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Greetings to Fellow Lion Leaders,

In my very first letter to all of you, I used this greeting, to acknowledge that all of you who are reading this letter are LEADERS, with the motivation and skills to continue to make a difference in your local Clubs. Now I must add that you have shown these same leadership skills in our joint working together across Vermont, as District 45.

Just think about:

- The Blankets for children with cancer,
- The 10,000 meals for hungry Vermonters,
- The massive support of Vermont Lions Camp
- The Vision Screening effort for the sake of our children
- The LCIF Campaign 100
- The many projects to come!!

**Together We Serve**

As well as this, we need to celebrate the additions of NEW LIONS and the growth of D45 into the future. With 33 Clubs, we have added 61 new Lions during the year.

Each one of our new Lions represent new ideas, new vision, new passion to serve. My thanks to the Clubs who are nurturing these new Lions, making them feel welcome and including them in all the wonderful activities - as well as encouraging them to bring THEIR friends to join us!!

Looking forward:

- February is **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**. Consider contacting the organizations that you gave the blankets to, following upon any other needs that we can support. Remember Vt. Lions Charities is making grants available to families who have children receiving therapy - consider support for our VT. Charity in your budgets.
- Many Clubs are involved in **Food From the Heart Program** this month. Please plan on reporting your contributions, so that we can celebrate together. Our neighbors need our help.
- March 12 is our **Day under the Dome** in Montpelier. Many thanks to PDG Tommy for arranging this. There will be more ways for you to join in on this celebration of 80 Years of Lions in Vermont. Watch this space!!
- We are holding our **Cabinet Meeting** at the Middlebury American Legion on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March. Mark your calendar and join us for a busy, informative and fun day. The focus will be on Diabetes. Look in the Communique and other announcements for all the details.
- Behind the scenes, there is a hard working group of Lions, planning our **May Convention in Rutland (May 3-4-5)** Please note these dates and plan on joining together to celebrate an amazing year of service. A huge LION ROAR!

Finally, I want to say a humble 'Thank You' to all of you for your kind thoughts and prayers for my husband Mike, as he recovers from surgery and complications. He is making good progress and wants me to pass on his thanks as well and he hopes to see you all at the Conference in May.

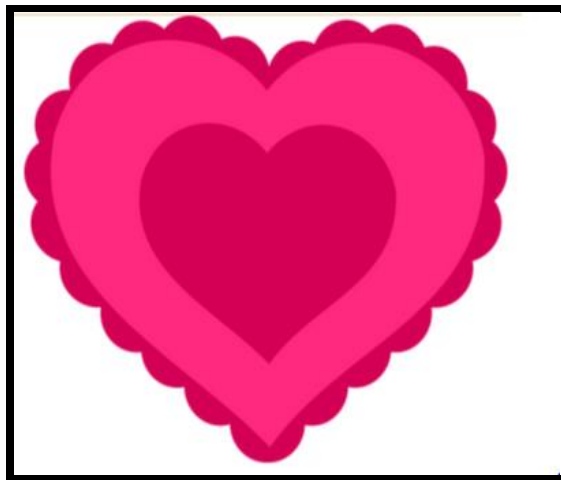
I look forward to continuing my visits around the State, celebrating your successes, welcoming in new Lions and saying a huge thank you for your continuing service to your communities.

*DG Liz*

## District 45 Calendar and Events

|               |                                                                                                     |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2/2019        | Food from the Heart                                                                                 |
| 2/16/2019     | <a href="#">Lake Bomoseen Ice Fishing Derby</a>                                                     |
| 2/20/2019     | <a href="#">Capture Region 1 Traveling Lion in Essex</a>                                            |
| 3/2/2019      | Calcutta – benefit the <a href="#">Green</a> Mountain Lions Camp                                    |
| 3/9/2019      | 41 <sup>st</sup> Annual Lions Day at the <a href="#">United Nations</a>                             |
| 3/12/2019     | Lions at the <a href="#">State House</a> , Montpelier                                               |
| 3/16/2019     | D45 Cabinet Meeting, Middlebury – Speak Out Contest                                                 |
| 3/18/2019     | <a href="#">Capture Region 3 Traveling Lion in Heartland</a>                                        |
| 3/30/3019     | NELC Winter Conference, Warwick, Rhode Island                                                       |
| 4/26/2019     | <a href="#">Georgia Lions Food Trailer at the VT Maple Festival</a>                                 |
| 5/2-5/4/2019  | D45 Spring Conference 2019, Rutland                                                                 |
| 6/8/2019      | Bass Tournament - Plunder Bay Open – Castleton Lions Club                                           |
| 7/7-7/27/2019 | Green Mountain Lions Camp                                                                           |
| On going      | Vision Camera <a href="#">Availability</a>                                                          |
|               | <b>Don't see your club's activity listed?</b><br><b>Email it to the <a href="#">Communique</a>!</b> |
|               |                                                                                                     |

***Editor's note:*** Reminder all submission for the Communique must be submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month, with the 15<sup>th</sup> being the publish date. Submissions after the 10<sup>th</sup> cannot be guaranteed to make it in. Please be sure to email it to [Communique](#).



**Lions D45 March Cabinet Meeting  
March 16, 2019**

Middlebury American Legion Post 27  
49 Wilson Rd. (Behind G. Stone Motors)  
Middlebury, Vermont 05753



**Registration opens at 8:00 am  
Coffee and Donuts**

**LUNCH: Lasagna - meat or spinach -- plus tossed salad, rolls and butter**

**Cost: \$12.00 which includes lunch and meeting.**

**(Please print)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club/District Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cabinet Meeting: \$12.00 pp x \_\_\_\_\_ (# attending) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please make your reservation by Friday, March 8, 2019**

**Make your check payable to Vermont District 45 and mail to:**

**CT Lion Brenda Seitz, 724 Hinesburg Road,  
Brattleboro, VT 05301  
Email: blseitz92@gmail.com  
Phone: 802.257.0901**

## Guiding Lion Training .....A SUCCESS!!!!



District 44N held Guiding Lion Training on Saturday, February 9, 8 am at Delta Dental Concord, NH

Lions attending came away with valuable information on how to:  
Strengthen and grow any club  
Help with conflict resolution  
Make meetings more fun and exciting  
Have better service projects

Kudos to District 45 for sending 6 Lions!

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### **Tail-Twister Moment**

*At the next cabinet meeting you will pay a find if:*  
*-do not wear something green*  
*-asked someone in the past two (2) weeks to be a member*



**VERMONT LIONS CHARITIES**  
**Cabinet meeting report - Canadian Club,**  
**Barre, Vermont**

My address at this cabinet meeting will be rather brief this afternoon due to the fact that Vermont Lions Charities is in the first month of our 26th year. Understand also that our calendar year begins on January 1st and ends on December 31.

Our mission/ purpose remains unchanged...to receive "tax deductible donations, apply for grants, receive the proceeds from various District fundraisers and to distribute funds to various committees to fund their various charitable activities and yes, to assist persons in those areas of the state where there are no Lions clubs.

On the flipside of the coin, we are beginning to expand our willingness to assist in other areas...largely brought about by our involvement in the District webpage and face book. At times we get an influx of all types of requests and the VLC Board looks at them on an individual basis and clearly, reaching decisions to support or not are quite difficult at times.

Here are a few examples of how we are now looking beyond eyeglass assistance requests.

- . Funds to assist in the area of interpret expense for the Brattleboro Lions club.
- . Pediatric cancer stipends of \$500.00 per yr/max 2 yrs
- . Grace Cottage Hospital: \$3,250.00 to purchase generators
- . Flood relief
- . SLAMTID
- . Twospecific requests discussed at our VLC Board meeting this morning:
  - . A 12 yr old who has a rare gene mutation; KCTD7(only 5 such cases in the United States and the only child at the Boston Children's Being treated for the disease. This 12 yr old was once able to talk, walk, ride a bike and eat. Now he relies on his family for all of his daily living needs(ADL's). Child currently weights 10lbs. and needs to be carried.
  - .result, the need for a lift to move him from his bed to his wheel chair, wheel chair to bathtub, wheel chair to recliner and recliner to changing table. Cost of ceiling lift; \$10,000.00.

Decision of VLC Board: \$5000.00

. A 2 year old in Middlesex recently diagnosed with a rare disease and is now legally blind and family is hoping for a service dog; cost factor, \$17,000.00. The entire story of this 2 yr old has been featured on mychamplainvalley.com •.child was diagnosed with a mutation of his KCNQ3 gene; a condition that causes developmental delays, seizures and cortical vision impairment(brain does not process vision correctly leaving him legally blind.) Service dog being supplied by "Paws for Ability" and as of my review, had raised \$1650.00.

Decision of VLC Board: \$5000.00

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Stan Patch, Jr., PDG President, VLC





## REGION 1 CALCUTTA

\*\*\*\$1,000 GRAND PRIZE\*\*\*

SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2019

5 P.M. SOCIAL  
6 P.M. DINNER  
7 P.M. CALCUTTA

VFW POST # 6689  
73 PEARL ST. ESSEX JCT. VT

ONLY 200 TICKETS SOLD  
INCLUDING HAM DINNER \$35 PER TICKET (ONLY 75 WITH MEAL)  
NO MEAL - \$25 PER TICKET

FOR TICKETS CALL PDG BETSY AT 578-8188  
OR PCT LOREEN AT 899-1363

The Green Mountain Lions Camp is a camp that Vermont Lions District 45 host for children who are deaf or hard of hearing welcoming their siblings and friends (even if not deaf or hearing impaired). This camp allows these children the ability to enjoy the pleasures of a summer camp, providing unique opportunities for them to participate in activities which might not be otherwise available for them. Vermont Lions District 45 make sure to have barbecues, picnics, excursions and other summertime enjoyments available for them.

Again, this year's camp will be held at our new location, Covenant Hills Christian Camp, located just off Route 2 in Cabot. At this location, the children will enjoy hiking trails, fields to play on, a barn for indoor activities, a craft cabin, waterfront swimming and boating and much, much more. Memories are to be made and forever friendships are formed. It is hoped that the camp will remain at this same location for many, many years.

Region 1 Lions Clubs (Colchester, Enosburg, Essex Jct., Georgia,

Jericho - Underhill, Richford, Swanton-Mississquoi, Williston)

VT Lions D45 Region 1 Voucher G M L C Calcutta

**March 2, 2019 7:00 P.M. VFW, Pearl St. Essex Jct.**

Social 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Calcutta 7:00 p.m.

Maximum 200 tickets sold - Attendance not required to win

Donation: With Meal \$35 per ticket, only 75 to be sold

No meals \$25 per ticket, 125 tickets to be sold



**GRAND PRIZE: \$1,000**



Vouchers will be assigned a number (attending / non-attending)  
Deadline to purchase tickets with meal / to attend: February 23, 2019  
Deadline to purchase non-attending tickets: 6:00 p.m. March 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check: Meal / Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ No meal / Non-Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate name of person attending IF NOT ticket owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail voucher (indicate attending / non-attending) and money (check payable to Vermont Lions District 45 to: PDG Betsy MaGee, 7 South Summit St., Essex Jct. VT 05452  
OR PCT Loreen Teer, 2B Rabbit Run, Underhill VT 05489  
For more information please call PDG Betsy at (802)578-8188 or PCT Loreen at (802) 899-1363



Vermont Lions Charities presents



## **THE FEBRUARY 2019 CASH-FEST**

- 28 Chances to Win – Each ticket is entered into every day's drawing.
- Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20.00.
- Total cash payout \$1500.00

### **Rules**

- You need not be present to Win.
- Drawing to be held March 16, 2019 (March Cabinet Meeting).
- Prizes to be mailed to winners about March 16th, 2019.
- Please return all “sold” tickets to a VLC Board Member by noon on March 16th, 2019 or mail to Lion Woody Stoddard, 163 Whitney Road, Springfield, VT 05156 no later than March 6, 2019.

# February 2019 Cash Fest

| SUNDAY              | MONDAY             | TUESDAY            | WEDNESDAY          | THURSDAY            | FRIDAY                                                                          | SATURDAY           |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                     |                    |                    |                    |                     | \$100 <sup>1</sup>                                                              | \$50 <sup>2</sup>  |
| \$100 <sup>3</sup>  | \$25 <sup>4</sup>  | \$25 <sup>5</sup>  | \$50 <sup>6</sup>  | \$25 <sup>7</sup>   | \$25 <sup>8</sup>                                                               | \$50 <sup>9</sup>  |
| \$75 <sup>10</sup>  | \$25 <sup>11</sup> | \$25 <sup>12</sup> | \$50 <sup>13</sup> | \$200 <sup>14</sup> | \$25 <sup>15</sup>                                                              | \$50 <sup>16</sup> |
| \$100 <sup>17</sup> | \$25 <sup>18</sup> | \$25 <sup>19</sup> | \$50 <sup>20</sup> | \$25 <sup>21</sup>  | \$25 <sup>22</sup>                                                              | \$50 <sup>23</sup> |
| \$100 <sup>24</sup> | \$25 <sup>25</sup> | \$25 <sup>26</sup> | \$50 <sup>27</sup> | \$100 <sup>28</sup> | DRAWING TO BE HELD<br>MARCH 16, 2019<br>Raffle Tickets: \$10 each or 3 for \$20 |                    |

## Club News



IPDG Walter Hastings (Heartland Lions) takes time to visit CHaD (Children's Hospital at Dartmouth) to deliver blankets for pediatric cancer patients.







**THE BENNINGTON LIONS CLUB  
SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF  
BENNINGTON, POWNAL AND WOODFORD  
THE LIONS PEN  
FEBRUARY 2019**



**Happy St. Valentines Day  
JANUARY MEETING**



The District Governor had to cancel due to some family health issues. We held our Board Meeting and discussed the need for new members and fund raisers.

**FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITATION** Tuesday, February 12 starting at 6:30PM at the Mount Anthony Country Club. **PLEASE plan to attend this very important meeting with the DG.** We would like all members to take part in the discussion we have concerning our Club and its future. The meal is Roaring Branch fresh scrod or a chef's salad.

**SAND BUCKETS** To date we have delivered 20 buckets. Winter isn't over yet so we will continue to deliver more buckets. Please contact Lion Bob, Lion Kerry or Lion Sharon for information or if you know of anyone who needs a bucket.

**12,000 MEALS** That is the number of meals for food pantries that the Lions packed at the last Cabinet Meeting. Since members from our club helped we received two cases of the meals - macaroni and cheese - and will deliver them to HIS Pantry.

**WHAT! That's what I said.** At the Board Meeting we received thank you notes from the care facilities we gave donations to for their activities fund. The note received from The Elms included a donation to our club for \$200.00. Did you say what too? I wonder if it had anything to do with the great ukulele music we played for them). Super big thanks to the Elms!

**MEETINGS**

- March 9 Lions at the UN**
- March 5 Bennington Lions Board Meeting**
- March 12 Bennington Lions Dinner Meeting**
- March 12 Lions at the State House**
- March 16 District 45 Cabinet Meeting, Middlebury**

Please keep Lions Bill Wolfe in your prayers.

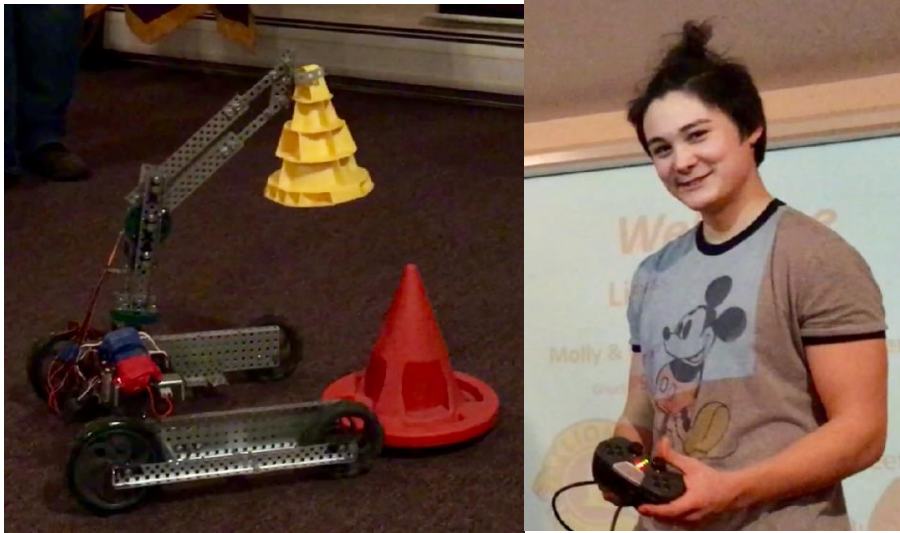
**Lion Henry A. P. Simpatico, Bulletin Editor**



**HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY  
GOD BLESS AMERICA**

# Lions Club celebrates local student achievements

**Whitingham, VT** – The Whitingham-Halifax Lions welcomed two local students to the Club's most recent meeting. Shown is Willie Queenie, who won first place in Vermont student robotics competition in Burlington – then placed 17<sup>th</sup> in the national competition in Kentucky. Willie demonstrated his robot to the Lions club. Molly Kehoe, who was awarded second prize for her entry in the Lions Club's Peace Poster Contest, was recognized by Peace Poster chair Jason Staloff. Not shown: First and third place poster contest winners Max Hill and Abby Pratt, all of Twin Valley Middle High School.



South Burlington PD Corporal Brianne Williamson has been chosen to represent Vermont in the torch run for the Special Olympics World Games in Dubai, UAE this February. She will be running with 124 other officers from around the world. She has is trying to raise \$10,000.00 for Special Olympics.

I attached an article from The Other Paper from South Burlington.

I am attaching the gofundme link. Corporal Brianne Williamson is the daughter of Jericho-Underhill Lion Dave Williamson.

<https://give.specialolympicsvermont.org/fundraiser/1672380>



## Food from the Heart

*Lion Mark Johnson (Essex Jct) working at Food from the Heart, gathered 605 lbs of food and nonperishables & \$381 collected.*



## Visit Pawley's Island Lions South Carolina

*Lions Cindy Berg, Loreen Teer and PDG Betsy MaGee visted The Pawley's Island Lions Club, South Carolina – gifts were exchanged.*



## **Orleans Lions Club**

*Recently held their annual primary school girls/boys basketball year-end tournament  
On February 9 & 10 at LRUSH with a "Food Drive" for local food shelves*



## **Valley Lions Club**

The Valley Lions Club would like to acknowledge a great big thanks to River Valley Credit Union - Townshend Branch Staff and their members in joining with our club for our Annual West River Valley Food Drive during the holiday season. We have been partnering with Riverbend Valley Credit Union - Townshend Branch for many years to assure those in need in the West River Valley will have food during the holiday season.

Together, we were able to provide a \$1,000.00 check and provide donated food collected at the bank offices in Townshend to the Townshend Food Shelf to further help with meeting the needs of our local community neighbors, they serve weekly to provide food and other assistance.

Valley Lions Club mission is "We Serve" those in need in the West River Valley and have been doing so for fifty years in 2019, and our district clubs throughout our state of Vermont, and our great country of America and throughout the world for over 100 years. The International Lions Club is recognized as the oldest service organization to serve and meet the needs in vision, environment, hunger, pediatric cancer and diabetes awareness.

Our club meets monthly the second Tuesday of the month at the NewBrook Fire Station on Rte 30, Newfane, Vermont at 7 pm for our general membership meeting, The meetings are open to the public, we generally will have a speaker from the community and welcome in new members to help serve in the West River Valley Towns of Newfane, Brookline, Townshend, Jamaica and Wardsboro. For further information, please contact Shelly Huber, President/Membership Chair ([valleylions1969@gmail.com](mailto:valleylions1969@gmail.com)).

### **Luck of the Irish Raffle**

The Valley Lions Club is raffling off a Shamrock with scratch off tickets attached. There are 50 \$2 tickets, 10 \$5 tickets and 5 \$10 tickets. This has a \$200 value. This is a fundraiser, so we can provide 3-4 graduating Leland & Gray seniors a scholarship for their first year of college. They are \$3.00 per ticket or 2 tickets for \$5.00. The drawing will be held at our March meeting at the Newbrook Fire and Rescue Station at 7 pm on March 12th. To buy tickets you can get in contact with a Valley Lions Club member, message our Facebook page, or email / call our President Shelly Huber. 802-221-0536

[valleylions1969@gmail.com](mailto:valleylions1969@gmail.com)  
<https://www.facebook.com/valleylionsclubvt/>



## Barre Lions

*Barre Lions Tina Golon and Moe Fortier present Capstone Food Shelf and Nutrition Coordinator Winona Johnson with 72 packages of Mac and cheese that will provide 422 meals. They also gave her a large box of food. The meals were prepared at a Lions Cabinet meeting where 10,000 meals were packaged through a company called "Outreach". For more information on The Barre Lions Club, contact Membership Chair Linda Mercy at [lmercy@drbinsurance.com](mailto:lmercy@drbinsurance.com)*



**Leos, Past, present and future – MMU Lions are strong!**



### What you should know about Leos

Leos have been making the world a better place since 1957. The vast majority of Omega Leos recently told us that they are interested in some form of permanent membership, so they can continue serving as catalysts for change.

Leos are vital to our organization, so we created a fact sheet so you can learn all about them. Download it now at [lionsclubs.org/leos](https://lionsclubs.org/leos), and see how we're building a pathway to membership for the 177,000 Leos who currently serve.

## Jericho-Underhill Lions

*Jericho-Underhill inducted their newest member on January 28. DG Liz was on hand to do the honors. Congratulations to Lion Jay Meadows.*



*DG Liz presents the wooden spoon award to KL Dave Crane, Jericho-Underhill Lions*



# The Plunder Bay Open

Presented by the Castleton Lions Club

In Memory of Gordie Anderson

June 8th, 2019

At the Plunder Bay Marina

Orwell, VT

Lake Champlain

**\$2500 First Place**

with a 60 Boat Field

1 in 6 entrants paid out

**\$150 Entry Fee per Boat**

**\$10 goes to Lunger Pool**



**We Serve**

**Mission Statement.** To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote **international** understanding through **Lions clubs**.  
(Lions Club International is a not for profit organization)

**Phone: 802-779-5853 or email [deblyn585@gmail.com](mailto:deblyn585@gmail.com)  
for the complete entry form**



## Traveling Lion Contest

*Essex Jct captured Tucky from  
Jericho-Underhill & enjoyed  
DG Liz visit.*

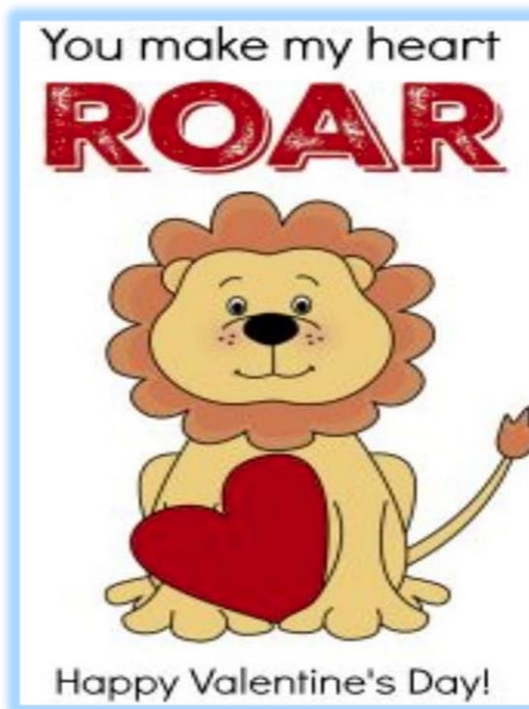


*Capture date will be  
Wednesday, 2/27 @ 6pm at  
The Essex, cost \$25, notify PDG  
Betsy by Saturday,  
2/23 if attending.*

*Heartland captured Sir Charles  
From Springfield*



*Currently, he is resting –  
capture date will be Monday, March  
18. Contact Lion Carol Greene by 3/17  
if attending.*







## **Cameras Available**

### **Has Your Club Screened the Kids Yet?**

**Call the School Nurse and see if you can help her with the vision screening. If it's too late to get into the schools, consider going to the Daycare Centers, Early Education Centers, Pre-schools, or Kindergarten Registrations. All of these are great places to start if your club hasn't participated in KidSight yet.**

**And, even if you have screened at the schools, don't forget the important six month to 5 year old population!**

**See the Availability Schedule in the Communique. There are at least three cameras sitting idle.**

**Let's Not Leave These Expensive Cameras Just Sitting on a shelf ... let's put them to use. We Serve!**



Consider sponsoring a school or youth group in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Order a Peace Poster Contest Kit today in the LCI Store!

*Purchase your kit from [Lions Club](#) at \$11.95*

Lions clubs must purchase a kit for each contest sponsored; one kit per school or group. Available in all official languages, each kit contains:

- Official Club Contest Guide and Rules
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules
- Participant Flyer to duplicate and give to participating students to take home
- Sticker to place on back of winning poster
- Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group

**Kits are available from January 15, 2019 through October 1, 2019.**

**Special Peace Poster Contest commemorative items available for a limited time—while supplies last!**



**Vermont Lions District Convention**  
**Friday, May 3rd to Sunday, May 5th, 2019**  
**Holiday Inn Rutland/Killington, Rutland, Vermont**

**CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM for Meals Only**

Please fill in the appropriate details and meal choice selections for the Convention and mail the form to **Lion Brenda Seitz CT 724 Hinesburg Road, Brattleboro VT 05301** along with **the check payable to VT District 45.**

Meal tickets will be included in your registration packet upon check-in.

**Deadline for receiving your Convention Registration and Meal Selections is Thursday, April 25, 2019**

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Name:               |                    |
| Address:            |                    |
|                     |                    |
| District:           | District Position: |
| Club:               | Club Position:     |
| Contact: Cell/Phone | email:             |

| Convention Commuter Meals Only Options:<br>(All Prices are Per Person Include All Taxes and Service Charges) |        |         |        |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|-------|
|                                                                                                              | Select | Cost    | People | Total |
| Saturday Breakfast Buffet                                                                                    |        | \$17.00 |        |       |
| Saturday Luncheon Buffet                                                                                     |        | \$25.00 |        |       |
| Formal Saturday Night Banquet Dinner<br>(Circle Meal Selection Below and Indicate Quantity of Each)          |        | \$35.00 |        |       |
| Roasted Prime Rib of Beef                                                                                    |        |         |        |       |
| Grilled Teriyaki Chicken Breast                                                                              |        |         |        |       |
| Lemon Pepper Atlantic Salmon                                                                                 |        |         |        |       |
| Dietary Restrictions: Enter GF or VG if Applicable<br>Gluten Free or Vegetarian Entrée Available             |        |         |        |       |
| Sunday Farewell Brunch                                                                                       |        | \$22.00 |        |       |
| <b>TOTAL PAYMENT DUE</b>                                                                                     |        |         |        |       |

Any combination of meal selections is acceptable






**Vermont Lions District Convention**  
 Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
 Holiday Inn Rutland/Killington, Rutland, Vermont

**CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM for ROOMS & MEALS**

Please fill in your appropriate details and package selections for the Convention and mail the form to Holiday Inn 476 Holiday Drive Rutland Vermont, 05701 Attention to M. Fournier. Please include the payment information by either credit card, or check, made payable to the Holiday Inn.

Deadline for receiving your Convention Registration is Monday, April 15, 2019.

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Name:</b>               |                           |
| <b>Address:</b>            |                           |
|                            |                           |
| <b>District:</b>           | <b>District Position:</b> |
| <b>Club:</b>               | <b>Club Position:</b>     |
| <b>Contact: Cell/Phone</b> | <b>Email</b>              |

| <b>Convention Weekend Packages:</b><br>(All Prices Include All Taxes and Service Charges)                                                                                            | <b>Select</b>         | <b>People</b> | <b>Cost</b>     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>2 Night Weekend Package:</b> Includes 2 Nights Lodging, Saturday Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, plus Sunday Brunch for TWO people                                                   |                       | <b>2</b>      | <b>\$457.00</b> |
| <b>2 Night Weekend Package:</b> Includes 2 Nights Lodging, Saturday Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, plus Sunday Brunch for ONE person                                                   |                       | <b>1</b>      | <b>\$359.00</b> |
| <b>Friday Night Only Package:</b> Includes 1 Nights Lodging, Saturday Breakfast and Lunch for TWO people                                                                             |                       | <b>2</b>      | <b>\$214.00</b> |
| <b>Friday Night Only Package:</b> Includes 1 Nights Lodging, Saturday Breakfast and Lunch for ONE person                                                                             |                       | <b>1</b>      | <b>\$173.00</b> |
| <b>Saturday Night Only Package:</b> Includes 1 Nights Lodging, Saturday Lunch, Dinner and Sunday Brunch for TWO people                                                               |                       | <b>2</b>      | <b>\$294.00</b> |
| <b>Saturday Night Only Package:</b> Includes 1 Nights Lodging, Saturday Lunch, Dinner and Sunday Brunch for ONE person                                                               |                       | <b>1</b>      | <b>\$207.00</b> |
| <b>Formal Saturday Night Banquet Dinner Meal Selections</b><br>(Circle Meal Selection Below and Indicate Quantity of Each)                                                           |                       |               |                 |
| <i>Roasted Prime Rib of Beef</i>                                                                                                                                                     |                       |               |                 |
| <i>Grilled Teriyaki Chicken Breast</i>                                                                                                                                               |                       |               |                 |
| <i>Lemon Pepper Atlantic Salmon</i>                                                                                                                                                  |                       |               |                 |
| Dietary Restrictions: Enter GF or VG if Applicable<br>Gluten Free or Vegetarian Entrée Available  |                       |               |                 |
| <b>Total Payment Due IN FULL</b>                                                                                                                                                     |                       |               |                 |
| <b>Name on Card:</b>                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |               |                 |
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*NEW ENGLAND LIONS COUNCIL  
WINTER CONFERENCE*

*Saturday, March 30, 2019*

*Wyndham Providence Airport Hotel*

*1850 Post Rd. Warwick, RI 02886*

*Call (877) 999-3223 or (401) 738-4000*

*(mention New England Lions Council)*

*(deadline date is March 1)*

*Room Rate - \$109.00 plus taxes (13%) includes breakfast voucher*

*Hospitality Room on Friday night*

*Saturday - training sessions 9am-12noon*

*Lunch is Calzone Buffet (\$25.00)*

*Guest Speaker from Ronald McDonald House*

*NELC business meeting*

*NELC membership (\$10.00)*

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Saturday, March 30, 2019

Meal Reservation Form

(Deadline is Friday, March 22, 2019)

| Saturday, March 30, 2019 | QTY   | COST    | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| Lunch (Calzone Buffet)   | _____ | \$25.00 | _____ |
|                          |       | Total   | _____ |

EVENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

|                                                    |       |             |       |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| NELC membership 2018-2019 fiscal year              | _____ | \$10.00     | _____ |
| If you have already paid NELC membership 2018-2019 | _____ | \$0.00      | _____ |
|                                                    |       | Grand Total | _____ |

NAME / ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info: Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

District / State: \_\_\_\_\_ District Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Club position: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to NELC

Mail to: CS/T Bill Donnellan 11 Addington Circle East Weymouth, MA 02189

NEW ENGLAND LIONS COUNCIL

WINTER CONFERENCE

TRAINING SESSIONS / ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

(sessions / leaders subject to change)



SESSION TIME

NEWPORT NORTH

NEWPORT SOUTH

9:00am -9:45am

myLion app update

Lions 101

Presenter(s)

PDG Michelle Crocker

PCC Alan Daninhirsch

10:00am-10:45am

PR and Social Media

Disaster Preparedness

Presenter(s)

PDG Michelle Crocker, Lion Jennifer Hills

DG Chris Caluori

11:00am-11:45am

Club Extension

Club Officer Troubleshooting

Presenter(s)

PDG Andy Porter

PCC John Youney, ZC Jason Hills,

Lion Mark Centracchio

# **Proposed changes to Constitution / By-Laws**

## NEW ENGLAND LIONS COUNCIL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

### **ARTICLE I**

#### Name

This organization shall be known as the NEW ENGLAND LIONS COUNCIL, herein-after referred to as the "Council."

### **ARTICLE II**

#### Objects

The objects of this organization shall be:

- (a) To provide the Lions of New England with an efficient organization for the purpose of advancing Lionism throughout the area.
- (b) To actively work to promote the objectives of Lions Clubs International throughout the New England Area.
- (c) To conduct an annual service commemorating those involved in Lionism in New England who have passed away during the previous year. The site for the annual service shall be determined by the Board of Directors with the site of choice being the Cathedral-of-the-Pines at Rindge, N. H.
- (d) To provide the coordinating service for any humanitarian project which may be deemed necessary or appropriate, as voted by the Council.
- (e) To promote the support of programs of Lions Clubs International by Council members within their respective districts.
- (f) To promote and conduct such Leadership Forums or Conferences as may be appropriate and approved by the Council.
- (g) To provide a forum for open discussion of all matters affecting Lionism within the New England Area generally provided however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated or discussed during any Council meeting or function.
- (h) To organize and conduct appropriate functions, breakfasts and/or receptions at the International Conventions and USA/Canada Forums **or other events** as may be approved by the Council.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Council shall be from the first day of July to the last day of June of the following year so as to coincide with the fiscal year of Lions Clubs International.



## ARTICLE IV

### Membership

Section 1 All Lions in good standing of the various Districts of the New England Area upon payment of the annual membership fee as hereafter provided shall be members of this Council. For the purpose of this document, the New England area shall be defined as the States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont within the United States of America.

A Lion in good standing who has performed exceptional service the New England Lions Council, may be elected a Life Member with full voting privileges and no annual assessment of dues. The nominee's name shall be forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration. Upon approval by the Executive Committee, the name shall be submitted to the full membership present for final approval.

Any member of this Council is eligible to serve on any committee of the Council as appointed by the Council President, however, the officers and Executive Committee of this Council shall be Past District Governors who are members in good standing of this Council.

## ARTICLE V

### Officers and Executive Committee

Section 1. The officers of the Council shall be a Council President, Council Vice-President, Council Secretary and Council Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually, as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. The Council President shall be the presiding officer of the Council and shall serve as its Chief Executive Officer. The Council President shall be elected annually at the Spring Meeting of the Council. Term to become effective the beginning of the fiscal year and shall serve a term of one (1) year until a successor is elected.

Section 3. The Council Vice-President shall assist the Council President in the performance of his/her duties and, in his/her absence or in the event of a Council President's incapacity, shall serve as the presiding officer of the Council. The Council Vice-President shall be elected annually at the Spring Meeting of the Council to become effective the beginning of the fiscal year and shall serve a term of one (1) year until a successor is elected.

Section 4. The Council Secretary shall have charge of all non-financial records of the Council and shall perform those functions and duties as usually pertain to the office of Secretary. The Council Secretary shall be elected annually at the Spring Meeting of the Council to become effective the beginning of the fiscal year and shall serve a term of one (1) year until a successor is elected.

Section 5. The Council Treasurer shall have charge of all financial records of the Council and shall perform those functions and duties as usually pertain to the office of Treasurer. The Council Treasurer shall be elected annually at the Spring Meeting of the Council to become effective the beginning of the fiscal year and shall serve a term of one (1) year until a successor is elected.

Section 6. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Council President, Council Immediate Past President, Council Vice-President, Council Secretary, Council Treasurer, any current Officer or Director of the International Board is a member of this Council and a District Governor or Representative from the one state which does not have an Officer serving on the Council will also serve as a Director on the Executive Committee. This will allow for each state to be represented on the Committee.

Section 7. The current (or most immediate past) Executive Officer or Director of Lions Clubs International from New England shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee, serving in an advisory capacity and with no voting rights.

Section 8. The rotation of state representatives to the executive committee, beginning with the fiscal year 2013/2014 and recognizing changes in state representatives to the Executive Committee shall be:

**MD 33, DT 42, DT 45, MD 44, DT 41, MD 23**

This rotation is to be adjusted should a vacancy (by death, resignation or any other reason) occur in the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer so as to allow those offices to be held by Lions with current experience on the Executive Committee. Upon such a vacancy, the state rotational position upon the date of the receipt of notice to the Executive Committee of the appointment of a new state representative, shall be at the end of the rotation, establishing a new rotation order henceforth, without the need of further amendment hereto.

The vacancy for any reason of any other Executive Committee position shall not affect nor change this rotation, excepting that in the event that any other position shall remain vacant at the end of the fiscal year, then that position drops to the end of the rotation, as above.

Section 9. The Executive Committee shall have general jurisdiction, control and supervision over all Officers and Committees of the Council and shall have general management and control of the business, property and funds of the Council. All matters to be voted on by the general membership shall first be submitted to the Executive Committee which will then make its recommendations known to the general membership at its next general meeting. The Executive Committee shall have jurisdiction over matters occurring between meetings of the Council which requires immediate action. Such matters shall be submitted to all Members of the Executive Committee for consideration, preferably by written ballot, but, if necessary, by telephone or electronic communication with written confirmation of the motion and vote by written communication immediately thereafter. The motions made and votes of each Member shall be reported at the next Council meeting. Affirmation of any such proposal shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the full Council.

Section 10. Vacancies shall be filled as follows:

- (a) In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of Council President or in the event that the Council President is unable to perform the duties of said office, then the Vice-President shall assume the duties of the Council President.
- (b) In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of the Council Vice-President, or in the event that the Council Vice-President is unable to perform the duties of said office, then the Council President shall appoint a member, from the same state, in "good standing" to perform said duties, however the office of Council Vice-President shall remain vacant until the next annual election.

- (c) In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of the Council Secretary or Council Treasurer, or in the event the Council Secretary or Council Treasurer is unable to perform the duties of said offices, then the President shall appoint a member, from the same state, in "good standing" to fulfill the duties and office of the Council Secretary or Council Treasurer for the unexpired term of said office. The appointment shall be made from members of the Council in "good standing" that are qualified within the same District in accordance with the rotation basis herein established and after consultation with the District Governor(s) of that District.

## ARTICLE VI

### Meetings

Section 1. The Council will conduct three (3) regular meetings each year. The Summer/Fall Regular Meeting shall be held between July 1st and October 31st. The Winter Regular Meeting shall be held between, January 1st and March 31st. The Spring Regular Meeting shall be held between, April 1st and June 30<sup>th</sup>. All Regular Meetings shall be scheduled at the call of the Council President and at such places as the Council President may determine or by a majority of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Council may be called by the Council President whenever he/she deems necessary or appropriate, or upon written request of a majority of the Executive Committee made either to the Council President or Council Secretary. No special meeting of the Council shall be held unless written notice of said meeting shall have been mailed to each member in "good standing" at least fourteen (14) days prior to the call of the meeting.

Section 3. The Minutes and the Financial Summary shall be included with the call of the meeting to be sent to each member in good standing 30 days prior to the meeting.

Section 4. Dates and locations for Regular Meetings of the Council shall be available to the District Governors-elect at the Spring meeting of the Council.

## ARTICLE VII

### Committees

Section 1. The Council President shall appoint the following standing committees:

- (a) Memorial Service Committee
- (b) Constitution and By-Laws Committee
- (c) Nominating Committee
- (d) Training and Education Committee
- (e) Communication Committee
- (f) Programs and Service Committee
- (g) International Convention Committee
- (h) Budget and Finance Committee
- (i) Membership Committee

Section 2. The Council President may appoint such other committees as he/she deems necessary and appropriate.



## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Council Revenue**

Section 1. To provide revenue to defray the administrative and operative expenses of the Council, the following revenues shall be accepted at the summer meeting of the Council. On or before September 1 of each fiscal year, the **Council Treasurer** shall issue a notice of the annual District Contributions due to all District Governors within the New England area.

#### **DISTRICT ASSESSMENT:**

- (a) An annual assessment of \$50.00 shall be made to each District to partially defray expenses of the Annual Leadership Forum.
- (b) An annual assessment of \$50.00 shall be made to commemorating those involved in Lions in New England who passed away during the previous year.

#### **MEMBER FEES:**

(a) In order for a member to be considered in good standing, an annual fee of \$10.00 shall be payable by each member of the Council on or before October 1 of each fiscal year. On or before September 1 of each fiscal year, the **Council Treasurer** shall issue a notice of fees to all members of the Council as of July 1 of each fiscal year. Additional notices shall be issued at the discretion of the Council in order to encourage member participation.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Voting Power**

All members of the Council in good standing, present at any membership meeting shall have the power to vote on any subject brought before the Council.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Amendments**

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Council by a 5/8 vote of the membership present at the meeting.

Section 2. No proposed amendment shall be voted upon by the Council membership unless: (1) such proposed amendment has been submitted, in writing, to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.(2) favorably recommended by a majority of the Executive Committee and (3) written notice of such proposed amendment has been sent to each member in good standing of the Council at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting at which the vote on the proposed amendment is to be taken.

5/20/2012

5/24/2014



# NEW ENGLAND LIONS COUNCIL

## BY-LAWS

1. No funds, other than as listed and Tail Twister fines, shall be solicited from any member of the Council. All funds shall be derived by proper procedure during a regular meeting and must have the approval of a majority of the members present and voting.
2. No meeting shall be legal without a quorum being present. A quorum shall consist of seven or more of the Lions Districts of the New England Area.
3. Partisan politics and sectarian religion shall have no part in this organization, and discussions relating to such topics shall not be permitted at any official meeting of this Council.
4. No officer or member of the Council shall use this membership as a means for furthering any political, personal or business aspirations.
5. No officer or member of the Council shall spend funds from the treasury for his own non-budgeted expense without the consent of the Council.
6. Whenever possible, the Council President shall appoint the Council Vice-President to serve as Chairman of the Leadership Forum Committee.
7. Whenever possible, the Council President shall have served at least one (1) term as Council Vice-President, **Council Secretary and Council Treasurer.**
8. Whenever possible, the Council Vice-President shall have served at least one (1) term **as Council Secretary and Council Treasurer.**
9. These By-Laws shall be amended only after consideration by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and favorable vote of the Executive Committee at the spring meeting.

5/20/2012

## **AMENDMENTS**

Revised as per the vote of the meeting of February 25, 1992 and presented to the membership for a vote at the meeting of April 25, 1992

Revised as per the meeting of April 25, 1992

Revised as per the meeting of October 7, 1992

Presented for the approval of the membership at the meeting of January 31, 1993 at Nashua, New Hampshire.

Revised as per the meeting of April 21, 1996 at Nashua, New Hampshire.

Revised as per the meeting of June 8, 1997 at Nashua, New Hampshire.

Revised as per the meeting of November 23, 1997 at Nashua, New Hampshire.

Revised as per the meeting of March 22, 1998 at Nashua, New Hampshire.

Revised as per the meeting of June 8, 2003 at Westborough, Massachusetts.

Revised as per the meeting of June 4, 2006 at Marlborough, Massachusetts.

Revised as per the meeting of May 20, 2012 at Boxborough, Massachusetts

Revised as per the meeting of May 24, 2014 at Ashland, Massachusetts