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Tommy Walz Writes:

I write this before Christmas and New Year's and I hope that when you read it, you've all had a safe and fun holiday season and that 2014 will be a good year for us all .

The schedule, agenda (subject to change), and registration form for the Jan. 18th cabinet meeting appear again in this issue. Let's continue our trend of increasing cabinet meeting attendance. Last year we had 80 people at lunch for the January cabinet meeting; let's see if we can break the 100 mark this year! Please get your registration in to CT Bob Brault by January 11. Our keynote speaker is one of our own: Shelburne Lion Mark Bissell who will share with us his story of Camp Clara Barton.

And don't forget the evening dinner and the LCIF Super Raffle. It's a fun time for a great cause. Contact PID Tom Broughton for tickets to that event.

I don't have the membership numbers for December yet, but I have good news. We turned a corner in November and ended the month with a net gain in membership for the first time since February, 2012. This November we had five more Lions at the end than we had at the beginning of the month. For the year beginning July 1, 2013, we are still showing a deficit of 27. We can keep the upward trend going, replace those missing 27, and then really grow if we all keep working at it.

I'm aware of what look like successful recruiting efforts in Jericho-Underhill and Essex Junction that should net us some more new members in December. At this point, every club should have at least developed a plan for recruiting and retaining members. If you need help, do not hesitate to contact Lion Rob Keith.

The Georgia Club has already recorded a net gain of eight members this year and challenges other D-45 clubs to match them. *(continued...)*

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Tommy Walz Writes continued.... A reminder that the next International Convention is in Toronto, July 4-8,2014. I encourage all D-45 Lions to consider joining the fun. Last year in Hamburg, IPDG Bob Wilcox and I were the only Vermont Lions in attendance. It would be great to have a substantial Vermont contingent in the international parade. Marching in the parade itself is a good enough reason for traveling to Toronto.

My club visits for January and February (so far):

Jan. 14, Valley

Jan. 15, Colchester

Jan. 20, Middlebury

Jan. 22, Essex Junction

Jan. 27, Richford

Jan. 28, Zones 3A/3B

Feb. 11, Bennington

District Governor Tommy Walz



126 Meals on Wheels recipients will receive a Christmas gift bag filled with candy, cookies, and gift items filled by Santa's helpers the Colchester and Essex Jct. Lions and friends.

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

January 2014	
9	Zone 2C and 2B Combined Meeting – Manchester – First Congregational Church of Manchester, 3624 Main Street, Manchester Village (directly opposite the main entrance to the Equinox Hotel) room 202. Meeting begins at 6pm, cost is \$8. Contact Lion Stan Patch Jr or Lion Phylis by Tuesday, January 7 by email: stanandmamie@myfairpoint.net or norshaftlions@aol.com
14	District Governor Tommy Walz to visit Valley Lions Club
15	District Governor Tommy Walz to visit Colchester Lions Club Region 1 Traveling Lion available for capture. Contact Lion David Eaton by 1/12 at liondavid Eaton@comcast.net .
18/19	District 45 Cabinet Meeting and LCIF Super Raffle in Colchester at the Hampton Inn
20	District Governor Tommy Walz to visit Middlebury Lions Club
21	Region 2 Traveling Lion available for capture Tuesday, January 21 at the Brandon-Forestdale Lions Club. Brandon Senior Center, 1591 Forestdale Road, Brandon. Social hour at 6:15, dinner at 7pm. Contact Lion Connie St. George by Friday, January 17 at 802.352.4686 or email sunsetcarpentry@myfairpoint.net
22	District Governor Tommy Walz to visit Essex Junction Lions Club
27	District Governor Tommy Walz to visit Richford Lions Club
28	District Governor Tommy Walz to visit Zones 3A/3B
February 2014	
11	District Governor Tommy Walz to visit Bennington Lions Club
15	Heartland Lions Club Annual Valentine's Day/Dinner Dance , cost \$100 per couple for dinner/dancing. Event will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at Fireside Inn & Suites in West Lebanon, NH. See any member for tickets.
15	Food From the Heart – Vergennes Area Food Shelf Drive
March 2014	
9	Castleton Annual Fish Fry – March 9 at TRAN-IN, Route 20, Lake Bomoseen. Raffles and Auction Dinner 2-4 and 5:30-7:30. Reservations Required – Call Lion Stan Patch Jr at 802.468.5001 or email stanandmamie@myfairpoint.net .
15	Heartland Lions Club Annual Valentine's Day/Dinner Dance , cost \$100 per couple for dinner/dancing. Event will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at Fireside Inn & Suites in West Lebanon, NH. See any member for tickets.



Vermont Lions District 45
ROCK SOLID

District 45 Cabinet Meeting/LCIF Super Raffle

Saturday January 18, 2013

Hampton Inn, Colchester, Vermont

Schedule of Events

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WE REACH OUT

Registration: 8:15 am

8:30 – 9:30 Honorary Committee

8:30 – 3:15 Promotion Row

8:30 – 1:15 Fundraising

9:30 – 9:45 Call to Order

9:45 – 11:00 Breakout Session I

Austine/GMLC

Vermont Lions Charities

Sight & Hearing

Presidents' Round Table

Secretaries' Round Table

Membership Recruitment Round Table

Lions General Discussion Round Table

11:15 – 12:30 Breakout Session II

Diabetes Awareness

New Member Orientation

Zone Chairs

Protecting Your Club Round Table

Will you be a District Leader Round Table

Lions General Discussion Round Table

12:45 – 1:30 Lunch (including Peace Poster Winners presentation)

1:30 – 2:00 Keynote Speaker

2:00 – 3:30 Cabinet Meeting

6:00 Dinner and LCIF Super Raffle

CABINET MEETING AGENDA

2:00 – 3:30

1. Call to order – DG Tommy Walz
2. Introductions – 2nd VDG Pam Nichols
3. Roll call of clubs – CS PDG Betsy MaGee
4. Minutes of October Cabinet Meeting – CS PDG Betsy MaGee
5. Treasurer's Report – CT Bob Brault
6. Vermont Lions Charities – President 1st VDG Ken Emery
7. LCIF Super Raffle – PID Tom Broughton
8. Honorary Committee – IPDG Bob Wilcox
9. Food from the Heart – PDG Bruce Bushey
10. Lions of the Month Awards
11. Fundraising – Lions Cindy Berg & Loreen Teer
12. Club of the Month Awards
13. Old Business
 - a. Brattleboro update – PDG Stan Patch
 - b. Speakout Contest 2014
14. New Business
15. Announcements
16. Adjournment

Please bring an item for the silent auction.

For hotel reservations, call the Hampton Inn directly at 802-655-6177.

**** For the LCIF dinner and Super Raffle tickets, contact PID Tom Broughton at tbrought@middlebury.edu or 802-758-2494****



**Vermont Lions District 45
ROCK SOLID**

**Vermont Lions District 45
Cabinet Meeting**

**Saturday January 18, 2014
Registration**

Cabinet Meeting:

8:15 am to 3:30 pm

Hampton Inn

Colchester, Vermont

\$30.00 per person including morning coffee and Italian Buffet lunch.

\$6.00 per person for morning coffee and no lunch.

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REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Club/District Position: _____

Phone Number: _____

Home Club: _____

Cabinet Meeting \$30.00 pp x _____ (number attending) \$ _____

No lunch cabinet meeting: \$6.00 pp x _____ (number attending) \$ _____

Please send your check made payable to Vermont District 45 to:

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WE REACH OUT

**Please return completed registration form to CT Bob by
Saturday, January 11, 2014.**

**For over night room reservations, please make your hotel
reservations direct with the Hampton Inn: 802-655-6177.**

**To register for the Saturday LCIF dinner and Super
Raffle, contact PID Tom Broughton at
tbrought@middlebury.edu or 802-758-2494.**

LCIF Super Raffle and Cabinet Meeting

The LCIF Super Raffle will be held on January 18th at the Hampton Inn in Colchester in conjunction with DG Tommy Walz's cabinet meeting. The Festivities start with 5:30 social and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$100 each which entitles the holder to two meals at the banquet along with the chance in winning over \$4500 in prizes, including the grand prize of \$2000.

This event offers the opportunity to meet old friends, establish new ones and support our LCIF Foundation.

As in years past, each club which purchases a ticket has the opportunity to nominate a deserving Lions for the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship award.

All club presidents or secretaries have received tickets and additional tickets are available through a committee member. Reservations for the evening banquet must be made by Saturday, January 11th.

We are asking clubs from every corner of our District to help secure quality prizes from your respective areas. Each prize given out should be of \$100 value or more. We welcome smaller prizes to offer as door prizes throughout the evening.

For those choosing to stay at the Hampton Inn on Saturday night, please be sure to make your reservations directly with the Hampton Inn at 802-655-6177; and request the Lion's rate of \$99.

We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you for your support of LCIF in District 45.

For more information, please contact PID Tom at 802-758-2494.

PID TOM BROUGHTON

PDG MEL COBURN

PDG MERRY SOUZA

PDG BETSY MAGEE

PDG BRUCE BUSHEY

Webinar Opportunity: Leadership Lessons from the Angry Birds

The videogame Angry Birds is a worldwide phenomenon. There is something about the game's comical birds and mission of eliminating evil egg-stealing pigs that captures the imagination. While it may be a fun pastime for people, the Angry Birds videogame reveals fundamental leadership principles within the game's characters, missions, and strategies. This webinar examines ten "Leadership Lessons from the Angry Birds" and how they apply to our lives as Lions leaders. Don't miss this unique webinar!

Sign up today at: [LCI Webinars Registration](#)

Traveling Lion

DISTRICT TRAVELING LION CONTEST/POINT LEADERS

DISTRICT LION "Lucky" (currently at Vergennes with a capture date of 1/8)

VERGENNES.....1220
COLCHESTER.....649
BRANDON-
 FORESTDALE.....629
STRAFFORD AREA.....180
HEARTLAND.....92
WHITE RIVER JCT.....35
MIDDLEBURY.....16



REGION 1 LION "Tucky" (currently at Colchester 1/15)

ESSEX JCT.....481
COLCHESTER.....236
JERICHO-UNDERHILL.....90
WILLISTON.....6

REGION 2 LION "the General" (currently at Brandon-Forestdale with a capture date of 1/21)

VERGENNES.....893
NORSHAFT.....368
MANCHESTER.....200
BENNINGTON.....125
BRANDON-
 FORESTDALE.....33

REGION 3 LION "Chucky" (will be making an appearance at the Cabinet Meeting 1/18)

READSBORO.....124

Special Note: No club(s) traveled to capture the Lion and as a result, the host club must deliver to another Region 3 club.

REGION 4 LION "Bucky" (currently at Orleans with a capture date of 1/7)

We currently have 17 clubs involved in the Traveling Lion contest throughout the District. This represents 46% of D-45 clubs. To those clubs participating, thank you!! Perhaps more clubs will become involved in 2014. Also, FYI, the Traveling Lion contest ends April 30, 2014.

Lion Stanley Patch, Jr., PDG
Chair, District Traveling Lion

HEARTLAND LIONS CLUB:



The Heartland Lions Club is busy planning their annual fundraiser, Love at First Sight, dinner/dance. As members we all know how much time is devoted to raising funds which supports our communities. The club is also donating a ticket to the LCIF raffle on 18 January 2014.

IF A CLUB WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A TICKET AND HOLD A MINI-RAFFLE PLEASE LET ME KNOWLion Carol Greene, Secretary (802.291.3750 or carol.a.greene@dartmouth.edu)

Here are the details; tickets must be purchased/reserved in advance by February 11, 2014:

Love at First Sight (Dinner/Dance)

Saturday, February 15, 2014

Location: Fireside Inn & Suites, West Lebanon, NH

Cost: \$100 per couple

5:30pm social/6pm dinner/7pm dancing

Buffet: Cesar salad/salmon/pork loin/mashed potato/strawberry shortcake

Bar will be open at 5:30pm

Rooms are available at \$99.95, a block of rooms have been reserved and mention you are with the Heartland Lions when making reservations, 603.298.5900

Special dietary needs, please contact Lion Carol Greene with details

We at the Heartland Lions Club can guarantee you will have a **ROARING** good time

DVAS Soup Fundraiser

Lions (left to right) Mike Vadnais(Williston), Fern Henson(Essex Jct), Jeanne Daniele (Williston), DG Tommy Walz (Barre), PDG Betsy MaGee (Essex Jct.), Judy Cookson(Barre), Gia Amorese (Williston) volunteered at the Deaf Vermonters Advocacy Services fundraiser at the Old Labor Hall, Barre.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!
CASTLETON LIONS 11th. ANNUAL FISH FRY

WHEN: Sunday, March 9, 2014

WHERE: TRAN-IN, Route 20, Lake Bomoseen

**SPECIAL NOTE: There will be (2) different settings:
Social hours: 1:00 - 2:00 PM & 4:30 - 5:30 PM
Dinner: 2 - 4 PM & 5:30 - 7:30 PM**

RAFFLES & AUCTION

MENU: Fish chowder, assortment of fish(perch, trout, bass, crappie & smelt), baked potato, green beans, rolls & desserts(homemade pies) & coffee. Note: chicken strips also available

COST: \$15.00 per person. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!!!!

Call Lion Stan Patch Jr @ 802 468-5001 or email: stanandmamie @myfairpoint.net to reserve your setting.



Readsboro Lions Fete Seniors

On Saturday, December 14 citizens from Rowe, Monroe Bridge and Readsboro were treated to the 35th annual Senior Citizen's Holiday Party by the Readsboro Lions Club. A turkey dinner with all the fixings followed a distribution of gifts from Santa, Mrs. Claus and their elves. Entertainment was provided by the Aladdins from North Adams, MA. Picture albums of the previous parties were circulated amongst the guests for their reminiscing and enjoyment.

Lion President Carol Moore was master of ceremonies. A good time was had by all. The Lions thank all who volunteered with food preparations, serving and with arranging the hall for the party.

LAUNCHING OF THE NEW BRATTLEBORO LION'S CLUB

This past summer at our wonderful summer camp for the “deaf & hard of hearing” and their siblings, I happened to run into an old friend; a former camper and he simply inquired, “when are you going to start up a new Lions club in Brattleboro.” You know, the question really did not totally surprise me due to the fact that I had been thinking the same for some time. At a later meeting in which we were to review camp and to begin plans for our 2014 camp, I am sitting there and it was like turning on a switch and I immediately thought “why not start a new Lions club as a joint venture between the Lions of Vermont, the Austine School & the Vermont Center for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing?” I had done my homework, knew that Lionism had served the Brattleboro area for more than (70) years (chartered on two different occasions and also served as a Branch club to Chester) and for whatever reasons, simply turned in their Charter. So, the question became...what about launching a new club under a joint venture? Would it work & most importantly, would it survive and grow in numbers and once again serve Brattleboro & its' surrounding communities?

Well, after two informational meetings, I still do not have all the answers. I know that the effort has had a lot of support from the District Dream team, surrounding clubs (both from D-45 & New Hampshire) & District leadership(again both D-45 & New Hampshire). Although the effort has been there, the results are less than expected. Early on, I had received commitment from at least (14) potential new charter members; mostly deaf & hard of hearing. As of today's date, I have the funds & paperwork on (7) charter members; others have backed away from their commitment. The good news is that I have (3) more that will be sending in paperwork & charter fee's in the very near future. If these follow through with their commitment, I should be at (10).

So, what do I do next? I have advertised on several occasions, put up posters throughout Brattleboro & surrounding communities, sent letters to (300) plus businesses and places of worship and have had two articles in the Brattleboro Reformer. Another, our 3rd informational meeting, will be held on Tuesday, January 14 and to be very honest with you, I am not certain what to expect. I have been informed that a Tuesday evening will assist us in increasing our numbers and yes, I certainly hope so. We have also learned along the way that interpreters are a necessity and that at least (2) are needed at every informational meeting at a cost of \$180.00 plus mileage. As for our future, I guess we will need to make a decision at our January 14th meeting. I will have the numbers for a Branch club...however, that's not my intent.

Respectfully submitted;

Lion Stan Patch, Jr., PDG

2014 Lions International Convention Toronto, Ontario, Canada Friday July 4th to Tuesday July 8th.

Not too early to start making plans and reservations. 8 +/- hour driving time from Vermont. Hope to see many Vermont Lions there.

See registration form and schedule of events included in this Communiqué.

For more information, please contact 1st VDG Ken or contact Lions Club International.

A/GMLC UP-DATE

As your A/GMLC committee begins to formulate plans for our annual summer camp for the “deaf & hard of hearing” and their siblings, let me provide you with this brief up-date.

Due to some unfortunate winter weather, our camp committee meeting with Austine had to be canceled for December. Our next meeting is currently scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2014 and with some support from good old mother nature, we can get underway with our planning. Even with a late start, I am positive that we will have an exciting camp...our 31st overall.

In the meantime, we still need to raise the funds to support our annual budget of \$23,000.00. With support from the LTSSA totaling \$5000.00, we need to raise an additional \$18,000.00 and I am happy to note that we are on our way in reaching our goal as the the following clubs have made their annual donations:

- . Valley Lions.....\$ 200.00
- . Whiringham-Halifax..... 250.00
- . Troy & Area..... 1000.00

At our Cabinet meeting scheduled for January 18 @ the Hampton Inn in Colchester, I am hopeful that many clubs will step forward to make their annual contributions.

Lion Bruce Savery has informed me that he has finalized the Lion Gene Farrar raffle that provides in-state scholarships for our Vermont campers. At the Cabinet meeting, we will put the mailing together & get (2) of these raffle tickets in the mail to every member. Please purchase or sell your tickets & mail them back to Lion Bruce. For the past several years, due to your support, we have raised more than \$4000.00 each year and we certainly want to thank you. I know that our Vermont campers appreciate the scholarships and for many, it is the only support available for them.

As we continue to prepare for our 31st camp, I will keep you up-dated in the issues of the Communiqué. Hopefully I will have an up-date in the February issue.

Special thanks for your continued support & Happy New Year!!!

Lion Stanley Patch, Jr., PDG
Chair: A/GMLC

The Lion Gene Farrar Raffle: \$10

drawing at District Convention

- 1st. Prize: Seven piece Telescope Patio Furniture set \$1,200.00 value
- 2nd. Prize: A \$100.00 gift certificate for a color and hairstyle make over. From Pam's Hair Studio in Dorset, Vermont
- 3rd. Prize: A \$100.00 Home Depot gift card, donated by PDG Stan Patch
- 4th. Prize: A \$100.00 Wal-Mart gift card, donated by PDG Stan Patch
- 5th. Prize: 4 train tickets, and a doll a book set \$150.00 value. Donated by the Manchester Lions Club
- 6th. Prize: A gas Barbeque grill \$150.00 value. Donated by Bruce and Debra Savery
- 7th. Prize: Greens fees for four and a cart at Neshobe Golf course, donated by Lion Patti Reynolds and the Brandon-Forestdale Lions, \$240.00 value.
- 8th. Prize: A Kindle, \$140.00 value donated by the Stratford Area Lions



CONVENTION GOLF

- PLACE:** Lake Morey Country Club, Fairlee VT 05045
- DATE:** Friday, May 2, 2014
- ENTRY FEE:** **\$55.00 per participant.** Rate includes green fees (18 holes), cart & \$10 for prizes. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 25TH, 2014**
- FORMAT:** Scramble (handicap). As a result, when completing the entry form, we will need your handicap. If you do not have one, a handicap will be provided. **SHOT-GUN start @ 12:00 pm**
- PRIZES:** **1st., 2nd., & 3rd. Low gross, 1st., 2nd., 3rd. Low net & longest drive & closest to the pin(for both men & women)**
- TEAM:** Team consists of 4 players. (men & women)
- BENEFIT:** A/GML CAMP for the "deaf & hard of hearing & their siblings." Team mulligan's will be available @ a cost of \$20.00 per team, \$5.00 per player. As this is optional, the cost factor will be collected prior to the tournament on May 2nd. & donated to the A/GMLC.
- ENTRY FORM:**
- | Players name | Handicap |
|--------------|----------|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
- SENDER:** Email Address _____
Address _____
- PAYMENT:** Checks payable to LMCC(Lake Morey Country Club). Mail to: Lion Stanley Patch, Jr., P.O. Box 2, Castleton, Vt. 05735.
- QUESTIONS:** Call Lion Stan @ 802 468-5001, stanandmamie@myfairpoint.net

New Fundraiser for Vermont Lions Charities

Hello, fellow Vermont Lions and friends (even our 'snowbirds'!!)

Like to introduce to you a new fundraiser for Vermont Lions Charities - \$\$\$ for Sight and Sound.

This fundraiser is through Schwan's Home Food Delivery. Schwan's Home Delivery offers over 350 delicious foods, flash-frozen at the peak of freshness and conveniently delivered to your door.

Through www.Schwans-Cares.com, you can order from Schwan's Home Delivery and help Vermont Lions Charities meet its fundraising goal. When you order between January 16, 2014 and March 2, 2014, 20% of your purchase will be contributed to Vermont Lions Charities. (if you order e-certificates, 40% of the e-certificate will be contributed).

How does this work? Two options.

Option 1: 1). Visit Schwans-Cares.com.
2). Click on "Find a Campaign" on the home page.
3). Enter Campaign ID: 5314 into the search box.
4). Click on the 'Fundraisers' tab at the top.
5). Find 'Vermont Lions Charities' or Fundraising ID 12568.
6). Click the 'Support Now' button.
7). Shop!!!!

Option 2: Call 1-855-870-7208 and provide Campaign ID: 5314 AND Fundraising ID 12568.

There are Schwan's offices in Colchester, Barre, Springfield and Rutland. All Vermont Lions should be able to participate. BUT this is not just limited to Vermont Lions, anyone, Lions or non-Lions, even our Vermont Lions 'snowbirds' and friends can participate as well.

One added bonus. You do not need to wait to shop. Show NOW and Vermont Lions Charities will receive 5% of your purchases. AND continue to shop after March 2 as the 5% will continue throughout 2014.

If any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.
In Lionism,

1st VDG Ken Emery
VLC President.

Vermont Lions Charities January Report

Thank you to everyone who has supported Vermont Lions Charities in 2013. We have been

able to continue to help Clubs throughout the state to meet the needs of their local communities but also we are able to help fellow Vermont Residents who do not have a local Lions club with their visual and hearing needs.

As of January 1, 2014, Vermont Lions Charities has a new treasurer, Lion Woody Stoddard of the Springfield Lions Club. Lion Woody brings a 'vast' knowledge of the financial world to VLC. I would like to offer a "THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU" to PCST John Sprague for his many years of service to VLC, maintaining all the financial records as required.

I have asked PCST Debbie Bushey to 'chair' the 2014 edition of the Vermont Lions Charities. Please watch for more informaton in the coming months. This is always a fun event. Hopefully we can get at least 100 Lions to participate this year.

In another section of this 'communique' will be a new fundrasier for Vermont Lions Charities. It is "\$\$\$ for Sight and Sound", a fundraising project with Schwan's Home Food Delivery. This fundraiser can be done not just in Vermont but anywhere someone has access to this Schwan's (Hey, my Florida Vermont Lions, this means you can help too!!!!).

Looking forward to a challenging 2014. Like always, if there are any questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself or any VLC board member, ESPECIALLY if you know of someone that is needing assitance.

In Lionism,

1st VDG Ken Emery

VLC President.



97th Annual Lions Clubs International Convention
Friday, July 4 – Tuesday, July 8, 2014 • Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Convention Registration and Hotel Reservation Form

Deadlines

- **May 1, 2014:** Deadline for advance registration and hotel reservation. Registrations after this date will be processed in Toronto.
- **May 1, 2014:** Deadline to receive a refund for a registration cancellation. • **May 16, 2014:** Deadline to receive a refund for a hotel room cancellation.

REGISTRANT INFORMATION *Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.*

First Name _____ Family (Last) Name _____ Badge/Call Name _____
 Address _____ City _____ State/Province _____
 Postal Code _____ Country _____
 Daytime Phone _____ E-mail _____

Lion: Club No. _____ **Membership No.** _____ District _____ Title _____ Lion Lioness

COMPANION: First Name _____ Family (Last) Name _____ Badge/Call Name _____

Lion: Club No. _____ **Membership No.** _____ District _____ Title _____ Lion Lioness Guest

CHILD: First Name _____ Family (Last) Name _____ Age _____ Alpha Leo

CHILD: First Name _____ Family (Last) Name _____ Age _____ Alpha Leo

- This is my/our first LCI convention. Not my first convention, I've attended _____
 Letter of Invitation (If a visa is required for your country of origin) [Club number must be provided above to verify membership]
 The plenary sessions are presented in English with simultaneous translation Will you require a headset? No Yes

PACKAGE A: *Includes convention registration for each registrant listed above plus one (1) hotel room serviced by shuttle buses during convention.*

Before January 10, 2014: Reservation in delegation hotel
 After January 10, 2014: I prefer my delegation hotel
 Prefer hotel based on: room rate of _____ location near convention center

Arrival date _____ Departure date _____ Number of Guests in Room: _____ Number of Beds Needed 1 2

Special Requirements: Non-smoking Wheelchair Accessible Other _____

** The Hotel deposit is US\$225 for a standard room and US\$350 for a suite. The hotel deposit is not the rate but reserves the room. Your deposit will be credited to your hotel bill at checkout.*

PACKAGE B: **NO ROOM REQUIRED** (Registration only for each person listed above.)

OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENTS *I/we plan to attend the following event(s): (Must be registered to attend)*

EVENT	DATE/TIME	FEE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
Membership Key Award Ice Cream Social (Key holders only)	July 6/ 15:00-17:00	US \$25	_____	\$ _____
Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon	July 7/ 13:30-15:00	US \$60	_____	\$ _____
District Governor/Past District Governor Banquet	July 7/ 20:00-22:00	US \$100	_____	\$ _____

PAYMENT: Full payment is required with this form. • US currency only. Checks and money orders must be drawn on US banks.

- Only Visa, MasterCard, American Express & Discover cards accepted. • Contact LCI for wire transfer instructions.

REGISTRATION FEES	Adult	Child (17 and under)
Early (before 10 January, 2014)	US\$110	US\$10
Regular (11 January through 31 March, 2014)	US\$150	US\$10
Late (1 April, 2014 – onsite)	US\$170	US\$10

Package A:		Package B:
Registrations: US\$ _____		Registrations: US\$ _____
Ticketed Events: US\$ _____	OR	Ticketed Events: US\$ _____
Hotel Deposit: US\$ 225.00		
Total Due: US\$ _____		Total Due: US\$ _____

- Check Bank transfer/deposit (copy must be attached to this form) Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Your name as it appears on the card _____ Credit card **must** be in the name of the registrant.

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____ Security code (3 digits) _____

Signature _____

Mail form and payment to: Lions Clubs International Attn: Convention Division • 300 West 22nd Street • Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA

Credit Card and Bank Transfer Payments can be faxed to: (1-630) 571-1689 (If you fax, please do not mail original)

Questions? Email us: registration@lionsclubs.org • Allow 4 weeks for processing and mail delivery of your confirmation.

Please note: Lions Clubs International will be documenting the international convention for promotional purposes. Your participation may be filmed or photographed at this event. Your registration is your consent for use of these images by Lions Clubs International.



**97th Lions Clubs International Convention
Toronto, Canada
Official Schedule of Events (subject to change)
Friday, July 4 – Tuesday, July 8, 2014**

FRIDAY, JULY 4

10:00 – 17:00	Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
19:30 – 22:30	District Governors-elect Celebration Banquet	Sheraton Toronto Centre

SATURDAY, JULY 5

10:00 Step-off	International Parade	Parade Assembly Area (T.B.A.)
11:00 – 17:00	Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
19:00 – 20:15	International Show	Air Canada Centre (ACC)

SUNDAY, JULY 6

10:00 – 13:00	Opening Plenary Session <i>Presidential Address, Flag Ceremony, International Parade Results</i>	Air Canada Centre (ACC)
10:00 – 17:00	Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
14:00 – 17:00	Seminars	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
15:00 – 17:00	Membership Key Award Ice Cream Social	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)

MONDAY, JULY 7

10:00 – 12:30	Second Plenary Session <i>Memorial Service, Nominations for Second Vice President and International Directors</i>	Air Canada Centre (ACC)
10:00 – 17:00	Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
13:00 – 17:00	Seminars	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
13:30 – 15:00	Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
20:00 – 22:00	Past International Presidents / Past International Directors Banquet	Fairmont Royal York
20:00 – 22:00	District Governors / Past District Governors Banquet	Fairmont Royal York

TUESDAY, JULY 8

07:30 – 10:30	Voting and Convention Services Center	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
10:00 – 13:30	Final Plenary Session <i>Installation of 2014-2015 International President, U.N. Flag Ceremony, Installation of 2014-2015 District Governors</i>	Air Canada Centre (ACC)
19:00 – 21:00	International Officers Reception	Fairmont Royal York

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<http://thebridgerestaurantvt.com/>

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