



THE COMMUNIQUE DISTRICT 45 VERMONT DG STEVE SIMPSON



February 2012

District Governor's Corner

Here it is the middle of February and I have visited 36 clubs and all 4 Leo's clubs. "I Believe" that a lot of the clubs and members are turning their "Lionism by Making Dreams Come True" and are in the thick of Lionism with activities and fundraising. Many of you are holding basketball tournaments, Valentines fundraisers, Food From the Heart and are beginning your Scholarship Awards to name a few. But it is also time to start to think about your officer's for the 2012-2013 year.

Our next cabinet meeting will be in Middlebury at the American Legion Hall on March 17th. We will be offering Leadership training for incoming Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers, as well as new member orientation. This is an important step for new officers and members as it gives the new officers the training that they need to run a club and have an idea of what to expect for the incoming year and to give them a head start.

The weather has been very good to most of us but being in Vermont the Mountains are looking for more snow. I am very excited to let each of you know that the convention team, CST Ken and I went to Jay Peak to finalize the Spring Convention and saw a very busy Jay. It was so great to see the ever changing look of the New Jay Peak, with its new Hotel, Ice Haus, Golf course, convention center, the skiing and the exciting Water Park. While we had a tour of the new hotel and the convention center members of the Souza family had to put themselves out in the new Water Park while waiting. The revues where excellent from them on the Water Park and Paul gave it a thumbs up. Check out the information on the convention and stay tuned as more may come. Remember "*Lionism Makes Dreams*

Come True." *DG Steve*

DISTRICT SPEAK OUT CONTEST

"I Believe" that we have a very exciting and inspiring event coming up in March! Clubs have been working hard and have had some great success in offering the District 45 Speak-Out Contest. "I Believe" to their local High School, juniors and seniors. So far, four clubs (Brandon/Forest Dale & Pittsford; Colchester and Vergennes Clubs) have reported to me that they have completed their local contests, they will be sending their winners to our March 17th Cabinet Meeting in Middlebury to compete in the District 45 Speak-Out Contest Final. I am hopeful that I will be hearing from more clubs as well before the month is over.

Please put this important date on your calendar. Come and congratulate all of the winners, let's thank them and make them feel most welcomed.

Lion Jackie Dutil
Speak-Out Contest Chairperson

Lions Quest

Lions Quest is alive and well in District 45. Local Clubs sponsor the Lions Quest program in the following schools: Proctor High School, Proctor Elementary School, Rutland Town, West Rutland School and the Waterford School.

Nicole Graves from the West Rutland School states that the school addresses issues related to social-emotional learning and uses the Lion's Quest "K-12 Committee". They have held harvest dinners raised from their community garden. They are also doing a clothing drive, book swap, and are making an emphasis on increasing parental involvement. Each class at the school are working hard to raise money for the Rick Dutil Memorial Scholarship. Future Lions Here.

Lion George Bilodeau, Chairman



What's happening in Our

future?

March 17th March Cabinet Meeting and Speak Out Contest, American Legion Hall, Middlebury, VT

March 20th DG Steve planned Visitation with Border Lions.

May 12th Vermont Lions Charities Walkathon, Rutland State Fairgrounds, Rutland VT. May 12th. Please circle that date on your calendar as the date of the 5th annual Vermont Lions Charities Walk-a-thon to be held at the Vermont State Fairgrounds in Rutland. More information will be forthcoming so hoping everyone can join us. CST Ken's personal goal for this event is to have at least one member from each club in District 45 to attend. Possible? Sure hope so.

May 18th – May 20th Spring Convention @ Jay Peak Resort, Jay, VT

June 22nd -26th 95th International Convention, Busan, Republic of Korea.

July 21st Lions Twin State Soccer Game, Franklin-Pierce College, NH

Sept USA/Canada Forum, Tampa, Fla.

Promotional Row:

March 31st

Swanton-Missisquoi Lions: Annual Round Robin Rib Dinner & Raffle @ the Swanton VFW. Dinner will be 5:30pm-7:30pm

Cost Adult's \$10, children 6-11 \$5, 5 and under free. Then at 7:30 get ready for the raffle. Tickets are \$1 each and are good for only one round. But don't throw those tickets away as they are good for the Grand Prizes.

White River Junction Lions: A benefit for Red Logan Dental Clinic which provides free dental and health care. The event will take place from 7:30 pm to 11:00 pm at the White River Junction American Legion. Cost is \$10 per person and there will be 2 bands (Dr. Burma and Squid). Lions are asked to bring an item for the silent auction.

June 2nd White River Junction Lions Car and Antique Tractor Show. Syke's Ave just off 191/189 follow signs. \$5 per car/spectator's free (rain date June 3rd)

Vermont Lions Charities:

"Helping the clubs of District 45 meet the needs of their communities and their residents."

That IS one of the main missions of Vermont Lions Charities.

We do this, for example, by helping the following clubs purchase vision and hearing equipment for students in their area: Troy and Area, Strafford and Area and Bennington. We also authorized funds for a young man in the Hartland area. All told we paid about \$3,500 to help these individuals.

We are also working with our 'Partners in Service', clubs that are helping residents outside of their normal service areas, to obtain needed services as well. Your donations to Vermont Lions Charities is definitely helping to meet the visually and hearing needs (along with other needs) of the areas we all serve.

Vermont Lions Charities Annual Big Dine Out Raffle. BDO for short. I would like to say thank you to everyone who either purchased, who sold a ticket, who worked with their local restaurants to purchase the gift certificates used as prizes and even printing the BDO tickets for a very successful fund raiser. We raised about \$6,300 this year, down about \$1,500 from last year, but given the economy, not bad. I would also like to give a great big THANK YOU to Lions Loreen Teer and Cindy Berg for taking the lead on this event and leading it to its success. Looking forward to the 2012 version already!!!

For those who had not heard, the winners of the grand prizes by Region were: Region 4 – Derby Lions Club, Region 3 – Eva Behrens, Region 2 – Marble Valley Lions Club and Region 1 – CST Ken Emery. I would also like to announce that the Lion who won a Spring Convention package by selling at least 5 tickets was Lion Denny Lyster of Troy and Area Lions Club.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU is all I can say for the donations received in memory of Lion Rick Dutil. \$19,000+. Vermont Lions Charities is working with Lion Jackie Dutil on a special scholarship program which we hope to announce soon, hopefully at the March Cabinet Meeting.

CST Ken Emery

VT Lions Charities President

Welcome to the following new Members of District 45

Barre: Christina Golon
Bennington: John Dunham Jr.
Brandon-Forestdale: Jamie Dutil & Ray Pinson
Colchester: Heather Berg
Jericho-Underhill: Gerard Adams
Middlebury: Lynn & Michael Bordeleau
William Kipp
Barton Litvin
Serge Vanier
Robert Wells
Norshaft: Robert Vargo
Pittsford: Lorraine Massores
Ava Pehm
Joan Simmons
Springfield: Dennis & Mary Clancy
Lynn Larrow
George Lauzon
Strafford and Area: Denise & Paul Perkins
James Rooney
Vergennes: Guy & Pamela Cousino
Whitingham-Halifax: Debra Cox
Roger Grossbaum

I hope to meet each of you soon.

Keep working on promoting Lions and your clubs with Articles in the Communique and your local newspapers. Let's continue to make District 45 and Lions International the Greatest and best known Service Organization.

It's that time of the Year again:

After your elections it is important to send in your PU101's to International and a copy to VDG Bob. Even if you are not changing officers you need to do one but before you send them in Please check Dates, times and place of meeting as there have been changes to some of them but the change was never reported. Let's make VDG Bob and his Vice's jobs easier.

Shelburne Lions



King Lion Jayne and Lion Carl presents Angela Pratt of the Shelburne Museum with a check for \$100 for their Hands on project for the Visual impaired program at the Museum. The Shelburne Museum are looking for sponsors for this worthwhile project that is taking place at the Museum.

Food From the Heart:

Lion Harry reports that the following clubs have reported to him. They are Bennington, Colchester, Essex, Middlebury, Georgia, St. Johnsbury, Pittsford, Vergennes, Swanton Mississquoi and the Mt. Mansfield Leo's (Jericho-Underhill)

Communique Change:

Please send all Communique articles, pictures and information to me for the remainder of the year. My email address is sjsimpsonvt@gmail.com and please put Communique in the Subject.

Let's continue to "Believe and through Lionism Make Dreams Come True"

DG Steve Simpson

2011-2012



Vermont Lions District 45
March 17, 2012
Cabinet Meeting Invitation

Dear Lions and Guests,

District Governor Steve would like to invite all Cabinet Officers, Presidents, Secretaries, Past District Governors, Lions, Spouses and Guests to the 4th Cabinet Meeting of 2011 - 2012 to be held at the American Legion, Route 7, Middlebury VT.

Schedule of Events (subject to change)

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.: Registration

- 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Promotion Row
- 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Fundraising: Silent Auction, 200 club, 50/50 raffle
- 9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.: Welcome Ceremonies
- 9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.: Spousal Program
- 9:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.: Work Sessions (see complete schedule of events)
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Vermont Lions District 45 Speakout Program
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Lunch Buffet, Costs \$18
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Cabinet Meeting

Registration deadline for is March 11, 2012 and must be made with CST Ken Emery. NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR SPONSORS (new in last 12 months and who have not attended a cabinet meeting previously) will be guests of District 45 for lunch only but BOTH must attend the New Member Orientation. NEW MEMERS, when registering, please indicate who your sponsor is and if they will or will not be attending.

Please send registration and check payable to District 45 Vermont Lions to:
C S/T Ken Emery, 146 Eagle Park Drive, Colchester Vt 05446
Or contact via email: doogle@surfglobal.net, OR cell: 802-578-7483

Club: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____ New Member: _____ Sponsor _____
Lion and Position: _____

IMPORTANT: Special Dietary Needs: _____

Vermont Lions District 45
May 18, 19 and 20, 2012
57th Annual Spring Convention
(subject to change)

Friday, May 18th

Noon to 4:00 p.m.: Golf, \$35 per person including cart.
2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.: Registration
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.: High Country BBQ
7:30 p.m. - ??? p.m.: Entertainment
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Saturday, May 19th

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.: Registration
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.: Breakfast Buffet
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.: Spousal Program
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Fund Raising
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Promotional Row
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.: International Directors Meeting
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.: General Roundtable Discussions
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.: Melvin Jones Fellows Presentation
12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.: Lunch
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.: District 45 Business Meeting
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.: Social Time
7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.: PDG / PCST Annual Banquet
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Sunday, May 20th

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.: District 45 Memorial Service
10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.: Sunday Brunch

Additional Weekend Activities

*Tram Rides are available subject to weather conditions
Water Park available with additional price, normal hours*

*Golf is available with additional price, tee times are Friday 12-4 pm.
Cost are \$35 for cart and golf. You must sign up with our Golf Co-Chairs: Lions Peter
Lanoue 754-8586 or David Campbell 766-5183. We need a minimum of 12 Golfers
for this price. Don't wait as the golf should fill up fast.*



57TH Annual Vermont Lions Convention
District Governor Steve Simpson
May 18th, 19th & 20th, 2012
Reservations 1-800-451-4449



To ensure the Lions Rate and Packages Please state "VT Lions Attendees" when registering
RESERVATION DEADLINE – May 1, 2012

RESERVATIONS RECEIVED AFTER MAY 1ST WILL BE RELEASED BASED ON AVAILABILITY

CHECK IN 3:00 PM CHECK OUT 11:00 AM ALL EFFORTS WILL BE MADE FOR GUEST WHO ARRIVE EARLY	
1 Night Friday Night Packages	
1 Person – Includes 1 Friday Night Dinner, 1 Saturday Breakfast and 1 Melvin Jones Luncheon	
Hotel Jay King Lock Off or Studio with 2 Queens	\$174.60
Hotel Jay One Bedroom Suite	\$194.22
Tram Haus Lodge Studio	\$185.23
Tram Haus One Bedroom Suite	\$206.48
Tram Haus Lodge Two Bedroom Suite	\$307.85
2 Person – Includes 2 Friday Night Dinners, 2 Saturday Breakfasts and 2 Melvin Jones Luncheons	
Hotel Jay King Lock Off or Studio with 2 Queens	\$238.02
Hotel Jay One Bedroom Suite	\$257.64
Tram Haus Lodge Studio	\$248.65
Tram Haus One Bedroom Suite	\$269.90
Tram Haus Lodge Two Bedroom Suite	\$371.27
1 Night Saturday Night Packages	
1 Person – Includes 1 Melvin Jones Luncheon, 1 Saturday Night Banquet and Sunday Breakfast	
Hotel Jay King Lock Off or Studio with 2 Queens	\$183.57
Hotel Jay One Bedroom Suite	\$203.19
Tram Haus Lodge Studio	\$194.20
Tram Haus One Bedroom Suite	\$215.45
Tram Haus Lodge Two Bedroom Suite	\$316.82
2 Person – Includes 2 Melvin Jones Luncheons, 2 Saturday Night Banquets and 2 Sunday Breakfast	
Hotel Jay King Lock Off or Studio with 2 Queens	\$255.96
Hotel Jay One Bedroom Suite	\$275.68
Tram Haus Lodge Studio	\$266.59
Tram Haus One Bedroom Suite	\$287.84
Tram Haus Lodge Two Bedroom Suite	\$389.21
WEEKEND PACKAGES	
1 Person – Includes Friday Night Banquet, Saturday Breakfast, Melvin Jones Luncheon, Saturday Night Banquet and Sunday Breakfast	
Hotel Jay King Lock Off or Studio with 2 Queens	\$334.04
Hotel Jay One Bedroom Suite	\$373.28
Tram Haus Lodge Studio	\$355.30
Tram Haus One Bedroom Suite	\$397.80
Tram Haus Lodge Two Bedroom Suite	\$600.54
2 Person – Includes 2 Friday Night Banquets, 2 Saturday Breakfasts, 2 Melvin Jones Luncheons, 2 Saturday Night Banquets and 2 Sunday Breakfasts	
Hotel Jay King Lock Off or Studio with 2 Queens	\$445.72
Hotel Jay One Bedroom Suite	\$484.96
Tram Haus Lodge Studio	\$466.98
Tram Haus One Bedroom Suite	\$509.48
Tram Haus Lodge Two Bedroom Suite	\$712.22

WATER PARK ADD ON \$10 PER PERSON MUST BE REQUESTED AT TIME OF RESERVATION GRANTS ACCESS FOR ONE DAY



Vermont Lions District 45
 57th Annual Spring Convention
 May, 18th, 19th and 20th, 2012



Jay Peak
830 Jay Peak Road
Jay, VT

Reservations for MEALS only must be sent directly to
 C S/T Ken Emery, 146 Eagle Park Drive, Colchester Vt 05446
 Or contact via email: doogle@surfglobal.net, OR cell: 802-578-7483

No Later than May 4th

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____ Club _____

Friday Night bbq - Number Attending _____ @ \$21 Total \$ _____

Saturday Breakfast – Number Attending _____ @ \$23 Total \$ _____

Melvin Jones Luncheon – Number Attending _____ @ \$27 Total \$ _____

Saturday Night Banquet – Number Attending _____ @ \$31 Total \$ _____

Sunday Breakfast – Number Attending _____ @ \$23 Total \$ _____

Any Special Dietary Needs: _____

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

Golf Friday – Contact Lion Peter Lanoue for Participation at 802-754-8586

Friday Night Theme – “Dream the Native Way” - Appropriate Costume Attire Welcomed

Lions Face Off Edition II Game Show Friday Evening

57th Annual Business Meeting 1:30 Saturday afternoon

Silent Auction (Items for Silent Auction will be greatly appreciated)

Spousal Program

Tram Rides (Weather Permitting)

Water Park Add On Pass \$10 (Must be ordered Prior to Convention from Jay Peak)

Memorial Service Sunday 9 AM

**Believe it or not:
Filing Tax Forms is a Yearly Requirement – Even for Lions Clubs**

It is not hard to guess what would happen if you did not file your tax forms by April 15th every year; you would receive letters from the Internal Revenue Service, late filing penalties, and maybe miss out on your tax refund. The same things can (and will) happen to your Lions Club if they do not file their tax form.

Lions Clubs have an obligation to file a yearly tax form – actually the IRS calls it an “Information Form” (no taxes are involved), but yearly filing is required and IRS letters, penalties, and even loss of the Clubs non-profit status will result from not filing these forms. **According to IRS resources – over 75% of District 45 (Vermont) Lions Clubs are not current on filing these required forms.**

The form that you club needs to file depends upon its Gross Income for the Clubs Fiscal year:

<i>Fiscal Year Income</i>	<i>Form to File</i>
Gross receipts normally ≤ \$50,000	990-N
Gross receipts < \$200,000, and Total assets < \$500,000	990-EZ or 990
Gross receipts ≥ \$200,000, or Total assets ≥ \$500,000	990

(Chart from: <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=184445,00.html>)

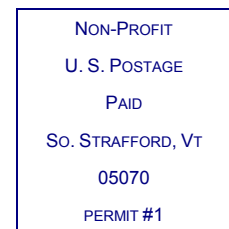
Most Clubs should be able to file Form 990-N. This form just asks for three things; Club’s current address, the name and address of a current Club officer, and confirmation that the Club normally has less then \$50,000 in gross income. The 990-N Form can only be filed on-line (<http://epostcard.form990.org/>).

The 990-EZ Form is very straightforward to fill out. This form asks for financial information in addition to the club’s contact information. Avoid the 990 Form if you can. The 990 and 990-EZ Forms can be filled out on line (<http://efile.form990.org/>) or on paper (<http://www.irs.gov/app/picklist/list/formsPublications.html?value=990&criteria=formNumber>).

Lion Kerry Claffey of the Strafford Area Lions and CopperHill Tax Services has volunteered to assist clubs in filing these forms. IF you have questions on filling out of filing any of these forms, contact Lion Kerry at CopperHill@myfairpoint.net or 802-765-4019.

Due dates for these IRS forms are 5 ½ months after the close of the Club’s Fiscal Year (November 15th for Clubs that have a year ending on June 30th). If you have not filed a form for you last fiscal year, DO IT NOW, it is better to file these forms late then not to file them at all.

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