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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 May 1; the deadline is April 20 for all articles, announcements, photos or ideas for articles. Email to: Communique@d45lions.com



D. G. Sherry Lee Juaire writes:

With winter soon coming to a close, my Lions year will also be coming to a close. The January Cabinet meeting marked the half-way point of the Lions year. At that meeting we were honored to have Riley McLaughlin and her family as our guests. Riley was the recipient of the funds raised last April by the Vermont Lions Charities walk-a-thon.

The Walk raised funds to help her get a service dog, trained to detect a seizure onset; protecting her from these health issues, making a great companion as well. Carter is at her side 24/7 Riley suffers from extreme seizures, she could never be alone until Carter became part of her life. What a difference Carter has made in this little girls life.

A big thank you to everyone who made the 2011 LCIF Super-Raffle such a success. There were 175 Lions and friends in attendance. This fund raiser will provide nine Melvin Jones Fellowships to Vermont Lions, and community leaders who provide outstanding service. I have asked all clubs to make their nominations soon.

All the prizes were donated. Prizes ranged in value from \$125 to \$800. The top prize of \$2,000 cash was split between Lion Sue Brooks (Swanton-Missisquoi) and Lion Pierre Parent (Enosburg Falls). PDG Mel Coburn made the evening a time to remember with his description and presentations of the many door prizes.

Has your club used the club assessment survey? For the clubs using this survey, have you noticed a change in attendance or membership? Don't wait for someone to hand them out, complete one on your own and send it to the board members. This is a very good time to do the assessment; elections are just around the corner. Procedures in your club cannot be fixed if the club doesn't know they are broken. Our club begins with us; we can make our club vibrant and successful. It's a good time to invite friends and family members to attend a meeting. The secret, however, is to then invite them to join your club and commit to community service. Clubs holding an informational meeting, for invited guests, have increased membership. As of January, eleven Vermont clubs are in competition for my "Lions Give Back" campaign. With a positive attitude, our future in Lionism can surpass our expectations.

The March cabinet meeting is behind us, we are getting ready for the late April D-45 convention. Part of this Communiqué is the convention information, please review it carefully. Registration deadline is March 30.

South Burlington Club being Rebuilt

The City of South Burlington deserves to have a service club in their community with the power of Lions. For many years a club existed and then it fell apart. Without recruiting, regular meetings and membership activities the club dwindled and eventually was gone. Its' history in the community was excellent, they worked hard, however, leadership was lacking to keep the club growing and serving the community.

Lions Judy McGivney and Bill Moulton, formerly of the Burlington Lions and St. Johnsbury Lions, respectively, have been challenged by the efforts needed to develop a new working club.

D-45 Lions Speak Out Contest



PDG Betsy Magee, right, congratulates the winner of their Essex Jct. Lions Speak Out Contest, DeAnna Sevard, at their January event.

King Lion Erin Connors is on the left.

District chair Jackie Dutil, of the Brandon Forestdale Club, reports entries by five clubs for the district finals on March 5 at the cabinet meeting in Rutland; Essex Junction, South Burlington, Col-

chester, Vergennes and a combined club project for Brandon-Forestdale/Pittsford.

Shown being

presented a check by So. Burlington King Lion Judy McGivney is 11th grader Fatima Sameen.

With the theme, *A Beacon of Hope*, speakers will be presenting their views on community service. State winners receive cash awards of \$300, \$150 and \$75.



“You can’t get very far until you start doing something for somebody else,” lives in our Motto: We Serve. *Melvin Jones, Lions Club Founder*

Food From the Heart

D-45 program chair, Harry Kurth, reports a successful program assisting the various food shelf facilities around the state. His preliminary numbers show at least 15 clubs participating and more than 13,000 pounds of food donated. Over \$4000 in cash has been turned over to local food shelf organization from this D-45 Lions program.

The Springfield Lions made it into the local newspaper, with a photo; they collected more than 800 lbs. of food and \$29 in cash in front of their Shaw’s Store. The Bennington club collected 250 lbs. and \$50 in cash in front of Walmart.

The So. Burlington Club collected 233 lbs. and \$315 for the Chittenden Emergency Food



Shelf at Healthy Living Natural Foods Market. KL Judy is shown (above left), while Lion Bill McGrath explains the effort to a shopper.

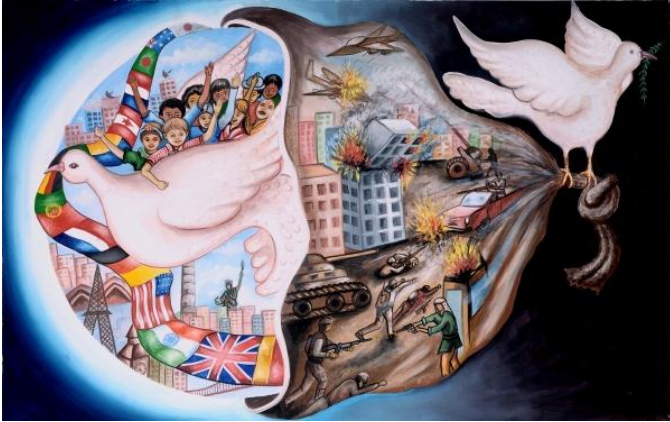
Borrowed from a recent news article in the Mountain Gazette of Underhill. “Three Mt. Mansfield students, all members of the newly formed MMU Leo Club, collected and delivered approximately 400 pounds of food and \$30 cash to the Richmond Food shelf on February 12. This special food drive was part of the Vermont Lions Club’s “Food from the Heart” campaign. This campaign had Lions from across the state collecting food at local stores for local food shelves. While they turn no one away, the Richmond Food shelf primarily serves the Richmond, Bolton and Huntington communities.

“While this program is a state-wide Lion Club effort, what was unique was that the Lions in this group were actually members of the MMU Leo Club, formed last month by students from MMU and sponsored by the Jericho-Underhill Lions Club. This new group has been busy, other recent projects have included placement of a Planet Aid clothing donation box at the school and volunteering at the recent Penguin Plunge.”

According to Lion Will Wright, Leo Club advisor and teacher at MMU, “These young adults are excited to give back to the community. Through this important work, students plan to make a difference in our community while developing their leadership skills.”

Peace Poster Contest Winners Announced

With about 350,000 young people participating around the world, Lions Club International has a big job in coordination. The artists, aged 11, 12 and 13 compete at the local club level, their district level and finally at the international level.



The 2011 winner is from India, an 11 year old boy. He'll receive a \$5,000 prize at the Seattle Lions Club International Convention in July. His trip is part of his award, which includes bringing two guests with him. The contest has been going for 23 years. Full details of this contest, and all things Lions, are available on the Lions Clubs International website, www.lionsclubs.org.

New Members Welcome

Essex Junction welcomed new *Lion Kevin Maloney* in February. An electrician, he was sponsored by Lion Mary Tewarson.

Welcome *Lion Diane Simpson*, a new member of the Troy & Area Lions.

Your editor would like to welcome all new members, but the club secretary needs to send in the information. See page 1, bottom of left column for directions and email address.

St. Johnsbury Lions

King Lion and VDG Steve Simpson reported to his members in their March newsletter: "Wow!! Here it is the beginning of March and the Lion year is almost over. To date we have donated \$14,800 to different community needs."

Swanton-Missisquoi Lions Rib Dinner

All you can eat ribs, what else would you expect for a Lions Fundraiser up in Swanton. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 9, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, at the Swanton VFW. Adults \$10 each; Children 6 – 11, \$5; under 5 free.

After dinner a Round Robin Rib Raffle, with \$1 tickets for each round. Each round has several prizes and lots of ribs. All raffle tickets are eligible for grand prizes. For more information call PDG Merry for 802.868.7434.

Lion Joe Klopfenstein Honored

Vergennes Lion Joe Klopfenstein was honored by the Vermont legislature in January. They passed a concurrent resolution in his honor for being named *2010 Bovine Practitioner of the Year*, by the American Association of Bovine Practitioners. Lion Joe is the owner of Vergennes Large Animal Associates, he and his wife Nancy are active Lions.

2011 LCIF Super Raffle Report

PDG Tom Broughton, chair of the annual Super Party, submitted his report at the March 5 cabinet meeting. Lion Tom noted 152 tickets were sold, with 25 great prizes, valued at \$125 or more, being awarded. Every sixth ticket drawn was a winner.



PDG Mel Coburn entertained in his usual calm, quiet manner, while presenting the many door prizes. Twenty one clubs bought tickets, and several clubs won prizes. Sixteen

PDG's supported the program by buying tickets.

Although more tickets were sold this year, because of the location, more people attended so the meal cost was higher. "The committee is excited with the participation, the fun and the fellowship. This is truly Lionism in action," says Lion Tom.

Melvin Jones Fellowships can be presented to nine leaders in community service at the annual District Convention in April.

Pittsford Lions Club Breakfast

Pittsford's semi-annual Country Breakfast will be on Saturday, March 19 at the Pittsford Congregational Church. 7 to 11 am. Donation of \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under eight. All the best foods making a real Vermont breakfast.

Vermont Lions Charities Report

Fellow Lions,

At the January cabinet meeting, the first order of business was to elect a treasurer for 2011. Lion John Sprague was nominated and elected once again. Thank you for your service Lion John.

The board voted to donate \$2,000 to the Vermont Association for the Blind. Ayesha Raftery had made a nice presentation on their request.

Other contributions voted at this meeting were: \$500 to the Chandler Music Hall in Randolph to help purchase assisted listening devices for the hearing impaired. Also, we made a contribution of \$500 in memory of Jean Ellis, to the Western Massachusetts Elderly Services. Jean's passing was noted in the January issue of this newsletter, she was the wife of Lion Ken Ellis, who was President of LVC for many years.

Swanton-Missisquoi Lions asked for assistance to match their donation toward buying an "AmTryke" therapeutic tricycle. This is designed to help children improve motor skills, provide strength training and build self-esteem.

The 4th Annual Vermont Lions Charities Walk-a-thon will be held at the Rutland Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 7, 10 am to 4 pm. It's great to share some time with other Lions. You don't need to walk a great distance, to participate in the fun and fund raising. Although I cannot walk a long distance, I have found many contributors who support my efforts financially, doing so because they know the work of Lions around the world.

It's important to tell people what Lions do when you're asking for help with a project. The success of our walk-a-thon depends on your efforts. Information and sponsor sheets are available, call me at 802.247.3490 or jdutil775@comcast.net.

How great it would be if each Vermont club had at least one Lion participating. Great food and drink provided to all participants.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Rick Dutil, President

Mission Statement of Lions International

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

Lion Bob Wilcox Candidate for VDG

The Bennington Lions Club is proudly presenting



Lion Bob Wilcox for VDG 2011-2012, and District Governor 2012-2013. Bob is 51 years old and employed by Dailey Precast as Human

Resources/Office Manager, as well as on the sales team. Bob is a past King Lion of the Bennington Lions Club; he has served as zone chair and region chair.

Look for the Bennington hospitality room at spring convention April 29, 30 and May 1 at the Equinox Hotel in Manchester. Full registration information is available in this issue of the Communiqué. The registration deadline is March 30, please send it in now.



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56TH Annual Vermont Lions Convention
District Governor Sherry Lee Juairé
April 29th., 30th. and May 1st., 2011



RESERVATION DEADLINE – MARCH 30, 2011.

Reservations received after this date will be confirmed on an availability basis only. A 10% VT Lodging Tax & an \$25.00 per day will apply.

Deposit/Cancellation Policy:

All reservations must be secured with a \$100.00 deposit. Late arrivals or early departures will cause forfeiture of deposit. Cancellations that occur **within 3 weeks of April 29, 2011** will result in forfeiture of the deposit. Cancellations that occur prior to the 3-week cutoff will receive a full refund.

Accommodations will be occupied by: (please print) Are 2 beds required? _____ (please check if Yes)					
NAME : _____			PHONE: _____		
Club: _____					
ADDRESS : _____					
CITY : _____		STATE: _____		ZIP CODE: _____	
ARRIVAL DATE: _____ / _____ / _____		DEPARTURE DATE: _____ / _____ / _____			
MO.	DAY	YR	MO.	DAY	YR

One Night – 1 Person	\$184.62
Includes 1 Friday Night Dinner, 1 Saturday Breakfast & 1 Melvin Jones Luncheon	
One Night – 1 Person	\$198.19
Includes 1 Melvin Jones Luncheon, Saturday Night Banquet Dinner and 1 Sunday Breakfast	
One Night – 2 Person	\$267.56
Includes 2 Friday Night Dinner, 2 Saturday Breakfast & 2 Melvin Jones Luncheon	
One Night – 2 Person	\$267.56
Includes 2 Melvin Jones Luncheons, 2 Saturday Night Banquet Dinners and 2 Sunday Breakfast	
Two Night – 1 Person	\$346.97
Includes 1 Friday Night Dinner, 1 Saturday Breakfast, 1 Melvin Jones Luncheon, 1 Saturday Night Banquet Dinner and 1 Sunday Breakfast	
Two Night – 2 Person	\$487.14
Includes 2 Friday Night Dinner, 2 Saturday Breakfast, 2 Melvin Jones Luncheons, 2 Saturday Night Banquet Dinners and 2 Sunday Breakfast	

Please Indicate Saturday Banquet Meal Choice	****INDICATE SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS****
1. Chicken Breast _____	
2. Grilled Salmon _____	

CHECK IN 3:00 PM CHECK OUT 12 NOON - ALL EFFORTS WILL BE MADE FOR GUEST WHO ARRIVE EARLY

SIGNATURE: _____	TYPE OF CREDIT CARD: _____
CREDIT CARD # : _____	EXP. _____

PLEASE SEND RESERVATION TO:

Equinox
3567 Main Steet
Manchester Village, VT 05254

Reservations (800) 362-4747
Fax 802-362-7775

This reservation must be faxed or mailed with deposit to confirm. No phone reservations please.



Vermont Lions District 45
56th Annual Spring Convention
Friday, April 29th., Saturday, April 30th. and Sunday, May 1st.



The Equinox
3567 Main Street
Manchester Village, VT 05254
802-362-7775

Reservations for MEALS only must be sent directly to

CST Merry Souza
3126 Vermont Route 78
Highgate Center, VT 05459
No Later April 15th

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____ Club _____

Friday Night Banquet - Number Attending _____ @ \$38 Total \$ _____

Saturday Breakfast – Number Attending _____ @ \$25 Total \$ _____

Melvin Jones Luncheon – Number Attending _____ @ \$25 Total \$ _____

Saturday Night Banquet – Number Attending _____ @ \$38 Total \$ _____

Saturday Night Banquet Meal Choice: Chicken _____ Salmon _____

Sunday Breakfast – Number Attending _____ @ \$25 Total \$ _____

Any Special Dietary Needs: _____

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

Friday Night Theme – Wings of Love

Silent Auction 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Items for Silent Auction will be greatly appreciated)