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Hello District, 45 Lions!

What a great beginning to the lions year! Our organizational meeting outside under tents was a huge example to what is possible. I asked lions to wear a mask and most complied without argument, that made me so grateful as it is difficult to plan meetings during this time and we certainly what to make sure those of us who are at risk are protected. Wearing a mask tells others you care about them. I wear a mask to protect the people around me, they wear a mask to protect me, easy peasy! You will hear no excuses from me.

As difficult as it is, I am planning the year ahead, I have made accommodations with the Eagles club for our August Cabinet meeting. We will be Outside under two large tents and spreading out only 3 to 4 to an 8-foot table. WE WILL WEAR MASKS! NO EXCUSES! Last year we had a great meal by them I am looking forward to it again this year! Please help us and them by registering early, and please do not come without at least notifying us you are coming, I would never turn anyone away but is sure makes planning so much easier!

You will find the registration form in the following pages, still a prize for the first one that comes in the mail, (hurry it is something good)!!!

Club Visitations, please notify me if your club is meeting and would like me to come, I am leaving the decision completely up to the clubs. If you do not feel comfortable, I will not be offended. I only want to do what our members feel comfortable with. But again, I am leaving it in your hands.

Recent Visits

Deerfield Valley Club: Had an amazing Officer induction, new member induction and awards presentations. We all arrived and were parked in a circle and tailgated what fun! It was a very meaningful afternoon and my great pleasure to be a part of that special day, thank you for allowing me to come.

Strafford Lions Club: This week I visited the Strafford Club inducted their officers and inducted two new members, we enjoyed an amazing dinner at a member's beautiful home outside and dinner by the pool! It just goes to show you that we can meet safely, enjoy each other's company we have all missed each other. Thank you, Lion Sue Colburn, for the invitation and making me an amazing salad for dinner

On a closing note this week one of our Londonderry Tri-Mountain Lions was killed in a tragic car accident, Lion Joan was a charter member and worked long and hard with Lion Randee and me to get the club started. She will be missed as she served with a beautiful heart. I tell you this because I want to encourage you all to enjoy every day you never know how your day will end. I would also like to stress PLEASE do not drive impaired because Joan would still be with us today if the other car had cared enough about the other people on the road that day, call a friend, call a cab, call an Uber!

Stay Safe, Stay Well, Yours in Service
DG Pam

District 45 Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hosts - Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
August 15, 2020	Arlington - Zoo Vehicle Parade	Arlington VT
August 15, 2020	Arlington – Bottle Drive Pediatric Cancer	Arlington VT
August 30, 2020	District 45 - Summer Cabinet Meeting	Manchester, VT
Sept. 19 - 27, 2020	Deerfield Valley - Hungry Lion Bike (or walk) Tour	Virtual
Ends 9/30/2020	District 45 - Membership Challenge	Districtwide
November 1, 2020	District 45 - Fall Cabinet Meeting	Rutland, VT
January 9, 2021	District 45 - Winter Cabinet Meeting	Barre, VT
March 6, 2021	District 45 - Spring Cabinet Meeting	Essex VT
March 6, 2021	District 45 - LCIF Super Raffle	Essex VT
May 7 - 9, 2021	District 45 - Spring Convention	Manchester VT
June 25 - 29, 2021	Lions Club International - International Convention	Montreal, PQ, Canada

Don't see your club activities???
Email such to the Communique Editor
See it next month!!!!

2020 - District 45 - 2021

On behalf of PCT Loreen Teer, Fund Raising Chair
 For District 45, we are hoping that ALL will be
 attending as many cabinet meetings in DG's Pam
 year but for those who can't, you can still
 participate in the 200 club to help the district

The 200 club is held at the 4 cabinet meetings
 plus the Spring Convention. There are 4 prizes:
 1st: \$50, 2nd: \$25, 3rd \$15, 4th \$10

Costs is \$5 per number, per meeting

Please mail your selection and check to: PCT Loree Teer
 You may also call PCT Loreen at (802) 899-1363
 Deadline via snail mail: Wednesday August 26

Fund Raising - 200 Club

Choose your number(s)

1st choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

4th Choice: _____

Summer: _____ Full year _____

2 B Rabbit Run, Underhill VT 05489
 or via email: lionloreen2007@gmail.com
 Deadline: Phone / Email August 29th



WE SERVE
VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45
TO ALL LIONS

2020-2021 Summer Cabinet Meeting

Sunday August 30, 2020

Time: 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

LOCATION: Manchester Eagles Club

2282 Route 11, Manchester, Vermont 05255

Registration: \$25.00 per person

Club Name: _____

Lion/Lions: _____

Club Position: _____ District Position: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Attending _____ x \$25.00 = _____

Please use a mask

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS August 24, 2020

Mail to: CST PDG Bob Wilcox, P.O. Box 321, Shaftsbury, Vermont 05262 Cell:

802-379-2600 OR email to: wilcoxrw@aol.com

****** Remember, fund raising committee will be on hand ******

Silent auction items needed, DG Game, 50/50, 200 club (see page 2)

***** Collecting items for Manchester Community Food Cupboard *****



FOURTH AND GOAL HAS BECOME!!!

Take your Passion, make some Traction, get their Reaction!!!

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE Prize money for Admn. Funds.

Purpose of challenge: **NEW MEMBERS!!!**

Given the pandemic issues, challenge has been extended!!!

Original Time Period: 4/1/20 – 6/30/20, **extended to September 30, 2020**

Prizes to be drawn Fall Conference 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.





July 27th, 2020

I hope everyone is coping with this heat and unusual predicament we have found us in. I've tried to start this letter many times but would get a new news flash on schools opening, then maybe not opening and simply, honestly did not know which way to go. So here goes, regardless.

As I see it, the only thing we know for sure is that we do not know anything for sure. That being said, let's start at the beginning. For those clubs who have a set group of schools they screen, I suggest you try to contact the school nurses and establish a simple dialog regarding their plans for screenings in the future. These poor souls probably do not even know where to start this school year, so we need to be sensitive to their predicament. All we may be able to do is remind them we will be available when they need us and that may be that.

Some of you may be able to get a little further and set up trainings for the nurses to do the actual screenings themselves with your camera. At least make it an option for them. If the nurses are agreeable to doing the actual screenings, all we need is to get the finally counts of students and referrals so we can maintain our own records. If you can arrange this, wonderful! In other instances, we may just have to wait this pandemic out.

Always remember, do what your club feels comfortable doing even if that is nothing at all for now. If your members have concerns with safety that is a good enough reason to postpone any screenings until later. All I ask is that the club contact their schools and maintain a dialog, so we do not have to rebuild a report with them and start from scratch later. It is most important that the nurses know we are still here, still active when possible and that we will check in with them from time to time to see if there is anything at all we can do to be of service

Lastly, PLEASE contact me and let me know what your club is planning. I would like to know if your club is planning any screenings, camera loans or if they simply want to wait this pandemic out. If I do not hear from you, I will be in touch just to see where the District stands with vision screening overall.

I hope to hear from each club soon. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Deb Savery
Vermont District 45 Vision Screening Coordinator



**Come and join DG Pam Nichols (or guests) for weekly chats
on Facebook
Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Vermont District 45 Lions**

Club News

Hungry Lion Fundraiser gets creative to meet health challenges and serve the community

Whitingham, VT --- The Hungry Lion Bike Tour, one of the Valley's top charity fundraising events, is adapting to meet the safety imperatives of our socially distancing world. This year, the HLBT will include both bike tours and walking challenges – and will be an entirely virtual, self-guided event that will take place between September 19 and September 27. Cyclists and walkers can choose which days they participate, and can walk or ride as often as they wish, alone or with teams of friends and family.

Sponsored by the Deerfield Valley Lions Club, the HLBT has raised over \$200,000 over the last 9 years, with all funds raised going to support Valley charities. Many vital programs depend on these funds, so the Lions Club encourages everyone to participate this fall. There is a \$50 registration fee, and participants are invited to line up friends, family and coworkers to make pledges online through an online tool called Pledge Reg. This platform also lets participants track their fundraising totals in real time – and enjoy some friendly competition with other athletes or teams.

In a departure from previous years, the HLBT is not issuing a custom bike jersey to mark the 2020 event. However, all funds raised by individuals this year will be applied next year as a credit towards earning a special 10th anniversary jersey. Also, each day, the Deerfield Valley Lions will recognize select participants through the club's Facebook and web pages, based on their efforts both physical and fundraising. Later this fall there will be a Live Facebook Event, to celebrate the achievements of everyone who came out to ride or walk.

So lace up those sneakers, strap on that helmet and start training for the 2020 "Virtual Hungry Lion" -- a fun and flexible way to make a difference for our community! For information and to register, visit

www.hungrylionbiketour.com.

For immediate release (802) 368-2601

September 19 thru September 27

Choose **YOUR DAY** for this **ALL-VIRTUAL** event!



Ride or Walk...
THE HUNGRY
LION BIKE
TOUR!

Learn more & register now

www.hungrylionbiketour.com

Please support Lions Community Projects!

Deerfield Valley Lions Club
Kindness Matters



Vergennes Lions Club 2020 Vehicle Raffle



1996 Ford Mustang V-8 Convertible!

Second Prize: BBQ for 15 People provided by Porky's Backyard BBQ

Third Prize: A pie every month for a year provided by Ferrisburgh Bake Shop

Our 2020 Vehicle Raffle is ready to go. This year we have a 1996 Ford Mustang Convertible! This is a very clean 4.6L eight-cylinder vehicle with automatic transmission, stereo, A/C and all the power options. This vehicle has only 65,500 miles.

The winner will be drawn after all tickets are sold or on October 15th!

Don't wait...it might be too late!

You can view this vehicle at various locations in Vergennes from now until the drawing and you will see it's a beauty! Our Annual Vehicle Raffle is a major fundraiser for the Vergennes Lions. As with all our fundraisers, 100% of proceeds from monies collected from the community are used to benefit Lions programs. These programs include eyeglasses and eye care, hearing aids, youth programs, access ramps for the handicapped, scholarships and so much more.

The Vergennes Lions club would like to thank the greater Vergennes community, and past and present supporters outside our local area.

Dealing with COVID-19 has made 2020 a hard year for many and restrictions have severely impacted our ability to raise funds. The hardships are felt by the Vergennes Lions as well as other organizations that support the community.

Unfortunately, the needs of the community are still there and now are only greater. Please consider purchasing a ticket to our annual raffle. If you are able, consider buying more than one. Cash donations to the Lions of any size are also accepted and much appreciated.

Please help the Lions so we can further support the community!

For more photos check out our "Vergennes Lions Club" Facebook page:

Tickets are still \$30.00 each. Please mail your check to:

Vergennes Lions Club, PO Box 94, Vergennes, VT 05491

Or contact any member of the Vergennes Lions. Current Car Raffle committee members are:

Mark Delisle at 877-3423, Tom Brigan at 877-6850, Paul Bessette 349-7141, Bruce Bushey 355-1969, Ron Childers 363-9596, Gary Russell 236-6508 or chairperson Debbie Brace at 324-1758

Special thanks go to **Precision Print & Copy** in Vergennes for providing printing services for raffle tickets, posters and this mailing! Also to: **A&D Automotive** for vehicle inspection services. And of course thanks also to businesses providing our second and third prizes especially during these trying times. Please do support them as well!

NAME: _____ # OF TICKETS: _____ x \$30/ticket

POSTAL _____ (or cash donation of: \$ _____)

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE #: _____

Make your check payable to Vergennes Lions Club

Thank you for your support of Vergennes Lions Programs!





ordinary people
amazing things

The Arlington Lions Club would like to invite everyone to participate in a **Zoo Vehicle Parade** to raise funds for our annual back to school supply drive. Our annual back to school supply drive benefits Arlington Elementary, Sunderland Elementary and Happy Days Playschool.

The cost to join our parade is a **\$5 donation** per vehicle or float. All proceeds from the event will go to the back to school supply drive. There are **\$100 cash prizes** for the best decorated vehicle, the best decorated float and a **\$50 cash prize** for the most original entry. So decorate your vehicle or build a small float to show your wild side, your inner Elephant, Chimp, Lion or even your favorite Dino movie character and let's have a blast showing them off during a community parade. There will be car hop style food available for purchase at the finish of the parade.

All proceeds from the event benefit our local schools!

We welcome businesses and organizations to enter the competition!

Please contact us if you would like to have your name on a banner as a sponsor!

Parade line up and registration starts at 10 am sharp and the parade begins at 11am on Saturday August 15th. The parade will start and finish from the parking lot at the Arlington Recreation Park. A parade route map will be provided at registration and be posted to facebook.

More info at <https://www.facebook.com/arlingtonvtlions>

Please follow all recommended current health and safety guidelines



Vergennes Lions Club

Presentation of Melvin Jones Fellows awards to Lions Debbie Brace and Jim McClay
Interesting group of officers for 2020 – 2021, right?



Meals delivered to Vermont Foodbank (Barre and Rutland):



With funding from a group out of Rutland, 10,000 meals delivered to Vermont Foodbank in Barre
(Thanks Lions Rick Theken / Judy Cookson) and 3,000 meals delivered to the Rutland Foodbank
– IPDG Ken Emery

Heartland Lions Club: still meeting on the green in South Royalton. Practicing social distancing, wearing masks. 2020 – 2021 officers installed in June. Looking for ways for fundraisers and service activities.

Looking forward to working with their **BRANCH CLUB:**
Braintree Brookfield Randolph Area Lions.

PDG Walter Hasting present Melvin Jones Fellow to
Lion Stuart Levasseur



Vermont 802 Good Deeds on 8/02 (see facebook)



Colchester Lions Serving their community: Food drive on July 3rd



Repairing Little Free Library – Bayside Park:



Pediatric Cancer Bottle Drive – 8 / 15: 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The **Arlington Lions Club** Needs You To Help Fight Pediatric Cancer In Vermont

1 in every 285 children will be diagnosed with cancer.

43 children per day are expected to be diagnosed with cancer.

Cancer is the number one cause of death by disease among children.

The average cost of a stay in a hospital for a child with cancer is \$40,000.

We will be holding a bottle drive to benefit the fight against childhood cancer on August 15th from

10am to 1pm at the Arlington Lions Club pavilion located at the **Arlington Recreation Park.**

We will also be collecting can pull tabs to donate to the Vermont Shriners to help in their efforts in the cause. So if you could please pull them off your cans and bag them, it would be greatly appreciated.

Scenes from the 2020 organizational meeting – July 12, 2020:





If you see someone without a smile, be kind and give them one of yours

A few small acts of kindness can make a difference to many

Kindness Matters



All Over the World Lions are Helping, Leading, Planning & Supporting Others.



Join Now

How many District 45 Lions remember this?



United in Kindness and Diversity

2020-2021 Presidential Theme

Lions Club Members & Leadership,

I am reaching out to let each of you know of an update in volunteer needs with our local Northern New England Red Cross region. As we gear up to become prepared for the upcoming hurricane and wildfire seasons we are in need of volunteers statewide. This season poses some challenges as it has been predicted to be quite active and we have already seen an influx of storms for this time of year, all while incorporating new COVID-19 safety practices. We are seeking community members from all corners of our cities and towns who are willing to train and deploy when and where disaster strikes. We have both associate and supervisor roles available to fit varying skill levels and hope that you can share our need with your friends, family, colleagues, and beyond.

Join Our Disaster Shelter Team!

Volunteers are needed to support the day-to-day activities within a shelter which may include working in reception, registration, feeding, dormitory, information, or other areas within a shelter. Free online training will be provided. If the need arises, volunteers are asked to commit to multiple local shifts of 4, 6 or 12 hours each. For those able to travel outside of their local area, a commitment of at least 14 consecutive days, working 8 or 12 hour shifts is required. To apply sign up at [redcross.org/volunteertoday!](https://www.redcross.org/volunteertoday!)

We will be hosting two **virtual information sessions** for those who are interested in learning more about these meaningful and exciting opportunities. Please consider joining us on Monday, August 10th from 5-6:00pm or Wednesday, August 12th from 12-1:00pm to learn more, ask questions, and gain clarity around this opportunity. Please register for one of these two sessions by emailing Erica at Erica.Fuller4@redcross.org.

Please consider joining us or helping spread word of our need. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out!

Sincerely,

Erica Fuller, Sr. Volunteer Recruitment Specialist
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(802)735-8842



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What do you get when you are part of the
world's largest service organization?

You get the opportunity to make a difference in
someone's life!

You will make a difference in your life as well!
You will meet some of the most courageous, selfless,
and caring people in the world.

You will get the opportunity to spread kindness, make
positive changes, help your community prosper, and
share the mission of the Lions.



**Lions are on a
Mission to Serve**



Who Are Lions?

Lions are like-minded men and women in your town who are committed to helping the citizens of your town to live better lives, and to help make your town a better place for those who live and work here.

With almost 1.5 million volunteers, Lions is the largest humanitarian organization in the world. Lions aid the blind and visually impaired, support youth initiatives to build strong character and end bullying, feed the hungry, address global epidemics like diabetes, come the aid of communities when disaster strikes, and are committed to filling other community needs throughout the world.

Because we're local, we can serve the unique needs of our communities and because we're global, we can address challenges that go beyond our borders, and because of our numbers we can help to influence positive change around the globe. When it comes to meeting challenges, our response is simple: "We Serve." It's something that unites Lions around the world. We help wherever, whenever and however we can.

Would you like to join me in changing someone's life for the better?