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A Message from District Governor Walter Hastings

Hello Lions,

May is a month of awakening. Spring finally beats back winter's last grip and the whole world is suddenly bathed in giant swaths of green sprouts.

After a long winter trapped indoors it feels great to once again be able to enjoy the outdoors with friends and the barbeque.

If you didn't have the opportunity to join us for the Spring convention at Mount Snow you missed a great time.

The Melvin Jones Luncheon is always an inspiration. At dinner the Keynote speaker, Sue Thomas, captured our hearts with her inspirational life story.

It was a wonderful weekend with friends and service. Our gift to the Deerfield Valley Food Shelf, donating the proceeds of our Darby Walk, was very much appreciated.

As always our Sunday memorial service for our fallen Lions was a wonderful tribute to honor their service in their community and ours.

On a personal note I want to thank you all for your letters of condolence on my mother's passing. I so very much appreciate your friendship and loving support.

Like Spring's arrival, it's a reminder that life and love are a miracle to be cherished, honored, and remembered.

DG Walter

District 45 Calendar and Events

5/24	VABVI's 29th Annual Dinner & Auction
5/26	Bennington Lions Food booth at Mayfest
5/27	Castleton Lions Annual Kids Fishing Derby
5/28	Memorial Day Parades - Vergennes Lions Vehicle Raffle drawing
5/30	Lions Twin State Soccer Board Meeting
5/31 - 6/3	Vermont Dairy Festival
6/1	THE SAGE CITY SIX & UKULELE STRING ENSEMBLE
6/2	Volunteer at Vermont Special Olympics - "Opening Eyes" program
6/3	NorShaft Lions Pancake Breakfast at Shaftsbury Elementary
6/9	Work Day at Green Mountain Lions Camp
6/9	Readsboro Lions Annual Kids Fishing Derby at Lions Park
6/16	Training session for all new club and district officers - Vergennes
6/22 - 6/23	SLAM T1D 8th Annual Vermont Summer Classic
6/23	Arlington Lion's Den Challenge
6/27	Helen Keller Day & Lions Twin State Soccer Board Meeting
6/29 -7/3	101st Lions Clubs International Convention: Las Vegas, NV
6/30	Readsboro Lions BBQ & town 4th of July Celebration
7/1 -7/13	Green Mountain Lions Camp - Teen Session
7/4	Independence Day Parades
7/15 -7/21	Green Mountain Lions Camp - Youth Session
7/19 – 7/22	Norwich Lions 30th Annual Fair
7/21	44th Annual Twin State Soccer Cup
7/22	District organizational meeting – Readsboro
7/28	Barre Lions Downtown Tow-Down
8/18	D45 Cabinet meeting – Springfield Elk's Club
8/19	Bennington Battle Day Parade
8/26	Orleans Lions Annual Horseshoe Tournament
9/8	Maple Leaf Half-Marathon
9/20 - 9/22	USA/Canada Forum
9/29	Hungry Lion Bike Tour
11/3	D45 Fall Conference & LCIF SuperRaffle – Colchester
1/12/2019	D45 Cabinet meeting – Barre
3/16	D45 Cabinet Meeting – Middlebury
5/2-5/4	D45 Spring Conference 2019 – in Rutland

Don't see your club's activity listed? Email it to the [Communique!](#)



101st LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
JUNE 29 - JULY 3, 2018/LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Green Mountain Lions Camp Work Day **June 9th**



Attend Officer Training



Vermont Lions District 45
New and Experienced Lions Officer Training
-There's always more to learn and more to share.

Saturday, June 16

Time: 10:00am to 2:00pm

Location: Champlain Valley Christian Reform Church, 73 Church ST, Vergennes

Cost: \$10.00 which includes lunch

Reservations must be made no later than **Monday, June 11, 2018**

Who should attend? All local Lions Club Officers (Presidents, VPs, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Directors) District Officers, Zone Chairs, Guiding Lions, and any Lions who want to learn more about our clubs and district.

(Please print)

Name:

Address: _____

Club/District Position: _____

Home Club Name: _____

Officer Training: \$10.00 pp x _____ (# attending) \$ _____

Special Dietary Need? no ___ yes _____

Is there anything in particular you would like covered in the training? _____

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Please make your check payable to Vermont District 45 and mail to:

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LCIF and the Melvin Jones Fellowship

The Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) is the backbone of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), providing 75 percent of the foundation's revenue. As recognition of humanitarian work the MJF is awarded to club and community members that have performed outstanding community service. Each nomination is accompanied by a \$1,000 donation from the sponsor to LCIF.

An annual highlight of the Spring Convention is the Melvin Jones Luncheon. This year was no exception. Please congratulate these dedicated Lions:



MJF Lion George Lauzon, Springfield Lions



MJF Lion Kathy Stetson with Lion Tim Stetson, Enosburg Falls Lions



MJF Lion Ron Bingham, Heartland Lions with DG Walter and PID Tom Broughton



MJF Lion Arthur Whitman, Norshaft Lions, being presented a progressive MJF pin by Lion Kathy Whitman

D 45: Together We Serve

(snippets from service activity reports)

BENNINGTON LIONS: Donated funds to Cancer Crusaders. At our April meeting Mr Rick Hawley and his son-in-law provided an outstanding history, and the modern day practice of sugaring. Join us for Mayfest, Saturday May 26TH.

CASTLETON LIONS: Donated funds to: Vermont Lions Charities Campaign for Sight; a local youth to attend summer diabetes camp; upkeep of the Fair Haven Youth Baseball Field; Vermont Lions Charities Campaign for childhood cancer travel funds; provide pre-school children with educational activities and access to books.

COLCHESTER LIONS: Worked at the local food shelf. Participated in the Lions walking club. Reviewed scholarship applications at Milton High School. Performed KidSight screening at Tuttle Middle School (156 kids screened).

ENOSBURG FALLS LIONS: Sent 7 Lions Club Clowns to march in the Vermont Maple Festival Parade April 29. Donated funds to sponsor King Lion Larry in the Parkinson Disease Walk-A-Thon.

ESSEX JUNCTION LIONS: The Club Became a Gold level sponsor of the Vermont Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI). Members delivered bread to seniors on 4/6. Three Lions traveled to Colchester to attempt a capture of the regional traveling lion. One lion volunteered as Guardian Ad Litem for 8 individuals. Lions volunteered time to perform respite work. Lions held a 50/50 raffle and table sale at the WOKO Flea Market. Lions participated in the following local meetings: Chittenden County Historical Society; Church Nursery; Daughters Of 1812; Daughters of the American Revolution; First Congregational Church of Essex financial committee meeting; Essex Historical Society; Grange; Vermont Mayflower Society.

GEORGIA LIONS: Eight Lions members donated 201 hours volunteering at the Community Club. Collectively they served 2,583 people.

GRANVILLE LIONS: Have been busy preparing for summer furniture sales and their annual 4th of July Kids event. Two lions volunteered to assist with planning for DGE Liz's spring 2019 convention and met with the venue leadership. On April 3rd we were joined by 4 Bennington Lions (4 of them) who delivered General to us for safe keeping for the summer season! Also in attendance were 6 Lions from the Vergennes Club.

JERICO-UNDERHILL LIONS: Two Lions gave blood and 1 assisted with the Blood Drive. Lion Loreen met with the Westford Brick House Society. Lion Dave Crane led visitors through the grounds of Shelburne Farms. The Club held Pie Sales...there's always something cooking with the J-U Lions... Lions volunteered time to serve seniors meals and provide transportation for seniors. The scholarship committee deliberated over applications. Three Lions traveled to Colchester and captured the Region 1 Traveling Lion.

MANCHESTER LIONS: KidSight screening of 85 school children.

MIDDLEBURY LIONS: The club elected officers and approved budgets for 2018-19. The club hosted the [Middlebury Maple Run](#)'s Pancake Breakfast in lieu of the Rotary Club this year – it was a wonderful community event! The Club purchased eyeglasses for two residents. The club made donations to: WomanSafe; Addison County Field Days for the new *Jim Foster Jr. Welcome Center*; MiddSummer Lunch and Recreation program; Addison County Readers; Porter Hospital; HOPE and CVOEO

Great day to run

The 10th annual Middlebury Maple Run drew over 750 runners on Sunday, May 6, in near perfect weather. The Middlebury Lions Club served pancakes with ample maple syrup. Runners, top, head off down South Street in the 13.1-mile race; Wonder Woman (aka, Ali Spencer of East Burke) ran the full half-marathon with ease (of course) and, below, Peter Gurney of South Burlington, 29, won the overall race. Look for more photos and results in Thursday's edition.

Independent photos/Angelo Lynn



NORSHAFT LIONS: Provided an Easter Egg hunt to the communities of North Bennington and Shaftsbury. Lions volunteered time at the community food shelf.

NORWICH LIONS: The Norwich Lions club sent a team of Spot Vision Screener's to the Marion Cross School as requested by MCS principal, Bill ("Mr. Bill") Hammond. On Friday, May 4, 2018 from 8:45 am-11:45 am Norwich Lions Club members conducted its first-ever SPOT Vision Screening for children of Norwich's Marion Cross Elementary School (MCS). School nurse, Pam Hausler, RN, coordinated the event including arranging for our club to screen "second and fourth graders" with a "few" children from other grades participating also. Lions Club members had the pleasure to screen twice as many individuals than originally planned.

76 children (5 requiring referral) and 5 adults (2 requiring referral) for a total of 81 individuals received the screening. Our dedicated and experienced Lions Debbie Bernal, Jay Van Arman and Gary De Gasta were joined by our newest spot vision recruit, Lion Sean Kenny. Lion Sean's addition to our team brings the number of trained and experienced NLC Vision Screener's to over a dozen!

"Grandpa" Sean enjoyed the experience of screening one of his grandchildren, a student at the school. School nurse Pam was very impressed with outcome of the event and she intends to arrange for our club to "screen all MCS children this Fall". This is another example of how, We serve our communities.

Caption: Debbie Bernal and Jay Van Arman look on as Sean practices on camera equipment



SPRINGFIELD LIONS: Held a Walk for Sight and donated the proceeds to the Vermont Lions Charities Campaign for Sight. Springfield Lions plan to once again enter a float in the SHS Alumni Parade this June. Planning is underway! Lions Debbie and Pat Ankuda have again stepped forward to head up this project. Don't be shy if you would like to help build our float or be in the parade! Two Springfield Lions volunteered time mentoring the scouts, and another has joined the schools crisis response team.



Samantha Lane (left) from the Springfield Family Center accepts a check from club president, Julie Kaufman-Beauchain (right), for funds collected during the annual Food from the Heart drive.

READSBORO LIONS: The Readsboro Lions Club invite you to sponsor a Readsboro Village Flag. Sponsored flags are \$10 each and *you can sponsor a flag in honor of or in memory of a family member, a friend or just a special person.* The flags are displayed all around town in memory of these special people on all Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.

Please RSVP by May 7th. Send your donation with the name(s) of the person(s) you would like to remember to Readsboro Lions Club, PO Box 183, Readsboro, VT 05350 or call Ernie Bolognani at 423-7709. Checks made out to Readsboro Lions Club. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



RICHFORD LIONS: The Richford Lions Club held a hugely successful food from the heart food drive on 4/7. Their Big Ticket Dinner Night Raffle was held April 21st. The club donated funds to the Vermont chapter of the American Parkinson's Disease Association.

SWANTON MISSISQUOI VALLEY LIONS: Four members attended our twinning club's breakfast fundraiser. The [St-Lambert, QC Lions](#) do an awesome annual brunch, then return the visit at our [Annual Rib dinner](#) and Round Robin Raffle fundraising event which was equally AWESOME!

TROY & AREA LIONS: Texas Hold'Em and BINGO Fundraising. The club served meals to 32 seniors.

VERGENNES LIONS: Made donations to Addison County Home, Health, & Hospice Health & Wellness "Wayland's Wish"; Boy Scouts Troop 539; Vergennes/Addison Rescue Service to purchase a much needed Nitronox Field Unit for our community. We made a club visitation to enjoy time with the Granville lions.

WINDSOR LIONS: District Governor Walter joined us at Pearl's Pies for a regular meeting and to assist with inducting a new member.

WHITINGHAM-HALIFAX LIONS: welcomed 21 new members. After a highly successful membership drive on March 19th, the Whitingham-Halifax Lions welcomed 21 new members to the club, nearly doubling in size as a result.



Chris Holden (future member & Hungry Lion Bike Tour committee member); Lions Pete Crosby; John Doty; Adam Ranslow; Patricia Fitzpatrick; Jeanette Felton; Wanda Walkowniak; Patience Merriman; Alison Ferris (holding the recognition certificate for largest growth in membership, presented to the Whitingham-Halifax Lions Club at D45 Spring Convention); Meg Staloff; Darlene Betit; Matai Engel (future Leo); Talia Engel (future Leo); Lions Marli Gloeckner; Jennifer Beach; Maureen Drummey. Not pictured: Lion(s) Matt Betit; Newt Brosius; Gini Brosius; Thom Drummey; CB Goldstein; Helena Queenie; Jason Staloff.

“Our new Lions are men and women with a diverse range of ages and backgrounds,” said Lion Alan Stewart of Wilmington, who led the membership effort. “We are all very excited to have this incredible influx of energy and talent.”

On May 6, the Club was formally honored by the Vermont Lions leadership at the District’s spring convention at the Grand Summit Hotel at Mt. Snow for bringing in more new members than any other club in the state.

In addition to the towns of Whitingham and Halifax, the Lions Club welcomes members from local towns that do not currently have clubs, including Wilmington, Dover and Searsburg. The Club is active in community service and fundraising for the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry, The Gathering Place, vision screening in local schools and other local charities.

No news from your club? Send your inputs to communique@vermontlions.org or ensure your secretary submits inputs through your clubs monthly service activity report on [MyLCI](#). Photos have to be sent via [email](#).



Colchester Lions Club
Helicopter Golf Ball Drop
Lion Heather Hinman
350 Julie Drive #5
Colchester VT 05446
Tel. No.: 802.881.8919

Dear Friends of the Colchester Lions Club,

It is my pleasure to announce the 3rd Annual *GOLF BALL DROP*. This exciting event will be held on Sunday, August 26th at 11:00am at the Airport Park in Colchester.

What is a *GOLF BALL DROP* you might ask? With our cooperative partner, Mansfield Heliflight, all golf balls sold will be dropped from a helicopter.

From an appropriate height in the sky, the balls will be dropped, aiming for a hole in the ground.

The closest ball to the 'hole' (or 1st ball into hole) will win \$1,000.

2nd ball closest (or in hole) will win \$300

3rd ball closest (or in hole) will win \$200

Plus there will be many additional prizes to be won as well.

Costs of each ball: \$25, 2 for \$40

(only 250 will be sold)

Deadline to purchase: 11:00 a.m. day of event

Your presence is welcome but not required to win.

The Colchester Lions Club is entering its 55th year of continuing its mission to serve the blind and visually impaired, the deaf and hearing impaired and the less fortunate of Colchester, Milton and the surrounding communities.

Every year, we are able to purchase eyeglasses (and where necessary eye exams), hearing aids and other necessities to help them with their everyday lives.. Other projects we are able to do is to host an Easter Egg Hunt, goodies for Meals on Wheels participants, scholarship funding for local youths and lunches for basketball Special Olympic participants. Colchester Lions members belong to Vermont Lions District 45 so we also provide assistance to fellow Vermonters, including the NEW Green Mountain Lions Camp, a summer camp in Cabot for hearing impaired children.

Thanks for your past support. We hope we can count on your continued support for the club and its activities by purchasing a ball(s). Please mail the enclosed voucher and check, payable to 'Colchester Lions Club' to myself for this fantastic event.

Sincerely, Lion Heather

Lion's Den Challenge

Proceeds to benefit the Arlington Lions!

June 23, 2018
10am - 5pm

@ Arlington
Lion's Pavilion/
Arlington
Recreation Park



Obstacle Course
"Sprint" Race

Recreation Park
Road-
Arlington, VT

An Obstacle Course Race like no other!
This OCR WILL FEATURE up to 30 obstacles!
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Race for fun or Race to Win!

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For a great time and to support a great cause go to
www.redneckwarrior.wtf to sign up for this event!

Vergennes Lions Club 2018 Vehicle Raffle



**1996 Ford Mustang,
only 63,000 miles, Automatic, V-8., All Original!**

Second prize: \$500 Cash.

Third Prize: \$250 Cash.

You can view this vehicle at various locations in Vergennes from now until the drawing. After that, maybe it will be YOU that drives it home!

The Annual Vehicle Raffle is a major fundraiser for the Vergennes Lions. As with all our fundraisers, 100 % of proceeds from monies collected from the community through this fundraiser are used to benefit Lions programs. These programs include eyeglasses and eye care, youth programs, access ramps for the handicapped and so much more. We pride ourselves in the fact that 100% of profit made on our fundraisers goes back into our programs. The drawing will be held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th. We invite you to view the great Vergennes Memorial Day Parade in the morning and stay for the program/presentation that follows at the City Green.

Tickets are \$30.00 each. Please send your check to:

Vergennes Lions Club, PO Box 94, Vergennes, VT 05491

If you have any questions you may contact any Lions member:

Debbie Brace at 324-1758, Tom Brigan 324-2158, Paul Bessette 349-7141, Mark Delisle 349-6715, Bruce Bushey 355-1969, Ron Childers 363-9596, Gary Russett 236-6508

Special thanks go to **Precision Print & Copy** in Vergennes for providing printing services for raffle tickets, posters and this mailing! Also to **Denecker Chevrolet** for helping us with this years' vehicle and to the **Valley Voice** for donating space to publicize this fundraiser.

Tickets can be purchased at;
Jackman Fuels and Ferrisburgh Bake Shop.

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NAME: _____
POSTAL
ADDRESS: _____

OF TICKETS: _____
PHONE #: _____

email: _____

Make your check payable to Vergennes Lions Club
Thank you for your support of Vergennes Lions Programs!
Send \$5.00 extra for a chance to win a ticket.
Don't wait it might be too late!

Message to all District 45 Lions:

Granville, Colored Slate Capitol of the World, is a wonderful little town to visit! We are just across the border of Vermont, nestled in a valley known for the fine slate quarried there.

Our furniture comes from the Telescope factory, located less than a half mile away.

Your Lion Identification card will give you an additional discount!

Granville Lions Club

Casual Furniture

May thru Labor Day! **Sale**

Fridays 5-8pm & Saturdays 10-2pm

GPS & Sale Address: Lions Lane, Granville NY 12832

(Located behind Post Office on Main St.) Phone: 518-642-1261

VERMONT LIONS CHARITIES
District spring convention report
Saturday, May 5, 2018

As most of you are aware, VLC is trying to answer one of the challenges issued by LCI... that challenge, pediatric cancer, is best described with a quote from LCI:

"Children are a gift to the world; yet every two minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer and less than half of the world's children have access to effective care. Children who survive cancer are often left with debilitating effects that can impact their physical development and ability to learn. That's why Lions and Leos are answering the call to expand access to life saving treatment and support the children and families who need us most. We are working to give children with cancer a second chance at life."

Vermont Lions Charities has chosen to provide those families dealing with pediatric/childhood cancer with transportation assistance...funds to be used in traveling to and from treatment centers. This is a major expense for most families...most of the treatment for childhood cancer is covered by insurance or Medicaid...nothing for travel expense.

I am pleased to announce that Vermont Lions Charities will be a partner with the UVM Children's Hospital and in so doing, the hospital will provide us with the names of those families living in northern Vermont who are dealing with childhood cancer. VLC, via an application process, will then supply transportation assistance to those families qualifying etc. On Thursday of this week we formed the same arrangement with Dartmouth-Hitchcock and in so doing, they will supply us with information on families living in southern Vermont.

Currently, we have absolutely no idea how many families living in Vermont are dealing with pediatric cancer and just how many will seek assistance from VLC. However, one thing is absolutely certain....your support of this endeavor is absolutely necessary if we are to support the anticipated requests. As of Tuesday, May 1st, we have raised \$2,203.00 via individual & club donations and collection canisters placed in key locations throughout the communities that we serve. VLC has not yet determined the amount that we will provide to those families requesting assistance. We will reach this decision at our August Board meeting. This will enable us sufficient time to answer our two major concerns; number of families that we will be assisting and yes, having sufficient funds raised to meet the requests.

Needless to say, \$2,203.00 will not go very far ... Today, I once again ask for your club & yes, your individual support.

Special thanks!!!

Lion Stanley Patch, Jr.
President, VLC

Co-chairs Lion Julie Simpson & PDG Ken Emery wish to thank all who purchased and sold **Gene Farrar Memorial Raffle** tickets. This year's raffle raised \$3,833 which will allow 10 kids to attend the **Green Mountain Lions Camp** on scholarship. Thank you, to all of the business's, individuals and clubs who were very generous in making donations to this year's raffle.

Thanks everyone. Hope to see you at camp this year.

Item	\$	Donated by	Winner
Telescope Patio Furniture Set	\$750	Granville Lions Club	David Lafleur
Jacquard Knit Cardigan	\$400	Lion Connie St. George	Myra Poland
Overnight Stay	\$199	Hampton Inn	Erroc Bibbens
Electric Fireplace	\$150	Lions Marie and Floyd Miner	Nancy Baker
Keurig Coffee Make	\$129	Green Mountain Coffee	Wendy Chenaille
George Lawrence Lithograph	\$100	PDG Ken Emery / Lion Jackie Dutil	Becky Counsell
Framed Floral Painting	\$90	Marianne Leach	Pete Andrews
Bed Set - Twin Size	\$75	Lion Fern Henson	Dave Crane
Cabot Cheese Gift Bag	\$75	Cabot Creamery	Troy and Area Lions Club
Pass for 2	\$66	Santa's Village	Grace Crane
Family Pass	\$65	Shelburne Museum	Jackie Bandy
Mt. Scene - Hand Painted	\$65	Marianne Leach	Troy and Area Lions Club
Teddy Bear	\$60	Vt Teddy Bear	Ray Cox
Fleece Jacket - Size L	\$50	East Coast Printers	Linda Eastman
Gift Basket	\$50	Maple Grove	Tanya Clark
Gift Certificate	\$50	King Arthur Flour	George Bilodeau
Gift Certificate	\$50	King Arthur Flour	Orleans Lions Club
Outdoor Rockers (2) and 1 Bench	\$50	PDG Betsy MaGee / Lion David LaRose	George Bilodeau
4 Crochet Seat Covers	\$40	PCT Loreen Teer	Leon Pillsbury
Afghan	\$40	Lion Connie LaPlume	Kathleen Achilles
Blanket	\$40	PCT Loreen Teer	David Fielding
Homemade Wine Set	\$40	PDG Pam Nichols	Carl Gerhart
Household Decorations w Inspiratio	\$40	David LaFleur	Granville Lions Club
Starbucks Coffee Set	\$35	Starbucks - Williston Road	Ruth Pillsbury
Admission (1 adult/1 child)	\$27	Montshire Museum	John McShane
Downtown Brandon Print	\$25	PDG Steve Simpson	Mary Frost
George Foreman Grill	\$25	PCS Cindy Berg	Jim Woodberry
Gift Card	\$25	O'Reilly's Auto Parts	Tanya Clark
Gift Card	\$25	O'Reilly's Auto Parts	Castleton Lions Club
Gift Card	\$25	Claussen's Greenhouse	Granville Lions Club
Gift Card - McDonalds	\$25	PDG Ken Emery	Steve Martin
Gift Card - McDonalds	\$25	PDG Ken Emery	Mel Coburn
Lasso Basket	\$25	PCST Debbie Bushey	Bruce Blanch
Lasso Basket	\$25	PCST Debbie Bushey	Granville Lions Club
Patriots Hooded Scarf	\$25	\$12	Carl Gerhart
2 Adult Passes	\$24	Devil's Bowl Speedway	Robert Harrington
2 Adult Passes	\$24	Devil's Bowl Speedway	Castleton Lions Club
Boston Red Sox Scarf	\$20	PDG Ken Emery	Pamela Greene
Christmas Basket	\$20	Lion Julie Simpson	Amy Herrman
Copper Bowl	\$20	PDG Ken Emery	Bruce Blanch
Food Storage Set	\$20	PCS Cindy Berg	Larry Larrow
GMLC Shirt and Pin Combo	\$20	GMLC Committee	Jackie Dutil
Slate Painting	\$20	Lion Julie Simpson	Mark Wilson
2 Free Breakfasts	\$15	Riverside Restaurant	David Fielding
2 Movie Passes	\$15	Star Movie Theatre	Pierre Parent
2 Movie Passes	\$15	Star Movie Theatre	Bob Braut
Gift Card	\$15	PDG Ken Emery	George Norfleeet
Gift Card	\$15	PDG Ken Emery	Troy and Area Lions Club
Spring Garden Set	\$15	PCS Cindy Berg	Stan Patch Jr
Wine and Wine Rack	\$15	Lion Carmelita Belisle	David McGee
Burlington Free Press Umbrella	\$12	PDG Ken Emery	George Norfleeet
Soft Fleece Blanket	\$10	Lion Marie Miner	Norma Thomas

2017-2018 Pull Tab Year End Report

This is our fourth year since we started this pull tab project to benefit the Shriners kids. We had 14 clubs participating last year. This year we had only 10 clubs that participated. Please continue to collect and contribute.

Total grams this year: 98,405, vs. last year: 91,095. Total points overall: 19,681 vs. last year: 18,219. Clubs ranged from over 5,000 points, to as low as less than 400. That all figures out to **216.94 lbs.** this year! Compared to last year's total of 200.83 lbs. We're collectively up 16.11 lbs. this year. Over the past 4 years we have been collecting, we have had an annual increase of our collective poundage. We only collected 151.61 pounds our first year. Great job all! Let's try to beat our record again next year.

As we sort & weigh the pull tabs, Cindy & I have fun trying to determine what type of beverage the tabs come off from. For instance, Red Bull has plain silver, yellow, blue, & of course red tabs. We don't drink alcoholic beverages, but have determined that Red with the crown are Budweiser, Some blue ones are Michelob and light green, blue, red & black are probably Monster Energy Drinks.

Some of the interesting things we have found along with the pull tabs this year include: an occasional regular style bottle cap; wine bottle corks; paper clips; rubber bands; safety pins; staples - both electrical & regular office type; cable ties; bread tags & twist ties; key ring - no keys; beads (glass, plastic & wooden); bobby pins; push pins; assortment of nails (both regular & finish - straight & bent); screws; nuts; rod & hex caps; washers (flat & star); electrical box knock out plugs; and a shelf bracket. We even found hearing-aid batteries & regular AA batteries, along with a box top for education coupon (expired) & a cigar label. All coins/change we find, we keep as our tip; we don't get rich. FYI - Canadian coins are magnetic.

Along with the hardware store, we also found numerous organic matter consisting of: tobacco, lawn grass (no wacky-tabacky), leaf pieces, onion skins, regular dirt, pine needles, seed shells, lint and oh yeah, whoever lost their marbles we found them for you. We even found something to eat - if we were hungry, Cheerios cereal & Ramen noodles. The most interesting thing we found this year was a shower curtain ring, you never know what you'll find or need. Be assured we do wear rubber gloves when weighing & sorting the pull tabs.

I know some clubs work with redemption centers to collect their tabs - let's keep working with them. An idea, maybe, would be to ask your local school children to help out by collecting tabs for your club and make a contest out of it for them. Whatever works best for your club. Let's beat this new record! Keep collecting & bring them to the Cabinet Meetings. They are valuable. Thank - You to all who donated this year. Keep it up! Now let's get to the awards for this year:

3rd Place - Swanton-Missisquoi Lions Club: 1,971 points

2nd Place - Troy & Area Lions Club: 3,987 points, beating last year's # by 141 points

1st Place - Norshaft Lions Club: 5,146 points

I also like to give Honorable Mention type Awards. First is the Effort Award - for the club who works hard collecting tabs, but just didn't make it into the top 3 places; basically 4th place, nice effort.

Effort Award - Williston Area Lions Club: 1,954 points - (4th place)

And the other award 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. Better luck next year.

Attempt Award - Heartland Lions Club: 381 points - (last place - 10th).

Sooooooooo, let's keep collecting tabs all summer & year long and maybe your club will win.

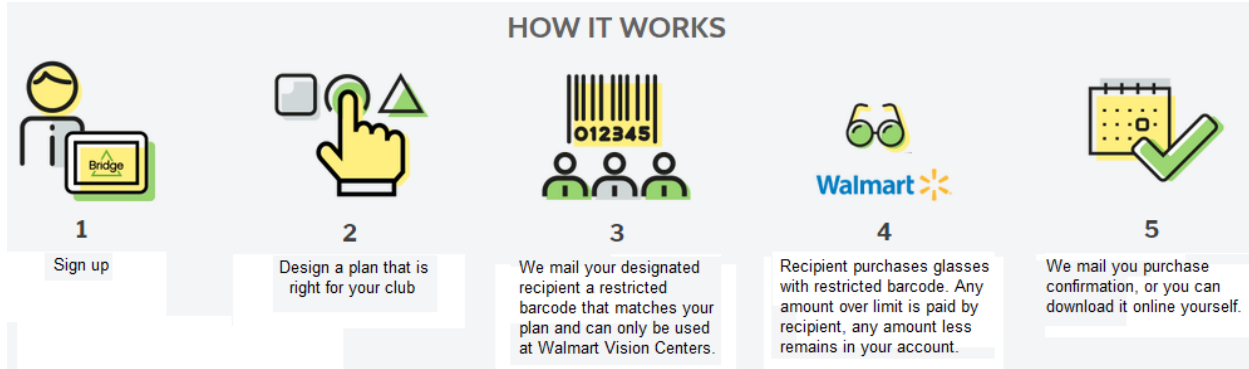
Congratulations & Thank-you to all,

Lions Cindy & Loreen, Pull-Tab co-chairs



If your club has a Walmart Vision Center that is convenient to your service area then you might consider establishing an account with BridgeMart to make providing targeted services to your recipients easier and more cost effective. If you would like to learn more about how BridgeMart works [click here](#). If your club wants to fund eye exams they can enable exams to be funded through their BridgeMart card. That's what the Granville Lions do.

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All Walmart stores in and near Vermont borders (Except Plattsburg, NY) have contracted with BridgeMart to manage their pre-paid accounts. These are also called "Walmart Restricted Purchase Cards". The Club sends in funds and pays a \$9 administrative fee. The Club receives that amount of credit funds for use at Walmart Vision Centers. The Club designates a recipient online and restrictions they want to apply. BridgeMart sends your designated recipient a card in the amount you designate, for the services you designate. When clients go for glasses the fee is deducted from the card. *"It seems to me that usually Walmart has good prices compared to other vision centers. Walmart is where my family and I get glasses."* - [Jim Peterson Granville Lions 4/13/18](#)

VLC is considering opening an account because Walmart Vision centers can't accept our VLC voucher's and insist on a check with a driver's license... for VLC and many clubs near a vision center, this might simply be easier and save us funds. Here are the restrictions VLC intends to place on their BridgeMart cards:



Prescription Eyewear Card

Card Amount	Employee / Member	Email Address	Purchase Destination
100.00 <small>apply to all</small>		sight@vermontlions.org <small>apply to all</small>	Walmart/Sam's <small>apply to all</small>
Purchase Instructions		<small>set as default</small>	
<p>This purchase for basic optical (prescribed) needs only. No customization beyond basic need is authorized. Best value frames only. Progressive lenses are authorized where appropriate. User is responsible for all costs over the allowance.</p>		Remove	

Where is BridgeMart accepted? There are 3 Walmart Vision Centers currently in VT: Williston, Bennington and Derby. There's one in Queensbury, NY (the one Granville Lions use). In NH there are two near the VT border in Hinsdale, and Claremont.

Amora is a Walmart Vision Center manager in Hinsdale who recently helped one of her local Lions Clubs to sign up with BridgeMart. You can reach Amora at 603-336-2002 if you would like assistance signing up. It's so easy you really can do it yourself at <http://www.bridgemart.com/>.

Here's a link to where you can [view the BridgeMart FAQ](#)