

The Communiqué



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Happy New Year to all Lions of D-45. I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season, and all your December service projects were successful and rewarding. With so many communities with people in need, it is indeed a great time to be a Lion. As we begin the New Year, I ask that every D-45 Lion commit to make a difference through service to your club, your community, your district, and Lions Clubs International. One kind act, times 1.4 million Lions – well, you do the math.

Time is drawing close for registering for our 100th Lions International Convention in Chicago. You can register on the LCI website www.lionsclubs.org then click on LCICON, or look in your LIONS Magazine for registration information. Also, register now for our Winter Cabinet meeting on Saturday, January 14th, at Capitol Plaza in Montpelier. See the schedule and complete the

registration in this *Communiqué*. We'll have a little different format in the morning sessions. Look for the schedule in this issue. Lion Sue Lindberg from our neighboring New Hampshire District 44-N will lead discussions on membership issues, challenges, and opportunities. Lion Sue is a graduate of LCI Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) and Faculty Development Institute (FDI), and brings some great experiences to share with us. FVDG Walter and SVDG Liz have completed the Lions Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, and will share their thoughts and experiences on leadership development needs and opportunities. So spread the word, for membership chairs, club leaders, committee chairs, past leaders, emerging leaders, and all Lions to join one of these interesting sessions.

I am delighted to share the good news this month that the Granville Lions Club has officially transferred into District 45. We welcome them, 29 members strong, and their Leo Club, with 14 members, engaged in their community. Please read their information article in this issue to learn of all of Granville Club's service and activities. Granville Lions will be attending the Cabinet meeting, please seek them out and give them all a hearty welcome to District 45. Special thanks to Lions Jay Niles and Roger Ellis, transition committee members, and to the Granville Lions leadership and members for all your work and diligence to make this happen.

By now, your Speak Out contests should be in the works. It's always a pleasure to hear the young adults present their thoughts with so much enthusiasm. These young adults are our future, and it's refreshing and reassuring to listen to them all. Contact Lions Jackie or Connie with any questions.

As we enter the New Year, during our 100th year of Lions, may we all strive to participate, strengthen, and dedicate ourselves and our clubs to service. Touch someone's life with kindness, and let them know we care.

Thank you all for all you do,

DG Joe



DISTRICT 45

Calendar

January 2017

14	Cabinet Meeting - Capital Plaza Hotel, Montpelier
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20	Deadline to submit items for Communique
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February 2017

11	Heartland Lions Club Valentine's Dinner Dance, W. Lebanon, NH
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20	Deadline to submit items for Communique
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March 2017

4	Lions Day with the United Nations - New York City
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20	Deadline to submit items for Communique
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April 2017

20	Deadline to submit items for Communique
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May 2017

20	Deadline to submit items for Communique
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Calendar

June 2017

20	Deadline to submit items for Communique
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July 2017

20	Deadline to submit items for Communique
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August 2017

20	Deadline to submit items for Communique
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September 2017

9	Manchester Lions Club - Maple Leaf Half Marathon and 5K, Manchester VT
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20	Deadline to submit items for Communique
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30	Hungry Lion Bike Tour Whitingham, VT www.hungrylionbiketour.com Tours from 10 to 75 miles
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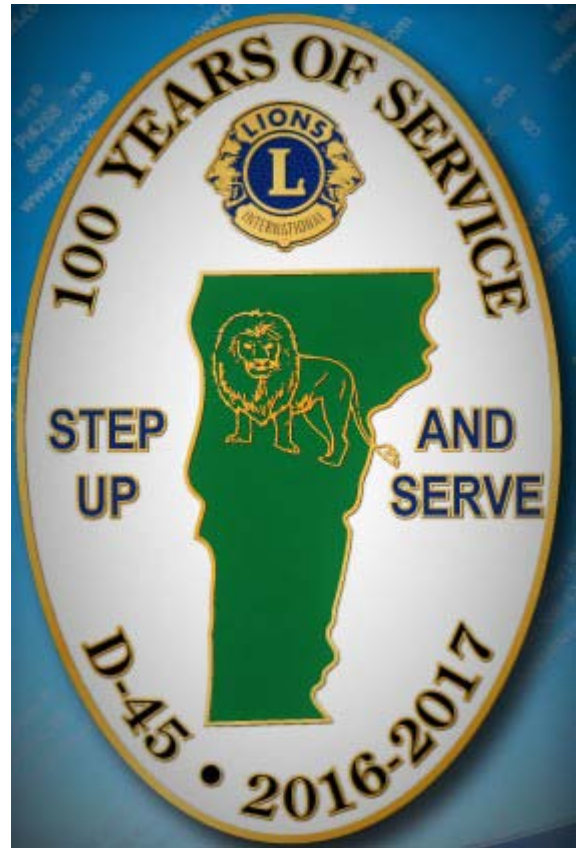
January through March 2017

Any Lions Club member from District 45, that makes a purchase at Olive & Ives (Manchesters Olive Oil and Balsamic Vinegar store) between January 1st and March 31st, Olive & Ives will donate **10% of your purchase** to the Bennington Lions Club.

Just show your Lions Club Membership card or tell the cashier at checkout which Lions Club you belong to.

4973 Main Street, (Green Mountain Commons)
 Manchester Center, VT 05255
 802-366-1899
oliveandives.com

**Vermont Lions District 45
Cabinet Meeting
Saturday, January 14, 2017
Capitol Plaza Hotel
100 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05602**



9:00 a.m.-11:30 am **Registration**
8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **Promotional Row**
8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **Fundraising, Silent
Auction, 200 Club,
50/50**

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. **Honorary**

9:30 a.m. **Call to Order**

9:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. **Session #1** Vermont Lions Charities - PDG Stan

Green Mountain Lions Camp -Lion Brian

Membership – Issues, Challenges, Opportunities
Lion Sue Lindberg

ALLI – Advanced Lions Leadership Institute
LCIF, Project Planning, Lions Learning
Center, Lions University, ELLI
VDG Walter, VDG Liz

12:00 Noon **Lunch**

12:30 p.m. **Guest Speaker – Dr. Dorothy Brodmann
Special Olympics Opening Eyes**

1:00 p.m. **Cabinet Meeting**

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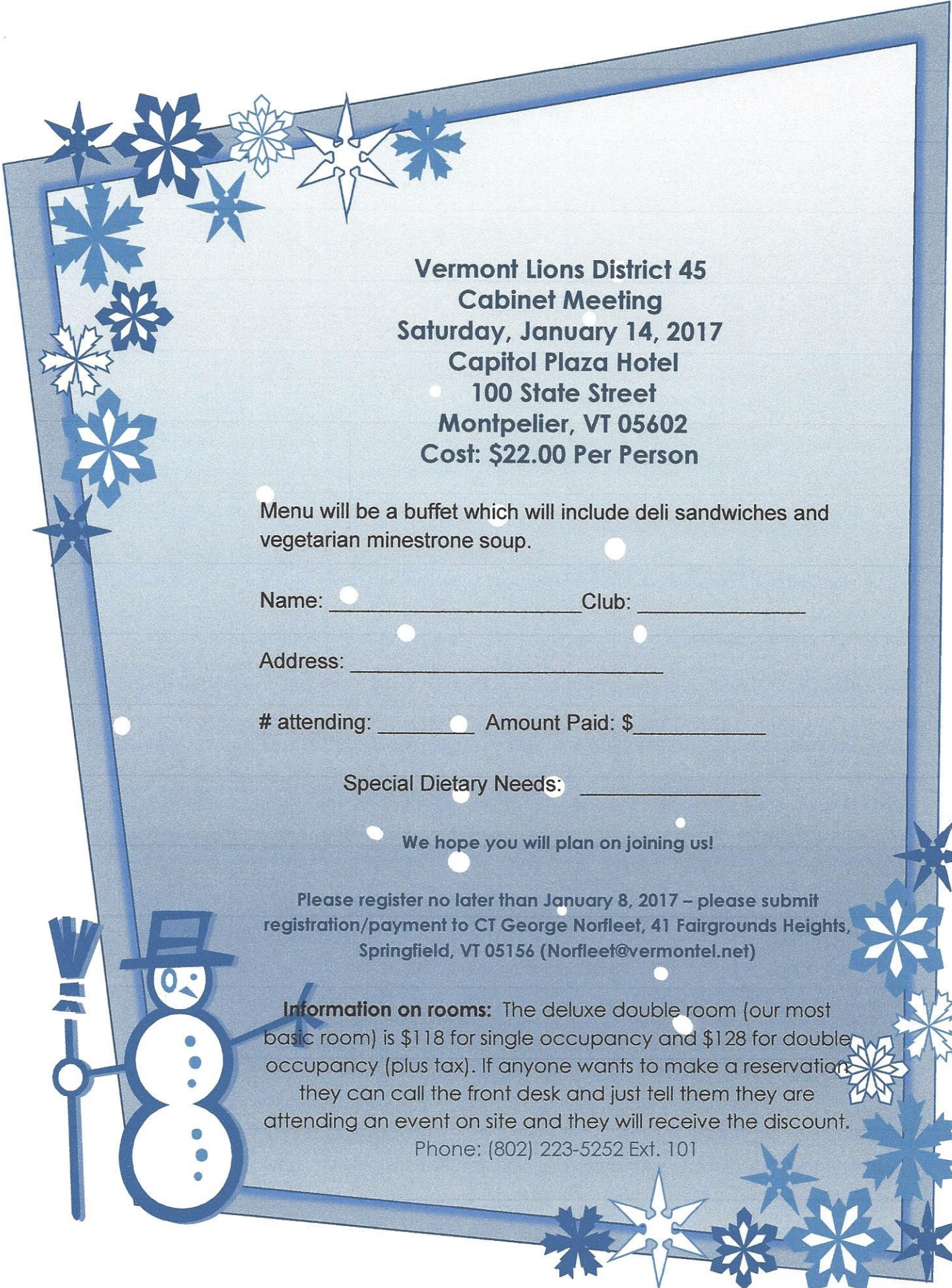
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**Vermont Lions District 45
Cabinet Meeting
Crown Plaza, Montpelier
Saturday January 14, 2017**

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Introductions
- Roll Call
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Honorary Committee Report
- Vermont Lions Charities
- Green Mountain Lions Camp
- Membership Report
- Leadership Report
- LCIF
- Sight and Hearing
- Lions Twin State Soccer
- Speak Out
- Vision Screening
- Food from the Heart
- Lions Quest
- Traveling Lion
- Fundraisers
- 200 Club – 50/50Old Business
- New Business
- DG Moment
- Lions Roar
- Adjourn



Vermont Lions District 45
Cabinet Meeting
Saturday, January 14, 2017
Capitol Plaza Hotel
• 100 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05602
Cost: \$22.00 Per Person

Menu will be a buffet which will include deli sandwiches and vegetarian minestrone soup.

Name: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____

attending: _____ Amount Paid: \$ _____


Special Dietary Needs: _____

We hope you will plan on joining us!

Please register no later than January 8, 2017 – please submit registration/payment to CT George Norfleet, 41 Fairgrounds Heights, Springfield, VT 05156 (Norfleet@vermontel.net)

Information on rooms: The deluxe double room (our most basic room) is \$118 for single occupancy and \$128 for double occupancy (plus tax). If anyone wants to make a reservation they can call the front desk and just tell them they are attending an event on site and they will receive the discount.

Phone: (802) 223-5252 Ext. 101





Attention Fellow D-45 Lions!

VLC “THE MONEY TREE”

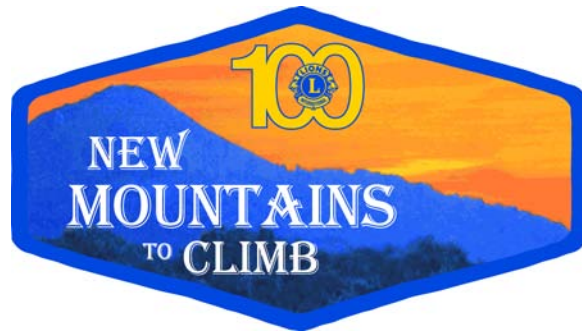
Vermont Lions Charities is announcing a new fundraiser; VLC “THE MONEY TREE” Raffle.

We have covered this tree with \$ 500.00 of VT Lottery Tickets! There will be three prizes: the Raffle’s First Place drawing wins all of the VT Lottery Tickets, 2nd Place is a \$ 200.00 cash prize and 3rd Place will be a \$ 100.00 cash prize.

All net proceeds will go into VLC’s General Fund to cover growing demands for Sight and other D-45 Club requests.

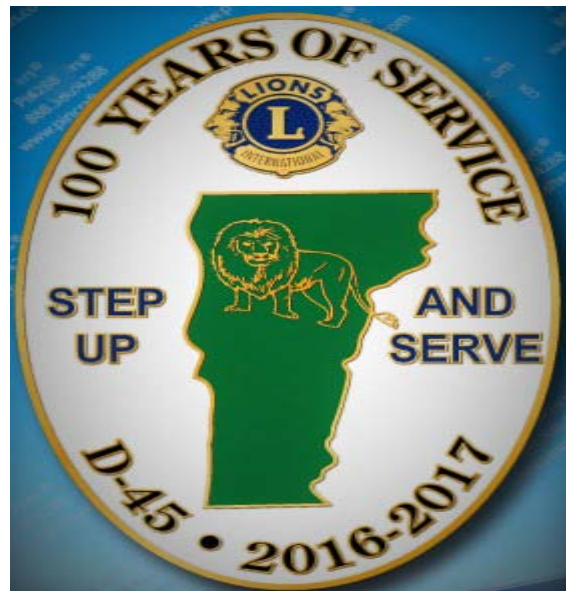
The cost of one Raffle ticket is \$10.00 or 3 tickets for \$ 20.00.

Envelopes containing 56 (seven sheets of 8) Raffle Tickets each, will be made available at the January 14th Cabinet Meeting or mailed directly to D-45 Club Secretaries. For additional tickets or any questions about the Raffle; please contact Lion Jackie Dutil, 802-247-3490 or at jdutil775@comcast.net . Thank you!



***** For all clubs and individual Lions who purchased a ticket for this year's LCIF Super Raffle, a nomination can be submitted for a Lion or non-Lion to receive a Melvin Jones Fellow. Nominations can be for a Lion in your club or another club or a non-Lion being a member of your community.

Nominations must be submitted in writing (letter or email) to PDG Ken Emery (kpemery1960@gmail.com) or any LCIF Super Raffle Committee member by no later than January 14, 2017. *****





Heartland Lions Club

Cordially invites you to our annual

Valentines Dinner-Dance

February 11th 2017

5:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Social hour begins at 5:30 pm

Dinner served at 6:15 pm

Dancing from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm

Live music provided by Smoke and Mirrors

Many door prizes including a
\$1500 Travel Voucher Grand Prize

Fireside Inn

25 Airport Road

West Lebanon, NH

Discounted room rates available.

Tickets: \$100/couple (advance purchase only)

All proceeds go to local charities.

Please contact:

royalcakes@charter.net

or call (802) 291-2429

**CASTLETON LIONS 14TH ANNUAL
FISH FRY**

WHEN: SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

WHERE: AMERICAN LEGION, RT 4A, CASTLETON

Special note: Social time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm featuring a 50/50 Raffle, door prizes and a “great” silent raffle

DINNER BUFFET: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Buffet menu: Fish chowder, assortment of local fish(perch, trout, bass, pike, crappie, bullhead & smelt), baked potato, green beans, chicken strips, rolls & desserts(homemade pies) & coffee.

COST: \$20.00 per person, 12 & under, \$10.00

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

.....clip and mail for reservations.....

**CASTLETON LIONS ANNUAL FISH FRY
AMERICAN LEGION - CASTLETON
SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017**

Name.....address.....

.....

Phone #.....

Number attending ___ at \$20 per person, am't enclosed.....

___ at \$12 per person, am't enclosed.....

Send to: Lion Stanley Patch, Jr., P.O. 2, Castleton, Vt 05735



D45 Eyeglass Recycling

At the 10/22/16 D45 Cabinet Meeting VT Lions made the decision to stop using Lens Crafters OneSight as our partner for our recycling efforts. This was done because OneSight changed their policy. *OneSight believes in giving its very best to those that need it most. This belief led us to evaluate the use of recycled eyewear at Vision Clinics. Starting in 2014 OneSight has dispensed 100% new eyewear to patients, we do*

accept eyewear donations to be responsibly recycled. Donated eyewear is disassembled and sent to a third party recycler that utilizes the raw materials. OneSight receives modest funds based on weight that supports charitable programs. Small quantities of collected eyewear can be dropped off at your local LensCrafters, Sears Optical or Pearle Vision locations. Large quantities should be shipped at the donor's expense directly to the eyewear processing center.

Based upon this information D45 has decided to partner with the LCI certified Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in New Jersey.

Clubs should continue to bring their eyeglasses to any cabinet meeting EXCEPT for the spring conference, or bring them directly to the Vergennes Lions Club. The Vergennes Lions will store the eyeglasses and maintain the official club count for the purposes of our D45 recycling competition. Once each year the Vergennes Lions will deliver all of D45's collected glasses to the New Jersey Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center. The New Jersey Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (NJLERC) at the Katzenbach School in West Trenton, NJ handles approximately 1,200,000 pair each year.

The purpose of the NJLERC as an organization is to collect, clean, neutralize and designate the prescription of used eyeglasses and to store and package them for distribution to needy groups and individuals throughout the world. Soon after its inception, NJLERC obtained a 501(c) 3 classification from the IRS as a Non-Profit Organization (6/10/97). NJLERC also received a State of New Jersey "Tax Exempt Organization" permit (11/06/97). The center became a New Jersey Lions "State Approved" Project in 2000 and is recognized by Lions Club International as one of eleven approved centers in operation in the United States. Since NJLERC began keeping records back in 1997-1998, NJLERC has collected approximately 10,883,203 pair of eyeglasses and distributed 1,256,335 pair of eyeglasses. We are extremely proud of all our volunteers and New Jersey Lions Clubs for their steadfast support over the years, for without them we could not accomplish our mission of giving the gift of sight. The NJLERC maintains normal hours of operation Monday through Wednesday between 9:30 am and 3:00 pm.



ATTENTION: D45 LIONS CLUBS!
2016-2017 SPEAK OUT CONTEST
“NEW MOUNTAINS to CLIMB”



Fellow Lions:

“NEW MOUNTAINS to CLIMB”; the new theme from International President Chancellor Bob Corlew, 2016-2017! Please check out his theme on the International website www.lionsclub.org I encourage all District 45 Clubs to participate in this years Speak - Out Contest, by inviting your high school juniors and seniors to share their ideas of this very inspirational theme, “NEW MOUNTAINS to CLIMB,” with your club and our District.

I am including the materials needed for this year’s contest but if you have never participated before and would like help to get started, please feel free to contact either myself or my co-chair, Lion Connie St. George, we will be happy to help your clubs chairperson get started out on the right foot.

There is no time like the present to get started; the D45 Speak-Out Contest will be on March 11, 2017 at the American Legion in Chester, VT.

Yours in Service,

Lion Jackie Dutil, jdutil775@comcast.net
2015-2016 Speak-Out Contest Chairperson, 802-247-3490
Lion Connie St. George, sunsetcarpentry1@juno.com
2015-2016 Speak-Out Co-Chairperson, 802-352-4686

Speak Out Contest 2016-2017

For all juniors and seniors



**Sponsored by:
Brandon-Forest Dale & Pittsford Lions
Clubs**

**And D 45 Vermont Lions
Topic: "NEW MOUNTAINS to CLIMB"**



Time: 5 to 7 min.

NOTE: This is a three level contest. The winner of our local Contest will advance to participate in Regional Contest if necessary. All finalists go on to the State Level Contest which will be held on March 11, 2017 VT at the American Legion, Chester, VT.

The Local Contest will be held at a Lions Club Meeting on: January 17, 2017 at 6:30PM.

Lions Meet at the Methodist Church, Route 7, Brandon)

JUDGING CRITERIA: Address Theme.....20pts.
Development of Theme.....50pts.
Expression and Delivery.....30pts

Each Judge may direct one question on the subject to the speaker at the conclusion of the speech.

LOCAL PRIZES

1st Place: \$200 2nd Place: \$150 3rd Place: \$75

Possible Regional Contest: To Be Determined

STATE FINALS

1st: \$300 2nd: \$150 3rd: \$75



Speak Out Contest 2016-2017

For juniors and seniors



Sponsored by the
CLUB NAME:

**And Vermont District 45
Lions**

Topic: **"NEW MOUNTAINS to CLIMB"**

Time: between 5 and 7 minutes!



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Lions Meet at: (_____)

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Expression and Delivery.....30pts

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PRIZES!

LOCAL CONTEST

1st Place:

2nd Place:

3rd Place:

Possible Regional Contest: To Be Determined if necessary

STATE FINALS!

1st: \$300

2nd: \$160

3rd: \$75

4th or more \$ 25

CONTACT PERSON: LION





**DISTRICT 45-LIONS OF VERMONT
SPEAK OUT CONTEST 2016-2017)**

“NEW MOUNTAINS to CLIMB”



Duration of Speech	LESS THAN	FIVE MINUTES	5-7 Minutes Required	Total Time	Total Points
Addressing the Theme (20 Points)	Effort made to address the Theme was lacking in quality (0-4 Points)	Good effort was made to address the Theme (5-10 Points)	Very good effort was made to address the Theme (11-19 Points)	Outstanding effort was made in addressing the Theme (20 Points)	
Developing the Theme (50 Points)	Effort to develop the Theme was lacking in clarity & organization (0-24 Points)	Good effort was made to develop the Theme (25-39 Points)	Very good effort was made to develop the Theme (40-49 Points)	Outstanding job was done of developing the Theme (50 Points)	
Clarity & Expression (30 Points)		Good effort of expressing the points being made – relatively confident in presentation (1-14 Points)	Very good effort of expressing the points being made – shows confidence in presentation (15-24 Points)	Excellent effort of expressing points being made – very confident & dynamic in presentation (25-30 Points)	
Name					Total Points

**2016-2017 SPEAK-OUT CONTEST
“NEW MOUNTAINS to CLIMB”
March 11, 2017 American Legion, Chester, VT**

SPEAK-OUT INFORMATION:

- 1. Included is an example of the Brandon-Forest Dale-Pittsford Lions Clubs Speak-Out Contest form (example of two clubs that work together from a union school). Your Club sets its own prize money.**
- 2. Your clubs form to fill in your information on.**
- 3. The judging form.**

Advise the participants to read the International President’s message on the theme of the contest; go to www.lionsclub.org .

THINGS TO DO IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER:

- 1. Assign a Speak-Out Chairperson in your club.**
- 2. Find a contact person, preferably at the (High School): the head of the English Department or a Guidance Counselor are excellent options. Other possible contacts: local 4-H and Scout Group Leaders, Debate Coach, etc.**

D-45 Centennial Coordinator's Corner

Centennial Service Challenge

For nearly 100 years, Lions have changed lives in their communities and around the world. In celebration of our Centennial in 2017, Lions everywhere are being challenged to serve 100 million people. You're invited to join the celebration by helping us reach our goal. Your club can earn special Centennial recognition by hosting a service project that benefits Youth, Vision, Hunger or the Environment. Don't miss your chance to be a part of this historic event—start planning your next Centennial Service Challenge event today!



Centennial Membership Awards

The Centennial Celebration Membership Awards provides all Lions and Lions clubs the opportunity to earn special *Limited Edition* awards for inviting new members and helping to organize new clubs.



Centennial Community Legacy Projects

Connect with your community and build your Lion legacy by planning a Centennial Community Legacy Project during our Centennial Celebration. Legacy Projects are visible gifts to your community that commemorate our Centennial and create a lasting legacy of your service contributions.



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**Vermont Lions Vision Screening Results
Over 10,000 Children Already Screened This Year!
September 1 -December 20, 2016**

Club	Number of Schools	Number of Children	Number of Referrals	Number of Adults
Springfield	27	3,706	337	101
Castleton	8	1,204	125	16
Arlington/Bennington /NorShaft	26	1,976	185	0
Colchester/Essex	3	118	14	100
Middlebury	16	964	84	
Barre	16	2,423	225	28
Total:	96	10,391	970	245



District 45 Vision Screener Schedule and Availability

Host Location:	Bennington Area	Springfield Area	Castleton Area	Essex Area
Contact:	norshaftlions@aol.com	mygabob@vermontel.net	topsun@comcast.net	cjcbeagles@aol.com
Month	w/o			
October	31 Richford	Springfield Area	Castleton Area	Middlebury/ Colchester (11/4)
November	7 Richford	Springfield Area	Brandon	Troy & Area
	14 Richford	Springfield Area	Castleton Area	Troy & Area
	21 Richford	Springfield Area		Troy & Area
	28 Mark Collette	Springfield Area		Troy & Area
December	5 Mark Collette	Middlebury	Brandon	Essex
	12	Middlebury	Brandon	Essex
	19			
	26			
January	2 Londonderry	Springfield Area	Brandon	Jericho/Underhill
	9 Londonderry	Springfield Area	Bradon/Castleton 1/11	Jericho/Underhill
	16 Londonderry	Springfield Area	Castleton	Jericho/Underhill
	23 Londonderry	Springfield Area	Castleton	Jericho/Underhill
	30 Londonderry	Springfield Area	Castleton	
February	6 Enosberg			Jericho/Underhill
	13 Enosberg			Jericho/Underhill
	20 Enosberg			Jericho/Underhill
	27 Enosberg			Jericho/Underhill

The camera is available wherever there is no club listed.

Contact Phylis Porio (norshaftlions@aol.com) to reserve a camera and before booking the school.



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Month	w/o	
March	6	
	13	
	20	
	27	
April	3	
	10	
	17	
	23	
	30	
May	1	
	8	Walk-a-thon
	15	Walk-a-thon
	22	
	29	

As of 12-20-16

**NOTE: Cameras are already booked for September and October 2017.
 Make your request for a camera NOW for 2017
 Contact Phylis Porio (norshaftlions@aol.com or 802-442-0380)**

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Month	w/o
May	1
	8
	15
	22
	29

As of 8-30-16

Club News

Orleans

The Orleans Lions had two events in the month of December. The first one was our 'Orleans Lions Annual Children's Christmas Variety Show' (26 years) with Santa and snacks and gifts for all children. We had about 170 people attend our free show with about 90 of them children. The pics bellow show a couple with Santa, Lion Kimball Johnson, and one of the hall full of people enjoying the snacks and their gift from us. The second event was our Warm the Children fund raiser where our Club gathers for some cheer, bring items to be auctioned off by Lion Dave Campbell, and purchased by our members. We raised \$1,400 for this worthy cause.



Brandon Forest Dale

To District 45 Members:

The Brandon Forest Dale Lions Club has again received the sad news of a Club Members passing away this month. Lion Dave Rowden passed away on Friday, December 16, 2016.

Calling hours are at Miller Ketchum Funeral Home, Route 7, Brandon, VT on Thursday, 12/22/16, from 3 to 7 P.M.

The Funeral Service is at the Congregational Church, Route 7, Brandon, VT on Friday, 12/23/16 at 11:00 A.M.

For those who would like to send a card of condolence; Lion Dave's wife's name and address is: Sally Rowden, 70 Mountain Meadow, Brandon, VT 05733

Thank you.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Jackie Dutil; President, Brandon-Forest Dale Lions Club

Club News

Lions & Rotary Join Forces to Combat Hunger and Food Insecurity

Since 2012, the local chapters of two international service clubs - the Whitingham-Halifax Lions and the Deerfield Valley Rotary - have been working together to bring light and joy to hundreds in the Deerfield Valley who are in need of food. And the December 2016 "Holiday Food Basket" project proved to be their largest joint endeavor to date.

On a very snowy December 17th, Lions & Rotarians spread out from Halifax to Wardsboro to deliver food to over 150 families, and visited another 66 individuals with cheer-up poinsettias. This year, the Readsboro Lions also joined in and made food deliveries to more than a dozen families there. All told, the groups served 500 people.

Volunteers from the clubs spend hundreds of hours each year raising money, organizing, and carrying out the program goals. A large part of their fundraising efforts is focused on the Hungry Lion Bike Tour, which is held the last Saturday of September. This year, between local partners and cyclists and their sponsors, the Tour netted \$25,000 to help fund anti-hunger projects and other important programs in the Valley.

Literally tons of food staples are distributed to people in need. Much of the food is purchased from the Vermont Food Bank, which gives the clubs terrific value, and allows organizers to provide each family with plenty of nutritious food.

Lions club member Jennifer Betit-Engel says, "It feels good to give back to such a loving community. Many folks are very proud and would have a hard time asking for help – those are the ones who we try to target the most."

She adds, "Our awesome volunteers make it manageable. We not only had an "all hands on deck" approach with our Lions and Rotary clubs, but also had some incredible volunteers from the community. These guys stepped up and met us at grocery stores to bring back loads of food, helped us unload our food and produce deliveries, helped bag up thousands of dollars worth of fresh fruits and vegetables and even helped pack and deliver the groceries. Without our volunteers, it wouldn't be possible. Thank you to everyone in the community who helped with the Holiday Baskets."

Says volunteer Brian Sullivan of Jacksonville, "The Holiday Baskets are one of the most important events in the Valley. Our family loves being able to help!"

According to volunteer drivers who delivered the goods, recipients were overjoyed at receiving food baskets. One woman in a walker said this was the best Christmas present ever! When asked if she wanted help putting away the groceries, she said, "No, this will take me all day, but I can't wait to fill my cupboards." Another gentleman said, "I'm speechless, I don't know how to thank you all. I don't know the last time I've seen the cupboards this full." Another said, "My mom is still thinking of what to write to thank you – a pretty big deal to make her speechless." Another elderly lady said, "I can't believe anyone knew I was even here, I'm so tickled! Merry Christmas indeed."

ON THE WEB:

<http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/whitinghamhalifax/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Deerfield-Valley-Rotary-Club-109741592450415/?fref=nf>

<http://www.hungrylionbiketour.com/>

The local service clubs, and the Hungry Lion Bike Tour, are also found on FaceBook.

Club News



CLUB NEWS
GRANVILLE LIONS CLUB
www.granvillelionsclub.com
Like us on Facebook

The Granville Lions Club looks forward to being part of District 45. We appreciate the warm welcome we have received. By sharing our projects and events that we provide for our community and learning about other ways to serve from the District 45 Clubs we can provide meaningful experiences for the members of our community. This is a new beginning for us and we are excited to bring a new future to the Club.

We would like to express our appreciation to Immediate Past District Governor Pam Nichols and District Governor Joe Wilson for their advice and support in the transfer process.



Lions and their guests say hello at our Christmas party at the American Legion.

The Granville Lions and Leos sponsor American Red Cross Blood Drives at Granville High School in November and April. The Club coordinates with the Red Cross in advertising the drives and obtaining sign ups. Club members operate the registration table, refreshment table and provide support during the day. Leo members recruit students at the high school to give blood-many for the first time. Our recent drive netted 26 pints of blood including 3 units of power red.

Pictured are King Lion Lee Comar and Drive Coordinator Lion Mary Ann Niles at the registration table and Lion Gordie Smith donating a power red.



One of our premier events of the year is Kids Christmas shopping. For over 20 years Lion Gordie Smith has organized this event. Lion Gordie consults with schools in Granville, Wells and Pawlet to obtain a list of 20 elementary aged children whose families need support for Christmas. Club members and Leos are assigned to each youngster for the shopping extravaganza. Club members and Leos meet at Scottie's in Granville for a joint breakfast, receive their assignments, travel to each home to pick up the children then proceed to Big Lots to shop for each family. Each child has \$20 to spend on each family member. The Leos really are wonderful with the children during the shopping. We then travel to the American Legion to wrap gifts, enjoy pizza and soda and have special stocking gifts from Santa Clause-1st VP Lion Roger Ellis-then are brought home by the Lions. This is a very meaningful experience for us and the joy shown by the children is wonderful to behold.



The Slate Valley Museum sponsors the Festival of Trees as part of the First Friday events in conjunction with the Village Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. Community groups and individuals can design a tree to display at the Museum. The Lions Club creates a tree each year with this year's design depicting the theme "Peace Around the World". Pictured are Lions Sheila Comar and Linda Ellingsworth decorating the Lion's Christmas tree.

We try to provide a special experience during the Christmas season for the senior citizens who live at the Mountain View Commons Senior Housing in Granville. The Club invites the citizens for a luncheon with several club members at AJ's Restaurant. The thirty two senior citizens enjoyed a special turkey dinner luncheon. Santa Clause (Lion Roger Ellis) presented each senior a Christmas stocking of goodies prepared by Linda Barrett, spouse of Lion Ron Barrett. Lion Roger is busy this time of year.



The Christmas season events concluded with five Lions volunteering to do Salvation Army Bell ringing at Tractor Supply. Pictured is bell ringer Lion Ron Barrett.



Funnies



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Editor's Corner

A note from the Editor:

Please be sure to format your Communique submission before sending it. It should be print ready. Please try to avoid typing your submission into the body of an email. Submissions that are in Word or PDF format are preferred. Thanks!

Happy Ski Season!

Lion Amy Herrmann

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1st: When sending correspondence to be included in the Communiqué, please put **'For Communique'** in the subject line of the email. Emails to communique@d45lions.com are received by several Lions and we need to be sure that it is directed properly.

2nd: A quick Marketing 101 reminder: Be sure to include the 5 W's. Who? What? When? Where? Why? and How? when sending information for inclusion in the Communiqué.

For example (and a shameless plug!): (Who)The Manchester Lions Club will be hosting (What) the Maple Leaf Half Marathon, a Top Ten Fall Event, on (When) Saturday September 10, 2016 (Where)The event begins at ends at the Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park, 340 Rec Park Road, Manchester, Vermont. (Why)Monies raised from the event are donated back to the community in the form of scholarships and donations. (How) For more information or to register please visit our website at www.manchestervtmapleleaf.com

3rd: Start advertising your event months in advance. Don't wait until the September Communiqué to promote a September event. Send the information as early as possible. I'll get it on the calendar and begin promoting it for you.

Lastly: Please submit items in one of the following formats: **PDF, Word, or JPEG**. Please help me get the Communique posted on time each month by submitting items early and in the proper format. I do have the ability to edit just about anything but would prefer print-ready submissions (in the interest of time).

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