Sunday, October 9, 2022**

Hoyt's Landing – US Route 5 & Connecticut River – Springfield, Vermont

**6:30 a.m. Registration - 3:00 p.m. Prize awards**

\$20 Tournament Entry Fee— Includes tournament, prizes & door prize drawing

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Prizes – 3 Categories

Live “Catch & Release” - Bass, Northern Pike and Perch

**Children 12 and under are Free**

(Special Prizes for 12 and under)

PO Box 776, Springfield, VT 05156

Email: [springfieldvermontlions@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldvermontlions@gmail.com)

## **Brattleboro Area Lions Club:**



We want to say ‘Thank you’ to the community for donation of foods and coffee for our ‘rest break’ at the Interstate 91 ‘Welcome Center’ in Guilford.

## Castleton Lions Club:

**CASTLETON LIONS CLUB  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
IN ITS 46TH YEAR**


Drawing each week of  
\$100, \$50, \$25 & \$25 for 10 weeks.

An additional 11th week drawing of  
\$500, \$400, \$300, \$200 and \$100.

All additional proceeds will provide scholarships  
for worthy area students.

Winning numbers are redeposited after  
each week's drawing.

**DONATION: \$20.00**

No. 


It's that time of year again 🇺🇸 🚗 Castleton Lions are selling Scholarship Raffle Tickets. Only 400 tickets are sold, so buying one \$20 ticket gives you 45 chances to win over the course of 11 weeks; approximately 1 in 9 chances to win 🍀 Best of all you'll helping to support area students win a scholarship to help advance their education after high school. All drawings and winning distribution will be completed before Christmas. To buy a ticket contact a Castleton Lion you know or send us a PM and we'll gladly arranged to sell you a ticket or two or three....Thanks for your continued support 🙏

## Vergennes Lions Club:



**10 Tips for Fostering Teamwork**

1. Choose the right people for every role
2. Get to know every member of the team
3. Play to individual strengths
4. Establish ground rules
5. Agree on a team mission
6. Promote sharing
7. Steer the conversation
8. Map goals and timelines
9. Ensure clear communication
10. Be fair





**Colchester Lions Club  
Quilt Raffle**

***Benefit: Adult Cancer Assistance***



**“Born Free Lions’ handmade quilt  
Approximately 80” x 90”  
Handmade by Lion Marie Miner  
Plus additional prizes**

**Tickets: \$10 each, 3 for \$25  
Winner to be drawn at Fall Conference  
Cabinet meeting, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Please call PCT Loreen Teer at (802) 899-1363  
For more information**

**Checks payable to: Colchester Lions Club  
Deadline to purchase: via mail 11 1 2022  
In person 11 5 2022 at cabinet meeting**

**Tentative list of additional prizes**

- **2022 LCIF Super Raffle ticket (no meals)**
  - **Tea Basket**
- **Boston Bruins Scentsy Warmer with 4 scents**
  - **\$25 Amazon Gift Card**
  - **\$50 Chewy Gift Card**
  - **Chocolate Mug Cup**
- **Pancake Breakfast with Maple Syrup**
  - **Cat Playhouse**

**Prizes subject to change!!!**

**\*\*\* There will be a minimum number of tickets to be sold for this raffle \*\*\***



# 75th

## ANNIVERSARY GALA

October 26, 2022 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Essex Resort and Spa | Essex Junction, VT  
Meal Cost: \$25

### RSVP

RSVP by October 12th  
Email: [Andrew.j.perry95@gmail.com](mailto:Andrew.j.perry95@gmail.com)  
or call 603.505.5371

# General Lions News!!!



## White Cane Day, October 14:

Vermont Association for Blind and Visually Impaired is planning awareness sessions:

- Barre you are welcome to attend a White Cane Day event. It's at 12:30 on Friday October 14th. We're Meeting in front of Walgreens and then walking down through downtown. We'll have some pizza and refreshments after with a couple presentations on the ABLE Library and technology to help people who are blind travel in the community.

-Springfield is also having a white cane awareness day event on October 14th. It begins at 10:00 AM at the Great Hall, 100 River Street. There will be a walk followed by a presentation and light refreshments.

???What is your club doing to raise awareness of White Cane Day?

Interested or need a speaker, contact Daniel Norris at VABVI ([dnorris@vabvi.org](mailto:dnorris@vabvi.org)). He is ready to meet with your club to come and demonstrate equipment.

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You are cordially invited to the annual observance of White Cane Safety Awareness Day on Friday, October 14th, from 12-2pm in the Atrium of the Asa Bloomer Building at 88 Merchants Row, Rutland, Vermont. Please join us for an experiential walk and light refreshments. This event is hosted by The Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired and the Vermont Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Your presence on this day would be appreciated as a show of support for the safety of all of those who depend on the white cane for mobility and independence.

Please RSVP to DG Kathy Dorman at [vtlionkathy@gmail.com](mailto:vtlionkathy@gmail.com).

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Cupcakes for Breast Cancer are at the Manchester Jolley store - all baked by Travis Wood who incidentally is our First Vice District Governor. Also pictured is Steve Nichols, Sergeant at Arms and Tail Twister. While not a Lions function per se, one doesn't have to a Lion to give back. Together We Can. We Serve.

## **Scam / Phishing / Fraudulent Emails!!!**

Fellow Lions,

In the past few weeks, some of us have received fraudulent emails asking us to purchase gift cards or to wire funds out of club or district accounts. These emails are from criminals and you should know what to look for if you receive such an email. It is especially important that *any newly appointed officer* is made aware of these emails so that no one becomes a victim.

Here are a few tips:

- The emails purport to be from someone you know, and some of the emails I received contained names of other District Lions which, at first glance gives them a certain degree of credibility.
- The email request that I received was for me to buy gift cards for Veterans for which I will be reimbursed. The scam is that they want the numbers on the gift cards and I will never see any reimbursement. The emails related to Lions that I see are related to our charitable purpose, the ones I receive at work are work related so these criminals are definitely doing their homework.
- The email usually says to only contact the sender by return email because they are in meetings or are otherwise occupied. The emails received by other Lions from the “fake me” stated that I had a family emergency and was only reachable by email.
  - Click on the sender's name and look closely at the actual email address; you will probably see that it is not the real address of the sender – but may be a close facsimile.
  - Do not respond to the email, however tempting it might be. You will only prove to the sender that he has your attention.
  - Make it club policy for the treasurer to directly phone the officer (not the number given in the email or text!) who seems to be requesting monies. Confirm by voice before anything.
  - Only pay for items already in the club’s budget (at the dollar amount budgeted, and at the time of year that is expected).
  - If you can, remove individual email addresses and cell numbers from the “Contact Page” on your club’s website or Facebook page, and replace it with a single, club-owned email (such as contact [XYZLions@gmail.com](mailto:XYZLions@gmail.com)) or a club-owned phone number that is controlled by the club president or other officer. This type of public information is easy to find and may be the source for criminals *knowing our names and contact information*.
  - Bring this topic up at your next club meeting, so all are aware.
  - Request a [Better Business Bureau](#) speaker come talk to your club about “Scams & Frauds” at an upcoming Club meeting. The New England BBB does this service free, and it is very interesting and informative for all, including the public at large who are invited to attend.
  - If your club has become a victim, report it to me as well as local authorities.

This type of email has been happening for some time, sometimes several times a year, and I want to be sure we are all aware of this scam. Please contact me with any further questions.

Thank you,  
DG Kathy

