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A Message from District Governor Kathy Dorman

Greetings Fellow Lions and It's Almost Happy Spring,

Many things are happening in the District right now. The next cabinet meeting is coming up soon – March 11th at the Elks Lodge in Bennington. Don't forget to bring new pajamas for children in various programs throughout the state. There is still time to register, the PayPal link can be found on the district website. A representative from the LCICON Hospitality Committee will also be there to answer your questions about the Boston Convention.

The first two parts of our Guiding Lion training will also occur on March 11th at the Elks Lodge in Bennington. This is a great opportunity to participate in relevant and important leadership training right here in Vermont.

April brings the District Spring Convention where we will elect a new District Governor and First and Second Vice District Governors. I know our candidates are already planning what their priorities will be and how they will lead our district forward. They deserve our full support. Also, don't put away your Christmas sweater...more information about Friday night's festivities is in this newsletter.

Last month, I promised you something fun. Taking the lead on this District project is Lion Mary Cassell of the Essex Junction Club. Each club has been assigned a language that can be found in a Lions Club in another part of the world. Use the internet to find a translation of the words "Lions" and "We Serve." Send Lion Mary a video of your club speaking these words and she will compile them into a single video.

Recently I was invited to present a Lifetime Membership to one of the District's Past District Governors, a man who has been a Lion since 1971. I also attended the funeral of a gentleman who had been a Lion since 1983. Both of these men are not only Lions, but active members in their communities and in other service organizations such as emergency medical services and Knights of Columbus. A life devoted to service was ingrained in these gentlemen, which brings me to my next challenge.

One Lion. What do you think is the power of one Lion? For the month of March, my challenge to you is to discover what one Lion can do.

Make today a great day.

DG Kathy

District 45 Calendar

2022

Date

March, 2023
 March 3, 2023
 March 11, 2023
 March 11, 2023
March 17, 2023
April 8, 2023
 April 22, 2023
 April 28 - 30, 2023
 April 29, 2023
 April 29, 2023
 April 29 - 30, 2023
 May 6, 2023
 May 19 - 20, 2023
 June 2 - 4, 2023
 June 3, 2023
 June 4, 2023
 June 14, 2023
 July 7 - 22, 2023
 July 9 - 16, 2023
 July 15, 2023
 July 15 - 24, 2023
 July 16 - 22, 2023
 August 11 - 13, 2023
 August 15 - 18, 2023

District 45

Hosts - Event

District 45 Guiding Lions Training
 Lions Day with the United Nations
 District 45 Spring Cabinet Meeting
 NorShaft Lions 'Night for Sight' Event
St. Patrick's Day
Middlebury Lions Food Drive - various locations
 Earth Day
 District 45 Spring Convention
 District 45 Speech Contest
 Lions Worldwide Induction Day
 SMVLC Pancake Breakfast - Maple Festival
 Green Up Day
 NELC Spring Weekend
 Enosburg Lions Dairy Days
 GMLC Work Day – Covenant Hills
 LCI Tell-a-thon
 Last date to enter information MyLion/MyLCI/LCIF
 LCI Convention
 GMLC Teen Edition
 Lions Twin State Soccer Games
 Lions Portal Update Conversion Target Dates
 GMLC Youth Edition
 Slam T1d Whiffleball Tournament
 Northeast Pin Swap
Don't see your club activities???
Email your event details to
communique@vermontlions.org
See it next month!!!

2023

Location

Statewide
 New York, NY
 Bennington, VT
 Bennington, VT
Worldwide
Middlebury, VT
 International
 Manchester, VT
 Manchester, VT
 International
 St. Albans VT
 Statewide
 Newport, RI
 Enosburg, VT
 Cabot, VT
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 Hanover, NH
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 Cabot, VT
 Essex, VT
 Rutland, VT

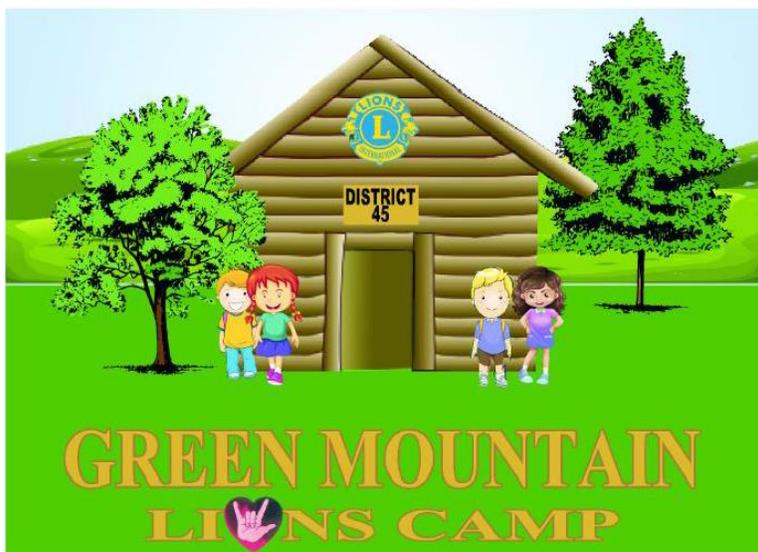
District News



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 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 biseitz92@gmail.com for assistance

Green Mountain Lions Camp 2023



Dear fellow Lions.

WE HAVE OUR CONTRACT!!!
And WE HAVE A DIRECTOR!!!!

Green Mountain Lions Camp is set for July 9th to 22nd. Covenant Hills, Cabot VT.
July 9 to July 16: Age 13 until graduation
July 16 to July 22: Age 8 – 12 years.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

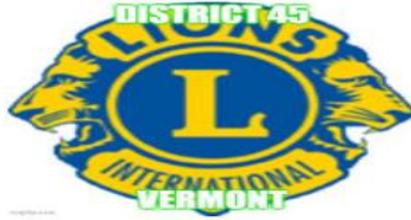
Getting the word out about camp we need to get campers ask your school nurses.
Audiologist office since children off deaf parents can attend.
Brochures will be available for pick up at the cabinet meeting.

WORK DAY.

Is Saturday June 3rd. I know in the past we have done electrical work, bush clearing (chainsaws needed), painting and carpentry and much much more!!!!
Covenant Hills are asking if there are any elections carpenters and plumbers.
Please let me know if you have these skills and are willing and able to help.
Sign up will be at March Cabinet meeting.

We are also looking for a chef who needs to be available July 5th till 22nd.
Nurse which can be a job share.

Lion Patricia Johnston-McWilliams
Chair Green Mountain Lions Camp.



Guiding Lion Program

Designed for New, Existing and Clubs Rebuilding

Greetings D45 Lions!

As we all know, the greater the number of Lions that we have in Vermont, the more we can do to support our neighbors. There is no end to the service activities that are needed, especially these days.

More community members join us when we have strong, informed and committed **leadership**.

This is a reminder of a great opportunity for Lions throughout the State to join together to:

Share successes
Share ideas
And
LEARN

On the **11th of March**, during the morning session of our Cabinet meeting, there will be training offered for:

Guiding Lions

All of us work to support our Clubs, our Zones and our District. This is a chance to learn and become acquainted with all the resources that are available to help this process.

At the end of the training, there are some of you who will be able to work in pairs to support a new Club or an existing Club to grow and serve. This is a service that the District Governor may ask of you, in recognition of your experience and knowledge.

Others of you will want to improve your understanding of our Lions organization and play the role of a mentor to a new Lion, new officer or new Zone Chair.

Others may well just want to be better informed about our organization.

All these and many more reasons are valid for taking this training that is being offered in D45.

Details:

- There is a chance to be there in person for the first two sessions. There are a limited number of places, but it is great and most effective to learn as part of a group.
- The other option is to join in on a Zoom meeting for these first two sessions and then finish the course all together for two evening Zoom sessions on March 22nd and March 29th.

Please contact for more information and secure a place - asap

PDG Liz Fenwick - 802-379-7710 or ea.fenwick@gmail.com

***** First 2 training session for Guiding Lions will be held at the March 11th cabinet meeting (or Zoom) *****



VERMONT LIONS CHARITIES

At our January meeting we are honored to have Lion John Tiholiz of the Strafford and Area Lions join us as our Region 3 Director, we look forward to him joining us. VLC has also worked on adopting a set of procedures to allow for smoother and safer financial procedures. I very much appreciate Lion Woody's dedication to assisting me with this new endeavor.

Many thanks to PDG Ken Emery for donating a yeti cooler and gift cards for a one day raffle at the January cabinet meeting.

Vermont Lions Charities Vice President Bruce Savery has his annual Money Tree Raffle up and running, Please reach out to VP Bruce for tickets and more information, drawing will be held at Spring Convention.

I had the pleasure of speaking with Elizabeth Smith who is our new contact for Dartmouth Pediatric Cancer, she looks forward to working with us and wanted to express her appreciation to all the clubs and lions that work hard to support the Pediatric Cancer program.

In the December communique I noted another simple way to assist / support VLC is to support by joining Amazon Smile, however since that time Amazon has decided to end the Amazon Smile Program, I would like to thank everyone who took part in the program while it was active.

Vermont Lions Charities (VLC) was formed as a 501(c)3 foundation with the primary purpose to receive tax deductible donations, apply for grants, receive proceeds from D-45 fund raisers and to distribute those funds to various Lions committees to fund their charitable activities. Green Mountain Lions Camp, Shared Vision Fund, Rick Dutil Memorial Fund and Pediatric Cancer are a few of our notable activities. In addition the 500 club was created to recognize outstanding Vermont Lions in whose name a club or individual has donated \$500 to VLC or the Shared Vision Fund.

Our meetings are held at the cabinet meetings and we welcome all Lions to join.

Yours in Lionism
PDG Merry Souza



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

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



Pt. 5

TIPS FOR RECRUITING YOUTH LIONS

From Essex Junction KL Drew, Essex Junction Lion Mary and Vergennes Lion Mason

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media is becoming the key to engaging
With the public

It's a helpful tool for recruiting, once people see
The things your club is doing it may spark
Interest in the community

TOP SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Facebook

Commonly used from ages 35-64

Allows you to interact with followers

"Share" posts from different pages such as
Other clubs or from the District page

Please feel free
to email Drew
for full
presentation

Andrew.j.perry95@gmail.com

Instagram

Commonly used from ages 25-44

Post pictures from events you host

Share "reels" of videos you take at events



Pt. 6

TIPS FOR RECRUITING YOUTH LIONS

From Essex Junction KL Drew, Essex Junction Lion Mary and Vergennes Lion Mason

TARGET MARKETING

Target recruiting allows you to select core groups to approach

Some targets may work best for one age Group than for others

EXAMPLES OF PLACES TO USE TARGETED RECRUITING



Please feel free to email Drew for full presentation

Andrew.j.perry95@gmail.com





**VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
MARCH CABINET MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023**

- Registration: 8:30am
- Silent Auction and Fundraising: 8:30am-Noon
- Committee Meetings: 9:00am
 - o Vermont Lions Charities
 - o Green Mountain Lions Camp
- Guiding Lions: 9:00am
Presented by PDG Liz Fenwick
- Tips on "Holding an Open House" 9:00am-9:45am
Presented by Lion Mark Hanna
- Let's Talk – Zone Chairperson (What are Zone Chairs and why Lions should be interested.)
10:00am-10:45am
Presented by PDG John Babb MD33
- 2023 Lions Clubs International Convention: 11:00-11:30am
Presented by PDG John Babb MD33
- Lion Voices of the World – Video [Project](#): 11:30am
- Lunch: 12:00 pm-12:45 pm
- Cabinet Meeting: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

It's Pajama Time!

March Service Project

We are collecting NEW children's pajamas for
distribution to
WomenSafe
Vermont Family Services

Please bring to the March 11 cabinet meeting.

All sizes are needed from infant to teen.

Please keep the pajamas in their
original packaging.



Congratulations 1st VDG Travis on attending your District Governor training in St. Charles IL!!!

**Photo on the left is 1VDG Travis and his fellow New England 1st District Governors
along with Dr. Pattil Hill, 1st International Vice President.**

Photo on the right is 1VDG Travis along with his fellow DG Training classmates!!!!

District 45
Spring Convention
April 28-30, 2023
Equinox Resort & Spa
Manchester Vermont



Our Special Guests:

Past International President Joe Preston and Lion Joni Preston

Friday Night - Christmas in April - Pot-luck dinner, dancing to music from disc jockey Lion Bruce Zeman, Ugly Christmas Sweater contest, and for a small donation to LCIF, show us your singing talent at karaoke.

Saturday - Awards, Nominating Speeches, Election of Officers, Speak Out Competition, Afternoon Tea at the Equinox Terrace featuring the singing talents of PIP Joe Preston, Induction of New Members, Melvin Jones Banquet.

Sunday - Necrology Service, Introduction of District Governor Elect

Service Project - Please bring a small wrapped gift for a resident at the Terrace - bingo prizes, elastic waist pajama pants, toiletries, lap blankets, hearing aid batteries, etc. .





ATTENTION
Fellow D-45
Lions!

Vermont Lions D-45

THE MONEY TREE

Benefit Vermont Lions Charities

"THE MONEY TREE" RAFFLE IS BACK! THIS FUNDRAISER IS FUN AND TICKETS ARE EASY TO SELL!

We have covered this tree with \$500.00 of VT Lottery Tickets! There will be three prizes: Raffle's First Place drawing wins all VT Lottery Tickets plus the tree, 2nd Place prize is \$200.00 cash and 3rd Place is a \$100.00 cash prize. All net proceeds will go into VLC's General Fund to cover growing demands for Sight and other D-45 Club requests. The cost of one raffle ticket is \$10.00 or 3 tickets for \$25.00. Envelopes containing raffle tickets will be mailed directly to D-45 Club Secretaries. For additional tickets or any questions about the raffle, please contact PCST Bruce Savery.

You may contact Lion Bruce by phone: 802-289-1696 or email: bsavery29@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT! Please return all sold tickets with checks made out to Vermont Lions Charities to: Lion Bruce Savery, 137 Maple Ridge Road, Chester, VT 05143 by the deadline: April 15th. The prizes will

be drawn on April 29, 2023 at Spring Convention to be held at Equinox in Manchester, VT. Please be sure to mail these in on time. Also, please bring or send along by another Lion, any unsold tickets to this meeting. Thank you again for your support. We sincerely hope that D-45 Club members enjoy participating in this fundraiser. Be assured your efforts will reach far beyond D-45 Club areas, contributing assistance where Vermonters do not have the added benefit of a Lions Club.



Thank you for your consideration and hopeful participation!

Yours in Lionism,

PCST Bruce Savery



Vermont Lions Club
THE MONEY TREE
Benefit Vermont Lions Charities

NAME _____

PHONE _____



Vermont Lions D-45

THE MONEY TREE

Benefit Vermont Lions Charities

GRAND PRIZE \$500.00 of Vermont Lottery Tickets
SECOND PRIZE \$200.00 Cash
THIRD PRIZE \$100.00 Cash

Drawing to be held April 29, 2023 | Spring Convention | \$10 Ea. or 3 for \$25

ALL SOLD TICKETS TO BE RETURNED BY APRIL 15, 2023 To Bruce Savery
137 Maple Ridge Rd., Chester, VT 05143 | WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!

Vision Screening Report
March 2023

As I gather the information for this report, I realize what a wonderful year it has been. Though Covid is still lurking around corners, and we all remain alert to its possibilities, we now breathe a little easier and move forward with the business of vision screening.

We've been able to reenter schools, screen our children again and help them stay healthy and visually capable at school. Many clubs have found creative ways to screen children such as at fairs, in libraries for home schooled children and many other events and venues we never thought were viable. But Lions think outside the box and have made them all work.

We've had nurses begin to ask US if we can come and screen and continue as usual with the majority of schools we've built a rapport with. Since September 1st, we have screened **15,469** students to date and have given out **1701** referrals for further evaluations.

The most interesting point I think has come out of this year is the number of schools who have purchased their own vision screening equipment because we were able to show them the importance of this program. This is a wonderful feeling to know we have made such an impact on schools that they see and many applaud the value of what we do. District 45 has created a legacy that is far from finished. We are expanding and with the use of Facebook and other social media platforms we can only continue to grow and get the word out about the significance of this most important program.

You have all put hours and hours into making District 45's Vision Screening Program something that has made a world of difference in many young lives. We will continue to do so to make sure every child in Vermont has strong visual health. Where theres a need, theres a Lion!

Congratulations on a great year.

Yours in kindness and gratitude, SVDG Deb Vermont District 45 Vision Screening Coordinator



Vermont Lions Vision Screening Results

**This Academic Year
July 1, 2022 - February 26, 2023**

Club	Sessions	# Children	# of Ref	# of Adults/Ref	
Barre	7	636	84	0	0
Brandon Forest Dale					
Brattleboro	3	140	80	0	0
Castleton	32	2,744	375	17	6
Colchester	2	700	108	0	0
Deerfield Valley					
Enosberg	9	1,646	204	2	0
Essex Junction	1	210	35	0	0
Granville					
Georgia					
Heartland					
Jericho-Underhill					
Londonderry Area	2	75	0	0	0
Manchester					
Middlebury/Vergennes	34	4,464	299	0	0
Norshaft	21	1,016	115	0	0
Norwich	2	459	36	0	0
Orleans	2	245	31	0	0
Richford	2	360	65	0	0
Strafford	3	209	22	0	0
Springfield		2,565	319	18	3
Troy & Area					
Windsor					
<u>Williston</u>					
Total:		15,469	1,701	37	9



Vermont Lions District 45

Speak Out Contest 2023

Topic: "How can the environment be saved for our future?"

*Participants: High School (or home school) Students:
Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors*

*** Saturday, April 29th, 2023 11:00 a.m. ***

Location: Equinox Hotel, Manchester Vt

Entry deadline is Saturday, April 8th

*** maximum 8 club representative participants ***

Speech is 5 to 7 minutes long.

Judging Criteria: Address theme (20%)

Development of Theme (50%)

and Expression and Delivery (30%).

3 judges will be allowed to ask a question of each participant.

Cash Prizes: 1st \$500, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$250 Plus additional prizes

To register or for more information, please contact Lion Ken Emery

At 578-7483 (cell) or at kpemery1960@gmail.com



Effective Speaking



Contest is open to students Grades 9 thru 12 and speeches on the topic must be 5 to 7 minutes in length.

Speech Night: March 20, 6:30 pm, Old School Community Center

* Local winner can present their speech at the Lions District competition April 29th in Manchester, VT and can win an additional \$250 to \$500!

Get info & register: cbyoga@gmail.com

DEADLINE to register is MARCH 10.



Sponsored by the Deerfield Valley Lions Club
"Kindness Matters"

The Norwich Lions Club presents Speak Out Contest 2023

Topic: How can the environment be saved
for our future?

Wednesday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.
Tracy Hall, 300 Main Street, Norwich, VT

Participants: high school students from the Upper Valley
and surrounding communities.

Speech length: 5-7 minutes.

Judging criteria: addressing theme (20%), development of
theme (50%), expression and delivery (30%).
Each judge may ask a question of each speaker.

Prizes: first place, \$250; second, \$150; third, \$100.

This is part of a two-level statewide Lions Club competition. Our
winner will be eligible to participate in round two on Saturday,
April 29 in Manchester, VT.

To sign up to participate or for more information, email David Lemal at
david.m.lemal@dartmouth.edu.



Colchester Lions Club

Presents the 16th annual

Speak Out Contest 2023

Topic: "How can the environment be saved for our future?"

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 5th, 2023 6:30 p.m.
Location: Mallett's Bay Congregational Church
1672 W. Lakeshore Drive, Colchester VT.
Registration deadline is Monday, April 3rd

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

This is a two-level statewide competition.
Club winner will be eligible to participate in District Competition.
Round two: Saturday April 29th, 2023, 11:00 a.m., Manchester VT
Prizes (all cash): 1st Place \$500, 2nd Place \$300, 3rd Place \$200 plus additional prizes

To register or for more information, please contact Lion Ken Emery
At 578-7483 (cell) or at kemery1960@gmail.com

Colchester Lions club is one of the oldest community service oriented organizations in Colchester
(serving Milton as well). Its 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
Speech / Speakout Winner
Megan Mentzer



Lion Voices of the World Video Project

Hi Lions,

I wanted to introduce myself and explain a great opportunity District Governor Lion Kathy and I are working on.

First, my name is Mary Cassel, I have been a Lion for a little over a year with the Essex Junction Lions. I love the community I have built while being a Lion and the wonderful work we do.

When I was little, my favorite series was the *Chronicles of Narnia* by C. S. Lewis. My mom would read them to me before bed. Recently, I learned the meaning of the main character's name. His name is Aslan, and in Turkish this means Lion.

As an international organization the Lions can be called many things in all the different languages. Aslan is just one. District Governor Kathy and I have come up with a list of languages where the Lions Club is in the country that natively speaks this language and we would like your club to send us a video of you saying "Lions" and "We Serve" in that language.

There are many online tools to assist you with translation We intend to have the finished product at the Spring Convention. Any questions? Please contact Lion Mary Cassell at mary.cassel@eastern.edu.

Club	Country	Language
ARLINGTON	Angola	Portuguese
BARRE	Bangladesh	Bengali
BRANDON FOREST DALE	Belgium	Dutch
BRATTLEBORO AREA	Bolivia	Spanish
CASTLETON	Cambodia	Khmer
COLCHESTER	China	Chinese
DEERFIELD VALLEY	Denmark	Danish
DERBY	Dem. Republic of Korea	Korean
ENOSBURG FALLS	Egypt	Arabic
ESSEX JUNCTION	Estonia	Estonian
GEORGIA	Georgia	Georgian
GRANVILLE	Germany	German
HEARTLAND	Hungary	Hungarian
JERICHO-UNDERHILL	Japan	Japanese
LONDONDERRY AREA TRI-MOUNTAIN	Liberia	English
MANCHESTER	Mexico	Spanish
MIDDLEBURY	Moldova	Romanian
NORSHAFT	Nepal	Nepali
NORWICH	New Zealand	Maori
Club	Country	Language
ORLEANS	Poland	Polish
PITTSFORD	Portugal	Portuguese
READSBORO	Romania	Romanian
RICHFORD	Russia	Russian
ROUTE 100	Rwanda	English
SPRINGFIELD	San Marino	Italian
STRAFFORD & AREA	South Africa	Afrikaans
SWANTON MISSISQUOI VALLEY	Sweden	Swedish
TROY & AREA	Turkey	Turkish
VALLEY	Vanuatu	French
VERGENNES	Italy	Italian
WILLISTON AREA	Wales	Welsh
WINDSOR	France	French
MMU Leos	Ukraine	Ukrainian
Vergennes Leos	Thailand	Thai
Shelburne Area	Scotland	Gaelic
DG Kathy Dorman	American Sign Language	
FVDG Travis Wood	American Sign Language	
2VDG Deb Savery	American Sign Language	

2023-2024 Peace Poster Contest

“Dare to Dream”

Dear District 45 Lions Club Presidents & Zone Chairs,

My name is Susan Toth and I’m the 2023- 2024 District 45 *Peace Poster Contest* Chair.

I’m reaching out to each club in order to increase participation in this very special art contest in schools and youth groups.

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring this art contest in which students create peace posters expressing their visions of peace to inspire the world through art and creativity.

Last October, only four (4) clubs out of our thirty-two (32) District 45 clubs participated in this amazing program for our future Lions!

- How can we create opportunities for our future Leo’s/Lions?
- How can we improve overall district participation in this program?
- Does your club have a Peace Poster Contest Chair?

#1. Order Your Kit Today!

To sponsor the Peace Poster Contest, Lions clubs can order a contest kit from January 15 to October 1. A kit is needed for each contest sponsored.

PEACE POSTER KIT 2023-2024. PPK1EN \$11.95 or

call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822

#2. Know Your Peace Poster Contest Rules & Deadlines!

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

#3. Contact Your School Districts Art Teacher & Principal!

#4. Create Excitement!

#5. Hold an Art Show Displaying the Posters!

Filipino-American Vermont Branch Lions Club:



Recently members of the VT Fil-Am Branch Club of the Barre Lions Club, and friends from the DMV, prepared personal care and snack bags for the Food and Warming Shelter in Montpelier.

Pictured are first row: Bernadette Ibey, Branch President, and Alvah Newhall, second row Wendy Walker, Michael Dellipriscoli from the warming shelter, Jessica Jarvis Bates, and Jane Claire Mockasim.

Strafford and Area Lions Club:

On February 5, the Strafford & Area Lions Club hosted a Full Moon Ski Run on its rope tow maintained and operated for Strafford and area youth on Harrington Hill in South Strafford. There were about 140 skiers. Sixteen volunteers worked to make it possible. A magical time was had by all. The wonderful time-lapse photo of the event was taken by Levi Smith.

Lion John Tiholiz, Secretary



Troy and Area Lions Club:



◆ TROY & AREA LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY & SENIOR MEALSITE MENU:

A BIG Thank You to Berry Creek Farm, and its CSA Members, for offering another season with fresh fruits and vegetables. All are welcome to enjoy the weekly meal at the Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Road (at School Street). The meal is served at noon. A \$4.00 suggested donation is appreciated.

You are welcome to place To Go Meals with pickup around 12:15 pm. For pickup orders please call 802-744-5466 after 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

◆ March 2: Juice, Roast Pork Dinner, Maple Pudding Cake

◆ March 9: Juice, Baked Beans, Hot Dog, Cole Slaw, Brown Bread, Brownies & Ice Cream

◆ March 16: Juice, Corned Beef, Carrots, Cabbage, Potatoes, Irish Soda Bread, Irish Freckle Bread with Hard Sauce

◆ March 23: Juice, Irish Sing-a-Long, Shepherd's Pie, Minted Peas, Irish Beer Bread, Butterscotch Cream Pie

◆ March 30: Juice, Beef Stroganoff with Egg Noodles, Spring Peas, Rolls, Surprise Cake

Vergennes Lions Club – VERGENNES LEOS CLUB!!!:

Congratulations to the Vergennes Leo Club!

This newly chartered Leo Club held its first meeting March 1st, 2023. Lion Mason Charlebois is the club's Advisor.



International / New England News



Get ready for the new Lion Portal

Evolving the
Lion Digital Experience



In a few months, we'll be combining MyLion, MyLCI and Insights, along with some additional tools and functionality, into a unified mobile-friendly experience called the **Lion Portal**.



Look for news and updates in emails, monthly digests, the Lion Portal webpage and more.

December 2022

Help ensure a smooth transition to the Lion Portal

Make sure your Lion Account information is correct and up to date in MyLCI or your regional reporting system. Note that the new Lion Portal will require a unique, unshared email, and phone numbers will no longer be supported as a log in credential.

Updating member information is simple:

- Log in to the current member portal with your Lion Account credentials
- Navigate to MyLCI
- Select "My Lions Club"
- Select "Members"
- Click on the member whose information you need to update.
- Select "Edit Member" to enter in their revised email address and other updated information.

To help ensure other Lions have a smooth transition to the Lion Portal, check out these helpful downloads:

ATTENTION CLUB SECRETARIES & ADMINS

With the new Member Portal implementation coming soon, now would be a good time to review your member data to insure that it is up to date. Verify and update individual email address (not shared with spouse or partner), insure that the date of birth is correct (not just 1/1/year), etc. With the changeover, if the data is not correct it may make the transition more difficult.

MEMBERSHIP INFO



*You'll Love the New
LIONS PORTAL*



But, we have some important dates & club actions first – 6/15/23 is the date to remember!

7/15/23-7/24/23: Target Conversion Date

Before 6/15/23: Enter all club officers for 2023-2024

Before 6/15/23: Enter service activity for events prior to 6/1/23. Reporting for 6/1/23 going forward will be in the new system after conversion

Before 6/15/23: Record any club or donations to LCIF are in the bank with the appropriate supporting documentation for recognition.

Before 6/15/23: Make sure club data is accurate for this year (2022-2023). For Example, new members, sponsors, new clubs formed, transfers and other end of year activities specific to clubs are correct and recorded in MyLion/MyLCI

- **Make sure every member has an email listed and no shared emails can be used in the new LIONS PORTAL.**
- **Make sure member birthdays are entered since birth dates in MyLCI will be converted - even the old conversion 1/1/1900 date! Hint: in MyLCI under reports run "Member Information Update Report" and have your members update their info!**
- **Training is slated to begin in late April 2023 - Stay tuned!**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Together we can with International President, Brian Sheehan

Dear Lion,

Your club is always working to bring bigger and better service to your community. Because every project, no matter how big or small, helps build a stronger foundation for the future. And the best part about it is that there's always something exciting to look forward to.

Let's share our excitement for what's happening now and what's next with our communities. We can give the people around us the opportunity to be the change they want to see by inviting them to help us make it happen. Because everything we do leads to something bigger. And our best work is still ahead of us.

Make a great day,
Brian Sheehan
International President



Worldwide Induction Day

Join Lions around the world for Worldwide Induction Day on **April 29** as we come together to celebrate and give our newest Lions a welcome they'll remember the rest of their lives.

Visit the [Worldwide Induction Day](#) page to find a planning guide, special downloadable certificates and public relations tips to make your event one that your club and your community can look forward to. And don't forget to share the excitement on social media using **#WeServe**.



Celebrate Earth Day with Lions

Making a big difference in your community's future begins with what you do today. So this Earth Day on **April 22**, let's engage our communities by giving them the opportunity to join us as we work to protect, restore and advocate for the environment.

Learn how Lions are protecting the [environment](#), and download one of our project planners or use one of these [25 project ideas](#) to help you and your club get started today.

And whether you're serving on Earth Day, or any other day, make sure your community knows who you are by wearing branded Lion gear. Find everything you need online at the [Lions Shop](#) to look your best and show your pride.

PROJECT IDEAS
ENVIRONMENT

LEARN

- Tour a recycling and waste management facility with your club.

ACT // BEGINNER

- **Plant trees.** Consult your local environment authorities to determine the type and number of trees needed, as well as the location for planting.
- Meet on a monthly basis and clean up a beach, community space, or roadside area as a club.
- Hold an environment themed photo contest at a local school. Reward the winner with a tree planted in their honor or another green form of recognition.
- Challenge all Lions in your club or district to add at least one green habit to their daily lives. Inspire others by sharing your actions on social media. Habits might include:
 - Using a reusable water bottle or coffee mug rather than disposable products.
 - Changing to energy-saving lightbulbs.
 - Setting a time limit for your shower to reduce water consumption.
- Develop a Green Living Tip Sheet and share it electronically with members of your community or network.
- Recognize a local organization or community leader for their efforts in environmental conservation.
- Calculate your carbon footprint with an online calculator. If your footprint is bigger than you would like, purchase carbon credits that are Gold Standard Certified and brainstorm ways you can lower your carbon input.
- Volunteer with your local park service to maintain trails. You will help more people access and enjoy nature!
- Commit to "Meatless Mondays", or not eating meat one day each week.
- Collect used cellphones and donate them to individuals in need.

ACT // INTERMEDIATE

- Lead an after school nature walk for young students. Encourage them to make observations and ask questions, then have them draw a picture of their experience afterwards.
- Host a community viewing of an environmental film or documentary.
- Save water by surveying your homes and community for leaks in sinks, communal spigots or water fountains. Contact relevant officials if repairs are needed.
- Work with city officials to paint "no dumping" signs near road drainage areas.
- Identify where to recycle toxic items and share/advertise its schedule of collection campaigns.
- **Organize an environmental mural competition.** Paint the winner's artwork in an appropriate area to beautify your community and promote environmental awareness.
- Implement a community recycling drive where people donate gently used items to charity organizations.
- Share a meal with students at your school. Afterwards, teach them how to sort their recyclables and trash.

ACT // ADVANCED

- Develop a demonstration garden or landscaping plot using native plant species to encourage restoration of the local natural habitat and water conservation.
- Sponsor a training program for small farmers on how to make and use organic fertilizers and pesticides.
- Produce a monthly nature program on the local public radio station. Feature environmental topics of local interest, interview environmental activists in your community and promote Lions environmental projects.
- Host a public debate on controversial environmental issues in your community. Share the results with government officials.
- Partner with a local carpenter (or use a DIY tutorial) to build a rain barrel. Then, hold a training with community members to promote using barrels for watering and irrigation.
- Organize an alternative transportation incentive program in your community to encourage walking, biking, public transportation and carpooling.
- Work with local schools to establish organic school gardens and a composting program to improve the quality of school meals and reduce waste.



48th Annual VT-NH Lions All-Stars



SOCCER GAMES

July 15th, 2023

LIONS TWIN STATE SOCCER Vermont Women

Lions Cup 2023 VT Women's Team

First	Last	School	Position
Abby	Towle	Leland and Gray	Midfield
Addey	Lillie	Harwood	Midfield
Anja	Rand	Montpelier	Midfield
Antonia	Levitas	Burr and Burton Academy	Back
Beatrice	Lake	Randolph	Back
Becca	McKelvey	Spaulding	Goal Keeper
Brittney	Love	Fair Haven	Midfield
Claire	Vincent	Rice	Back
Courtney	Frank	Essex	Midfield
Ellie	Zimmerman	Stowe	Back
Emma	Grasso	Milton	Back
Grace	Nostrant	Montpelier	Midfield
Isabel	Konijnenberg	Woodstock	Midfield
Leila	Monks	Mount Mansfield	Forward
Mackenzie	McLaughlin	Rutland	Back
Madi	Jordan	Essex	Goal Keeper
Maeve	MacAuley	Colchester	Back
Naia	Surks	Mount Mansfield	Forward
Orly	Bryan	Stowe	Forward
Sage	Macauley	Spaulding	Forward
Shannon	Hadlock	White River Valley	Back
Sienna	Mills	Montpelier	Forward
Taylor	Kieslich	Milton	Forward
			Back

First	Last	School	Position
Lori	McClallen	Rutland	Head Coach
Michael	Coppinger	Rutland	Asst Coach
Kimberly	Prestridge	White River Valley	Asst Coach
			Asst Coach



48th Annual VT-NH Lions All-Stars



SOCCER GAMES

July 15th, 2023

LIONS TWIN STATE SOCCER Vermont Men

Lions Cup 2023 VT Men's Team

Last	First	School	Div	Position
Owen	Lawton	Middlebury	2	Goalkeeper
Eric	Bissell	MMU	1	Goalkeeper
Diego	Robinson	CVU	1	Back
Nathaniel	Hasencz	SB	1	Back
Eli	Rosi	Rutland	1	Back
Cooper	Biederbeck	Essex	1	Back
Trey	Bosworth	Middlebury	2	Back
Adin	Combs	Harwood	2	Back
Jack	Wyman	Vergennes	3	Midfielder
Henry	Bacon	Colchester	1	Midfielder
Ben	Nissenbaum	Stowe	3	Midfielder
Evan	Richardson	SB	1	Midfielder
Ethan	Gamelin	Colchester	1	Midfielder
Eli	Marden	CVU	1	Midfielder
Oliver	Anderson	Middlebury	2	Midfielder
Silas	Rella-Neill	Mt. Anthony	1	Midfielder
Zach	Spitznagle	CVU	1	Forward
Jordan	Schullenberger	Harwood	2	Forward
Ronnie	Riby-Williams	Montpelier	2	Forward
Joey	Manley	BHS	1	Forward
Emmanuel	Omar	Winooski	4	Forward
Corbin	Schreindorfer	BFA	1	Forward

Last	First	School	Div	Position
Button	Glen	Milton		Head Coach
Bufano	Shane	Stowe		Asst Coach
Lumumba	Adolphe	S. Burlington		Asst Coach
McQuade	Seth	Milton		Asst Coach

TALES OF THE SERVICE TRAIL UPDATE

February 2023

Well, after an incredibly slow start, winter finally arrived here in Maine this past month. More like a mid-Atlantic states winter if you ask me though. Biggest snow drop was 10 inches, an eight incher, and several at four or so. But each was followed by rain, sometimes frozen, but still too warm to develop a reasonable snow pack. The areas need lots of retained water supply for the snow-making guns this year. The snow stick in the side yard has not been above ten inches yet, and is about seven or eight as I write.

Karol and I will be in Wisconsin or Minnesota as you read this. Back-to-back conventions so we are flying into Minneapolis, then driving to SW Wisconsin - Tomah, the cranberry capital. WI Lions are great, and similar to MA, most of the DGs make it to each other's conventions. Get to share with Lions, and even meet with their Council of Governors. Lots of exciting news to share about changes being voted on in Boston.

Then we leave Sunday and drive across MN to the SW corner - Fairmont, just north of Iowa and east of SD. We will do some local events before their mid-winter convention as well. MD 5M only has 13 districts so we know that we will meet up with friends that made last year in MN!

Today, LCIF is announcing new collections for disaster relief in response to the massive earthquake and aftershocks in Turkey and Syria. Our Lions are already responding in the recovery and safety efforts, so please be generous in your financial support as most of us cannot just rush there to help, even if we have a needed skill set.

As to your home front - please look around your own community. There are needs there if we open our eyes. With the winter storms and power outages so common, there are shelters that can use our efforts. There are food pantries that can use a few more cans of soup, or even a helping hand or two! We are Lions first in our own communities as well as across this earth.

Work for your community and you will raise the world! Please keep that with you in your heart. But remember, your work will attract more to help you - new Lions even!

For several months, I have closed each "Tales" with ten ideas for finding new members (totally stolen from other Lions). Now I realize that most of us and our clubs probably have not been out there this past month recruiting members, but you can be cogitating the base work to hit the ground running at the start of 2023!

For 2023, I asked you for your ideas to include here! I promised that I will give you credit for these new ideas. Lion Sophie Cutler of the Bedford Lions Club offers this tidbit she purloined from a Lions FB! I told you all from the beginning that it is not theft to steal and publish good ideas! Sophie suggests that you ask a prospective or new member as to what is his/her passion! Use that passion to connect them to a service project. Brainstorm as a club for such projects and have the new Lion lead the project. You are appealing to their own heart, and giving Lions a true sense of belonging. Even old members can join into the fun by bringing forth a passion or hobby that can become a club project that re energizes the membership.

Thank you Lion Sophie! So is next? There are ideas in your head as well - even "second hand" grabbing! All of my original 100 ideas were collected from other Lions.

And remember - **LCI CON 2023 BOSTON** is here soon! Vote for Lion Mark Lyon, 3IVP! And we should not forget our Foundation - LCIF! Just because we successfully finished Campaign 100 we still have the need for ongoing support. Become a donor again, and consider a Legacy gift by pledging through your will! All is good!

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, International Director 2021-2023,
& Lion Karol Kish Youney, Partner-in-Service



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

2023 NELC "Spring Weekend"
GAT Theme: Membership Development

May 19-20 (NOTE: Friday/Saturday Event)

Fairfield Inn & Suites/Marriott/185 MacArthur Drive/New Bedford, MA/774-634-2009
Friday Night Rooms \$179.00 per night. Make room reservation directly with hotel. Code: NELC

Friday Evening 6PM-10PM

Fellowship (& meal if you like) across from hotel...front-row of "country's most valuable fishing port."

At Merrill's on the Waterfront

SATURDAY AM SEMINARS

Club Members & Club Officers Membership Track

9:30-10:30 "Membership Roundtable" w/ New England GAT/GMTs. Panel Discussion / Q&A. With: PCC Christine Greenwood-Smart & PDGs Andrew Porter, Michele Wyatt, Henry McKee.

10:45-11:45 "How to Plan, Organize & Manage a Successful Membership Recruitment Event." With: Club Membership Chairpersons who have Organized Successful Gatherings

District Officials' Membership Track

9:30-10:30 "Expand Your District" Part I: *10 Easy Steps to New Clubs*. With: New England's GAT

10:45-11:44 "Expand Your District" Part II: *Help Us Make It Your Membership Approach* (GMA) With: New England GMA Champions & Governors

Luncheon...Celebration of a Very Special New Bedford Lion

Past & Current International Officers' Special State-by-State Presentations

Immediately Followed By: Business Meeting & New England Governors' Reports

(w/ Elections, Updates on LCICON 2023-Boston & New England's International Candidates)

Saturday's Luncheon & Business Meeting Schedule: Noon-3PM

Saturday Luncheon & Cash Bar

12:00 Hot Luncheon Buffet: Mixed Green Salad, Almond-Crusted Scrod, Baked Ziti w/ Marinara, Portuguese Stuffed Boneless Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Freshly Baked Cookies & Brownies. Soft Drinks, Teas, Caffeinated and Decaffeinated Coffees.

Lunch Buffet at \$36 x ___ 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: a1goldstein@comcast.net (Using #1, not "L")

Event Registration Deadline: May 17th

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

NOTE: "GAT" means Global Action Team, "GMT" is Global Membership Team & "GMA" is Global Membership Approach



From LCIF Chairperson Douglas X. Alexander

Greetings, Lions and Leos!

Every day, I am reminded of the reasons why I became a Lion more than 30 years ago: to serve and give back to my community. And that's exactly what Lions and Leos do. We serve both our local and global communities, when and where people need our help. This service is made stronger through our global foundation. When you support LCIF, you are playing an important part in increasing our collective impact. Through your acts of service and generosity, you make life-changing outcomes possible. I want to thank everyone who has supported LCIF financially and acted as an ambassador to magnify our mission. As you read this month's newsletter, join me in celebrating all the good we do together, bringing help and hope to people in need across the globe. And, remember to continue [sharing your LCIF stories](#) with us, so we can celebrate your grant-funded service projects.

Lions International Response to Earthquake in Turkey and Syria

The earthquake that struck Turkey and Syria devastated communities, homes and families. When a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude strikes, Lions and Lions International are among the first to respond. LCIF quickly awarded a US\$200,000 grant to the Lions in Turkey, who are providing 16 prefab container buildings to the Hatay Province in southeastern Turkey to create a Lions Village for earthquake survivors. As relief needs continue to emerge, additional grants may be awarded. Your donation to the Disaster Relief Fund can be the difference for families struggling to cope with disasters like this one.



Hope you were able to catch some of the events from Lions Day at the UN. 2023 Lions Clubs International peace poster contest winner is 13 year old Emma from Romania. Her presentation was wonderful. [#LDUN](#)

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Membership!!!!!!



District 45 would like to welcome (as of February 24, 2023) the following Lions to
Our district and association:

William Pierce (Colchester Lions Club)
Jason Flower, Joseph Gervais , Rachael Keyser and
Nelson LaChappelle Jr (Enosburg Falls Lions Club)
Jesse Wood (Essex Jct. Lions Club)
Alicia Weber (Jericho-Underhill Lions Club)
Stuart Richards (Norwich Lions Club)



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

Theodore Parisi – Castleton Lions – March 1966
PDG Clem Cardinal – Essex Jct. Lions – March 1966
Charles Cole – NorShaft Lions – March 1969
Ronald Barrett – Granville Lions – March 1970
Wesley Bristol – Essex Jct. Lions – March 1973
Robert Scott – Readsboro Lions – March 1973
Leon Pillsbury – Windsor Lions – March 1973
Silas Loomis – Castleton Lions – March 1975
Joel Howes – Derby Lions – March 1975
Robert Laberge – Middlebury Lions – March 1976
David Pardo – Manchester Lions – March 1978
Arthur Pond - Richford Lions – March 1978
George Williams – Manchester Lions – March 1981
Gregory Wry – Middlebury Lions – March 1982
David Hassebroek – Castleton Lions – March 1984
Gregory Knapp – Castleton Lions – March 1987
Tom Cecere – Strafford and Area Lions – March 1987
Van Chesnut – Strafford and Area Lions – March 1988
Donald Lane – Georgia Lions – March 1989
Paul Adamczak – Richford Lions – March 1990
Donald McKinley – Deerfield Valley Lions – March 1990
Joseph Dart – Windsor Lions – March 1992
Claude Coulombe – Richford Lions – March 1994
PCST Michael O’Daniel – Vergennes Lions – March 1994
Kurt Stenson – Deerfield Valley Lions – March 1996
Carl Barmen – Deerfield Valley Lions – March 1998

Fundraisers!!!

**Wednesday
Night**



**Where: Wildcats lunchroom
(White River Valley Royalton Campus)**

**When: Every Wednesday night
Starting January 25, 2023 through April 26, 2023
6:30pm-8:30pm**

Boards and bags provided

Presented to you by the Heartland Lions Club



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NORSHAFT LIONS 6TH ANNUAL



NIGHT FOR SIGHT
DINNER & CONCERT FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY MARCH 11

5 PM Cocktails - 6 PM Dinner - 7 PM Music & Dancing

A BENEFIT FOR:
 **Guiding
Eyes
for the Blind**

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON EVENTBRITE, AT BENNINGTON TIRE OR AT THE DOOR

For more information visit us on  @norshaftlionsclub



Swanton-Missisquoi Valley Lions Club

MEN AND WOMEN GUIDED BY KINDNESS TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES
AND THE WORLD IN TIMES OF NEED.

Pancake Breakfast

April 29th and 30th ~ 7 am till Noon

St. Albans City School, 29 Bellows Street, St. Albans, VT

Dine In

\$10 Person

5 and Under Free

Grab and Go

\$10 Person

Reserve Not Necessary

but can reserve by

emailing

swantonlions@gmail.com

calling

802-582-2288

Cash or Credit Card



MENU

Pancakes
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage
Home Fries
Assorted Muffins
Juice, Milk,
Coffee
PURE VT
MAPLE SYRUP



Proceeds to Benefit the Less Fortunate
Through Community Service Projects



Castleton Lions Club:



2023 WINTER RAFFLE

DRAWING APRIL 8, 2023

PRIZES

- 1** 2-Hour Tiki Boat Tour on Bomoseen (\$400 Value)
Donated by Lake Bomoseen Lodge & Tap Room
- 2** \$100 Gift Certificate for Scotch Hill Brewery
Donated by Edward Jones & Shawn Hadwen
- 3** \$100 Gift Certificate for The Wheel Inn
- 4** Round of Golf for Four at Proctor/Pittsford Country Club (\$140 Value)
- 5** \$50 Gift Certificate for Carl Durfees Store
Donated by Edward Jones & Shawn Hadwen
- 6** VT State Car Inspection (\$60 Value)
2 Drawings Donated by Sam's U-Save Fuels

**TICKETS
\$5 EACH**



Pancakes, pancakes and more pancakes!!!

The Jericho – Underhill Lions Club (aka JULC) (below top photos) and the Colchester Lions Club (below bottom photos) hosted their annual pancake breakfasts. For JULC, it was their 32nd annual (not including covid years). Congratulations!!!!



Lions in the News!!!

Meet the Lions who are candidates for District 45 leadership:

District Governor: Travis Wood

1st Vice District Governor: Debra Savery

2nd Vice District Governor: Brenda Seitz



Travis M Wood

Current VDG D 45

**Candidate for
District Governor**



Phone: 802-782-2924

Skills:

I have over 27 years of leadership experience both Professionally and Volunteer. I have held many different rolls in organizations including:

- Wallingford Fire Dept
- Wallingford Rescue Squad
- Manchester Rescue Squad
- Vermont Special Olympics
- Manchester Lions Club
- United Counseling Service
- Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity
- Maplefields RL Vallee
- Jolley Associates

Personal History

I have lived in Manchester Center for the past 27 years, Raised my two wonderful children here. My son is now 25 and my daughter is 23. My son works full time at Price Chopper while still living at home, he was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome at the age of 4. My daughter is in the process of going to dental school to become a dentist. I am a home care provider for a developmentally challenged man for the past 4 years.

I am the proud caregiver to an old English bulldog named Oskar and four wonderful pugs, Owen, Mitsy, Lola and Zoe.

I am the District Manager for Jolley Associates managing 7 stores in southern Vermont. I have been working with Jolley for the past 7 years.

Travis M Wood



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

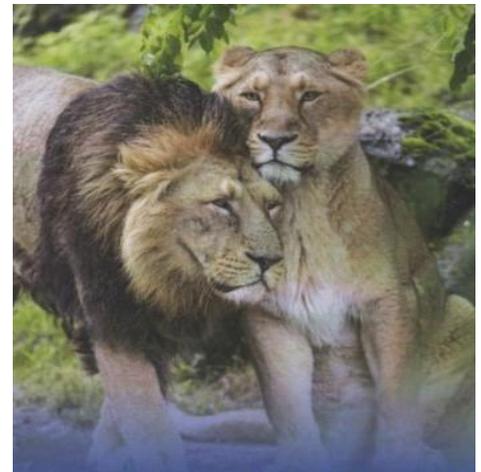
Fidelco Guide Dog Liaison

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.



Lion Brenda L. Seitz
Candidate for
2nd Vice District Governor
2023-2024

With your support

Vermont District 45



Background

Born and raised in Connecticut
Lived in Northern Maine
Resident of Vermont majority of my life

Education

Marywood College
Bachelor's Degree in Elementary
Education/minor in Deaf Education

Canisius College

Master's Degree in Deaf Education

Work History

Austine School for the Deaf – 20 yrs
Teacher of the Deaf
Cheerleading & Soccer Coach
Director of Special Education
Director of Regional Programs
Williston & Bennington

Caribou Middle School – 7 years
Special Education Teacher
Coach several teams – Sports &
Academic

INSPIRE School for Autism – 4 years
Executive Director

Windham Southeast SU
Case Manager
Educational Evaluator

Lion Accomplishments

Brattleboro Area Lions Club
Charter Member 2014
Club Treasurer
Club President
Vision Screenings
Lion of the Year 2021-2022

District 45

Green Mtn. Lions Camp
Cabinet Treasurer 2017-2019
Guiding Lion 2019-2022
District Administrator
Zone Chair
Attended the last five
International Conventions

Lion of the Year 2019-2020
Melvin Jones Fellow 2021



CENTRAL VERMONT CHAMBER'S 7th Annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast Barre Elks Lodge Friday, March 17, 2023 - 8am-9:30am



Barre Lions Club
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The World Newspaper
Union Mutual

Mark Tatro



Honoree

Mark is the founding owner of Tatro's Appliances, formerly known as Tatro's A.C.E.S. After marrying his wife, Laurie Grant in 1986, Mark started his career in the appliance industry at Randolph Appliance, and then moved onto Vermont Appliance Company the following year.
Mark is a proud contributing member of the Barre Lions Club since 2001, in which he has served as President for 5 separate terms and has taken an active role in the Club's community involvement.
Mark joined the Masons where he became Master of the Lodge and rose to 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite. Also apart of the Barre Partnership where he served as Chair of the Homecoming Parade for several years. His accolades also include being a member of the Barre Opera House Hunters Guild, starting a program to donate Christmas trees to folks in need, being an integral part of the Austine Camp for the Deaf by relocating them to Covenant Hills Christian camp in Marshfield, facilitating a BBQ & Music event for Barre, putting together a gangbusters food drive to assist 4 local food pantries that far exceeded his expectations, proud sponsor for 25 years of a womans softball league, being a member of the Canadian Club and the Mutuo and The Central VT Chamber, not too mention serving on the school board and the Barre City Planning & Zoning commission. The list goes on and on!
Kudos to Mark and all he has accomplished thus far in the central Vermont community!!



Guest Speakers
Linda Mercy
Valerie Beaudin



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