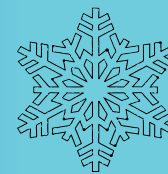




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A Message from District Governor Pam Nichols

DECEMBER HOW DID WE GET HERE????

I am so amazed how fast this year has flown by. I am very thankful to all of the clubs I have visited already! Your hospitality and friendship and fellowship warms my heart, makes me realize how different, but how similar we are! Thank you so much for everything you do. Thank you all for the people's lives you have changed and saved. If they could, I know they would tell you how much you mean to them. During this Holiday season be thankful, be kind, and enjoy the moment, that is my wish for you!



We had so much fun at the November Cabinet Meeting! I had 10 people that were great sports and volunteered for a turkey gobbling contest. The winner was PDG Tommy Waltz. Who knew he could gobble like that?!? The laughter was infectious! James Hathaway came and talked to us about Make a Wish foundation and would love our help to fund a wish in Vermont. We will be trying to find out what our members would like to do.

I do have a couple of requests... PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, Let Kathy Gallett know if you are coming to the meetings, we will never turn anyone away but we may run out of food if our count is off. We do add people to each count as a buffer but those spots need to be paid for. So please send in your forms, or just email me or Kathy at... kathy@bowfamily.com just so that we know and you can pay at the door.

Please report to Besty Magee any foods and donations to the food pantry for food from the heart.

Please: Come enjoy the friendship of being a lion, enjoy the other members, other ideas. Open your heart and let's have a great meeting in January. You never know what I will do! So come find out what it is!

I can't wait to visit the rest of the clubs soon. Merry Christmas, and may the new year be filled with joy!

Yours in Service
DG Pam

DISTRICT 45

Calendar

December 2015

19-20	Elf Express Train Rides with Christopher Pop-In-Kins - Manchester Lions Club
20	Deadline to submit items for the January Communique

January 2016

17	Cabinet Meeting - Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, Vermont
20	Deadline to submit items for the February Communique

February 2016

13	Love at First Sight Dinner/Dance - Fireside Inn & Suites - W. Lebanon, NH Details Coming Soon!
20	Deadline to submit items for the March Communique

March 2016

12	Cabinet Meeting and Speak Out Contest - Brandon
20	Deadline to submit items for the March Communique

District Governor
Club Visit Schedule
2015-2016

December

1st Springfield
3rd Londonderry
5th Tractor Parade for the Leos
7th Heartland
8th Valley
10 Orleans?? Christmas Party
16th Vergennes
18th,19th Elf express
Merry Christmas Everyone!!!!

January

5th Norshaft
12th Bennington
14th Chester
17th Lake Morey Cabinet Meeting
19th Brandon

Meeting Notices



Vermont Lions District 45
Cabinet Meeting
Sunday January 17, 2016
Lake Morey Resort
Fairlee, Vermont
Schedule

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8:00 to 9:00 am

Honorary Meeting _____

9:00 to 10:00 am

VT Lions Charities _____

9:00 to 10:00 am

Presidents Round Table _____

Secretaries School _____

Treasurers Round Table _____

10:15 to 11:00 am

Guiding Lion _____

Zone Chair _____

Leadership Roundtable _____

Technology for Today _____

11:15 to 12:30pm

Lunch

Cabinet Meeting Opening- DG Pam Nichols

Introductions—1st Vice DG Joe Wilson

12:30 to 1:15 pm

Guest Speaker

1:45 to 4:00 pm

Cabinet Meeting



**Vermont Lions District 45
Cabinet Meeting
Sunday January 17, 2016
Lake Morey Resort
Fairlee, Vermont**

Agenda

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1. Call to Order—DG Pam Nichols
2. Introductions—1st Vice DG Joe Wilson
3. Roll Call—CS Bob Wilcox
4. Financial Report 2015-2016—CT Kathy Gallett
5. November 2015 Cabinet meeting minutes—CS Bob Wilcox
6. Vermont Lions Charities Report President Phylis Porio
7. LCIF Super Raffle—IPDG Ken Emery
8. Honorary Committee Report--PDG Ken Emery
9. Lions Camp—Lion Brian Steckley
10. Traveling Lion—PCS Cindy Berg
11. Speak Out Contest--Lion Jackie Dutil
12. Sight and Hearing—Lion Linda Eastman
13. Lions Awards—DG Pam Nichols
14. Old Business
15. New Business
16. Fundraisers—PCT Loreen Teer/PCS Cindy Berg
17. 200 Club-50/50-- PCT Loreen Teer/PCS Cindy Berg
18. Lions Roar—DG Pam Nichols

Super Raffle!

On Saturday night, November 7th close to 150 Vermont Lions, families, friends and guests gathered for the annual Vermont Lions LCIF Super Raffle. Over 130 tickets had been sold in anticipations of winning any of the over \$13,000 in cash and prizes to be awarded: both to ticket owners and attendees. At the end of the event: Lion Phylis Porio, Lion Karen Schroeder, Brattleboro Area Lions Club, Lion Amy Ryan and Kitty Clark won the 'big' prizes. More importantly, the winners are the individuals who will be receiving a Melvin Jones Fellow award later this year.

The LCIF Super Raffle Committee would like to thank everyone: clubs, individual lions, families and friends for purchasing a ticket. More importantly, we would like to thank the business's, clubs and individuals who made donations of prizes and those individuals who help collect such prizes. Please see list and say 'thank you' to those who supported Vermont Lions.

Until next year,

LCIF Super Raffle Committee

Donations Received from

5 Olyde Tavern
Appalachian Gap
Baker Distributing
Bayberry Cottage
Belles Café
Betty's Creations
Boston Red Sox
Bradford Country Club
Bud N Roses
Capitol Plaza
Ckaussen's
Cody's Irish Pub
Colchester Lions Club
Commodores Inn
Courtyard by Marriott Burlington Harbor
DG Pam Nichols
Dunkin Donuts
Eastern Mt. Sports
Eco Car Wash
Enosburg Falls Country Club
Essex Jct. Lions Club
Farrell Distributing
Finest Image
Five Guys
Geiger
Georgia Lions Club
Hammerfit Athletic Club
Hampton Inn
Hannaford's
Heartland Lions Club
Inn at Essex
IPDG Ken Emery
Jack's Composters and Rain Barrells
Jack's Composters and Rain Barrells
Jay Peak
Jericho Underhill Lions Club
Jolley
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and Collected by these

Koenig Cedar Company
Lake Morey
LaQuinta Inn Suites - St. Albans
Leunig's
Linda Lee Monograms
Lion Alice Gonyaw
Lion Carmelita Belisle
Lion Connie La Plume
Lion Connie St. George
Lion Jackie Dutil
Lion Marge Alden
Lion Phylis Porio
Lion Tom and Linda Stone
Manchester Lions Club
Maple Landmark
Marriott Hotel - Middlebury
McDonald's
Men at Wok
Mexicali
Lion Carol Greene
Mimmo's Essex Jct.
Mohegan Sun
Montshire Museum
Mt. Snow
Mudart Inc - George Scatchard
Neshobe Country Club
Newport Jewelers
Olive Garden
Orvis
Outback Steakhouse
PCS Cindy Berg
PCST Debbie Bushey
PCT Loreen Teer
PDG Betsy MaGee
Lion Walter Hastings
PDG Bruce Bushey
PDG Mel and Lion Sue Coburn

business's and individuals

PDG Merry Souza
PDG Nick and Lion Judy Monte
PDG Sherry Lee Juiare
People's Trust
Phoenix Books
PID Tom Broughton
Pompanoosuc Mills
Quechee Golf Club
Quilting With Color
Ramunto's Pizza
Rosie's Restaurant
Shaw's - Waterbury
Shaw's - Colchester
Small City Market
Smugglers Notch Ski Resort
Sonesta ES Suites
Strafford Area Lions Club
Sunny Hollow Dental
Sweet Clover Market
Taste of Home
Price Chopper
The Dog and Cat Gift Shop
Timberlane Dental
Trader Duke's
Trader Joe's
Troy and Area Lions Club
Twiggs Restaurant
Twincraft
University Mall
UPS Store - Williston
Vermont Lake Monsters
Vermont State Parks
Vermont Teddy Bear
Walker's Farm Home Tack
Williston Golf Club
Shelburne Museum
Woodstock Inn and Resort

Club News

Centennial Celebration Project : A statute to honor Vermont Lions.

Recently, DG Pam, PID Tom and IPDG Ken attended the annual New England Lions Council Necrology service in Warwick, Rhode Island. . This year's event was held at Roger Williams Park in front of a statute dedicated to Rhode Island Lions (see photo-Right).

In July 2017, we will be celebrating 100 years of Lions service worldwide. Wouldn't it be a great way to honor those Vermont Lions who have come before us by having a statute of our own?

There are all kinds of questions that need to be asked and answered. If you are interested in being part of the committee, please contact IPDG Ken Emery.



Melvin Jones Reminder

Reminder on LCIF Super Raffle Melvin Jones Fellow nominations

To all Lions Clubs and individual Lions who purchased a ticket for this year's LCIF Super Raffle, for EACH ticket purchased, a nomination to award a Melvin Jones Fellow can be made.

Please submit in writing whom should receive one of the highest awards that a Lion can earn. Nominations can be for someone within the club, a Lion from another club, or a individual in the local community.

Priority will be to grant such award to an individual who has not received one previously.

If someone already has received a Melvin Jones Fellow but deserves to receive a "Progressive" Melvin Jones Fellow, please make such nominations.

DEADLINE to receive nominations is the beginning of DG Pam Nichols January cabinet meeting at Lake Morey in January.

LCIF Super Raffle Committee

PDB Bruce Bushey

PDG Merry Souza

PDG Betsy MaGee

PDG Sherry Lee Juaire

IPDG Ken Emery

Club News

News from Heartland Lions Club

The Heartland Lions Club ended October on a happy note with helping out Royalton Recreation at the fall festival, on the green in South Royalton. We gave out approximately 270 hot dogs and candy. The weather was perfect for an afternoon full of games and activities.

In early November we headed to D45 Fall Convention in Colchester. If you have not attended one of the district meetings we suggest that you take time – they are very informative and you get to meet fellow Lions.

Then on Monday, 16 November we captured Sir Charles and he is back at home in Heartland and

will be out touring and visiting his favorite restaurants! He will be available for his next visitation on Monday, 4 January 2016, meeting starts at 6:30m, followed by dinner at Five Olde.

Lion Carol A. Greene

Heartland Lions Club

“We Serve”



Club News

Vermont Peace Poster Winner Announced!

JORDAN GARDNER WINS VERMONT COMPETITION IN LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

(Colchester, VT – November 8, 2015) – Jordan Gardner, a 6th grade student at Shaftsbury Elementary has taken the first step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the NorShaft Lions Club.

Gardner's poster was among more than 450,000 entries submitted worldwide in the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the program to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

The poster was selected by Vermont District 45 Lions for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme, "Share Peace" The judging was held on November 8th in Colchester VT at the Vermont Lions Fall Conference.



Shaftsbury Art teacher Emily Umphlett,
NorShaft Lions Peace Poster Chair Iris
Olmstead, Vermont State Winner
Jordan Gardner, and Lion Phylis Porio

Vermont Lions District Governor Pam Nichols said she was impressed by the expression and creativity of all the students from throughout the state who participated in this year's contest "It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions."

"Gardner's poster will advance through the international level of competition if he is to be declared the international grand prize winner," District Governor Pam Nichols said.

One international grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of US\$5,000 plus a trip for the winner and two family members to a special award ceremony. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of US\$500

"Vermont Lions District 45 is cheering for Jordan as his poster advances in the competition, and we hope that his vision will ultimately be shared with others around the world," Nichols said.

To view past international grand prize winners at www.lionsclubs.org. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.35 million members in 210 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world.

Peace Poster Podium

Norshaft -1st place -----Jordan Gardner
Essex - 2nd place-----Rachel Chan
Colchester -3rd place-----Fariha Nawar

Judging was held on Saturday, November 7th at the
Fall Conference.

Club News

Orleans

On Saturday December 12th we will be holding our annual Children's Christmas Variety Show at the Orleans Municipal Building. We will be have a professional entertainer for the kids, usually around 180, and the show last around 30-45min. Then Santa will arrive to hear all their wishes, we'll have ice cream, cookies and milk for them after, and we will provide them all with a gift from us when all is done. This will be our 25th year of doing this project and it's definitely one of our high light projects.

Also, on the 10th of December we will have our annual Warm the Children auction that is only participated in with our members and guest, part of our Christmas party, and we hope to raise over \$1000.00 for this important cause as we have for many years now. Many of the past DG's have participated and we're lucky to have this year's DG Pam trying to make it also.

Club News

Jericho- Underhill

This October the Jericho-Underhill Lions Club completed its yearly project, Words for Thirds, a program that gives third graders their own dictionaries. It is part of the Dictionary Project out of South Carolina. The Jericho-Underhill Lions donated one hundred three dictionaries to the third graders of the Underhill Center, Underhill ID, and Jericho elementary schools. It is always a delight to see the happy faces of those young students who realize this is their own resource that can remain at school or be taken home. Along with the dictionaries each student received a book mark made by Lions Loreen Teer and Cindy Berg. This is just another aspect of our motto, "We serve", and we will keep serving for years to come.



Speak Out Contest

Speak Out Contest 2015-2016

For juniors and seniors

Sponsored by the



**And Vermont District
45 Lions**

Topic: "DIGNITY. HARMONY. HUMANITY."

Time: 5 to 7 min.

NOTE: This is a three level contest. The winner of our local Contest will advance to participate in Regional if necessary. Finalists go on to the State Level Contest which will be held on March 12, 2016, at the Brandon Inn; Route 7, Brandon, VT.

The Local Contest will be held at a Lions Club Meeting on: _____, 2016.

Lions Meet at: (_____)

JUDGING CRITERIA: Address Theme.....20pts.
Development of Theme.....50pts.
Expression and Delivery.....30pts

Each Judge may direct one question on the subject to the speaker at the conclusion of the speech.

PRIZES!

LOCAL CONTEST

1st Place:

2nd Place:

3rd Place:

Possible Regional Contest: To Be Determined if necessary

STATE FINALS!

1st: \$300

2nd: \$150

3rd: \$75

4th or more \$ 25

CONTACT PERSON: LION



Speak Out Contest

Please note the date change to MARCH 12, 2016 (from March 20, 2016)!

2015-2016 SPEAK-OUTCONTEST
“DIGNITY. HARMONY. HUMANITY”
March 12, 2016 Brandon Inn, Brandon, VT

SPEAK-OUT INFORMATION:

Included is an example of the Brandon-Forest Dale-Pittsford Lions Clubs Speak-Out Contest form (example of two clubs that work together from a union school).

1. Your clubs form to fill in your information on.
2. Judging form.
3. International President’s message on the theme of the contest, go to www.lionsclub.org .

THINGS TO DO IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER:

1. Assign a Speak-Out Chairperson in your club.
2. Find a contact person, preferably at the (High School): the head of the English Department or a Guidance Counselor are excellent options. Also, local 4-H and Scout Group Leaders, etc.

Speak Out Contest

3. Your club will need to set a local contest date, amount of prizes, location of contest and list your chairperson person on the bottom of your form. Fill in and make copies including the judging form and the International President's message to give to your contacts. They in turn can make copies for the student's that are interested in participating. Doing this from Word Documents makes an easy option for sending info easily.

THINGS TO DO BY YOUR FIRST MEETING IN JANUARY:

1. Please contact me if your club is going to be participating in the Speak- Out Contest and give me the date of your local contest.

A Regional Contest may be necessary but the District tries to accept all participants if possible.

2. PLEASE HAVE YOUR LOCAL CONTEST AT ONE OF YOUR JANUARY MEETINGS, AN EARLIER IS FINE ALSO.

3. Send me the results of your Contest along with the number of guests (family members) your winner will have with them at the District Contest in March.

Speak Out Contest

4. Clubs usually offer the winner of their local Contest the opportunity to give another speaking performance before the State Contest or Regional one if necessary; giving helpful ideas to improve his or her performance.

5. The District 45 final will be held at the March 20th Cabinet Meeting at the Brandon Inn, in Brandon, VT.

6. The District covers the costs of all contestants' meals at the Cabinet Meeting, please let me know the total number of guests that will be attending the Contest so that the meals and tables needed are provided by the restaurant. Meals of any guests of the contestants' are covered by the clubs that invite them and should be paid by the club when they check in at the Cabinet Meeting.

7. The District also covers the meals of each club Speak Out Chairperson.

Thank you and good luck, hope to see you in March!

Lion Jackie Dutil, Speak-Out Contest Chairperson

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Lion Connie St. George, Speak-Out Co-Chairperson

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Speak Out Contest



DISTRICT 45-LIONS OF VERMONT SPEAK OUT CONTEST 2015-16

“DIGNITY. HARMONY. HUMANITY.”



Duration of Speech	LESS THAN	FIVE MINUTES	5-7 Minutes Required	Total Time	Total Points
Addressing the Theme (20 Points)	Effort made to address the Theme was lacking in quality (0-4 Points)	Good effort was made to address the Theme (5-10 Points)	Very good effort was made to address the Theme (11-19 Points)	Outstanding effort was made in addressing the Theme (20 Points)	
Developing the Theme (50 Points)	Effort to develop the Theme was lacking in clarity & organization (0-24 Points)	Good effort was made to develop the Theme (25-39 Points)	Very good effort was made to develop the Theme (40-49 Points)	Outstanding job was done of developing the Theme (50 Points)	
Clarity & Expression (30 Points)		Good effort of expressing the points being made – relatively confident in presentation (1-14 Points)	Very good effort of expressing the points being made – shows confidence in presentation (15-24 Points)	Excellent effort of expressing points being made – very confident & dynamic in presentation (25-30 Points)	
Name					Total Points



The Manchester Lions Club presents

THE ELF EXPRESS

Saturday, December 19 – Sunday, December 20

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

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

Adults (13 and over): \$25.00

Children (2-12): \$20.00

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT:

www.ManchesterLionsElfTrain.com or Manchester & the Mountains Chamber

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pictures!



Zone Chair Visits Williston!



Zone 1a chair Lion Loreen Teer presents a Helen Keller pin to King Lion Darby Mayville and son Alec



Cabinet Meeting Smiles!



Cabinet Meeting Ticket Sales Going Strong!

Pictures!



13 students from Neshobe Elementary School in Brandon, Vt, participated in the 2015 Peace Poster Contest.

Lions Sandy Brutkoski, Burt and Patti Reynold and Peace Poster Committee Chairperson, Fred Pockette, on the right, presented awards November 4th at a student assembly.



Manchester Lions Club Awards a grant to the Manchester Community Library to support Preschool Family Literacy Nights



Essex Junction Lions Induction

President Darby Mayville, Sponsor Linda McNulty, new members - Jodie Peck, Dianne Brochu, Tom Stone, Linda Stone, sponsor Carmelita Belisle.



Williston Lions Jeanne Reilly, Mike Vadnais, Gia Amorese and Essex Jct. Lion PDG Betsy MaGee volunteering at the DVAS event.

Editor's Corner

A note from the Editor:

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

1st: When sending correspondence to be included in the Communiqué, please put '**For Communiqué**' in the subject line of the email. Emails to communiqued45lions.com are received by several Lions and we need to be sure that it is directed properly.

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

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

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. Requests written into the body of an email require additional formatting in InDesign (the Adobe program being used to create the Communiqué each month). Please help me get the Communiqué posted on time each month by submitting items early and in the proper format.

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

**** Please accept my sincere apology for publishing the Communiqué so late this month. Life threw me some seriously ugly lemons and I had to employ some evasive duck and cover manuevers. But it's all good now! Again, I'm very sorry!****