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District Governor's Message



2016 Zone 2A, 3B Meeting

Spring has arrived. March has left, leaving memories of snow and cold. We had a well-attended Cabinet meeting in Chester, and the Speak Out Contest is completed. Our speakers were excellent, filled with confidence, enthusiasm and optimism. Many thanks to the clubs and organizers for their support. Lions Twin State Soccer Association had their annual Banquet to welcome this year's athletes to the games in July.

It's time to turn our attention to our upcoming events. Our Annual Spring Convention preparations are underway; make your plans now for an exciting Lions Weekend. We'll start on Friday with dinner and then enjoy a **Las Vegas Night** complete with prizes for winning Lions. Be sure to register for rooms by April 5th to assure availability. Our Melvin Jones Lunch menu has changed to Chicken Marsala and Roasted Veggie Risotto, to accommodate dietary needs. If you register for room packages, be sure to contact CT George Norfleet and give him your Lunch and Banquet meal choices. If you are a "day tripper" please complete the registration with your choices and mail it with your check to CT George. Our distinguished guest for the weekend will be Past International Director Ed Farrington and his wife Lion Elaine. PID Ed will share his experiences and Lions information with us throughout the weekend.

Next will be the Annual VLC Walkathon on May 20th. Be sure to sign up, gather sponsors, and be ready to Walk for Sight. We'll have three locations to walk in Vermont, so look for your site, bring your walkin' shoes and enjoy your walk. Last year I managed 12 miles, so you can too! I would have done 13 miles, but I stopped to eat a famous Heartland Lions hot dog.

The New England Lions Council has invited all Lions Clubs in New England to set June 3rd as a day to provide a Centennial service or fundraising project to spotlight Lions service throughout all 13 districts in New England. D-45 has planned a day at Covenant Hill Camp in Cabot, site of our Green Mountain Lions Camp, to clean up the grounds and make small repairs in preparation for our July campers. So bring your gloves, rakes, shovels and tools for a fun day at Camp. Saturday, June 3rd, 10am-4pm, meal provided. Lion Brian and his GMLC committee have breathed renewed life into this vital service, we need to support them.

April is the month when all clubs need to elect their officers/directors for the 2017-2018 year. Then club secretaries must file form PU-101 with LCI and with District leadership by May 1st at the

latest. (file online at lionsclubs.org). Please list club Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Directors, meeting nights, time and location. Please be prompt with the information, as our district directory is based on this information, and its accuracy depends on you.

We have three months remaining in our Lions year. We have lost members again this year, and I am asking each Lion in D-45 to bring one new member. If each club can induct one new member, we can end the year with a net gain. **We have 17 clubs (48%) who have not added one new member this year.** Brandon-Forestdale Lions leads the district with nine new members this year. All they did was ask one member at a time. If we just ASK ONE, each of us, we can stop the membership decline that has happened for several years. Please don't watch your club grow old, tired and wither away. We need new members, new energy, new ideas. So ask someone to join you at a meeting or event. At the same time, be sure to involve every Lion to be involved in your activities; don't let them slip away because they lost interest. Just one new member.

Enough for now. Be well, be happy, be LIONS.

*Thank you all for all you do,
DG Joe*



Green Mountain Lions Camp 2015
Lion Woody and I want a 4-square rematch

Join Past International Director Ed Farrington

Lions District 45 Annual Spring Convention

Burke Mountain Hotel and Resort

May 5,6,7, 2017



**EDWARD FARRINGTON
PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Edward Farrington from Milford, New Hampshire, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 97th International Convention held in Toronto, Canada, July 4 through 8, 2014.

Director Farrington is a technical operations manager.

A member of the Milford Lions Club since 1995, he has held many offices within the association, including district governor, council chairperson, district LCIF chairperson, multiple district convention chairperson and district GLT coordinator.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including 100% Club President Award, District Club President of the Year, an International President's Certificate of Appreciation and an International Leadership Award. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Farrington has been active in numerous professional and community organizations, including board member for the Milford planning board, school board, budget committee and ethics committee.

Director Farrington and his wife, Elaine, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, have three daughters and six grandchildren.

2017 Spring Convention Information



Vermont Lions District 45
2017 Spring Convention
May 5-7, 2017
Burke Mountain Resort
Burke, Vermont

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Club: _____

District Governor Joe Wilson and his team invites all District 45 Lions to attend the 2017 Spring Convention at Burke Mountain Resort, May 5-7, 2017. District 45 Lions will gather at Burke Mountain Resort for an EVENT filled Lions weekend.

Attached you will find the schedule of events for the weekend.

2017 Spring Convention Information

Friday May 5, 2017

Registration 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Lions Welcome Dinner 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

F flank Steak _____ x\$25.00 per person Total _____

Saturday May 6, 2017

Registration 7:30 am to 12:00 noon
District 45 Buffet Breakfast 7:30 am to 9:00 am
_____ x \$15.00 per person Total _____

District 45 Cabinet Meeting 9:00 am to 11:45 am

2017 Melvin Jones Luncheon 12:00 to 1:30 pm
Chicken Marsala _____ x \$22.00 per person
Roasted Veggie Risotto _____ x \$22.00 per person
Total _____

Lions Hour with PID Ed Farrington 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

2017 District 45 Banquet

Cocktails & Crackers – Cash Bar 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Angus Prime Rib _____ x\$30.00 per person
Grilled Salmon Fillet _____ x\$30.00 per person
Total _____

Sunday May 7, 2017

District 45 Memorial Service 8:00 am

District 45 Buffet Breakfast 9:00 am to 10:30
_____ x\$15.00 per person Total _____

Total Meals _____

Please return your meal registration and check made out to please make your check payable to Vermont District 45 and mail the registration to:
CT George Norfleet
41 Fairgrounds Heights Road
Springfield, VT 05156

Please make your room reservations directly with Burke Mountain Resort by **April 5, 2017**. Please indicate you are with the District 45 Lions. Rates are included on the attached document. **For rooms packages, meals are included, send meals preferences to CT George Norfleet**
For day trips meals only, complete the registration form and send to CT George Norfleet.

2017 Spring Convention Information

All in package includes Friday & Saturday night with all meals. Friday Night Package includes Friday Night, Friday Dinner, Saturday Breakfast & Lunch. Saturday Night Package includes Saturday Night, Saturday Lunch, Saturday Dinner & Sunday Breakfast (taxes & service charges are included) Please note all rooms have King Beds and most can be split to 2 Twins.

Room Types	Occupancy	All In Pkg	Friday Night Pkg	Saturday Night Pkg
Studio	1	\$361.00	\$192.00	\$198.00
Studio	2	\$562.00	\$304.00	\$316.00
Studio Deluxe	1	\$381.00	\$202.00	\$208.00
Studio Deluxe	2	\$602.00	\$324.00	\$336.00
1 Bedroom Suite	1	\$421.00	\$222.00	\$228.00
1 Bedroom Suite	2	\$662.00	\$354.00	\$336.00
2 Bedroom Suite	2	\$842.00	\$444.00	\$456.00
2 Bedroom Suite	4	\$1,444.00	\$768.00	\$792.00

Your choice of menu options with the following allowances:

Friday Flank Steak Buffet Dinner: \$25.00

Saturday Buffet Hot Breakfast: \$15.00

Saturday Plated Lunch-1st course Salad – 2nd course Chicken Marsala or Roasted Veggie Risotto: \$22.00

Complimentary cheese & crackers for Saturday night cocktail hour

Saturday Plated Dinner choice of Black Angus Prime Rib or Grilled Canadian Salmon Fillet: \$30.00

Sunday Buffet Hot Breakfast: \$15.00

Attrition: Room pick up guarantee is **due April 5th, 2017**. All room nights that are not guaranteed at this date will be released from the block and based on availability.

Burke Mountain Hotel & Conference Center will extend the contracted group rate to attendees 3 days pre and post conference dates based on Hotel availability.

To book for this conference guests must

1. Call Reservations at 866-966-4820 and reference the group block number 5431
2. Request a specific package, outlined below,
 - a. LIONWKND 2 day weekend package
 - b. LIONFRI Friday night package
 - c. LIONSAT Saturday night Package

For Overnight packages, contact the Resort Directly at the number above. Notify CT George Norfleet of meals preferences

For day trips meals only, complete the registration form and send to CT George Norfleet

Vermont Lions District 45



Lions Clubs International Election Requirements

Dear Club Leaders:

Our Spring Convention is upon us again when we help celebrate DG Joe Wilson's year of service and conduct our annual election for District 45 Officers for the 2017-2018 year. This year's elections will take place at the Burke Mountain Hotel and Conference Center in East Burke on May 5th, 6th, and 7th.

I remind all clubs that all outstanding balances need to be paid in full to Lions Clubs International and to Vermont Lions District 45 prior to the election on that weekend. Each club is entitled to a delegate vote for each ten members on its roles. All PDGs in attendance are allowed to vote as a delegate for their club or as a Past District Governor, but not both.

Reminder For all Lions planning to vote, please bring your Signed membership card.

DG Joe, CS Carol, CT George and I look forward to seeing representatives from ALL clubs in the district at Burke for a fun weekend and for the important matter of electing our District Governor and 1st Vice District Governor for 2017-2018.

If you have any questions please contact me during the evening at 802-578-7483 or at kpemery1960@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
PDG Ken Emery,
2017-2018 Elections Chair

2017 Convention Memorial Service at the Burke Resort

This is a reminder to all Clubs please send your photos of your deceased members to swantonlions@gmail.com and the write up to springfield_tool@yahoo.com so that we may honor them with tribute of their lives.

Thank You,

Memorial Committee

GMLC Requests Prizes for Raffle

Green Mountain Lions Camp raffle in memory of Lion Gene Farrar, a longtime chairman of GMLC, is for the children. Our success in the fundraiser is an important source of scholarship support for this wonderful project that Vermont Lions created. Any child who wants to attend can do so.

We need prizes to be awarded in the drawing at our Annual Convention at Burke Mtn. on May 6th. The sources for our prizes can be individual Lions, Lions Clubs, and supportive businesses. We have already received five (5) prizes, but we will need many more. Please contact Lion Brian Steckley, @yahoo.com, 1543 West Rd. Bennington, VT 05201 phone (802) 442 – 4937 to indicate your ideas and intent to donate.

As I said, the money raised from this fundraiser helps make our camping experience possible for deserving children. They enjoy social and educational growth in a friendly and safe environment. They leave any stigmas behind, and interact with others who share the same challenges. They have fun doing new activities and forming lasting friendships in the special place we call Green Mtn. Lions Camp.

Please show your PRIDE in VT District 45 and arrange to donate prizes and gift certificates. Your generosity will make this a great raffle. I hope to have your support and thank you for your consideration.

Brian Steckley – Chairman

Green Mountain Lions Camp

**MEET ME IN MONTPELIER
(ROAR IN THE DOME)**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26TH

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Cedar Creek Room



Please join all Lions in celebrating our 100th year of Lions Clubs at the state Capitol in Montpelier. We will have Displays, Banners, Films, Vision Screenings and more! Displays will be in the Cedar Hill Room from 10 am – 2 pm, with reading of the Proclamation shortly after 1 pm. So bring your Projects, Bring your Welch Allyn Cameras and printers, bring your Banners, Bring Seemore!!

Let's show our dedicated Legislators what Lions in Vermont are all about!

Wear your Vests, name tags, coats, t-shirts. If you're bringing display items, contact DG Joe, to be sure we provide enough tables. There is plenty of room.

DISTRICT 45

Calendar

April 2017

20	Deadline to submit items for Communique
25	Tuesday, April 25th, Colchester Lions Club Walking Club - Bayside Park, 2 West Lakeshore Drive, Colchester VT Registration 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
26	<u>Meet Me in Montpelier</u> - Roar in the Dome 10am-2pm Please see attached flyer for details

May 2017

2	Tuesday, May 2nd, Colchester Lions Club Walking Club - Airport Park, 500 Colchester Point Road, Colchester VT Registration 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m
5-7	Lions Spring Convention, Burke Mountain Resort
9	Tuesday, May 9th, Colchester Lions Club Walking Club - Union Memorial School, 253 Main Street, Colchester VT Registration 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m
16	Tuesday, May 16th, Colchester Lions Club Walking Club - Windermere Fishing Access, Windermere Way, Colchester VT Registration 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m
20	Walk for Sight - Various Locations - Please see attached Flyer for details
20	Deadline to submit items for Communique
23	Tuesday, May 23rd, Colchester Lions Club Walking Club - Malletts Bay School, 609 Blakely Drive, Colchester VT Registration 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m
30	Tuesday, May 30th, Colchester Lions Club Walking Club - Creek Farm Plaza, Jct Routes 2A / 2 and 7, Colchester VT Registration 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m

June 2017

3	Lions in New England Day (See attached Flyer)
6	Tuesday, June 6th, Colchester Lions Club Walking Club - Rossetti Natural Area, Holy Cross Road, Colchester VT Registration 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m
10	Plunder Bay Open - Orwell, VT Please see attached flyer for details
13	Tuesday, June 13th, Colchester Lions Club Walking Club - Fort Ethan Allen, Route 15, Colchester VT Registration 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m

20	Deadline to submit items for Communique
20	Tuesday, June 20th, Colchester Lions Club Walking Club - Airport Park, 500 Colchester Point Road, Colchester VT Registration 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m
27	Tuesday, June 27th, Colchester Lions Club Walking Club - Bayside Park, 2 West Lakeshore Drive, Colchester VT Registration 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m
30-July 4	LCI 100th International Convention, Chicago
July 2017	
20	Deadline to submit items for Communique
August 2017	
20	Deadline to submit items for Communique
26	Orleans Lions Annual Horse Shoe Tournament Fundraiser to be held August 26th at North End of Lake Willoughby
September 2017	
9	Manchester Lions Club - Maple Leaf Half Marathon and 5K, Manchester VT
20	Deadline to submit items for Communique
30	Hungry Lion Bike Tour Whitingham, VT www.hungrylionbiketour.com Tours from 10 to 75 miles

Greetings Fellow D-45 Lions!

Spring is just around the corner and it's time to start thinking about the 2017 VLC Walk for Sight.

We have three locations; the University Mall in South Burlington for Regions 1 & 2 Northern Clubs.

A new location for Regions 3 & 4; Downtown Barre, VT! Please jump on board as a Club in those areas and make it a big event.

And the Dana Recreation Field in Manchester, VT, Regions 2 & 3 Southern Clubs. The Manchester Leo's will again host with IPDG Pam.

ATTENTION FELLOW PARTICIPANTS: VLC has donated \$ 500.00 of prizes to be awarded at each Walk for Sight location! Lions may of course participate in any of the three.

I highly encourage you and your Club to participate; it is a fun day and as lions, a fantastic opportunity to be noticed with a multi Club effort.

Most Clubs in D-45 continually and generously cover requests in their communities. This fundraiser allows D-45 Lions to reach far beyond each Club's area of Services; allowing Vermonters in need of Vision Improvement to receive help in areas that VT Lions Clubs do not currently exist.

There are many ways that we can all contribute a larger impact to aid in funds for Sight.

Here are a few ideas:

Ask friends and family to sponsor you to Walk at one of the three locations in VT; the U. Mall in So. Burlington, or Dana Recreation Field in Manchester, VT or at the Berlin Mall between Barre and Montpelier.

Better yet; ask them to bring sponsorship and walk with you.

If you are unable to participate in the Walking part; others will walk in your place! Share that with your sponsors; they will understand how important it still is.

Ask local businesses for sponsorships; Lions are always trying to better our community needs.

Request Amazon Smile, when you purchase goods online; a percentage from each purchase can go to VLC.

Place advertisements and or stories about the Walk for Sight or your Clubs volunteerism with the Welch Spot Vision Camera in your Club areas media publications, newspapers, etc. Share what you do; others will want to help in some way.

Attend the Walk and help at the Registration Table or with Vision Camera and blood glucose screenings if walking isn't a option. We hope that all three locations will have these services available because of multi club participation.

Seemore is your mascot; take advantage of the fun your mascot can create for Sight. The more ways we look to get the attention of others in a positive fun way, the more viewers are apt to listen.

Please, take lots of pictures! Be creative; turn this into something that you have added your own ideas and please share them with the rest of us!

I have attached the Registration Form. Please start thinking about who you have asked in the past; then add to the list those that you know might like to be a contributor to the great work that your Clubs are doing.

Also attached is the Advertising/Donation Form. This attracts attention and is very useful for placing in local publications. I was notified by 4 Legs and a Tail that they will include it in their Spring Issue in the Central and Southern areas of VT.

If you start now, some businesses have the time to clear the request with their Home Offices. This I know because an early request to my local Bank yielded a generous donation to VLC's Walk for Sight. They especially like that their donation is fully used.

As a Lion, I know you want to get involved because that is what we do. Please jump on board and let me know your Club is a participant. If you want me or someone from my Team to visit your Club to learn more, please don't hesitate to ask soon.

Thank you D-45 Members for this very important consideration; many Clubs and VLC appreciates the help that this Event offers beyond their areas and are grateful for your support.

Yours in Lionism,

**Lion Jackie Dutil
VLC Walk for Sight Chair**

ATTENTION ALL D-45 LIONS!

A Walk for Sight

Vermont Lions Charities

2017 Walk-a-thon

May 20, 2017 10 am – 2 pm

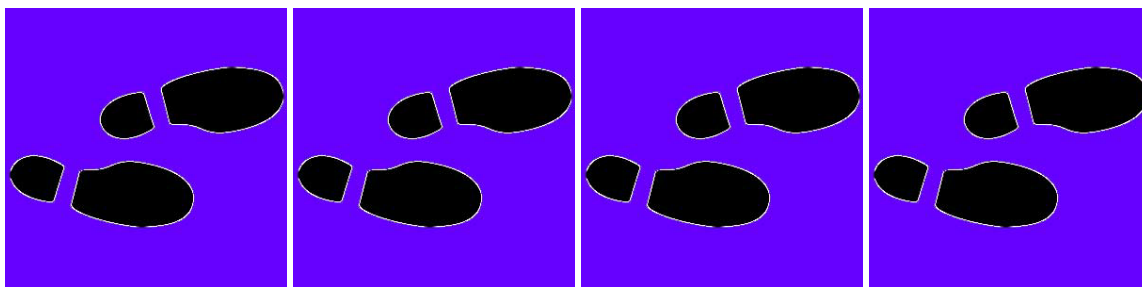


“HELP SEEMORE HELP OTHERS SEE MORE”

At 3 Locations:

- **Dana Thompson Memorial Park, Manchester, VT**
- **South Burlington’s University Mall**
- **Downtown Barre, VT**

Our Goal – 300 miles -- \$17,000





HOW “WE SERVE” THE WALK!

Here’s what You and your Club can do:

- **Come and Walk or cheer walkers**
- **Sponsor a Walker**
- **Dedicate Seemore to walk – last page**
- **Work the Registration Table**
- **Help with glucose and Vision Screenings where offered**
- **Greet the Public**
- **E-mail all your friends inviting them to the event**
- **Put the event on your club and personal Facebook pages and Websites**
- **Make baked goods to sell at the Walk-a-thon**
- **Wear your Vests**

Vermont Lions Charities' A Walk for Sight



Vermont Lions Charities 2016 Walk-a-thon



A Walk for Sight

Come join the Vermont Lions and Leos and friends to walk our way to serving the needs of our wonderful State! “FUN ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY”

- Locations:** Dana Thompson Memorial Park, Manchester VT
South Burlington University Mall
Downtown Barre, VT
- Date:** Saturday, May 14, 2016
- Time:** Registration opens: 9:30 a.m.;
- Opening:** Walk starts at 10:00 a.m.
- Walking:** Anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- Goals:** Group total: walk 500 kilometers (300 miles) and raise \$17,000
- Contests:** \$ 500.00 of prizes at each location donated by VLC!

In 1925 Helen Keller asked Lions to be her “Knights of the Blind”. Help us continue to fulfill this mission.

Vermont Lions Charities is a non-profit organization involving over 1,250 Lions from various Lions Clubs around the State. The common aspiration is to serve the ‘visually and hearing impaired and the less fortunate’ of Vermont by providing funding to aid in purchase of vision and hearing needs and other materials as needed.

For donations (all checks payable to Vermont Lions Charities and mailed to address below, or contact information:

VLC Chairperson Jackie Dutil, 694 N. Birch Hill Rd., Brandon, VT 05733 (802-247-3490) or via email:
jdutil775@comcast.net



Vermont Lions Charities Annual Walk-a-thon A Walk for Sight 2017

I, _____, am walking for Vermont Lions Charities
and _____.

(Leave this line blank if you want all the proceeds to go to Vermont Lions Charities.)

Fifty percent (50%) of what walker raises can be designated for an Area's Lions activity, e.g.,
Arlington Lions' Scholarships, Heartland Lions' Food Pantry, Essex Lions' Sight & Hearing.

Name	Address (optional)		\$\$\$\$	Total

- *Please make all checks payable to VT Lion's Charities, 100% tax deductible. **
Please bring this Donation Form to the Walk-a-thon or return to:
VLC Chair, Jackie Dutil, 694 North Birch Hill Road, Brandon VT, 05733

For more information contact:

VLC Chairperson Jackie Dutil 802-247-3490 or via email: jdutil775@comcast.net

Dedicate SEEMORE Program



Vermont Lions Charities



I, _____

dedicate Seemore to walk for:



2017 DISTRICT-45 SPEAK OUT CONTEST
“NEW MOUNTAINS TO CLIMB”

Fellow Lions;

I am pleased to announce the winners of this year’s Speak Out Contest, “New Mountains to Climb” The Contest was held at the March 11th Cabinet Meeting at the American Legion in Chester, VT.

The speakers were all winners! Placements are as follows:

1 st Place, \$ 300.00	Sophia Parker – Vergennes Club
2 nd Place, \$150.00	Alexandra Diehl – Swanton-Mississquoi Club
3 rd Place, \$ 75.00	Hannah Roberts – Brandon-Forest Dale & Pittsford Clubs
4 th Place, \$ 25.00	Brittany Moore - Essex Jct. Club

Honorable Mention- Brendan Adamczyk, Colchester Club winner was not able to attend District Contest.

Speak Out Judges:

Lion Gia Vadnais	Region 1
IPDG Pam Nichols	Region 2
Lion Ron Bingham	Region 3
PDG Tommy Walz	Region 4

Time Keeper: Lion Randy Bigelow, Middlebury Club

My sincere thanks to all the lions that helped!

As always, it was a very inspirational event. The speakers were exceptional, so much so that only three points separated the first two winners.

I want to thank all of the clubs that participated. District 45 also thanks you for encouraging the youth in your local schools to participate in this Lions Club Event; opening a door to their interpretation of our International President, Chancellor Bob Corlew's Theme, "New Mountains to Climb."

I would like to encourage clubs to reach out to the youth in our schools; District 45 has many opportunities to do so through Arbor Day trees, the Peace Poster Contest, Liberty Day, Food from the Heart, and the Speak Out Contest. Then for the real ambitious, our Leo Clubs.

This was my last year as Chairperson for the D-45 Speak Out Contest; Lion Kathy Cannon from the Vergennes Club will be next years Chairperson. Best wishes Lion Kathy for 2017-2018!

Thank you again D-45 members for the opportunity to serve!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Jackie Dutil
Chairperson, D-45 Speak Out Contest

**Vermont Lions Charities
Cabinet meeting report - Saturday, March 11, 2017
American Legion - Chester**

Good afternoon....my VLC report will be a bit shorter than usual due to the fact of my recent article submitted to the Communique'. My apology for the way the report looked in the Communique'. I learned a lesson...that is, do not submit via email format. Also, our Communique editor, Lion Amy, had nothing to do with just how the report looked...she does a great job.

In January, VLC had the following income:

- . \$5000 from the LTSSA...these funds were transferred to the GMLC and I wish to extend a special thanks to the LTSSA.**
- . \$10,000 from the White River Jct. Lions...these funds will be held in escrow pending the formation of the club.**

Following are the January expenses:

- . \$1470.50 in eyeglass assistance in non-club areas**
- . \$1500 to VABVI**
- . \$1500 to Vt Adaptive Ski**
- . \$1000 for the Nellie Hart Award**

My recent Communique' report was an effort to provide information on our Shared Vision Fund and to seek input from District 45 Lions on the 500 Club. I ask you to review this information and assist me in up-dating the records. I also have (23) remaining pins to recognize future recipients FYI: a \$500 donation to the Shared Vision Fund enables the donor to name an individual to become a 500 Club member.

An up-date on VLC fundraisers:

. VLC Money tree raffle chaired by Lions Jackie Dutil and Alice Gonyaw raised close to \$7000's.

. Walk-a-thon: Chaired by Lion Jackie Dutil and will be held on Saturday, May 20th.

. Texas Hold'em tournament: 3rd. Sat. in April(April 15)

. Morrisville bingo: Saturday, September 9th.

Special note: both the Texas Hold'em tournament & bingo are sponsored by the Troy & Area Lions. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Cash Fest raffle will be held in the fall and will be co-chaired by Lions Carmelita Belisle and Lyle Remick with others assisting.

Respectfully submitted:

**Lion Stanley Patch, Jr., PDG
President, VLC.**

Vermont Lions Charities 2016 Update (please note - this is a corrected report)

To all District 45 Lions: My VLC reports are provided at all District 45 Cabinet meetings and while attendance has been fine, my message fails to reach all members; so, here is my attempt to provide a VLC update for 2016.

Providing a bit of history....Vermont Lions Charities was formed at our 1994 Fall Conference with election of officers at our 1995 Conference. In stating a section of our Constitution & By-laws and being a 501 c 3, our main purpose is to receive “tax deductible” donations, apply for grants, receive proceeds from D-45 fund raisers and to distribute funds to various committees to fund their charitable activities. One of our major commitments is to reach out to help individuals in those areas of the state that are not currently covered by a Lions club; specifically in the area of eye glasses and hearing aid assistance. In supporting our annual budget, we conduct fund raisers throughout the year; fund raisers such as our annual Walk-for Sight, chaired by Lion Jackie Dutil & her team, cash fest raffle(for the 2017 year, this raffle will be co-chaired by Lions Carmelita Belisle & Lyle Remick; raffle to held in the fall), a Texas-hold'em tournament and bingo(both sponsored by the Troy & Area Lions) and for 2017, our first VLC Money Grows on Trees raffle(co-chaired by Lions Jackie Dutil & Alice Gonyaw).

A close-up look at 2016!!!! Certainly an exciting year!! Let's begin by looking at the areas where VLC provided assistance.

. Eye glass & hearing aid assistance in non-club areas:	\$ 6195.00
. Matching funds to the BALC for hearing aid assistance:	1012.00
. VABVI:	1500.00
. Art @ Hand:	1000.00
. General assistance; social therapy dog	1000.00

Major income areas:

. Walk-a-thon	\$16469.00
. Texas Hold'em tournament	796.00
. Morrisville bingo	1072.00

. Club donations	5330.00
. Shared Vision Fund	1000.00
VABVI	2000.00
(provides eye glass assistance for Burl-Winooski)	
LTSSA	5000.00
(these funds disbursed to the GMLC)	
Other misc. income	1829.00
(Schwans, coin jars & individual donations)	

This Communique' article is designed to provide the history relating VLC's SHARED VISION FUND and the 500 Club. Note that I have researched both areas and offer the following information.

Back in the early 2000's, PID Jules Cote' and Lion Jackie donated the sum of \$6700 to start a vision fund with-in VLC. These funds were the result of donations provided at the homecoming held at the conclusion of PID Jules term as International Director. In 2006, a couple, in memory of their daughter who had passed away, offered to donate the sum of \$50,000 with one stipulation & challenge to District 45...we needed to raise matching funds.

At our 2007 Spring Convention, we, as a District, matched the donation and as a result, the SHARED VISION FUND was created and included the \$6700 donation by PID Jules & Jackie and for the record, it is my understanding that the donor of the \$50,000 remains anonymous.

In addition, the Shared Vision Fund includes the 500 Club. A \$500 donation to the Shared Vision Fund by a club or individual enables the donor to name an individual to become a 500 Club member and at this point in time, the 500 Club has seventy-seven members with twenty-three remaining pins to honor future recipients. Regarding the seventy-seven members, I am in the process of trying to up-date the records and as such, I am attempting to locate names of some missing members. This is where I am seeking your help!!!! In fact, some pin numbers have duplicate recipients and I would like to get this cleared up. Here is the list of 500 Club members:

Name	pin #	Name	pin #
PID Jules Cote'	1	PDG Larry Myott	2
PDG William Moulton	3	Lion Lyle Remick	4
Lion Paul Stough	5	Lion Bob Baran	6
Lion Jackie Cote'	7	Lion Glen Myer & PDG Betsy MaGee	8
Michael Richman	9	Lion Frank Gibney	10
Lion Bob Sofield	11	Lion Bob Cecere	12
Lion Jack Winner	13	Lion Natalie Donovan	14
Lion Peg Sievers	15	Lion Richard Nelson	16
Lion Norman Lawley	17	Lion Bryan Donovan	18
Lion Richard Bowley	19	Lion Richard Tarbell	20
Lion Robert Karg	21	Lion Al Sievers	22
Lion Mr. X	23	Lion Herb Noyes & Lion Ed Langlois	24
Lion Larry Currier	25	Lion Bill Lanzetta	26
Lion Nick Morwood	27	Lion Julie Simpson	28
Lion Willie St. George	29	Lion Marry Denio	30
PDG Clem Cardinal	31	Lion Mary Tewarson	32
Lion Bob Blue	40	Lion Michael Patch	41
Lion Lorren Teer	42		
Lion Rick Dutil	43	PDG Pam Nichols	44
PDG Diane Bouchard	45	Lion Jackie Dutil	46
Lion Linda Cole &	47	Lion Vince Robinson	48
Lion Debbie Bushey			
PDG Mel Coburn	49	Lion Dave Perron	50
Lion Paul Bessette	51	PDG Kken Emery	52
Lion Larry Curth	53	Lion Brad Howe	54
Lion Paul Vachon	55	Lion Lion Barry Aldinger	56
Lion David LaRose	57		
John Whelihan	58	Lion Linwood Stoodard	59
Lion Pat Schroeder	60	PDG Bruce Bushey	61
Rachel Claffey	63	Lion Jeff Schroeder	64
Lion Jim Condict	67	PID Jules Cote'	68
Lion Sue Coburn	69	Lion Fred Wolfe	71
Lion Marie Minor	72	Jessica Brown	77
PDG Merry Souza	78	PDG Sherry Juaire	79
Lion Dave Damcot	80	Lion Cindy Berg	81

Lion Erin Connors	86	Dave Crane	88
Chris Conant	91	Lion Bill Burnett	100
Lion Florence Cameron	?		

In conclusion, I am sorry for the confusion relating the 500 Club membership and yes, I once again ask for your assistance as I attempt to up-date my records. I also wish to take this opportunity to congratulate all the members of the 500 Club. I would also ask that you consider using the Shared Vision Fund and the 500 Club to recognize those outstanding Lions with-in your clubs and members of the communities you serve.

Thanking you in advance!!!

**Lion Stanley Patch, Jr., PDG-2
President, VLC**

*New England Lions Council
Serving the needs of the Districts of New England*

Lions In New England Day!!!! June 3rd, 2017

As part of our Centennial celebration, clubs throughout New England are being asked to do a service project (or a fund raising project).

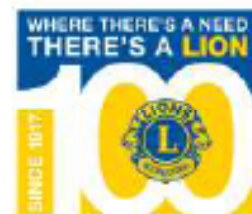
NELC is hoping this event will bring a 'spotlight' on Lions throughout our 13 Districts.

New England Lions Council will be working media throughout our region to publicize this event.

Please let PDG Ken Emery know the details of such event. He can be reached at kpemery1960@gmail.com or (802) 578-7483.



We Serve



The Plunder Bay Open

Presented by the Castleton Lions Club

In Memory of Gordie Anderson

June 10th, 2017

At the Plunder Bay Marina

Orwell, VT

Lake Champlain

\$2500 First Place

with a 60 Boat Field

1 in 6 entrants paid out

\$150 Entry Fee per Boat

\$10 goes to Lunker Pool



We Serve

Mission Statement. To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote **international** understanding through **Lions clubs**.

(Lions Club International is a not for profit organization)

Plunder Bay Entry Form

and Waiver of Liability

Please Print

In addition to the Official Plunder Bay Open tournament rules, we freely agree to abide by the following:

By signing our names below we agree to the following Liability Waiver fully understanding that,

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular skill, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
2. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the releases or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of tournament officials; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Castleton Lions Club, their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used for the activity. With respect to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property, whether arising from the negligence of the Tournament Organizers or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law. We, the below signed, have read and agree to abide by the Official Tournament Rules and have read the Waiver of Liability and agree to this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any incident.

Boater's Name _____

Boater's Signature _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone # _____

eMail Address(optional) _____

Liability Waiver: By signing this form Boaters are also acknowledging they do have a minimum of \$300,000 Boating Liability Insurance.

Partner's Name _____

Partner's Signature _____

Mailing Address _____

eMail Address _____

Make Check Payable to:
Castleton Lions Club
Mail Check and this Form to:
John Brough
698 Hackadam Road
Fair Haven, VT 05743

Plunder Bay Open Rules and Format

6:30AM Take Off

1. Fishing for 6 fish. 12" minimum length. No live bait, artificial lures only.
2. All boats must be at least 14 ft long and have a working live well and kill switch.
3. All boats must carry a minimum of \$300,000 in liability insurance.
4. All anglers must wear a U.S.C.G approved life jacket whenever the main engine is in gear (kill switch attached).
5. Nets are permitted.
6. Take off and Weigh-in will be at Plunder Bay marina at the announced times.
7. Boaters take off position will be by random drawing for those applications received by the Thursday before the announced date of the tournament. All other applicants will be positioned by the time they are received.
8. Applications will be accepted the morning of the tournament up to 6:00am. Save time and bring your completed form and a check for \$175 to registration. (\$25 late fee)
9. Boaters may launch from any boat launch but take off and weigh-in will be at Plunder Bay.
10. If coming by boat, you still must pick up your take off number, flight number and your check in time at the registration table.
11. Take off will be from the end of the Plunder Bay Marina dock. As you pass by the dock have the live well lids open and the pumps turned on.
12. Next, idle out towards the main lake about 5-10 boat lengths and pull the kill switch for a safety check. Replace the kill switch and idle to designated spot to get on plane. Please proceed safely.
13. Check in times will be provided at the registration table. Any boat arriving late for their check in time will receive a 1 lb. per minute deduction with disqualification after 10 min.
14. Please do not bring your fish to the weigh-in until your flight number has been called. Do not use a personal bag for bagging your fish. Bags will be provided to the first flight and collected after their fish are weighed in.
15. Minimum length is 12" measured closed mouth to closed tail. No courtesy checks. Penalty for bringing a short fish to the scale will be a 1 pound deduction from the Teams total weight of the other 5 fish.
16. Anglers may not cull a dead fish. Each dead fish brought to the scale will result in 1 pound penalty. A dead fish can not be entered for the Lunker Prize.
17. In the event of a tie for Total Weight, the team with the most fish wins. If still tied, the Team with the most live fish wins, followed by the heaviest single fish, then an equal split.
18. All contestants are to follow high standards of sportsmanship and courtesy at all times including complying with all boating and fishing regulations for Lake Champlain. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs shall be in the boat or at weigh-in area during the tournament hours. Drunkenness shall be grounds for disqualification.
19. All protests must be filed with the tournament committee before the start of the weigh-in. The decision of the committee shall be final.

Be Safe and Have Fun!!

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Just remember to go to smile.amazon.com for all your future shopping.



Eye Glass Recycling Instructions

We need your assistance again. At the last Cabinet meeting clubs did a terrific job turning in their eyeglasses for recycling, but we made work for the Vergennes Lions because not all clubs prepped their donations as necessary.

- 1) We want eyeglasses not cases. Remove any eyeglass cases and discard or recycle the cases. We only need the eyeglasses to be turned in.**
- 2) Write your FULL Club Name and the count of glasses in the box on the outside of the box. These boxes will be transported in the back of a pickup at 72 mph...any loose note will be blown away...and at least one was.**
- 3) Seal the box firmly for transport. The box will not be opened until it gets to New Jersey so ensure that only glasses are inside.**

Finally many folks were asking for an address so that they could hand deliver their glasses. The district's glasses are being consolidated at Lion Brad Howe's home in Vergennes. The physical address (not the mailing address) is 125 Sunset Knoll, Vergennes, VT. Please call Brad at 802-759-2141 prior to delivering to ensure that he will be there to receive.

Lion Randy from Middlebury Lions will continue to transport glasses from cabinet meetings to Brad's home, so feel free to continue to bring them to cabinet meetings. You can even bring them to the spring convention, but those won't count for this year's total for competition purposes...but they will count toward next year's competition.



In celebration of 100 years of humanitarian service, Lions Clubs International is working with the United States Mint to produce a limited-edition, exquisitely crafted silver dollar coin. Sales begin **January 18, 2017.**

The coin features Lions founder Melvin Jones and the Lions Clubs logo on the front and a family of lions with a globe behind them on the reverse.

This commemorative coin is crafted to be rich in the symbolic history of Lions first century of service. Each coin is packaged in its own presentation case and is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

One Beautifully Engraved Coin—Many Noble Purposes

For a limited time only, you can order this historic Lions Centennial keepsake and support the life-changing work of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). For each coin sold, US\$10 is authorized to be paid to LCIF. These collectable coins make great gifts for family and friends and are the perfect way to show appreciation to your club members for outstanding service. Purchase from the Lions Store or directly from the US Mint.

Lions Clubs Centennial Coin



Questions & Answers

When will I be able to purchase a Lions Centennial Coin?

Coins will be available beginning in January 2017 and ending in December 2017 (or when they sell out, whichever comes first). The exact dates will be added to the Coin webpage as soon as they are known.

How many coins will be produced?

The United States Mint will produce up to 400,000 Lions Centennial Coins. Even if they sell out quickly, no additional coins will be created.

How can I purchase the coins?

Starting on the first day of sale, you will be able to buy coins from Lions Club Supplies or the United States Mint. Coins cannot be reserved in advance; they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

How much will the coins cost?

Due to the variability of pricing on the precious metal markets, prices for products containing silver are subject to change. We will publish the price as soon as it is determined. Keep in mind that shipping fees, plus any applicable duty and taxes will be additional.

Can I purchase more than one coin?

You may purchase as many coins as you would like, providing there is sufficient inventory. In some cases, clubs, districts, or countries may choose to make bulk purchases and distribute the coins locally.

Can you provide the coin specifics?

The Lions Clubs Centennial coin is US\$1 legal tender. Each is composed of 90% silver and 10% copper. The weight is 26.730 grams and diameter is 1.5 inches (3.81 cm) with a reeded edge.

What finishes will be available?

You can choose either an uncirculated or proof finish. Uncirculated coins are hand-loaded into the coining press and struck on specially burnished blanks, yet have a soft, matt-like finish appearance. These coins are made like circulating coins (which are used every day as money), but with a special process that produces a brilliant finish. Proof coins receive the highest quality strike possible and can be distinguished by their mirror-like background and frosted foreground.

Will Lions Clubs International make money on the purchase of these Centennial coins?

US\$10.00 is authorized to be paid to Lions Clubs International Foundation for every coin sold for a maximum of US\$4 million if all 400,000 coins are sold.

LCI QUEST

A note to all members from Lion George and Lion Liz

One of the most important initial things that we do as Lions is to support our local communities, looking at needs and working to meet those needs. Many of us have worked for years to raise funds to support the needy in our towns, providing glasses and hearing aids, food to the Food Pantries, scholarships to our high school graduates, care and support to our veterans and senior citizens and volunteering on many fronts to make a difference to those in our communities. We have stood up, stepped forward, served and made a real difference.

Today our communities are faced with a stronger challenge than ever before. This is a challenge to our children in the form of illicit drugs, bullying, cyber bullying and strong peer pressure. We are all aware of the stress that is put on our children to achieve at school, socially and to head for a college place or training. There are high expectations but not as much of the support / mentoring and guidance for them - as there may have been for us, as we went through this difficult time of our lives. We, as Lions, working with other leaders of our communities, can offer this support to our young people through such a program as Lions Quest.

How can this be done? First it is important to look closely at your communities, talk to parents, schools, and police to clarify the challenges that our children and young people face in our towns and villages. When you have a clear idea of the needs, look closely at the Lions Quest program and see if there is a match: needs of our communities and the content of the program.

Information on the Lions Quest Program can be accessed on the Lions website, under LCIF – then programs – then youth – and Lions Quest. These drop- down menus will lead you to information on the program.

These programs are not something that one club can do by itself, but with support from LCIF (grants, training, information) and District 45, we can plan to build the network to make a difference to our children – the 'seed corn' of our future.

Please contact Lion George Bilodeau or ZVDG Liz Fenwick with your questions and comments. There will be an additional conversation on this topic at our next Cabinet Meeting: March 11 @ Chester.

VERMONT LIONS CHARITIES
2017 “THE MONEY TREE” FINAL REPORT

Fellow D-45 Lions:

The VLC 2017 MONEY TREE Fundraiser winners were drawn at the March 11th Cabinet Meeting in Chester, VT. The net total was \$ 6,130.00.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!

They are as follows:

1ST PLACE \$ 500.00 VT LOTTERY TICKETS ON TREE

Winner: Lion Susan Hayes – Vergennes Club

2ND PLACE \$ 200.00 Cash Award-

Winner: Lion Rick Theken, Sr.– Barre Club

3RD PLACE \$ 100.00 Cash Award - Donated to VLC

My sincere thank you to:

MY CO-CHAIR - LION ALICE GONYAW – For her advice and help throughout the Fundraiser.

TO LION DAVE LAROSE – For making thousands of professional looking tickets and never batting an eye when I asked for more!

TO LION CARMELITA BELISLE – For help on tree decorating day. We bagged tickets and tied bows until our fingers cramped!

TO LION WOODY STODDARD – For receiving the tickets and checks; and keeping PDG Stan, Lion Alice and myself informed throughout the Fundraiser. It was very helpful and we sincerely appreciated your help!

TO D-45 LIONS – For supporting the fundraiser. Many clubs jumped on board immediately. VLC appreciates your enthusiasm with the Fundraiser and will use the funds toward the ongoing requests for help that we receive throughout the District.

And special thanks to Lion Connie LaPlume and the Troy & Area Lions; fundraising phenoms!

Over and over, District 45 Lions make things happen!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Jackie Dutil
VLC MONEY TREE CO-CHAIR

D-45 Centennial Coordinator's Corner

Centennial Service Challenge

For nearly 100 years, Lions have changed lives in their communities and around the world. In celebration of our Centennial in 2017, Lions everywhere are being challenged to serve 100 million people. You're invited to join the celebration by helping us reach our goal. Your club can earn special Centennial recognition by hosting a service project that benefits Youth, Vision, Hunger or the Environment. Don't miss your chance to be a part of this historic event—start planning your next Centennial Service Challenge event today!



Centennial Membership Awards

The Centennial Celebration Membership Awards provides all Lions and Lions clubs the opportunity to earn special *Limited Edition* awards for inviting new members and helping to organize new clubs.



Centennial Community Legacy Projects

Connect with your community and build your Lion legacy by planning a Centennial Community Legacy Project during our Centennial Celebration. Legacy Projects are visible gifts to your community that commemorate our Centennial and create a lasting legacy of your service contributions.



Vermont Lions Vision Screening Results
Over 16,000 Children
Already Screened This Year!
September 1, 2016 - March 20, 2017

Club	Number of Schools	Number of Children	Number of Referrals	Number of Adults
Arlington/Bennington/ NorShaft	26	1,976	185	0
Barre	20	2,898	271	33
Brandon Forest Dale	10	413	40	
Brattleboro				
Castleton	10	1,588	168	18
Colchester/Essex	23	2,195	197	71
Enosberg				
Granville	1	60	9	
Georgia				
Heartland	1	140	17	
Londonderry Area	6	529	n/a	
Manchester				
Middlebury	26	1,309	110	12
Orleans	1	54	10	
Richford	3	564	61	33
Springfield	33	3,859	371	102
Strafford				
Troy & Area	4	384	30	
Whitingham-Halifax				
Williston	1	65	2	
Total:	165	16,034	1,471	269

If your Club's screening has not been reported here, please contact Phylis Porio at norshaftlions@aol.com



District 45 Vision Screener Schedule and Availability

Host Location:	Bennington Area	Springfield Area	Castleton Area	Essex Area
Contact:	norshaftlions@aol.com	mygabob@vermontel.net	topsun@comcast.net	cjcbeagles@aol.com

Month	w/o			
March	6	Orleans/Springfield		Colchester
	13 Enosberg	Orleans/Springfield		Essex (3/14)
	20 Enosberg	Unavailable until 4/16		Georgia (3/21); Colchester (3/22)
	27 Enosberg/Barre	Unavailable until 4/16		
April	NorShaft 4/4;			
	3 Manchester 4/5-4/7	Unavailable until 4/16	Whitingham-Halifax	
	10 Brattleboro 4/12-19		Whitingham-Halifax	
	17 Manchester 4/20-22	Stratford Lions	Whitingham-Halifax	
	23	Stratford Lions	Whitingham-Halifax	
30	Stratford Lions	Whitingham-Halifax		
May	1			
	8		Vergennes	
	15		Vergennes/Walk-a-thon	
	22		Vergennes	
	29		Vergennes	

NOTE: Cameras are already booked for September and October 2017 and much of November. Make your request for a camera NOW for the 2017-18 school year Contact Phylis Porio (norshaftlions@aol.com or 802-442-0380)

Club News

Norwich Lion is the Town's 2017 Citizen of the Year!



Lion Jay VanArman was named 2017 Norwich Citizen of the Year by the Norwich Women's club at a Tracy Hall gala on March 17th. Lion Jay was recognized for his many contributions to the town over four decades including years of volunteering with the Norwich Lions Club, the Norwich Fire Department and Meals on Wheels and his service on the Selectboard, the Marion Cross School Board and the Zoning Board. Lion Jay also drives a school bus and helps display flags on Main Street for holidays.

In his nomination, Van Arman was characterized as a "neighbor extraordinaire," kind human being, citizen farmer and a "funny teller of innocent jokes" who is always ready with a smile and a wave.

Lion Jay was also described as "the kind of person who enhances life in Norwich." The Tracy Hall gala included food, drink, and an auction featured items from local businesses and individuals. Proceeds from the event will support the club's Community Projects Fund, which pays for projects and improvements in the town. Last year's grants totaled \$30,000.

The event is co-sponsored by the Norwich Women's Club and Ledyard National Bank. Lion Jay Van Arman received a \$500 Ledyard Grant for the nonprofit of his choice.

Norshaft Lions Club



The Norshaft Lions held their 3rd annual Night for Sight on March 4th at the Elks Club in Bennington, Vermont. A delicious dinner and dessert menu was served to the approximately 170 who attended. The Perscriptions played to a rambunctious crowd on the dance floor! Money was raised for the Guiding Eyes for the Blind organization, with the dinner dance and puppy kissing booth. It was a wonderful time!

Club News - Heartland Lions

Heartland Lions Club News

The sign is returned - Heartland Lions Club recently lost their sign at the Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance. Well it was returned when 1st VDG Walter Hastings and CS Lion Carol Greene along with DG Joe Wilson attended the District 44N (NH) cabinet meeting. It is now handcuffed to 1st VDG Walter so no chance of us losing it again! We also borrowed a few other signs from District 44N



Club News - Heartland Lions

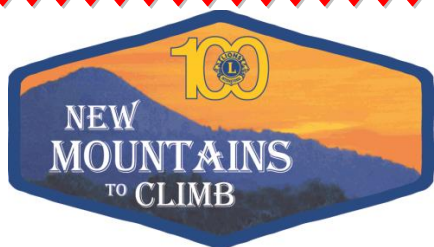
They recently had a successful rose sale – customers were happy and we are able to help those in our community with their needs. We appreciate everyone support!



The Heartland Lions Club also donated glasses to Eye Care for You annual trip to Haiti. It was great to see our name on their banner! What a great way to donate used eyeglasses!



Club News



Colchester Lions Club Walking Club 2017

TUESDAY NIGHTS, 10 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS

APRIL 25TH – JUNE 27TH

DIFFERENT LOCATION WEEKLY

WALK AT YOUR OWN PACE OR WITH A GROUP

NO FEES. NO RACE. **PURELY FOR FUN.**

REGISTRATION: 5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

GROUPS LEAVE AT: 5:45, 6:00, 6:15, 6:30

COOKOUT WEEK 10 AFTER WALK

LOCATIONS OF WALKS:

Week 1: Bayside Park

Week 3: Union Memorial

Week 5: Mallets Bay School

Week 7: Rosseti Natural Area

Week 9: Airport Park

Week 11 (optional): 4th of July Fun Run / Walk (fee involved)

Week 2: Airport Park

Week 4: Windemere Fishing Access

Week 6: Creek Farm Plaza

Week 8: Fort Ethan Allen

Week 10: Bayside Park

For more information, please contact Lion Ken Emery at 802-578-7483

or email at kpemery1960@gmail.com

or visit the Colchester Lions Club website: www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/colchestervt

EDWARD GAMALIEL JANEWAY, JR.

HARTFORD, Vt. — Edward Gamaliel Janeway, Jr., 84, passed away on Friday, March 10, 2017, at Valley Terrace.

Ed was born in 1932 in Glen Cove, Long Island, to Edward and Elinor (White) Janeway. Growing up in Oyster Bay, N.Y., he attended the Green Vale School, where he discovered his passion for writing and history. Following the family move to South Londonderry, Vt. in 1945, he attended nearby Vermont Academy before studying at and graduating from Middlebury College in 1955. He pursued a master's degree in communications from Boston University, graduating in 1965.

Ed learned French on a summer immersion experience in France in 1953 with the Experiment in International Living. He also served abroad as an Army correspondent in Germany after college and then later served as a visitor guide at the Brussels World's Fair of 1958.

He met his French-born wife Claude Laumont at a wedding reception in Connecticut. Their courtship began on a Cambridge tennis court. They married in 1965. The family love for tennis was a constant throughout their life. Their daughters, Anne Marie and Margaret were born in 1968 and 1971 respectively.



Edward Janeway, Jr.

stationmaster in White River Junction. He was a well-known substitute teacher in the Upper Valley school systems in the 1990's and 2000's. He continued his educational outreach with school children by serving as an Everybody Wins! Vermont reading buddy. At one time, Ed was the coordinator of the Norwich Farmer's Market.

In 2012, encouraged by community theater, Ed auditioned for and was delighted by his stage role as part of the annual Ten-Minute Play Festival. He was a devoted listener of VPR and participated in the many cultural offerings of Vermont. As an active Upper Valley community member, Ed was a Norwich Lion, former president, section director, and longtime member of the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club, and he served on numerous boards and commissions in Norwich and the Upper Valley. He was part of two breakfast groups of male friends who gathered at Crossroads Café in White River and also at the Norwich Inn. He regularly attended Osher lifelong learning classes at Dartmouth, enjoying the stimulating social science and literary topics of conversation with course leaders and participants.

Ed and his family were very active in athletic pursuits together: skiing, hiking, canoeing, biking and golfing. They enjoyed these activities in Vermont and especially in N.Y.'s Adirondack High Peaks where Ed's family was an integral part of the Adirondack Mountain Reserve and the beginnings of the Adirondack Trail Improvement Society. As a fourth generation member of the Ausable Club, Ed made many lifelong friends there. Ed and Claude were proud 46ers, having ascended all the Adirondack peaks over 4,000 feet.

Ed had a boundless interest in writing, language, and books. He was a dedicated career journalist covering local stories and politics in Massachusetts and Vermont. During the 70's, when the Janeways lived in Rhode Island, Ed owned the Bristol Bookshop.

In 1982, Ed, Claude, and daughters Annie and Margaret moved to Norwich, Vt., building a family home on a hill in the Jericho section. Ed enjoyed looking after the property, tending sheep and chickens, harvesting sap for maple syrup, and participating in Jericho Community Club gatherings.

As rooted as Ed and Claude were in the Upper Valley community, they often visited Claude's family in Europe and sought out adventure, cultural exchange, and global perspectives by participating in active group travel overseas.

Ed was a railroad enthusiast his whole life, traveling by train for pleasure trips, even working as a

In 2014, Ed joined the community of the Valley Terrace where he was a popular and active resident with local friends and endeared himself to the staff that so lovingly cared for him towards the end of his life.

Ed will be remembered for his spirit, kindness, charm, easy-going personality, civic involvement, and love of Vermont life. He was a bright and engaging fellow, much beloved by those who knew him.

Ed is survived by his daughters, Anne Janeway and Margaret Conway; son-in-law, Sean Conway; brother, Harold of Concord, N.H.; and brother-in-law, Philippe Laumont of New York City; numerous cousins; and 18 nieces and nephews. Siblings Ted, Priscilla Sherwood, Elsie Apthorp, and Betsy predeceased him, as well as his wife of 44 years Claude, who died in 2009.

A memorial service has been scheduled for Saturday, April 1 at 1 p.m. at the Norwich Congregational Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Parish Players, P.O. Box 136, Thetford, VT 05074, www.parishplayers.org or Vermont Public Radio, 365 Troy Avenue, Colchester, VT 05446.

To view an online memorial and or send a message of condolence to the family, please visit www.rand-wilson.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Rand-Wilson Funeral Home of Hanover, N.H.

Follow Lions,

It is with a saddened heart that I report the passing of Norwich Lion, Ed Janeway, at Valley Terrace on Friday, March 10th.

As so eloquently stated in his obituary, Ed will be remembered by his family, friends, acquaintances and fellow Lions for his spirit, kindness, charm easy-going personality.

A long-time member, Ed served the Norwich Lions in a number of leadership roles including President (King Lion). The club will acknowledge Lion Ed during next week's meeting.

Gary, KL

Editor's Corner

A Quick Note from the Editor:

While Communique submissions will be accepted in almost any format, sending them via email, as an attachment, in a Word or PDF (JPEG for pictures) document is the preferred method. The Communique has become quite long in recent months and to streamline the editing process a print ready submission would be appreciated.

**Thank you in advance,
Lion Amy Herrmann**

Please follow these simple steps:

1st: When sending correspondence to be included in the Communiqué, please put 'For Communique' in the subject line of the email. Emails to communique@vermontlions.org 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 10, 2016 (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 www.manchestervtmapleleaf.com

3rd: 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.

Lastly: Please submit items in one of the following formats: **PDF, Word, or JPEG**. Please help me get the Communique posted on time each month by submitting items early and in the proper format. I do have the ability to edit just about anything but would prefer print-ready submissions (in the interest of time).

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