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As we start the second year of email communications, we have more than 800 email addresses. If you get this issue by US mail, send us an email to be added to the email list. This year will complete the circle for new communications in Vermont Lions Clubs. Send articles to the Communiqué Editor by email if possible. Snail mail will still be accepted. The next issue will be September 1, the deadline is August 15 for all articles, announcements, photos or ideas for articles. Email to: Communique@d45lions.com

District 45 Governor Sherry Lee Juairé writes:

District Governor Sherry Lee and her husband, David, were in Sidney, Australia for the 93rd Annual International Convention in early July.

*Debbie Bushey
Photo*



Gd' Day, as they say down under. We found Australia was a great place to visit, but there really is "no place like home."

We all know membership is our key to success. Loving Ondividuals Offering Needed Services, what better way can we show who we are than through service? The focal point of International President Sid Scruggs year is service, his theme is "A Beacon of Hope." To show the strength of our worldwide network and shine our light even brighter, change the world and bring a spark to your own lion Heart by participating in Lions Club International's themed service campaigns.

As you read the Lions Magazine you'll be getting regular information on the Global Service Action Campaigns. To quote Melvin Jones, our founder, "You can't get anywhere in life until you start serving other people." President Scruggs has asked district Governors to bring this commitment back to our districts. He asks that we engage our youth, especially LEOS, in service projects.

Projects should have visible youth involvement. An idea to really get youth involved in serving our vulnerable youth populations. Perhaps organize a youth forum, or town hall meeting, to understand the views our youth and their needs that are critical to the community. Perhaps assist at camps that serve our children with special needs, there are several camps in Vermont that have great needs for assistance. Organizing a highway or park

cleanup, or perhaps a book drive for a community center, library, Senior Center or other community center would show the community that we care.

Success through service is the central theme for 2010-11. Hands on service and direct contact with the people we serve, is more important than ever. During the month of October Lions around the world will be asked to focus on recommitting to the central idea of Lions Club International as expressed in our motto: **We Serve**.

Communiqué Editors Need Help

Every other month, throughout the Lions year, you'll be getting a Vermont Lions Communiqué. Every member gets a copy, either on-line or by snail mail. Many hours of labor, writing, sorting and seeking go into publishing this newsletter six times a year.

Your District Governor has contracted with the editors to provide the needed information; to make this a successful venture in communicating with all the members of D-45. However, the most important people, that make this publication a success, are the club presidents and secretaries.

The majority of the work in any club is on the secretary, they are responsible to make sure club reports are sent in every month, on time. The so-called M&A reports are due the first week of every month for the past month. They go to LCI, D-45 officers and the Communiqué editors. The information provided in the M&A is used to develop articles in the newsletter.

The August Cabinet Meeting (August 21 at the Elks Club in St. Johnsbury) will include workshops for presidents and secretaries. It is very important that officers attend these sessions. You'll learn what is expected of you and how to carry out the assignment.

Almost all secretaries can now send in their reports by email, both to LCI and district officers. The newsletter editor also needs these monthly reports, and sending it by email is so easy, just add an address to the list: communiqué@d45lions.com.

Does your club have new members? We like to highlight new Lions. Club secretaries need to report new lions in the month they are inducted, to both LCI and the district. We need their mailing address and other information as requested on the M&A, also to have them get the newsletter by email, we need their email address. Secretaries, it is easy to make sure the Communiqué gets the information, send reports by email.

Recent New Members in D-45

Jericho-Underhill inducted Lion Ken Holden in June. He joined after a May membership development event.

Middlebury welcomed two new Lions, William Ford and Jim McWilliam.



Vergennes brought in seven new members in May: (from left) Hillary Sedelnick, Jennifer Brown, Melissa Wright, John Karzmarczyk, DiAnne Scott, Kathleen Cannon and Debbie Brace. Vergennes held another very successful member recruitment month.

Castleton has three new members: Anni Savage-Prusaczyk, Robert Casey, Jr., and Robert Mongeur.

Enosburg Falls has two new members: Kimberly Bates and John Garrow.

Route 100 Lions welcomed Bonnie Graham and Kristy Tate.

If secretaries will report more new members to the editor, they'll be reported in the September issue.

Readsboro New Officers Installed

Readsboro installed new officers in June, with the help of Massachusetts Past District Governor Jean Martin (below right with member Anna Bolognani).



PDG Martin reported she loved her nearby trip to southern



Vermont from her home in Deerefield, MA. Group photo is: (front) Carol Moore, David Garrison and Michael Boisvert. Seated are: Richard Murdock and Barbara Birch.

Two new members were inducted also: John and Virginia McChesney. Welcome.

“Shared Vision Fund,” A Great Asset

By VLC President Rick Dutil

It all began in 2005 with the homecoming of Past International Director Jules Coté. He asked that all gifts of cash, honoring his return, be used to establish a foundation for D-45. This new foundation would eventually grow big enough to assure Lions sight and hearing assistance could continue for a very long time. The initial homecoming seed money was about \$6,700.

At the same time, PID Coté introduced the concept of a Shared Vision 500 Club, a mini-Melvin Jones type fellowship for District 45. A \$500 contribution to the fund gets a reward of a special numbered 500 Club Pin being presented to the recipient.

In the fall of 2006, through the efforts of PID Coté with Ronald and Patricia Eastman, a “matching fund agreement” was reached. The Eastman’s were prepared to donate \$50,000 to the Foundation in honor Ron’s dad, long time Burlington Lion Bob Eastman, and Bailey Hirss (the daughter of a close friend who had died in an automobile accident). Vermont Lions were challenged at May 2007 spring convention to raise the match.

This effort yielded the Shared Vision Fund. The Valley Lions Club immediately pledged \$7,500 for each of two years to become the first 100% 500 Club in the district. Several other clubs have since contributed generously to the fund as well as individuals. In 2009 that match was completed, when a very successful walk-a-thon was implemented.

With all the contributions we have nearly \$115,000 in the Shared Vision Fund. Recently VLC was named a beneficiary in an annuity of a 92 year old. A Williston Lion, when asked by his client, proudly suggested naming Vermont Lions Charities as a co-beneficiary. As Lions, please keep your ears open for such opportunities. VLC is an IRS approved 501(c)3, so contributions are tax deductible.

If your club needs help with a worthy project, don’t hesitate to ask VLC for assistance, we currently have about \$26,000 in the general fund. Many clubs have contributed annually to this fund to help make it grow so fast. Contributions from clubs and individuals are accepted at any time, but clubs often present checks at the quarterly cabinet meetings. Thank you very much for your efforts that are making this foundation a great success.

Vermont Lions Charities Report

Fellow Lions,

“The Big Dine Out!”

Calling all Lions, this 2010 fund raising event is underway. It took many Lions to make it so successful in 2009, we’ll do it again. All proceeds will go to the VLC general fund, helping with the ever increasing number of requests for help, this project will help many in need.

This is the way it works: Each region of D-45 will solicit the participation of 15 restaurants in their area. VLC will purchase a \$50 gift certificate from each and the restaurant will donate two \$25 gift certificates.

There will be one winner of all 15 \$50 gift certificates in each region. All of the \$25 gift certificates will be drawn individually as a secondary prize, yielding 31 winner in each region. The drawings will occur at Fall Conference on October 23.

Raffle tickets will be available at \$20 each. If we could sell at least one ticket to each Vermont Lion, we would generate about \$25,000 for Vermont Lions Charities.

As an incentive, VLC will pay for a Spring Convention Weekend for two lucky Lions that each sell a minimum of five tickets. Each ticket sold must bear the sellers name to qualify, the more you sell the more chances you have.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Rick Dutil, President



“At the end of the day, it’s not what I learned but what I taught, not what I got but what I gave, not what I did but what I helped another achieve that will make a difference in someone’s life, and mine”

Sid Scruggs, III Lions International President

Notes from Governor Sherry Lee

Club Secretaries should be using the newly redesigned Service Activities Report online. [Editors note: Guess it now an SAR report] This will help to get the information about the new service action campaigns to LCI, as mentioned in my front page article.

Monthly reports are to be sent to the addresses on the front page, the first week of each month for the previous month. Plus, copies need to go to your zone chair: Zone 1A Travis Lebel; Zone 2B Lyle Remick; Zone 2A Matt Broughton; Zone 2B Tom Bizon; Zone 3A Sue Colburn; Zone 3B Joe Wilson; Zone 3C Bruce & Deb Savery and Zone 4 Patrick McWilliams.

Report copies should also be sent to the Communiqué team, Lions Jill Bessette and Larry Myott at communiqué@d45lions.com. Information in this publication comes from the monthly reports.

The new 2010-11 Directory is to be published soon with all addresses and emails for cabinet members. In the meantime, perhaps the zone chairs could notify their clubs of email addresses for sending monthly reports.

When planning your club year, remember that our communities need to know what we are doing, not just looking for contributions. Press photos and releases in local papers can be a big help letting our citizens know what we do. Some clubs do a great job of this. We don't just ask for donations, for example: St. Johnsbury has started a community garden with the produce to be given to the community. Essex has volunteered more than 100 hours of labor to the COTS project and once their new building is completed for homeless veterans they will be cleaning, painting and mowing lawns.

It is not the size or scope of the project is, but that our communities know that **We Serve**.

August Cabinet Meeting at St. Johnsbury

The August 21st Cabinet Meeting will be hosted by the St. J Lions at the Elks Club in St. Johnsbury, 118 Western Avenue. All cabinet members, club secretaries and presidents are asked to attend, kicking off this new year of Lionism.

Events will begin with registration and the Honorary Committee meeting at 8 a.m. VT Lions Charities Board meets at 9:00 a.m. Breakout sessions for committees, including Sight & Hearing, Diabetes, club president and club secretaries will be held in the morning. The Cabinet Meeting will follow, before and after lunch. There will be a silent auction fund raiser, so bring items to include.

Registration for August 21 Cabinet Mtg.

Please send in your registration by August 9, make checks payable to VT Lions D-45, mail to: *CST Merry Souza, 3126 VT Rte. 78 #1, Highgate Ctr., VT 05459.*

Plan on us to attend the August 19 Cabinet Meeting, Number ____ x \$16.00 = _____ enclosed.

Name _____,

_____,

of the _____ Lions Club.

Phone # and email of Lion handling this registration,

_____.

Registration can be emailed to CST Merry, cst@d45lion.com. Check still must be mailed. Agenda will be emailed one week prior to meeting. Deadline for advance registration, August 9.

"If we could get 1.3 million Lions to recommit to service it would make a huge impact on the needs of people around the world."
Sid Scruggs, III – President, Lions Clubs International

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