

# The Communique District 45 – Vermont Lions Charities In Lionism, In Service, In Friendship

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Dear Fellow Lion Leaders,

Spring in Vermont is living up to its well - deserved reputation for quick change, according to the weatherman it is coming in like a Lion. But the work of the D45 Lions has more than made up for our namesake in the weather. There have been so many amazing efforts across the District to meet the need of our neighbors. Please look for some of the activities in this edition of the Communique and prepare to be amazed. Also, we need to celebrate the fact that, coming to press, we are just short of 1100 members. Well done to all the 21 Clubs that have added one or more new members this year - so far!

While reflecting on such activities and growth, we need to focus on our next area of service:

**Diabetes.** In the United States alone, there are more than 30 MILLION adult cases, with more than 91THOUSAND children with Type 1 Diabetes. This is a dangerous disease, and so many do not know they have it until it might be too late, with more than a million thought to be undiagnosed and 177 thousand dying each year in the US alone.

In March, we are going to focus on Diabetes as our Service Area. We will be offering screening to all Lions and guests, as well as having as our guest speaker: Jeff Kolok from SLAM T1D. As you may remember Middlebury Lions took part in the fundraising WHIFFLE BALL competition last year at Little Fenway, Essex. Please plan to come and hear Jeff speak about their organization and their work to support children and their families who battle this disease every day. Also begin to think how we can support their work by possibly sponsoring a D45 Team.

As well as this Service focus, the March meeting is the day when we get the great pleasure of hearing the finalist of the "Speak Out Competition". Every year I am deeply impressed by the skill and ability of these amazing young people. My sincere thanks to the Clubs who have sponsored these students and to Lion Kathy Dorman for organizing this event. This year the theme is "Kindness Matters" - a thought that is dear to all our hearts.

In the morning, there will also be Break -Out sessions. Several of these sessions are set up to give the membership a chance to have their input on the future of D45. There are also training sessions for Club Officers and one especially for new members who will join us.

Also remember, our IPDG Walter will be on the lookout for <mark>GREEN</mark>! Be warned......

AND, our next meeting will be the grand, end of the year CELEBRATION at our May Conference in Rutland. There are so many details to be shared with you - so please watch this space and SAVE THE DATE: May 3-4-5.

Together We Serve,

DG Líz

www.vermontlions.org

3/16/2019	Swanton Missisquoi Valley Lions presented <u>The Logger</u>
3/16/2019	D45 Cabinet Meeting, Middlebury – Speak Out Contest
3/18/2019	Capture Region 3 Traveling Lion in Heartland
3/20/2019	Region 2 Traveling Lion in Vergennes
3/23/19	Whitingham/Halifax: Pancake Breakfast 7-10am
3/25/2019	Region 1 Traveling Lion in Underhill
3/30/3019	NELC Winter Conference, Warwick, Rhode Island
4/16/2019	Capture the District Traveling Lion Brandon-Forestdale
4/26/2019	Georgia Lions Food Trailer at the VT Maple Festival
5/2-5/4/2019	D45 Spring Conference 2019, Rutland
6/8/2019	Bass Tournament - Plunder Bay Open – Castleton Lions Club
7/7-7/27/2019	Green Mountain Lions Camp
On going	Vision Camera <u>Availability</u>
	Don't see your club's activity listed?
	Email it to the Communique!

# **District 45 Calendar and Events**



*Editor's note:* We will be having the Communique available on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. For the June edition please have your material submitted by May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Please be sure to email it to <u>Communique</u>.



Hello, fellow District 45 Lions,

Not sure where you are, but I don't think the famous groundhog weather predictors got it right. Six more weeks of winter. If that would be it, that be fine. But looks like another six more weeks as of this writing (3 10 2019). We might have spring by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

But that's fine. Gives us Lions more time to plan our spring service projects and fundraisers. March is a very busy time. Cabinet meeting with high school student speech contest. Twin State Soccer banquet. New England Lions Council rescheduled Winter Conference. Club nominating committee meetings for club officers for 2019 - 2020. Please step up if your club nominating committee comes calling.

Are you willing to help the District with its leadership roles? If so, please let me know. Looking for some new ideas; Old ideas are fine too but we need to keep going. DG Liz and her team have District membership at about 1100. We would love to get to 1250 members. Also love to get to 35 clubs in the District.

Looking forward to rest of the 2018 – 2019 Lions year.

In Lionism,

VDG Ken



# PU 101's - 2019 - 2020

Reporting your club officers: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair

After reporting to Lions Club International,

please email such report to the following District Officers:

VDG Ken Emery: kpemery1960@gmail.com

DCS: Lion Erin Connors: erinmconnors@yahoo.com

GLT Coordinator PDG Joe Wilson: breezyhill@vermontel.net

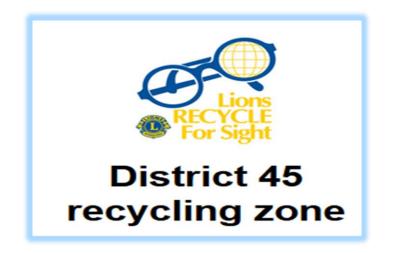
Need to be reported by May 1st (preferred date) or May 15th (latest date)

Make sure to confirm you date(s) of club meeting.

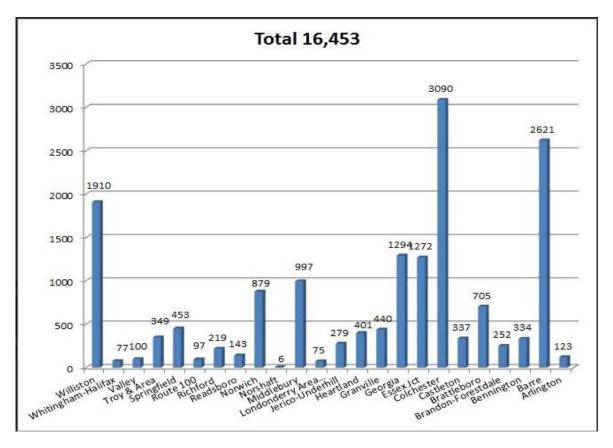
Make sure to confirm your meeting location.

Thanks. VDG Ken Emery

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Lion Randy Bigelow provides an update on glasses from the last cabinet meeting



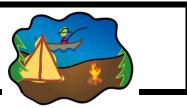
# Lions Twin State Soccer Association



Your Vermont Lions Representing Lions Twin State Soccer Association: Lion Bob Brault, Lion Pat Ankuda, Lion Debbie Ankuda, Lion Ron Bingham, Lion Odillion LaRoche, Lions PDG Stan Patch, Lion John Sprague, Lion Don Lane, Lion PDG Ken Millay, Lion Bruce Savery, Lion Deb Savery, Lion Harry Hendrickson



Green Mountain Lions Camp July 7 - 20 and July 21 – 27





## **District 45 Vermont Lions**

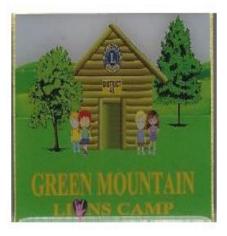
Lions Clubs International has over 46,500 clubs around the world, Their mission is to "support the efforts of Lions Clubs worldwide in serving their local communities and the world community as they carry out essential humanitarian service projects". In doing so, they focus on five main areas: sight/hearing, environment, diabetes, hunger, and childhood cancer.

The District 45 Lions of Vermont are involved in clubs all over the state. The members of these clubs are dedicated to serving their communities – that include the Green Mountain Lions Camp! Our Lions raise money for our camp and for scholarships to ensure that every camper that wants to be a part of our camp can be. They have been instrumental in keeping this amazing program running for so many years. Lions from around the state fundraise, provide lunches during registration days, host our activities, and go above and beyond from near and far!

We are grateful for our Vermont Lions! THANK YOU to each and every Lion who has, and who continues to, serve our state and our camp!



# Green Mountain Lions Camp ~ 2019 ~



In Loving Memory of Lion Brian Steckley



#### About Our Camp!

The Green Mountain Lions Camp provides a wonderful summer program for deaf and hard of hearing children, their siblings, and hearing children with deaf parents, Our camp has brought together deaf and hard of hearing children and teens from all over New England and beyond for over 30 years. Memories are made and forever friendships are formed in an environment of total communication access. The primary language used at camp is American Sign Language (ASL) and we guide and encourage new signers to practice and use ASL to foster an environment of access and inclusion. We continue for a third year at a beautiful location in Cabot, VT. This campus has hiking trails, fields to play on, a barn for indoor activities, craft cabin and waterfront swimming and boating! In addition, several field trips are planned including horseback riding and the Montshire Museum!



Experienced staff and deaf role models, exciting activities, and unforgettable friendships keep campers coming back every year!

Extended School Year (ESY): During the summer months, some students experience significant regression in the basic skill areas. An ESY is necessary to maintain these students' skills, The Green Mountain Lions Camp can help students maintain these skills, Please contact your Local Education Agency (LEA) for further information about adding summer camp to your child's IEP,

Fees: All camp payments are due by May 25<sup>th</sup>. Refunds will be available for cancellations received on or before May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Scholarships: Financial assistance is available for VT campers from the "Lion Gene Farrar/Lion Brian Steckley Memorial Fund". Other scholarship funds are available for non-VT campers. Contact Lion Gia at <u>gmlc.gia@gmail.com</u> for a financial assistance application.

\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\* Scholarships are <u>not</u> guaranteed! Recipients will be determined after April 30<sup>th</sup>, Please make sure you contact your LEA for funding!

\*\*Registration for each session is the first day (Sunday) from Noon – 1:00pm followed by a lunch prepared for us by members of the Lions Club. Parents and families are welcome and encouraged to stay through lunch!

\*\* Camp ends on the last day of the session (Saturday) at Noon. It is extremely important that arrangements are made to pick up your child/children by that time. A fee may be charged for late pick-ups.

#### Pre-Registration Form 2019

Camp Sessions		Price:
	Session I - Teen ages 13 – graduation	\$750 July 7 <b>-</b> 20, 2019
	Session II – Youth ages 8 <b>-1</b> 2 years	\$395 July 21 <b>-</b> 27, 2019

#### Camper Name

Parent/Guardian Name

Address

Email Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Male Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL Adult / Child

#### Method of Payment

Female

- \_\_\_\_ Check (check # \_\_\_\_\_)
- Bill School District/LEA (see below)
- Bill Me
- Lions' Scholarship
- Scholarship amount (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

#### School District

PO Box 2165 Brattleboro, VT 05303

#### Contact Person Phone #

Please Mail Pre-Registration Form to: Green Mountain Lions Camp c/o Brenda L, Seitz

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# Lions Club brings free vision testing to Valley elementary schools & childcare centers

**Whitingham, VT** – This winter, volunteers from the Whitingham-Halifax Lions Club are offering free, high-tech vision testing to students in local public elementary schools, through the Lions KidsSight program.

"The KidSight equipment is amazing," says Meg Staloff, who coordinates the EyeSight program for the Whitingham-Halifax Lions. "The computer can perform an accurate vision scan in just seconds. Some of the younger kids are apprehensive before the testing, but when they see how quick and easy it is, they relax. They also like when the camera gives a cheerful little "chirp" while it's doing a reading."

Vision testing for kids is a core program for Lions Clubs internationally, growing from the Club's founding mission statement, which was inspired by Helen Keller, and includes a promise to help fight blindness.

More than 1.2 million children in the US receive free vision screening each year from Lions Clubs. In 2018, more than 25,000 Vermont children were tested by Lions Clubs around the state. Using the KidSight camera, Lions volunteers were able to identify potential eye problems in 2,177 of these students, who were then referred to eye doctors for further testing. Since Vermont requires students in elementary schools to be screened every other year, and there are approximately 80,000 students in the state, this means Lions effectively screen more than half of all Vermont students.

"School nurses especially love our KidSight program," says Staloff, "This is because most schools don't have the high-tech equipment needed for fast, accurate testing. If we didn't bring our camera to schools, it could take weeks for nurses to test every student. But with our Kidsight camera, we can test most children in about 20 seconds."

After a child is screened, test results are delivered to school nurses for follow-up with parents. If the camera has detected a problem, a visit to the eye doctor is recommended.

"The KidSight camera can identify a wide range of potential problems," say Staloff. "A child with impaired vision can then get corrective treatment at a very early stage, before the problem becomes severe, or impacts school performance."

The KidSight camera also detects non-vision issues. In recent years, a Vermont child who was sent to an ophthalmologist for follow-up was discovered to have a cancerous tumor, which was treated. And in Iowa, the KidSight camera helped save a young boy from blindness by detecting a problem early enough for treatment. Later, that boy played goalie on the winning team in his state's soccer championship match.

Staloff's interest in leading the KidSight team in the Deerfield Valley stems in part from her own experience as a youngster with vision problems, "When I was a kid, it took a surprisingly long time for my parents and teachers to realize that I had a serious vision problem. This might have been because I was good at compensating and 'faking it,' doing more or less fine in school. It could also be because I changed schools a lot, and slipped through the cracks for school eye exams. When I finally did get glasses in third grade it was a revelation! Who knew you could see individual leaves on trees from the ground? Who knew the classroom ceiling had panels? I was amazed."

In 2018-2019 the Lions Club KidSight team has included Lions Ed Metcalfe, CB Goldstein, John Doty, Harry Byron, Ed Garrett, Julie Muller and Jen Betit-Engel. Screening for Deerfield Valley students began in December. The current schedule includes Twin Valley (Elementary and Middle High Schools), Dover Elementary, Halifax Elementary, and Mount Snow Day Care. Currently, Staloff is investigating other local schools and a potential program for homeschooled kids and younger children who are not in daycare.

### LIONS "SWABBIES" HELP WEST DOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT



After a long week of fighting fires in the Deerfield Valley, the West Dover Fire Department reached out to the Whitingham-Halifax Lions Club for a helping hand cleaning trucks and equipment. Lion volunteers from left: Mike Drummey, Stephen Gangi, John Doty, Helena Queenie, CB Goldstein and Mark Hanna

# Essex Junction Lions Food from the Heart



Essex Jct KL Dianne Brochu presenting the Heavenly Pantry food shelve a check for over \$400 . We collected 605 pounds of food as well.

# MMU Lions follows them on



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We coordinated 22 teachers and students to do the Penguin Plunge! Yes, it was cold, but we raised \$4791 for the Special Olympics! We do a lot of events with the Special Olympics, and it is nice to help support them financially. I'll attach a photo so you can see us before the plunge. Our school is very supportive and provides a bus to get to the event.

Day	Date	Event	Comment
Sat.	2/2	Penguin Plunge	We set MMU records! 22 plungers and \$4800 raised for Special Olympics!
Sat.	2/16	Lions Pancake Breakfast	I think several Leos will come help
Fri.	2/22	Food Drive ends	Lions to deliver food from MMU to food shelf
Tues.	3/5	Childcare @ Jericho Town Meeting	
Tues.	3/19	Special Olympics Winter Games	At Pico
Fri.	4/12	Food Chain Rally	Lions to deliver food from MMU to food shelf
Sat.	4/13	Spring Cleanup	Weather permitting
Thurs.	4/18	Bake Sale for Supreme Cougar	
Sat.	4/20	Pine Ridge Indian Reser <b>v</b> ation	In early stages for service trip 4/20-4/28
Sun.	5/26	Vermont City Marathon	Coordinate water station
Sun.	6/9	Special Olympics Summer Games	At UVM
Sun.	6/9	End of Year Celebration	Lions to grill dinner

Below is a table of upcoming events that you might be interested in.

I think that we have a nice mix of local service, Special Olympics, and some global initiatives as well. We just made a donation to Richmond Rescue to help them provide trauma kits and training to our schools. We are planning on making a trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation (South Dakota) in April. This will be my 4th trip with Leo members. If you don't know, this reservation is the size of Connecticut and has poverty and health issues similar to Haiti. We're always willing to accept donations to help bring down our travel costs!

Thanks to all the Lions that continue to support us, especially the amazing Jericho/Underhill Lions Club.



#### Whitingham-Halifax Lions Club welcomes Food Pantry guests

On March 4, The Whitingham-Halifax Lions Club hosted Dave and Evon Mack, who manage the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry, which provides nutritious food to hundreds of Valley residents at risk of hunger. Dave and Evon presented an overview of the Pantry's mission and explained how the Lions have made a difference by providing significant funding and member volunteer hours. Pictured are Dave Mack, Evon Mack and Lions President Mark Hanna.



# Lions at the Home Show – Burlington



Calcutta Fundraiser for Green Mountain Lions Camp











#### OPEN TO COOKS OF ANY AGE

#### CATEGORIES:

1) Sweets & Treats 2) Main Dishes 3) Miscellaneous

Dishes will be judged on: 10 points Creativity

Appearance 15 points Taste 10 points Your recipe must contain real maple product (sugar or syrup) and will be judged at the Twin Valley Middle High School, 4299 Rte. 100 in Whitingham, Vermont on Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. All hot dishes will be judged at 1:00 PM on a first come first serve basis. You are responsible for your entry's temperature.

An envelope must be attached to each entry with the recipe category printed on the front. Sealed inside the envelope must be your name, address, and phone number, plus the complete recipe for your entry. Every recipe entered in this Contest is eligible to be included in our next Maple Cookbook. If you would like your recipe in this Cookbook it must be typed on and 8 1/2"x11" sheet of paper (Only one recipe per sheet of paper is the Cookbook format). See example below.

#### Cash prizes will be awarded at 3:30 PM for First, Second and Third Place in each category, followed by the "BEST OF CONTEST GRAND PRIZE" of a Sawyer Bentwood Rocking Chair.

COME AND JOIN THE FUN! For more information please call Tanya Bernard (802-368-7465) 2 sticks butter MAPLE TRAIL MIX BARK 1 cup chopped pecans 1 cup box graham crackers 1 cup chocolate chips Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lay graham crackets on a cookie 1 cup maple syrup sheet. Melt 2 sticks of butter in a pan, slowly add maple Syrup to butter and bring to boil then pour over graham crackets - put in oven for 10 min. Remove from oven and iprinkle chocolate, chips and pecans over top of gram crackers, put back in oven for 3 min. until chocolate chips start to melt, remove from oven and smooth method chocoliate chips over surface of graham crackers with an offset spatula or knile. Pop in freezer to set - when set break into smaller pieces - Enjoy

John Gelmartin, Stamford, vt Sample recipe card

Our "Cooking With Maple" Cookbook will be on sale at our 21st annual Maple Festival.

# 21ST ANNUAL WHITINGHAM VERMONT MAPLE FESTIVAL



# MARCH 23 AND 24, 2019 Please check latest changes in operating times and schedules at the information Booth Twin Valley Hiddle High School, 4299 VT Rt. 100, Whitingham.

#### SATURDAY MARCH 23

7:00 - 10:00	PANCAKE BREAKFAST by the Lions Club, Municipal Center. \$9.00 adults, \$7.00 65+ years, and children 5-12 (children under five free)
8:00 - 4:00	INFORMATION BOOTH, Twin Valley Middle High School, 4299VT Rt. 100, Whitingham.
8:00 - 5:00	SUGAR HOUSE TOURS* at several local sugar houses open to the public. Hours vary.
9:00 - 4:00	CRAFT FAIR, Twin Valley Middle High School, 4299 VT Rt. 100, Whitingham.
10:00-2:00	HORSE DRAWN SLEIGH RIDES, snow or no snow – Across from Twin Valley Middle High School, 4292 VT Rt. 100 (Donstions appreciated)
11:30 - 1:30	LUNCH by the Whitingham Ladies Benevolent Society at Twin Valley Middle High School. 4299 VT Rt. 100. Whitingham.
1:00 - 3:00	COOKING WITH MAPLE CONTEST, Twin Valley Middle High School, 4299 VT Rt. 100, Whitingham.

#### SUNDAY MARCH 24

7:00 - 10:00	PANCAKE BREAKFAST by the EZ Riders Snowmobile Club, at the Municipal Center, Jacksonville.
	\$9.00 adults, \$7.00 65+ years, (children under five free)
10:00 - 2:00	INFORMATION BOOTH, Twin Valley Middle High School, 4299 VT Rt. 100, Whitingham,
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visit our website: www.whitingham-maplefest.us/ email us at: whitinghammaplefestival@gmail.com (802) 368-2405





Essex Jct captured Tucky from Jericho-Underhill & enjoyed DG Liz visit.



Lion Tucky decided that Essex Junction worked him too hard so he returned to Jericho Underhill for some rest. Jericho-Underhill had 3 Lions at 9 miles for 27 points. No other clubs were represented. Capture date will be March 25,2019 7:00 pm. United Church of Underhill Dinner will be \$12. Let Lion Cindy know if you are coming by Friday March 22. Sir Charles



Currently, he is resting – capture date will be Monday, March 18. Please contact Lion Carol if attending at <u>vtlioncarol@gmail.com</u> or 8022913750 no later than Sunday, March 17, 2019

**Region 1** 



Jericho Lion Dave Crane receiving the Region 1 Lion from Lion Beth Abustan, Essex Jct Lions.





Lions at the Statehouse









Tony Blair is one of the most consequential figures of our time. From his time in public office to his current work through the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, Mr. Blair has been focused on addressing some of the world's most critical challenges.

Lions Clubs International is pleased to welcome Mr. Blair to LCICon 2019, where he will both challenge and inspire us in our mission to be global leaders in humanitarian and community service.



# Purchase your kit from <u>Lions Club</u> at \$11.95

Lions clubs must purchase a kit for each contest sponsored; one kit per school or group. Available in all official languages, each kit contains:

- Official Club Contest Guide and Rules
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules
- Participant Flyer to duplicate and give to participating students to take home
- · Sticker to place on back of winning poster
- · Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group

Kits are available from January 15, 2019 through October 1, 2019.

# Special Peace Poster Contest commemorative items available for a limited time—while supplies last!

For questions on District 45 Lions Peace Poster Contact please contact Lion Bruce Curtis <u>Bcurtis59@yahoo.com</u> Phone: 802.773.6975



# LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST District Peace Poster Chairperson's Guide

As a district Peace Poster Contest chairperson, you are expected to coordinate efforts with your district governor, keep your district governor informed about the success of the contest and provide any assistance your governor may need.

### HISTORY

The Peace Poster Contest was created in 1988 to give young people the opportunity to creatively express their feelings for world peace and to share their visions with the world. Approximately 600,000 children from 75 countries participate in the contest annually.

Lions clubs sponsor the contest, open to children ages 11 - 13, in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups, such as Scouts and Boys & Girls Clubs. The contest provides Lions with the chance to interact with young people in their communities, introducing the youth to international understanding, as well as giving Lions a vehicle for obtaining positive publicity for their clubs.

### GETTING STARTED

Familiarize yourself with the contest. This guide provides the information you will need, such as contest rules and conditions, along with helpful hints. The following resources should also be utilized:

- The Peace Poster Contest section on the association's website
- Articles in LION Magazine and the e-newsletter

View the "Available Resources" section of this guide for materials offered free of charge by the Public Relations Division at International Headquarters.

# ENCOURAGING CLUBS TO PARTICIPATE

A few enthusiastic words can really make a difference. Communicate to the clubs who you are and your role in the contest. Provide your contact information. Use the following ideas to encourage clubs in your district to sponsor a contest.

#### Include features in your district newsletter, website and social media (such as Facebook,

Twitter, etc.) Work with your district public relations chairperson to create items for the district newsletter and website. Include information about how to get involved, why a club should get involved, contest deadlines, follow-up news about your district's winner and his/her progress through judging levels, photos of contest entries and a link from your district website to the Peace Poster section of Lions International's website. If clubs have received good publicity for their contests, be sure to highlight that also.

Prepare a presentation. Present the contest to clubs in your district. Show the Peace Poster Video (available from the Public Relations Division or downloadable from www.lionsclubs.org) and hand out Peace Poster Contest brochures and order forms. Remind clubs that the contest is an opportunity to get involved with the youth in their community and a chance to obtain positive publicity. Consider having previous participants (students, teachers, judges, etc.) share their positive experiences. Inform clubs of the available resources and contest deadlines.

**Create an exhibit.** Display this at your district convention. To create a colorful, attention-grabbing exhibit, consider including the following materials: previous years' Peace Posters; signs or banners featuring positive quotes from past participants; a collage of enlarged publicity clips and a scrapbook of clips from previous contests. Include materials such as the Peace Poster Video (available from the Public Relations Division) and television news clips your district has received. Have Peace Poster brochures and order forms available for distribution.

Hint: Consider holding a Peace Poster Contest seminar at your district convention.

# ASSISTING CLUBS WITH PUBLICITY EFFORTS

One major benefit of the contest is the positive publicity that is generated for clubs and districts. In order to obtain publicity, it must be sought. Contest kits include a sample news release and publicity suggestions. Follow up with club and district Public Relations chairpersons to make sure they have completed and distributed the releases in a timely manner. Offer any assistance you can provide.

# JUDGING THE CONTEST

Each year a theme is chosen to help spark the students' imaginations. Expression of the theme, artistic merit and originality are the three criteria used to evaluate the posters at all judging levels.

For each contest a club sponsors, one winner is chosen to advance to the district competition. At the district level, one poster is chosen to advance to the multiple district council chairperson. The multiple district then chooses one poster to send to International Headquarters for the international level of the competition.

Note: Clubs not belonging to a district and single districts must send their entries directly to International Headquarters.

At the international level of the competition, members of the art, education, media, peace and youth communities serve as judges to select the 23 merit award winners and one grand prize winner.

### CONTEST AWARDS

The grand prize winner receives a trip to an award ceremony where he/she will receive a cash award of US\$5,000 (or local equivalent) and an award. Two family members (one being the child's parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring Lions club president or a club member (as designated by club president) will accompany the winner to the award ceremony.

The 23 merit award winners each receive a cash award of US\$500 (or local equivalent) and a certificate of achievement. In addition, the 24 finalist posters are exhibited at the international convention.

Note: Clubs, districts and multiple districts may give out additional prizes at the local level as they see fit. Honorable Mention certificates (PPC 790) are available to download from the Peace Poster section of the LCI website (www.lionsclubs.org) or by request from the Public Relations Division at International Headquarters.

## CONTEST KIT

A club must purchase a Peace Poster Contest kit for **each** contest it sponsors. Peace Poster Contest kits (PPK-1) are available from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. The kit contains:

- Official Club Contest Guide & Rules (PPC-1)
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules\* (PPC-2)
- Participant Flyer\* (PPC-3) may be duplicated and given to each student to take home
- Sticker (PPC-4) to place on back of winning poster
- Certificates for contest winner (PPC-5) and sponsored school or youth group (PPC-6)

\* The club forwards only these two pieces of the kit to the contact at the participating school or youth group. The club retains all other items in kit.

# CONTEST DEADLINES

Entries that do not meet the following deadlines will be disqualified.

#### January 15

Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.

#### October 1

Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.

#### November 15

Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.

#### December 1

Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning poster to the multiple district council chairperson.

#### December 1

Postmark deadline for a district governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Public Relations Division at International Headquarters.

#### December 1

Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Public Relations Division at International Headquarters.

#### December 15

Postmark deadline for one multiple district winner to be sent to the Public Relations Division at International Headquarters.

#### February 1

International winners will be notified on or before this date.

## CONTEST RULES & CONDITIONS

Clubs, districts and multiple districts should make sure their winning poster meets all the guidelines before submitting it to the next level of competition. Entries not meeting the rules and conditions listed below will be disqualified.

- Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school(s) or organized, sponsored youth group(s), such as YMCA programs, Boys & Girls Clubs, Scouts, etc. A Lioness club can sponsor the contest through its sponsoring Lions club. Note: The contest cannot be held in youth groups that a Lions club sponsors, such as a Leo club or Scout unit. However, individual members of those groups (such as Leos or Scouts) may participate if the contest is held at their school or other organized youth group.
- Contest is open to students who will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15. Eligible birth dates are listed in the contest kit.
- The contest theme changes annually and can be found in the contest kit.
- Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches (33 centimeters by 50 centimeters) and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches (50 centimeters by 60 centimeters). Do not mat or frame artwork.
- Only one entry per student, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- All artwork must be the student's original creation. Duplications are not accepted.
- All media are accepted. Note: Chalk, charcoal and pastel entries should be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing. Do not laminate entries.
- Three-dimensional entries will not be accepted. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way.

- The use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster, in any language, is not allowed. All artist signatures or initials should be written on the back of the poster.
- Artwork should be done on a flexible material, so it can be rolled for shipping in a mailing tube. Do not fold poster.

Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries. Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for entries damaged, destroyed or lost during the judging process. **Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned; they become the property of Lions Clubs International upon receipt**. Peace Poster Contest images cannot be used without written permission from Lions Clubs International.

In consideration of the opportunity to enter the Peace Poster Contest, participants agree to allow Lions Clubs International to use their names and photographs for promotional and publicity purposes. In addition, the international grand prize winner, two family members (one being a parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring club president or a club member (as designated by club president) are required to attend an award ceremony. An international grand prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Peace Poster contests sponsored by Lions Clubs International. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lions Clubs International.

Lions Clubs International may cancel the contest without notice at any time. The contest is void where prohibited, taxed or restricted by law.

# AVAILABLE RESOURCES

The Public Relations Division has materials that may be helpful to you and the clubs in your district. The following materials are free of charge and can be found in the Peace Poster section of the Lions Clubs International website (www.lionsclubs.org):

#### Peace Poster Contest on the Web

Visit the Peace Poster section of the Lions Clubs International Website to view merit award and grand prize posters, obtain additional information on the contest, download materials (i.e. Honorable Mention Certificates and the Peace Poster video).

#### Peace Poster Contest Kit Order Form (PR-785)

The kit order form offers an overview of the contest. It is available in all official languages.

#### Peace Poster Contest Brochure (PR-775)

This four-color publication vividly describes the contest and features photos of past international winning posters. This may be ordered in quantities for presentations. Appropriate for both Lion and non-Lion audiences, this brochure is available in all official languages.

#### Peace Poster Video

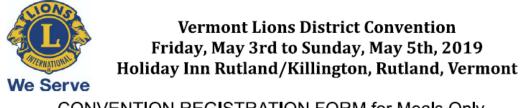
This colorful presentation, appropriate for both Lion and non-Lion audiences, is available in English only. View this video at www.lionsclubs.org or contact the Public Relations Division at International Headquarters for your copy.

# QUESTIONS/REQUESTS

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL 300 W. 22ND STREET OAK BROOK, IL 60523-8842 USA Telephone: (630) 203-3812 Fax: (630) 571-1685 E-mail: peaceposter@lionsclubs.org Website: www.lionsclubs.org



PR-787 10/15



CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM for Meals Only

Please fill in the appropriate details and meal choice selections for the Convention and mail the form to Lion Brenda Seitz CT 724 Hinesburg Road, Brattleboro VT 05301 along with the check payable to VT District 45.

Meal tickets will be included in your registration packet upon check-in. Deadline for receiving your Convention Registration and Meal Selections is Thursday, April 25, 2019

Name:					
Address:					
District:	District Position:				
Club:	Club Position:				
Contact:Cell/Phone	emai	il:			
Convention Commuter Meal (All Prices are Per Person Include A					
		Select	Cost	People	Total
Saturday Breakfast Buffet			\$17.00		
Saturday Luncheon Buffet			\$25.00		
Formal Saturday Night Band (Circle Meal Selection Below and Inc			\$35.00		
Roasted Prir	ne Rib of Beef				
Grilled Teriya	ki Chicken Breast				
Lemon Peppe	er Atlantic Salmon				
Dietary Restrictions: Enter GF or	r VG if Applicable				

Any combination of meal selections is acceptable

Gluten Free or Vegetarian Entrée Available

Sunday Farewell Brunch TOTAL PAYMENT DUE



\$22.00



# **Vermont Lions District Convention**

Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Holiday Inn Rutland/Killington, Rutland, Vermont

# **CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM for ROOMS & MEALS**

Please fill in your appropriate details and package selections for the Convention and mail the form to Holiday Inn 476 Holiday Drive Rutland Vermont, 05701 Attention to M. Fournier. Please include the payment information by either credit card, or check, made payable to the Holiday Inn.

Deadline for receiving your Convention Registration is Monday, April 15, 2019.

Name:			
Address:			
District:	District Position:		
Club:	Club Position:		
Contact: Cell/Phone	Email		

Convention Weekend Packages: (All Prices Include All Taxes and Service Charges)	Select	People	Cost
2 Night Weekend Package: Includes 2 Nights Lodging, Saturday Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, plus Sunday Brunch for TWO people		2	\$457.00
2 Night Weekend Package: Includes 2 Nights Lodging, Saturday Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, plus Sunday Brunch for ONE person		1	\$359.00
Friday Night Only Package: Includes 1 Nights Lodging, Saturday Breakfast and Lunch for TWO people		2	\$214.00
Friday Night Only Package: Includes 1 Nights Lodging, Saturday Breakfast and Lunch for ONE person		1	\$173.00
Saturday Night Only Package: Includes 1 Nights Lodging, Saturday Lunch, Dinner and Sunday Brunch for TWO people		2	\$294.00
Saturday Night Only Package: Includes 1 Nights Lodging, Saturday Lunch, Dinner and Sunday Brunch for ONE person		1	\$207.00
Formal Saturday Night Banquet Dinner Meal Selections (Circle Meal Selection Below and Indicate Quantity of Each)			
Roasted Prime Rib of Beef			
Grilled Teriyaki Chicken Breast			
Lemon Pepper Atlantic Salmon			
Dietary Restrictions: Enter GF or VG if Applicable Gluten Free or Vegetarian Entrée Available			
Total Payment Due IN FULL			
Name on Card:	·		
Credit Card Type: CC #:			
Exp Date: Security Code:			

## The Vermont Lions PRIDE Program



The PRIDE program is designed to recognize Lions who go above and beyond and give them the recognition that they deserve. We work hard to give recognition to community members, but many times do not take the time to say we see and appreciate all you do for others and the Lions organization. This program sets out to fill that gap.

At the same time the program is designed to lead long time members on a path that will continue and strengthen their commitment to both the District an their individual Clubs. This program cannot be completed without being actively involved in your own club's functions as well a helping out at the District level. The PRIDE program for Lions is a tool that can be used to help focus membership to get and stay involved with the club, district and their community.

The completion of the program will mean that a Lion will be awarded a special pin and recognition at Club and District levels. To receive the PRIDE lapel pin, the attached form must be completed during the Lion fiscal year of July to June and then be submitted to Global Leadership Chair.

We will award pins to those who meet the requirements at all district cabinet meetings and conferences (August, November, January, March and May) or during one of your club's functions, if preferred.



Requirements	Date	Secretary's
	Completed	Initials
Complete all of the following:		
<ul> <li>Attend 50% or more of his or her Club</li> </ul>		
functions (general meetings, board		
meetings and service projects)		
<ul> <li>Attend at least one Board of Director's Meeting</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Serve on a Club Fundraiser Project</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Serve on a Club Service Project</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Visit another club's meeting or function</li> </ul>		
Complete 5 of the following requirements:		
<ul> <li>Attend a Zone meeting</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Attend an additional Zone Meeting</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Attend Officer's training ( if applicable)</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Attend the 1st Cabinet meeting</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Attend the 2nd Cabinet meeting</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet meeting</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Attend the Fall Conference</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Attend the May State Convention</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Participate in a Global Service Action project</li> </ul>		
Participate in a District Project		
<ul> <li>Assist another club with Fundraiser or Service project</li> </ul>		
Sponsor at least one new member		
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ertifies that Lion	has con	npleted all the

requirements for the 'PRIDE" Program for the current year.

\_\_\_\_\_Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

President:

\_\_\_\_\_Signature\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_

Date:

#### PRIDE Program Application Form

#### District 45 Green Badge Program

The District 45 Green Badge Program has been designed to welcome NEW Lions and give an overview of the many aspects of Lionism on a Club, Zone and District level. Your role as a sponsor of a new member is critical in this orientation process. Upon the completion of the "GREEN BADGE" requirements by your new member, he or she will receive a GREEN BADGE pin. Please actively assist your new member with this program. Become involved and participate along with your new member. The next twelve months are vital in forming a quality member. Share information and your knowledge and experience by answering questions that may arise. Learn more about our Lions Family together. Most of all, .... HAVE FUN

In order to complete your Sponsor's responsibilities, YOU must complete the following requirements:

1. Become familiar with the GREEN BADGE Program

2. Develop a "Game Plan" with your new member to look at the steps needed to complete the program

3. Attend meetings with your new member whenever possible

4. Date and initial your new member's GREEN BADGE card upon completion of each of their requirements. When all requirements are met, return your card to your Membership Chairperson / President.

5. Remember that a Sponsor's obligation to the new member continues on and

5 Relation of the opposed storage of the constraint of the second storage of the successes of your new Lion. 6. To receive the GREEN BADGE pin, this form must be completed during the Lion calendar year from the date the new member is inducted and submitted to the Global Membership Chair.

We will award pins to those who meet the requirements at all District Cabinet meetings and Conferences, or during one of your club functions.

Guide your new Lion so that he / she will be able to share in the fun and fulfillment that comes from being a Lion.

Together We Serve



#### District 45 Green Badge Program **Application Form** Initials Activity Date Complete each of the 3 requirements(mandatory) Attend a Board of Director's Meeting • Serve on a Club Fundraiser Project Attend a new member orientation Complete 2 of the 3 requirements Work on a Club Service Project Attend a Zone Meeting Make an inter club visitation Complete 1 of the 2 requirements Attend a District 45 Cabinet Meeting Attend a District 45 Fall Conference or Spring Convention The \_ Lions Club Hereby certifies that \_\_\_\_ has completed Lion\_ All the requirements of the "Green Badge" Program \_\_\_ Signature\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_ Sponsor\_ Membership Chair Person\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_ President\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_

NEW ENGLAND LIONS COUNCIL WINTER CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 30, 2019

Wyndham Provídence Aírport Hotel 1850 Post Rd. Warwick, RI 02886 Call (877) 999-3223 or (401) 738-4000 (mention New England Lions Council) (deadline date is March 1)

Room Rate - \$109.00 plus taxes (13%) includes breakfast voucher

Hospitality Room on Friday night

Saturday - training sessions 9am-12noon Lunch is Calzone Buffet (\$25.00) Guest Speaker from Ronald McDonald House NELC business meeting

NELC membership (\$10.00)

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### NEW ENGLAND LIONS COUNCIL

# WINTER CONFERENCE

TRAINING SESSIONS / ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

(sessions / leaders subject to change)



SESSION TIME	NEWPORT NORTH	NEWPORT SOUTH
9:00am -9:45am	myLion app update	Lions 101
Presenter(s)	PDG Michelle Crocker	PCC Alan Daninhirsch
10:00am-10:45am	PR and Social Media	Disaster Preparedness
Presenter(s)	PDG Michelle Crocker, Lion Jennifer Hills	s DG Chris Caluori
11:00am-11:45am	Club Extension	Club Officer Troubleshooting
Presenter(s)	PDG Andy Porter	PCC John Youney, ZC Jason Hills,
		Lion Mark Centracchio

# Proposed changes to Constitution / By-Laws

## NEW ENGLAND LIONS COUNCIL

# CONSTITUTION

### AND BY-LAWS

#### ARTICLE

#### Name

This organization shall be known as the NEW ENGLAND LIONS COUNCIL, herein-after referred to as the "Council."

#### ARTICLE II

#### Objects

The objects of this organization shall be:

- (a) To provide the Lions of New England with an efficient organization for the purpose of advancing Lionism throughout the area.
- (b) To actively work to promote the objectives of Lions Clubs International throughout the New England Area.
- (c) To conduct an annual service commemorating those involved in Lionism in New England who have passed away during the previous year. The site for the annual service shall be determined by the Board of Directors with the site of choice being the Cathedral-of-the-Pines at Rindge, N. H.
- (d) To provide the coordinating service for any humanitarian project which may be deemed necessary or appropriate, as voted by the Council.
- (e) To promote the support of programs of Lions Clubs International by Council members within their respective districts.
- (f) To promote and conduct such Leadership Forums or Conferences as may be appropriate and approved by the Council.
- (g) To provide a forum for open discussion of all matters affecting Lionism within the New England Area generally provided however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated or discussed during any Council meeting or function.
- (h) To organize and conduct appropriate functions, breakfasts and/or receptions at the International Conventions and USA/Canada Forums or other events as may be approved by the Council.

#### ARTICLE III

#### Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Council shall be from the first day of July to the last day of June of the following year so as to coincide with the fiscal year of Lions Clubs International.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### Membership

<u>Section I</u> All Lions in good standing of the various Districts of the New England Area upon payment of the annual membership fee as hereafter provided shall be members of this Council. For the purpose of this document, the New England area shall be defined as the States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont within the United States of America.

A Lion in good standing who has performed exceptional service the New England Lions Council, may be elected a Life Member with full voting privileges and no annual assessment of dues. The nominee's name shall be forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration. Upon approval by the Executive Committee, the name shall be submitted to the full membership present for final approval.

Any member of this Council is eligible to serve on any committee of the Council as appointed by the Council President, however, the officers and Executive Committee of this Council shall be Past District Governors who are members in good standing of this Council.

### ARTICLE V

#### Officers and Executive Committee

<u>Section I.</u> The officers of the Council shall be a Council President, Council Vice-President, <mark>Council Secretary and Council Treasurer</mark>, all of whom shall be elected annually, as hereinafter provided.

<u>Section 2</u>. The Council President shall be the presiding officer of the Council and shall serve as its Chief Executive Officer. The Council President shall be elected annually at the Spring Meeting of the Council. Term to become effective the beginning of the fiscal year and shall serve a term of one (1) year until a successor is elected.

<u>Section 3</u>. The Council Vice-President shall assist the Council President in the performance of his/her duties and, in his/her absence or in the event of a Council President's incapacity, shall serve as the presiding officer of the Council. The Council Vice-President shall be elected annually at the Spring Meeting of the Council to become effective the beginning of the fiscal year and shall serve a term of one (I) year until a successor is elected.

<u>Section 4</u>. The Council Secretary shall have charge of all non-financial records of the Council and shall perform those functions and duties as usually pertain to the office of Secretary. The Council Secretary shall be elected annually at the Spring Meeting of the Council to become effective the beginning of the fiscal year and shall serve a term of one (I) year until a successor is elected.

<u>Section 5.</u> The Council Treasurer shall have charge of all financial records of the Council and shall perform those functions and duties as usually pertain to the office of Treasurer. The Council Treasurer shall be elected annually at the Spring Meeting of the Council to become effective the beginning of the fiscal year and shall serve a term of one (I) year until a successor is elected.

<u>Section 6.</u> The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Council President, Council Immediate Past President, Council Vice-President, Council Secretary, Council Treasurer, any current Officer of Director of the International Board is a member of this Council Representative from the one state which does not have an Officer serving on the Council will also serve as a Director on the Executive Committee. This will allow for each state to be represented on the Committee.

<u>Section 7</u>. The current (or most immediate past) Executive Officer or Director of Lions Clubs International from New England shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee, serving in an advisory capacity and with no voting rights.

<u>Section 8</u>. The rotation of state representatives to the executive committee, beginning with the fiscal year 2013/2014 and recognizing changes in state representatives to the Executive Committee shall be:

#### MD 33, DT 42, DT 45, MD 44, DT 41, MD 23

This rotation is to be adjusted should a vacancy (by death, resignation or any other reason) occur in the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer so as to allow those offices to be held by Lions with current experience on the Executive Committee. Upon such a vacancy, the state rotational position upon the date of the receipt of notice to the Executive Committee of the appointment of a new state representative, shall be at the end of the rotation, establishing a new rotation order henceforth, without the need of further amendment hereto.

The vacancy for any reason of any other Executive Committee position shall not affect nor change this rotation, excepting that in the event that any other position shall remain vacant at the end of the fiscal year, then that position drops to the end of the rotation, as above.

Section 9. The Executive Committee shall have general jurisdiction, control and supervision over all Officers and Committees of the Council and shall have general management and control of the business, property and funds of the Council. All matters to be voted on by the general membership shall first be submitted to the Executive Committee which will then make its recommendations known to the general membership at its next general meeting. The Executive Committee shall have jurisdiction over matters occurring between meetings of the Council which requires immediate action. Such matters shall be submitted to all Members of the Executive Committee for consideration, preferably by written ballot, but, if necessary, by telephone or electronic communication with written confirmation of the motion and vote by written communication immediately thereafter. The motions made and votes of each Member shall be reported at the next Council meeting. Affirmation of any such proposal shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the full Council.

Section 10. Vacancies shall be filled as follows:

- (a) In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of Council President or in the event that the Council President is unable to perform the duties of said office, then the Vice-President shall assume the duties of the Council President.
- (b) In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of the Council Vice-President, or in the event that the Council Vice-President is unable to perform the duties of said office, then the Council President shall appoint a member, from the same state, in "good standing" to perform said duties, however the office of Council Vice-President shall remain vacant until the next annual election.

(c) In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of the Council Secretary or Council Treasurer, or in the event the Council Secretary or Council Treasurer is unable to perform the duties of said offices, then the President shall appoint a member, from the same state, in "good standing" to fulfill the duties and office of the Council Secretary or Council Treasurer for the unexpired term of said office. The appointment shall be made from members of the Council in "good standing" that are qualified within the same District in accordance with the rotation basis herein established and after consultation with the District Governor(s) of that District.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### Meetings

<u>Section I</u>. The Council will conduct three (3) regular meetings each year. The Summer/Fall Regular Meeting shall be held between July Ist and October31st. The Winter Regular Meeting shall be held between, January Ist and March 3Ist. The Spring Regular Meeting shall be held between, April Ist and June 30<sup>th</sup>. All Regular Meetings shall be scheduled at the call of the Council President and at such places as the Council President may determine or by a majority of the Executive Committee.

<u>Section 2</u>. Special meetings of the Council may be called by the Council President whenever he/she deems necessary or appropriate, or upon written request of a majority of the Executive Committee made either to the Council President or Council Secretary. No special meeting of the Council shall be held unless written notice of said meeting shall have been mailed to each member in "good standing" at least fourteen (14) days prior to the call of the meeting.

<u>Section 3</u>. The Minutes and the Financial Summary shall be included with the call of the meeting to be sent to each member in good standing 30 days prior to the meeting.

<u>Section 4</u>. Dates and locations for Regular Meetings of the Council shall be available to the District Governors-elect at the Spring meeting of the Council.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### Committees

Section I. The Council President shall appoint the following standing committees:

- (a) Memorial Service Committee
- (b) Constitution and By-Laws Committee
- (c) Nominating Committee
- (d) Training and Education Committee
- (e) Communication Committee
- (f) Programs and Service Committee
- (g) International Convention Committee
- (h) Budget and Finance Committee
- (i) Membership Committee

<u>Section 2</u>. The Council President may appoint such other committees as he/she deems necessary and appropriate.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### Council Revenue

Section I. To provide revenue to defray the administrative and operative expenses of the Council, the following revenues shall be accepted at the summer meeting of the Council. On or before September I of each fiscal year, the Council Treasurer shall issue a notice of the annual District Contributions due to all District Governors within the New England area.

#### DISTRICT ASSESSMENT:

- (a) An annual assessment of \$50.00 shall be made to each District to partially defray expenses of the Annual Leadership Forum.
- (b) An annual assessment of \$50.00 shall be made to commemorating those involved in Lions in New England who passed away during the previous year.

#### MEMBER FEES:

(a) In order for a member to be considered in good standing, an annual fee of \$10.00 shall be payable by each member of the Council on or before October I of each fiscal year. On or before September I of each fiscal year, the Council Treasurer shall issue a notice of fees to all members of the Council as of July I of each fiscal year. Additional notices shall be issued at the discretion of the Council in order to encourage member participation.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### Voting Power

All members of the Council in good standing, present at any membership meeting shall have the power to vote on any subject brought before the Council.

#### ARTICLE X

#### Amendments

<u>Section I.</u> This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Council by a 5/8 vote of the membership present at the meeting.

<u>Section 2</u>. No proposed amendment shall be voted upon by the Council membership unless: (I) such proposed amendment has been submitted, in writing, to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.(2) favorably recommended by a majority of the Executive Committee and (3) written notice of such proposed amendment has been sent to each member in good standing of the Council at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting at which the vote on the proposed amendment is to be taken.

5/20/2012 5/24/2014

# NEW ENGLAND LIONS COUNCIL

# BY-LAWS

I. No funds, other than as listed and Tail Twister fines, shall be solicited from any member of the Council. All funds shall be derived by proper procedure during a regular meeting and must have the approval of a majority of the members present and voting.

2, No meeting shall be legal without a quorum being present. A quorum shall consist of seven or more of the Lions Districts of the New England Area.

3. Partisan politics and sectarian religion shall have no part in this organization, and discussions relating to such topics shall not be permitted at any official meeting of this Council.

4. No officer or member of the Council shall use this membership as a means for furthering any political, personal or business aspirations.

5. No officer or member of the Council shall spend funds from the treasury for his own non-budgeted expense without the consent of the Council.

6. Whenever possible, the Council President shall appoint the Council Vice-President to serve as Chairman of the Leadership Forum Committee.

7. Whenever possible, the Council President shall have served at least one (I) term as Council Vice-President, Council Secretary and Council Treasurer.

 Whenever possible, the Council Vice-President shall have served at least one (I) term as Council Secretary and Council Treasurer.

9. These By-Laws shall be amended only after consideration by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and favorable vote of the Executive Committee at the spring meeting.

5/20/2012

# AMENDMENTS

Revised as per the vote of the meeting of February 25, 1992 and presented to the membership for a vote at the meeting of April 25, 1992

Revised as per the meeting of April 25, 1992

Revised as per the meeting of October 7, 1992

Presented for the approval of the membership at the meeting of January 31, 1993 at Nashua, New Hampshire.

Revised as per the meeting of April 21, 1996 at Nashua, New Hampshire.

Revised as per the meeting of June 8, 1997 at Nashua, New Hampshire.

Revised as per the meeting of November 23, 1997 at Nashua, New Hampshire.

Revised as per the meeting of March 22, 1998 at Nashua, New Hampshire.

Revised as per the meeting of June 8, 2003 at Westborough, Massachusetts.

Revised as per the meeting of June 4, 2006 at Marlborough, Massachusetts.

Revised as per the meeting of May 20, 2012 at Boxborough, Massachusetts

Revised as per the meeting of May 24, 2014 at Ashland, Massachusetts