



District 45 – Vermont Lions: In Lionism, In Service, In Friendship September 2023 - Communique

Hello Fellow Lions,

We are off to a great start this year! Thank you everyone who participated in the first Forum. A lot of information and fun was presented, I hope you enjoyed it, I know I did.

We are fast approaching the Fall Conference; we are already planning another great forum. And Super Raffle, Look for more info to follow.

We are still helping Vermonters in need of help from the flooding. Through you and your clubs generosity, Vermont Lions Charities have received over \$20,000.00 in donations. We have spent the original \$10,000.00 emergency grant from LCI, now we can request funds from VLC for the needs of our communities. Please reach out to me or VLC with questions and instructions as to request the funds.

One of my goals this year is to focus on Service and Membership, I believe these two go hand and hand. If we are seen doing service and we speak about the service we do, we get people interested

in what we are doing, and they want to be a part of what we do, then in turn we get new members. I know we all have “OUR” service projects, but I would like to challenge you to think outside the box and do something totally different. Let’s do at least one service project that we have never done before, maybe a project that was done many years ago and has fallen by the wayside, lets rejuvenate those ideas and move them forward. Maybe we need to do a few smaller projects? We do not need to impact hundreds of people at a time, we can affect just one. But whatever, you decide to make sure you talk it up and get the recognition that you deserve for serving your community. Let's *ROAR* and spread the good feeling that we create by helping others as Lions.

Keep up the GREAT Work!
I am proud of you all!!

Let's Roar!

DG Travis



District 45 – Calendar

Would you like to see your club highlighted?

Please email information to:

communicue@vermontlions.org

Date	Hosts-Event	Location
September 17, 2023	Champlain Valley Lion Charter Luncheon	Delta Hotel by Marriott S Burlington, VT
September 21-23, 2023	USA/Canada Forum	Reno, NV
September 22, 2023	Zone 1 B Zone Meeting	The Boardroom Winooski, VT
September 23, 2023	NELC Breakfast	Reno, NV
October 13-14, 2023	NELC Fall Weekend	TBA, Maine
November 4, 2023	Fall Forum/Super Raffle	Hampton Inn, Colchester, VT
December 3, 2023	Zone 1B Outing UVM Men's Hockey Game	UVM Gutterson Fieldhouse Burlington, VT
January 5-6, 2024	NELC Winter Weekend	TBA, Newport, RI
January 13, 2024	Winter Forum/Meal Packing	Canadian Club, Barre, VT
March 2024	Spring Forum	TBA
May 2024	D45 Spring Convention	Equinox Resort Manchester, VT
May 17-18, 2024	NELC Spring Weekend	TBA, Vermont



Lions Rolling up their sleeves to help:

June and July Tri-Mtn Lions gave back to our communities.

Pictured below left to right, Tri-Mtn Lions Secretary Pat Glabach presents a \$400.00 check to Laura Gianotti for the Stratton - Winhall Community food shelf. This food shelf depends on the generosity of their generous neighbors to support them.

Next Patty Green-Pawelzayk Tri-Mtn Lions treasurer presents Pete Cobb President of Londonderry Rescue with a \$200.00 check. This is our outstanding all volunteer squad which does not charge for any services, everything is covered by donations.

Next, Lion Randee Keith presents RN Cindy MacDonald of MTN Valley Health Clinic with a \$325.00 for items on their Wishlist. Also gave her a bag of our handsewn "Cuddle Bunnies" for patients to hug while at the Docs.

Tri-Mtn Lion Arlena Merrow (our newest member) presents Margret Barton a \$400.00 check for The Londonderry Food Pantry.



They have also been making lunches or potato or pasta salad for the volunteers, EMS workers and business owners we tried to help wherever we were needed.

Some of us cleaned up mud, some delivered water, some baked snacks and helped serve and clean up meals. Cleaning supplies were available at Neighborhood Connections, and our club delivered them to those in need.

Heartland Lions

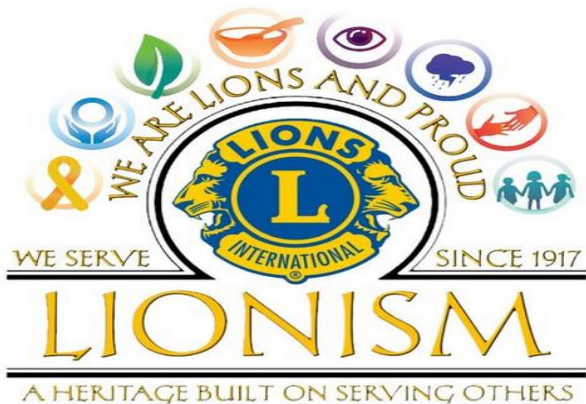
Heartland Lions listened to the DG Challenge and provided school supplies to local schools Bethel, Sharon & Tunbridge Elementary along with White River Valley High School.



The club also had a food booth at Royalton Old Home Days and took part in the annual parade seen riding in style! They also donated 1,342 diapers to the Diaper Brigade. If you would like to help at Tunbridge Fair, contact PDG Carol Greene (vtlioncarol@gmail.com).

Troy & Area Lions

PDG Ken Emery awarding Melvin Jones Fellowship to Troy and Area Lion Peggy Loux



Eight Global Causes

Lions Clubs International's Eight Global Causes now include:

- Disaster Relief
- Environment
- Diabetes
- Vision
- Childhood Cancer
- Youth
- Humanitarian
- Hunger



Norshaft Lions Club

Lions love parades! Here are Norshaft Lions Club taking part in the Battle Day Parade



2023....Congratulations on the Best Service Club Float, 1st Place!

Vermont Filipino-American Branch Club

5 Service Project in the Philippines. Serving those in need.



Vt. Fil-Am Branch Club





Arlington Leos & Lions:

Tuesday's Ice Cream Social was a great success!



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Our senior guest played trivia games and had an inspiring discussion with members of AMHS's Leo Club. Everyone enjoyed a cold treat courtesy of Wilcox Ice Cream and then Lion Susan Toth got the group moving with some fun exercises!



Lions [Jeanne Marie McDermott](#) and [Susan Toth](#) did food pickup and delivery for the Summer Lunch program. Every week they picked up food from Aldi and [Clear Brook Farm](#) and delivered to Arlington Memorial HS. Two dedicated ladies doing good work for our community!!



Arlington Lions (continued)

Many thanks to Lion Bob Wilcox, who used his kayak to get the aerators installed. Huge thanks to the community for supporting this project! Not only does this look pretty, but it will make a big difference to our water quality. Here's to the last days of summer enjoying the Lions pool!



Barre Lions

Thank you to our volunteers for setting things up. Water and clothing for those in need, along with some kids toys were available.



BARRE LIONS CLUB DONATES \$10,000 TO THE BARRE COMMUNITY RELIEF FUND

The Barre Lions Club has been serving Central Vermont since 1938. They are known for their strategic focus on sight and hearing. They assist community members who can't afford glasses and they pay to have donated hearing aids refurbished. They conduct vision testing for hundreds of Central Vermont students annually. Each year they collect thousands of used glasses that will be refurbished and sent to many third world countries. They also donate to many other local, national, and worldwide organizations.

Recently Vermont District 45 was awarded a \$10,000 grant from Lions Club International Foundation to provide snacks, water, clothing, and household goods to those impacted by the flooding. Mark Tatro, immediate past President of the Barre Lions Club, offered his business, Tatro's Aces, as a distribution site for these materials. The community has always generously supported the club's fundraising efforts, and now the Barre Lions have elected to make a substantial donation to The Barre Relief Fund, which will support our local businesses and neighbors impacted by the flood. The Lions presented a check for \$10,000 to Thom Lauzon, a Barre Lion and member of the Barre Community Relief Fund. Thom and his wife Karen have challenged local community members to raise \$50,000 by August 31st. If that amount is raised, they will match the donation. The Barre Lions Club hopes their donation will be matched by other organizations.





We Serve

**BIG
SALE**

**Colchester Lions Club
ANNUAL YARD SALE**

Saturday September 2nd

9am - 3pm

Sunday September 3rd

9am - 12pm

167 WAYBURY ROAD COLCHESTER



Hamburgers and Hot Dogs Available

Saturday from 11am - 2pm

Please contact Lion Melinda at 802-233-0408 or Lion Anna at 802-752-6444
for more information

Northeast Pin Swap – 2023

Well, we had another great swap this year, had twenty-five attendees and all had time. We had traders from Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Quebec, South Carolina, and Delaware. I have enclosed two pictures from the Friday morning breakfast at Johnny Boy's Pancake house in Rutland plus a picture of the swap. I am really looking forward to next year.

Lion Bruce Savery



Exhibit Hall



Enjoying Breakfast



Celebrate Vermont's Newest Lions Club at a Special Charter Luncheon!

September 17, 2023 • 1:00 to 4:00 PM
Delta Hotels by Marriott • South Burlington, VT

Join Lions from across the state to celebrate the charter of Vermont's newest Lions Club, the **Champlain Valley Lions**. Meet new club members and old friends from District 45 – and enjoy a delicious lunch at the Delta Hotel! **Sponsored by the Essex Junction and Middlebury Lions Clubs.**

Space is limited. Please be sure to choose your meal option(s)

- Lemon Herb-Roasted Chicken
- Grilled Salmon Filet Herb-Roasted Pork

Cost is \$40 per person. RSVP by September 8.

Mail your check for \$40 per person, payable to **Champlain Valley Lions**, to Middlebury Lions Club, P.O. Box 5, Middlebury, VT 05753

Questions? Call Lion Karen at 802-989-1002.



2023-2024 Peace Poster Contest
“Dare to Dream”

August 2023

Dear District, 45 Lions Club Presidents,

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

I’m reaching out to each club 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!

OR

Hold a Lions Club Art Day at a Local Community Center or Church!

#4. Create Excitement!

#5. Hold an Art Show Displaying the Posters!

#6. Choose A Winner!

#7. Submit Your Club Winner to the District!

District Winner will be chosen at the Fall Conference

November 4-5

Together We Can!

Looking for ideas or are you running into roadblocks? I can help!

Please reach out to me and let me know that your club will be a part of this program.

I'll be checking back in with everyone by October.

Find below the **Grand Prize winner, Emma Andreea Paveliuc** from Romania who I had the pleasure of meeting at the International Convention in Boston. She is quite the young artist!

Let's work together to increase club participation this year!

2022-23 Grand Prize Winner

Emma Andreea Paveliuc
13 years old
Romania



*Sponsored by
IASI D Lions Club*

Order your kit today!



Let's inspire our youth to enter!

Best Regards,

Susan Toth, Arlington Lions Club

susanpe57@gmail.com

Peace Poster, VT District 45 Chair





Rules for 2023-2024 Traveling Lion

There will be two Lions traveling in this contest to build the spirit of Lionism in Vermont, District 45. Both Lions will be district wide, each one can go North, South, East or West in the district. All questions should be directed to the District Governor for clarification. They have the final decision on any issues.

For the purpose of this contest the host club is defined as the club conducting the meeting and who has the Lion before it is awarded to the traveling club.

A. Points for the area Lions are calculated from the official mileage chart found on the district website. To calculate points earned, the mileage one way is multiplied by the number of members traveling. Only Lions who are on the official roster of the club are eligible to receive points.

B. During the contest, the traveling Lion will be awarded to the club who has earned the most points for traveling to the Host club. A club may capture the Traveling Lion each month.

C. Travel for the Traveling Lion can be a regularly scheduled meeting or special day by the Host club provided that the Host Club is holding a regular meeting. the Host club must be informed by the traveling club at least 72 hours in advance of the capture date and provide a number of guests attending.

D. The Secretary of the Host club shall be responsible for reporting the travels of the Lion to the District Governor along with a point count.

E. This report must include points earned and by what club, the contact lions name and phone number, and the date of the next regular meeting of that club.

The next capture date will be at least two weeks after a capture to allow District Governor time to notify all clubs and to allow clubs to make plans for traveling. If the Lion is not captured at the first available meeting announced by the District Governor, it must be delivered before that Host clubs next meeting to another club, at the first meeting of the club they are delivering to.

The club delivering the Lion will receive mileage one-way times the number of members traveling plus a BONUS of 100 points because of non-capture. If the host club does not deliver the Traveling Lion, they just notify the DG and the Host club will be penalized 200 points on the Number 1 club. Only exception is Fun Vermont weather.

F. The DG will notify all clubs in the district of the Traveling Lions location, date of availability, place, contact and phone number.

G. If the Host club is not notified of the planned visit of a club for the purpose of capturing the lion then the traveling club shall be ineligible for travel points and not be able to capture the Lion.

H. The DG will be responsible for keeping a record of the Traveling Lion Contest. Any appeal or need for interpretation of these rules shall be sent to the DG.

I. Clubs cannot receive points for Traveling Lion and Official visitors for Number One club, on the same visit.

J. Prizes for 1st,2nd, and 3rd place points will be awarded at Spring Convention.

K. The Traveling Lion must be at each regularly scheduled Forum/Cabinet meeting, and be brought by the host club.

L. The last club to have captured the Traveling Lion(s) as of April 30th shall be the designated Host club in September





Zone 1B Zone Meeting The Boardroom Winooski

Friday September 22nd from 630-9

\$6 per person table fee
Order off menu for meals

Email for RSVP:

andrew.j.perry95@gmail.com

by 9/15/23

Some memories from the Organizational Meeting.....

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Thanks to Lion Andrew "Drew" Perry,

Essex Junction Lions Club President & Zone 1B Chair for the photos.



VERMONT LIONS CHARITIES

I would like to this opportunity to thank all the officers, directors and Lions for their continued commitments to Vermont Lions Charities.

Through July we have contributed the following over \$16,000 to our missions such as Pediatric Cancer, Food Shelves, Flood relief, eyeglass assistance, Nellie Hart Scholarship, SlamT1D and Vermont Adaptive.

Through July we have received \$27,026.75 for various commitments which include but not limited to the general fund, pediatric, shared vision, Nellie hart scholarship and flood relief.

Flood Relief donations have been very generous, we are at \$20,000 plus and donations are still coming in. Would like to remind clubs and members that are located in or around those areas that were affected to reach out to VLC so that we can assist in serving those who were impacted by the floods.

We will be voting on some by law changes for VLC in November and will need to be electing a Secretary for three year term.

Yours in Lionism
PDG Merry Souza
VLC President



"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller

VERMONT DISTRICT 45 LIONS CLUBS



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

Saturday, November 4th, 2023
Hampton Inn, Colchester, Vermont
5:30 P.M. SOCIAL – 6:30 P.M. RAFFLE STARTS

Evening highlights

GRAND PRIZE \$1,500 - SECOND PRIZE \$500

- Multiple Grand Prizes, Multiple Door Prizes
- *** Grand Prize \$1500, \$1750 if 175 tickets sold, \$2,000 if 200 tickets are sold ***
 - Special raffle of 200th ball, guaranteed 1 of 10 chance to win
 - Tickets: \$100 (no meals) or \$150 includes two meals (can be bought by Lions, Lions Clubs, Community members)
 - Only 150 meals available for purchase
- Deadline to purchase tickets is October 12th with meals, November 4th (no meals)
 - Funds raised allow Melvin Jones Fellow Awards to be granted
 - Over 65 Melvin Jones Fellows granted past 5 years
 - Great meals served by the Hampton Inn
 - Hotel Room rate of \$139 (plus fees) (deadline is October 4th)

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

VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45 ANNUAL SUPER RAFFLE

November 4, 2023

Ticket Request

_____ \$100 – NO MEALS Included

_____ \$150 – TWO MEALS Included

_____ Total Amount – Checks Payable to
District 45 Vermont Lions

Ticket Owner Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Name of Attendee (if not ticket owner)

Please see "flyer" for deadline information

VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45 ANNUAL SUPER RAFFLE

proceeds to benefit



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

November 4, 2023

The Hampton Inn, Colchester, VT

Social 5:30 to 6:30 ~ Dinner and Raffle 6:30 pm

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DISTRICT 45

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

Please mail completed ticket request to:

PCT Loreen Teer

2-B Rabbit Run, Underhill, VT 05489



Vision Screening Report

September 1, 2023

Since my last report, the vision screening and hearing screening world has opened up in a very big way. First, I want to assure everyone that vision screening will continue as it has in the past. The SPOT screeners distributed throughout Vermont will continue to be used. However, there is a new kid in town!

At the 1st Forum/Cabinet meeting of the year, I introduced a new type of vision screener that I feel may become a very important part of our vision screening future. A gentleman, a 30+ year Lion from Advocates for Blind Citizens, Michael Wright and I had many lengthy conversations about a new type of vision screener he feels would help us get into more schools. It basically is a program on a smart phone. It works similar to a SPOT screener with one big difference. **The screener can also perform an ACUTY TEST as well.**

For those who are asking what an acuity test is, it's the wall chart test we've all done and been told is required by the state to be performed every year on students. Up until now, we've been fortunate to have many school nurses who could see the value of the SPOT screener and implemented it in WITH their required acuity testing. However, there were some school nurses who would only do the acuity testing since that was the only requirement for them to perform. Now, we will be able to offer that piece of screening as well. The company called GoCheckKids is the distributor for this new screener. Though there is more information about this equipment I have to share, the best way to see and hear more about it is to attend the Fall Conference in November.

I have received the go-ahead from Vermont Lions Charities to purchase two, one-year contracts for these screeners. We will be receiving 2 smart phones specifically made to hold the screening program. I have also asked two clubs, Arlington and Champlain Valley Area Clubs to test these new screeners as soon as training and smart phones are in place. After this initial year, we will evaluate their effectiveness and proceed from there.

It is important that the use of the SPOT screeners continue to be used as before. Set up your appointments for the coming year, report to me your findings MONTHLY and continue to give the children of Vermont the best preventative vision care possible. I have attached the latest vision screener schedule to this report. Please know that this is just a suggestion for scheduling your screening appointments. I know as Lions we can all work together to accommodate each other. Transporting equipment is an opportunity for clubs to do just that.

NOW, FOR MORE BIG NEWS...

COLOR BLIND SCREENING

As well as new screeners, Lion Michael Wright has introduced to us an application for any computer that a parent can use to screen their child for color blindness or at least possible irregularities that may point in that direction. This is a part of screening that we have not covered in the past. However, it is just as important. If a child cannot distinguish colors, it effects their ability to perform at their optimum in the classroom. As toddlers we learn our colors as a developmental milestone. What if a child does not have that ability unknowingly by the parent. This puts the child at a great disadvantage and could and has delayed their development with some possibly life lasting issues. Children can question themselves, parents want to know what's wrong with their child that they can't tell red from blue when asked. It can affect their entire school career if not caught early enough. This type of screening is important.

How this will work:

The school nurse sends home a letter asking the parents to perform this test online. Included in the letter will be an explanation of how to perform the test along with the importance and value of doing this with their child. There is no cost to the parent or school as WE will be sponsoring it for this first year and possibly later on. It is a simple 3-5 minute "game" the parent plays with their child. The results will go directly to the school nurse who will get a report to view and from there, determine if further testing by a professional is warranted or if the child "passed" the test. Again, there is a lot of information I wish to share here, but it would be best presented at the Fall Conference. There I will be able to give more information and answer questions (I hope) to any Lion who wishes to know more. The beauty of this project is that we, as Lions, need do **nothing**. We simply sponsor this screening and the parents and school nurse will take it from there. Also, one more important point to this is, the contract we sign to sponsor will cover **EVERY SCHOOL IN THE STATE**. We will be given great exposure as the sponsors and will educate the public in the type of things we do for our communities. Win-win for everyone!

NOW FOR THE LAST PIECE OF BIG NEWS: **HEARING SCREENING** I have been researching a little device I think many of you will be interested in. It's a HEARING SCREENER! It's about the size of your tv remote (and probably easier to operate). I have a request out for quotes for two of them with information to bring to Vermont Lions Charities for their review and approval for two OAE hearing screeners to start. A nice feature many of you will be happy to know is that they can come with their own printer which, by the way, can sit in the palm of your hand. There will be required training which I will arrange for those who wish to participate. And, once again, I suggest you come to the Fall Conference for a look-see at this amazing little device. This will enable us to extend our services and further care for the children (and possibly adults) of Vermont.

I know this is a lot to take in. I am excited about the potential of these new devices and also knowing we will be at the cutting edge of more great things to come. Thank you for all you do and for being willing to step up when the need is there.

Yours in Kindness and Appreciation, VDG Deb



An OAE Hearing Screener



District 45 Vision Screener Schedule and Availability

Host Clubs	2022-2023									
	Castleton	Colchester	Deerfield Valley	Enosburg	Londonderry	Middlebury/ Vergennes	Norshaft	Norwich	Springfield	Troy & Area
Contacts	Pat Shroeder	Carmelita Beslie	Meg Staloff		Randee Keith	Randy Bigelow	Kathi Marcoux	Gary DeGasta	Char Osterland	Patricia McWilliams
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January	1 Castleton 8 Castleton 15 Castleton 22 Castleton	As needed								

All Cameras will be on an "as needed" basis after January 31st. Please contact Lion Deb Savery (tallships53@gmail.com) to reserve a camera and before booking a school.



Service Project Heads Up

The Vermont Lions Diaper Brigade

As you may or may not know, there is a “poopie” issue going on here in Vermont. The Parent Child Centers in our state have had their diaper funding cut. Now, I know this doesn’t sound like a life shattering issue and certainly not one you may think the Lions could help with, but we CAN.

Parent Child Centers’ mission is to provide care and support to the families in their communities. There are 15 such Centers here in the Vermont Network. Just some of the services they provide are Home visits Early Childhood Services Parent Education Information and Referrals Playgroups Parent Support Groups Concrete Supports and Community Development.

Another service that many families in Vermont depend on is the **Diaper and Formula Banks** that many of the Centers operate. On average, the state’s Diaper Banks distribute or make available to families over \$300,000 worth of diapers in a single year. That’s over 1 MILLION diapers. With that said, the state has cut this funding to \$100,000 this year. This will give the Centers approximately 3-4 months’ worth of funding for the diapers they need to be able to support our families for a full year. PCCs are grant funded so you can imagine the blow this cut has given to these organizations.

These diapers are carefully monitored. Families can only pick up 25 diapers a week, 50 if there are two children in diapers in a single family. If you think about it, they are not supplying all the diapers a family may need. They only supplement what they use. Consequently, there is a substantial need for diapers throughout our area and the funding cut will have a tremendous effect on families the centers work hard to support.

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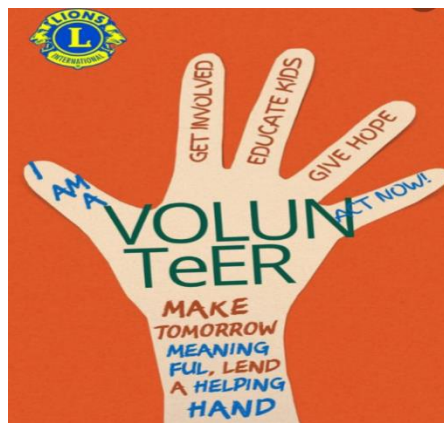
What can 25 diapers do, you may ask? It can ease the stress on an already limited income. It can help provide a clean and healthy environment for a child. A clean diaper helps prevent painful diaper rash that can lead to a whole host of health issues. So again, you can see that the Lions can help a child by helping our local Parent Child Centers provide diapers to families who may already be suffering from food insecurities, Housing issues or even parent burnout from stress. Its only 25 diapers, but

for a parent already under stress, its 3-4 days of not having to worry where the money will come from to help keep their baby dry and comfortable... and to a parent, that’s invaluable.

What I’m asking is that each club run their own diaper drive. I will be sending out in next month’s Communicate the name of each club’s closest Parent Child Center where the diapers can be dropped off. This way there isn’t the problem of where to store them. Please, also take LOTS of pictures! I do hope, however, that everyone will bring some diapers to the Fall Conference so we can do a photo of a MOUNTAIN of diapers for the newspapers. AND there will be a prize for the club who collects the most diapers. It will be important that you count EVERY SINGLE DIAPER, not the number of boxes or packages you collect. Thank you in advance for participating in this definitely “sweet smelling” project. The babies and parents of Vermont thank you!

Yours in Kindness and Gratitude

Vice District Governor Deb





Other service project opportunities to Volunteer in

September for Listen's Dining Hall

(submitted by FVDG Mike Leahey, District 44N)

Volunteer opportunities for Lions Clubs in the Upper Valley. Below are some dates where we do not have any volunteer teams scheduled and would love some help. Positions include "Cooking and Serving" and/or "Dining Hall Monitoring".

If you want to sign up for one of these slots, or to stop receiving these emails send me an email (Larry@listencs.org) with the specifics. If you haven't volunteered with us before, don't worry! There will be people here to walk you through it all.

Here's where we have empty slots for the next few weeks:

Cooking and Serving: *Cooking starts at 2:30 in the Kitchen. Service starts at 4:30pm and goes to 5:30pm. Breakdown lasts around half an hour after we close.*

- Tuesday, August 29
- Thursday, August 31
- Tuesday, September 5 – Limited Availability.
- Friday, September 8
- Tuesday, September 12
- Thursday, September 14
- Friday, September 22
- Friday, September 29

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Dining Hall Monitoring: *Setup starts around 3:30 which includes getting supplies, the Salad Bar, and Desserts ready for service. There are opportunities to engage with guests. Breakdown lasts about half an hour.*

- Friday, August 25
- Friday, September 1
- Friday, September 8
- Friday, September 15
- Friday, September 22
- Friday, September 29

- If you are interested in volunteering weekly on Fridays for this position, please reach out to me to discuss the possibility.

Thank you for all you do with LISTEN Community Services.

Larry

Larry Lowndes , Community Dinner Manager

Larry@listencs.org

(802) 698-8764 ext. 3005 Office

(802) 698-8764 ext. 3006 Kitchen Line

(603) 727-6259 |Mobile

42 Maple St | White River Junction, VT 0500

New England Lions Council



New England Lions Council (NELC)

"Serving the Needs of the Districts of New England"

2023 USA/Canada Leadership Forum, Reno, Nevada,
Saturday, September 23

BREAKFAST GATHERING - 7AM

Doors Open at 6:45 AM

Circus Circus Convention Center - Mandalay Ballroom -B

Featuring NELC's Special Guest...



Fabricio Oliveira

International First Vice President

Registration: \$40.00

Buffet to Include:

- Freshly cut Fruit and Seasonal Berries;
- Coffee, assorted Hot Teas, Chilled Juices, & Variety of Freshly Baked Pastries
- Scrambled Eggs, Maple Bread French Toast & Maple Syrup - Sugar-Glazed Pecan French Toast (Cinnamon Cream); and
- Breakfast Potatoes, Bacon & Sausage.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DIST/MD: _____ / _____ TITLE/POSITION: _____ / _____

CLUB: _____ CLUB POSITION: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Make Check Payable to:

NELC

Mail Check/Form to:

PDG Norm Hart, Treasurer 74

Main Street, Canaan, ME 04924

Registration Deadline: September 15

Questions or Special Dietary Needs to: PDG Dom Branco, President

Cell/Text: 401-714-2819 or: londbranco@verizon.net



**President's Message
Changing the World with
International President
Dr. Patti Hill**

Dear Lion,

Changing the World begins with us, but we're not supposed to do it alone. Collaboration is the key to delivering meaningful and lasting outcomes in your community. That's why inviting more great members just like you can help your club and community reach their full potential.

Let's start with planning ambitious service that addresses the biggest challenges facing our communities. Then, let's bring in new members to help us make an even bigger impact.

You know the difference one Lion can make. You know the difference your club has made. Together, we are changing the world one life, one relationship and one community at a time.

Yours in service,

**Dr. Patti Hill
International President**



MISSION 1.5

We're on a mission – **MISSION 1.5**

To make sure we are always there and ready to serve, we need to grow. That's why we're launching **MISSION 1.5**.

MISSION 1.5 is our drive to reach 1.5 million members by 2027 so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than ever before.

Watch a [special video message](#) from President Hill about what this important initiative means for Lions, and be sure to check out the [MISSION 1.5 webpage](#) to learn more.

Resources for Strengthening Your Club

Changing the world begins with healthy clubs. Here are four great resources to help you strengthen your club and the service you give to your community.



- [Community Needs Assessment](#) – Understand what your community needs and how your club can make an even bigger difference in people's lives.
- [Service Launchpad](#) – Find the right project planner to help you serve new causes or in new ways.
- [Just Ask!](#) – Invite great new members who can help your club make an even bigger impact.
- [Leadership Development Institutes](#) – Give your Lions and Leos the opportunity to learn, lead and grow into even better community leaders.

Let's keep working together to change our communities and make a difference in the world we share.



Achieving Club Excellence

You take great pride in your club and making sure it's a welcoming home for everyone. As you continue to grow and serve, see how the [Club Quality initiative](#) can help make sure your club is performing at its peak.

And make sure your service and success is recognized through the [Club Excellence Award](#). This award recognizes excellence in the areas of membership, service, leadership and organizational excellence and marketing. Applications are due by **August 31, 2023**, so submit yours today.