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Dear Fellow Lion Leaders,

Last year at this time I remember thinking that I had a whole year to try to support the growth of D45. Suddenly that year has finished, and it has gone so quickly! It has been a real privilege to be able to visit so many Clubs and share in your celebrations and acknowledge leadership and service in your communities. District 45 has made amazing progress and growth – You should be proud of your work and dedication.

Now, I would like each of you to **reflect and think** about what has changed for you this year:

- What has worked to enable you to grow your Club and increase your service to your communities and what has made a difference to you and your Club.
- What has not been as successful as you have wished and what were the ‘roadblocks’ that held you up –

From this reflection, I suggest that you put together a plan that looks forward. This plan will give you targets /goals that can be put into a timeline. Without these targets, you will not have anything to aim for.... I would love to hear from you on what conclusions you come to and how you will use these insights to grow you Clubs and increase your Service. Also, it is important to let us know how the District Officers can help you to achieve your goals.

The following is a review of the targets that I set for D45 for the year ending on June 30th.

1. D 45 will plan and execute day training for Club Officers in the specific areas of role expectations, leadership skills and conflict resolution skills.

Outcome: Training done in June 2018

2. D 45 will have 5 more total members at the end of June 2019 than were registered as members in June, 2018, 45% of total members being women

Outcome: As of the end of May 2019 we have met the goal in growth of numbers, but not yet in % of women members.

3. Each Club will plan and produce a service project in each of the 5 Service areas

Outcome: So far more than half of our Clubs have completed the challenge.

4. D45 will recognize and send for training 2 Lions to ALLI and 4 to ELLI and 4 to the USA Canada Forum.

Outcome: Places were offered, with 1 Lion sent to ALLI and 1 Lion sent to ELLI. USA Canada Forum was attended

5. D45 will achieve a 60% participation by the Clubs in the work of LCIF, as shown by donations to the Foundation.

Outcome: This is to be reported at the beginning of July

My goal for next year is to work with DGE Ken Emery, as part of his team, to keep D45 moving forward in service to our communities. – Driven To Serve!!

Thank you again for your friendship and support,

Together We Serve,
DG Liz

Hello, fellow District 45 Lions,

As you are reading this, it is probably June 1st or after. The unofficial start of the summer here in Vermont. Looking forward to some BBQ's, auctions, 'wiffleball', camping, horseshoes, duck races, fireworks and maybe, who knows, some 'smores'.

So, forget about June 21st, summer is here now. But also, time for clubs to wrap up their 2018 – 2019 Lions year and start making plans for the 2019 – 2020 Lions year. The first step in this process is the Leadership Training in Vergennes.

JUNE 22ND, 2019. District 45 2nd annual Leadership Training in Vergennes. Presidents, secretaries, treasurers, membership chairs. ALL LIONS are welcomed to attend so even though you might not be an officer yet, please join us. Elsewhere in this issue of the communique is a 'Welcome' letter and a registration form. Please note the 'package' rates for attendees.

The following is the schedule agenda. Please note that updated registration start time.

9:30 a.m. – Registration Opens
9:45 a.m. – Welcome open ceremonies
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.: Individual training sessions
11:30 a.m. 11:50 a.m. – 'Diversity within Lions' – PDG Joe Wilson
12:00 noon – 12:45 p.m. – Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – 'Service is our name' – Lion Molly Celani
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – General roundtable discussion
2:00 – 2:30 p.m. – Final Questions and feedback on day
2:30 p.m. – Safe travels home – see all at organizational meeting.

SAVE THE DATE: July 14th, 2019. The annual organizational meeting will be hosted by the Heartland Lions Club at Paine's Beach in South Royalton.

More information is available in this communique.

Introducing the ***Communique 'AD' program***. As District Governor, one major issue is having funds to cover projects, prize funds for contests, providing funding for training, cover expenses for cabinet members or just 'general expenses' to run the District as a whole. I am introducing a program that hopefully will raise funds. This is being done to try and avoid either raising District Dues or reducing some projects that are done in the District. Elsewhere in this communique is information about the Communique 'AD' program that will start with the July 1st edition.

Let us finish the 2018 – 2019 Lions year strong as we look forward to the 2019 – 2020 Lions year. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any thoughts, suggestions, concerns, complaints as we look forward.

In Lionism,

VDG (DGE) Ken



Vermont Lions District 45
2nd Annual Officer Training
For NEW and Experienced Lions

Saturday June 22, 2019
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Location: Champlain Valley Christian Reform Church
73 Church Street, Vergennes Vt.

Dear Lions Leaders of District 45,

On June 22nd, we are hosting the 2nd annual District Leadership Training for Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers with this year we are adding Membership Chairpersons. ***BUT any Lion is welcome and encouraged to attend so they can learn more about these positions and how our Lion Clubs work.***

Registration information is available via a separate registration form. Registration is at 9:30 with welcome ceremonies to be at 9:45. ***President training*** will be led by PDG Joe Wilson, GLT coordinator for 2019 – 2020. DG Liz Fenwick, who will be our GMT Coordinator for 2019 – 2020 will lead the discussion on ***membership***. Lion Karen Schroeder and PDG Betsy MaGee will lead the training session for ***secretaries***. VLC Treasurer Lion Woody Stoddard and District 45 tax reference guru Lion Kerry Claffey will lead discussion for ***treasurers***.

We will also have two additional presentations, the first being Gender Awareness lead by PDG Joe. The second will be 'how does Service' help clubs and its members be motivated, discussion led by GST Coordinator Lion Molly Celani.

Coffee and donuts will be available, along with a great lunch consisting of lasagna, salad and dessert.

The following is a tentative agenda for the day (updated as of 5/7/2019):

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See all in Vergennes, DGE Ken





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Costs: Package deal to encourage officers group to attend
Package 1: \$15 for one Lion; Package 2: \$28 for two Lions
Package 3: \$40 for three Lions; Package 4: \$50 for four Lions
Package 5: \$50 for four Lions plus \$10 per additional Lion

Reservation deadline for Package deals: Monday June 17, 2019

After June 17, 2019 all registration is \$15 per person.

Who should attend: Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Treasurers, Club Membership Chairs, Zone Chairs, Guiding Lions and ANY other Lions who want to learn more about our clubs and our district and the future that is ahead of us?

Club name: _____

Members attending: _____

Club president: _____

Club Secretary: _____

Club Treasurer: _____

Membership Chair: _____

Other: _____

Officer Training Registration Package: _____

Any Special Dietary Needs: _____

Reservations deadline June 17, 2019

Mail to
CTD Lion Dianne Brochu
10 Ketcham Drive
Essex Junction VT 05452
OR email to: dmbrochu@gmail.com





Invitation to ALL Lions of District 45
You are cordially welcome to attend
2019 – 2020 Organizational Meeting

Sunday, July 14, 2019: Time: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Location: Heartland Lions Club Paine’s Beach
406 North Windsor Street, South Royalton VT 05068

Invitation to all Lions of District 45, ALL are cordially welcome to attend

Schedule (subject to change)

11:00 a.m. Registration – Welcome Noon – Lunch
1:00 p.m. Discussion plans for 2019 – 2020
2:00 p.m. – Installation of 2019 – 2020 District Officers
To be determined: Transfer of Financial Books / Audit

Registration costs: \$10 per person
Reservations deadline July 10, 2019

Who should attend: District leadership team, Past District Governors, Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Treasurers, Club Membership Chairs, Zone Chairs, Guiding Lions and ANY other Lions who want to learn about 2019 – 2020 plans and goals for District 45.

Lion: _____

Club: _____

Club Position: _____

District Position: _____

Preferred Main course selection: (you will be able to enjoy all!!)

Chicken fillet ___ Sweet Italian Sausage ___ Hamburger ___ Hot Dog ___ Vegetarian ___

Any Special Dietary Needs: _____

Mail to: CTD Lion Dianne Brochu
10 Ketcham Drive
Essex Junction VT 05452
OR email to: dmbrochu@gmail.com



District 45 Communique 'AD' program

This program has a 'dual' purpose:

Raise funds for District 45 programs

AND provide information on our members: the business's they own

or who they work for.

Ads are to be no more than a business card size, either 2 x 3 or 2 x 4. (please include your name and the club you belong to).

Need to be either in a .pdf or .jpg format.

Costs - \$10 per month

'Ads' are sent to communique editor at communique@vermontlions.org

Payment for ad sent to DGE Ken Emery, 146 Eagle Park Drive, Colchester VT 05446

Deadline to submit ads are the 25th of the month.

For more information, please contact DGE Ken at 802-578-7483 or

Via email at kpemery1960@gmail.com.

Limit of 10 – 12 ads per communique

No political ads / no non-profit ads.

Ads are subject to final approval of communique editor / district governor

*This could be
Your Ad!*



District 45 Calendar and Events

6/8/2019	Bass Tournament - Plunder Bay Open – Castleton Lions Club	
6/22/2019	Officer Training, Vergennes 10am-2pm	
6/28/2019	SLAM T1D Wiffleball Tournament (Day 1) 4-8pm	
7/14/2019	Organizational Meeting, Hosted by Heartland Lions at Paine’s Beach, South Royalton Registration 10:30am; meeting 11am	
7/7-7/27/2019	Green Mountain Lions Camp	
7/18-7/21/2019	Norwich Lions Fair, Norwich, VT	
7/20/2019	Lions Twin-State Soccer , Castleton University	
On going	Don't see your club's activity listed? Email it to the Communique !	



Editor's note: We will be having the Communique available on the 1st of the month. For the July edition please have your material submitted by July 25th.

Please be sure to email it to [Communique](#).



A thank you note to the Lions who support VLC



*It's such a little word
when you've been
such a big help!*

*Thank you so much for
helping me pay for my
glasses. I can see better
Very appreciated
Heather Inman*



Club News

Colchester Lions

The Essex Junction Lions volunteered at the Kinney Drugs Children's Miracle Network BBQ fundraiser on May 11th.



Left to right, Stacey Barber, Betsy MaGee and Sue Jollie.



Heartland Lions

They are helping the environment with trexrecycling.com program.

Lion Pam Greene shown here with 58 pounds of recycling material.

They are working toward earning benches for the 3 towns they cover in their club.

Information on this project was in the July 2019 Lions Magazine.

Valley Lions

Valley Lions Club once again joined forces with Scout troop 428 to host our 2nd Annual Green-Up Day Celebration and our 1st ever Eco-Scavenger Hunt held on May 4, 2019 through our service towns in the West River Valley towns of Newfane, Brookline, Townshend, Jamaica and Brookline.



2nd Annual
WEST RIVER VALLEY
GREEN UP DAY CELEBRATION
1ST ANNUAL ECO-SCAVENGER HUNT
WIN \$25, \$15 OR \$10 CASH PRIZES!!



KL Dianne Potvin Brochu laying the wreath at the Memorial Park before the Memorial Day Parade in Essex Junction.



Essex Junction Lions



The Essex Jct. Lions participating in the Essex Memorial Day Parade.

Special thanks to the Colchester Lions
for joining in and providing lots of tootsie rolls to the spectators.



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Upper Valley Land Trust, Norwich Lions and American Legion help cook up a storm



Hello Norwich, A few weeks ago I was approached by the UVLT asking if the Norwich Lions club could help with an event that was to happen on May 18 th, the day the Brookmead trails on Turnpike road are scheduled to open. I proposed the idea to our club and we invited Liz Russell to explain what they needed us to do. She addressed our members and asked for Lions members to cook the food at the event. The UVLT members would take care of everything else.

We agreed to assist with this project and reached out to the American Legion for the use of their grill. Arrangements were made to transport the grill to the cabin and select volunteers to assist with this event. Jay van Arman and Brian McMullan were assigned Grill transport duty. Steve Flanders and Gary Degasta were the chefs for the event and Brian McMullan and Demo Sofronas were tasked with retrieval of the grill and clean-up of the area the next day.

Here is the event information and the report of how it all went down.

Photo was supplied by Lion Gary DeGasta and taking by one of the participants.

Saturday, May 18th was the Opening Day of the Brookmead Trails on Turnpike Road, Norwich. The event and fundraiser was sponsored by the Upper Valley Land Trust. (UVLT).

The Upper Valley Land Trust sponsored a Fun Run (with walking and biking options) to celebrate the 2019 opening of the trails at the Brookmead Conservation Area on Turnpike Road. Monies raised from the registration fees are used for the Brookmead Stewardship Fund and will be used to help maintain the property as a recreational area and to upgrade the log cabin on site for use by the UVLT and the community.

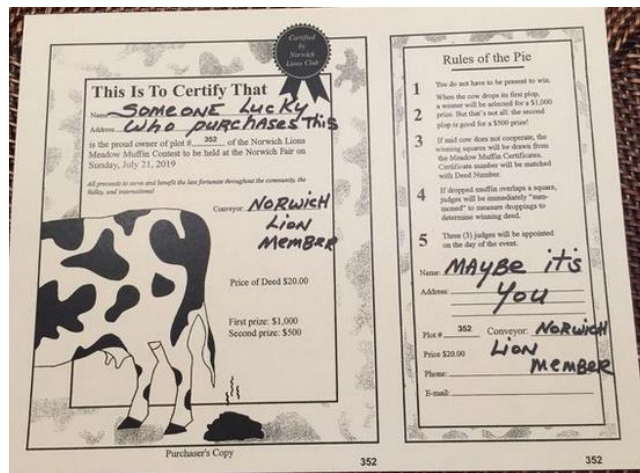
The Fun Run began at 4:00 pm - with walking and biking options and the Brookmead T-shirts were provided to all run participants and donors (you don't have to walk or run, you can just eat and make a donation).

The cookout at the cabin followed at 5:00 pm. The Norwich Lions Club did the cooking and the American Legion donated the use of their Grill. Music was provided by Rob Lees and Cody Williams of Still Hill.

Norwich Lions Steve Flanders and Gary De Gasta, using a BBQ grill donated by the American Legion, cooked burgers and hot dogs for the assembled participants.

To help the Norwich Lions Club Help Others

By Lion Demo Sofronas



The annual Norwich Lions Club fair will be held on July 18 - July 21 Thursday through Sunday. There will be a lot more information available as well as a save the date reminder. This story however is about the Meadow Muffin Contest.

This was started by me in 1994 and is now one of our biggest fundraisers. All of the money after the pay out for prizes and expenses of putting on the contest are donated to the Lions Club Community account which is set up to help the community. Individual members of the community and non-profit organizations both benefit by this fund.



A nice night at the Norwich Fair

If you are interested in buying one please see any Norwich Lions Club member that you may know or come and see me and I can sell you one. You can make a check out to the Norwich Lion's Club or pay cash (sorry no credit cards). If you need one you can call me at 802-829-9133 and leave a message.

I will be happy to sell you one but please not at the Crosswalk as that would interfere with my job and also present a safety hazard. The safety of the children and adults who cross there is my **first and only** priority. I can be reached before and after though. Thanks for your support.

Attention Fellow D-45 Lions!



VLC "THE MONEY TREE"

"THE MONEY TREE" RAFFLE IS BACK! THIS FUNDRAISER IS FUN AND TICKETS ARE EASY TO SELL!

We have covered this tree with \$500.00 of VT Lottery Tickets! There will be three prizes: Raffle's First Place drawing wins all VT Lottery Tickets plus the tree, 2nd Place prize is \$200.00 cash and 3rd Place is a \$100.00 cash prize. All net proceeds will go into VLC's General Fund to cover growing demands for Sight and other D-45 Club requests. The cost of one raffle ticket is \$10.00 or 3 tickets for \$25.00. Envelopes containing raffle tickets will be mailed directly to D-45 Club Secretaries. For additional tickets or any questions about the raffle, please contact PCST Bruce Savery.

You may contact Lion Bruce by phone: 802-289-1696 or email: bsavery29@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT! Please return all sold tickets with checks made out to Vermont Lions Charities to: Lion Bruce Savery, 137 Maple Ridge Road, Chester, VT 05143 by the deadline: **August 2, 2019**. Drawings for the prizes will be on August 11, 2019 at the Manchester Cabinet meeting being held at the Eagles Club. Please be sure to mail these in on time. Also, please bring or send along by another Lion, any unsold tickets to this meeting.

Thank you again for your support. We sincerely hope that D-45 Club members enjoy participating in this fundraiser. Be assured your efforts will reach far beyond D-45 Club areas, contributing assistance where Vermonters do not have the added benefit of a Lions Club.

Thank you for your consideration and hopeful participation!

Yours in Lionism,

PCST Bruce Savery





D45 Announcements

From DG Liz

D45 wants to thank Lion Phylis Porio for all that she has done to support the Vision Screening Program development in Vermont. During her time as Co - ordinator over 80,000 children have been screened and referrals made for those in need of follow - up, plus more and more Clubs have joined the program. This success and support for our communities would not have been possible without her dedication and skills. We wish her many further successes, health and happy travels in her future. We hope she keeps in touch.

Lion Debra Savery of the Springfield Lions will be taking on the position of Co - ordinator of Vision Screening. There will be more information about the program in later Communiques. Our thanks to Lion Debra for accepting this challenge.

Patches for Banners

Please make sure and let CS Anna know when your Club finishes the Challenge that I set at the beginning of the year - of completing 5 Service projects. There is a patch waiting for your Club I look forward to seeing these patches on all the banners as I visit the clubs in the future. This is just a small recognition of all that you do.

Patches for Banners

For those of you who came to learn about recycling plastic bags at the May Convention: You have a free tee shirt waiting for you!! Please contact me, stating size (all are dark green) and I will make sure and save you one, if possible. I am sorry that you did not get them at the Convention - but life was so busy!

Thank you again for taking part.

