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A Message from District Governor Pam Nichols

Greetings All,

Wow, what fun October turned out to be! My visits to clubs and my Mini Golf tournament for the Leo's Club certainly kept me busy. We won't even mention my birthday or my anniversary! I also went to RI for NELC and got to see so many friends from other states. After three years of trainings together we have become good friends!



This is the part of Lions that I love!!!! Many say they want nothing to do with the District and/or New England Lions and/or International. YOU ARE MISSING OUT! You can never have enough people in your life that you call friends. That is why I am your District Governor. Because, I look at each and every one of you as my friends. In my heart, many of you are my family too!

When I think of the people in this state, this country, and the world that I would have never met without my Lions Club and district goals, my life would be so much different! How many lives have I changed? I may never know. You may never know the impact you have on so many people! How many people have you provided food, glasses, or wheelchair ramps for? Count how many, now multiply that by every lion in the state, the country and the world! So when you think about District and International, please remember that the people who are your leaders are very busy but they see the larger picture.

I am challenging those of you who have skills that your district needs to come forward and help, challenge yourself to participate, whether it be as a Cabinet member or as a future District Governor. I promise the rewards are great! If I can do it, anyone can! In closing I want to thank you all for your vote of confidence and please join us on Nov. 7th for the Cabinet meeting and the Super Raffle, It's always a wonderful time had by all! Good food, good friends, great fun!

Yours in Service DG Pam

DISTRICT 45

Calendar

November 2015		
7	Vermont Lions Charities - Annual Meeting - Held at Fall Conference	
7-8	Fall Conference - Cabinet Meeting - LCIF Super Raffle - Colchester	
20	Deadline to submit items for the December Communiqe	
December 2015		
19-20	Elf Express Train Rides with Christopher Pop-In-Kins - Manchester Lions Club	
20	Deadline to submit items for the January Communiqe	
January 2016		
17	Cabinet Meeting - Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, Vermont	
20	Deadline to submit items for the February Communiqe	
February 2016		
13	Love at First Sight Dinner/Dance - Fireside Inn & Suites - W. Lebanon, NH Details Coming Soon!	
20	Deadline to submit items for the March Communiqe	

District Governor Club Visit Schedule

September 2015

9/1 Orleans

9/8 Valley

9/10 Londonderry: New club organizational meeting

9/13 Brattleboro: Pancake breakfast

9/14 Readsboro

9/15 Brandon

9/16 Enosburg Falls

9/21 Castleton

9/23 Essex

9/24 Pittsford

9/28 Brattleboro

October 2015

10/5 Middlebury

10/6 Route 100

10/7 Georgia

10/12 White river

10/13 Willisten

10/16 St. Johnsbury

10/21 Troy Area

10/26 Richford

10/27 Barre

If your club is on my October list - Please let me know if the date works for you.

November 2015

11/1 Norwich

11/4 Colchester (Confirmed)

11/9 Jericho Underhill

11/10 Hinesburg

11/11 Manchester (Confirmed)

11/17 Winsor (Confirmed)

11/18 Derby

If your club is on my November list (and you are not confirmed) - Please let me know if the date works for you.

December 2015

12/1 Springfield

12/2 Vergennes

12/7 Heatland

January 2016

1/5 Norsbaffs

1/12 Bearington

1/14 Chester

1/20 Arlington

1/25 Strafford

Please confirm with me. Thank you all so much for your time!

Club News

District 44N

Meeting Invitation

Please contact Ann Bailey if you'd like to attend. There is no fee but she needs an accurate head-count.

We will be having the Zone Meeting on November 10th at the Welcome Center in Lancaster. The meeting will start at 6:30pm.

We will be going over the process for the vision screener reservation and at the end of the meeting anyone who wishes additional training on the use of the screener will have the opportunity for hands on training.

We will also have guest speakers from the district present to speak on what is going on this year throughout the district and how these programs may be put to use to benefit the people in our communities.

Also on the agenda is guest speaker Karen Caron. She will be speaking about Stable Connections, a non-profit equestrian therapy center. Stable connections services are out of Guildhall Vermont and services our entire area.

Anyone who wishes to speak at the meeting will have a chance to speak. We value the opinions of every member. Individually our clubs are providing valuable services in our communities. We can strengthen our clubs even further by sharing ideas and working as a team when needed.

As always everyone is welcome at Zone Meetings so please pass this along to all your members. The more the Merrier!

We hope to see you there!

Ann Bailey 44N Zone 8 Chair Zone 8 OKS Coordinator (603)636-1269

Heartland Lions Club

The Heartland Lions Club was busy grilling and selling food at the Sheep & Wool Festival, October 3 &4 at Tunbridge Fair Grounds. Here is a picture of our King Lion, Walter Hastings at the grill. The club

also had a guest speaker from the Vermont Association for the Blind and was saddened by the passing of Lion Richard Ellis. Lion Richard Ellis had been a member of Heartland Lions from 1960 to present, serving as treasur-



er. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Mark your calendar, the annual Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance will once again take place on Saturday,



February 13, 2016 at Fireside Inn & Suites, West Lebanon, NH. Additional information will be available on how you can get tickets.

Club News Con't

<u>Illness</u> <u>Obituaries</u>

PDG Clem has been hospitalized with pneumonia.

Thanks for notifying District.

Cards address:

14 Jackson Heights Essex Jct., VT. 05452

PDG Betsy

Whitingham-Halifax

The Whitingham-Halifax Lions Club is saddened by the passing of our member Allan Bartlett, on Saturday, October 24.

Allan joined the Lions in 1977 and served as president, vice president and tail twister.

Calling hours are 5 to 7 PM, October 27, at Covey Allen & Shea Funeral Home in Wilmington. The funeral service will be at the Jacksonville Community Church, October 28 at 11 AM.

Heartland

I wanted to notify you about the death of Lion Alfred Jones on 10/21. We are all sad to hear of this, having just lost Lion Richard Ellis late September.

We will keep you posted on details of service.

Lion Carol Greene Heartland Lions

Meeting Notices



VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45

CABINET MEETING REGISTRATION

SATURDAY November 7, 2015

Hampton Inn

Colchester, Vermont

\$20.00 PER PERSON

Name:
Address:
Email address:
Club/District Position:
Phone Number:
Home Club:
Cabinet Meeting: \$20.00 pp X(# attending)\$
Please make your check payable to Vermont District 45 and mail to:
CT Kathy Gallett, 83 Middle Road, Shaftsbury, VT 05262
Please return the completed registration to CT Kathy by
Saturday October 31, 2015.

Agenda to follow in the October Communiqué.

Make your room reservations by October 4, 2015 at the Hampton Inn, Colchester—802-655-6177— Ask for the District 45 Lions rate of \$109.00 plus tax.



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Vermont Lions District 45 Cabinet Meeting Saturday November 7, 2015

Hampton Inn Colchester, Vermont Schedule

8:00 to 9:00 am Honorary Meeting	
9:00 to 10:00 am	
VT Lions Charities	
9:00 to 10:00 am	
Presidents Round Table	
Secretaries Round Table	
Treasurers Round Table	
10:15 to 11:00 am	
Guiding Lion	
Zone Chair	
Leadership Roundtable	
Goal Setting and Membership RT	
11:15 to 12:30pm	
Lunch	
Cabinet Meeting Opening—DG Pam Nichols	

Introductions—1st Vice DG Joe Wilson

12:30 to 1:15 pm Guest Speaker

1:45 to 4:00 pm Cabinet Meeting

Meeting Notices Con't

Official Warning of Vermont Lions Charities Annual Meeting November 7, 2015

The Annual Meeting of Vermont Lions Charities will be held during the Fall Conference on November 7, 2015. A full report on Vermont Lions Charities will be given. There will also be elections to fill the positions of Vice-President, and Secretary.

Thank you,

Phylis Porio President, Vermont Lions Charities

> Vermont District 45 Lions NorShaft Lions We Serve

District 45 Vermont Lions Presents an Evening to Benefit



Saturday November 7th, 2015 Hampton Inn Colchester

If interested in purchasing a ticket, price is \$125 per ticket which also includes 2 event dinners.

Deadline to purchase tickets and or donate prizes is November 1, 2015.

For More Information or to purchase tickets contact District 45 LCIF Committee

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FOUNDATION OVERVIEW

One of the most important ways that Lions make adifference in their communities and the world is through Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), the official charitable organization of Lions Clubs International. With funding from LCIF, Lions carry out large-scale humanitarian projects in their communities. Lions' support of the Foundation is critical, as donations from Lions provide the majority of LCIF's revenue. LCIF continues to ensure that all donated funds are used as efficiently as possible, all donations are used to fund grants and program expenses. Based on targeted investment returns, LCIF anticipates investment income to be sufficient to cover projected administrative and development expenses.

Since LCIF began in 1968, it has awarded more than 12,072 grants totaling more than US\$900 million, together, Lions and LCIF are making a difference for millions of people. "We Serve" better together.



The Manchester Lions Club presents

THE ELF EXPRESS

Saturday, December 19 - Sunday, December 20

r.k. Miles Depot Station - Manchester Center, VT

Trains depart: 10:00, 11:30, 1:00, 2:30 & 4:00 Daily

Adults (13 and over): \$25.00 Children (2-12): \$20.00

Under 2: Free (Must sit on parent's lap)

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT:

www.ManchesterLionsElfTrain.com or Manchester & the Mountains Chamber

TRAIN DEPOT MADE POSSIBLE BY:









Ending veteran homelessness by 31 December 2015 is a presidential initiative. Vermont Veterans Services at the University of Vermont (VVS) is a Veterans Administration (VA) Supportive Services for Veterans and Families (SSVF) grantee that is a major part of this initiative.

In Vermont all of the VA programs, State agencies and not-for-profits are working together toward this goal. The first objective is to locate homeless veterans, the second objective is to let them know the help that is available, and the final objective is to help all homeless veterans who want help to find permanent housing.

Vermont Veteran Services team members are literally going into the woods to find and talk with veterans. We are visiting shelters, food shelves and any place we might come into contact with veterans who may need help. What we need are more eyes and ears all over Vermont who could let us know where to look. The other day we heard from one of the members of the National Guard Combat Veterans Outreach Team about several locations where veterans are living rough. This spring we met a veteran at the Stand Down at Lyndon State who helps support a large group of veterans living rough in the Northeast Kingdom.

Calls from homeless families to 211 are up 8% over last year, and some of these people are certainly members of veteran families. We need you to call 802-656-3232 or email info@vermontveteransservices.org if you have any information that may help us locate literally homeless veterans who served from WWII to the present.

The support we need now is to have you looking out for your neighbors.

You can also contact us at 802-656-3232 if you want a member of our staff to speak at a meeting.

Editor's Corner

A note from the Editor:

Please follow these simple steps to ensure that your information will be properly included in the Communique.

<u>1st:</u> When sending correspondence to be included in the Communiqué, please put 'For Communique' in the subject line of the email. Emails to communique@d45lions.com are received by several Lions and we need to be sure that it is directed properly.

2nd: A quick Marketing 101 reminder: Be sure to include the 5 W's. Who? What? When? Where? Why? and How? when sending information for inclusion in the Communiqué.

For example (and a shameless plug!): (Who)The Manchester Lions Club will be hosting (What) the Maple Leaf Half Marathon, a Top Ten Fall Event, on (When) Saturday September 12, 2015. (Where)The event begins at ends at the Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park, 340 Rec Park Road, Manchester, Vermont. (Why)Monies raised from the event are donated back to the community in the form of scholarships and donations. (How) For more information or to register please visit our website at http://034f962.netsolhost.com/mapleleaf/

<u>3rd:</u> Start advertising your event months in advance. Don't wait until the September Communiqué to promote a September event. Send the information as early as possible. I'll get it on the calendar and begin promoting it for you.

<u>Lastly:</u> Please submit items in one of the following formats: PDF, Word, or JPEG. Requests written into the body of an email require additional formatting in InDesign (the Adobe program being used to create the Communique each month). Please help me get the Communique posted on time each month by submitting items early and in the proper format.

All information/photos MUST be received by the 20th of each month.