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Dear fellow District 45 members,

WOW!!! Does not seem possible that we are doing the District Governor message for the NOVEMBER 1ST communique edition. Where did the first 4 months of the Lions year go?

So far, as reported to Lions Club International, the membership of District 45 have provided 3,332 volunteer hours while serving 17,564, completing 145 service activities. I know that is not true as I know we have done lots more.

At the first meeting of the New England Lions Council, GMT Coordinator IPDG Liz Fenwick, PDG Betsy MaGee (Essex Junction Lions Club) and Lion Karen Schroeder (Middlebury Lions Club) attended a training session with an LCI representative who gave many pointers in regards to MyLCI.

For all secretaries, I hope you are planning on attending the Fall Conference / Cabinet meeting as there are two sessions for MyLion reporting. These sessions, led by Zone Chairs Lion Kendal Holden and Lion Rick Theken will feature PDG Betsy and Lion Karen on how to use MyLion in getting your club's activities reported. This will also include time for one on one sessions so please make sure to bring your laptop. If you are not able to attend please let me know and I will work with you to help get the training you need.

AND I do want to say 'thank you' for the secretaries that have already been reporting their club activities. It was announced at the New England Lions Council by GAT Constitutional Area 1K leader, PID Ed Farrington that District 45 is leading the way on reporting, with 50% of club secretaries doing such. PLEASE KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!!

I hope many of you are planning on attending the Fall Conference / Cabinet meeting as there are many activities scheduled that hopefully will help you as individual Lions but also your fellow Lions at your club. One activity that I would like to provide more information on is the 'Poncho's for the Elderly' program.

This program, led by VDG Pam Nichols, Guiding Lion to the Brattleboro Area Lion Club, is similar to the blanket project that IPDG Liz did at last year's Fall Conference. These 'poncho's', can be worn by anyone, not just the elderly' that will help anyone keep warm. For anyone who attends this program, and there will be time to allow to attend other sessions, they will be able to purchase the 'poncho's' they make, for just the costs of the materials. Plans are at this time, no more than \$10. Please bring a good pair of scissors!!

Just a reminder, the annual LCIF Super Raffle, will be held the evening of the Fall Conference / Cabinet meeting. Deadline to purchase tickets, with meals is November 3rd (please contact me by phone or email), after that date, tickets can still be purchases with no promise of meals. Remember, this fundraiser serves two purposes: raises funds for LCIF Campaign 100 and allows Melvin Jones Fellow awards to be granted to deserving Lions and community members.

Elsewhere is this issue of the communique, will be the message that I provided to the Lions of New England at the October meeting of the New England Lions Council. I am proud to deliver this message, as even though we are small, both in size of our state and our membership, we are just as strong as our fellow Districts in New England. Also I am sharing the list of members that we remembered at the Necrology Service. These Lions represented many, many years of service and experience. Please remember them, their families and their clubs in your thoughts.

Just a 'heads up' on some important dates coming up:

November 9, 2019 - Annual Peace Poster
November 9, 2019 - Fall Conference
November 9, 2019 - LCIF Super Raffle
November 14, 2019 - World Diabetes Day
December 5, 2019 - International Leo Day
January 11, 2020 - 3rd Cabinet Meeting - Canadian Club, Barre
Featuring preparation 20,000 meals for Food Shelfs of District 45

The following is my schedule for the month of November (all subject to change):

November 12 – DG Visit – Valley Lions Club November 13 – Informational Night - Vergennes November 18 – DG Visit – Brattleboro Area Lions Club November 19 – DG Visit – Norwich Lions Club November 20 – DG Visit – Derby Lions Club

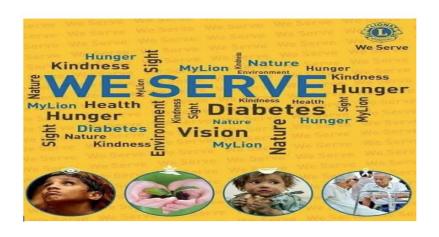
Until next month, take care. Hope to see you on the 'Lions trail'!!!!!

In Lionism, DG Ken

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Vermont Lions District 45

2019 - 2020







District 45 Calendar and Events

11/9/2019	<u>Fall Cabinet Meeting, Colchester, VT – Vermont Lions Charities</u>
11/9/2019	Annual Meeting
11/9/2019	<u>LCIF Super Raffle, Colchester, VT</u>
11/14/2019	World Diabetes Day
11/19/2019	Capture the District Traveling Lion in Brandon-Forestdale
12/5/2019	International Leo Day
01/11/2020	3 rd Cabinet Meeting – Canadian Club, Barre
01/03 -01/05/2020	NELC Meeting, Norwich, CT
	Don't see your club's activity listed?
	Email it to the Communique!
On going	Please see other DG Calendar items for year in the edition



MEETING NOTICE !!!

Official warning of Vermont Lions Charities Annual Meeting, Saturday, November 9, 2019

The annual meeting of Vermont Lions Charities will be held during the Fall Conference on Saturday, November 9, 2019. A full report on Vermont Lions Charities will be provided at that time. There may also be an election of officers.

Thank you.

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

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District Governor Ken would like to invite all Cabinet Officers, Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership Chairs, Past District Governors, Lions, Spouses and Guests to the Fall Conference / 2nd Cabinet Meeting of the 2019 – 2020 Lions Year.

Saturday, November 9th, 2019 Hampton Inn, 42 Lower Mountain Road, Colchester, Vermont

Schedule of Events (subject to change)

9:00 a.m. - Registration

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. District 45 Peace Poster Judging Contest / Voting

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (end of lunch) Fundraising: Silent Auction (items welcomed), 200 Club, 50 / 50, Collection of items for Chittenden County Humane Society

9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Honorary meeting

9:55 a.m. Cabinet meeting called to order

10:15 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.: 'Poncho's for the Elderly' - Service Project - Brattleboro Area Lions Club

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.: Work session # 1: Vermont Lions Charities

President's – Success in running your club; Leo's – our future Lions

New member orientation: Vision Screening General discussion

New member orientation; Vision Screening General discussion Service Projects what to do; Secretaries – LCI Reporting Review Green Mountain Lions Camp – looking forward to the 2020 session!!!

11:00 a.m. - 11:50 p.m.: Work session # 2: Vermont Lions Charities (cont).

Twinning – Connecting with a Lions club in another District
Vision Screening 101 training; Secretaries – LCI Reporting Review (cont).
Roundtable Discussions: Retaining Members, Fundraising, Lions World, Diabetes

Noon - 1:00 p.m.: Lunch with Guest speaker - Opiod crisis - learning what Lions can do

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cabinet Meeting

6:00 pm - ??? - Annual LCIF Super Raffle - Fundraiser for Campaign 100

Driven to Serve Vermont Lions District 45

2019 - 2020







Invitation to ALL Lions of District 45 You are cordially welcome to attend Fal Conference / Cabinet Meeting # 2 – 2019 - 2020

Saturday, November 9, 2019: Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Location: Hampton Inn 42 Lower Mountain Road, Colchester, Vermont

Invitation to all Lions of District 45, ALL are cordially welcome to attend Schedule (see schedule of events):

Registration costs: \$22 per person

(new members within last 12 months free – see notation below)

Reservations deadline: November 3, 2019

(\$26 after 11/3/2019 deadline)

Lion:	
Address:	
Phone: (Home / Cell)	
Club:	_
Club Position:	
District Position:	
Any Special Dietary Needs:	

***New members (within last 12 calender months) who register by deadline

May attend free of charge – must attend new member orientation (if have not attended a

District 45 new member orientation previously ***

Mail to: CTD Lion Dianne Brochu 10 Ketcham Drive Essex Junction VT 05452

OR email to: dmbrochu@gmail.com









Cabinet Meeting Agenda 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.*** (subject to change)

- Meeting called to order
- Roll call of clubs –
- Minutes of August Cabinet meeting
- Financial Report
- Honorary Committee
- Vermont Lions Charities
- Global Leadership Coordinator Report
- Zone 1-A Report and Zone 4 Report
- Green Mountain Lions Camp
- Lions Twin State Soccer
- Global Membership Coordinator Report
- Tail Twister Moment
- Zone 2AB Report and Zone 3A Report
- Recycling Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids
- Zone 1B Report and Zone 3BC Report
- Vision Camera / Screening
- Nellie Hart Memorial Award
- Global Service Coordinator Report
- Zone 2C Report
- LCIF / Campaign 100
- Vice District Governor Report
- Old Business
- New Business
- Fund Raising
- Peace Poster Contest Results
- Announcements
- Lions Roar
- Closing Remarks
- Adjournment

*** All reports are to be no more than 3 minutes along with the exception of Vermont Lions Charities which is allowed 15 minutes to conduct its annual meeting ***

WISHLIST FOR

CHITTENDEN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

LOCATED AT 142 KINDNESS COURT, SOUTH BURLINGTON VT

WEBSITE: WWW.HSCCVT.ORG

FOR EVERY 3 ITEMS DONATED AT THE CABINET MEETING, WILL RECEIVE AN ENTRY IN A RAFFLE FOR A FREE LUNCH AT THE VERMONT DISTRICT 45 JANUARY CABINET MEETING, JANUARY 11, 2020 IN BARRE

HIGH PRIORITY ITEMS:

Long-lasting chew treats like <u>bully sticks</u> to give dogs something fun to do during quiet time in their kennels

Kong spray or spray cheese, as a special treat during medical check-ins or to help our nervous friends overcome scary situations

Canned chicken, which is good for a bland "upset tummy diet" and appealing to picky eaters **Feliway diffuser refills for our cats**

Feliway is a synthetic copy of the feline facial pheromone, used by cats to mark their territory as safe and secure. By mimicking the cat's natural facial pheromones, Feliway creates a state of familiarity and security in the cat's local environment. As a result, Feliway can help comfort and reassure cats while they cope with a challenging situation and help prevent or reduce the stress caused by a change in their environment. We use Feliway diffusers in each of our cat rooms. Click here to purchase diffuser refills for our kitties.

Power strips for our cat rooms so that we can safely plug in Feliway diffusers and white noise machines or radios for a calming effect (total of 6 needed)

Adaptil diffuser refills for our dogs

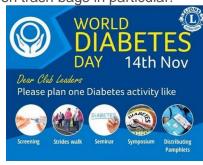
Adaptil helps to reduce or prevent stress related behavior in the shelter setting. Click here to purchase diffuser refills.

Essential oils for our animals

The scents of <u>vanilla</u>, <u>patchouli</u>, <u>chamomile</u>, <u>lavender</u>, and Sandalwood can have a calming effect on the animals in our care. *Note: Currently we have plenty of lavender and need the other scents*

Cleaning supplies

Paper towels and drawstring kitchen trash bags in particular!



Other Wish List Items:

- Canned dog and cat food
- Cat wand toys click here to see an example
- Comforters (no down comforters)
- Fleece blankets
- Quilts
- SlimCat Treat Balls <u>click here</u> to find them
- Peanut Butter (MUST be xylitol-free and not "natural" kinds that allow the oil to separate)
- Tough, durable dog toys (for heavy-duty chewers), such as Buster Cubes and Busy Balls
- Catnip and general cat toys!
- Delicious dog treats like: Zukes, Blue Buffalo, Merrick, Beggin' Strips, Pup-Peroni, or dental treats
- Frontline Plus flea treatment
- Tomahawk Live traps (cat-sized, for our TNR work) click here to purchase
- Greens for small animals (leafy green lettuce, dandelion greens, chard, kale, etc.)
- Timothy hay for our rabbits and guinea pigs
- Procollar and Bite Not plastic collars for cats and dogs: In a continued effort to make every animal's stay here as comfortable as possible, HSCC is trying to move away from standard e-collars (coned shaped) that are bulky, awkward, noisy, and difficult to eat and drink with. Follow the links below to learn more about the inflatable ring and the plastic collar:
- Procollar Soft, comfortable, inflatable collar for post-surgery protection. We need all sizes: Medium, Large, and Extra Large
- o Bite Not Offered in both dog and cat sizes. 5", 6", and 7" preferred

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VERMONT LIONS District 45



LCIF District Coordinator PDG Merry Souza

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November 2019

I am happy to report that with Vermont Lions' generous support we were able to exceed our 1st year goal toward Campaign 100.

I am confident with your support, we will continue to invest in our future and continue the impact of "Together We Can. Together We will." as we embark on our 2nd year of Campaign 100, Empowering Service. With every Lion in Vermont and worldwide, both doing and giving, we will have hope to continue increasing our service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief and humanitarian efforts; fighting the global diabetes epidemic and expanding our causes to childhood cancer, hunger and the environment.

Special thanks to those who have already joined us in our global efforts, it is my sincere hope that we will be fortunate to have your commitment once again this year. For those who were not able to join us last year, I hope that you will be able to consider committing by joining Campaign 100 the LCIF Empowering Service movement this year.

For assistance or more information please do not hesitate to contact me at 802-782-2090 or pdgmerry@gmail.com. You can also visit lcif.org/donate for more information or to make a secure recurring or one-time contribution, call 630-203-3836 or email donorassistance@lionsclubs.org.

Respectfully

PDG Merry Souza



DISTRICT 45 LIONS CLUBS



The Lions are coming!! The Lions are coming!! The Lions of District 45 are going to Colchester for the annual LCIF Super Raffle!!!

Saturday November 9th Hampton Inn, 6:30 p.m.

Evening highlights:

- GRAND PRIZE \$1,500, 2nd prize \$500
 - Multiple Grand Prizes, Multiple Door Prizes
- Special raffle of 10th ball, guaranteed 1 of 10 chance to win
 - · Tickets: \$125, \$150 with insurance
 - ALL tickets purchase include 2 meals (deadline to purchase is November 1 nd!!!!)
- Funds raised allows Melvin Jones Fellow Awards to be granted
 - Over 55 Melvin Jones Fellows granted past 4 years
 - GREAT meal served by Hampton Inn
 - Hotel Room rate of \$109 (plus fees) (deadline to reserve is October 19th)
- Great music from Peter Macfarlane / Rick Klein of Atlantic Crossing
 - Great way to relax after DG Ken's cabinet meeting

See our district website <u>www.vermontlions.org</u> for information on the event, including ticket purchasing, room reservations and requesting prize donations from local businesses.

Vermont Lions District 45 Annual Super Raffle TICKET REQUEST

November 9, 2019

How Many Attending
\$25 2nd Chance Insurance

Address	
Address	
Phone	

Vermont Lions District 45 Annual Super Raffle

proceeds to Benefit



Total Cash and Prizes over \$4500

November 9, 2019
Hampton Inn, Colchester
Social 6 pm to 6:30 pm ~ Dinner and Raffle 6:30 pm
\$150 with Insurance ~ \$125 without insurance

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2nd chance enables your non prize winning number to be eligible for a one time re entry into the drawings!

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 DG Ken Emery. Please mail completed ticket request to:

DG Ken Emery, 146 Eagle Park Drive, Colchester, VT 05446

VERMONT DISTRICT 45 LIONS CLUBS



August, 2019

To: District 45 Members and Friends

From: LCIF Super Raffle Committee

Subject: The 2019 Annual Super Raffle your Club and Members!

We are very pleased to announce plans for the 2019 District 45 Super Raffle. With our committee of fine Lions we plan to make this event a very successful fund raiser for the District and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Since 2004 we have hosted this great event, each year raising approximately \$10,000 which has allowed us to present approximately 125 Melvin Jones Fellowships to deserving Lions and community members. This year's event will take place at the Hampton Inn in Colchester on Saturday, November 9, 2019, in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Fall Conference and cabinet meeting.

The enclosed ticket voucher' are for sale to your club, club members, businesses and friends of Lions. This is an event OPENED TO ALL LIONS AND NON-LIONS. Each ticket sold up to Sunday, November 2, 2019 will be entitled to two dinners, (after said date dinners allowed are subject to Hampton Inn). For an additional \$25 you can purchase 2nd Chance Insurance and your non-prize winning number will be eligible for a one time 2nd chance to be re-entered into the drawings. Please have the purchaser fill out the vouche), and mail it along with their check made payable to VT Lions D-45 in the amount of \$125 without insurance, \$150 with insurance (checks payable to Vermont Lions District 45) and mail to DG Ken Emery, 146 Eagle Park Drive, Colchester VT 05446. For 501 (C) (3) information please contact a LCIF Committee member.

*** New this year, TICKET OWNER WINS PRIZES. Must identify dinner attendee if not ticket owner ***

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 DG Ken. Event attendees are entitled to get two great dinners, many chances at great prizes and best of all a great time with your fellow Lions and contributing community members. There will be a total of at least \$4,500 in prizes awarded, including, the grand prize will be worth \$1,500 (do not need to be present to win).

Overnight accommodations are available at the Hampton Inn, 42 Mountain View Drive, next to Costco, 802.655.6177. Ask for the special Lions Club rate of \$109 using the special rate code Vermont Lions Group Block. Please keep in mind rooms are only guaranteed at that rate until October 19, 2019. The evening festivities will begin social time at 6:00 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm and the Super Raffle following dinner.

For each ticket purchased by a Club or Lion member, a nomination for an individual (Lion or community member) to receive a Melvin Jones can be made. *Deadline to nominate is January 31, 2020.*

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact one of the committee members.

Sincerely in Lionism,

2019 District 45 LCIF Super Raffle Co-Chairs

DG Ken Emery – 802-578-7483 – <u>kpemery1960@gmail.com</u> PDG Betsy MaGee – 802-578-5188 - <u>lionbetsy2000@yahoo.com</u>



Club News

VLC Bingo held by Troy and Area Lions Club





Lions Linda Eastman, Carmelita Belisle & Cindy Berg

Barre Lions - Annual Charity Banquet







Zone 1a and 1b Meetings



Lion Doug Stuart, Georgia Lions, is awarded a 500 Club Pin



Lion Denise Brier, Swanton-Missisquoi Lions, is awarded a Melvin Jones

Zone 2 Meeting

Londonderry Tri Mountain lions hosted a zone meeting at the neighborhood connections on Oct 27. 1 pm. The lions club made fantastic chicken noodle soup and corn Chowder We also enjoyed grilled cheese and tomato with ham sandwiches. Apple crisp and apple cider. Great time was had by all and DG Ken even stopped by!







Zone 3A Meeting

Zone 3A met at Salt Hill Pub, West Lebanon NH on October 9, with 22 members attending. Lots of updates and great discussions about Lionism. Updates on what club activities. The Zone is also working on a project; where all clubs in the Zone will be involved.









Mystery Lion – seems one of our Vermont Lions got into a little troubledo we know them, I believe there was a ransom involved! Details to be shared at Fall Cabinet Meeting.





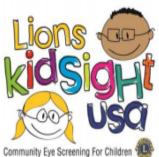
D45 Traveling Lions

Capture the District Traveling Lion in Brandon-Forestdale

The District Traveling Lion will be available for capture at the Brandon Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 19. Cost of meal \$15. Notify the club in advance of traveling with the number of Lions traveling. Please contact Lion Sandy Brutkoski by emailing

sbrutkoski@gmail.com or 802-247-3023, NO LATER THAN Saturday, November 16.

Remember, Lions traveling from another Zone earn one and a half times the mileage of those in the same zone as the host club. Let's get this Lion moving!





Well, by the time you read this report Holloween will be in the history books. Lions of Vermont will be back at work screening all those little people who went out with hopes of coming home with oodlles of candy and treats. Our hope for them is that they are able to continue to grow, learn and enjoy a life of good vision and success. We Lions can be an important part of that success. Many of us have helped screen over 5000 students so far this year and it's just the beginning. My personal hope is that eventually every club in District 45 will be screening the children in their areas so that we can become a 100 percent District and every child that needs to be, is screened.

These children deserve to have good vision so they can go through life as successful individuals. The small amount of time we spend with them, the 30 seconds to a few minutes it may take to screen a student is just a drop in the bucket campared to the lifetime of success that those few moments could help make a reality.

So if your club hasn't been screening for whatever reason, continue to consider doing so. If you need help with getting into the schools, there are Lions who will be happy to help you cross barriers. If you need access to a camera, contact me and I'm sure we can set you up. This does take time, but it will be so worth it, not just for the students who may get much needed glasses as a result of your time, but for yourself knowing that you have helped someone with a vision problem. Remember... Sight First!

Vision Clubs, please remember to forward your numbers to me by the 25th of each month so I can report your hard work to the District. That's the fun part of my job and the part of yours that should be acknowledged. Take a few moments to view the reports I've sent along. There is a lot of hard work in those numbers and thank you for every one of them.

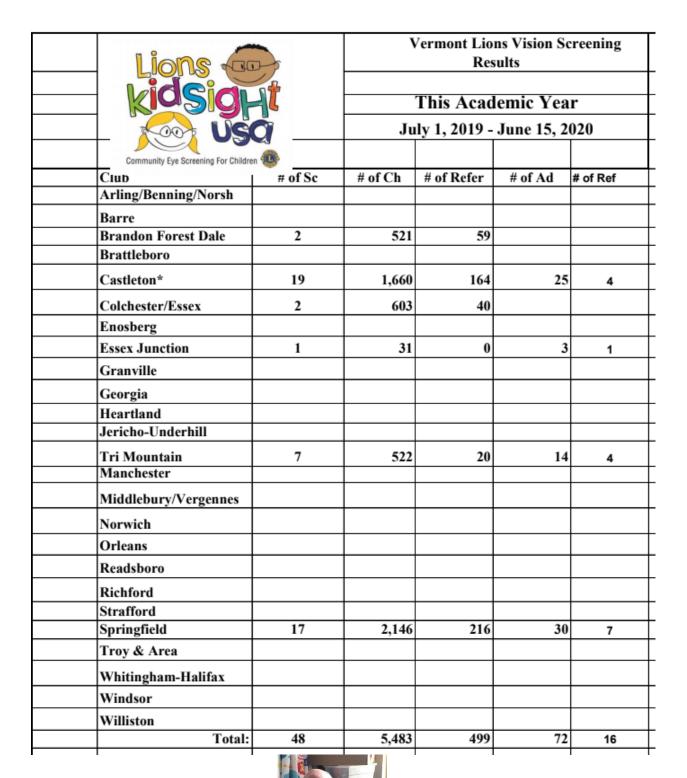
I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving as that will be the next holiday coming our way. Stay safe and don't eat too much

Yours in Lionism,

Deb Savery

District 45 Vision Screening Coordinator





PDG Walter Hastings (Heartland Lions) working with

2019-2020 VISION SCREENINGS BY SCHOOLS



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Cavendish Elementary	61	5	3	1
Westminster Elementary	166	14	4	1
Bellows Falls HS	99	13	7	1
Hartland Elementary	<u>258</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>4</u>	1
Totals:	2146	216	<u>30</u>	7
TRI-MOUNTAIN				
Floodbrook Elem	273	12	5	0
Townsand Elem	88	0	0	0
Wardsboro	34	4	0	0
Jamaica Elem	28	0	0	0
Windham	19	0	0	0
S. Londonderry Montessori	11	0	2	0
Winhall Mountain School	<u>69</u>	<u>4</u>	7	<u>4</u>
Totals:	522	20	14	4
Colchester				
St. Francis School	195	7	0	0
South Burlington High School	408	<u>33</u>	0	0
Totals:	603	40	0	0
Brandon Forrest Dale				
Milton High School	320	35	0	0
Orchard School	<u>201</u>	24	0	0
Totals:	521	59	0	0
Grand Totals:	5483	499	72	16



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Vision Facts

 ${\bf 253~million}$ people are blind or have moderate to severe distance vision impairment (MSVI)

1.1 billion have near-vision impairment simply because they don't have a pair of glasses

>75% of all blindness and MSVI is avoidable 89% of people with visual impairment live in developing countries

New England Lions Council

New England Lions Council District 45 District Governor's Report October 26, 2019

District 45 is in a state of transition. Transition from the 'old guard' to the 'new guard'. Bringing in new leaders at the District level, training new leaders at the club level, bringing in new members to invigorate existing clubs.

As of October 20, membership in the District has increased by 11, which does not sound like much but 35 individuals have signed up to be new Lions. Unfortunately, we have lost 24. Of those 24, 8 members have transferred / moved, 3 have passed away but 13 have resigned in good standing.

We have started a new 'follow up' process to those who have resigned, by sending a letter with 5 questions to help in understanding on why they left. Hopefully it will lead to understand some of problems with the various clubs. We are also sending a 'welcome to lionism' letter to our new members, hoping to make they feel like they are part of a 'bigger' picture then just their own club.

One thing I have tried to encourage clubs to do, is bring in at least one new member. Yes, it is always a goal to increase membership by 'one' but I believe the first step is to bring in at least one new member. At least $1/3^{rd}$ of the clubs in District 45 so far have done such this year.

As of month end September 2019, our membership ratio of male / female Lions is, 61% male, 39% female, compared to September 2018, ratio was 64% male, 36% female. In regards to club presidency, 40% of our clubs has female presidents.

Our International President Dr. Choi have challenged us all 'to serve through diversity'. As I visit the clubs in District 45, I am delivering this 'challenge' in a town hall discussion scenario. Discussing what ideas the club might have to change their ways in bringing in new members, change their ways in determining fundraisers, determining new ways to promote leadership in their clubs. As we know, it is 'Your club, Your way'.

One hot topic is the possibility in changing the names of their Lions Club. It does sound strange but sometimes the name could be very restrictive / distracting to find new members. With a change, it might increase knowledge about Lions outside their 'main area' of service. One club even is discussing 'charging' a fee for non-Lions who help out with projects to give them an idea 'why they should be a Lion'.

One of the biggest issues we are having in our District 45 is the ability of club secretaries in reporting their club activities. Hopefully the training this weekend will allow us to train club secretaries in District 45. The membership of District 45 are out serving their communities in many, many ways; now it is just a matter of getting the reporting done.

We have two major projects coming up in District 45. First, the weekend of November 9th, is our annual Fall Conference / Cabinet meeting. But more importantly that evening, it is our annual LCIF Super Raffle with funds raised going to Campaign 100. This will be the 14th year of such event, average amount raised each year is about \$10,000.

Then, on January 11th, at our 3rd cabinet meeting of the 2019 – 2020 Lions year, we will be working on preparing 20,000 meals for residences of State of Vermont. 10,000 meals will be going back to via clubs in the District to their local communities, the other 10,000 meals will be going to the Vermont Foodbank for distribution to Towns with no Lions Clubs.

One of the future projects that I am excited about is the possibility of Vermont Lions attending Lions Day at the UN. There has been talked about attending this event before but we finally have a Lion who is really excited to lead this project.

The future is somewhat bright as we have been hearing from Lions who are willing to step up to the roles of Vice District Governor and eventually District Governor. We have 2 Lions hoping to do this in the next couple of years with some potential for additional ones to follow.

In summary, District 45 is a changing. We are looking forward to the rest of this year and what excitement it can bring.

Respectfully submitted, DG Ken Emery District 45 District Governor 2019 - 2020 The following District 45 Lions represent 485 years of service, youngest at 8 and oldest at 59, average years of service of 34, 9 Melvin Jones Fellows. All have been greatly missed.

Club	Member name	# years	Special Comments
Arlington	Barbara Hoyt	11	
Enosburg Falls	Harold Foote	14	
Enosburg Falls	Norman Gervais	48	Melvin Jones Fellow
Granville	Robert VanDerminden	57	Melvin Jones Fellow
Middlebury	David Van Vleck	46	Melvin Jones Fellow
Orleans	David Hathaway	30	
Orleans	Thomas Racine Jr	46	Melvin Jones Fellow
Pittsford	Rodney Drown	45	Melvin Jones Fellow
Pittsford	Russell Moulton	47	Melvin Jones Fellow
Richford	Wendell Fortier	59	Melvin Jones Fellow
Valley	Robert Karg	45	Melvin Jones Fellow
Vergennes	Roger Hayes	8	
Whitingham Halifax	Alan Stewart	12	
Whitingham Halifax	Robert Strebi	17	Melvin Jones Fellow
	Total # of years	485	
	Total # of Lions	14	
	Average years of service	34.64285714	

I will also like to remember PDG Jeannine Thibault, District 35-0 Who was my mentor in the world of Lionism both at the club and at the district level.

Respectfully remembered, District Governor Ken Emery

Some pictures from the recent NELC Fall Meeting:



Vermont Lions with PID Joyce Middleton











Thanks to PDG Lion Betsy Magee for sharing photos!



SAVE THE DATE



New England Lions Council 2019-2020 Meetings

For more information contact: NELC Pres. PDG Sandra Hurd 603-424-8922 or axstewart@comcast.net

OCTOBER 25-27 Dedham Hilton - 25 Allied Drive - Dedham, MA 02026

SATURDAY Tentative Seminars/Trainings

Service Launch Pad - My Lion - Pediatric Challenge -

DG Roundtable - Low Vision New England - Go to Meeting

SATURDAY EVENING Dinner - Banquet - Speaker TBA- Raffle

SUNDAY Necrology Service – Meeting (DG Reports)

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JANUARY 3-5, 2020 Connecticut

TBD Holiday Inn Norwich, Hilton Garden Inn Preston or another

Eastern CT Hotel

MAY 17, 2020 Regatta Conference Center - Eliot, ME

One day including Seminars, Brunch Buffet for \$20

Final meeting and DG reports

Visit New England Lions Council on FaceBook





New England Lions Council

January 3-5, 2020 - Norwich Holiday Inn 10 Laura Boulevard - Norwich, CT 06360 860-889-5201 or www.ihg.com for reservation



King or Two Queen Rate - \$149.00 (plus taxes). Check-In Fri. 3PM on...

Register directly with the Hotel. The Deadline for the Group Rate is December 14.

HOTEL BOOKING/DISCOUNT CODE is: LIO

"TBD" Below means we're accepting YOUR Suggestions for Seminars & Speakers all this Fall Weekend! Please Share any Ideas with an NELC Board Member!!!

Saturday Seminars/Trainings

9:30-11:45 AM Get Your Guiding Lion Certification or Attend an "Intro to NAMI" Session (NAMI = North America Membership Initiative)

Saturday Lunch 12:00 Buffet - Speaker TBD

- 1-2 PM GoToMeeting/GoToWebinar Intro. & Training Seminar (PDG Harry Schuh)
- 1-2 PM Seminar TBD
- 2-3 PM TBD Roundtable Moderator TBD
- 3-4 PM GAT Seminar TBD

Saturday Evening Dinner - 6:30 - Keynote Speaker TBD

10 AM - Business Meeting (DG Reports)

Saturday Meals:

12:00 Luncheon Buffet: Tossed Caesar Salad, Chicken Marsala, Vegetable Lasagna, Assorted Cannolis & Tiramisu. Selection of Sodas, Teas, Bottled Water Caffeinated and Decaffeinated Coffees.

Buffet at \$25 x ____ Total = _____

6:30 Plated Dinner Choices (Please Check):

Grilled Salmon w/ a Bourbon Glass

- Chicken Piccata w/ Lemon Caper Sauce

 Bourbon Apple Pork Tenderloin
- Accompanied by: Green Beans w/ Almonds & Rice Pilaf

along w/ Carrot Cake Dessert, Coffees & Teas

Dinner at \$40 x ____ Total = ____

Grand Total = ____

ADDRESS: _____
DISTRICT: _____ DISTRICT/MD POSITION: ____
CLUB: ____ CLUB POSITION: ____

_____ Email: _____

Make Checks Payable to: NELC

Mail Check and Form to:

CONTACT: Phone:

Treas. Hilary Kumnick, IPCC 22 Hunters Ridge Road Killingworth, CT 06419

Registration deadline: December 20, 2020

Questions? Contact NELC President Sandra Hurd, PDG @ 603-424-8922 or axstewart@comcast.net

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LION JOHN W. YOUNEY

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2002 & 2004
International President's Certificates of Appreciation
1997, 2002, & 2007

LCI Global Membership Team coordinator 2014-19 LCIF: CSF District Coordinator 2006-08 New England Lions Council director 2014-18, President 2016-17

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum: attendee-18x, presenter-7x, moderator-3x, discussion leader-2x

Married to Lion Karol Kish Youney:



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November is Diabetes Awareness Month!

Additional DG Calendar Items Please mark your calendars!

When	What	Where
July 5 - 9, 2019	International Convention	Milan Italy
July 14, 2109	Organizational Meeting **	South Royalton
July 7 - 27, 2019	GMLC Camp	Cabot
July 20, 2019	Twin State Soccer	Castleton State College
August 11, 2019	1st Cabinet meeting **	Manchester Eagle's Club
August 12, 2019	International Youth Day	Lions Club International
September 19 - 21, 2019	USA / Canada Forum	Spokane, Washington
September / October, 2019	1st Zone Meeting	Various locations
October 11, 2019	World Sight Day	Lions Club International
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October 25 - 27, 2019	NELC Fall Conference / Necrology Service	to be determined - Massachuset
November 8, 2019	Peace Poster Judging	Hampton Inn, Colchester
November 8, 2019	Fall Conference **	Hampton Inn
	LCIF Super Raffle	Colchester
November 14, 3029	World Diabetes Day	Lions Club International
December 5, 2019	International Leo Day	Lions Club International
Nov. / Dec. / Jan.	2nd Zone Meeting	Various Locations
January 3 - 5, 2020	NELC Winter Conference	To be determined - Connecticut
January 11, 2020	3rd Cabinet Meeting **	Canadian Club, Barre
January 13, 2020	Melvin Jones Birthday	Lions Club International
January 13 - 17, 2020	LCIF Week	Lions Club International
Week of February 9, 2020	Food from the Heart Events	Various Locations
February 14, 2020	Food from the Heart Food Drive	Various Locations
February 15, 2020	International Childhood Cancer Day	Lions Club International
February / March / April 2020	3rd Zone Meeting	To be determined
March 7, 2020	Lions Day at UN	New York, New York
March 14th, 2020	4th Cabinet Meeting**	American Legion, Chester
April 22, 2020	Earth Day	Lions Club International
April 25, 2020	Lions Worldwide Induction Day	Lions Club International
May 1, 2, 3 2020	Spring Convention	Fireside Inn and Suites
	6th Annual Business Mtg **	West Lebanon NH
	Speech Contest	Saturday Lunch
May 15 - 17, 2020	NELC Spring Conference	To be determined - Maine
June 1, 2020	Helen Kellery Day	Lions Club International
June 5, 2020	World Environment Day	Lions Club International
June 7, 2020	Lions Club International Birthday	Lions Club International
June 20, 2020	Bike Ride	Vermont Lion Charities

Remember to visit our website for <u>Upcoming Events!</u>