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# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021

*Happy New Year!*

*As I sit to compose this letter to you all, it is the day after Christmas and the gifts are opened and the food is all prepared and consumed, I am Grateful!*

*I challenge you all to start your day off saying I am Grateful for \_\_\_\_\_!  
 Whatever it is there is no correct answer but, in these times, I think we need to remember that we are blessed!*

*I am grateful for your support, I am grateful for my family, I am grateful I have a home to live in, I am grateful I have food on my table, I am grateful for my kitty's, I am grateful for all of you!*

*See it is not that difficult whatever answer works for you today.*

*Our challenges have been great this year, we have certainly been put to the test 2020 will always be remembered as the year of the pandemic, our family has only had one case and he although sick my Nephew will survive, he lives in South Dakota and unlike our Gov. there Gov has not taking the precautions that should have been taken, fortunately he is young and strong and a stubborn young man. I am profoundly grateful he is going to be ok,*

*AS we move into 2021 the challenges continue, will we be able to meet, will we be able to see each other in person, I do not know the answer seems like the convention should be ok,.. January of course is via zoom, March is still a go at this time, but it will depend on the Governor's task force and what they recommend!*

*Just like in November I followed the recommendations, and everyone felt safe and we had no cases spread from that event Thank Goodness (to be honest I was stressed about it) Well more than stressed, many sleepless nights before hand. But it was a great success!*

## GOOD BYE 2020!!!!

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*Unfortunately, my second year as District Governor has not been as I had planned. But I am hopeful that VDG Carol will have a full and extremely successful year! One of my goals was a Rutland club I will still be working on that have a few names and hopefully it will continue to grow!*

*Membership goals haven't even come close to those but many clubs are still not meeting, BUT we have adapted to on line meetings and for that I am proud of you all.*

*As I close this letter, I hope for you all to have a healthy and happy 2021 if you are ever meeting in person please let me know, when things open up I would still like to visit you all even if it is as IPDG.*

*Many Hugs and good wishes to you all in 2021 and as always yours in service.*

DG PAM

## District 45 Calendar

2020 <u>Date</u>	District 45 <u>Hosts - Event</u>	2021 <u>Location</u>
January 9, 2021	District 45 - <b>Winter Cabinet Meeting</b>	Virtual
January 9, 2021	New England Lions Council Winter Meeting	Virtual
January 13, 2021	Melvin Jones Birthday	International
January 16, 2021	Embracing Diversity Seminar	Virtual
February 7 - 14, 2021	Food from the Heart Events / Food Drive	Districtwide
February 15, 2021	International Childhood Cancer Day	International
<u>March 13, 2021</u>	District 45 - <b>Spring Cabinet Meeting</b>	Essex VT
<u>March 13, 2021</u>	District 45 - <b>LCIF Super Raffle</b>	Essex VT
<u>March 13, 2021</u>	<b>LCIF Super Raffle Melvin Jones Fellow Award Nominations Deadline</b>	Essex VT
March 20, 2021	Lion Day with the United Nations	New York, NY
April 22, 2020	Earth Day	International
April 24, 2021	Lions Worldwide Induction Day	International
May 7 - 9, 2021	District 45 - <b>Spring Convention</b>	Manchester VT
June 1, 2021	Helen Keller Day	International
June 7, 2021	Lions Clubs International Birthday	International
June 25 - 29, 2021	Lions Club International - International Convention	Montreal, PQ, Canada
	<i><u>Don't see your club activities???</u></i>	
	<i><u>Email such to the Communiqué Editor</u></i>	
	<i><u>See it next month!!!!</u></i>	



# District News

## January 2021 Cabinet Meeting Zoom Information:

Pam Nichols is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Pam Nichols' Zoom Meeting

Time: Jan 9, 2021 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82142443321?pwd=WjZvR01NVzlvYVVaT0xFVU83WGJLZz09>

Meeting ID: 821 4244 3321      Passcode: 682371

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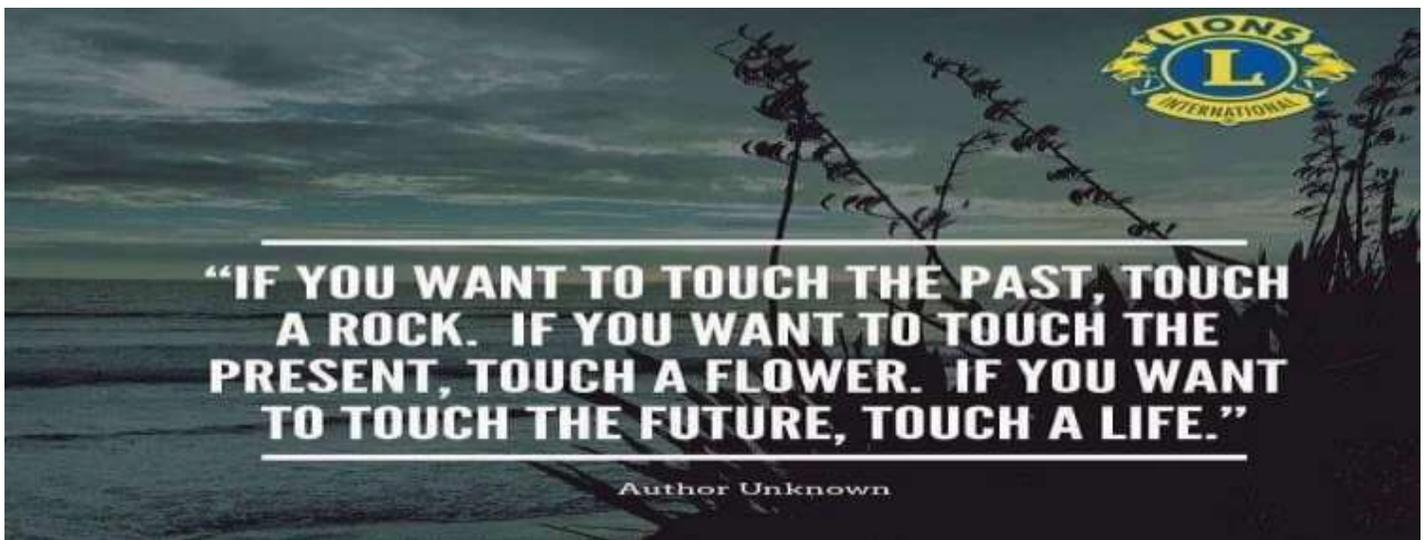
Please contact DG Pam or CST PDG Bob for more information

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Come and join DG Pam Nichols (or guests) for weekly chats on Facebook

Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Vermont District 45 Lions





Hi, 2nd VDG Kathy here. One of my goals for the year is to help my fellow Lions and the clubs of the District become more visible. We are selling these shirts. \$15 each. Contact me or any of the DG team to purchase one.



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\*\*\* Hello all, just a reminder. I have a new email address. Please use the following: [vtlionkathy@gmail.com](mailto:vtlionkathy@gmail.com) Thanks. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Kathy \*\*\*

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**Blast from the past segment:**



PDG Ed and Theresa Smith attending 1997 USA / Canada Forum, Rochester NY



## Zone 3BC Update

King Lion PG Carrier reports that the **Readsboro Lions** meet once monthly. The pedestrian bridge that leads from Route 100 over the river to the Readsboro Lions Park has been illuminated end-to-end with Christmas lights, for travelers to see. The large Lions logo midspan is circled in lights! Readsboro has several new members who are looking forward to springtime and new activities.

President Brenda Seitz from **Brattleboro Area Lions** is hosting Zoom meetings once a month. Lion Holly is looking into the new Bridge Mart eyeglass program that replaces the old voucher program with Walmart, in their affiliation with the club.

King Lion Bob Sofield from **Valley Lions** reported in that things seem ok. Members communicate by e-mail and membership remains solid. The club recently sent sum of \$4000.00 to four local fire and rescue units that have been hard hit financially due to COVID. The club supplies eye glasses and helps people in the community, including sending a \$250.00 check to a local family whose son has Leukemia – and this helps with gas money for their visits to Dartmouth Hospital three days a week. Members are looking forward to 2021!

**Deerfield Valley Lions** continue to be active in the community, with ongoing fundraising, grants, activities and community outreach – highlighted by the club's \$20K grocery program to combat food insecurity. These keep members motivated, as noted elsewhere in the Communique. The club continues to meet twice a month via Go To Meeting, but skipped the second meeting of December because of the Holiday – and they miss the Christmas Party that would normally take place on that date.

*Wishing all Vermont Lions a nice Holiday and new opportunities and fun in 2021. Stay safe!*  
Submitted by Zone Chair Mark Hanna

*LCIF SUPER RAFFLE WEEKEND*  
*INN AT ESSEX, ESSEX VT*  
*SATURDAY MARCH 13, 2021*

*MARCH CABINET MEETING 8:00 AM TO 3:30 PM*

*LCIF SUPER RAFFLE 6:00 PM*

*HOTEL Room Reservations—call the Hotel direct and book into the Lions Club Room Block. Reservation must be made by February 20, 2021 802-878-1100*

See page 40 for Registration for Cabinet meeting.  
See page 39 to purchase ticket for LCIF Super Raffle.

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We as Lions, are serving during one of the most significance times in our history and the needs of the world are now greater than ever. LCIF Empowering Service is of the utmost importance, as is the impact your service continues to make on our communities.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to Campaign 100, it is especially appreciated as I know 2020 has no doubt been one of the most difficult years to continue contributions. We are currently only at 46% of club participation and would be extremely honored to be able to report that our great District reached the 100% participation goal. Any amount would be acceptable and certainly appreciated. Currently in this lions year we have raised just over \$12,000, less that half way to our goal. There is still 6 months to help District 45 meet and or even better, surpass our goal. If you need assistance to pledge or donate please do not hesitate to reach out to me. This years Super Raffle committee has put together several creative ways to join us in our District Fundraiser to benefit Campaign 100.

For those who have already donated (2020) and your donation is \$300 or more, there is a tax deduction available for a charitable contribution, LCIF qualifies as the 501 (c) (3). Your donation would have to have been completed or postmarked by 12/31/2020.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know what your \$100 Donation can do:

- Provides immediate relief to four people in the wake of a natural disaster
- Provides the measles vaccination to 100 children
- Provides diabetes screenings for 18 at-risk individuals
- Gives access to clean water for 14 people
- Feeds 14 disabled, elderly, or low-income people
- Funds two cataract surgeries

Thank you for all you do for our communities, our district and lions international. Best wishes for a healthy and Happy New Year.

**Respectfully**

*PDG Merry Souza*



*Is your club hosting a Food from the Heart food drive? Food event? Please email us at [communiqué@vermontlions.org](mailto:communiqué@vermontlions.org) so we can add to our district website. Facebook us as well as we want to help promote your event as much as possible.*



## Vision Screening Report: January 2021

This report will be a bit different this month. As usual, District 45 Lions have done a wonderful job screening children under unimageable conditionals. To all of those Lions who continued to screen, connect with schools and/or maintain a relationship for next year, thank you. Next month I will have more numbers and names of the schools done so far. Some of the clubs have informed me that they will be doing more screenings in the spring, hopefully under more favorable environments. Regardless, Lions continue to provide needed services to our communities and do just what Lions do, SERVE were needed.

On another note, I was asked to share my New Year's resolution with my fellow Lions. I decided many years ago to forgo that custom because, to be honest I could never get past the first week when very quietly my intention floated out the window along with my sense of commitment. However, this year I think I've got this figured out. My New Year's resolution is to establish positive mini habits throughout the year.

A weight resolution...hahahahaha! A hum. Excuse me. I lost it for just a moment...but, yes. I plan to create a MINI health habit that will be doable for me. One that I can work and build on as I become successful with something as simple as doing 1 minute of exercise per day, building on it throughout the year.

Another resolution I feel I can do is cleaning one window per week, just ONE. Again, as I build this habit I will surely feel empowered as I go along to a point where after doing one window, what the heck, I may feel like doing one more...and so on.

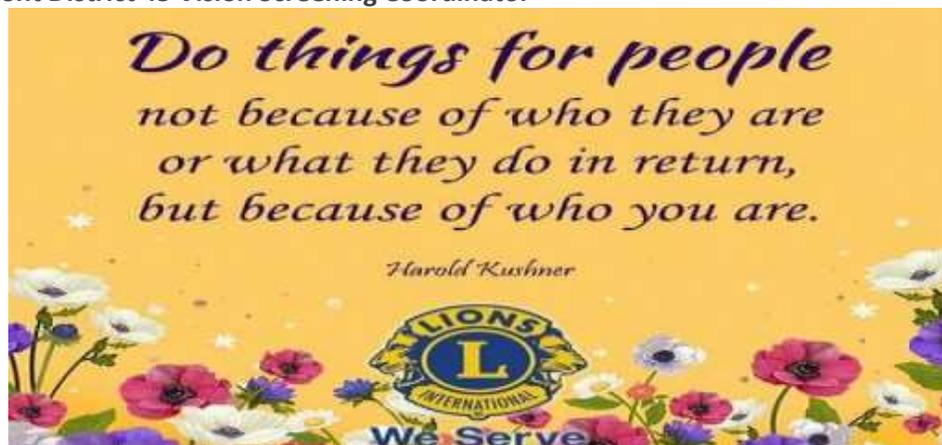
Now to bring this back to you my beloved Lions, why can't we do a version of this in our clubs? Some clubs are inactive because they don't feel they can be productive with the present restrictions. Why not create ONE MINI HABIT of picking up the phone and call a senior or someone you may know that is house bound and would just love to hear the voice of another human being. Just one person to call, say each week. If the whole club did this, imagine how many people would be served with one simple call from a Lion.

I'm sure there are many simple "mini habits" that can be instituted in clubs that would be easy but very effective in serving our communities. Talk to your members, brainstorm simple, one step projects that a single person can do or a whole club.

And on that note I wish you all a wonderful New Year's day and a beautiful new year.

Yours In Lionism,

Lion Deb Savery, Vermont District 45 Vision Screening Coordinator



*Message from our First Vice District Governor*

Hello Lions of D45!

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a great holiday season. I know as Lions we are out there making a difference in our communities. Which I would like to say *THANK YOU* for all that you are doing.

The definition of Kindness: the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. During the pandemic, we as Lions are finding ways to spread *Kindness*.

Whether it is helping someone obtain eyeglasses/hearing aids, packing meals, food drives, making mask, selling Christmas trees, taking part in holiday parades, or having a memory tree in your community; it is a never-ending list – we are visible. It is an exciting time to be a Lion.

As the new year approaches, I do not like making resolutions. However, this year I would encourage all Lions to remember that ***Kindness Matters***. Take some time to reflect on what your club has done. My hope is that we will continue embracing our communities and encourage all clubs to work together. While it is important to invite new members, I ask that you connect with *all* members. If your club is meeting via Zoom, make sure that all members have access and stay connected. I ask that each of you reach out to that member that was not at a meeting. Again, connect with your members.

In closing, starting in February 2021, I will start my DGE Training via Zoom. The event in Oakbrook Illinois has been cancelled for this year.

In hopes to see you at the Winter Cabinet Meeting, Saturday, January 9, 2020 via Zoom.

Kindness Matters,

*Carol Greene*  
First Vice District Governor

District 45 Membership Trend  
2015-2016 to 2020-2021  
Provided by PDG Walter Hastings  
NAMI Chair – District 45

Lions Year	Members Added	Dropped Members	Total Membership	Total Women	Total Women %
2015 - 2016	104	146	1,154	390	34%
2016 - 2017	117	181	1,122	388	35%
2017 - 2018	112	146	1,088	394	36%
2018 - 2019	111	153	1,046	408	39%
2019 - 2020	85	85	1,046	403	39%
2020 - 2021	31	39	1,038	386	37%

# Club News

## *Valley Lions Club:*

IPDG Ken,

Doing the best we can, and everything seems to be ok. Everyone communicates by e-mail and no one has left the club. We recently sent a total of \$4000.00 to four of our local fire and rescue units because they have been unable to raise money this year due to covid. Still doing eye glasses and helping people in the community. We sent a \$250.00 check to a local family whose son has Leukemia to help with gas money, they have to travel to Dartmouth three days a week. Hope 2021 is a better year so we can get back to meeting, and move on. I am sure you feel the same way. Regards,  
KL Bob Sofield

## *Georgia Lions Club:*

Hello Lion Ken,

We've been meeting and trying to keep active with eyeglass collections and reimbursements. We did do the memory tree this year and received a large number of names. I attached a photo of the tree.

Happy Holidays

Lion Brian Garland, Secretary

## *Granville Lions Club:*



**Readsboro Lions Club:**



Fellow Lions L-R, Ned Fossbender, Brian Bouker, Dave Garrison, Cheryl Scott, Alfred Scaia, Tom Maroni, Lions president PG Carrier, Carol Moore & Bob Scott....Alfred Scaia recipient of the Lions "Melvin Jones " award, the highest Lions honor.



# Arlington Lions Club:



## **Vision Screening Information:**

Thank you for allowing your child or children to participate in the Multiple District 5M Lions KidSight Vision Screening program.

This screening **does not** replace a complete vision exam by an eye care professional. During the screening we screen for the following conditions:

**Anisometropia:** This means that the two eyes have a different refractive power, so there is unequal focus between the two eyes. This could be an indicator of Amblyopia or "Lazy Eye"

**Astigmatism:** is a refractive error caused by an abnormality in the curvature of the cornea and/or the lens.

**Hyperopia:** Farsightedness, difficulty seeing objects up close.

**Myopia:** Nearsightedness, difficulty see objects at a distance.

**Gaze asymmetry:** Potential muscle imbalance or misalignment of the eyes also known as strabismus. This condition can also be an indicator of Amblyopia or "Lazy Eye"

**Anisocoria:** refers to pupils that are different sizes at the same time. The presence of anisocoria can be normal, or it can be a sign of an underlying medical condition.

**Only** a complete vision exam by an eye care professional can determine if your child has the condition(s) identified in the screening process.

We encourage you to make an appointment with an eye care professional as soon as possible if you child has one or more of these conditions listed on their screening result form.

If your child's screening did not result in a referral, we would encourage you to have your child's vision screened on a regular basis.

Your local Lions Club.

MD5MLKS 3-19



# Middlebury Lions Club:



## **Almost too cute to eat**

MIDDLEBURY LIONS CLUB President Jesse Gillette, left, and past president Randy Bigelow handed over three dozen doughnuts with masks to nurses and staff at the Helen Porter Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center on Friday to say thank you for their work in the COVID-19 pandemic. The treats, adorned with unique Thank You pandemic masks, were specially made at Middlebury Bagel & Deli.

Independent photo/Steve James



## Castleton Lions Club

The first 4 weeks of the 2020 Castleton Lions Club Scholarship winners are as follows:

Week One:  
\$100.00 Liz Grimes  
\$50.00 Diane Jamieson  
\$25.00 Becky Ares  
\$25.00 Maureen Belden

Week Two:  
\$100.00 Tammy Atwood  
\$50.00 Brian and Tia McIntyre  
\$25.00 Stas Belden  
\$25.00 Cathy Tester

Week Three:  
\$100.00 Melanie Farwell  
\$50.00 Andy Deleon  
\$25.00 Walker James  
\$25.00 Tielisa Parisi

Week Four:  
\$100.00 Rich Baptie  
\$50.00 Shauna Lee  
\$25.00 Mark Cassidy  
\$25.00 Nancy Bishop

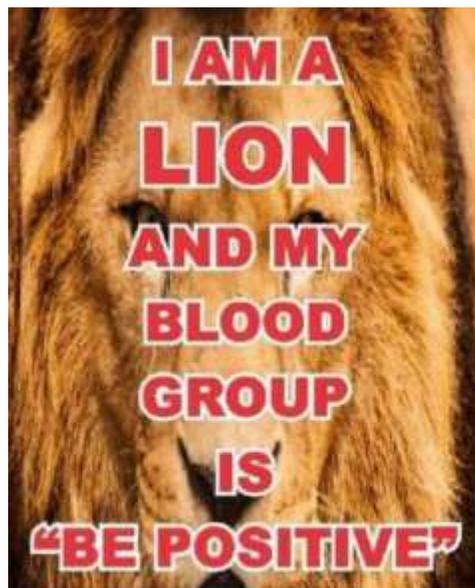
Congratulations to all the winners of the first four weeks!!!

Tentative plans going forward will be dependent on whether we will be able to have in person meetings.

If we can't, the tentative dates will be:

Monday Jan. 12 Weeks 5-8 winners will be drawn.

Monday Feb. 8 Weeks 9, 10 and the grand prize winners will be drawn.



## Deerfield Valley Club:

### 25 Points of Light, from members of the Deerfield Valley Lions:

1. **HEATING HOMES:** Our Lions gave a local nonprofit that helps with heating homes here in the Deerfield Valley \$5,000! (See the Thank You letter to the Deerfield Valley News elsewhere in the Communique.)
2. **FILLING CUPBOARDS:** Check out Lion Jason Staloff's update (elsewhere in the Communique) on the club's signature Holiday Baskets program – reinvented 2020-style! And... we had NO drop off from 2019 to 2020 due to COVID. Lions Jen and David tracked down and captured the information we needed for all our recipients. Lions Julie, Harry and Alison purchased this year's gift cards. Lion Mark lent a hand with getting materials together, and our Alisa -Keith team mailed them (500 postage stamps!!). Lion Wanda ran lead on many aspects, but it was a *team effort* and took many participants not mentioned here to pull it off.
3. **PHONE BANKING:** For the grocery program, Lion Wanda set up a phone bank, including Lions Geri, Meg, Alison, CB, Doug, to contact all recipients, let them know Food Money was coming their way (don't toss the envelope!!), and the team updated our List of Recipients in the process.
4. **HOW ARE WE DOING?:** Many Lions, particularly Jason, produced a Survey (which was self-addressed and postage-prepaid, *as well as available online – thanks to Lion Keith*) to solicit feedback from our Food Recipients. All to be sure we're on-target with our time, money, efforts, and outreach.
5. **RESOURCES FOR RECIPIENTS:** A valuable "Resource Guide" (that is sure to be a help for those whom we assist with food insecurity) was included in the mailing. Lion Jason and other Lions devised & refined it. In fact, Jason worked tirelessly on all the print materials.
6. **TRASHY FUNDRAISER:** We continue to bring in thousands recycling deposit bottles and cans at the Whitingham Transfer Station – our shed there fills so quickly nowadays that we have a rotation of Lions – including brand new members Brian and Rebecca – filling the backs of their trucks weekly and taking them to the redemption center in Brattleboro. And now, Dots of Dover (restaurant) is contributing *their* deposit containers to our Lion Alison. First VP Adam is running lead.
7. **BRANDING & AWARENESS:** Being recognized is important, so we're rebranding our newly renamed club with roadside signage – *and* by looking into modern, comfortable and classy Lions clothing. Signage is up around Dover VT – thanks to Lion Alison! Lion Mark received approval from selectmen on posting four Lions emblems at the Welcome to Whitingham signs. Wilmington and Halifax are two more town where the club hopes to post signage. Signage will have the club website (and some larger versions, the motto #KindnessMatters) in the blue rectangular sign beneath the large Lions emblem. Lion Steve Gangi (CWI Print) will be making vinyl overlays to update our older signs. The clothing team had fun meeting together at an outdoor café, and is making progress.
8. **ADMIN FUND BOOSTER:** We've come up with a creative way of funding our Admin account – and pumped it up \$110 our very first evening trying it. Lions Darlene, Patience, Jason, Wanda, and Peg donated goods, from Christmas wreaths to bike lights, computer services, a homemade bird feeder, and Lyman's Specialties delectable food items to auction on meeting night. Good fun! Kudos to president Julie, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Keith, and Lion Tail Twister Jason for pulling it off!
9. **ONLINE INCOME:** We're getting "with" 2020 and coming up with online ways to contribute to our club! It's not just check-writing any longer. Lion Keith is working with our co-treasurers, Harry and Alison, president Julie, and others, and PayPal is in our future.
10. **ACCOUNTING:** Our club initiated a program called "Wave," which is similar to the popular accounting software, Quick Books but more affordable. Our team of co-treasurers, Harry & Alison, and a helpful Financial Committee in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year, keep our finances on solid ground.
11. **VACCINE ACCEPTANCE:** We're talking about how a Lions Club might be able to help with the COVID vaccines locally – perhaps with an awareness campaign, much in keeping with LCI's previous initiatives with measles, river blindness, etc. New member Jonathan initiated this. The club may invite our local State Rep, John Gannon, to an upcoming meeting for discussions.

12. **HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS:** We support our own, from those recovering from surgery to others seeking advice on veterans affairs. Lions Darcey and Alisa regularly send beautiful, homemade “Thinking of You” cards to members who could use a boost due to health or loss.
13. **FEEDING ELDERLY:** Our club continues help with Senior Meals, with Lion Geri leading the effort – and hot meals are made available twice each week to dozens (nowadays by drive up instead of sit down) from the Municipal Center in Jacksonville VT. The Thanksgiving Meal distribution was well attended, attracting eighty.
14. **PEACE POSTER:** With co-chairs CB & Jason working around COVID-restrictions, the Deerfield Valley Lions submission won the District 45 Peace Poster Contest. Congratulations to all, and thank you CB and Jason!
15. **TRUNK OR TREAT:** Several Lions contributed to a socially distanced Halloween for area kids, in both Jacksonville and Wilmington VT. Lions Adam, Keith, Alisa, Julie, Rebecca, Brian, CB, and others pulled it off and all had a great time. Lions signage adorned the event, and the club also contributed \$100 towards the pumpkin carving contest.
16. **HUNGRY LION:** Chair Julie completely reconfigured the 9<sup>th</sup> annual foliage bike tour, making it virtual and adding walking as an alternative activity to biking. We stretched it to nine days, from one, and therefore opened it up for all. Several from D-45 contributed and participated (Thanks!!). And in the end, folks biked or walked hundreds of miles and the club netted \$30K (2/3 of which was spent on Holiday Baskets) – which is remarkable in these COVID times! We are SO looking for our tenth HLBT, September of 2021 – we’re hoping it might offer a Town Hill Post-COVID Party – and add elements from 2020 to make it an even bigger success.
17. **MORE FUNDRAISING:** Darcey (our Club Secretary), is looking into another (fun, easy, & profitable) fundraiser for Christmas 2021, a “Light Up the Night” event.
18. **WEBSITE:** Lion Keith keeps our website updated as a very useful and valuable resource for members and the community at large. Check it out: [www.dvvtlions.org](http://www.dvvtlions.org).
19. **WE’RE NOW INCORPORATED**, in Vermont. Next: investigating 501c3 with a Foundation (Julie and Jonathan are looking into it).
20. **MEETING UP:** Our club hosted a wonderful celebration and awards event last summer at Town Hill in Whitingham. We loved it so much that our first two meetings were held outside at the same location under beautiful fall skies. It is delightful to see each other in person, socially-distanced. More recently the club has transferred to our regular twice-a-month Go To Meeting online format, and we are getting good participation with lots of good ideas and energy.
21. **RECOGNITION:** Our *Lion of the Year* is the wonderful team of Keith and Alisa Thompson – and they are first-year members! Geri Kogut received our *Special Appreciation Award* and Meg Staloff was awarded the *President’s Appreciation Award*. Hard work and thoughtfulness deserves congratulations!!
22. **MELVIN JONES:** Lions Jennifer Betit-Engel and Julie Muller received their Melvin Jones Fellowships in July. Congratulations to each of our very deserving, hardworking, smart and kind MJF recipients! We are proud of Jen and Julie, and so thankful they are our Lions.
23. **LIFE MEMBER:** Mark Hanna received a life membership in September, his 20<sup>th</sup> year of Lionism.
24. **LEADERSHIP:** President Julie continues to work diligently, bringing Lions together to have fun in a meaningful and productive manner!
25. **LOVING LIONS:** a member recently offered, *“Doing service work has given me a spiritual boost during this difficult year.”* That’s a win for everyone!

To all Lions – wishing you the best in 2021!

## **Norshaft Lions Club:**

Happy Holidays Vermont Lions!!

There are some good things happening in the Southwestern part of the state. The NorShaft Lions have been very busy this year so far. Even though this is definitely a challenging year, we are making it work! We've done fundraising and service events, had a few in person board meetings and one in person general meeting. Hopefully we will be able to get back together in 2021!!

Some of the activities we've done so far are:

\*Participated in Garlic Town in Bennington. Garlic Town took the place of Garlic Fest this year.

\*We have had three raffles going in the first part of the year. The raffles were a Husqvarna chainsaw, a Gift Card from Henrys, a local meatshop, and 200 gallons of fuel oil donated by KCM Oil in Shaftsbury.

\*We had three weekends of pie/bake sales at the VFW in Bennington for fundraising

\*We put together two events for Halloween, Tent or Treat with a big truck exhibit in Bennington, a free event for families. We also participated in the North Bennington Halloween Parade with a float and had a booth where we gave away hot dogs.

\*Members did a park rehab to the Lions Park in North Bennington. Members also painted the pavilion at Howard Park in Shaftsbury and made benches for the tennis courts.

\*Our Food From The Heart Program is going strong, with thousands of pounds of food and other essentials donated to local food shelves.

\*Members helped the VFW with toy donations for Toys For Tots

\*Members helped with a momentary donation for the Spirit For Sharing through the Catamount Rotary Club

\*Our Vision Screening Program is up and running. With the HELP of our sister club ARLINGTON we've screened hundreds of children

\*Christmas Tree sales were fantastic this year. 250 Trees were sold in three weekends

\*We had a Christmas Light Competition this year. We ended up having 24 households register for the event. With 3 \$50 winners. Lots of really amazing light displays around the area.

So I think that more or less wraps NorShafts year up so far. I know I forgot a few things, but my 43 year old memory isn't what it used to be!! lol

Everyone Take Care and Have a Great 2021

Yours in Lionism, KL Matt Gras

## Norwich Lions Club:

# Norwich Lions Club Lions Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) Presented to Lion Peter Stanzel

Date: Gary De Gasta

**December 15, 2020 Norwich, Vermont** In its bi-monthly Zoom meeting, the Norwich Lions Club awarded one of its own, Lion Peter Stanzel, a Lions Clubs International Foundation Melvin Jones Fellowship for “dedicated humanitarian services and making a notable difference in the advancement of the Norwich Lions Club and its activities” .



Lion Peter volunteering for the 2018 Vermont Lions Club Camp cleanup

## Spot® Vision Screening—Sharon Elementary School

December 10, 2020

By Gary De Gasta and Stephen Flanders

**Sharon, Vermont** Three Norwich Lions Club “vioneers” —trained volunteers—screened 138 children at the Sharon Elementary School for vision issues under the supervision of the school nurse, Jill Lloyd, R N. The school teaches at the pre-school to the sixth-grade level with students ranging in age from three to 15. The vioneers were Lions Steve Flanders, Peter Stanzel and Gary De Gasta.



# John Lawe Receives Life Membership in Lions Clubs International

Cheryl Brush, King Lion  
December 15, 2020

At the recommendation of the Norwich Lions Club, John Lawe received a life membership in Lions Clubs International in recognition of his 53 years of membership and his outstanding service to the club and the community. He received a citation at the club's holiday Zoom meeting on December 15, 2020.



## Club (HOLIDAY) News

### Vermont Lions Club Memory Trees

December 22, 2020

By Lion Stephen Flanders

(with additional information from communicate editor assistant)

#### Origin of Vermont memory trees

The state-wide tradition of Lions Club memory trees started in Vermont's District 45 when Norwich's Phil Wheeler became district governor in 1979 and encouraged clubs in the state to use memory trees to promote the holiday spirit. Phil had been inspired by the success of the Middlebury Memory tree, a tradition that started in the mid-1970s.

#### Norwich memory tree

Norwich has had a memory tree since 1979, starting with the efforts of dedicated Norwich Lions and continued to this day with spearhead the acquisition, placement and decoration of the tree.

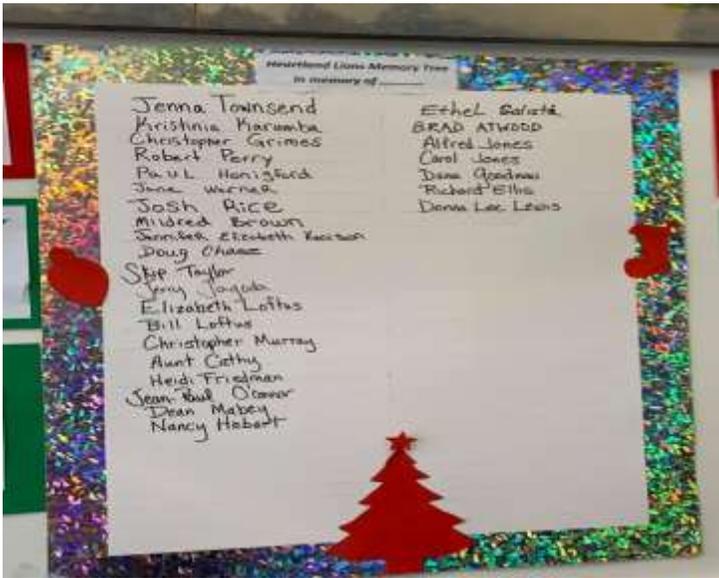


**Georgia memory tree:** they had planted a blue spruce in front of their fire station to be a memory tree. They mail postcards to town residents offering the opportunity to sponsor a light bulb in memory of a loved one. When the tree is decorated with colored and white strings of lights, they recite the names received in a tree lighting ceremony.



**Heartland memory tree:** 44<sup>th</sup> annual holiday Memory Tree is being displayed on designated posters around town. The club offers the opportunity to memorialize a loved one or favorite pet by writing the name on a poster in exchange for a small donation.

This year they continued this tradition by placing the names of a loved on an ornament having trees/tags/list of names at RB's Deli and South Royalton Co-Op Market.



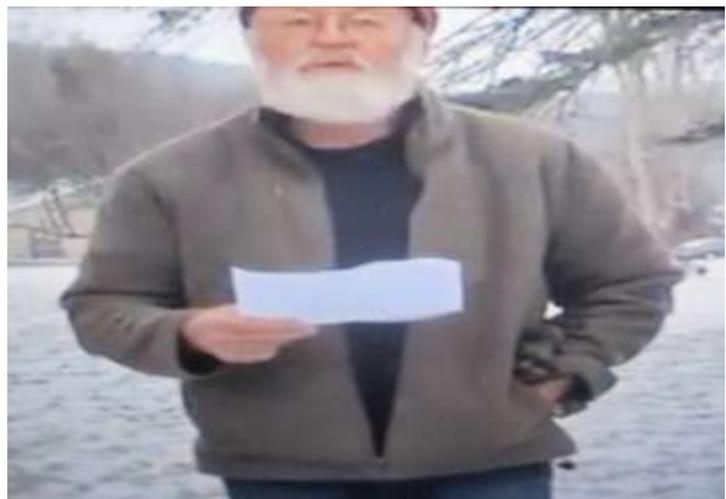
**Middlebury Lions** started their Memory Tree project in the mid-1970s. For one dollar per bulb sponsored, they usually have over 900 subscribers, whose names they print in a full-page advertisement in the local newspaper.



The **Pittsford Lions Club** decorates a tree growing in front of the Congregational Church as part of a more than 35-year tradition. They sell memory bulbs, hold a raffle and silent auction to raise funds for people in need in the community. The fire department holds a celebration with refreshments and a visit with Santa Claus.



The **Strafford and Area Lions Club** erects a memory tree in front of its community space, Barrett Memorial Hall. They usually have a lighting ceremony on a Sunday in early December, having received donations to sponsor bulbs. In 2020, the ceremony was held virtually by filming a small number of members **conducting** a ceremony. Strafford uses the proceeds of its fund raising to support the operation of the town's youth ski hill and rope tow, and the town pond, as well as District 45 and LCIF initiatives.



## Heartland Lions Club:

We had a successful raffle and even took part in the first-ever holiday parade in South Royalton. Heartland also continued their tradition of donating funds to local food shelves in Royalton, Sharon and Tunbridge, and toward holiday baskets.



## Arlington Lions Club:



*Enosburg Falls Lions Club:*



*Springfield Lions Club:*



**TOP TEN REASONS YOU SHOULD JOIN A LIONS CLUB**

**#1 Serve the Community**

Lions are committed to partnering with local leaders and organizations, identifying the unique needs of their communities and surrounding areas, and planning service projects that address those needs. From community clean-up projects to food drives to fundraisers, Lions help people in need who are close to home. We serve!



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**Colchester Lions Club:**



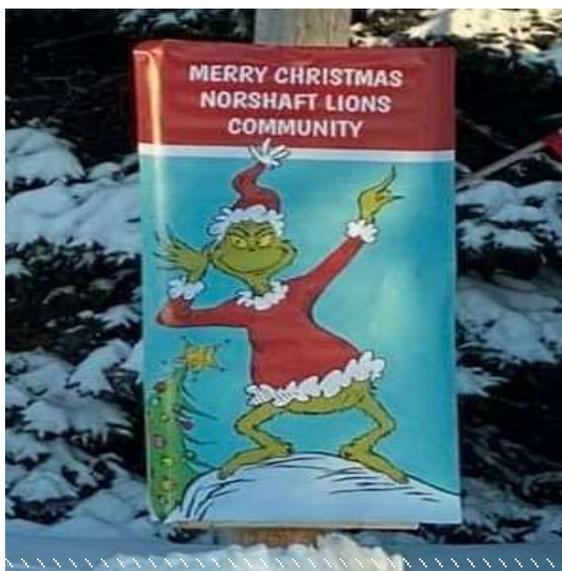
**Barre Lions Club:**



**Granville Lions Club:**



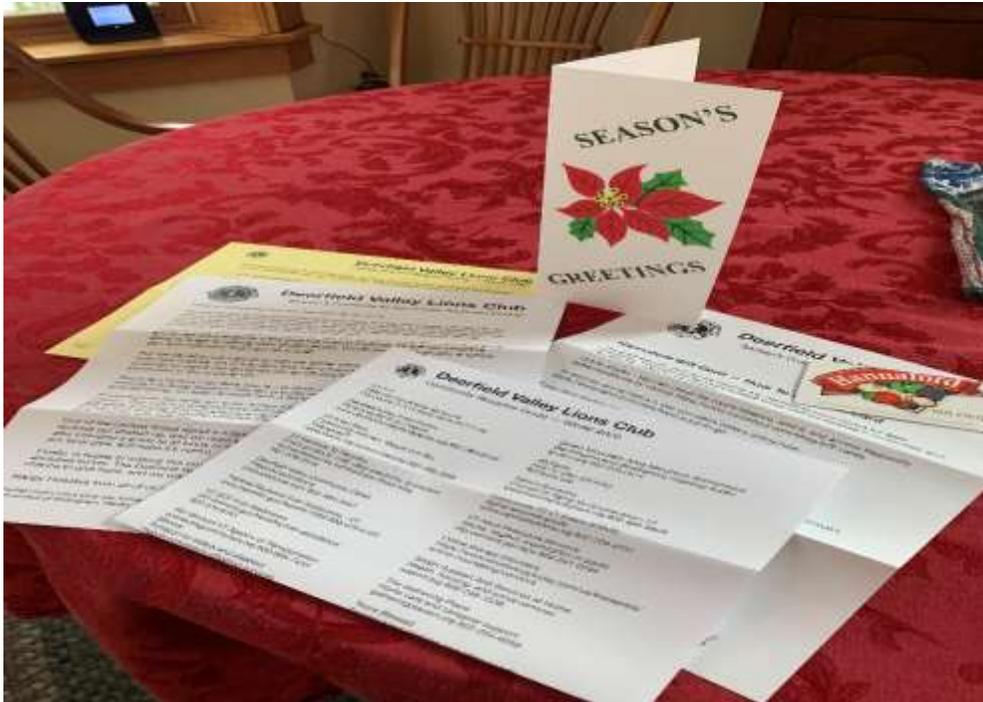
**NorShaft Lions Club:**



## *Deerfield Valley Lions Club:*

### Holiday Food Basket Program 2020

The Deerfield Valley Lions was pleased to offer our holiday food basket program again this year. In the summer, COVID-19 forced us to revamp the Hungry Lion Bike Tour event that largely funds the holiday food program. We enjoyed strong participation in the new virtualized bike/run/walk/etc athletic fundraiser. Once funded, the holiday basket program needed a similar overhaul! We mailed out almost 200 pre-paid grocery cards, as well as greeting cards, a local resource guide, and a survey to improve the program going forward. Figuring out how to structure it all was daunting at first, but we are blessed with energetic members—several recently recruited—who formed a powerful committee and got the job done!



## *Essex Jct. Lions Club:*



## *Vergennes Lions Club:*

### Toys for Kids Drive Enormous Success

The Vergennes Lions report that this year's Toys for Kids Drive was an enormous success with over 190 children in the Vergennes area receiving toys or gift cards at Christmas, as well as stocking stuffers. This would not have been possible if it had not been for the many generous people dropping toys and money in the red barrels at One Credit Union, Dollar General, Jackman Fuels, Kinney Drugs, Long Trail Physical Therapy, Shear Cuts, Ferrisburgh Bake Shop, and Porky's BBQ. One woman from Weston, MA, whose brother-in-law is a Lions Club member made a sizeable donation. Another woman whose sister-in-law is a Lion also made a sizeable donation. In addition, WOW Toys in Vergennes donated over \$500 worth of toys toward the effort. A Vergennes resident dropped off two new guitars, still in their boxes, and an anonymous Santa for the second year in a row donated two new bicycles with helmets.

Project chair, Lion Susan Hayes, said, "We have never had this many toys donated." This project is conducted each year, in cooperation with the Marine Corps League, to make sure no children go without a few Christmas presents. Michael DiPalermo, owner of Long Trail on the Falls Physical Therapy, donated the use of his facility for three days where parents could come in and pick out two toys and some stocking stuffers for each of their children. Special thanks also to Lynn Brigian, the Administrative Assistant at Long Trail, for devoting these three days to working with Lions Club members to make this possible.



The next Lions Club project will be the Merry Mulch Christmas tree pickup on Saturday, January 2, 2021. Lions Club members will gather, at 8 a.m. at the City Garage on Canal Street, and will then travel throughout the city picking up discarded Christmas trees. They will be taken to the stump dump for chipping by the city road crew, and the mulch will later be available for pickup by residents for mulching at their homes. People are asked to be sure all decorations have been removed, and no wreaths please. Thanks.

## Norwich Lions Club

# Lion Nico Turns Green for the Holidays

December 23, 2020

By Lions Demosthenes Sofronas and Stephen Flanders

Lion Nicolaas Bekker is the Norwich, Vermont branch manager of the Ledyard National Bank. He spearheaded the bank's fundraiser to benefit the 19 Days of Norwich—organized by Dan & Whit's General Store to benefit the Upper Valley Haven, a non-profit organization that serves people struggling with poverty.

His concept was for people to donate and, at the same time, choose a hair color that he would dye his hair, based on the most funds collected.

The campaign brought in \$3,450 in contributions and the Greens outvoted the Oranges by a slight margin. True to his word, Nico visited the nearby Omnia Hair Studio, where owner and master stylist, Kymberly Byerly, transformed his Christmas hair to a color that should work well through St. Patrick's Day.

Nico says, that if he repeats the venture next year, Green will be out of the running. There are some fans of Red, who say that they will promote that color next year.

The Norwich Lions Club is proud that one of its members has led this successful initiative!



## Random thoughts from the holidays!!!

My living room looks like Walmart. Shopping for 35 children through the Lions club. Orders coming daily from JC Penney, Kohls, The Children's Place, Target and Walmart. Tomorrow I am going to start bagging some and see if I can get some delivered. - Lion Connie LaPlume, Troy and Area Lions Club

First time as a bell ringer. The cold wind chilled my bones, but the astounding generosity of people warmed my heart. - Lion Lynette Pelsor, Essex Jct Lions Club

Just a little cold selling Christmas Trees for the Colchester Lion's Club.  
Lion Dianne Brochu, Colchester Lions Club

Our staff at Helen Porter Health & Rehab are grateful for a delicious donation of doughnuts from Middlebury Lions Club today. Kudos to Middlebury Bagel and Deli for going the extra mile to decorate the doughnuts with masks 😊- Middlebury Lions Club

Essex Lions picking up toys from the Toys for Kids barrel. 213 toys to date!! Thank you all!! An outstanding community effort.



It was enjoyable to take the club's Lions Bell (one of benefits of being the club's Lion Tamer) and ring such for two minutes on Christmas Eve – Lion Ken Emery



# New England News



Join Us

Our NELC Winter Meeting will be held virtually on Saturday, January 9, 2021 on ZOOM.  
8:30 AM- 1:00 PM



Our guest speaker will be Lions Clubs International First Vice President Douglas X. Alexander

## Schedule

8:50 AM-10:20 AM- NELC Business Meeting and District Governor's Reports.  
10:20 AM-10:30 AM- Break  
10:30 AM-10:55 AM- Guiding Lion- PDG Sue Lindberg  
10:55 AM-11:00 AM- International Director Mark Lyon  
11:00 AM-11:50 PM- Lions Clubs International 1st Vice President Douglas Alexander  
11:50 PM-12:00 PM- Break  
12:00 PM-12:50 PM- GAT Update and Information- PID Ed Farrington  
12:50 PM-1:00 PM- Closing of Meeting



Zoom Link: Meeting ID: **886 4854 4081**  
Passcode: **781829**

Hope you can join us for all or part of our NELC Virtual Meeting. Please let all Lions know about this conference with Lions from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Join NELC Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88648544081?pwd=Q25neG4zdTEyeE4zQmh0akVPbHNvZz09>

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TALES OF THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL UPDATE  
December 2020

Well, my campaign status continues to be Karol's and my home! I am sure that all of you can appreciate the situation, as after all, we are in this together. The pandemic has reared its head in a second wave, or is it just the backlash of the first wave striking as we became worn out taking precautions? Maybe history will have an answer.

Meanwhile, there are the tantalizing hints of promise! Vaccines might get to us.....at least in a few months for us who are healthy and not in congregate housing. And we pray all first responders and medical providers get the first round available. Now that would be a wonderful Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanza or Druid Solstice gift!

The great part of this campaign season is the chance to see the operation of your district at the action level! Many of you include me on the email list of newsletters and announcements. What I see there are Lions! Lions still doing what we do - We Serve! is what we do. Lions have found new ways to do service while keeping safe. The need has never been greater in most of our lifetimes and we are rising to meet their needs.

Many clubs have done just what my own club did the Saturday before Thanksgiving. We often collected food in the past at club meetings and supplemented the food with a cash donation. But since we have abandoned in person meetings since the ramp up of the pandemic here in Maine, we needed a new way to help our two local food cupboards. That is especially true as they both reported increased patronage and bare shelves! So my club ruthlessly stole from the example of many clubs - a drive-through food collection in the municipal parking lot next to the Chamber of Commerce. A great success, and even had numerous cash donations in the can which was sent to the cupboards as well.

Last month I had reported in this column that SD 41 Maine's cabinet meeting was scheduled in-person but I feared it would become virtual. Unfortunately, the ramp-up in positivity ended the in-person event, but we had great attendance (probably better than if we had been in-person!). I hope my written fear was not the jinx DG Bunny!

On November 30, I was able to attend two distinct meetings. That new-found ability is a positive coming from our current norms. After reading the newsletters, I get to see some of the players behind those reported Lions projects. My first stop was in the "Awesome" MD 33A advisory with DG Denise and her team. I was thrilled to watch the presentation of the New Voices awards. What an honor to learn of the outstanding service of these Lions. My next stop that evening was DG Marcel and the gang at MD 33N. They were visited by MD33 GMT Chair Lion Andy Porter (who was visiting four sub-districts that evening) as he discussed Massachusetts' membership progress, and then followed that with LCIF updates. That was followed by a fascinating presentation on diabetes By Dr. Joanna Mitri of the Joslin Institute. But what we gain with technology also has its drawbacks as we are learning how to function electronically. When the doctor finished and sent the control back to Marcel, it did not do as expected! When she left the meeting, she closed the entire Zoom! Marcel scrambled to get some of the team back to finish the meeting! Another teaching moment this year!

Most of January and the winter is promising to continue virtually, if for no reason other than the inability to secure reliable sites to have our old normal events. And we must be safe as well! So we will see you on the trail at some point - virtually if not in person. But optimism is raging rampant, please register for Montreal 2021! We shall gather there!

And for this month, Happy Hanukkah, Enjoy Solstice, Happy Kwanzaa, enjoy Omisoka ... and in Karol's and my tradition -

Merry Christmas!

Lion John W. Youney, PDG  
Endorsed Candidate for ID

PS: Go to the campaign website to stay caught up! It is up and running at

[www.lionjohnyouney.org](http://www.lionjohnyouney.org)

# International News



Like many of our friends and family , we are celebrating Christmas at this time of year. Christmas provides a time to reflect upon the triumph of Goodness or Evil, and Light over Darkness. Remembering the birth of a child called Jesus, reminds us all that hope springs eternal, and that there will always be hope for **PEACE ON EARTH** and **GOODWILL AMONG US ALL**.

We want to share with you our appreciation for every act of Kindness you offer so that the rest of the World will know that Goodness can still be found among us.

Thank you for being the Light in someone's life.

*Happy New Year to all  
Patti and Greg*





#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **United in Kindness and Diversity with International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**

**Dear Lion,**

This has been a year of overwhelming kindness—your kindness. And during the holidays this year, I ask you to share once more. Because for many families in our communities, this season will be more difficult than ever.

Your service is hope delivered, and that is what people need most. Comfort those who won't be among family this season. Plan a hunger project so that every family in your community can have a special holiday meal. Or consider a gift to LCIF—your foundation—and watch your kindness grow. But most of all, keep yourself and your family healthy and safe.

Thank you for your incredible year of service.

Regards,  
**Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**  
International President

#### **LCIF.ORG | A letter from your chairperson**



Dear Lion,

I believe one continues to learn throughout their entire life. Through Lions Clubs International and LCIF, there are continuous sources of education. We learn from volunteer experiences, other cultures, and strategizing together on how to improve communities. I hope this newsletter is also a source of learning for you. Enrich your role as a Lion by reading through the stories and considering the opportunities presented. Maybe you will even discover a new interest.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir, Chairperson  
Lions Clubs International Foundation

**TIME CHANGE**  **Embracing Diversity**

In order to thrive in this next century of Lionism, Lions must shed old habits & embrace diversity in our membership & flexibility in how we meet/serve/fundraise.

Join Lions from around the globe as members share their stories & inspire us to recognize the impact of our own behavior & to adopt a Lions Code of Conduct.

**Saturday, January 16**  
**11 am - 1:15 pm EST** (New York)

**REGISTER TODAY**

[https://causetheworld.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_9RUxbthIRhgh-S1pr09Mda](https://causetheworld.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9RUxbthIRhgh-S1pr09Mda)

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**CAMPAIGN | 100**



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**Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service**

Our world is in need, and caring Lions, supported by our global foundation, are changing it for the better. Learn more about the power of Campaign 100 to support Lions as they transform the lives of friends, families, and community members, and then help create the change we want to see in the world.

**GET INVOLVED**



Do you like trivia? Join the Lions Virtual Trivia group.  
 Lions from Ontario, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Wisconsin, Michigan, California, even District 45 Vermont (recognize anyone??)

# VERMONT DISTRICT 45 LIONS CLUBS



November 2020

To: District 45 Members and Friends

From: LCIF Super Raffle Committee

Subject: The 2020 – 2021 Annual Super Raffle!

We are very pleased to announce plans for the 2020 – 2021 District 45 Super Raffle. With our committee of fine Lions we plan to make this event a very successful fund raiser for the District and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Since 2004 we have hosted this great event, each year raising approximately \$10,000 which has allowed us to present approximately 135 Melvin Jones Fellowships to deserving Lions and community members.

We are pleased to announce some changes for the 2020 – 2021 event.

- **FIRST, this year's event will take place at the The Essex in Essex on Saturday, March 13, 2021, in conjunction with the regularly 4<sup>th</sup> cabinet meeting of the 2020 – 2021 year.**
- **SECOND, is a change in the ticket prices and meals for the event. Tickets will cost \$75 (no meals),**
  - **\$90 which includes one meal and \$100 which includes 2 meals.**
- **THIRD, 2<sup>nd</sup> chance insurance policies will still be \$25 but there will be a maximum of only 75 sold**
- **FOURTH, the GRAND PRIZE will be raised to \$1,750 if 175 tickets are sold, \$2,000 if all 200 tickets are sold.**

The enclosed voucher are tickets that are for sale to your club, club members, businesses and friends of Lions. This is an event OPENED TO ALL LIONS AND NON-LIONS. Tickets WITH MEALS will be sold up to Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> but with no meals up to the start of the event. **\*\*\* Please note only 120 meals will be available \*\*\*** Please have the purchaser fill out the voucher(s), and mail it along with their check made payable to **District 45** in the appropriate amount **and mail to IPDG Ken Emery, 146 Eagle Park Drive, Colchester VT 05446. For 501 © (3) information please contact a LCIF Committee member.**

**\*\*\* TICKET OWNER WINS PRIZES. Must identify dinner attendee if not ticket owner \*\*\***

**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE, IF ABILITY TO HOST EVENT IN-PERSON IS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19, ANY PARTY WHO PURCHASED A TICKET WITH MEALS WILL HAVE THE CHOICE OF A REFUND ABOVE THE \$75 TICKET PRICE OR DONATE SUCH REFUND TO THE LCIF SUPER RAFFLE.\*\*\***

All vouchers will be assigned a ticket number on a first come, first serve basis (based on funds received). If you wish to have a specific ticket number please contact DG Ken. Event attendees are entitled to get two great dinners, many chances at great prizes and best of all a great time with your fellow Lions and contributing community members.

Overnight accommodations are available at The Essex, 70 Essex Way, Essex, Vermont (off Route 289) 802-764-1448. Ask for the special Lions Club rate of \$119 plus fees using the special rate code Vermont Lions Group Block. Please keep in mind rooms are only guaranteed at that rate until February 25, 2021. The evening festivities will begin social time at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the Super Raffle following dinner.

For each ticket purchased by a Club or Lion member, a nomination for an individual (Lion or community member) to receive a Melvin Jones can be made. **Deadline to nominate is MARCH 13, 2021 (NO EXCEPTIONS).**

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact one of the committee members.

Sincerely in Lionism,

**2020-2021 District 45 LCIF Super Raffle Co-Chairs**

IPDG Ken Emery – 802-578-7483 – [kpemery1960@gmail.com](mailto:kpemery1960@gmail.com)

PDG Betsy MaGee – 802-578-5188 – [lionbetsy2000@yahoo.com](mailto:lionbetsy2000@yahoo.com)

*\*\*\* Sample letter to request donations \*\*\**

## VERMONT DISTRICT 45 LIONS CLUBS



November, 2020

To: Friends of Vermont Lions District 45

From: Vermont District 45 Super Raffle Committee

Vermont Lions Clubs are once again hosting a big-ticket night, raising money for the Lions Clubs International Foundation (also known as LCIF) projects that are strongly supported by Vermont Lions Clubs. This will be our fifteenth annual Vermont Lions Super Raffle, being held at The Essex, in Essex, Vermont on Saturday night, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Each year we have raised approximately \$10,000, that goes to prove the strength of our motto, “We Serve.” Monies from this event serve humanity, throughout the world, contributing to wherever the need is.

This year, given the COVID-19 crisis, LCIF has awarded over \$5 million in grant funds worldwide, plus continuing providing funds for disasters, such as hurricanes or tornadoes, or even like the Swanton/Highgate flooding, Spring 2018; as it was in 2011, where we proudly provided assistance to local residence due to Tropical Storm Irene.

Funds also provide the ability for Lions to meet the worldwide challenges in vision, hunger, diabetes, environmental needs and pediatric cancer, but much, much more!!!

We understand that COVID-19 has had provided a tremendous challenge to you and your business, but a donation of an item (even a gift card) would be greatly appreciated to this year’s event, ensuring that it will be another success. Donations are 501 (C) (3) eligible. If you need further documentation please contact one of the committee members listed below.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact one of the committee members.

Sincerely in Lionism,

**2020-2021 District 45 LCIF Super Raffle Co-Chairs**

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# General News

Some 2021 New Year's Resolutions. Do you have any??

<b>PDG Betsy MaGee</b>	Personal	May we look to 2021 with hope, new beginnings and a promising vaccine.
<b>Essex Jct. Lions Club</b>	Club	all Clubs to please consider/continue any form of communication especially during these unprecedented times.
<b>Secretary</b>	District	That District 45 will continue with potential leaders stepping to the plate to serve in all capacities.
<b>Lion Fred Pockette</b>	Personal	Organize my house, pursue excellence in every aspect of my life
<b>Brandon Foret Dale Lions Club</b>	Club	Grow at least 3 members, continue to think outside the box, new ways to fund raise given our current circumstances
<b>President</b>	District	None given
<b>Lion Rick Theken</b>	Personal	Continue to learn to use new recording system
<b>Barre Lions Club</b>	Club	Ramp up recruiting
<b>Secretary</b>	District	Develop program outside our basic mission to deal with needs of homeless, unemployed and food needy population
<b>Lion Julie Muller</b>	Personal	Do more physical activity during the winter to be ready for cycling and the Hungry Lion Bike Tour 10th anniversary ride in 2021!
<b>Deerfield Valley Lions Club</b>	Club	To continue finding ways to be nimble enough during these challenging times, to still serve our members effectively.
<b>President</b>	District	To continue cross participation in the events/activities of other Lions clubs. We loved having fellow District 45 Lions participate in the Hungry Lion Bike Tour 2020!
<b>Lion John Freitag</b>	Personal	Listen more, speak less
<b>Strafford and Area Lions Club</b>	Club	Find ways to involve more young people
<b>Secretary</b>	District	To always remember how important it is and to keep its strength and commitment to helping our clubs and each other
<b>Lion Lois Fontaine</b>	Personal	Get fit in the new year. Eat right, exercise more, clear mind.
<b>Colchester Lions Club</b>	Club	Try to continue to help community best we can due to circumstances beyond our control. Bring in new members and keep in touch with those members we have making sure if they need help with anything.
<b>President</b>	District	None given
<b>Lion Connie LaPlume</b>	Personal	None given
<b>Troy and Area Lions Club</b>	Club	Able to meet as usual, continue our meal site program and continue to run the bingo.
<b>Secretary</b>	District	Be able to meet openly.
<b>PDG Liz Fenwick</b>	Personal	None given
<b>NorShaft Lions Club</b>	Club	Find ways for closer contact, can't wait for in-person meetings / big project to begin again
<b>NELC Treasurer</b>	District	Reflect on what held us together and translate it to our situation now.

Make  
**VOLUNTEERING**  
your  
**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION.**

Join a  
**Lions Club**



WOMEN  
WORKING

**I'm ready to say Goodbye  
to all the Drama and  
Pain of 2020,  
and  
Hello to the Peace,  
Joy and Miracles  
of 2021.**

**Are you ready too?**

Tip your server.  
Return your shopping  
cart. Pick up a piece of  
trash. Hold the door for  
the person behind you.  
Let someone into your  
lane. Small acts can  
have a ripple effect.  
That's how we change  
the world.

 becomingminimalist



# DISTRICT 45 LIONS CLUBS



*The Lions are coming!!! The Lions are coming!! The Lions of District 45 are going to ESSEX for the annual LCIF Super Raffle!!!*

*Saturday, March 13th  
Inn at Essex, 6:30 p.m.*

## *Evening highlights:*

- **GRAND PRIZE \$1,500\*\*\*, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$500**
  - Multiple Grand Prizes, Multiple Door Prizes (if not virtual)
  - \*\*\* \$1500, \$1750 if 175 tickets sold, \$2,000 if 200 tickets are sold
- Special raffle of 10<sup>th</sup> ball, guaranteed 1 of 10 chance to win (if not virtual)
  - Tickets: \$75 no meals, \$90 includes 1 meal, \$100 includes 2 meals
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> chance insurance: \$25 (maximum 75 policies)
      - Deadline to purchase is March 6th
    - Funds raised allows Melvin Jones Fellow Awards to be granted
      - Over 65 Melvin Jones Fellows granted past 5 years
      - GREAT meal served by Inn at Essex
  - Hotel Room rate of \$119 (plus fees) (deadline to reserve is February 27th)
    - Great way to relax after DG Pam's cabinet meeting

See our district website [www.vermontlions.org](http://www.vermontlions.org) for information on the event, including ticket purchasing, room reservations and requesting prize donations from local businesses.

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### VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45 ANNUAL SUPER RAFFLE

March 13, 2021

Ticket Request

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 – NO MEALS Included
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$90 – ONE Meal Included
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 – TWO meals Included
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Insurance

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount – Checks Payable to  
District 45 Vermont Lions  
Ticket Owner Information

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Name of Attendee (if not ticket owner)

\_\_\_\_\_ Please see "flyer" for deadline information

### VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45 ANNUAL SUPER RAFFLE

proceeds to benefit



March 13, 2021

The Essex, 70 Essex Way, Essex Junction, VT  
Social 6 to 6:30 ~ Dinner and Raffle 6:30 pm

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DISTRICT 45**

Insurance ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> chance enables your non prize winning number to be eligible for a one time re-entry into the drawings

All vouchers will be assigned a ticket number, on a first come first serve basis. If you wish to have a specific ticket number please contact IPDG Ken Emery.

Please mail completed ticket request to:

**IPDG Ken Emery**

146 Eagle Park Drive, Colchester, VT 05446



WE SERVE  
VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45  
SPRING CABINET MEETING

Saturday MARCH 13, 2021

Time: 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

LOCATION: Inn at Essex

70 Essex Way, Essex Junction, VT

Registration: \$28.00 per person

CABINET MEETING REGISTRATION DEADLINE MONDAY March 1, 2021

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lion: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Position: \_\_\_\_\_ District Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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