

The Communiqué

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In Lionism, In Service, In Friendship

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Fellow Lion Leaders,

I feel I must start this month's note with the news of the sad loss of Lion Brian Steckley. So many of you know the amazing job he, his team and many Lions Clubs have done over the years in supporting the Green Mountain Lions Camp – and also the many families that have benefited from the chance for their children to attend the Camp, experiencing the fun of childhood. I am sure that he will never be forgotten in the memory of all whose lives he touched. I am sure that together will think of a fitting way to support the Camp he loved, in his name.

I have started my visits around the State and have been able to be part of the induction of 11 new Lions in different Clubs. This is so exciting and such a privilege to be part of the beginnings of our future Lions in Vermont. These new members and their mentors deserve recognition for stepping forward to serve.

To recognize these new Lions, I have put in place the "Green Badge Program". This is a 'road map' for mentors and new Lions to follow that will introduce them to the different parts of our organization and help them to meet other Lions around the State and New England. When complete, there is a new badge that will be presented in recognition of the activities done.

There is another program called "Lions Pride". This is meant to give recognition to members who have been Lions for some time and have given great service and support to their Clubs and our District. When all the activities have been checked off, there is another badge that has been created to celebrate their dedication.

Your Zone Chairs have copies of these programs and will help Clubs to put them in place. Recognition is something that all of us deserve for the dedication that we show. There are always the smiles and handshakes from the people who have been helped – this means a great deal to us all, but I feel we, as Lions, should also look to recognize each other.

One Service Activity coming up:

When we all gather in Colchester on the 3rd of November, our Theme will be Childhood Cancer. To support this, we have set up a service activity to make 'cuddle blankets' to donate to cancer centers for children. These are 'no sew throws' which can be put together on the day. I ask each Club to consider sponsoring at least one blanket @ \$10.00 each and join us to make it. (Please sponsor more, if you can.) It is fun and easy – all you have to do is to be able to tie knots!!

I look forward to continuing my visits around the State and meeting with the amazing Lions that belong to District 45. – **DG Liz**

District Governor Club Visitation schedule

October 1st – Whitingham – Halifax Lions

October 2nd – Barre Lions

October 15th – Castleton Lions

October 16th - Windsor Lions

District 45 Calendar and Events

9/29	Hungry Lion Bike Tour
9/29	Swanton-Missisquoi Valley Lions 25th Anniversary
9/30	First Annual Norwich Lions Club 5K Race at Stoops Pond
10/6	Norshaft Lions - Oktoberfest
10/6	Whitingham-Halifax Lions present Bluegrass at the Readsboro Lions Picnic area
10/19-10/21	New England Lions Council Fall Conference
10/24 & 25	The Haunters House Of Horrors produced by the Barre Lions & The Haunters Guild at the Barre Granite Museum & Stone Arts School
10/31	Whitingham-Halifax Lions Halloween Carnival
11/3	D45 Fall Conference & LCIF SuperRaffle – Colchester
1/12/2019	D45 Cabinet meeting – Barre
3/16	D45 Cabinet Meeting – Middlebury
5/2-5/4	D45 Spring Conference 2019 – in Rutland
Don't see your club's activity listed? Email it to the Communique!	

MEETING NOTICE!!!

Official Warning of Vermont Lions Charities Annual Meeting November 3, 2018

The annual meeting of Vermont Lions Charities will be held during the Fall Conference cabinet meeting on Saturday, November 3, 2018. A full report on Vermont Lions Charities will be provided at that time.

Thank you.

Lion Stanley Patch, Jr., PDG-2
President, Vermont Lions Charities



*You Are Cordially Invited
to
Swanton-Missisquoi Valley
Lions Club
25th Anniversary
Saturday
September 29, 2018
at
Swanton VFW
8 Merchants Row
Swanton, VT 05488*

*Social 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Dinner 6:00 pm
RSVP by September 15th
\$25 per person*

Download your RSVP [HERE](#)

What do you get for a club that has everything? Consider buying and advertisement in their 25th Anniversary Souvenir Book. Download the Advertisement purchase form [HERE](#)

Bennington Battle Day Parade "Pirates Rule"



Lions and Rotarians join forces to paint The Gathering Place

Whitingham, VT – Recently, members of the Whitingham-Halifax Lions Club and the Rotary Club of the Deerfield Valley joined together for a three-day volunteer painting project at The Gathering Place adult day care center in West Dover. Alison Ferris coordinated the effort from the Lions' end, while Lions Steve Betit, Jeanette Felton and Mark Hanna provided equipment. The Gathering Place is a community resource for seniors and others who who need special care. It provides meals, activities, socialization and even showers for special needs clients.



Here's a link to a short, fun video Lion Patience Merriman made featuring Whitingham-Halifax Lions as they worked on this big project. You can see how fantastic the spirit was — and how grateful The Gathering Place is to have their building looking so bright and new! Hope you enjoy it!

[Lions + Rotarians = BEAUTIFUL](#)



Norwich Lions Centennial Legacy project



Norwich Lions donated a flagpole for the new Public Safety facility housing both the Police and Fire departments.



Norshaft Lions induct 4 new Lions members



Essex Junction Lions and the Champlain Valley Fair

Every year at the fair is a team effort. This year friends from eight Lions Clubs (Barre, Brandon, Colchester, Georgia, Jericho-Underhill, Swanton-Missisquoi, Williston and Windsor) volunteered at the Essex Junction Lions Food Booth August 24th thru September 2nd. A huge thank you to each and every Lion and friend as it sure "takes a District" as we say. The Essex Lions thank you for your support and friendship. From clean-up to closing this is just like real work!



The Georgia Lions cooked up some fun of their own serving at the Georgia Fall Festival

Essex Jct. and Colchester Lions joined the Georgia Lions at their Food Booth fundraiser.



Four Seasons Sotheby's honors memory of Joe Specht. Real estate firm supports charity founded by colleague.

Whitingham, VT – In 2011, former bike racer and local real estate agent Joe Specht had a fundraising brainstorm. As a member of the Whitingham-Halifax Lions Club, Joe and his fellow Lions were looking for a way to raise significant funds to help alleviate the problem of hunger in the Deerfield Valley. An avid biker, Joe saw a way to tap into the passion of cyclists like himself by creating a fund-raising bike tour, which he dubbed The Hungry Lion Bike Tour. Although Joe passed away in 2017, the ride he created has become the Valley's premier bicycling tour and a powerhouse event that has raised more than \$100,000 to date. Last month, Joe's colleagues at Four Seasons Sotheby's International Realty donated \$2,555 to this year's Tour in his honor. Lions Club President Mark Hanna accepted the check, which will go to fight hunger, help seniors with dementia, and provide free vision screenings for kids in local schools.



Front, left to right: Associate Broker Arlene Palmiter; Agent Penny Larson.
Back, left to right: Office Administrator Gretchen VanBacker; Agents Patrice Schneider and Donna Cote, Lion's Club President Mark Hanna, and Agents Leslie Fraser, Maggie Forcier, Betsy Wadsworth, Jennifer Armstrong and Adam Palmiter.



LIONS INTERNATIONAL
PEACE POSTER CONTEST
Official School or Youth Group
Contest Guide & Rules



PEACE

2018-2019

Kindness Matters

Lions International Peace Poster Contest is an international contest that encourages children, ages 11-13, to creatively express what peace means to them. The 2017-2018 contest theme is "Kindness Matters." The contest allows students to share their unique image of peace with others, so that we may all have greater tolerance and international understanding.

Judging at the District level will take place at the Fall Cabinet Meeting in Colchester on November 3rd



Remembering a life of service

We take a moment to remember our dear friend and Lion Brian Steckley who died on August 28th. Lion Brian, a Lion for over 40 years, was always on the move working on a Lions Project, a Cancer Crusader Project, or visiting family. He wanted to do all he could to help those in need. His passion and tireless work for the Bennington Club and also for the Green Mountain Lions Camp for deaf children will be greatly missed. For a number of years Lion Brian suffered from heart disease and more recently was battling cancer. A devoted family man and hardworking Lion, we will miss his friendship and support.

Sophia Daugherty recently lost her battle with T1D.

The Elementary School fifth-grader died at 3:44 p.m. Wednesday at Children's Hospital, hours after a prayer vigil was held for her at the school's gymnasium.

Her death came as an apparent result of a hypoglycemic attack resulting in brain swelling, a herniated brain stem and diabetes insipidus suffered during an overnight sleepover at a friend's home Saturday night. Sophia was a Type 1 diabetic.

Sophia was a member of the elementary basketball team, softball team and Girl Scouts. She leaves behind her two sisters Claire and Meredith, and her parents Keri and Ryan.



This is crushing, and so compelling a reminder to all of us affected by T1D that we owe it to those we know and love and those we don't yet know to do whatever we can to broaden awareness, educate, advocate, empower and comfort. It brought me back to the time when JoJo suffered severe overnight hypoglycemia and seizure on our vacation in Maine. She was just a fiery, pint-sized first-grader. Our dear friends, the Boyles, were with us as were heaps of family. But as I held her limp body waiting for the ambulance, her eyes open in an unconscious stare, I couldn't have felt more alone. We had no idea then why she wasn't responding. After her recovery, I didn't ever want to experience that again. Today, that feeling struck me upon learning the news of Sophia Daugherty. As a parent of a T1Der, the fear of overnight hypoglycemia in our T1Ders is ever-present, always there at bedtime.

It's a reminder such as Sean Peters' passing last year that it's not some innocuous or mildly bothersome chronic condition that just requires some extra self-management, a shot here and there. It's a lethal disease, always lurking, never resting. It is why we all do what we do in the fight against diabetes. To those of you with or without a direct connection to T1D who've answered the call to join the fight in some way, thank you for saying "I'm in." To the T1Ders among you, on behalf of all of us "have nots", you rock. We love you and we're with you. To the Lions reading this – **thank you for "taking on" diabetes.** With education and awareness efforts we can help those with all forms of diabetes live a fuller life.

– Jeff Kolok – SLAM T1D





Lions D45
Cabinet Meeting
Saturday, November 3, 2018

Day Event Only

Hampton Inn
42 Lower Mountain View Drive
Colchester, Vermont

Reservations must be made no later than Friday, **October 26**

Name: _____

Address : _____

Email Address: _____

Club/District Position: _____

Home Club Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Cabinet Meeting: \$22.00 pp x _____ (# attending) \$_____

Please make your checks 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

D45 Lions Service Project



No Sew Fleece Blanket

Saturday, November 3 at Fall Convention

Easy and fun to make. Soft and cuddly for a needy child.

\$10.00 per blanket covers the cost of materials.

Please let us know how many you would like to make for your club.

Name: _____

Club: _____

Number of Blankets: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Please make your checks payable to Vermont District 45 and mail to:

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Brattleboro, VT 05301

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Phone: 802.257.0901

Attention Fellow D-45 Lions!

VLC "THE MONEY TREE"

Vermont Lions Charities is announcing a new fundraiser; VLC "THE MONEY TREE" Raffle. THIS FUNDRAISER IS FUN AND TICKETS ARE EASY TO SELL!

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



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

The cost of one Raffle ticket is \$10.00 or 3 tickets for \$ 20.00. Envelopes containing 56 (seven sheets of 8) Raffle Tickets each, will be mailed directly to D-45 Club Secretaries. For additional tickets or any questions about the Raffle; please contact PCST Bruce Savery. You may contact Lion Bruce by phone: 802-289-1696 or email: bsavery29@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT! Please return all sold tickets with checks made out to Vermont Lions Charities to: Lion Woody Stoddard, 163 Whitney Rd., Springfield, VT 05156 by the deadline: October 19, 2018. Drawings for the prizes will be at the Fall Cabinet Meeting in November. Please be sure to mail these in on time.

Thank you again.

We sincerely hope that D-45 Club members enjoy participating, and in turn, your efforts will reach far beyond D-45 Club areas, contributing assistance where Vermonters do not have the added benefit of a Lions Club.

Thank you for your consideration and hopeful participation!

Yours in Lionism,



PCST Bruce Savery

VERMONT LIONS CHARITIES

(up-date for the Communique' relating reports provided at the August 19, 2017 Cabinet meeting , Spring Convention, dated May 5, 2018 and the August 18, 2018 Cabinet meeting.)

The intent of this report is to bring everyone up-to-date relating VLC's attempt to raise funds to assist families dealing with pediatric cancer.

First and foremost, the suggestion to help these families was brought to the Board's attention by Lion Phylis Porio. During our Board meeting of August 19, 2017, a motion was made to set aside the sum of \$5000.00 in next year's budget(2018) for childhood cancer; (motion approved). In reality, this is how our efforts to assist these families started.

My report to the Convention on May 5, 2018 stated the following:

As most of you are aware, VLC is trying to answer one of the challenges issued by LCI...that challenge, pediatric cancer, is best described with the following quote from LCI:

"Children are a gift to the world; yet every two minutes a child is diagnosed with, cancer and less than half the world's children have access to effective care. Children who survive cancer are often left with debilitating effects that can impact their physical development and ability to learn. That's why Lions & Leos are answering the call to expand access to life saving treatment for childhood cancer and to support the children and families who need us most. We are working to give children with cancer a second chance at life."

I am happy to note that Vermont Lions Charities has formed partnerships with the UVM Children's Hospital in Burlington and Dartmouth - Hitchcock in Lebanon, New Hampshire and in so doing, the hospitals will provide VLC with information on the families who are dealing with childhood cancer. VLC will offer, via an application process, a stipend of \$500 per year for a maximum of two years.

VLC has been advised that there are approx. thirty families in Vermont dealing with childhood cancer. Working with social workers & oncologists, VLC will begin making payment of this benefit beginning on January 1, 2019. In addition to the \$5000.00 provided by VLC, we have raised another \$4529.74. Thus, we will have over \$10,000.00 to offer as assistance. We will provide this assistance for as long as we are able to raise funds. We have received club and individual donations that total \$2,700.00 and approximately \$1,830.00 via our collection canisters. These canisters have been placed throughout the state in key locations in the communities that we serve.

I do wish to thank Lion Phylis Porio and the Norshaft Lions for spearheading our efforts; together, they donated \$1,500.00.

How can you help these families alleviate some of the stress and financial hardship when dealing with childhood cancer? You can send your club or individual donations to Lion Linwood "Woody" Stoddard, 163 Whitney Road, Springfield, Vermont 05156; make check

payable to VLC and specify for "pediatric cancer." Should you want some collection canisters to place in locations with-in the communities you serve, please advise.

Your support will be appreciated!!!!

The following information was provided at our recent cabinet meeting held in Springfield on August 18, 2018.

When setting our annual VLC budget for this year, we projected an income of \$53,000.00 and as of today, our income totals \$20,392.00. An income of \$15,000.00 was projected in our "walk for sight" fundraiser...however, we raised only \$670.00; a shortfall of more than \$14,000.00. We certainly hope to continue this excellent fundraiser next year. It has been suggested that this campaign would work best at the Zone level...just might work!!!

Happy to report that VLC will have our "money tree" raffle again and hopefully our cash-fest raffle. Look for these in the 1st quarter of 2019, maybe sooner. Thanks to Lions Bruce Savery and Carmelita Belisle for heading up these raffles.

On the expense side of the annual budget, we had projected expenses of \$49, 849.00....as of today, our expenses total \$43,801.36. Some of our major expenses include:

- Eyeglass assistance: \$11,317.00(special thanks to Lions Randy & Woody for their expertise in handling & paymentsof requests)
- VABVI & Vt. Adaptive: \$1500.00 ea.
- The Lion Nellie Hard award: \$1612.00
- The Lion Rich Dutil "We Serve" Leo Award: \$2000.00(Special thanks to Lion Jackie Dutil for presenting this award to Leo Joanna (Jody) Wright; member of the Mount Mansfield Union Leo club).
- General assistance: \$2000.00
- Grace Cottage Hospital: \$13,500.00
- Swanton flood relief: \$3678.50
- Hurricane assistance: \$3000.00

Before closing, two other important areas:

1. Wish to welcome two new VLC Board members: Lions Jeff Schroeder of the Castleton Lions and Kathy Dorman of the Vergennes Lions.

2. At our Fall Conference cabinet meeting, I will be conducting the annual meeting of Vermont Lions Charities; date, November 2, 2018.

Respectfully submitted, Lion Stanley Patch, Jr., PDG ,
President, VLC

DINING FOR A CAUSE

The Ninety Nine Restaurants
Invites You to a
Fundraiser to Benefit:

Williston Area Lions Club

Date: Tuesday, October 9, 2018
Time: 5:00pm - 10:00
Location: Ninety Nine Restaurants
11 Taft Corners
Williston, VT

All proceeds stay in the local Williston area, including funding for the Herb and Rita Goodrich Scholarship fund for a local Williston high school graduate.

Present the voucher below at this fundraiser and the Ninety Nine Restaurants will donate 15%* of your Guest check to the organization.

clip this voucher

DINING FOR A CAUSE

BENEFITING: Williston Area Lions Club
DATE: Tuesday, October 9 **TIME:** 5:00pm - 10:00pm
LOCATION: Ninety Nine Restaurants, Williston
11 Taft Corners shopping Center



RESTAURANT & PUB

Coupons, discounts and promotions including "Kids Eat Free" will not be accepted during the fundraiser. Present this voucher to your server when seated as this is required for the organization to receive credit for the sale. *Donation is 15% of sales (excludes tax and gratuity). Only valid on date, time and location stated above.

Oktoberfest



Saturday, October 6

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
\$8 Admission - Children under 12 FREE

**Live Music Featuring
Rymanowski Brothers**

**Ethnic Food • Beer Tent
Vendors • German DJ
Childrens' Activities • Wagon Rides**

**RAIN or SHINE
LARGE Camelot TENT!**
All proceeds used to benefit the community

**Historic Colgate Park, Route 9 West
Bennington, Vermont**

For information: 845-641-6007 • norshaftlions.org

Bennington Oktoberfest



Lions Multiple District Training Forum Extraordinary!

Saturday, October 13, 2018

8:30 AM

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Includes Box Lunch

Concord Christian Academy

37 Regional Dr, Concord, NH 03301

Lions Learning Opportunities!

**How to Choose, Design &
Run Service Projects!**

Secretary Training!

Successful Clubs!

**LCIF grant
applications,
Campaign 100**

People Skills!

Guiding Lions!

Guest Speaker

PID Joyce Middleton, Massachusetts

New England Lions Council
Serving the needs of the Districts of New England

*The Lions are coming!! The Lions are coming!!
The Lions of Vermont welcome Lions of New England!!!*

*October 19th, 20th and 21st, 2018
Mt. Snow Grand Summit Resort
West Dover, Vermont*

Weekend highlights

- *Guest Speaker: Jeff Kolak, SLAMT1 & Diabetes,
Improving lives through games and sport*
- *11 Training Sessions / Roundtable discussions Scheduled*
- *Meetings with GLT, GMT, GST Coordinators for Constitutional Area 1-A:
PCC Mahesh Chitnis -GMT; PDG TJ Anand-GLT; PDG Ken Chew-GST*
- *Necrology Service: remembering OUR Lions who we have lost.*
- *Updates from New England District Governors*
- *Meet fellow Lions from our New England Region*
- *Relax at the beautiful Mt. Snow Grand Summit Resort*
- *Room Rates: \$105 for Hotel Room, \$99 for Studio Room (plus additional fees)*
- *'Paint and Sip' program: Join a NatureSpa instructor for a relaxing paint class with acrylics.
Choose from two different designs. (minimum 10 / maximum 35).*

*See our website www.nelionscouncil.org for full
schedule of events, hotel registration and meal reservation information,
or contact any NELC Executive Board Member.*

Please join us!!!



We Serve



New England Lions Council Fall Conference Training Sessions / Roundtable Discussions Schedule



Meeting Times	Raponda East	Raponda Central	Raponda West	Deerfield South
9:15a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Tailtwisting 101	Is your club ready for a disaster	Club Extension	How to create a new project
10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Guiding Lions	Putting 'fun' into fundraising	Conflict Resolution	Constiution - By-laws
11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	GLT Coordinator	GMT Coordinator	GST Coordinator	Tradition, protocol, new Millennials