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Tommy Walz Writes:

The next cabinet meeting is just around the corner: Sunday March 16th at the Trak Inn on Lake Bomoseen. Mark your calendars now. Let's see if we can get over 30 of our 37 clubs there.

How does "Brattleboro Area Lions Club" sound? Get used to it and mark your calendars for a May 16th Charter Night. We will send out details later.

Thanks to Castleton Lion PDG Stan Patch for heading up the Brattleboro effort. We had help from quite a few others, including the Chesterfield, NH Lions, who will be a co-sponsor of the new club. This has been a great example of Reaching Out.

We are nearing the end of the third quarter of this Lionistic Year and not meeting our membership goals. As of the end of January, we had lost 71 Lions and added 41 for a net loss of 30 district-wide. I've put a spreadsheet in this issue that shows how each club is doing in membership this year. It should be accurate since I've double-checked with LCI, but if your club has not reported a gain or a loss to D45 or LCI, we do not know about it, and that would throw the figures off. Club secretaries, those monthly reports are essential. If you need help filing them, contact CS Betsy MaGee or PDG Bill Moulton, either of whom can help you.

The clubs in bold face are those that have met the goal of a net gain of at least two members. You'll notice that amounts to only five of our 37 clubs.

Another spreadsheet shows the reasons why we've lost members. About 35% have either died or moved away. That means that 65% of the Lions we've lost this year left for other reasons. If we could have retained just 25% of that group our net loss for the year would be only about 18 instead of 30.

Let's blow the lid off these numbers and recruit! (Continued on page two...)

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Club Gains and Losses March Cabinet Meeting

May Convention

(DG Tommy Writes Continued....)

My travels for March (so far):

Mar. 5, Vergennes Lions

Mar. 9, Castleton Fish Fry

Mar. 11, Organizational meeting at Austine Mar. 16, Cabinet Meeting at the Trak Inn

I have a few more club visits to schedule and hope to be pretty well done by the end of April. District Governor Tommy Walz





LIONS TWIN STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC

68 JACK WELLS ROAD, DANBURY, NH 03230

"Soccer for Sight and Hearing"

We will be sending each Club twenty tickets for the club to sell or buy and use them or donate the tickets to the local schools. Every Club that buys the twenty tickets will be recognized in the book.

Two calendar raffle tickets will be mailed to each Lion in the states of New Hampshire and Vermont. This raffle has been very successful, and can even be better this year. The cost per raffle ticket is only \$10.00. The calendar raffle will be for the month of July 2014 and that gives each entry 31 chances to win. The drawing for the 31 days of July 2014 will be done on Game Day, July 19, 2014. Winners attending Game Day will be able to pick up their prizes on that day. The winners not attending will receive their prize via mail sent out on the day of their winning. This raffle replaces two Game Day tickets sent out to every Lion. So when you see that envelope in your mailbox, open it up right away, and send your ticket stubs back with \$20.00 and you may be the next winner.

The 2014 games will be held at Castleton State College on Saturday, July 19, 2014. The players' banquet is Sunday, March 22, 2014 at the Elks Lodge in Lebanon. We hope to see a large group of Lions at each event.





Lion Mary Tewerson and Lion Steve Jurnak working the Food From the Heart Project February 15th.

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

March 2014				
5	District Governor Tommy Walz to visit Vergennes Area Lions Club			
6	Zone 2C Meeting – Thursday, March 6 th at Chauncey's Restaurant in Arlington. Note this is a change from the original date of March 5 th .			
9	Castleton Annual Fish Fry – March 9 at Trak- 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 . Sign up by March 5 th !			
10	"Chucky", the Region 3 traveling Lion is currently at the Heartland Lions and will be available for capture on Monday, March 10th. Location of meeting is the South Royalton School, 223 South Windsor Street, South Royalton. The meeting will start at 6:30 PM with a social following meeting at the Five Olde Tavern & Grille; meal & cost from menu. If attending, you must notify Lion Bill Ballou @ 802 763-7106; deadline for calling in your numbers is Friday, March 7th. "Chucky" is looking forward to a short rest at the Heartland Lions & awaits your visit on March 10th where he will once again roam & prowl through Region 3.			
11	Organizational Meeting at Austine			
12	Zone 2B Meeting – not a joint meeting with 2C.			
16	Cabinet Meeting at the Trak- In – Deadline to sign up is March 10 th !!			
24	"Lucky," the District Lion, is currently at the Jericho-Underhill Lions and will be available for capture on Monday, March 24. Location of meeting is the Underhill Town Hall with a meeting time of 7:00 PM. Meal & cost is \$10. For those traveling, the contact person is Lion Cindy Berg at 899-4701, email: cindyb13@comcast.net . Notification must be received by Thursday, March 20th.			
24	"Tucky," the Region 1 Traveling Lion has moved to the Richford Lions and will be available for capture on Monday, March 24. Location of the meeting is at The Crossings, 14 Province Street with a meeting time of 6:30 PM. For those traveling, the contact person is KL Claude Coulombe at 802 848-3645, email: ccdccoulombe@gmail.com . Notification must be received by Friday, March 21 st .			
April 20	014			
26	The Bennington Lions Club will be celebrating their 75th year of lionism in the Bennington area with a gala anniversary party on April 26th. Save that date, more to follow.			
May 20	014			
2	Lions Tennis Tournament - Lake Morey Inn [Cabinet Meeting Site]			
May 2,3,4	Save the Date!!! District 45 Convention – Kentucky Derby Party			
16	Brattleboro Area Lions Club Charter Night – Details will be sent out at a later date.			



Coming to the Annual Convention in May

Kentucky Derby Hat Contest Sponsored By the Barre Lions

Watch for more details in the April Communique!

Membership Gains as of Jan. 31, 2014				
	6/30/2013	1/31/2014	Loss/Gain	
Club				
Arlington	14	11	-3	
Barre	63	64	1	
Bennington	28	27	-1	
Border	12	11	-1	
Brandon-Forestdale	29	29	0	
Brattleboro	0	0	0	
Castleton	61	58	-3	
Chester	2	4	2	
Colchester	24	24	0	
Derby	26	26	0	
Enosburg Falls	66	67	1	
Essex Junction	38	41	3	
Georgia	27	31	4	
Heartland	26	25	-1	
Hinesburg	16	15	-1	
Jericho-Underhill	33	33	0	
Manchester	61	57	-4	
Marble Valley	24	23	-1	
Middlebury	74	70	-4	
Norshaft	58	54	-4	
Norwich	26	25	-1	
Orleans	40	37	-3	
Pittsford	26	22	-4	
Readsboro	30	30	0	
Richford	25	25	0	
Route 100	8	7	-1	
St. Johnsbury	15	12	-3	

Shelburne	10	10	0
Springfield	49	52	3
Strafford Area	59	61	2
Swanton-Missisquoi	22	22	0
Troy Area	22	21	-1
Valley	16	16	0
Vergennes	88	85	-3
White River Junction	10	10	0
Whitingham-Halifax	33	29	-4
Williston Area	14	12	-2
Windsor	14	13	-1
D45 Total	1189	1159	-30

Bold: Met district goal



Lions Tennis Tournament Friday May 2 nd

Where: Lake Morey Inn [Cabinet Meeting Site]

When: Starts at 1:00 What: Doubles Teams

How: Contact Lion Rick Theken at 479-9002 or

rcrck41@aol.com

Even if you don't have a partner sign up and we will pair $% \left(x\right) =\left(x\right) +\left(x\right) =\left(x\right)$

you with another player.

TOP SEEDED TEAM – Rick Theken and Bob Brault from

the Barre Lions.

Drop Reasons 2013-2014

		I	Non-attend &	Non-pay	Other	Resigned	Transfer	Tota
Club	Died	Moved	Non pay	of dues		Good stand	Good stand	Lost
Arlington			1	1		1		_ :
Barre		2						_ :
Bennington	1	2						_ :
Border								_ (
Brandon-Forestdale		1						_
Brattleboro								_ (
Castleton			2			2		_
Chester								_ (
Colchester								_
Derby								_
Enosburg Falls						1		_ :
Essex Junction		1						
Georgia						1		:
Heartland						1		_ :
Hinesburg	1							_
Jericho-Underhill			3			1		_
Manchester		1		1	2	2		_ (
Marble Valley					1			_ :
Middlebury	2					3		- !
Norshaft	2				1	3		_ (
Norwich						1		- :
Orleans	2		1		1			_
Pittsford		2			1	1		_
Readsboro								_ (
Richford								_ (
Route 100					1			-
St. Johnsbury				1		2		- :
Shelburne								_ (
Springfield		3				1		_
Strafford Area		1				2		- :
Swanton-Missisquoi						_		_ `
Troy Area	1					2	2	_
Valley						_		_ (
Vergennes						2	1	- :
White River Junction						1		- :
Whitingham-Halifax	1	1				2		_ `
Williston Area	1					2		_
Windsor		1			1			_
Totals	10	15	6	2	8	28	2	_
Percentages	14.1%	21.1%	8.5%		11.3%	39.4%	2.8%	_ /

Norshaft Lions "Food From the Heart"



The NorShaft Lions second annual Food from the Heart program was a great success! On Saturday, February 15th we collected 1,416 pounds of food for one of our local food pantries, which surpassed our 2013 total of 1,000! We had planned to collect from two local schools February 14th, but they were closed due to the 21" snowstorm. With the assistance of many of our Lions we were able to overcome a snowstorm and low temperatures! Look out 2015!



Price Chopper Manager Joe Pattison with Lion Mark



Chairmen Lion's Laura, Nancy and Walt



PDG Lion Ed

Thank You for generously supporting the Hungry Lion Bike Tour and the Whitingham-Halifax Lions / Deerfield Valley Rotary Holiday Food Baskets!

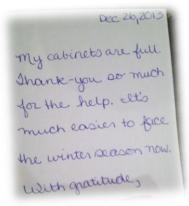


Friday night before Christmas. Packed up and ready to deliver tons of nutritious / long-lasting food staples





Two service clubs partner up in the Deerfield Valley of Southern Vermont to impact the crisis of food insecurity.



An actual thank you from a recipient. Effective relief with the help of many supporters, like you. Thank you!



Mike Mandraccia and Harry Byron helped out with packing an delivering donated food.



Deb Cox and Jennifer Betit-Engel chipped in by helping to unpack boxes of donated food.

Submitted Photo

Lions and Rotary clubs hopes to address food insecurity

WHITINGHAM — The Whitingham-Halifax Lions Club recently wrapped up its holiday grocery program. This year it purchased \$12,000 worth of food, which was delivered to about 135 families in eight different towns. The Deerfield Valley Rotary has been helping deliver the food since after Tropical Storm Irene in 2011 and the Masons have indicated they would like to help out with the next program.

Food insecurity is a real issue that the Lions take very seriously. According to Hunger Free Vermont organization (a statewide nonprofit dedicated to providing nutrition education and programs), in Windham county alone, one in five children is food insecure. Further statistics show that nearly half of grade school and high school students in this area are eligible for free or reduced price meals, and

out of those students, 57 percent are participating in school breakfast. There has been a 9 percent increase in food assistance since 2011 in Windham County alone and household food insecurity has increased 45 percent since 2000 in the state of Vermont.

For more information on the Whitingham-Halifax Lions Club, visit www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/whitinghamhalifax/. Brattleboro Reformer January 24, 2014





Our Hungry Lion Bike Tour raised thousands of dollars for hunger relief.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

The CASTLETON LIONS 11th. ANNUAL FISH FRY

When: Sunday, March 9th, 2014

Where: TRAK-IN, Route 30, Lake Bomoseen

Special note: There will be (2) different settings Social hours: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. & 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 2 - 4 p.m. & 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. (featuring raffles & auction)

MENU: Fish chowder, assortment of fish(perch, trout, bass, crappie & smelt), baked

potato, green beans, rolls & desserts (homemade pies) & coffee.

Note: Venison stew or chili & chicken strips available

COST: \$15.00 per person. Reservations required!!!

Special note to area fishermen & local derbies. Per usual, we seek your help in making this event a success. We will need some of the fish that you catch... perch, trout, bass, crappie, some northern pike and smelt. As we have done in the past, we will gladly clean them and prepare a meal fit for one and all. To donate, please call Lion Stan Patch, Jr. at (802)468-5001 and he will arrange for pick-up and yes, please remember that your donations will assist the Lions in assisting others. Special thanks!!!!

clip and mail for reserva	ations
CASTLETON LIONS ANNUAL FISH FRY TRAK-IN - SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2014	RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Name Address	
phone number	
Setting (please check): 1:00 p.m	or 4:30 p.m
Dinner to be buffet style served at 2:00 p.n	n. & 5:30 p.m.
Number attending at \$15.00 per pers	on, amount enclosed
Send to: Lion Stan Patch, Jr., P.O. Box 2, C	astleton, Vermont 05735.

RESERVATION DEADLINE - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014

Traveling Lion

DISTRICT TRAVELING LION CONTEST/POINT LEADERS

DISTRICT LION "Lucky" (currently at Jericho-Underhill with a capture date of 3/24)

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STRAFFORD AREA180	The second second
HEARTLAND92	
JERICHO-UNDERHILL56	
WHITE RIVER JCT35	
ESSEX25	
MIDDLEBURY18	
REGION 1 LION "Tucky" (currently at Richford 3/24)	
ESSEX JCT726	400
RICHFORD440	
COLCHESTER305	
JERICHO-UNDERHILL263	
WILLISTON6	
REGION 2 LION "the General" (currently at Norshaft with a	a capture date of 3/4)
VERGENNES893	
BENNINGTON685	
NORSHAFT458	
BRANDON-	
FORESTDALE233	
MANCHESTER200	
PITTSFORD26	
REGION 3 LION "Chucky" (currently at Heartland with a ca	pture date of 3/10)
HEARTLAND210	. ,
WINDSOR200	
READSBORO124	

REGION 4 LION "Bucky" (currently at Orleans – no clubs traveled to capture so Orleans will need to deliver to another Region 4 club)

ST. JOHNSBURY.....200 ORLEANS.....64

CHESTER.....48 SPRINGFIELD.....14

Note that the District Traveling Lion contest ends on April 30th. As you can see, some contests are heating up!! Still a considerable amount of time to travel& fun to experience!!!

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



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WE REACH OUT

Vermont Lions District 45 ROCK SOLID

District 45 Cabinet Meeting

Sunday March 16, 2014 Trak Inn, Bomoseen, Vermont Schedule of Events

Registration: 8:15 am

8:30 – 9:30 Honorary Committee (IPDG Bob Wilcox)

No Promotion Row due to lack of space

8:30 – 1:15 Fundraising (Lions Loreen and Cindy)

9:30 – 9:40 Call to Order (DG Tommy)

9:40 – 10:40 Breakout Session I

Austine/GMLC (PDG Stan)

Vermont Lions Charities (1st VDG Ken)

Presidents' Round Table (2nd VDG Pam)

Secretaries' Round Table (PDG Bill)

Lions General Discussion Round Table (DG Tommy)

10:50 – 11:30 Breakout Session II

Diabetes Awareness (Lion Donna Bizon)

New Member Orientation (2nd VDG Pam)

Membership Recruitment Round Table (GMT Rob Keith)

Sight & Hearing (Lion Carmelita)

Lions General Discussion Round Table (1st VDG Ken)

11:40 – 12:25 Breakout Session III

Treasurers' Round Table ()

Protecting Your Club ()

So You Want to be a Leader (PDG Steve Simpson)

12:35 - 1:20 Lunch

1:20 – 2:00 Speak Out Contest

2:00 - 3:30 Cabinet Meeting



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Vermont Lions District 45 Cabinet Meeting

Sunday March 16, 2014 Registration Cabinet Meeting:

8:15 am to 3:30 pm Trak Inn

Lake Bomoseen, Vermont \$24.00 per person including morning coffee and buffet lunch.

REGISTRATION

Name:
Address:
Email address;
Club/District Position:
Phone Number:
Home Club:
Cabinet Meeting \$24.00 pp x(number attending) \$
Please send your check made payable to Vermont District 45 to: CT Robert Brault
C/O Barre Lions
PO Box 211
Barre VT 05641
802-476-7838

Please return completed registration form to CT Bob by Monday, March 10, 2014.

ct@d45lions.com

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 January Cabinet Meeting CS PDG Betsy MaGee
- 5. Treasurer's Report CT Bob Brault
- 6. Vermont Lions Charities President 1st VDG Ken Emery
- 7. Honorary Committee IPDG Bob Wilcox
- 8. Food from the Heart PDG Bruce Bushey
- 9. Lions of the Month Awards CS Betsy & DG Tommy
- 10. Austine/GMLC (PDG Stan Patch)
- 11. Fundraising Lions Cindy Berg & Loreen Teer
- 12. Club of the Month Awards CS Betsy & DG Tommy
- 13. Spring Convention PDGs Clem Cardinal & Mel Coburn
- 14. Old Business
 - a. Brattleboro update PDG Stan Patch
 - b. LTSSA PDG Stan Patch
- 15. New Business
- 16. Announcements
- 17. Adjournment

Please bring an item for the silent auction.

<u>Vermont Lions District 45 Conference</u> Friday, May 2, 2014 – Sunday, May 4, 2014

COMMUTER DAY REGISTRATION

		Number of People	Amount
Friday Dinner @ \$			\$
Saturday Breakfast			\$
Saturday Lunch @			\$
Saturday Dinner B	anquet @ \$35.00		\$
		Total Charges	\$
Grilled Chi Yankee Po	cate Saturday entrée ch cken with herb sauce t Roast		
Baked Had	dock		
All rates are pe	r person and include 19 %	service charge and 9%	VT Rooms & Meals Tax.
	als must be pre-reserved use indicate number of p		
Name:			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone Number: _			
Please make ch	eck payable: Vermo	ont Lions District 4	5
Please Mail To:	Clem Cardinal 14 Jackson Heights Essex Junction, VT	·	802) 658-4222

Vermont Lions District 45 Conference Friday, May 2, 2014 – Sunday, May 4, 2014 OVERNIGHT REGISTRATION

Please circle the package below that you would like.

Friday and Saturday Night Package: (per person, per night)

Standard:	Single: \$361.00	Double: \$237.	50 per per	:son
•	ight Package Includes ner banquet and Sunda	_		
Saturday Night Onl	y Package: (per pers	on)		
Standard:	Single: \$148.00		50 per per	son
	Package Includes: Sa breakfast buffet, servi			rday lunch, dinner
<u>S</u>	aturday Banquet En	trée: please ind	icate entré	e choice(s):
Grilled Chicken with	herb sauce Y	ankee Pot Roast		Baked Haddock
A registration fee	REGISTRATION will be charged to you overnight package a	ur account, which	n will be o	over and above the
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Name:				
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Arrival Date:	D	eparture Date:		
Number of Guests:	Sharer(s)) Name:		
Credit Card Number	er:		Ex	p. Date:
Please Mail To:	Lake Morey Resort P.O. Box 326 Fairlee, VT 05045	t	Toll Free Fax #	e # (800) 423-1211 (802) 333-4553



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 25 TH ., 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:	1 st ., 2 nd ., & 3 rd . Low gross, 1 st ., 2 nd ., 3 rd . 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 2 nd . & donated to the A/CMLC.			
ENTRY FORM:	Players name Handicap ————————————————————————————————————			
SENDER:	Email AddressAddress			
PAYMENT:	Checks payable to LMCC(Lake Morey Country Club). Mail to: Lion Stanley Patch, Jr., P.O. Box 2, Castleton, Vt. 05735.			

Call Lion Stan @ 802 468-5001, stanandmamie@myfairpoint.net

QUESTIONS:



May 2-3-4 Lake Morey Inn

2014 District 45 Lions Convention Kentucky Derby Party

Pontoon Boat Rides
Golf and Tennis Tournaments
Friday Night Dance

SAVE THE DATE

Heartland Lions Club

The Heartland Lions Club has had a busy start to the 2014 year. In January 2014, they sponsored a Zone Meeting, where the club was also named "club of the month" by District 45 for the month of October 2013. In February 2014, they captured Chucky, the traveling lion from Windsor club and he will be visiting until Monday, 10 March 2014. Chucky has enjoyed his visit so far by attending their annual Valentine's Day Dinner Dance. (see photo below with Lion Walter Hastings and enjoying himself).

They also had a successful Valentine's Day Dinner Dance held on Saturday, 15 February 2014. It was a pleasure to see many Lions at the event! The grand prize was a \$1,500 travel voucher from Wheelock Travel and congratulations to Lion

George and Lyndsay Lauzon on winning that prize. Mark your calendar as they are planning the event for next year on Saturday, 14 February 2015, which will be the 10th anniversary of this event. submitted by Lion Carol Greene

Chucky visiting Heartland Lions' Valentine's Day Dinner Dance





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