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The Communique

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# Best Wishes for the Season to all Lions and your families!

I hope all is well and Christmas brings you family, friends and a warm fire. We have so much to be thankful for, as we get to the end of 2018. It has been wonderful to hear of all the service that has been directed to your needy neighbors, during this season. Turkeys have been 'flying' off the shelves, pumpkin and apple pies a plenty and Christmas cookies to make everyone smile. Thank you to all for the presents for children in need and gatherings for elderly and handicapped people in your communities, bringing cheer of the season.

#### 10,000 Meals in 2019

I would like to remind you that need, especially for food, continues long after Christmas is just a memory. To try to meet some of those needs, 045 Lions are gathering in Barre, as the Canadian Club on January 12'" to pack 10,000 Mac and Cheese meals to be distributed to food kitchens around the State.

Last year we did a similar service project at the Fall Conference. If you were there, you will remember what an amazing FUN time it was. We now have the chance for those of you missed the fun - to join in this time!

We will need about 60 Lions to work at the tables, as we pack the Mac and Cheese meals. Please fill in the forms in the Communique and reserve your place and boxes of food for your Club - to share with your neighbors during the cold winter months ahead. It could well be your service activity for HUNGER on your poster - and be ready for 'Food From the Heart'. It will be great to be able to do this service with your Lions' friends.

### Whitingham - Halifax Lions Club

Also, we have asked the Whitingham Halifax Lions Club to share what they did to DOUBLE the membership of their Club in one evening! Plan on coming to the Cabinet Meeting to hear this great presentation and ask questions of the W/H Team.

Again, have a wonderful Holiday Season and see you in Barre.

Together We Serve, DG Liz

### **District Governor Club Visitation Schedule**

December 17 – Heartland January 8 – Bennington

## **District 45 Calendar and Events**

12/19/2018	Traveling Lion <u>Vergennes</u>		
01/12/2019	D45 Cabinet Meeting, Barre & D45 Hunger Service Project		
01/15/2019	Traveling Lion <u>Brandon</u>		
01/18-01/20	NELC <u>Winter</u> Weekend Conference, Warwick, Rhode Island		
01/28/2019	Traveling Lion <u>Jericho-Underhill</u>		
02/2019	Food from the Heart		
02/09/2019	Valentines Dinner & Dance, Heartland Lions		
03/02/2019	Calcutta – benefit the <u>Green</u> Mountain Lions Camp		
3/9/2019	41st Annual Lions Day at the <u>United Nations</u>		
3/12/2019	Lions at the State House, Montpelier		
3/16/2019	D45 Cabinet Meeting, Middlebury – Speak Out Contest		
5/2-5/4/2019	D45 Spring Conference 2019, Rutland		
7/7-7/27/2019	Green Mountain Lions Camp		
	Don't see your club's activity listed?		
	Email it to the Communique!		

*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 <u>Communique.</u>



Hello, fellow District 45 Lions, Happyholidays everyone!!!!!

This is a very busy time for our clubs and our members. Between doing tree sales, food baskets, gifts for seniors, children's variety show, cooking dinner for 'Santa', hosting holiday events for the community: this is a great time to be a Lion. And this will continue in January at the cabinet meeting when we prepare Mac and Cheese meals for our local food shelfs.

BUT, please don't let December be your 'whole' year of Service. Make plans for doing something (big or small) in January/February, March/April, May/June. Start making plans for a very successful and busy Winter/Spring. If you need some suggestions, contact CST Coordinator Molly.

It is also a good time to start looking at your leadership for your club (and the District). If you can step up to accept a leadership role, fantastic. If you need additional training, please don't hesitate to ask GLT Coordinator Joe for such training.

Looking for some new ideas, new energy, new directions or just a 'new friend'. Bring in some new members. They will definitely help in many ways. Especially 'new hands'. If looking for some suggestions/directions for new members, contact GMT Coordinator Tommy.

Molly, Joe, Tommy. They are our Global Action Team (GAT) for District 45. They are ready and willing to help.

Looking forward to 2019.

In Lionism,

VDG Ken







**D45 Hunger Service Project** 

During the January Cabinet Meeting Saturday, January 12, 2019

Canadian Club of Central Vermont 414 East Montpelier Road, Barre, VT 05641

am writing to ask your club for a donation toward a service project to be held at the Cabinet Meeting January 12th. Attendees, working in partnership with <u>The Outreach</u> <u>Program</u> will produce 10,000 meals which attendees can then donate to their local food shelves or the Vermont Food Bank. The project will take about 2 hours. It's going to be a lot of fun

and will support hunger relief at home and abroad! Here's how it works ...

The cost of this project is \$2,500. Therefore, I am asking each club to consider donating \$75 (or more) toward the cost of this project. Please make your checks payable to Vermont District 45 Lions and send to me directly at: CT Lion Brenda Seitz, 724 Hinesburg Road, Brattleboro, VT 05301. Please let me know no later than January 4th, if your club would like to donate to this District 45 project.

Silly math... \$2,500 divided by 10,000 is \$0.25 per meal. Your \$75 donation enables you to take home at least 300 meals (2 cases) for your local food shelf. Donate more and bring more food home!

2 cases of Mac & Cheese & Please order by Friday, Jan	
Name:	
Club:	
Phone:	
email:	
My club would like to donate	to support this project.
My club would like to order Minimum order 2 cases for \$75.	cases to take back to our food pantry.
Amount enclosed:	
cases:	
donation:	
Total:	

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

Don't forget you need to register for the cabinet meeting on January 12. See the separate form for this

### Vermont Lions District 45 Cabinet Meeting Registration

Saturday, January 12, 2019



Canadian Club of Central Vermont 414 East Montpelier Road, Barre, VT 05641

Cost: \$18.00 which includes lunch and meeting.

Registration opens at 8:00am - Coffee & donuts

Be sure to look for the separate sign up for the service project: Packaging macaroni & cheese meals for a food pantry in your area.

(Please print) Name:	
Address:	
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	-
Club/District Position:	
Home Club Name:	-
Cabinet Meeting: <b>\$18.00</b> pp x (# attending) \$	-

Please make your reservation by Friday, January 4, 2019

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

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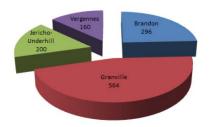
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## **Traveling Lions Contest**

**District Traveling Lion (Lucky II):** Located at Brandon-Forestdale Lions. He will be available for capture Tuesday, January 15 at the United Methodist Church in Brandon. Doors open at 6 and dinner is at 6:30. Call Lion Patty Reynolds, at least 72 hours prior (January 12), at 802-247-8834.



**District Traveling Lion** 



#### **Region 1 Traveling Lion (Tucky):**

Located at Jericho-Underhill Lions. He will be available for capture Monday, January 28 at the United Church of Underhill, 7 Park Street, Underhill Flats at 7 p.m. Contact Lion Cindy Berg, at least 72 hours prior (January 25), at <u>lioncindy2006@gmail.com</u>

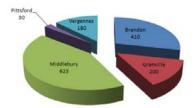


#### **Region 2 Traveling Lion (General):**

Located at Vergennes Lions. He will be available for capture Wednesday, December 19 at the American Legion on Armory Lane at 6:30 p.m. Contact PDG Larry Simino by Sunday, December 16 with numbers coming and choice of salmon or prime rib (\$20 each) at 802-759-2448 or

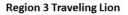
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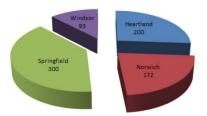




**Region 3 Traveling Lion (Sir Charles):** Located at Springfield Lions. No date set for capture at this time, but it will be in January.







**Region 4 Traveling Lion (Bucky):** Located at Derby Lions: Normal meeting date is third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Derby Town Office on Main Street.

# **Club** News



## LONDONDERRY TRI-MOUNTAIN LIONS CLUB

When you were a child did you look forward to weekends and school vacations? Unfortunately, a small group of local kids do not. Why? They will be not be getting the free breakfasts and free or reduced lunches

provided by their schools, they are going to be hungry. In Londonderry, the school nurse working with the local food shelf packs food in backpacks for these kids to take home over weekends and school vacations. Once a month Tri-Mtn Lions are providing fresh fruit, granola bars and fruit cups for these backpacks.

Most towns in Southern Vermont have a free Senior luncheon at least once a month. Tri-Mtn Lions are providing rides to these luncheons for the seniors who would not be able to attend as they have no transportation. We also put our baking talents to good use and provide homemade cookies for them to take home and enjoy after the luncheon.

On Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup> Tri-Mtn Lions sponsored the first Soup Social at Neighborhood Connections, we prepared homemade Corn Chowder, Chicken Noodle Soup, Muffins, Bread & Butter and dessert. These meals are important to help supplement the nutritional needs of many.



Londonderry Area Tri-Mtn lion Randee Keith delivering fresh fruit for backpacks to school nurse Laurie Distasio.



Londonderry Area Tri-Mtn Lion Joan Dayton helping at Soup/Social.



Volunteering at the Soup Social (left to right) Lion Joan Dayton, Lion Randee Keith, volunteer Kathy Kuperberg, Lion on deck Deb Wade and Lion Andie Fusco.



#### **Essex Junction Lions:**

The Essex Jct Lions just donated \$100 of gas cards and a fleece blanket I made to Child Life at UVMMC for cancer patients family or families in need of the help while their little ones are in the hospital



**Green Mountain Lion Camp** 

Great news from Green Mountain Lion Camp. It will be in memory off Lion Brian Steckley at Covenant Hill Cabot Vermont. July 1st till the 28th.

Thank you to all the clubs for your continued support. We will be reaching out to our fellow lion's in the new year for work day in June and raffle tickets sales. Camp supplies and meal preparation.

Tri chairs - Lion Brenda, Lion Gia and Lion Patricia,



### Heartland Lions Club Sponsors Memory Tree in So. Royalton

For the 41st consecutive year, the Heartland Lions Club will sponsor a Memory Tree during the holiday season at the 5 Olde Tavern and Grille on the corner of South Windsor Street and Chelsea Street in South Royalton.

Holiday memorial trees began with the purpose to create a tangible memorial that establishes a physical location where people can rest their sadness, celebrate a warm memory, or just stop and gaze for a few seconds to just remember a loved one.

The Heartland Lions Club Memory Tree project was first established in 1977 by South Royalton resident and Lion, Roger Henry. In 1990, Lion Alfred Jones stepped up to chair the project until his passing in 2015. The Memory Tree project is now chaired by Lions Paulie Hastings and Pam Greene.

Beginning in 1977, a young spruce tree on the south end of the green was the original Memory Tree. Each year, names were written on handmade paper bells and hung on the tree. Eventually the tree grew too big, making it difficult to hang the ornaments where they could be seen. Weather also took its toll on the paper bells.

Heartland Lions Club members continue to hand cut paper bell ornaments, but the Memory Tree has moved to a better-suited site. The club is very grateful for the Memory Tree's current location donated by 5 Olde Tavern and Grille.

Everyone is invited to add the name(s) of a lost loved one to the Memory Tree. Stop by 5 Olde Tavern and Grille and write the name(s) on the Memory Tree list. A Heartland Lions Club member will create a bell inscribed with "in memory of" the loved one and the bell will bhung on the Memory Tree. Name, may also be mailed or given to any member of the Heartland Lions Club.

A list of the memorialized names will also be posted in the lobby of the restaurant. Names of lost pets are also welcome. The Memory Tree will stay up until the beginning of the new year. A small donation is requested, but not required.

The Heartland Lions Club serves the towns of Royalton, Sharon, and Tunbridge. The club raises funds through ventures that include a booth at the Tunbridge Fair, selling food at local events, raffles, the Memory Tree, hosting an annual Valentines Dinner Dance and a Rose Sale each March.

One-hundred percent of the funds raised (after expenses) are put back into the area communities and used to fund the club's service projects to promote vision, hearing and diabetes education, assist area residents in purchasing glasses and hearing aids, support for area fire or disaster victims, support for local food shelves and holiday basket projects, diabetes, hearing and vision youth camp assistance, annual educational scholarships, and to maintain Paine's Beach in South Royalton.

Club meetings are on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at South Royalton School during winter months, and at Paine's Beach on North Windsor Street during warmer weather.

For more information about membership, or to purchase tickets for the Annual Valentines Dinner and Dance call 802-291-2429 or email stumiester@charter.net. For general questions and information, email heartlandlionsclub@gmail. com.

For more information about the Memory Tree, call Paulie Hastings at 763-2436 or Pam Greene at 802-291-0138. Names and donations can be mailed to: The Heartland Lions Club, Attention Memory Tree, PO Box 507, South Royalton, Vt. 05068.



#### **Dining for a Cause**



Dining for a Cause fundraiser including a 50/50 raffle on December 12th. Lions from Brandon-Forestdale, Colchester and Essex Junction and guests attended the event.

# Rudolph, I Think You Need Glasses!

.....is the title of a book which was recently found by Granville Lion Mary Ann Niles! This unique book was a perfect fit and a perfect theme for the Christmas Tree decorated each year for the Festival of Trees at the Slate Valley Museum in Granville, NY.

Detailed design of the tree was accomplished by Lions Elaine Tardie, Linda Ellingsworth and Mary Ann Niles. The tree was assembled and electric was checked by Lion Jay Niles and King Lion Bob Tardie.

The Lions Club eyeglass collection box located in the local Post Office was the source of most of the glasses hung on the tree. Other glasses, with frames touting a Christmas theme were individually cut out and the large glasses were located in a specialty shop.





As visitors to the Festival were looking at this particular tree, many were heard commenting, "I'm glad they put the used glasses in a clear container. It is reminding me to leave glasses in my Post Office in the next few days!"

The Granville Lions Club wishes all of the Lions in District 45 a very Merry Christmas!

Our tree was decorated by two "Lady" Lions after the "Men" Lions got the trees into the building and set them up and checked the lights on the tree!



**GRANVILLE LIONS CLUB** 

P.O. Box 4, Granville, NY 12832 Celebrating 58 Years: 1960 – 2018

Dec. 8, 2018

For immediate release

Media Contact: Linda Ellingsworth, 518-796-1550

#### Granville Lions Club donates building to Granville Food Pantry

*Granville*, *N.Y.* – The Granville Lions Club Foundation, Inc. has donated funding to the Granville Area Food Pantry and Community Service, Inc. so that it may have its own building in the village of Granville. The club's foundation gave the Food Pantry \$52,000 to purchase a former church building located on Morrison Avenue in Granville. Transfer of the deed to the property from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany to the Food Pantry took place on Nov. 29.

"This will better enable us to help serve the food insecure in the Granville area," said Syndy Anoe, director of the Granville Area Food Pantry.

Purchase of the building for the Food Pantry by the Lions Club has been in the works for almost two years. The Lions Club heard that the Food Pantry was losing its space at St. Mary's Church. Shortly afterward, Granville Lion Ron Barrett learned that St. Mary's Church would be selling the former church building next to Veterans Park, and brought that information to the club's board of directors.

The board of directors of the Granville Lions Club began discussions about the feasibility of purchasing the building for the Food Pantry. They decided to pursue it as a Lions "Centennial Project" to celebrate 100 years of Lions International. After many meetings with the Food Pantry and diocesan officials, terms were agreed upon and the process began to complete the sale.

The legal requirements of transferring church property to a non-religious organization were substantial and took many months, including several months awaiting approval from the New York court system. But patience on the part of all parties paid off, and the Granville Area Food Pantry now has a permanent home.

"The Granville Lions Club is extremely happy to finally see this project come to a favorable conclusion," said club President Bob Tardie. "This has been yet another opportunity for our club to contribute to the welfare of our community, which is what Lionism is all about."

The donation was made by the Granville Lions Club Foundation, a not-for-profit formed in April 2016 as the charitable arm of the Granville Lions Club. As a 501(c)3 corporation, the foundation can accept taxdeductible bequeaths and donations. It also distributes all of the club's donations to local and regional beneficiaries. The Granville Lions Club raises funds for its donations through its annual patio furniture sale that takes place every May through August. For more information about the Granville Lions Club, contact club President Bob Tardie at 802-345-0480.

PHOTO: (L-R) - Granville Lions President Bob Tardie and Granville Lions Foundation Treasurer Phil Weaver present a check for \$52,000 to Granville Area Food Pantry Board President Jerry McKinney and Food Pantry Director Syndy Anoe. The food pantry's new building is in the background. The Granville Lions Club purchased the building for the food pantry.

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## Tail Twister Moment

IPDG Walter Hastings



I'm giving you a chance to avoid a fine at the next cabinet meeting by:

- 1. Ask someone to be a member the week of the cabinet meeting
- 2. If you have had a new member(s) within the past month, you will be rewarded
  - 3. And remember to wear a winter scarf to the meeting or you will be fined







#### Peace on earth and service to those in need



**NOVEMBER DIABETES SCREENING** Once again we thank Lion Pat for organizing the Diabetes Screenings at Price Chopper. Eighteen persons took advantage of the free screening. Thanks to the Pharmacy at Price Chopper and the Vermont Veterans Home for their support of this project.



to our dinner. Our guest speaker was Don Fisher who was a member of the Army's 24 Infantry Division, 21st Regiment which was the first one sent to fight in the Korean War, aka "the forgotten war." He gave a detailed account of his experiences there as an eighteen year old fighting, the Battle of Gaemi Hill. This past July, Don and his wife Donna went on a trip as guests of the city of Sejong, South Korea, to participate in a ceremony commemorating the July 1950 battle. In Korea, they received about 67 letters, written by local students, thanking veterans for their fighting in the country. He read an excerpt from one of the letters - "I want to emulate the courage that helped us at that time," reads one letter, written by a student at Sejong Hansol High School. "Always be healthy, and we will never forget that." Don received an "Ambassador of Peace Award" and a Placque of Appreciation from the Republic of Korea.

THE "HONOR VETERANS DINNER" Thanks to all the Lions who invited veterans



**CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND HEARING HANDICAPPED** or I can't believe it's that time of the year again. The party will be be held on Tuesday, December 11 at the Mount Anthony Country Club starting at <u>5:30PM</u>. Dinner will be served at <u>6:00PM</u>. Come early and meet and mingle with our guests and sing a few Christmas songs. The price for the turkey dinner is \$25.00 per person. Santa, the Aladdins and members of the Ukulele String Ensemble will attend and add to the evenings festivities. Please note that if you have some items in **good condition** that you can live without, bring them to our Christmas Party raffle and will find a new home for them. And we will also give you the opportunity to make a monetary donation to the HIS Pantry food shelf. Sounds like a fun evening so hope you will attend.









#### **PICK OF THE PICKS**

The Bennington Lions held their annual diabetes awareness screening on Nov. 10 at the Price Chopper in Bennington, where eighteen people were screened. Each received a report to submit to their primary care physician. Here, Patricia Babcock, RN, a member of the Lions, performs a screening on Doug Bissell. The Lions credited Price Chopper and the Vermont Veterans' Home for their assistance.



**CHRISTMAS PROJECT** This year we will make donations to the following care facilities for their activities funds: Bennington Health and Rehab, CLR, The Vermont Veterans Home and The Washington Elms.



**DECEMBER 15** AT NOON - This is nationwide project that places Christmas Wreaths on the graves of veterans. Last year we had enough wreaths for all the graves at the Veterans Home. Please join with many members of our community as they honor our deceased veterans.



SAND BUCKET PROJECT - The Bennington Lions are providing buckets of sand to help senior citizens keep their stairs and walkways safe this winter. So far we have distributed 12 buckets. Please contact Lions Bob or Sharon for information on how you can help.

#### JANUARY MEETINGS

Since the first of January falls on a Tuesday, we will hold our Board Meeting and January Dinner meeting on Tuesday, January 8. The District Governor will make her official visitation to our club at that meeting, The Board starting time TBA.

January starts the second half of the 2018/19 Lions Year. We need to find a way to increase our membership. Lion Bill suggested that we have a Lion Membership form with us and possibly a copy of a bulletin or a list of what we do to show potential members



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Lion Henry A. P. Simpatico, Bulletin Editor



On December 11th, the **Bennington Lions** hosted our annual Christmas Party at the Mount Anthony Country Club, for the Sight and Hearing Impaired. Residents from local nursing homes and other guests enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner. Music was supplied by the Aladdin's, and Henry Sympatico's ukulele group. Santa made an appearance and handed out gifts to attendees. The Bennington Club has been hosting the Christmas party for 70 years. We all had a great time, and are looking forward to next year's party. A big shout out to Lion Pat Babcock and her helpers for organizing the event.











## NEW ENGLAND LIONS COUNCIL WINTER WEEKEND CONFERENCE

Friday, January 18 – Sunday, January 20, 2019 Wyndham Providence Airport Hotel 1850 Post Rd. Warwick, RI 02886

Call (877) 999-3223 (mention New England Lions Council) \* (Deadline date is 12/18/18 rate not guaranteed after that date)

Room Rate-\$109.00 plus taxes (13%) includes Breakfast!! Saturday lunch (calzonebuffet) \$25.00 Saturday dinner (choice of Salmon or Chicken) \$40.00 NELC membership \$10.00 Hospitality Room (Friday and Saturday night)

### GUEST SPEAKERS \*\* 12 SESSIONS of TRAINING FUN and GAMES \*\* LIQUOR WAGON RAFFLE

Saturday, January 19 Breakfast at Blue Fire Bar and Grill (opens at 6:30am) Freebreakfast voucher at hotel with your check In or on your own If not staying at hotel Registration 7:30am-12:00ncon First session 9:00am-9:45am Second session 10:00am-10:45am Third session 11:00am-11:45am Lunch 12:00ncon-2:00pm (games) Fourth session 2:15pm-3:00pm Fifth session 3:15pm-4:00pm Sixth session 4:15pm-5:00pm Hospitality Room 5:15pm-6:45pm Dinner 7:00pm-9:00pm (Guest Speaker) Hospitality Room 9:00pm -11:00pm

> Sunday, January 20 Break fast opens at 6:30am Guest Speak er at 9:00am NELC Business Meeting begins at 10:0 am

	New England Lions Council Winter Weekend Conference						
	Friday, January 18-Sunday, January 20, 2019						
	MEAL RESERVATION INFORMATION: Deadline is Friday, January 11, 2019						
	Friday, January 18 – Dinner on your own Saturday, January 19 <u>Qty. Cost Total</u>						
		Lunch (Calzone Buffet) Dinner (Salmon or Chicken)	Salmon	\$25.00 \$40.00			
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