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Dear fellow District 45 members,

May 1st. We have completed 10 months of the 2019 – 2020 Lions year. And what a year it has been. And now we are facing challenges.

COVID-19. Basically, everything has been shut down. No new news to everyone. But there is no reason why we as Lions still can't be active. Granted, we as a 'service' organization, 'hand's on, which we cannot be physically out in the public (or limited) but there are many ways that we can serve our communities.

Now is the time we need to be serving. Serving in whatever ways are needed for our communities. Our youth, our elderly, our fellow residents. Even if it is just a phone call to make sure everything is okay. Even checking in with our fellow Lions. Even just a simple 'thank you' banner to our first responders, our essential workers, our medical field workers.

Not sure about everyone else, not being able 'to see' or 'hear' from anyone else can be somewhat depressing. So please check in with each other. Continue to make future plans so when we are able 'to serve' you are ready to go.

It is sad to provide the news that the Green Mountain Lions Camp will not be held this summer. There were many various factors / concerns with COVID-19 that led the GMLC committee to cancel this year's camp. Plans are to focus on having camp again come 2021. The Farrar Steckley Memorial Raffle is still on. Deadline for ticket sales has been extended to May 30th with drawing to held on Sunday May 31st.

Also, it is sad, if you have not heard, to provide the news that the Twin State Soccer games for graduated seniors between Vermont and New Hampshire has also been cancelled. If you have a player(s) from your area, please come up with a way to honor them as, even though the games are cancelled, they definitely deserve to be recognized.

On Saturday, April 21st, there was a Lions Virtual Symposium held via Zoom / Facebook / You Tube. Great information. Great reminder of who we are but yet who we can become. Check out the various videos on You Tube in regards to this great event.

As you are reading this, Saturday May 2nd District 45 will be hosting its annual elections of 2020 – 2021 District officers. Here is wishing well for candidates: VDG Pam Nichols for District Governor, PCS Carol Greene for 1st Vice District Governor and Lion Kathy Dorman for 2nd Vice District Governor. Hoping they will all be elected as leaders of District 45.

Speaking of officers, I hope clubs are in the final stages of getting their own officers elected, with such information being reported to Lions Club International. Club secretary's, please make sure to download the club officer information, also known as the PU 101, and forward such information to VDG Pam and CSTD PDG Bob as they work on the 2020 – 2021 Directory.

Please keep Sunday June 28th open on your schedules. Plans are hoping to host a Year-end Celebration at Fireside Inn and Suites in West Lebanon, New Hampshire to celebrate 2019 – 2020. District 45 Business meeting, Melvin Jones Fellow Award Banquet and 2020 Memorial Service is hoped to be done. Lunch costs to be determined. More details to be distributed once we know our government leaders (both Vermont and New Hampshire) will allow us to gather.

Just a reminder to all. Main source of communication is via electronic means nowadays. Between the District 45 Communique, Lions Club International Lions magazine, and even from your own club. Make sure that your email address is on file with LCI. If not sure, please check with your club secretary. If you are not getting a notice that the communique is available to be seen, please make sure to sign up on our District website. If you are not hearing what is happening with your club, reach out to your club leadership for information. Please stay informed!!!!

Take care everyone. Please stay safe. As everyone says, we are in this together!!!

Yours in Lionism,

DG Ken

5/2/2020	D45 Teleconference/Election of Officers, 2pm
5/30/2020	Must turn in Raffle Tickets for Farrar Steckley Raffle for GMLC
6/1/2020	Helen Keller Day
6/5/2020	World Environment Day
6/7/2020	Lions Club International Birthday, 102 nd
6/20/2020	SAVE THE DATE: D45 Officer Training, Vergennes
6/28/2020	SAVE THE DATE: D45 Year End Celebration - TBA
7/12/2020	SAVE THE DATE: Organizational Meeting, 11am-2pm
8/23/2020	Colchester, 5 th Annual Golf Ball Drop
	Don't see your club's activity listed? Email it to the Communique!
On going	Please see other DG Calendar items for year in the edition

The Lions Twin State Soccer Association has made the decision to cancel the banquet and the Lions Cup games for 2020. The district newsletters have been notified to make the announcement. We have been busy reaching out to the players and their families, along with the coaches. If you paid for the banquet, please reach out to Lion Marilyn Vacarro for reimbursement (jvac1408@comcast.net).

PDG Toni Olden



VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45

3rd Annual Officer Training

SATURDAY JUNE 20, 2020

Time: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

LOCATION: Champlain Valley Christian Reform Church

73 Church Street, Vergennes, Vermont

Registration: \$15.00 per person

REGISTRATION After June 13, 2020: \$17.00

For NEW and Experienced Lions

Who should attend: Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Treasurers, Club Membership Chairpersons, Zone Chairs, Guiding Lions and all Lions in District 45 who want to learn more about our clubs and our district and the future.

Club Name: _____

Lion: _____

Club Position: _____

District Position: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 13, 2020

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P.O. Box 321

Shaftsbury, Vermont 05262

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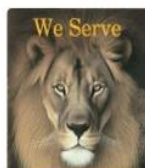
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FOURTH AND GOAL!!!!

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

Prize money for Admn. Funds.

Purpose of challenge:
 DG Ken's goal was 80 new members.
 Presently at 67. Shooting for 100
 Time Period: April 1 – June 30, 2020
 Prizes to be drawn 1st cabinet meeting 2020 - 2021

This is a 2-section challenge

Section 1: Clubs with no new members as of 3 31 2020

Raffle: 1st \$100 2nd \$50 3rd \$25 4th \$15 5th \$10

For each member a club brings in, they will receive an entry into the raffle. One member, one entry, 5 members 5 entries. One prize per club

Section 2: Clubs who have brought in at least 1 new member prior to 3 31 2020

Raffle: 1st \$100 2nd \$50 3rd \$25 4th \$15 5th \$10

All clubs will automatic get one entry into raffle. For each new member they being in, they will receive an additional entry. **BUT for each member they drop due to non-attendance or non-payment they will forfeit their entry into raffle.** One prize per club.

FOR ALL CLUBS: 1st 20 members added to Clubs / Districts roster, will have their District dues for 2020 – 2021 paid for.





Good News - Club News



Heartland Lions:

- by Lion Carol Greene

The club voted to give money to the Bethel, Royalton, Sharon and Tunbridge Schools to assist with the meal programs during the pandemic. They also voted to give money to the Royalton, Sharon and Tunbridge food shelves. They have been having fun at their Zoom Meetings. This one meeting, everyone seemed to wear a hat! We conducted business as usual with the opening, including flag salute, minutes, committee reports and even the Tail-Twister keeping a tally of fines.



Whitingham-Halifax Lions

- by Lion Mark Hanna

Here's one of the 4 banners displayed around the Deerfield Valley, as printed in the Brattleboro Reformer this weekend.

Lions and Rotary teamed up on this, and Lion Steve Gangi and his company, Crimson, White & Indigo donated these large banners, acknowledging our Essential Workers for their efforts during these very difficult times. We're all indebted.

They're on display in prominent locations in Dover, Wilmington, and Jacksonville (Whitingham) Vermont.

Teamed up in this effort are Lions Meg Staloff, Steve Gangi, Patience Merriman, Mark Hanna, and President Angel Balch and her colleagues in the Deerfield Valley Rotary.





Vision Screening Report

4/22/20

Hello my dear Lions,

Well, I find myself sitting her at my dining room table (more times than I care to count) thinking about what vision screening may look like this fall. I rack my brain with all the questions that keep popping up in my head. Will the kids be back in school come September? What is that going to look like? Are we going to be able to even get into the schools?...and so many more along those lines. I'm sure any one of you who thought about this for any length of time have also had these questions run through your mind. Well, you are certainly not alone.

What should we do? I think the best thing to do is move forward. Making plans will not hurt anyone. I'd like to hear that clubs who screen are beginning to make contact with school nurses. Do all the things you would normally do this time of year to get ready for this fall. First, find out if they are interested and willing to set a tentative date for screening. We all know things are up in the air and may be for sometime, but I feel it certainly doesn't hurt anything to think positive and plan for the best possible outcome. We can always RESCHEDULE or even cancel if we have to. I don't know about you, but I'm ready to do something constuctive. Why not this?

Another point I would like to bring up to any club, if you don't feel confident about doing screenings this fall and would rather not, that is perfectly ok. The majority of our members fall within the suceptible age group and I certainly do not want anyone to feel bad if they choose not to screen. Safety first, body AND mind. All I ask is that you let me know your plans, whether you plan to screen or not.

Last year we screened 21851 students with 2188 referrals. That is an impressive number for 21 clubs reporting in. I can't thank you all enough for the time and energy that everyone put in to make it a successful year for the children of Vermont.

Please feel free to contact me if any of you have questions or need assistance. My contact information is below.

May you all stay safe and well.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Deb Savery
Vermont District 45 Vision Screening Coordinator
Cell: 802-289-2499 tallships53@gmail.com





A unique camp experience for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teens and Youth
 website: <http://GreenMtnLionsCamp.wixsite.com/gmlcamp>

Farrar Steckley Memorial Raffle

Lion Gene Farrar and Lion Brain Steckely were a former chairmen of the Green Mountain Lions Camp. All funds raised, through this raffle, provide scholarships for those youth who want to attend OUR Green Mountain Lions Camp

DEADLINE TO PURCHASE NOW MAY 30TH!!!!

Tickets are \$5 a piece, 5 for \$20 (**encouraged** to be sold to non-Lions)

(checks payable to Vt. Lions Charities – GMLC)

Top prize – Telescope Patio Furniture Set donated by the Granville Lions club
 Many, many more prizes as well.

For more information, including donating a prize (which are welcome!!)
 please contact DG Ken Emery at kpemery1960@gmail.com.

Item	Donated By:	Est. Value
Telescope Patio Furniture Set	Granville Lions Club	\$700.00
\$500 Cash Prize	GMLC Committee	\$500.00
Geiger Jacket	Lion Connie St. George	\$400.00
\$100 Cash Prize	PDG Betsy MaGee	\$100.00
Skin Solutions One Hour Facial Treatment	DG Ken Emery	\$100.00

Additional prizes include a Wicker Magazine Rack and two 'Welcome' signs, Men's and Women's outdoor winter wear amongst many various prize donated by PCT Brenda Seitz.

Heartland Lions Club has donated 2 \$25 Gift Certificates to the 5 Olde Tavern in South Royalton.

Many other certificates and various prizes to be won.

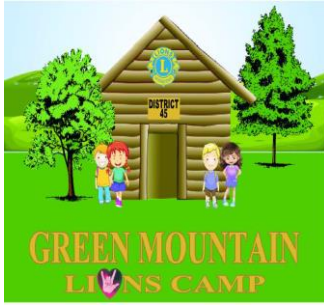
Approximately 30 + prizes!!!!

Deadline to purchase is now May 30th with drawing to be soon after such date

G M L C - F S M Raffle ***
 Name: _____ ***
 Address: _____ ***
 _____ ***
 Tel. No.: _____ ***

Drawn to be held May 31, 2020 ***

Farrar Steckley Memorial Raffle
 Benefit Green Mountain Lions Camp Scholarship Fund
Deadline to purchase tickets now MAY 30, 2020
 Vermont Lions District 45 Spring Convention
 Tickets: \$5 a piece, 5 for \$20
 Checks payable to: Vt. Lions Charities - GMLC
 Grand Prize: Telescope Patio Furniture donated by Granville Lion Club
 and many, many more prizes



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Dear Fellow District 45 Lions,

I hope this letter finds you doing as well as can be expected under the sometimes trying, and often, uncertain circumstances we find ourselves in.

On behalf of my fellow Green Mountain Lions Camp Tri-Chairs, PCT Brenda Seitz and Lion Gia Vadnais, I am sorry to announce that there will be no Green Mountain Lions Camp, this summer, summer of 2020.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken another casualty, that being our summer camp. Keeping in mind the safety of the staff of the camp, the Lions and others who are involved in the camp and more importantly our campers, our 'kids' who attend the camp, it was the most responsible choice. It has also been heard that Covenant Hills, the location where the camp is held will also not be opening this summer.

We, the Tri-Chairs and the GMLC committee members, would like to say 'THANK YOU' to all of the Lions of District 45 for all of your support of the camp. The 'calcutta raffle' that was hosted by Region One was a big success like always.

The Farrar Steckley Memorial Raffle for scholarships, headed by DG Ken Emery, is still on. The deadline to purchase tickets has been extended to May 30th with the drawing to be done on May 31st.

More information will forth becoming on the camp, especially plans for the 2021 version. If circumstances allow, we might even try to host a 'get together' sometime this summer / fall to keep the camp fresh on everyone's mind.

Be safe everyone,

Yours in Lionism
Lion Patricia Johnson-McWilliams
Green Mountain Lions Camp Tri-Chair.



Joint Statement from Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, and Rotary International

Woven through the fabric of virtually every community on earth, service clubs of Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, and Rotary International are working safely and diligently to maintain connections with each other and our neighbors so that we can cope with and overcome the effects of COVID-19. We are leveraging the strength of our combined networks of 3.2 million members to provide comfort and hope to those feeling the effects of isolation and fear. And we are focusing our collective skills, resources and ideas to support frontline health workers and first responders as they battle this disease and save lives.

In these times of uncertainty, your local service clubs remain committed to meeting the challenge of finding innovative ways to take action together to help communities around the globe heal and thrive – and become more united than ever.

“The global effort against COVID-19 depends on actions taken in every country. As people of action, this is our time to connect with each other to offer immediate help to people in need.” – Mark Daniel Maloney, Rotary International President, 2019-2020.

“The scale and magnitude of this global pandemic requires our world’s citizenry to heed the advice and cautions of the experts. The work and plans of our collective members and volunteers must not cease! Our immediate response after the crisis will be necessary to support local governments responding to the many social and economic challenges that will ensue in its aftermath.” – Adrian Elcock, Optimist International President, 2019-2020.

“Great challenges test us, but they also bring us together. Lions are finding new ways to safely serve. Our Lions Clubs International Foundation has granted over one million dollars to help communities facing extreme rates of COVID-19, and additional grant requests are being received daily. Our communities depend on service clubs, and we will be there, supporting and strengthening them together.” – Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, Lions Clubs International President, 2019-2020.

“During these difficult times, we’re seeing everyday heroism across the globe. I encourage us all to recognize the health and safety professionals who are putting their own health at risk for the greater good. To the educators, grocery workers, delivery drivers and the countless professionals who can’t stay home, the Kiwanis family thanks you. We all play an important role in keeping our friends and neighbors safe. Please follow the advice of the World Health Organization, your local health agencies and the instructions given by your Government. Please, stay safe.” – Daniel Vigneron, Kiwanis International President, 2019-2020.

For further information, please contact:

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Shauna Schuda at shauna.schuda@lionsclubs.org

Rachel Webb at Rachel.webb@optimist.org

Ben Hendricks at bhendricks@kiwanis.org



Hello everyone, below are the answers to the 'Trivia Challenge' that was conducted at the March 20th Cabinet Meeting.

How did you do? Thanks. DG Ken

Trivia Challenge
March 2020 Cabinet Meeting

- 1). What are the 5 main causes for Lions of the World? **Vision, Hunger, Diabetes, Environment, Pediatric Cancer**
- 2). What is the theme of the 2019 – 2020 International President? **Journey of Service, Service through Diversity**
- 3). What is the theme of District 45 for 2019 – 2020? **Driven to Serve**
- 4). Of Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, Connecticut and New Hampshire, which state is the oldest? **Connecticut**
- 5). Burlington is the largest City in Vermont. What is the second largest? **Rutland**
Manchester is the largest City in New Hampshire. What is the second largest? **Nashua**
Portland is the largest City in Maine. What is the second largest? **Lewiston**
- 6). When was District 45 formed? **1955**
- 7). Name the state bird for Vermont? **Hermit Thrush**
Name the state bird for New Hampshire? **Purple Finch**
Name the state bird for Maine? **Black-capped chickadee**
- 8). When did Helen Keller deliver her challenge to Lions of the World? **1925**
- 9). Who was the first female president of Lions Club International? **Gudrun Yngvadottir**
- 10). Who is the most recent International Director from the New England region? **Mark Lyon**
Who is the 2nd most recent International Director from the New England region? **Joyce Middleton**
- 11). District 45 has how many clubs? **32**
How many are in Vermont? **31**
- 12). L I O N S. What was one of the originals sayings for such acronym? **Liberty Intelligence Our Nations Safety**
What is the current saying for such acronym? **Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services**
- 13). What New England state does U S Route 1 not run through? **Vermont**
- 14). How many Interstate roads are there in State of Vermont? **4**
- 15). How many U. S. Presidents have come from Vermont? **2**





Dear Lions Club Leader:

The USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation is happy to invite you to our Virtual Leo Leadership Conference that will be conducted via Zoom on May 30-31, 2020 at 2:00 PM (EST). This online **FREE** event is open to Leos, Lions, Leo Advisors, and Faculty Advisors. We have scheduled awesome facilitators from throughout the United States and Caribbean. Among our facilitators is Lions International First Vice President Douglas Alexander. See below the list of webinars that will be offered during our Virtual Leo Leadership Conference.

Registration for the Virtual Leo Leadership Conference is **NOW OPEN**.

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If you have any questions feel free to email us at info@leosforum.org

Sincerely,

LION PABLO ROMANO

President

USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation

LEO FABIAN MAXWELL

Chairperson

USA/Canada Leo Forum Advisory Council



Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion,

The Illinois State government in the USA announced that its stay-at-home order will be extended until at least May 30 to slow the spread of the coronavirus. The measures included the requirement to cease all nonessential services in the state. Lions Clubs International is identified as “nonessential.” To comply with the state mandate, the Lions Clubs International Headquarters in Oak Brook will be closed at least until May 30, 2020.

While staff will not physically be in the building, staff teams will be working remotely and available during business hours to respond to the needs of Lions. You may [contact LCI staff](#) or [LCIF staff](#) as needed.

The performance of systems may be impacted due to the increased number of people working remotely, and response time may be affected. Some of our business operations that require physical interaction will likely be limited.

More details will be provided as the situation evolves, but here is some preliminary guidance:

- For information on district and multiple district conventions, please check our [coronavirus updates webpage](#).
- Regarding payment of outstanding dues, we recommend that districts allow clubs that are able to demonstrate they have sent or submitted payment to participate in voting. This could be via a bank statement, copy of demand draft, etc. Clubs will not be cancelled during this time based on the challenges related to receiving and processing physical checks and electronic payments.
- For Lions International payments, please utilize online payment options via MyLCI or any other electronic payment method (ACH, SEPA, Boletto, NEFT, etc.) instead of sending checks to the office.
- Please [submit LCIF donations](#) via the website instead of sending checks to the office. Please also note that grant disbursements and recognition will be delayed while the office is closed.
- There will be delays in shipping awards and recognitions, club supplies orders, as well as delays in processing reimbursements.

We appreciate your patience during these extraordinary times and wish for the health and safety of all our Lions and staff around the world.

In kindness,

PIP Frank Moore
Executive Administrator and Secretary



September 17-19, 2020

Louisville, Kentucky

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April 2020 Newsletter

From our General Chairperson, PID Harvey Whitley

The world around us has truly changed since our last newsletter. As I wrote to you just a few weeks ago, the COVID19 virus had just started to make an impact on North America. Our LCI International Convention in Singapore has now been canceled as well as numerous District and Multiple District functions. Training sessions, club meetings and cabinet meetings have been canceled or held electronically. Listening to the latest reports, it seems that we may now be able to see the other side of this pandemic as conditions are now trending in a more positive direction.

I have been asked more times than I can count—is the Forum still on? **Yes!** Your Planning and Host Committees are continuing to work hard to have the September Forum in Louisville. By the time September rolls around, we are optimistic that we will all be able to get together once again to renew friendships, meet new friends and hone our leadership skills.

To the 2020-2021 District Governors, I know you are very disappointed that you were not able to be together in Singapore as a Council to celebrate your induction. The Forum is planning something special for you to recognize you as new District Governors. It won't be the same as being in Singapore, but you don't want to miss it.

Registration continues to go well and early bird registration rates are still good through May 31.

See y'all in Louisville!!

And We're Off...To Winning Leadership!

PID Harvey Whitley, General Chairperson



PID Harvey Whitley

General Chairperson, Louisville 2020

Exhibits...Exhibits...Exhibits

One opportunity that comes to Lions attending a USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum is the chance to visit the exhibits. The exhibit booths are open the same time as the Forum Store. Exhibits can be local vendors, clubs with a story to tell, Lions' services, various Foundations and support services and much more. Currently, LCIF, KidSight USA and the NC Lions Visually Impaired Persons Fishing Tournament have already committed to an exhibit booth. The latest information on the 2021 Forum in Des Moines will also be available. Those interested in details on how to arrange an exhibit booth can contact the Exhibits Chair: PID Ed Lecius at lioncommish@hotmail.com

COME ONE COME ALL

Come join all your friends at the 6th annual **"Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness"** being held Thursday morning in Louisville. There is no better way to kick off the USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum than a morning walk with friends you haven't seen in a long time.



Last year in Spokane was amazing when we had over 650 Lions walking through the park showing everyone in Spokane who the Lions are and how we care about those who suffer with Diabetes. Register now and let's make this another record-breaking year in Louisville.

This year the Kentucky Lions have something special in store for all who attend in hopes of bringing a little more fun to our event. Also, this year each walker will be able to choose how far he/she would like to walk, either 0.5-mile or 1.0-mile or 1.5-miles for those who want a real workout.



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So, come out and walk for a great cause. Join our International Officers leading our walk. Visit with Leaders and Lions as we kick off the 44th annual USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky on September 17th.

LEOs Roaring in Louisville

LEOs from around North America will be roaring at the USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum. We will gather to promote the principles and objectives of the Leo Club Program.

Your \$50* one-day (Saturday) Leo Day registration includes:

- Lunch with a presentation by 2020-21 International President, Jung-Yul Choi and the Saturday evening banquet. Two lucky pre-registered Leos will have lunch with the International President.
- A hands-on service project that you can take back to your own club.
- Seminars that will help you and your club become stronger.
- A panel discussion presented by several LEOs for fellow LEOs and Lions.
- Shopping at the Forum Store. Bring your \$\$\$\$\$ to purchase your souvenirs.
- For an additional \$10 each enjoy a tour of the Louisville Slugger Museum and receive a Forum Leo t-shirt

Your \$150 discounted registration rate includes everything above and:

- A three day Forum experience including four meals.
- 70 seminars that will give you the opportunity to develop your Leadership skills.

Contact registrar@lionsforum.org to take advantage of the special Leo rate.

Whether you come for the full Forum or just for Leo Day (Saturday) it will be FUN. Arrive early for the Friday night Get-to-Know-You party with games, music and food. You will love Louisville and the Forum!