

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

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A Message from District Governor Kathy Dorman

Greetings Fellow Lions,

Thank you to those of you who attended the District Spring Convention. We had a wonderful time with our special guests Past International President Joe Preston and his wife, Lion Joni Preston. They sang in the karaoke LCIF fundraiser and participated in the Christmas sweater contest with matching Christmas t-shirts, because as PIP Joe said, "We live in Arizona, we don't own sweaters." And as much as I thought I had all the tiniest details planned, there were a few surprises too. Thank you for the wonderful gifts, I will treasure them always as a remembrance of my year as District Governor.

Please join me in congratulating our incoming District officers for the new Lions year. Lion Travis Wood will serve as District Governor, Lion Deb Savery will serve as First Vice District Governor and PCT Brenda Seitz will step in as Second Vice District Governor. Change is exciting, I know they have great plans in store for us.

My last challenge for you is two-fold. Do you have a club picture? Submit a recent picture of your club to either DGE Travis Wood or myself for publication in a future issue of the Communique.' And now you'll have an up-to-date club picture for use in your marketing materials. Second, please submit your club events that are happening in the next three or four months so we can have a comprehensive calendar that will take us through the summer. When I'm looking for an event to attend, I would rather support my fellow Lions in their activities.

Lastly, let me say how much I have loved serving as your District Governor. I loved visiting your club and participating in service activities and fundraising events. I loved making connections between Lions with a similar purpose but most of all, I loved getting to know you.

Whether it was a new club brochure, a new approach to attract members or a new way to generate excitement, I hope that my team provided you and your club with relevant information and ideas for change. I hope that we made a difference.

Fondly, DG Kathy Dorman

District 45 Calendar

<u>Date</u>

June 2 - 4, 2023 June 3, 2023 June 3, 2023 June 4, 2023 June 4, 2023 June 6, 2023 June 17, 2023 July 1 – 31, 2023 July 4, 2023 July 4, 2023 July 7 - 11, 2023 July 9 - 16, 2023 July 10, 2023 July 15, 2023 July 16 - 22, 2023 July 29, 2023 August 10 – 14, 2023 August 11 - 13, 2023 August 15 - 18, 2023 Sept. 21 - 23, 2023

Hosts - Event

Enosburg Lions Dairy Days GMLC Work Day Granville Lions Club Golf Tournament NorShaft Lions Club Pancake Breakfast LCI Tell-a-thon Barre Lions Club Disc Golf Tournament **District 45 Leadership Training** District 45 School Supply Challenge July 4th celebrations Londonderry Tri-Mtn. Lions Duck Race LCI Convention **GMLC** Teen Edition **NELC Breakfast** Lions Twin State Soccer Games **GMLC Youth Edition District 45 Organizational Meeting** Norwich Lions Fair Slam T1d Whiffleball Tournament Northeast Pin Swap USA / Canada Leadership Forum

<u>Don't see your club activites???</u> <u>Email your event details to</u> <u>communique@vermontlions.org</u> See it next month!!!

Location

Enosburg, VT Cabot, VT Whitehall, NY Shaftsbury, VT Virtual Barre, VT Vergennes, VT Districtwide Nationwide Londonderry VT Boston, MA Cabot, VT Boston, MA Hanover, NH Cabot, VT Danby, VT Norwich, VT Essex, VT Rutland, VT Reno, NV

SPRING CONVENTION 2023











VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45 2023 SPRING CONVENTION APRIL 28-30, 2023 THE EQUINOX RESORT

DISTRICT GOVERNOR KATHY DORMAN (VERGENNES) VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45 2022-2023











Congratulations Tyler Meadows – Mt. Mansfield High school / Jericho – Underhill Lions Club on winning the 2023 Vermont Lions District 45 Speech contest. Thanks to Megan, Ruby, Riley and Max for participating!!!



Well, it's been another lion's year come & gone. Pull – tabs have been collected and sent off to the Shriners to help them in their quest to help others.

First, I want to thank all the 17 clubs and their members that participated in this year's collection. Carrying, handling or shipping their pull tabs to me. That way I have them to be able to count them in your club's tally of points.

Second, once again, I want to greatly thank my helpers – PDG Ken Emery, PDG Betsy MaGee, fellow club member, Lion Lisa Kirschberg and my husband PIS Tim, for all their help in sorting, weighing and boxing up our pull tabs.

This year was not as eventful as some of the past ones have been. I & my fellow helpers, found some of the same kinds of things. Nothing stood out, like bullet casings, toy figures & pills had in the past. Not much in the jewelry category. Not much edible things & no marbles: I still have some of mine left, thank the good Lord.

The usual items found were – dirt, dust, leaf litter, bread ties & clips, regular bottle caps, assorted batteries –of all shapes & sizes. Office supplies; paper clips, push pins, rubber bands & the like. Hardware items being; screws, nuts, bolts & nails. We even found a magnet with a magnet. The usual change, not very generous this year, maybe enough to buy a chocolate bar.

Total grams this year was – 77,685. Compared to last year's total of 100,990. We're down on numbers another year. Maybe this next year will be a better one. Let's have a drinking party, beer, soda, bublyee. Whatever you like to drink that has a pull tab on it. Keep collecting.

Points awarded this year ranged from a mere 11 points all the way up and over 4000 points. Poundage this year was: 171.263 lbs., down from our total of 222.641 lbs. last year. Oh well, we must move on, just keep collecting.

Well, that's enough of the interesting things I found, now on to the awards part of my report.

HONORABLE MENTION: This goes to the club or clubs that did not place in the top 4, but over a thousand points for the year. > With 1070 points – Jericho / Underhill Lions Club> That being a little over 12lbs.

The top awards for this year go to the following clubs for their collecting capabilities:

 $\frac{3^{rd} Place}{Place}$ – Essex Junction Lions Club >2,146 points, that's 67.74 lbs. They were 2^{nd} last year. Keep it up!

<u>2nd Place</u> – Deerfield Valley Lions Club >3,307 points & with 40.399 lbs. Their club received the attempt award back in the 2016-2017 year with only 17 points.

And again

<u>1st Place</u> – Norshaft Lions Club - this year with just 4,144 points ->being 45.379 lbs. This is their 6th year in first place. Awesome job!!

And now two final awards to be presented - the effort and attempt awards.

<u>The Effort Award</u> – is for the club who worked hard collecting tabs, but just didn't place in the top 3. Basically 4th place, nice effort.

<u>Effort Award</u> – Arlington Lions Club > 1,816 points - $(4^{th} place) - 20.01$ lbs.

And the other award, <u>The Attempt Award</u>, goes to the club who made an attempt to collect at least SOME pull-tabs and ended up turning in the least amount of tabs. Basically, last place. Sorry guys.

<u>Attempt Award</u> – Barre Lions Club > 11 points –> that's .12125 lbs. At least they made the attempt. We thank – you for your attempt.

Good Job Lions! Thank – You to all who donated this year. Keep it up! Please continue to collect and contribute. I know some clubs work hard to collect their tabs – let's keep doing whatever works for your club. Let's try to beat last years' record.

> Congratulations to all & Thank –You, PCT Lion Loreen Teer, Pull-Tab chair, & Friends

P.S. - Does anyone know a Nora Strong? Please let me know if you do. Thank-You.















Vermont Lions: District 45

Spring Necrology Service Manchester, Vt.

April 30, 2023 Remembering and Celebrating the Lives of Lions



District 45 Officers District Governor: Kathleen Dorman First Vice District Governor: Travis Wood Second Vice District Governor: Debra Savery Cabinet Secretary: Lion Patricia Schroeder Cabinet Treasurer: Lion Paul Bessett District Administrator: PCT Brenda L. Seitz Musical Prelude

District 45 Lions Remembered – 5/2023

Lion Joseph Calcagni - Barre Lions - 55 years Lion Angela Woodbury – Castleton Lions – 5 years Lion Terry Butson – Enosburg Falls Lions – 10 years Lion Joyce Potenzano – Essex Jct. Lions – 14 years PDG Lion Clem Cardinal – Essex Jct. Lions – 58 years Lion Tom O'Brien – Essex Jct. Lions – 35 years Lion George Bilodeau - Georgia Lions - 30 years Lion Paul Schroeder – Middlebury Lions – 9 years Lion Jane Tudor – NorShaft Lions – 8 years Lion Roy Black – Norwich Lions – 8 years Lion Raymond Royce - Norwich Lions - 34 years Lion Scott Alderman – Richford Lions – 5 years Lion Harvey Hart – Route 100 Lions – 13 years Lion Valerie Leviton – Route 100 Lions – 17 years Lion William Thrailkill – Route 100 Lions – 18 years Lion Barbara Parker – Springfield Lions – 30 years Lion Dick Fellenz – Springfield Lions – 26 years Lion John Sinclair – Springfield Lions – 25 years Lion Rachel Claffey – Strafford and Area Lions – 24 years Lion Dr. David Lamb – Strafford and Area Lions – 37 years

461 years of service!!!!!

District News

Hello club presidents and club secretaries. It is that time to report your 2023 – 2024 club officers: Club president, club secretary, club treasurer, membership chairman To Lion Club International. Please send your information (aka PU-101) to District 45 leadership AND If your club has changed its meeting location and / or nights PLEASE to make sure to update such information!!!! Thanks from District 45 Leadership team!!!!



1st VDG Travis and friends – banners to be carried in LCI Parade – Boston!!!



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 <u>tallships53@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>blseitz92@gmail.com</u> for assistance.

Green Mountain Lions Camp 2023



WORK DAY.

I would like to say 'thank you' to all of the Lions for your support of the camp. Work day is almost here, Saturday June 3rd. Clubs, please 'bug' your members to join us. We have a lot of work to do. Come enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Lions and our Leos. Here is just a sample of what needs to be done:

- Faith lodge is the main building that houses the kitchen, dining room large common room with a wood stove that will need cleaning. Not the stove that's to keep us warm.
- Taylor Barn is an indoor game room that in the past we have played dodge ball hockey and put plays on.
- Then there is the outside work clearing between cabins pathways and loads of wood to cut up for camp fires.

THANK YOU to the Barre Lions Club for cooking lunch at the past opening days of camp. UNFORTUNATELY they are not able to do such for the 2023 version.

NEEDED is two clubs (or one club is schedule allows) to provide lunch on opening day for the teen session – July 9th and provide lunch on opening day for the youth session – July 16th.

For more information about the work day, lunch for opening days or for the camp in general please contact. Please make sure to spread the word to your local community about the camp!!!

Lion Patricia Johnston-McWilliams Chair Green Mountain Lions Camp.



Green Mountain Lions Camp Making memories since 1983



Covenant Hills, Cabot, VT









The Green Mountain Lions Camp provides a summer program for deaf and hard of hearing children, their siblings, and hearing children with deaf parents. The primary language used at camp is American Sign Language (ASL) and we welcome hearing children wishing to learn/use ASL.

There are fields to play on, a barn for indoor activities, and a pond for swimming! In addition, several field trips are planned, including horseback riding and other outdoor adventures!

2023 Programs

Session I – Teen (13 years-graduation) July 9 - 16, 2023 Cost \$495

Session II – Youth (8-12 years) July 16 – 22, 2023 Cost \$495

Extended School Year (ESY): The Green Mountain Lions Camp enables students to maintain their ASL skills. Please contact your Local Education Agency (LEA) for further information about adding summer camp to your child's IEP.

Scholarships available from the *Lion Gene Farrar/Lion Brian Steckley Memorial Fund.* Contact us at the email address below for more information or an application or visit our website to download an application for financial assistance. Deadline is May 14th or until funds are all disbursed.

Visit us at:

greenmtnlionscamp.wixsite.com/gmlcamp or email us: greenmtnlionscamp@gmail.com



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



VERMONT LIONS CHARITIES

At our recent meeting we amended the Pediatric Stipend to \$750 per year with a maximum of 2 years, currently the 2^{nd} year stipend will still to be requested by the social worker, which allows us to continue the standard of ensuring the need is there. We have also recently have approved a few stipends to assist with families going through this dreaded disease. Pediatric Cancer jars are a great way for clubs and members to assist with the pediatric mission. Special thank you to those clubs and individuals who are utilizing the jars, if any club or member has any jars they are not using please get them to one of the board members so we are able to move to areas that would like to utilize them.

We will not have a physical meeting in April at the Spring Convention if any members or clubs have any request please forward them to me and I will reach out to the board for the discussion. Thank you to Vice President Bruce for presenting at the Spring Convention on Vermont Lions Charities behalf.

As many of you know PDG Clem Cardinal passed away, his partner in service Tish graciously named Vermont Lions Charities Shared Vision Fund as the recipient for donations in his memory. Many thanks to those who have given generously in his memory. PDG Clem proudly served on the VLC board and was a tremendous asset, he would be honored to know that rewarding recipients will receive the 500 pin due these donations.

I have heard that there has been some confusion surrounding the 500 club pin and LCIF. To clarify monies donated to LCIF is strictly for LCIF and does NOT allow for a recipient to receive a VLC 500 pin. In 2006 PID Jules Cote introduced the concept of the Shared Vision 500 Club, which is considered our fellowship for District 45. A contribution of \$ 500.00 to the Vermont Lions Charities Shared Vision Fund rewards the 500 Club pin to be presented to a worthy recipient.

Our meetings are held at the cabinet meetings and we welcome all Lions to join. Yours in Lionism PDG Merry Souza



Congratulations to Richford Lions Club!!! Winners of the 2023 Money Tree raffle. 2nd prize was won by Lion E. David Crane of the Jericho-Underhill Lions Club, with 3rd prize being won by the Enosburg Falls Lions Club. Thank you to all who supported this event. Income for Vermont Lions Charities was over \$1,600. PCST Bruce Savery, Vermont Lions Charities Vice-President



VERMONT DISTRICT 45 LIONS OFFICER TRAINING OPEN TO ALL OFFICERS, OLD AND NEW

Date: Saturday, June 17, 2023 Time: 8:30am-2:00pm Place: Christian Reformed Church, 73 Church Street, Vergennes, Vermont Registration: \$25.00 **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023**

Name:	
Club & Position:	
District Position:	
Address:	
Phone#:	_Email:
	_Amount Due:
Mail form with check payable t	
Before June 12, 2023 to:	
CS Pat Schroeder	
1314 East Hubbardton Road	
Castleton, Vermont 05735 or 1	Email: <u>topsun@comcast.net</u>

Register Online Today!!!!!



Agenda for Officer Training June 17th 2023 Grace Christian Reformed Church Vergennes Vermont

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:15 Breakfast- Coffee and Tea, along with some breakfast treats.

9:15-9:30 Welcome from VDG Travis, and DG Kathy

9:30-10:30 Round Table This for EVERYONE

10:30- 11:00 Mark Hanna- Marketing Presentation- This will be a series continued from 2022-2023. This is for EVERYONE

11:00-11:30 PDG Pam Nichols with an LCI Presentation This is for EVERYONE

11:30-12:30 Lunch

12:30-2:00 Break out sessions

President/ Vice Presidents	PDG John Tiholz
Treasurer	Pam Levasseur
Secretary	CS Pat Schroder
Membership	Lion Jackie Dutil
Zone Chair	PDG Walter Hasting
Service Projects	2nd VDG Deb Savery

These will be set up as ½ Hour sessions each person will be able to attend 3 different training sessions if they choose. Please take advantage of all we have to offer

2:00 Wrap up and Thank You







DISTRICT 45

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

OTTER CREEK FUN CENTER DANBY VERMONT JULY 29TH 2023

9:00	WELCOME AND 3 POINT OPENING
9:30	DG TRAVIS WOOD MESSAGE
10:00	INTRODUCTIONS OF 2023-2024 CABINET & PIN PRESENTATION
10:30	SERVICE PROJECT
11:30	1VDG DEB SAVERY
12:00	2VDG BRENDA SEITZ
12:30	LUNCH WE WILL BE EATING AT THE SNACK BAR FOR LUNCH-
1:00-?	MINI GOLF TOURNEMENT

THERE WILL BE \$10.00 COST FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING- YOU WILL BE ORDERING YOUR OWN LUNCH FROM THE MENU AT THE SNACK BAR LOCATED AT THE FUN CENTER.





Organizational Meeting Vermont District 45 Lions Open to All Lions

Registration Form

Date: July 29th 2023 TIme: 9am-2pm Place: Otter Creek Fun Center Danby Vt Registration \$15.00 Registration Deadline is Monday July 24th 2023

Name:	
Club & Position	
District Position:	
Address:	
Phone #	
Email	
# Attending	\$ Amount

Food will be ordered from the menu at the snack bar, please plan on bringing cash to buy your own lunch. It will be snack bar food. See menu online Otter Creek Fun Center.

Makes Checks payable to Vermont District 45 Lions

Mail form with Checks before July 24th to : DG Travis Wood PO Box 1601 Manchester Center Vt 05255, Or Email twood@sbcjolley.com DISTRICT 45 SCHOOL SUPPY CHALLENGE!!!!

YOUR SCHOOL (OR DISTRICT)

<u>JULY 1 – 31, 2023</u>

REPORT # OF ITEMS AND POUNDS COLLECTED

TO DGE TRAVIS WOOD



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2023 – 2024 District Leadership: DGE Travis (and friend), 1VDGE Debra, 2VDGE Brenda

THANK YOU FROM THE COMMUNIQUE EDITOR!!!!

Just want to say 'thank you' to all those District 45 Lions who have either submitted articles and photos directly to the communique email or on facebook, either their own facebook page or the District 45 facebook page. This will be the final version of the District 45 communique done by the current editor. Looking forward to a new editor, new ideas, new format but still wanting to see the Lions news of our clubs, our District and Lions New England-wide and internationally.

GOOD LUCK DISTRICT 45 LIONS!!!

Club News and Activities!!!



Barre Lions Club:

Under the picture: The Spaulding High School Championship Hockey team celebrate at a dinner hosted by the Barre Lions Club at The Canadian Club. King Lion, Mark Tatro, and Barre Lions Lucas Herring, and Rick Theken joined the celebration.

For the article

Many years ago, longtime Barre Lion Bob Brault felt it was important for The Barre Lions Club to honor the Spaulding athletic teams that won a state championship, and that tradition was born. Bob died several years ago, but the current Lions are keeping up the tradition. The Spaulding High School Championship Girls Division I Hockey Team and their coaches and managers joined many Barre Lions for the celebration at the Canadian Club. The team members and managers each received a certificate celebrating their achievement. Coach Dave Lawrence spoke about the closeness of the team and how hard they worked together. The returning team had only five seniors and one junior and the incoming team members included several 8th graders. They had an undefeated season and beat Burlington/Colchester in the Championship before a packed house at Gutterson Field House 4-1.

The Lions were also joined by Alex Gettens and Montpelier native Bella Parento and Maddy Skelton of Isanti, Minnesota. Alex is an assistant Coach for the UVM Womens Hockey team and Maddy and Bella are current members. Alex congratulated the team and talked about the great success of UVM's team this year where they won the Hockey East Quarterfinals with a thrilling 2-1 overtime victory over The University of New Hampshire. The two players talked about how much they loved playing hockey and how great the team experience has been for them and how much they appreciated the support of their many fans.

Vermont Filipino-American Lions Club (branch of Barre Lions):



The Vt. Fil-AM Branch Club of The Barre Lions Club, held their first in person meeting on April 15th. From left are Greg Ibey, President Bernadette Ibey, District Governor Kathy Dorman, Past District Governor Pam Nichols, and Jane Claire Mokasim.

Granville Lions Club:



Granville FFA members Alivia Jones and Savannah Illsley made a very informative presentation to the Granville Lions Club on April 4. The Lions learned about the many opportunities FFA offers students and the impact it has on their future. FFA advisor Caitlin Goodwin accompanied the students. The Granville Lions look forward to working with the FFA on community projects in the future.

Heartland Lions Club:



Heartland Lions & Crew from Green Up Day activities, Saturday, May 6, 2023. Nice job Heartland Lions!



Heartland Lions Supports Yellowstone National Park Trip

Heartland Lions IPDG Carol Greene present Holly Williams, Yellowstone Trip Coordinator a check for \$500 toward expenses for students in grades 8 & 9 from White River Valley Schools to attend an educational trip to Yellowstone Park. Students will spend time immersed in the geologic and natural wonders that Yellowstone Park has to offer.

Essex Jct. Lions Club:



Right photo: <u>Essex Junction Lions Club</u> members serving at Summit St School PIE Pasta Dinner. Left photo: Lion Mary Cassel and Sarah from Roots and Wings. The club gave a donation to the Roots and Wings of Vermont organization. They provide support to the Vermont Treatment Courts. Treatment Courts is a jail diversion program and helps people recover from addiction.



Above photos are from our April 21st green up day clean up. Lions: Beth Abustan and Cindy Lee Houston Location: Essex Junction welcome sign on Route 15. Below photos are from the club members helping out at the Colchester Lions Easter Egg stuffing event.





PDG Betsy assisted at Branch Out Burlington with tree plantings, mulching plants and preparing plants to be moved to various areas in greater Burlington areas for beautification projects.



The awards were given as follows: Up and Coming Leader: Lion Linda Stone (top left) 50 Years: Lion Wes Bristol (top right) 35 Years: Lion Dennis Hill (bottom left) 10 Years: Lion Steven Jurnak (bottom right)



Few scenes from the 2023 Memorial Day parade.

Middlebury Lions Club:



Brandon Forest Dale Lions Club:



Lion Fred Pockette and Lion Bem Wimett who along with Lions Gary Gorton, Sandra Brutkoski, Patti Reynolds, Cassandra Hayes and myself set up outside of our local Hannaford's and collected 304 items and \$260. These donations went to the Brandon and Leicester Food Shelves. We had an earlier one at the Neshobe School where kids collected items. KL Connie St. George.





Our new Lions club collected 330 pounds of food & \$200 in donations for the Shelburne (VT) Food Shelf, and had a great time volunteering together. Thanks to the Shelburne Market for welcoming us to their wonderful venue - and to the generous community. Next: Doing the same for South Burlington VT.

Colchester Lions Club:



Arlington Lions Club:



NorShaft Lions Club:



The Norshaft Lions Club recently hosted the 6th annual Night for Sight event, which raised money for the Guiding Eyes Southern VT Puppy Raising Region. A big thank you goes out to all of those who helped make the Night for Sight such a success! Your support has helped us continue to expand our mission to provide the community with resources needed to thrive. We hope to see you again at next year's Night for Sight or one of our upcoming events!

Springfield Lions Club:

We are proud to be hosting this Strides walk-a-thon to benefit the diabetes awareness program!



Strafford Area Lions Club:

Randy Wilson Coffin

Strafford Area Lions Club 2023 Citizen of the Year



The constant thread throughout the evening was the love, kindness and joy Randy has brought to so many lives and to our community and the love people feel for her. Randy in accepting her award spoke of the gratitude she has for Strafford and her large extended family. She said when first informed of the award how humble and a bit nervous she felt, but at the event itself that all went away when she saw how much people were enjoying being together. Congratulations Randy Coffin, Strafford Area Lions Club 2023 Citizen of the Year.

Deerfield Valley Lions Club:



Hi! Our club (Deerfield Valley Lions) held a community activity on May 20th which was a Fishing Derby for local kids. Each participant received a prize after fishing (even if they didn't catch anything) and we fed them and their families a barbeque lunch (hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks and cookies). Attached are a couple of the pictures. The long-time chair of the event is Ed Metcalfe, and others in attendance are Lions Keith Thompson (current club President), Darcey Brown, Teresa Friol, Megan Suhadolc, Alisa Thompson, and Ed Metcalfe. Lion Geri Kogut was there too, but was taking the pictures!

DG travels to visit District 45 Lions Club:



Springfield Lions

Deerfield Valley Lions

Readsboro Lions

International / New England News

District 45 will be marching as a district, with matching polo shirts, 1st VDG Travis Wood needs to know by April 30, 2023 (shirts still might be available !!!) who is (or will be) registered to go (must be registered to participate in the parade), so an order for shirts can be placed. PLEASE email 1VDG with regards to who is going and what size shirt they prefer! More info to follow as we get it!

Thanks, VDG Travis Wood



CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 6 – Tuesday, July 11, 2023 Official LCICon events will take place at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC)

THURSDAY, JULY 6

9:00 - 17:00Advance Registration Pick-up9:00 - 17:00Parade Office

FRIDAY, JULY 7

07:00 - 16:15	FVDG/DGE Seminar
08:00 - 17:00	Registration
08:00 - 17:00	Parade Office
10:00 - 17:00	Exhibit Hall Open
19:00 - 22:00	District Governors-Elect Celebration Banquet

SATURDAY, JULY 8

09:00 - 13:00	Parade of Nations
09:00 - 17:00	Registration
10:00 - 17:00	Exhibit Hall Open
15:00 - 16:00	Business Session Present the Candidates for International Director
18:00 - 20:00	International Show

SUNDAY, JULY 9

09:00 - 17:00	Registration
09:30 - 12:00	Opening Plenary Session Presidential Address, Flag Ceremony, Nominations for Third Vice President
10:00 - 17.00	Exhibit Hall Open
12:00 - 17:00	Certification and Voting
12:30 - 14:30	Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon
13:15 – 17:00	Seminars

MONDAY, JULY 10

09:00 - 17:00	Registration
09:30 - 12:00	Second Plenary Session, Memorial Service, LCIF Session, Keynote Speaker
10:00 - 17.00	Exhibit Hall Open
10:00 - 17.00	Certification and Voting
13:15 – 17:00	Seminars
20:00 - 22:00	Past International Presidents / Past International Directors/District Governors/Past District Governors Banquet

TUESDAY, JULY 11

07:30 - 09:30	Registration
07:30 - 09:30	Exhibit Hall Open
07:30 - 09:30	Certification and Voting
09:30 – 12:00	Final Plenary Session Installation of 2023-2024 International President, U.N. Flag Ceremony, Installation of 2023-2024 District Governors
19:00 - 21:00	International Officers Meet and Greet

105th Annual Convention

Coming together. And serving together.

Lions and Leos from all around the world are converging on Boston to celebrate service at LCICon 2023. We're also bringing our kindness to Boston through special convention service projects.

- Use the link: mcisemi.com/lci2023.
- Click on "Modify or Cancel an existing registration."
- Enter your Record ID and the email you used at registration. You can find your Record ID in your confirmation email.

Follow this link for more information: https://www.mcisemi.com/lci2023

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.





July 15th, 2023



New England Lions Council (NELC)

"Serving the Needs of the Districts of New England"

2023 LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



Boston, Massachusetts-USA Monday, July 10 New England Delegation's BREAKFAST GATHERING - 7AM Doors Open at 6:45 AM Omni Hotel (HQ) - Marquis Room Keynote/Guest: 1st VP Patti Hill & Lion Gregory Holmes

Guests Hosted By: Lion ID John & Karol Youney (Maine)

Plated Breakfast to Include:

- Freshly Squeezed Orange Juice;
- Boulangerie's Pastry Assortment w/ Creamery Butter & Fruit Preserves;
- Ham & Egg French Toast w/ Gruyere Cheese, Candied Quinoa and Maple Syrup; and
- Fresh Brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Stance Coffee & Numi Tea Selection.

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	Special Dietary Needs to: PCC I 860-638-7869 or: <u>hkumnick@aol</u>	•

April 2023 Message



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Together we can with International President, Brian Sheehan

Dear Lion,

Leos and young Lions are so much more than just young members of the Lion family. Their hard work and innovation are carrying our service into the future. So be sure to get them involved and give them the opportunities to learn, lead and grow so we can work together to find tomorrow's solutions today.

We're also looking to the future with the new Lions International brand. The Lions International brand gives us a new way to talk to the world about the service and impact of our association and foundation, together. And together, with Lions around the world, we are focused on serving a world in need and strengthening Lions today, and for generations to come.

And thanks to you, the future of service is bright.

Make a great day, Brian Sheehan International President



April 2023 Message

From LCIF Chairperson Douglas X. Alexander

Greetings, Lions and Leos!

The generosity of Lions and Leos, through individual and club support, makes it possible for LCIF to magnify hope around the world – especially in times of crisis. Recently, a tornado hit southeastern sections of the USA, leveling communities in Mississippi. Lions responded immediately. As humanitarians, our organization grieves for those impacted by natural disasters like this one, but we pair our grief with action. We funded a US\$50,000 Major Catastrophe grant and a \$10,000 Emergency grant to empower Lions in District 30-M, Mississippi to help their communities recover. In our first story below, you will see how Lions are still responding to earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria. Additionally, Lions have continued to serve the needs of Ukrainian refugees one year after the war began. When disasters strike, Lions are there, serving for as long as necessary. I encourage everyone to consider donating to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund to ensure Lions can always be there to support those impacted by disasters. Thank you to those who have already donated to the foundation. As humanitarian needs continue to increase around the world, your donations to LCIF help make so much of our service possible.

NORTHEAST PIN SWAP 2023

August 15-18, 2023

Comfort Inn, Rutland, VT 05701

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

Name:	
Address:	
	State:Zip:
Guest:	
	Email:
Registration:	@\$55.00 = \$
Extra trading tables	@\$15.00 =\$
Extra breakfast	@\$25.00 +\$
	Total \$

Room registration is \$119.00 plus tax per night. Room reservation by phone - 802-775-2200. Be sure to mention Northeast Pin Swap. Booking code: NEL. Free parking.

Make checks payable and mail to:

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

District 45 was well represented at May's NELC meeting in New Bedford Massachusetts!!!













May 2023 Messages



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Together we can with International President, Brian Sheehan

Dear Lion,

Making a difference in your community takes time, creativity and a whole lot of hard work. But most importantly, it takes leadership. And for more than a century, Lions have been the leaders that communities all over the world have counted on to get the job done.

Our clubs are so much more than a home for community volunteers. They are a training ground for community leaders. So take advantage of the training available to you as a Lion. Find opportunities to put your leadership in action. And be sure to invite the people around you to serve so they can help lead the change in your community.

We are leading the way forward, every day we serve, every time we give.

Make a great day, Brian Sheehan International President



From LCIF Chairperson Douglas X. Alexander

Greetings, Lions and Leos!

As we approach the end of another Lion year next month, I am thrilled to announce that LCIF is well on its way to achieving this year's fundraising goal. This accomplishment is made possible by the generosity of Lions and Leos like you, who continue to recognize the need to support the foundation that helps lead our global service. While we are getting very close to our goal, we need your help to cross the finish line. Every donation brings us one step closer while enhancing Lions' service impact in communities worldwide. As Lions, we always achieve our goals, and I am confident we will succeed. I'm so confident, in fact, that I recently announced a stretch goal, and challenged Lions and Leos around the world to help LCIF not only meet this year's US\$50 million goal but exceed it by 10 percent and raise US\$55 million. I have no doubt that we can achieve this together. Thank you to everyone who has made a personal contribution to LCIF this year. Funds raised are already making a difference to those in need.







USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

IS

GOING TO RENO, NEVADA

SEPTEMBER 21 – 23, 2023

Follow this link to learn more about the USA / Canada Leadership Forum: https://lionsforum.org/



District 45 would like to welcome (as of May 31, 2023) the following Lions to Our district and association: Charles Hayes, Lauren Kabis, Sebastian Massey, Barbara McCrae, Brendan Means-Koss, Jessica McCrae-Massey, Dustin Sherman and Alexanda Zaiac (Arlington Lions Club) Bonnie Condit (Castleton Lions Club) Michaella Petrucci (Essex Jct. Lions Club) Heather Grimm (Georgia Lions Club) Carol Jackson (Heartland Lions Club) Joseph Pawelczyk (Londonderry Area Tri-Mountain Lions Club) Piera Piunno (Troy and Area Lions Club) Margaret Enking (Windsor Lions Club)



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

John Ranken – Valley Lions – May 1969 Ben Beers – Manchester Lions – May 1976 Robert Bibens – Manchester Lions – May 1979 Stanley Rosenberg – Manchester Lions – May 1980 David Fielding – Manchester Lions – May 1981 Lyle Remick – Georgia Lions – May 1982 William Koch – Barre Lions – May 1983 Norman Williams Jr – Castleton Lions – May 1985 David DeLucia – Norwich Lions – May 1986 Dennis Waite - Jericho-Underhill Lions - May 1987 Jay Van Arman – Heartland (BBRA) Lions – May 1989 William Roberts – Granville Lions – May 1993 Jeffrey Schroeder – Castleton Lions – May 1993 Andrew Pond – Richford Lions – May 1993 Linda Lane – Georgia Lions – May 1995 Francia McFaun – Barre Lions – May 1996 Connie LaPlume - Troy and Area Lions - May 1997 Yan LaPlume – Troy and Area Lions – May 1997

PDG Phillip Wheeler – Norwich Lion – June 1964 Albert Pearce Jr. – Richford Lines – June 1974 John Burke – Castleton Lions – June 1975 William Ballou – Heartland Lions – June 1976 Paul Plante – Barre Lions – June 1978 Randy Rouleau – Barre Lions – June 1978 Vincent Robinson – Strafford and Area Lions – June 1986 Stephen Willbanks - Strafford and Area Lions – June 1986 Sherman Wilson – Strafford and Area Lions – June 1986 Mark Castro – Strafford and Area Lions – June 1986 PDG Mel Coburn – Strafford and Area Lions – June 1986 John Freitag – Strafford and Area Lions – June 1986 John Hawkins - Strafford and Area Lions – June 1986 Eugene Bernal – Norwich Lions – June 1990 David McWilliams – Strafford and Area Lions – June 1991 Patricia Johnson-McWilliams – Troy and Area Lions – June 1991 PDG Patrick McWilliams – Troy and Area Lions – June 1991 Demo Sofronas – Norwich Lions – June 1993 Odillon LaRoche – Swanton – Missisquoi Valley Lions – June 1993 PDG Merry Souza – Swanton – Missisquoi Valley Lions – June 1993 Richard Souza – Swanton – Missisquoi Valley Lions – June 1993 Anita Glennon – Granville Lions – June 1994 Danny Birch – Readsboro Lions – June 1994 Roderick Maclay – Strafford and Area Lions – June 1994 Richard LaBerge – Vergennes Lions – June 1995 Robert Blue – Essex Jct. Lions – June 1996 Paula Dart – Windsor Lions – June 1997

Essex Jct. Lions Club:



Our newest members include: Mary Cassel - Sponsor Sabrina Perry, Jim Burbo - Sponsor Betsy McGee Rory Mclaren - Sponsor Drew Perry, Michaela Petrucci - Sponsor Drew Perry, Jesse Wood - Sponsor Drew Perry Walter Foley - Sponsor Dorris Maynard

Fundraisers!!!

Castleton Lions Club: Basket Raffle!!!



It is that time of year!!! Don't forget the Castleton Lions Club will gladly collect useable items you just don't need anymore for our annual auction. To arrange for pick-up or drop off call Lion(s) Norm at 802-265-8686 or Jim at 802-770-8680







Granville Lions Club



1st Annual

Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 3, 2023

11:30 REGISTRATION 1:00 SHOTGUN START 4-PERSON CAPTAIN-N-CREW

\$75 per person INCLUDES GOLF, CART, PRIZES AND DINNER

> Hole Sponsorships - \$75 Donations Welcome

Phone:

Skene Valley Country Club 129 County Route 9A Whitehall, NY 12887

Text/Email: John Long (518) 683-2737 or johndlong19@yahoo.com

REGISTRATION

Business/Individual Name:

Please return registration immediately. Field limited to first 30 teams.

Contact:

Address:

GOLF TEAM ROSTER

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Amount enclosed:	
Email:	
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Please Mail Registration & Checks to: John Long

408 Little Burch Hill Road Granville, NY 12832



<u>Swanton – Missisquoi Valley Club:</u>





Londonderry Tri-Mountain Lions Club:



> Londonderry Tri -Mtn Lions Duck Derby Following Londonderry 4th of July Parade of 2023

Prizes: 1st \$250.00, 2nd \$100.00. 3rd \$50.00

Ducks 1 for \$5.00, 3 for \$10.00. Duck# 133 All proceeds stay in our community helping others.

Name	
Hometown	
Phone Number	
	Duck # 133

Vergennes Lions Club 2023 Vehicle Raffle



This year we have a 1994 Chevy Camaro T-top! Second Prize: \$500 Cash Third prize: \$200 Cash

Our 2023 Vehicle Raffle is ready to go. This Camaro T-top is in tip-top shape with all the power options. This vehicle has only 101,000 miles on the odometer.

The winner will be drawn after all tickets are sold with an eye toward the fourth of July!

Due to extraordinary community needs if any tickets remain, we may delay the drawing to Vergennes Day, August 26, 2023. However, last year we did sell all tickets ahead of schedule so don't wait to get your tickets.

View this vehicle at various locations in Vergennes from now until the drawing and you will see it is another beauty! Our Annual Vehicle Raffle is a major fundraiser for the Vergennes Lions. As with all our fundraisers, <u>100 %</u> of proceeds from monies collected from the community are used to benefit Lions programs. These programs include eyeglasses and eye care, hearing aids, youth programs, access ramps for the handicapped, scholarships and so much more. The Vergennes Lions club would like to thank the greater Vergennes community, and past and present supporters outside

our local area.

Federal dollars supporting COVID relief have ended. The hardships above and beyond the pandemic are felt by the Vergennes Lions as well as other organizations that support the community. Unfortunately, the needs of the community are still there and now are only greater. Please consider purchasing a ticket to our annual raffle. If you are able, consider buying more than one. Cash donations to the Lions of any size are always accepted and very much appreciated.

Please help the Lions so we can further support the community!

For more photos check out our "Vergennes Lions Club" Facebook page:

Tickets are still \$30.00 each. Please mail your check to: Vergennes Lions Club, PO Box 94, Vergennes, VT 05491 Or contact any member of the Vergennes Lions. Current Car Raffle committee members are: Mark Delisle at 877-3423, Paul Bessette 349-7141, Ron Childers 363-9596, Gary Russell 236-6508.

Special thanks go to *Precision Print & Copy* in Vergennes for providing printing services for raffle tickets, posters and this mailing! Please do support our sponsor!

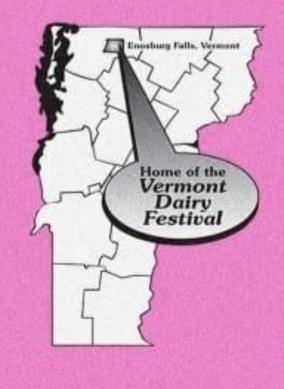
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ADDRESS:	PHONE #:	

Make your check payable to Vergennes Lions Club



OUR MESSAGE

The Enosburg Falls Lions Club lives by the motto "WE SERVE" not only by its funding various requests for money, but also by the labor donated by its members on community projects. The Vermont Dairy Festival is the premier source of income for the Enosburg Falls Lions Club.



Directions

Enosburg Falls is located on Routes 105 and 108 in the northern portion of Vermont.

From the Burlington area, follow I-89 North to St. Albans, Exit 19 to Route 105 to Enosburg.

From the East, follow Rt. 100 to Rt. 15 to Rt. 108 into the Village of Enosburg Falls.

From the West, follow Rt. 78 to Rt. 105 into the Village.

Miles to Enosburg from:

Alburg - 32 Brattleboro - 178 Burlington - 47 Newport - 40 St. Albans - 18 St. Johnsbury - 71 White River Jct. -118 Montreal - 65 Memories of my best friend PDG Clem,

I joined Lionism in 1986 as a charter member of the Strafford Area Lions Club. As most of you know after you become a Lion you make many new friends. It was no different for me as over the years I have made hundreds of new great friendships, but none come close to the one Clem and I shared.

I'm not sure exactly when the friendship really developed, but to make it even better was that our wives, Tish and Sue became great friends as well.

Clem and I always laughed about our names. He would say if you take my name with the initial of my last name, Melc and spell it backwards, it would spell Clem.

Therefore, the four of us were always together at District 45 meetings, plus we would get together for lunch quite often during the years.

Clem could of and should have been District Governor long before he finally decided to do so. His year was one of the most enjoyable ones that District 45 has had. Clem was always telling jokes and he would start every meeting with a good line or story.

When Clem decided to run for District Governor, he said Tish didn't speak to him for three days and Clem said "I didn't interrupt" You could always count on Clem to make you laugh.

The four of us traveled to many places together in Lions. USA/Canada Forum in North Carolina, Lake Placid, NY, Mt. Snow, No Conway, NH to name a few.

Remind me to tell you about the store of no chocolate ice cream in Lake Placid.

Clem will be missed terribly by not just me, but by every Lion that knew him in District 45. Sue and I will always recall the great times the four of us had and eventually we will be together once again and I look forward to that time.

PDG Mel Coburn

